

# RIMS 'N' SPOKES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy August everyone. The summer is flying by. I hope your summer is everything you wished for.

I want to thank all of you again that participated in the Annual Club Picnic. I loved seeing all the unique designs of the Pinewood Derby cars. Although it was a lot of work, Scott and I had a great time and the hamburgers were pretty good too.

Our next tour will be The Barndt's Tour to Geyserville on **August 25th**. We will travel north to Geyserville to see a collection of vintage wagons as well as Belgium Horses that still drive some of those wagons. Friends will be bar barbecuing lunch for us too. There will be more info in this newsletter.

I will be appointing a nomination committee at our August meeting. Think of who you will want to nominate to be your next year's officers and if you would like to be on the nominating committee.

Have a great rest of your August. I will see you at the tour on August 25<sup>th</sup> and at our meeting **August 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Respectfully,  
Linda Bare

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August Meeting**  
**August 27, 2019**  
Round Table Pizza  
2065 Occidental Road  
Santa Rosa, CA  
Dinner - 6 pm  
Meeting - 7 pm

**August Tour**  
**August 25, 2019**  
Barndt's Tour to Geyserville  
Meet at Sonoma Ave at 9:30 am  
Depart at 10:00 am  
More details on page 5

## A True Love Story!

By Dave & Marilyn Chiotti

In May of 1962 David Chiotti, placed an order for a 1962 Buick Skylark Convertible with Clem Martinez, a salesman for Herrera Buick in San Francisco, California.

On Memorial Day weekend of that same year David met someone who was to become his soul mate. In just a short six months David and Marilyn K. Walter were married December 2 and were off to Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon in the Buick which had arrived in June of 1962. They drove the Skylark for the next five years, selling it in 1967. It was just a five-year-old car and they could use the money to buy their next treasure, a 1952 MGTD Roadster. The M.G.s always looked like a small Model A. The Model A was the car that brought Dave and Marilyn together. Dave purchased it when he was fifteen and it was stored at his grandmother's house. Marilyn wanted to learn to drive it the first time she saw it. The thought was to give the M.G. to their daughter Tina when she turned sixteen. In 1967 when the M.G. was purchased Tina was six months old.

Many times, David and Marilyn thought of their first car as the two of them are avid car lovers and collectors. Late in 2004 while on E-Bay David ran across a car that he felt familiar with, a Red 1962 Buick Skylark Convertible missing the Buick emblem in the middle of the grill. (Dave had the one he had taken off their car in 1962 sitting on a shelf in his garage) Further investigation led them both to believe this had to be their car, or its twin. The car originally from California had moved to Arizona sometime time in the late 1960's. After hours of talk and negotiations an agreement was made. Transportation from Arizona was arranged and Choitti's took possession in June of 2005. Forty-three years to the month of the original purchase date.

Once they had the car home everything seemed to check out, down to the sunglasses stuck in the springs of the bucket seats Marilyn swears she owned in the '60's to the rusty Olympia beer cap buried in the body cross member. Every option Dave had ordered on the car was there. The 215 Aluminum V8, four speed manual transmission, posi-traction rear end, bucket seat, radio, heater, manual remote-control rear-view mirror, power steering, 2 speed wipers. The Compact Buick Club of America believes there were less than 900 of these Buick Models built with the four-speed transmission.

Married 57 years December of 2019 David and Marilyn still own the 1952 MGTD, and a 1939 Studebaker Commander, 1955 Cadillac 62 series 2 door hard top, 1930 Model 'A' Ford (Dave's first car). And the 1962 Skylark Convertible fully restored to its original appearance. The car received its first Junior Award at the Sunnyvale CA Meet.

And once again they are enjoying their Honeymoon car!



## JUNE 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Call to order** – The July 23, 2019 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Linda Bare.

**Cell phone bulletin** – A call for participants to silence their cell phones or be prepared to pay the hefty fine if it rings.

**Scribe duties** – Brian Bond reporting for duty!!

**Guests/new member introductions** –

- New members, Jerry and Lissa are in attendance!

**Approval of previous meeting minutes** – No corrections to the June meeting minutes and they were unanimously approved by the group.

**Treasurer report** – Pam read the treasure's report and it was unanimously approved. New bills were reviewed and also were unanimously approved.

**Old business** –

- June 30<sup>th</sup> tour to Cornerstone report – Gus, Ron and Allan: A relaxing drive of 45 minutes, 19 to 20 autos, and lots of positive feedback.
- Thank you to the entire Barndt's family for their help with the annual picnic. Cathy reported that everyone had a great time and that photos have been posted to Facebook. The pine car derby was held with Cathy Wall coming in first place and Mike Johnson winning both most original and best technical achievement.
- Gus and Allan won 1<sup>st</sup> place for older autos in the Penngrove Fourth of July parade.

**Sunshine report** – Barbara reported for a vacationing Annette: Bill is feeling better, but it was noted that Roger was out ill.

**Website report** - Nothing new to report – the internet is still there.

**Facebook/Newsletter report** – Picnic photos are posted onto the club's Facebook page. No one to date has expressed interest in the member auto history project and photo shoot.

**New Business** –

- Cathy – August 25<sup>th</sup> tour: to Geyserville for the Dick Dillard ranch tour of antique carriages and Belgium horses. Lunch is included except for beverages. A motion was made and unanimously passed to present Dick a gift basket and a large bunch of carrots for the horses.
- Pam and Roger – September 29<sup>th</sup> tour: No information at this time.
- Kaslar/Connally – October 27<sup>th</sup> tour: No information at this time.
- Officer nominations committee will be formed at the August meeting.
- 2020 registrations should now be submitted. A current AACA number will be required for renewal.

## JUNE 2019 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

### **Non-club news and activities –**

- Ray went to the Falcon National meet in Winter Park, CO. Traveling Highway 50 he posted great photos taken over the top of his windshield as he drove most of the way with the top down.
- Clint Petker just returned from backpacking and summiting Mount Whitney.

### **50/50 Drawing -**

those Gil DeMeo was tonight's big winner!

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Brian Bond

Scribe, RERAACA



Last month we asked you to guess the make, model and year of this car: it is a 1932 Auburn Boattail Speedster.  
Did you guess correctly?

## CELEBRATIONS

### ***Birthdays***

Sebastian Ambra	8/11
Donna Dell'Ario	8/16
Linda Hall	8/16
Bill Kaslar	8/19
Tim Hall	8/22
Pam VonBergen	8/23
Marianne Cloonan	9/7
Harry Kniffin	9/7
Amil Gehrke	9/9
Shirley Conant	9/10
Carla Kania	9/10
David Wright	9/12
Mike Johnson	9/22
Cynthia Petersen	9/25
Andrea Bare	9/30

### ***Anniversaries***

David & Diane Wright	8/4
Gerry & Cathy Wall	8/21
Scott & Linda Bare	8/26
Gil & Margie DeMeo	9/11
Neil & Jan Rasmussen	9/20

### **TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBER ROSTER!**

May I have your attention please!!! Tom & JoAnne Miller have a new phone number, please update your roster to reflect their new number, (208) 930-4626.



## MEMBERSHIP IS CRITICAL TO SURVIVAL!

Mel Carson 2019 AACA President  
Article reprinted from Summer 2019 Rummage Box

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs the help of each existing member to survive and maintain our organization for the long-term! Every member needs to bring in a new member to AACA now! Every organization that desires to continue to exist will evolve and change as needed to be appropriate for the membership. AACA has accomplished this over the history of the organization. When driving your antique car to fill the gas tank, attend cruise-ins or shows - folks at all times want to look at your car and talk with you about it. This is a good opportunity to tell them about AACA and all it offers to the antique car enthusiast. Please let them know, that to be involved, all AACA members do not have to own a pristine show vehicle. This is a message to convey to any prospective new AACA member. A Driver Participation Class (DPC) vehicle is a vehicle that has a place on the show field but is perfectly suitable for driving and touring at the same time – including air conditioning and radial tires. The AACA organization includes a great antique car magazine, about six to eight car show Nationals spread around the country, a Grand Nationals event each year, and usually about four Touring events each year. Library resources are offered to members who can obtain research and restoration information on possibly any vehicle every produced. The new AACA headquarters facility now under renovation in Hershey will include an enhanced state-of-the art automotive library to benefit the hobby. Explain these advantages to a car person and they may be a great candidate for membership in AACA and help keep our organization alive!

## AUGUST CAR TOUR

### Barndt's August Tour

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Meet at Sonoma Ave 9:30 am,  
drivers meeting 9:45 am, leave by 10 a.m.

Our club has been invited to visit and have lunch at the vineyard ranch of Dick Dilworth in Geyserville. Dick has a collection of antique wagons, harnesses, bells and other wagon gear as well as his beautiful Belgium horses. He has a blacksmith shop and antique trucks too.



Dick Dilworth and friends

We will take the scenic route from Sonoma Ave. to Geyserville through our beautiful vineyard landscapes. When we arrive, we will be treated to a lunch of barbequed pork spare ribs smoked in special homemade smokers and corn on the cobb. The club will furnish waters and napkins.

Please forward all questions to Cathy Barndt at (707)824-6931 or [Cathy1014@icloud.com](mailto:Cathy1014@icloud.com).

This tour is the Sunday **before** our general meeting.

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### BUSINESS CARDS:

If you wish to publish your business card in our newsletter, please send our treasurer your business card with a check for \$25.00 to cover the cost to advertise in our newsletter for January 1 to December 31, 2019.

## CLUB INFORMATION

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**QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**  
Can You guess the make, model and year  
of this car?  
Answer to be revealed in September's Newsletter





CLUB PICNIC PHOTOS





## CLUB PICNIC PHOTOS CONTINUED





## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/22/19		<b>January 27</b> <b>Memorial Tour</b> Hamburger Ranch & BBQ The Bares
February	2/26/19		<b>February 24</b> <b>President's Tour</b> Be Bop's Diner & Grace Hudson Museum The Bares & Walls
March	3/26/19		<b>March 31</b> <b>Bale Gristmill</b> The Halls
April	4/23/19		<b>April 27</b> <b>California Automobile Museum</b> The Johnsons
May	5/28/19		<b>June 2</b> <b>Zig/Zag tour in Occidental</b> The Chiottis
June	6/25/19		<b>June 30</b> <b>Cornerstone, Sonoma</b> <b>Home of Sunset Gardens</b> Ron Fiori, Allan and Gus St. Marie
July	7/23/19	<b>July 21</b> <b>Club Picnic</b> at Riverfront Park	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/27/19		<b>August 25</b> The Barndts
September	9/24/19		<b>September 29</b> The Von Bergens
October	10/22/19		<b>October 27</b> Kaslar & Connally
November	11/26/19		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	<b>December 5</b> <b>Flamingo Hotel &amp; Resort</b> <b>Holiday Dinner</b>	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

Monthly meetings are held at:

**Round Table Pizza,**

**Dinner** at 6 pm, **Meeting** starts at 7 pm

2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa, CA

We look forward to seeing you on the  
25<sup>th</sup> for the August car tour!



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Please let me know if you would like your vehicle featured in the newsletter! I need volunteers for our featured member vehicle section!! If you would like to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to me at [lisapetker@outlook.com](mailto:lisapetker@outlook.com). Please submit items by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month as the newsletter will be published to the group no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> of every month.