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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow RER AACA members,

First, I want to thank Lisa for writing my message while we were on our Hawaiian vacation. We went to Hawaii to be in the warm weather only to find that Spring had already Sprung here at home and we missed it.

Well, the beautiful weather did hold out at least until the day of our tour to the Sonoma Developmental Center out in Eldridge. But cold weather didn't stop anyone from participating in the educational tour put on by Ray and Cecilia Johnson. Our club had a big turn out and all seemed to have a good time.

A docent from the Sonoma Mountain Preservation explained to us all about the Sonoma Developmental Center and enlightened us to all the great things they did for the inhabitants, as well as some of the center's dark history. We got a close look at some of the buildings and learned what they were used for.

I want to give our own member, Bill Schoemann, a big thank you for all his input and knowledge he bestowed upon us as a former employee of SDC for many years. I know from talking to other members, this tour opened our eyes as to what a truly important place this Developmental Center was to so many people.

Thanks to all of you that put time into finding us a home for our annual Christmas party this year. We will finalize our plans at our March 24th club meeting.

As promised at our last meeting, the other officers and I are meeting to put a budget together, looking at past expenses and future expenses so we can get an idea of what monies we have and will need this year. We will bring our findings back to you at our next meeting, **Tuesday, March 24, 2020.**

In this newsletter, you will see our tour leader has set up this month's tour to the Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue for **SATURDAY, March 28th**. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting. We will be collecting \$5 per person; if you plan to join us on this tour, please contact Gerry Wall or come to our **March 24th** meeting for more information.

Respectfully,
Linda Bare

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Meeting **March 24, 2020**

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

March Tour

March 28, 2020 - SATURDAY!
Sonoma County Wildlife Center
Meet at Sonoma Ave at 11:00 am
More details on page 5

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A nice clean 1955 Chevy Delray Club Coupe

By Larry Ayers

In 1961, I bought a 1955 red and white Chevy Bel Air 265 V8 with “three on the tree” for \$450 from the original owner. I kept this great-running car until 1967 and sold it for \$650.00. Wish I have been able to keep it all those years between then and 2020.

Let's skip ahead to 2007 when I found a one-owner 1955 Chevy 210 Delray Club Coupe in the original color scheme of India Ivory over Harvest Gold sporting that sea mist green interior. An older couple in Alameda, CA owned it and had the exterior and interior completely re-done in the factory colors 10 years before. Always garaged for the most part, it is a power glide with a 265 V8. The original oil bath air cleaner sits atop a 2-barrel carburetor. I was presented with the original dealer sales window sticker, all the maintenance records, plus the records of how it was purchased over a two-year period.

Two shop manuals and the glove box owner's manual came along for the ride.

When I first saw the car, it hadn't run for a while and needed a rebuilt starter motor that I fitted in the seller's garage. I still have the original Delco starter! Out on the road, it behaved nicely during my test drive, shifted like velvet, and a purchase was arranged.

I still own this nice example of a one-owner Chevy and occasional display it at a show or take it on a car club drive. I'm sure that several of the members of the RERAACA have seen it. I was going to sell it a while back but then realized I would likely never find another one like it. So, it remains with me while occasionally begging for an outing.



FEBRUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call to order – The February 25th, 2020 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Linda Bare.

Cell phone bulletin – The usual request for cell phones to be extinguished for the duration of the meeting was put forth.

Scribe duties – Brian Bond reporting for duty!

Guests/new member introductions – none

Approval of previous meeting minutes – Cecilia's name was printed incorrectly, no other corrections needed. The group unanimously approved the January meeting minutes.

Treasurer report – Pam read the treasure's report and it was unanimously approved. There was one new bill for stamps, and it was unanimously approved.

Old business –

1. Membership will make one more attempt to contact members who have not renewed, otherwise they will be dropped from the membership rooster. The Club currently has 48 members.

Sunshine report – Annette is out with a back injury and Marilyn Chiotti graciously volunteered to be Miss Sunshine and get a card in the mail to Annette right away!

Website report- Kris is trying to figure out a way to remove emails from newsletter.

Facebook/Newsletter report –

- It was decided since requests for website specific emails have gone without response, that the newsletter will no longer include officer emails. If they are needed, members will have to reference the directory.
- The club received recognition from the National office of AACA for having a newsletter publication in 2019.

New Business –

- 2020 Tour planning
 - February – tour will be on March 1, to the Sonoma Developmental Center for a docent led tour.
 - March – the group voted to go to the Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Center on SATURDAY, March 28th.
 - April – open
 - May – open
- Cathy received overwhelming support to have the pinewood derby car races at the picnic again.
- For the holiday party, Gus has made some inquiries at Cattleman's and Pam will approach the Union Hotel. A lunch versus a dinner is still under consideration. The group tentatively voted to have dinner at Union Hotel.
- Donations to the AACA Building Fund and the Sonoma Development Center were carried over to the next meeting.
- Research on reproducing a club sweatshirt continues.

Additional new business –

- The club voted to bestow honorary membership to Gudy Bateman in recognition of her extensive contribution to the club.

FEBRUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Non-club news and activities –

- Brian Kanamu reported that Ray Menefee will be visiting the area in around May 11th through the 15th and would like to see club members.
- Scott mentioned that Rich and Peggy Sue Williams reached out to see if members would be willing to display their cars at her mother’s surprise 95th birthday celebration at Arbol Residences of Santa Rosa on May 23, 2020. Any auto volunteers will be the guests of the Center for birthday cake and champagne.

50/50 Drawing – Jeff Barone was the lucky winner for the night, who in turn donated his winnings back to the club!

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Brian Bond
 Scribe, RERAACA



Last month we asked you to guess the make of this car and who is standing next to it: Bugatti Royale and its Jean Bugatti standing next to one of the seven Royale’s built!
 Did you guess correctly?

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Edward Petersen	3/7
Roy Payment	3/8
Greg Smith	3/14
Patrick Johnston	3/16
Leonard Kania	3/16
Gerry Wall	3/25
Diane Wright	3/26
Cathy Wall	3/27
Clint Petker	4/1
Lorna Fiori	4/6
JoAnne Miller	4/7
Scott Fairbanks	4/19
Dennis Olson	4/25
Rick Sanguinetti	4/25
Barbara Hollingsworth	4/28
Sandy Sanguinetti	4/28
Joy Ambra	4/28

Anniversaries

Lynn & Billie Meister	3/24
Roger & Pam VonBergen	4/2
Tim & Linda Hall	4/24
Jim & Jean Stewart	4/28

VETLAN MEMBERSHIPS



The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2020 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military, or simply click here.

These complimentary 2020 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.



MARCH CAR TOUR

SONOMA COUNTY WILDLIFE RESCUE

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Meet at Sonoma Ave 10:30 am

Please join us for a wonderful tour of the Wildlife Rescue Center in Petaluma. They do not do Sunday tours so this will be on **Saturday**.

We are going to take a one-and-a-half-hour tour with a docent. They will show us lots of rescued wildlife including a mountain lion, bobcat, raccoons, owls etc. We get to see the animals close up!

We will leave Sonoma Ave. at 11:00 so please eat a hearty breakfast because we will not finish the tour until 1:30pm.

After the tour we will proceed to the Graton Casino in Rohnert Park. There is a food court with lots of options or you can choose one of the fine restaurants the casino offers. You may get lucky in the casino if you choose to gamble.

There is a charge for this tour. We ask you to bring \$5.00 per person to the upcoming meeting to help defer the cost of this tour. The docent lead tour costs \$175.00 for 25 persons.



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CLUB INFORMATION

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:
Can you guess the make and model of this
car?

Answer to be revealed in April's Newsletter



FEBRUARY CAR TOUR PHOTOS



FEBRUARY CAR TOUR PHOTOS CONTINUED



Thank you
Ray and Cecilia!!

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/28/20		January 26 Napa Oxbow Market/ CIA Kitchens and Museum The Walls
February	2/25/20		March 1 Sonoma Developmental Center The Johnsons
March	3/24/20		March 28 Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Center The Walls
April	4/28/20		
May	5/26/20		
June	6/23/20		June 20 Studebaker Club Picnic The Chiotti's
July	7/28/20	July 26 th Club Picnic	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/25/20		August 30 Halls and Walls tour
September	9/22/20		September 27 St. Marie and Fiori tour
October	10/27/20		November 1 Bill Kaslar and Annette Connally
November	11/24/20		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	December Holiday Dinner Union Hotel	<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 at the club
meeting on March 24th!



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EDITOR'S NOTE

If you would like to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to me at lisapetker@outlook.com. Please submit items by the 5th of the month as the newsletter will be published to the group no later than the 12th of every month.