



ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

MAY 2013

The Buick Running Board Car of the Month



Clean, Safe, & It Drives Itself

Some inventions, like some species, seem to make periodic leaps in progress. The car is one of them. Twenty-five years elapsed between Karl Benz beginning small-scale production of his original *Motorwagen* and the breakthrough, by Henry Ford and his engineers in 1913, that turned the car into the ubiquitous, mass-market item that has defined the modern urban landscape. Today the car seems poised for another burst of evolution.

A variety of “driver assistance” technologies are appearing on new cars, which will not only take a lot of the stress out of driving in traffic but also prevent many accidents. More and more new cars can reverse-park, read traffic signs, maintain a safe distance in steady traffic and brake automatically to avoid crashes. A number of firms, including Google, are busy trying to take driver assistance to its logical conclusion by creating cars that drive themselves to a chosen destination without a human at the controls. This is where it gets exciting.

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OCCBCA General Meeting April 17, 2013 Minutes

Held at:

HILLCO FASTENER WAREHOUSE

Just a little information as to what we saw at their facility. It is run by Jack Hill, Billie Hill and Ryan Hill, a family run business since 1976. We had pizza and cold non-alcoholic beverages furnished by the Hill's as a welcome for us sharing our meeting with a tour of their facility. All were very pleased with the food and facility and of course with the helpfulness of the family and employees. Thank you again Jack, Billie and Ryan.

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Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Meeting Called to order: 6:26 pm

New Member, Larry Mustaller was introduced.

Members Present: Irene and Kenn Foster, Lee Wangerin, Richard and Nancy Brewbaker, Samuel Engle, John Dyke, Bruce Andren, Ed Ricci, Larry Mustaller, Irene and Tony Martinez, Dan Gerber, Tom Jacot, Sam Davis, Gordon Hanson, Bill Moore Joel Rothman and Larry Minery.

Minutes of March 20, 2013 meeting as noted in the Running Board - Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Nancy Brewbaker, Seconded Lee Wangerin. Members present all in favor and approved, as (emailed or as member received them).



Our Guest Meeting place was as listed above, at Hillco Fastener Warehouse.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Sunday May 5, 2013 – Ontario Car Show
- There will be no speaker for the May 2013 meeting
- Saturday, June 1, 2013 - Annual Picnic at Irving Regional Park.

It was suggested we invite past BCA members to join us at the picnic. Spread the word!!!

- Sunday June 2, 2013 Bates nut farm tour. More information will be forthcoming at the May Meeting.
- Jun23, 2013, LA Chapters all GM car show at Woodley Park, in the Valley.
- No New members were reported by Larry Minery from National.
- A card will be sent to Garry Toulson for his speedy recovery from his latest setback in his recovery of his recent surgery, by Nancy Brewbaker, and will be from the membership.
- No Raffle or No other business

Meeting adjourned 6:42 pm

~Irene Foster

Happy Birthday!

Janice Brown 5/19

Herb Deeks 5/20

Paul Faynor 5/13

Claire Martin 5/28

Larry Minnery 5/20

Karren Schaffer 5/19

FREE TO ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER MEMBERS!

Back issues of the Buick Bugle, years 1991 thru 2005. Please specify issue(s)
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If and when cars go completely driverless—for those who want this—the benefits will be enormous. Google gave a taste by putting a blind man in a prototype and filming him being driven off to buy takeaway tacos. Huge numbers of elderly and disabled people could regain their personal mobility. The young will not have to pay crippling motor insurance, because their reckless hands and feet will no longer touch the wheel or the accelerator. Driverless cars should also ease congestion and save fuel. Computers brake faster than humans. And they can sense when cars ahead of them are braking.

Some carmakers think this vision of the future is (as Henry Ford once said of history) bunk. People will be too terrified to hurtle down the motorway in a vehicle they do not control: computers crash, don't they? Carmakers whose self-driving technology is implicated in accidents might face ruinously expensive lawsuits, and be put off continuing to develop it.

If the notion that the driverless car is round the corner sounds far-fetched, remember that TV and heavier-than-air flying machines once did, too. One day people may wonder why earlier generations ever entrusted machines as dangerous as cars to operators as fallible as humans.

(Abstraced from *The Economist* April 2013)



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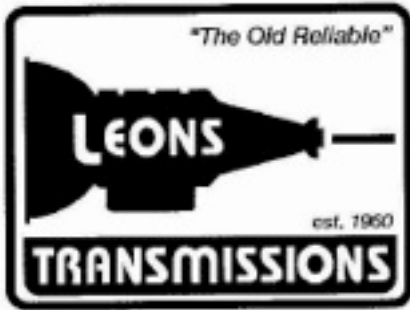
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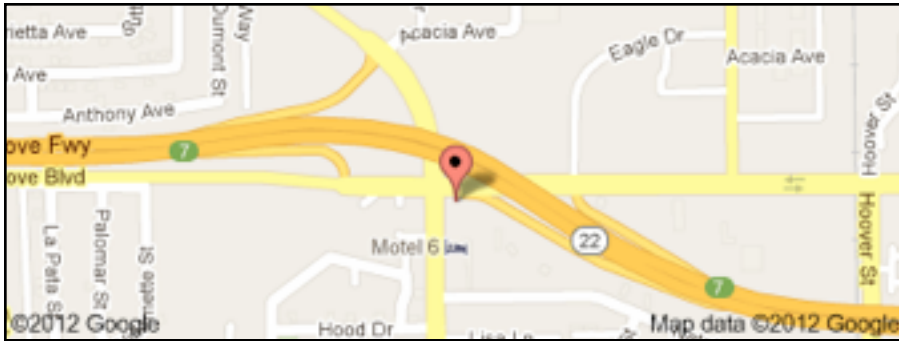


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Our Next General Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2013



Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each Month at Spire's Restaurant, 13030 Goldenwest St., Westminster, Ph. 714 636-0442.

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and if you come early you can meet with friends over dinner!

CALENDAR

**JUNE 1, SATURDAY
ANNUAL PICNIC AT
IRVINE REGIONAL
PARK**

**JUNE 2, SUNDAY
TURBO BUICK
SHOW NEAR
OCEANSIDE**

**JULY 20, SATURDAY
FATHER DOUG'S
CAR SHOW IN
ORANGE**



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