



Orange County Chapter Buick Club of America **The Buick Running Board**

March 2023

Director's Message

Hello Members,

This will be a brief monthly message since Patricia and myself just returned from 10 wonderful nights from our vacation (holiday as they say in Ireland). "Americans tend to view vacations as a time of leisure and relaxation, while Brits may see it more as an opportunity to take a break from their daily lives or work."

One highlight to share was a visit to where the movie *Quiet Man* was filmed with the Duke. *The Quiet Man* is a 1952 American romantic comedy-drama film directed by John Ford. It stars John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

We had a great OCCBCA meeting at the Streamliner restaurant in Orange with lots of fun discussion and good attendance with tasty food. We will continue to have our club meetings here since it has safe parking spots for all our antique cars.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the OCCBCA annual reunion at Duke's Café.

Cheers,
Robert Winters



Don't forget that our **April meeting** will be replaced by:

Our **Annual Reunion** of the Buick Club of Orange County Chapter, to **Wednesday,**

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April 19 , 2023, at Duke's Café, 2099 E. Orangethorpe Ave., Placentia, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Hope you can make it and bring your car.

Thank you,

Irene Martinez, Secretary

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Art Broadhurst in Long Beach is selling his car. A project that needs lot of work. 1931 Model 57 Four Door Sedan. \$4,000 to a good home. ArtBroadhurst@yahoo.com.

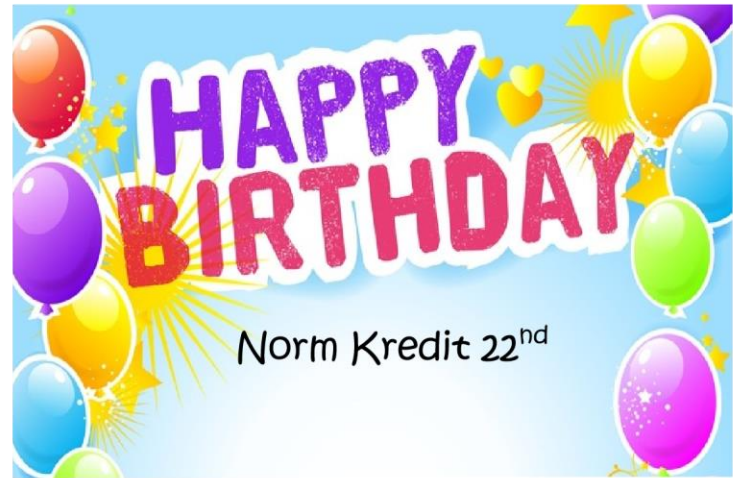
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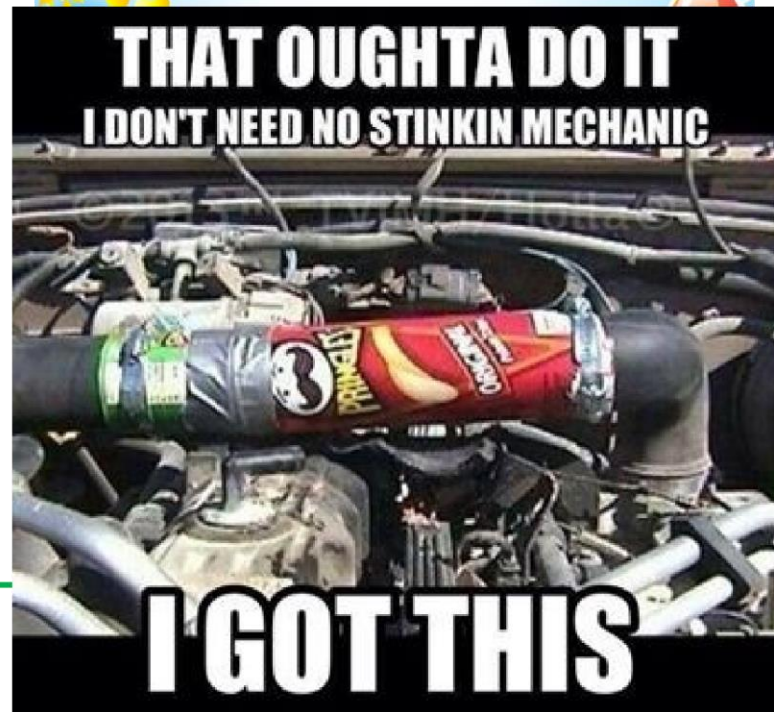


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Humor



From your treasurer...

Club finances are sufficiently strong for the 2023 activities we have planned. In case you are wondering, board members are not financially compensated for their service and pay dues like everyone else.

You've read in previous newsletters that I am preparing my '72 Riviera to drive to the BCA national meet in Spokane, WA this July. For this column, I thought you might enjoy reading how or why I acquired that car...

I joined the BCA (and later the ROA) a few years ago specifically for access to classified ads, having wanted a '65 Riviera for two decades. When the Orange County chapter started returning to meetings after the COVID lockdown, I got phone calls from Irene Martinez. I tried to demur because I did not own a Buick, but Irene would have none of that. So based on her personal invitations, I started attending meetings where I was welcomed by several members including Doug Cook and Larry Minery. After a few meetings and feeling like "one of the boys," I figured I'd better hurry up and buy a Buick. So, in July 2021, I went to an auction that featured "The Riviera Collection." While 1965 Rivieras were priced beyond my reach, I did come home with a pair - the aforementioned '72 and a '69 GS that is awaiting repair and cosmetic correction.

And those two cars combined cost less than a good '65 these days. So why do I own a Buick or two? Blame it on Irene - she was too nice and persistent. Ok, partial credit goes to my parents who owned four Buicks during my lifetime: '64 Electra 225, '66 Skylark, '79 Regal, '87 Le Sabre.

And how did I become your treasurer? Blame it on Sonny - he knows how to twist arms!

It's a pleasure serving with our board and active members. If you're reading this and haven't been out lately, please join us. The more the merrier truly applies to our club, and you're welcome even if you're not driving a Buick.

~Alan Clark



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