



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

October 2023

Director's Message

By: Robert Winters

Hello OCCBCA members and Happy Halloween, we had another successful month of club activity.

Hershey, Pa was this week and the weather has been the best it has been in many years.

Our Buick meeting held on September 16th was well attended with a presentation by Bruce Borneman covering the topic of Buick vacuum operated radio antenna specifically for 1 year only.



Alan Clark is proposing a private tour of the Browning collection in Cerritos. Alan could host the group for coffee & donuts at his warehouse before we caravan to Cerritos, Alan will check availability with Tony Martinez who manages the collection and then contact the SoCal POCI leadership with the invitation.



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Next Buick meeting Saturday October 21st @ 11:00 AM

Address: Streamliner Lounge and Cafe 186 N Atchinson St. Orange, CA 92866



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Members Corner Message

By: Fred Rawlins

THE RAGTAG TRUCK



IN 1982 MY SON FRED AND I WERE DRIVING DOWN SLAUSON BLVD. TO EGGE MACHINE IN OUR 1927 BUICK..

HE SEES A MODEL A PARKED ON THE STREET AND WANTED TO STOP TO LOOK AT IT. THE OWNER CAME OUT AND IN THE CONVERSATION, HE SAYS THAT HE HAS A BUICK TRUCK. I SAID "BUICK DID NOT MAKE TRUCKS, LET'S SEE IT".

IT WAS A 1928 BUICK WITH A DODGE SCREEN SIDE PICKUP BED ON IT.



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I HAD A 1935 AND A 1936 FORD PICK UP AT THE TIME THE OWNER OF THE TRUCK LIKED FORDS SO WE TRADED THE 1928 FOR THE 1936. I TOWED THE 28 TO AN EMPTY GARAGE ON A RENTAL PROPERTY WHERE WE GOT IT RUNNING.

2 YEARS LATER, FRED STARTS HIGH SCHOOL. HE IS NOT DOING GREAT IN SCHOOL. A FRIEND TOLD ME THAT HE MADE A DEAL WITH HIS KIDS TO GET SOMETHING THAT THEY WANTED BASED ON THEIR GRADES, \$50.00 FOR AN' A, \$25.00 FOR A B, 0 FOR A C, -\$25.00 FOR A D, AND -\$50.00 FOR AN F. THE PRICE OF THE TRUCK WAS \$\$25.00 TIME THE NUMBER OF CLASSES HE NEEDED TO GRADUATE. IF HE WENT OVER THAT AMOUNT, I WOULD BUY HIS INSURANCE.

FRED GOT THE TRUCK AND I PAID FOR HIS INSURANCE. HE HAD PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 4 YEARS. THAT IS THE BEST DEAL I EVER MADE.

WE LIVED 2 BLOCKS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL. ONE DAY HE WANTED TO DRIVE THE TRUCK TO SCHOOL. HE DROVE AROUND FOR 20 MINUTES TRYING TO FIND A PARKING SPOT AND FINALLY CAME HOME, PARKED THE TRUCK AND WALKED TO SCHOOL.

THE TRUCK HAS HAULED PARTS TO SWAP MEETS, SCRAP METAL TO THE JUNK YARD AND WORKED IN MOVIES.



Thanks
Fred Rawlins



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It all started -

The **Buick Electra** is a [full-size luxury car](#) manufactured and marketed by [Buick](#) from 1959 to 1990, over six generations. Introduced as the replacement for the [Roadmaster](#) lines, the Electra served as the flagship Buick sedan line through its entire production and was offered as a six-passenger four-door sedan with two-door sedan, two-door convertible, and five-door station wagon variants.

Buick Electra



The Electra initially used GM's rear-drive [C Platform](#), undergoing a significant downsizing for 1977.

For its sixth generation, introduced for model year 1985, the Electra underwent another significant downsizing, and adopted unibody construction as well as GM's new front-drive [C Platform](#) — becoming along with its [rebadged](#) variants, the [Oldsmobile 98](#) and [Cadillac Deville](#) and [Fleetwood](#), the company's first full-size, unibody, transverse engine, front-drive cars.

For 1991, Buick retired the Electra nameplate, migrating its front-drive premium sedan to the [Buick Park Avenue](#) nameplate, previously used as an upper trim level of the Electra itself. The Electra Estate was redesigned, becoming the [Roadmaster Estate](#) for 1991.

In late 2022, Buick announced plans to revive the *Electra* nameplate for its forthcoming 2024 electric models



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Joke corner:

A man walks into an auto parts store and says, "I'd like a gas cap for my Buick." The clerk: "Sounds like a fair trade."





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Please stay current with yearly membership dues...

Its greatly appreciated and helps club sponsor events and activities.



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Membership Registration – Required Information

Name: _____ New or Renewal (circle one)

Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____

National BCA Membership Number: _____

For insurance purposes, all members of the Orange County Chapter must be members of the national organization, the Buick Club of America. Chapter members are entitled to participate in all chapter activities and vote on all initiatives. Annual dues of \$20 include newsletter email communication. Newsletters via USPS are available for a \$5 premium. Please make checks payable to Orange County Chapter, BCA.

Optional Information

Spouse Name: _____

Ownership of a Buick or Opel is not required. If you own car(s), please list below:

Year _____ Model # _____ Model Name _____ Body Type _____

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Signature

Date

Please return this form with payment to:

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