



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

**November 2023**

## **Director's Message**

By: Robert Winters

Hello OCCBCA members and HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Our Buick meeting was held on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> @ the Streamline Lounge in Orange, and we had great attendance with 20 club members, thanks to all you attended and Norm Kredit who drove his 37 Buick Century.

Prior to the 11 AM Buick meeting, Alan Clark, Robert & Patricia Winters, Neil & Amber & Cal Matranga attended the Oldsmobile car show.







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Upcoming events and meetings are as follows.

- 1) Laguna Niguel HOLIDAY PARADE Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
10am-noon. Winters family will be driving this year's Grand  
Marshall in their 1934 Buick Convertible Phaeton.

**Grand Marshal**

**Steve Cedekerk**  
Film Maker, Actor,  
Comedian

**Hometown Celebrity**

**Easton Tokarski**  
Award-Winning Teen Actress,  
Singer & Activist

*Saturday, December 9, 2023*  
**10:00 am**  
Crown Valley Parkway  
(Between Nueva Vista & Crown Valley Park)





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- 2) Buick annual Christmas dinner hosted by Msg. Doug Cook with "White Elephant" exchange December 29<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church 1441 W Balboa Blvd, Newport Beach, CA 92661
- 3) Private tour of the Browning collection in Cerritos. January 13.  
Arrive 9:30 AM, Guided tour 10:00 - 12:00 Alan Clark will host the group for coffee & donuts at his warehouse before



- 4) POCI - Fullerton Airport-Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> -10AM
- 5) San Juan Capistrano car show-Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am



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*Members Message Corner:*

by: Neil Matranga

My Buick story starts in 1988. when I started working at Tustin Buick and had a first account of how nice a modern Buick was. Being a lifelong Oldsmobile owner I was able to appreciate the subtle differences between the GM lines.

I have been immersed in GM cars since I was a child. My grandfather worked for GM/Oldsmobile from 1949 to 1996. Marrying a women from Michigan didn't hurt either. Since then I have participated in the Great American Race and have completed the Long Haul Hot Rod Power Tour in 2000. I have also had the opportunity to work for a few automotive parts manufacturers designing new products for the automotive aftermarket.

In August of 2000, Amber and I went for a walk near our home and met an interesting character wearing train conductor overalls with a cigar in his mouth sanding on a 1954 Buick Special. I asked him if the church still owns this place? He said "yes". Then I asked him does the priest still live here? He said "yes", I'm Fr. Doug Cook!

From that evening we have had a wonderful friendship filled with unbelievable adventures, laughter and someone to lean on in times of need!!

Shortly after GM decided to kill off Oldsmobile and sorry to say that I had to make a decision as to what we should drive every day.





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We bought our first Buick in 2007 and have enjoyed owning two Park Avenue Ultra's.

Since then we have been able to open up our own restoration shop specializing in pre-World War II automobiles. We have been very fortunate to be part of the Buick Club and have been able to host one event so far and hopefully more in the future.



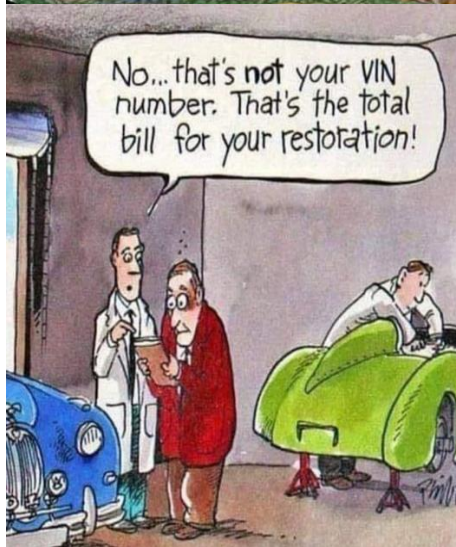
Thanks: Neil Matranga





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*Joke corner:*



## Horse vs. Automobile

**BEFORE** you discard your horse and buy an auto it is well to think of the cost.

Figure how much you spend for harness and then think of what new tires amount to.

Figure up what it takes to feed Dobbin in a year and then think of gasoline, repairs and storage charges.

Dobbin is worth what you paid for him two years ago, where's the man with an auto that can say the same?

Come in and get a new harness instead of a new car and remember that Dobbin will take you through snow and mud as well as on good roads and that his carburetor is never out of order.

## Ed. Klein

732 Massachusetts Street



As the year comes to an end I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents, because spare parts for old models like you and I are no longer in stock. Forward to other old models you care about.



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Tony Martinez - 12/31

Please stay current with yearly membership dues...  
Dues due January 2024

Its greatly appreciated and helps club sponsor events and activities.





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## **ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER, BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA**

### 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:

Alan Clark, Treasurer  
OCCBCA  
PO Box 11238  
Newport Beach, CA 92658