



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

**January 2024**

## **Director's Message**

By: Robert Winters

Hello OCCBCA members and Happy New Year!

Our Buick annual Christmas dinner was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>. We all had a wonderful time with a lovely dinner followed up with "white elephant" exchange.

Msgr Doug Cook kicked off the festivities followed by Michael Kanter with a prayer and discussion of his Chanukah display.

Special thanks to Msgr Doug for hosting this annual event!!

At dinner we announced that Bruce Borneman will be the 2024 Orange County Chapter Buick Club of America Director and Robert Figueroa will be the Assistant Director.

Both Sonny and I want to thank them for taking over the gavel. We both had a wonderful time as your past Directors and Assistant Directors these past two years.



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We had an amazing time driving the Grand Marshal  
Steve Oedekerck an American filmmaker and Actor in the 2023  
Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade.







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## Upcoming events and meetings

If you'd like to attend the first BCA event of 2024, please contact Alan Clark. Deadline = Thursday, January 4.

What: Tour of Browning Family Car Collection and Optional Cars & Coffee

When: Saturday, January 13, 7:30 and 10:00 AM

How: Reservation required. Contact Alan Clark at [awc13@earthlink.net](mailto:awc13@earthlink.net) or 310-459-1289 with the number in your party

Cost: Zero, zip, nada, nothing = FREE!

Your Buick club is touring a private collection of automobiles et cetera and we hope you will attend.

The Browning family had the Oldsmobile dealership in Long Beach for decades before expanding to other makes. Over the years, the family amassed an impressive collection of cars - mostly domestic, some imported - from the 50s & 60s. And they bought the remnants of the Art Astor collection to include radios & broadcasting memorabilia. The collection is housed in two adjacent warehouses totaling tens of thousands of square feet in Cerritos.



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## *Members Message Corner:*

by: Michael Kanter

Greetings All,

Rosalind, and myself are happy to be newer members of OCC-BCA. We joined a couple months ago, and are enjoying meeting everyone & their cars.

My beginning with classic and antique cars was "in vitro". Riding along in my Dad's '48 Roadmaster convertible, before I was even born. LOL I really don't remember the car, but the die was cast.

Being the son of an avid car enthusiast, I learned to work on our family's car, and drive at an early age. By the time I was 14, I was doing most of our cars' maintenance, with my Dad's tutelage. Especially because I would get to pull them in and out of the driveway, and test drive them on our residential street.

My first car was a 1966 Lincoln Continental four door. (a hand-me-down from my Dad) My Dad was a Lincoln lover, and I'm privileged to have inherited his 1956 Continental MK II. The 1971 Rivi I inherited from my uncle - the original owner. I also have: 1969 Buick California GS, 1956 Ford Farlane, 1975 Chevy C-30 Crew Cab Dually, 1963 Studebaker Champ, Ford GT replica, and a 2007 Mustang GT/R (1 of 223 made in '07 & '08). In the past I've owned: 1947 Lincoln MK I, 1965 'A' code Mustang, Gazelle (on a Ford chassis and running gear), Jamaican, and a 1975 Corvette custom build.

Career wise, I am a vocalist, performer, who is also trained as a Jewish Cantor. I also had a 26 year as a Massage Therapist.

Rosalind, who was a high school teacher for 38 years, was never bitten, by the car bug - until we got together. Then, it was more like an attack! LOL!



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Ride on, Michael Kanter



1969 California GS



*Joke corner:*

*EDSEL: Every Day Something Else Leaks*

*FORD: Found On Road Dead*

*BUICK: Big Ugly Imitation Chrome King*

*GM: General Maintenance*

*CHEVROLET: Can Hear Every Valve Rap On Long Extended Trips*





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Joe Swift 1-7

John Dyke 1-17

Sonny Bishop 1-19

Robert Winters 1-19





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

Its greatly appreciated and helps club sponsor events and activities.

## **Orange County Chapter 2023 Officers**

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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:

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