



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

March 2023

Director's Message

Hello OCCBCA members and Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

We are making great progress on scheduling several activities this year. If you have any suggestions, please let us or Alan know since he has a detailed calendar of all activities.

We will be having our Buick meeting at a different location this month:

The Streamliner Lounge
186 N. Atchison St.
Orange, CA 92866

The Streamliner is located just 3 blocks west of the Orange Plaza in the historic district of Old Towne Orange, right at the Orange Metrolink Train Station in the beautiful renovated historic Sante Fe Depot. If it works out, we will look to make it our permanent meeting spot, plus better parking for our Antique cars.

If you know of anyone owning a Buick or NOT or any other Antiques, classic car, etc... please ask them to join our wonderful club, a membership form is attached to hand out.

Sincerely,
Robert Winters

Buick Club Meeting
Saturday, March 18th
At 11:00 am

Streamliner Lounge 186
N. Atchison St.
Orange, CA 92866
(Orange train station,
used to be Ruby's Diner)
(714) 639-7829



Just a little note to say what a good job
Robert has been doing.

~Sonny

An elderly man was driving his Buick
down the freeway when his cell phone
rang. Answering, he heard his wife's
voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I
just heard on the news that there's a car
going the wrong way on 280. Please

Art Broadhurst in Long Beach is selling his be careful!" car. A project that needs lot of work.
1931 "It's not just one car," said Herman. Model 57 Four Door Sedan. \$4,000 to a good
"It's hundreds of them!"

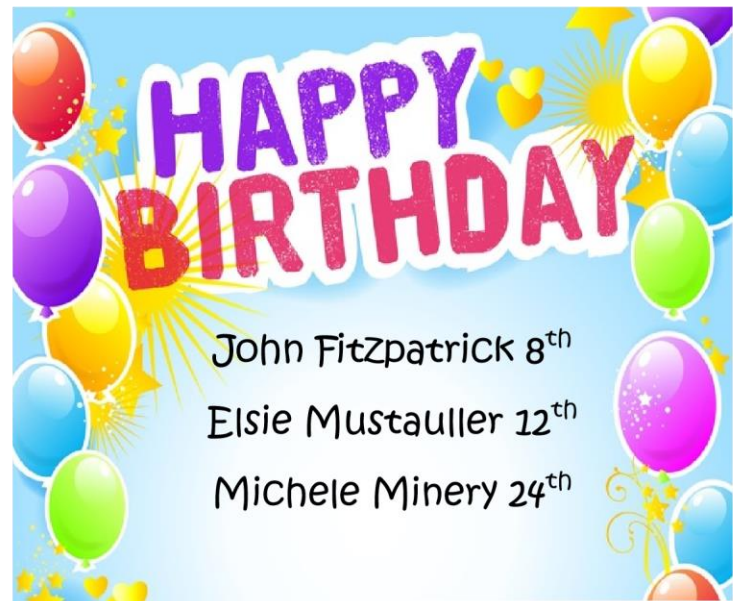
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Humor



You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know... a really good box. Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

I'm in a Wal-Mart parking lot watching a woman who can't remember where she parked. Every time she holds her remote in the air, I honk my horn.



At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is the easy part. Getting off the floor is a whole other story.

Wooden Wheels

Lind W. Coop - © 2000

In the fall of 1967 John Spirro and I were sitting together in a class at Cerritos College in Norwalk, California. As per norm, the topic of conversation was not related to the curriculum of the course, but motor vehicles. John was very interested in pick-up trucks, and wanted to obtain one as soon as possible. John's father had an old friend who owned an automobile wrecking yard located in Downey, California and John had recently paid a visit to the "yard" looking for a low-cost truck he could fix up. He did not find his truck that trip, but what he did find has made a remarkable difference in my life ever since.

I had always been interested in old machines and technology but, as of that time, "old cars" had yet to reveal themselves as the captivating composite of materials and technologies that I was about to discover. John claimed to have seen a 1929 Buick four-door sedan, and insisted its wheels were wooden spokes! Well, to me wooden spokes equated to primitive donkey carts, Oregon-trail covered wagons, or something along that line. Certainly, no big, heavy, powerful, twentieth century gasoline powered automobile could stand up on "wooden spoke wheels." We made a date to visit to the "yard" next week to settle this matter once and for all.

The yard was pretty much standard for one built in the 1930's, with an old corrugated metal building on the front of the property, and open yard in the rear. We walked inside and John introduced me to the owner, who directed us to the rear of the building where several "old" cars were parked. First in line was a 1936 Oldsmobile, followed by the Buick. As we approached the Buick, I was hit by the reality of having missing out on something very special. This car was wonderful. Not only did it have wooden wheels, the steering wheel and most of the other interior parts were made of American walnut. The sheet metal body was of very heavy gauge, and the seats were done in mohair. Although the car needed to be totally rebuilt, it looked beautiful to me.

In due time a deal was struck and the car delivered to my Greenleaf Avenue home in Whittier, California where a new and exciting journey began. The body was taken off the frame and all the mechanical parts rebuilt: engine, transmission, clutch, wheels, gas tank, and any associated subsystems. The body was put back on the frame, sanded and primed, new glass installed, and beach towels fitted as seat covers. Recycled wooden shelving became the new running boards, and a set of used twenty-inch tires arrived on a truck from Oregon: we were ready for the road!

The car served as a focus of family and friends, hobby activities, and motored us on many Buick Club tour outings all over Southern California. For a few years it was pressed into service in a more mundane role as my everyday transportation vehicle and virtual pickup truck. Ben and Ted, Betsy and Kirk all spent childhood growing-up time in the old Buick, and we were made immeasurably richer by the many senior citizens who poured-out teary-eyed stories about family, friends, and the good old days they spent in the old cars of their past.

There is an old saying about how we would like to “hear the stories” of past events if some inanimate object could only talk. Well, even though that first old Buick is long gone, its great tales continue to be told in the form of our family folklore about the “good old days” that we spent in our first old Buick. Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days!

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Our February meeting, starting on the right side was a new member, Stella Zimmerle, Msgr. Doug, Alan Clark, Larry Minery, Dave Powers brought his son, Kevin, Robert Winters, (me) Irene Martinez, Tony Martinez, Bruce Bornemann and Fred Rawling. We had a good meeting, we discussed our plans for the year.

Our Annual Reunion of the Buick Club of Orange County Chapter will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Duke's Cafe, 2099 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia, CA from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Please note on your calendar this will take the place of our monthly Saturday meeting. Hope you can make it and bring your car.

Thank you,
Irene Martinez
Secretary

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Classic Car Mechanic



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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Year _____ Model # _____ Model Name _____ Body Type _____

Signature

Date

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Alan Clark, Treasurer

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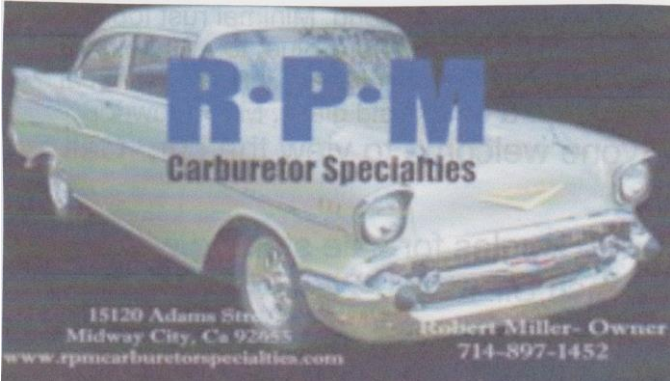
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