



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

November 2023

Director's Message

By: Robert Winters

Hello OCCBCA members and HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
hope everyone has a nice holiday season coming up.



A little holiday history....

The Mayflower Pilgrims and the Voyage That Changed Their Lives. Some 100 passengers set sail on the Mayflower in 1620 to start a life in the New World. They landed in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and settled the first colony in New England, shaping the future of the American colonies.



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Our Buick meeting held on Saturday October 21st @ the Streamline Lounge in Orange, and it was well attended again, with a few antique cars driven by Norm & Leors Kredit, Jeff Shugarman, Larry and Michelle Minery.





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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) Next Buick club meeting Saturday November 18th @ 11 am
Address: Streamliner Lounge and Cafe 186 N Atchinson St. Orange, CA 92866
- 2) Laguna Niguel HOLIDAY PARADE Saturday December 9th
10am-noon. Winters family will be driving again this year's Grand Marshall in their 34 Buick convertible phaeton.



- 3) Buick annual Christmas dinner with "White Elephant"
December 29th 6-9pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
1441 W Balboa Blvd, Newport Beach, CA 92661. [More details to follow](#)
- 4) Private tour of the Browning collection in Cerritos. January 13.



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Arrive 9:30 AM, Guided tour 10:00 - 12:00 Alan Clark will host the group for coffee & donuts at his warehouse before



5) POCI - Saturday February 3rd - Fullerton airport

**OPEN TO ALL
BUICK, OLDS, PONTIAC,
GMC TRUCKS, CADILLAC**

**SO CAL CHAPTER
POCI
28th annual**

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024
10AM TO 3PM**

SHOW & SHINE

**Check-in 8am Sharp!
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
"LIMITED SPACE"**

\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION - DAY OF SHOW \$35

Vendor spaces \$75 (10'x10')
"No on-site trailer parking"
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

WINGS

4011 W. Commonwealth Fullerton, CA 92833
FOR MORE INFO, and to REGISTER GO TO
SOCALPOCI.com

MUST REGISTER BY 2/2

Name: _____ Club Affiliation: _____
Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
Address: _____ Vendor Name: _____
City/ST/Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Card Type: _____ CC#: _____ Exp: _____ GV#: _____

In consideration of accepting my entry, I the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin and assigns, do hereby waive any and all rights and claims against any person or organization affiliated with the Pontiac Show and Shine, I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless the Southern California Chapter of POCI, the City of Fullerton and all sponsors from any claims, actions, damages, liability and expenses, including attorney fees on account of injury to my person/property, or resulting in death, while observing, or participating in any way in the Car Show, including travel to and from this event.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this form and your check made payable to SoCal POCI before January 25th
Mail to: Carter Ghee 1015 Lynwood Dr. Brea, CA 92621

(NOTE: Confirmation will only be emailed. Please provide your email address. Add SoCalPoci@gmail.com to your address book)

6) San Juan Capistrano car show- Saturday February 3rd 10am



Sat, Feb 03 | San Juan Capistrano Sports Park
**21st Annual SJC
Rotary Car Show**

One of the best in Southern California, the SJC Rotary Car Show draws over 500 exotic and classic show cars, and several thousand automotive enthusiasts.



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Members Corner Message

By: Jeff Shugarman

I always wanted a 1965 GM "A" body convertible with a manual transmission and a V8 under the hood. Growing up, I recall my parents were never into cars. We had a '69 Dodge Dart and a '72 Dodge Colt Wagon. Those cars were driven into the ground only to be replaced with equally exciting cars which too were driven until the wheels fell off and this pattern repeated itself every ten years or so.

Not long after graduating college in 1991, I made my way to the Pomona auto swap and found a GTO that met all my requirements for \$9500. It appeared to be a solid opportunity for me, and I had the money as I had been working at Anheuser Busch during college and full time after graduation. Excited, I informed my parents of my intentions (I was living at home after graduating) and was met with strong objections. My parents felt this was an unwise investment and if I could afford to buy the car then I certainly would be able to pay rent. Regretfully, this thought scared me enough that I did not proceed. Marriage, graduate school, and three kids put a 32 year pause on my plans to acquire the car I long desired. Clearly that GTO was now out of budget (\$70K+ for one in a similar condition) but I did stumble into this '65 Buick Special badged as a Skylark with a '70 Riviera 455 stuffed in it. All the boxes were checked, and it was easy on the wallet (for about a month anyway). Problems started piling up and



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my high school auto shop knowledge was no match for the issues. Eight months and an engine rebuild later, the excitement is back.

I love driving this Buick. It is loud, fast, and I get positive comments at every stop light or thumbs up on the highway. There is a lot of work left to do on this car and it will be a money pit well into the future not to mention the average 6 - 8 MPG I am getting. But this is OK with me as I have the car I always wanted and feel fairly confident in saying that there are not many '65 Buicks like mine on the road and that makes this car truly "Special"!



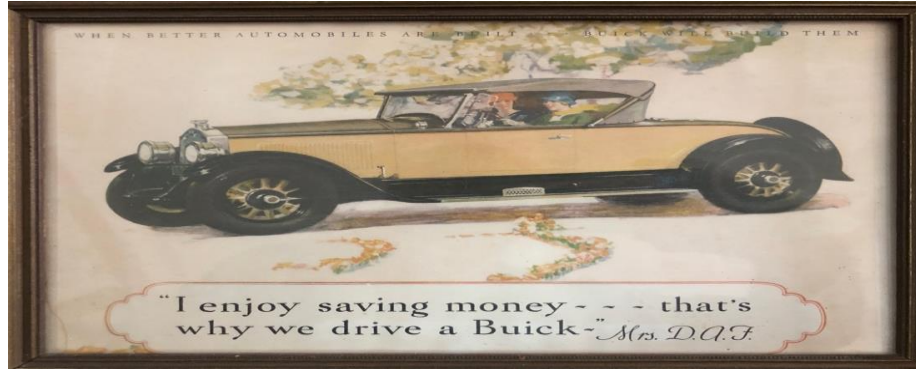
Joke corner:

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

.... Pilgrims!



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Picture hanging in Dave & Luis Powers garage

Additional Funny Story!!!

My name is Larry Minery, my wife, Michele, and I, have been members of OCCBCA for 33 years. We joined in 1990. Throughout those years, we have met many wonderful people. Among those were Jack Freckleton and his wife, both now deceased. Jack owned a 1938 Buick phenytoin four door convertible in great condition, to my recollection. Jack told me a little story about his Buick, that I have always remembered.

One day while working on his Buick, he was on his back on the floorboard, trying to remove the radio. On one side of the mounting bracket, he found a folded \$20.00 bill! On the other side of the radio, he found another 20 bucks! So, in essence, the **Buick only cost him \$10.00 dollars**. Nothing like a few more Buicks bucks!



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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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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