



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

October 2024

**Happy Halloween !!!!!!!**

Good Evening Buick Members, this is just a reminder of our Buick Meeting on Saturday, October 19 at 11am at a new location due to the Streamliners rent going up. So our meetings will now be at

IHOP Restaurant #0916  
1001 E. 17th St. (near RR tracks)  
Santa Ana, Ca. 92701 (714) 953-7515  
MGR name: Miriam Torro.

A big thank you to Larry and Michele Minery for finding this place. It has a big back room and windows where you can watch your car while you are eating. Hope you can make it and bring your car. 🚗  
Thank you, Irene Martinez, Secretary BCA, OCC



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September Buick meeting attendees



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The Buick Club would like to share our condolences to David Reidy's family. Dave's celebration of life was on Saturday, September 21



David George Reidy of Santa Ana, California, passed away at the age of 81 on September 8, 2024. He was born on November 19, 1942 in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dianne Phyllis Reidy.

Movieland Wax Museum in Buena Park closed its doors in 2005. David and Dianne attended the auction of hundreds of wax figures. Another life changing adventure. David purchased several to the point that Dianne was asked by another attendee if they had a museum. Her reply "Ah, yes, I guess we do now!" David continued the hunt for more celebrity and famous wax figures over the next 17 years. From Shirley Temple to Elvis, they have entertained many curious friends. Of course, their house had "no vacancy" so eventually they had to annex part of their collection to a small museum where David created a mini Movieland and which also housed his antique cars. This was a milestone he was so proud of.

Through all of his collecting, his automobiles remained his first passion. Since 1980 the Reidy's have belonged to many car clubs: Packards International, Classic Car Club, Antique Automobile Club and the Buick Club of America, among others.

They treasure those relationships and have always felt like family with the many years of celebrations and accomplishments.

From Lois Powers: A huge "thank you" to all the Buick guys and ladies who could attend and help me identify car parts (and take some home





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with you!) at some of Dave's garages! There are still more car parts to go.....

I am still looking for someone to take all and sell items at a swap meet while you talk with your buddies! Let me know.

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The Buick club is looking for someone ( kids, grandkids, great grandkids who are willing to assist to add "content" to the public facing Orange County Chapter Buick Club website- this is different from the Facebook website. ( I worked on the site for several days but could use a web designer or someone who works on building web content )

This is the Buick facebook site that is active and works good...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/757480768034930/about>

This is the Buick website we need help with..

<https://orangecounty.buickclub.org/>

## **Message from National Buick Club:**

I am emailing again the need for a regional director of the Golden West Region. Regional directors are appointed by the chapter directors in their region, so I am asking you to see if in your chapters, someone is willing to take on the role of regional director. It is not a very time consuming position, the main duty of the regional director is acting as an information facilitator for matters concerning the region, its member chapters and the BCA. Please try and fill this position and let me know if you are able to do this. Also they are instrumental in planning regional meets for their region. Please let me know if you are able to help with this.



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When I sent out the chapter questionnaires last Spring, several in your region commented about the lack of the BCA presence in California as the last national meet in California was 1991. One chapter responded to my previous email that even though they had many members only about 6 were very active and it would be difficult to do a national meet. My chapter Tarheel is the host of the 2025 national meet in Concord, NC. This location is 3 hours from our chapter location in Raleigh, NC, but due to the cancellation of the 2021 national meet, we needed to use this location for the hotel contract. The local chapter that was the host is mostly inactive, so our chapter stepped in to host this meet. We have about 50+ members, but only about 8 or 9 are planning this meet, so it can be done. We are also getting some assistance from a local AACA club. The 2026 meet is in the Albany, NY area. Currently the BCA does not have a location for the 2027 meet. Please discuss this with your chapters, as California would be a great place to visit!

Thank you in advance for your help with these 2 matters,

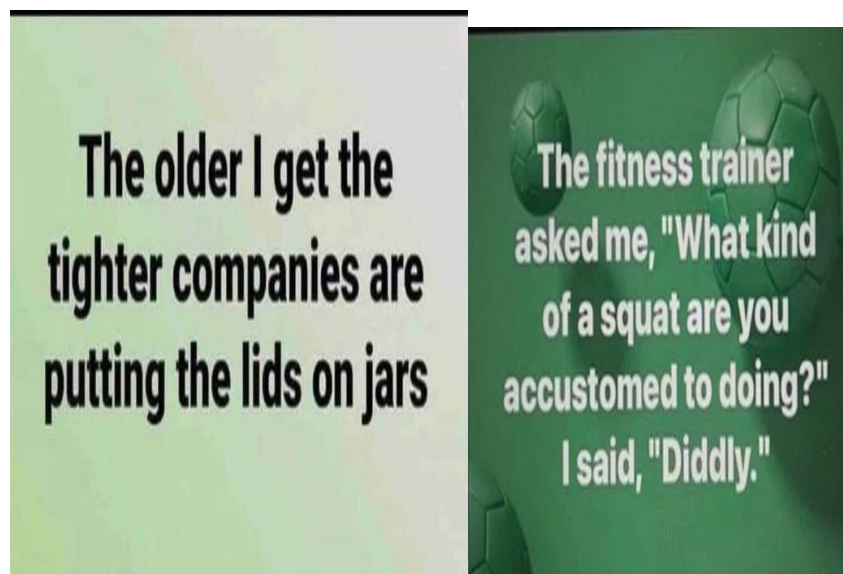
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*Joke Corner:*



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**Elvia Figueroa 10-3**



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Please stay current with yearly membership dues...  
Dues due January 2025, but can be paid any month prior !

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. Please make checks payable to Orange County Chapter, BCA.

### Optional Information

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate(s) for you and spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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PO Box 11238  
Newport Beach, CA 92658