

THE RUNNING BOARD

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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March 2026

10:00 A.M.

Every Third Saturday

Marie Callender's - Orange



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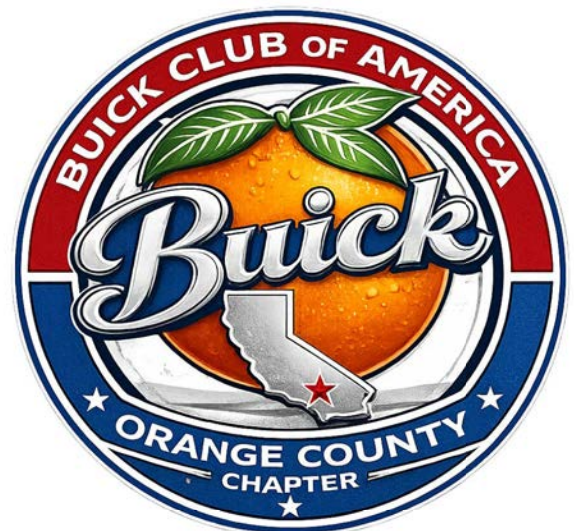
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The Running Board isn't just a newsletter—it's a snapshot of a community that values craftsmanship, history, and the joy of the drive.

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FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

FIRING
THINGS
UP
BEFORE
WE HIT
THE
ROAD

**JESSICA
CHANDLER,
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



When I set out to refresh The Running Board, the goal was simple — create something that reflects the strength, personality, and passion of this chapter. Judging by the feedback, I'm heading in the right direction.

This publication belongs to all of us. It's powered by your stories, your cars, your events, and your willingness to show up. My job is simply to tune the engine and keep it running smoothly.

Thank you for the encouragement, the contributions, and the enthusiasm. Let's keep building something we're proud of.

— Jessica Chandler
Editor-in-Chief

P.S. ALL submissions need to be received BY the 15th to be considered for publication the upcoming month.

A little behind-the-scenes detail: the colors throughout this issue are drawn directly from the authentic Buick RGB/HEX codes — including the unmistakable Fireball engine turquoise.

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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

THOUGHTS,
PLANS &
THE ROAD
AHEAD

JEFF
SHUGARMAN,
DIRECTOR



Greetings, Buick Enthusiasts!

I hope all of you are doing well. Thanks again to all of our club members who participated in the recent POCI Show & Shine event at the Fullerton Airport. Rumor has it that the Oldsmobile Club is a little hurt by our strong showing in both the number of Buicks entered and the seven awards our members took home. Let's overtake them in 2027!

For those who attended the Nethercutt Museum tour, I hope you had a wonderful time. Speaking of events, please refer to the Running Board calendar (or our website calendar) for what is in store over the next two months for our club. I wanted to remind those interested to get their entrance forms in for the 2026 Floral Park Home & Garden Tour/Classic Car show for Saturday, April 25th and the June 6th Edison High School show with our own "Buick Corner". Refer to Sam's recent email for further details on these events and other upcoming activities. You should have received an email from Irene for the 14th annual OCC BCA Reunion Luncheon for April 15, please RSVP to her by reply.

As mentioned at our last meeting (and my message in the February edition of the Running Board), I would like to refresh our members' car page on our website. This page was assembled during the early stages of website development and our cars deserve better representation! Please refer to this tab on our webpage. If your car is missing, please send me a favorite photo in a special location. If your car is present but you have a more desirable photo to share, please forward it to me.

As indicated last month, we are testing alternative club logos. We will ask for member feedback at our March 21st meeting.

All the best,
Jeff

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January 31, 2026 POCI Show



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**February 17, 2026
Nethercutt Museum**



Nethercutt Tour Report ***By Alan Clark & Jeff Shugarman***

On Saturday, February 21, a dedicated crew from our club made the early-morning pilgrimage to Sylmar for a tour of the Nethercutt facility. Keith Ealy, Leonard Hayes, Jeff and Arnold Shugarman, the Kanters, and Alan Clark were joined by friends from the Camaro, Corvette, Pontiac, Lincoln, and BMW clubs. Alarms rang. The blanket monster was defeated. Everyone arrived ahead of the 9:00 a.m. start.

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February 17, 2026 Nethercutt Museum

The Nethercutt experience spans two impressive buildings on opposite sides of the street.

The Museum (North Side)

The Museum is a massive, single-level space — tens of thousands of square feet showcasing approximately 130 vehicles ranging from the Brass Era through the 1980s. Admission is an almost unbelievable \$5.00, making it one of the best automotive bargains anywhere. This portion is self-guided and open during regular operating hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Collection (South Side)

Across the street lies The Collection, housed in the former San Sylmar building. The main level feels less like a museum and more like stepping into a grand 1920s–1930s automotive salon, complete with marble floors and glittering crystal chandeliers.

The top level is home to antique mechanical music machines — including a breathtaking pipe organ — adding yet another layer to the experience.

Admission to The Collection is by guided tour only. The \$20 ticket includes access to both buildings. The vehicles here are primarily American and European pre-WWII “true classics,” many of them multi-time concours winners — including Pebble Beach.

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What Attendees Had to Say

Michael Kanter shared:

“...a spectacular venue. The staff and tour guides are knowledgeable, helpful, and very willing to share — while educating. This is a place you can go several times and never get bored... if you missed this event, you missed a real hidden gem of the highest caliber!”

Brian Bernsen (LCOC & POCl) added:

“It was my first visit to the Nethercutt but hopefully not my last. I was completely overwhelmed by the vehicles and the ornate palace ballroom setting... The fourth-floor exhibit of musical instruments was unbelievable. The rarity and condition of those mechanical marvels rivaled the vehicles on the floor below.”

Jon Daurio (Camaro & Corvette clubs) noted:

“The quality of the workmanship, the ornateness of the interiors, and the stunning overall design was nothing less than breathtaking. I could have easily spent a full day at the museum and left with a burning desire to return.”

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A special thank you to Alan for organizing such a seamless and memorable event. For members who have not yet experienced the Nethercutt Collection, put it on your to-do list. Each car — even the luxury camper trailer — seemed to tell its own story.

One highlight for Buick enthusiasts? A 1905 Buick Model C Touring proudly on display — a reminder that our marque has been turning heads for well over a century.

For many of us, the outing was more than just cars. It was a chance to slow down, imagine the craftsmen who built these rolling works of art, and share meaningful time with family and fellow enthusiasts.

Epilogue from Alan Clark

As the event organizer, I worried about transportation, timing — and especially the food. In the end, everything went right. Even the caterer got every lunch correct.

Despite multiple visits, I still struggle to find enough superlatives to describe this facility. It remains, without question, one of the finest automobile museums in the world.

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NOTES FROM THE GARAGE

THE NUTS, BOLTS AND BIG DECISIONS

TONY ALBIN SECRETARY



The February OCCBCA meeting was postponed until March due to the Nethercutt Collection Tour for the Club.

See everyone March 21.

25th Annual SCC POCI Show n' Shine Fullerton Airport – January 31st, 2026

Top 15 Winners

Owner: Carter Chee Vehicle: 1968 Pontiac GTO	Owner: Alan Clark Vehicle: 1972 Buick Riviera	Owner: Juan Phillips Vehicle: 1976 Pontiac Trans Am
Owner: Hans Hermann Vehicle: 1999 Oldsmobile Series 1	Owner: Les Iden Vehicle: 1972 Buick Electra 225	Owner: Norm Kredit Vehicle: 1937 Buick Century 61
Owner: Lou & Carla Fishman Vehicle: 1970 Oldsmobile 442	Owner: Sheridan Bishop Vehicle: 1959 Buick Invicta	Owner: Doug Van Afflen Vehicle: 1969 Pontiac Trans Am
Owner: Bob Guidord Vehicle: 1967 Pontiac GTO	Owner: Sid Munger Vehicle: 1947 Buick Super Estate Wagon	Owner: Carter Spohn Vehicle: 1965 Pontiac GTO
Owner: Bob Grau Vehicle: 1970 Oldsmobile 442	Owner: Russell Golesh Vehicle: 1937 Oldsmobile L37	Owner: Michael Cruz Vehicle: 1970 Pontiac Firebird Formula 400

"Best Pontiac" Owner: Joel King Vehicle: 1967 Grand Prix
"Best Buick" Owner: Dianne Reidy Vehicle: 1940 Limited 81C Custom Phaeton
"Best Oldsmobile" Owner: Peter Alberto Vehicle: 1952 Rockett 88
"Best Cadillac" Owner: Craig Chally Vehicle: 1977 Coupe De Ville
"Best GMC Truck" Owner: Robert Frackelton Vehicle: 1929 GMC America La France Fire Engine
"Wing's Cafe Pick" Owner: Bill Kenney Vehicle: 1964 Pontiac GTO
"Best of Show" Owner: Amber Matranga Vehicle: 1914 Buick B24 Roadster

Registrations By Make:

Buick	18
Cadillac	2
GMC Truck	2
Oldsmobile	21
Pontiac	52

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***Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10am-1pm
(doors open at 9:30)***

FREE ENTRY & OPEN TO ALL CARS, TRUCKS & MOTORCYCLES

The meeting spot is off the corner of State College Blvd and Katella Ave. There is a parking area in between the Denny's and Panera Bread. That's where we will meet.

For GPS coordinates use:
1750 South State College Blvd
Anaheim
92806

Please be at the meeting spot at 9:15am. We will then proceed up the street and be in line tentatively at 9:30am per Hwy 39's request so they can direct us into the parking area.

FYI- this is an indoor event so we do not need canopies. If you want to sit outside near your car or in the surrounding area I would suggest bringing a folding chair.

Full Cash Bar
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FUTURE EVENTS - OCCBCA

March 21: Orange OCCBCA Club meeting , 10am, Marie Callendar's in Orange, CA.

April 15: OCCBCA reunion

April 18: Orange OCCBCA Club meeting 10am, Marie Callendar's in Orange, CA.

April 25 & 26: Floral Park Home Tour Santa Ana. We are invited on Saturday. Show also runs Sunday.

June 6th Cruisin' at the Beach Car Show
Edison High School, Huntington Beach.

September 26th OCCBCA Annual Picnic Irvine Regional Park

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FUTURE EVENTS - NON OCCBCA

March 1: Irvine - Cars & Coffee @ Segerstrom Shelby Event Center 1 & 5 Whatney - 7:30AM - 9:30AM. FIRST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH.

March 1: Anaheim - Sunday Funday - All-American Brew Works, 5120 E. La Palma Ave. - 12PM - 2PM
FIRST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH.

March 1: Pomona - Pomona Swap Meet and Classic Car Show at the Fairplex. 5AM - 2PM.

March 3: Hot Rods Unlimited - Tuesday Night Cruise In In-N-Out Burger El Toro Rd. & The 5 fwy 5:00pm to 7:00pm ALL CARS WELCOME! EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

March 6: Garden Grove - Main Street Car Show - 12891 Historic Main Street - 5PM - 8PM
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

March 7: Roy's Route 66 Cruisin' 100 years Car Show, Roys Motel & Cafe, 87520 National Trails Highway, Amboy, California, 92304

March 15: Costa Mesa - Qruisin PCH - 3303-3323 Hyland Ave. - 7AM - 9AM

March 23: Buena Park - Deli Relics - Elk's Lodge 7212 Melrose St. - 3PM - 7:30PM

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**MORE
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**BECAUSE
EVERY
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A STORY.**

More Than Metal reminds us that the best stories aren't just about the cars — they're about the people who drive them. From lifelong enthusiasts to first-time owners, every story adds to the legacy.

*Want to be featured?
Bring your Buick,
share your story, and
we'll take it from
there.*

***This month we're featuring:
In Memorium, Louis Thune-Myers
and the '71 Buick GS***



The Orbit Orange Legacy

This Special Order GS was built in Flint, Michigan during the first week of May 1971 and delivered on June 3, 1971. Finished in the striking and rare “Orbit Orange” — a special-order color more commonly associated with a limited number of 1970 GTO Judges — this Buick was anything but ordinary from day one.

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From 1971 until approximately 1987, it served faithfully as Mom's daily driver. Over those sixteen years it accumulated roughly 125,000 miles — never garaged, always driven, always dependable. She kept meticulous records, preserving nearly every receipt, along with the original window sticker, Protect-O-Plate, and even the payment coupon booklet. It was more than transportation; it was part of the family story.

The car came well equipped, featuring power windows, power steering, power front seat, factory air conditioning, N25 through-the-bumper exhaust tips, and a 350 cubic-inch engine with a Rochester 4-barrel carburetor. (As family stories go, there's always one "if only" — Dad didn't check the box for the 455 engine... or the trunk release button in the glove box.)



After Dad passed away, Mom shared a simple wish: she wanted the car to look just as it had when it was new. That meant commitment. The garage had to be rebuilt and cleared to make space. The GS received a full engine rebuild, transmission rebuild, new upholstery, a new convertible top, and fresh paint — all while retaining its matching numbers.

Today, it stands not only as a beautifully restored 1971 GS, but as a living tribute to family, dedication, and the memories carried in Orbit Orange.

- Brad

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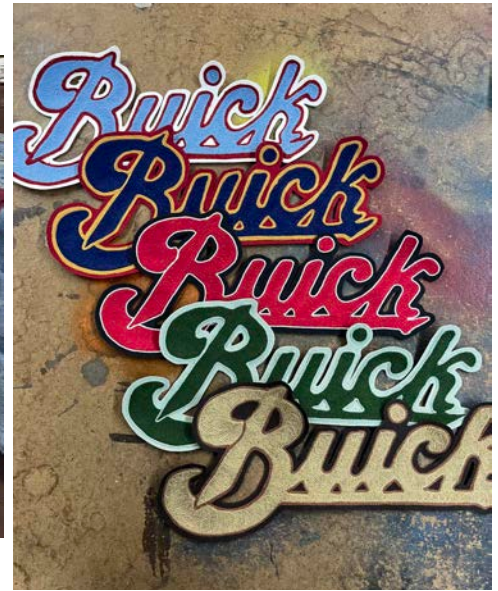
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- Buick Barbie (tools inspected upon arrival)

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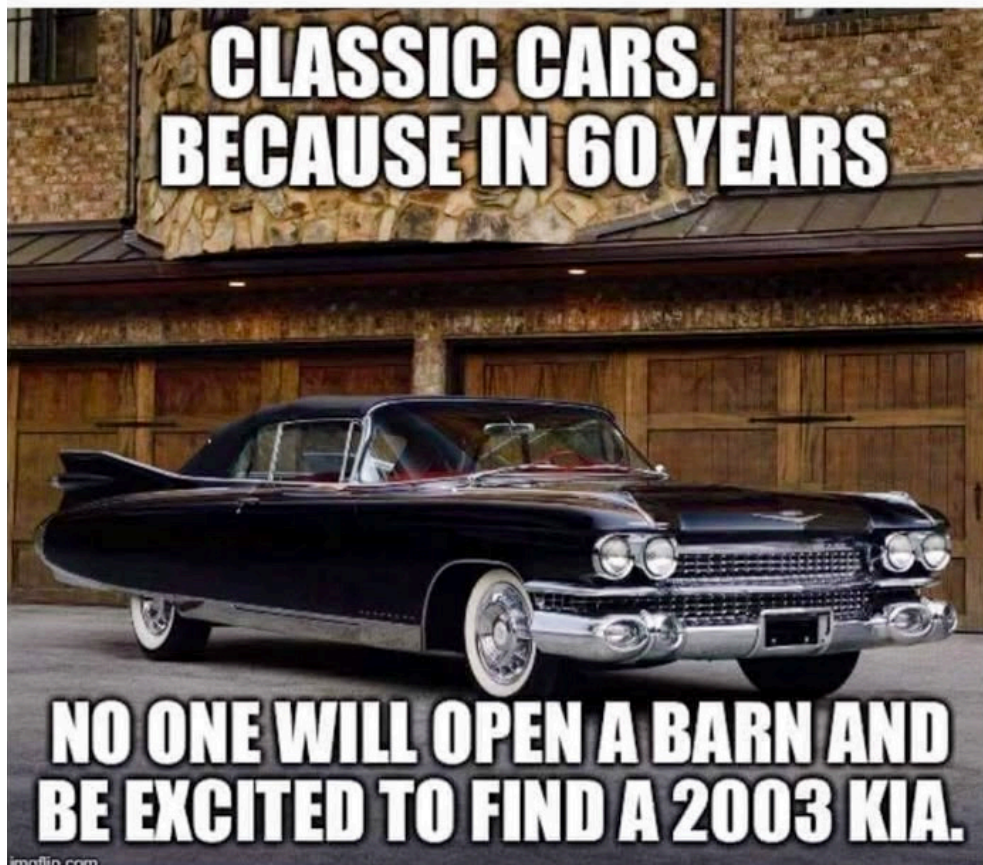
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BIRTHDAY
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ANOTHER
LAP
AROUND
THE SUN

3/12: Elsie Mustaller

3/18: Robin Wells

3/22: Robert Frackelton

3/24: Michelle Minery

IN THE
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VIEW
MIRROR

HONORING
THE
ROAD
ALREADY
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HISTORIAN



History of the Orange County Chapter – The BCCA/BCA

In 1963 a group of Buick enthusiasts formed the Buick Collectors Car Club of America in Pennsylvania with 120 members and by the end of the year they numbered 310 (with 35 from California). By early 1966 the club had folded but a chapter of the BCCA in California forged ahead and renamed the club to the Buick Club for Californians. Shortly thereafter, the club became known as the Buick Club of America (BCA), primarily to include Buick Enthusiasts in other states with chapters forming throughout the country. The BCA created the Southern California Region in 1968 and in late 1969, 17 original members of the BCCA from Orange County filed for recognition as a chapter and on February 20, 1970 it was granted by the National Office. During the following two decades, a number of our members held BCA officer positions, a pivotal time for growth of the organization nationally.

The first 40 years for the Orange County Chapter of the BCA was a very busy time for our members. We had representation at almost every Buick car show both local and out of state, including West Coast Regional and National meets. The OC Chapter of the BCA hosted or co-hosted many of these local and regional events.

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JOIN
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STAY
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click the link to download:**

https://orangecounty.buickclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/O_C_BCA_Registration_Form.pdf

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER - BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA Membership Application & Renewal Form

Welcome to the Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America. Whether you're joining for the first time or renewing your membership, we're glad you're here.

MEMBER INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Full Name: _____
Membership Type (check one): New Member Renewal
Street Address: _____
City / State / ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
Alternate Phone (optional): _____
Email Address: _____
National BCA Membership Number (Required for chapter membership): _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For insurance purposes, all Orange County Chapter members must also be members of the national Buick Club of America.

- Annual Chapter Dues: \$20
- Includes email newsletter communications and participation in chapter activities
- Members may vote on chapter initiatives

Payment Method:

- Check (payable to Orange County Chapter, BCA)
 Other: _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION (We like knowing our people)

Spouse / Partner Name: _____
Birthdays (you and/or spouse): _____

YOUR BUICKS (OPTIONAL BUT FUN)

Buick ownership is not required to join. If you own one (or more), feel free to list them below.

Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____
Notes: _____
Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____
Notes: _____

AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in club activities is voluntary and agree to abide by the guidelines of the Buick Club of America and the Orange County Chapter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

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Newsletter

The Running Board is published monthly, on the last day of the previous month. Contributions to the newsletter are welcomed and should be received by the 15th of the month. Please email them to Jessica Chandler at jessica.chandler1@icloud.com

About the Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America

The Orange County Chapter was chartered in February 1970 making it one of the oldest clubs in the BCA. Over the years our chapter has supported many Buick car shows both local and out of state, including National Meets since the BCA was founded.

Over the years the club has grown to include members throughout Southern California. Our activities include:

- Monthly meetings
- Social gatherings
- Group drives
- Regional events

For membership information visit our website:
<https://orangecounty.buickclub.org/membership/>



Buick Club of America - Orange County Chapter is a chartered chapter of the Buick Club of America (BCA). For membership in the OC Chapter, you must be a member of the Buick Club of America or have applied for membership.

For BCA Membership information visit
<https://www.buickclub.org>

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