



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

October 2025

Happy Halloween !!!!!!!!

Director's Message:

Greetings Buick Enthusiasts,

When I accepted the role as Director at our holiday party last December, my vision for the club was simple: Work with the Board to grow membership, increase activities, and generate an electronic footprint for the club. With nine months in the books, I am thrilled with our progress so far and the outlook for 2026 is already shaping up to be even better! Growth of the club has been tremendous, outside activities have increased (with great ideas already floating around for '26), and thanks to Juan Rendon, we will soon have an Instagram site up and running which will be a great tool for further marketing of our club, especially to the younger generation.

Our annual picnic will be held at Irvine Regional Park on October 18th (Lot K) starting at 10 AM. Expect detailed communications from Michael leading up to the event. The picnic has always been one of our highest attended events and it will be great to catch up with members who do not routinely attend our monthly meetings. We are also extending the invitation to BCA members in Orange and nearby counties who are not members of our Chapter.

We had a wonderful turnout at our September meeting with several new members! While the minutes from the meeting (found further in the Running Board) provides a summary, I wanted to emphasize that it is that time of year to start considering a position on the board or to head up a committee. Tony passed around an interest sheet (also found here in the Running Board) at the meeting. If you have interest in any of the positions outlined on the document or are willing to help out in other ways, please let the Board know. We will devote time at our November 15th meeting for introductions and elections.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic.

Special info from Jeff

Greetings Buick Enthusiasts,

We had a wonderful meeting on Saturday - thank you to all who joined us! Our newsletter editor, Robert Winters mentioned at the meeting that in the past we had a new member spotlight section in the Running Board. We have a number of new members who have joined this year and it would be great if all of you could submit a brief introduction of yourself and your Buick. Any story you would like to share about your car, photos and how you became involved in our Chapter would be appreciated. I would like to keep this tradition going. Similarly, if any of our existing members have something new to share with the club, please let Robert know.

Robert's email address is natdash1@yahoo.com.

Thanks and have a great week. Jeff



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Here are a few photos from the September club meeting. September 20th with 22 attendees.





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1927 Buick Standard coupe Buick purchase by Fred Rawlings

The house on the property burned and the city was pressuring the owners to clean it up. A guy in the Model T club got involved somehow and contacted Steve Rostom, the director of the L.A. Chapter BCA. He sent me an e-mail to see if I was interested.

There are 3 sisters who are heirs. One was living in the house when it burned. Their farther had passed away about 20 years ago and they had not done anything with what he had collected. There were three 2 car garages packed with old radios, old cars and a lot of stuff that he had saved.

I bought it for the asking price of \$500.00. It has the passenger door off because the wood holding it and the roof over it is gone. The vacuum tank and radiator cap are missing.

We put air in the tires. They held up and today, a week later they are still inflated.

After moving 2 and ½ Model Ts, and a Nash Rambler with flat tires, Bruce and I with 3 other guys pushed it out to the street to the trailer.

In the glove box (the pocket in the passenger side of the cowl)
I found a lube receipt from 1940 showing 59,192 miles. The speedometer reads 59,992 miles. There was also an insurance card dated 1933 with the same name on it as the 1940 lube receipt. It appears that I am the 3rd owner of the car.



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Best Regards,

Fred Rawlings

New member short article from Tony and Laura Albin

Irene met us at a Buena Park Elks show in the summer of 2024 and invited us to the OCCBCA monthly breakfast meeting. I attended the holiday party that year and decided to join the club and Laura was on board soon afterwards.

Laura is an admin manager for a crane company and I am a sales manager for an automotive and agricultural bearings manufacturer. We both work full time and have kids and pets and hot rods that we enjoy in our free time and weekends. We like to go camping in our pop up, go to concerts and travel to see our grand kids out of state.

Laura's 1957 Buick Special model 46R 2 door hardtop is white and red. Mostly original



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with upgrades for safety and appearance. Hydro-Boost front disc brakes and Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels help this sixty eight year old Buick turn heads at local shows. The Special has been in our family since at least 1986 when it won 1st place at the 6th annual OCCBCA Buick show sponsored by Reason Buick in October that year.

We are having a great time meeting new people in the club and attending events and get togethers. Here are a couple pictures of her vehicle.



Patricia & Robert Winters return visit to 1911 Model T Ford restored by Ian in England.

My Father Daniel Winters owned this 1911 Brass Model T and I remember as a youngster around 8 –10 years old I was asked to sand the wooden spokes in preparation for varnish.(what a



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fun job that was) Our whole family would drive in this Model T and several other antiques our parents owned for club meetings and parades. My brother Danny and Sister-in-law Patty then owned it a put an ad on FB Marketplace for sale which Ian saw and then purchased. On a holiday in England in April 2022 we visited Ian and drove in the same 1911 Model T. Three years later Patricia and I with our friend Sean visited Ian once more to see his wonderful updates and full restoration from color Red to original green. Thanks, Ian, for a lovely visit.



Welcome new members Ruthie Truhn and Ray Brown !!



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Don't forget you can also post and read upcoming events on our Buick Facebook page (a link is also integrated with our website)

[Facebook page- Orange County Chapter Buick Club America](#)



Judy Griffin 9/7

Jim Gilliland 9/20

Larry Mustaller 9/21

Elvia Figueroa 10/3

September 2025 BCA OC Chapter Meeting

Meeting minutes

9/20/25 Marie Callendar's Orange, CA

Meeting started at 11:15am

Attendance

22 including 2 new members (Craig Hughes, Jude & Yesenia Rosiles)

Treasurer's report - Alan

The club is solvent. Club membership growing. Next year's dues will



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have options to pay for and pre-order club logo car magnets. Look for payment information at our annual picnic (see below)

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Old business -

Michael shared about the club cruise September 13th. Great event and member feedback from attendees. Many looking forward to the next cruise.

The 1962 Buick owned by the club will be up for sale soon. We have the title and much of the work planned has been completed.

The San Juan Capistrano trip planned for November 15th is cancelled.

The Highway 39 Events Center show went well with good club showing.

The photo shoot for Diane's 1940 Buick Limited series 80 will be rescheduled with a November 24th deadline to submit to the Bugle for upcoming issue.

New Business

Tony passed out club member info questionnaire sheets to fill out with address and contact_changes. Same form included 2026 board position interest form. We received 12 forms back at meeting. There is interest for the Director and Asst. Director positions so far. We are looking for social media and web design experience also as well as helpers to make calls and give technical talks. I am including the form here for those that did not attend. Please fill out and bring to club picnic or email it back to me: tony@apcbearings.com



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Bruce shared about an amazing estate sale where he found some antique radio equipment and music, vintage woodworking tools and a 1927 Buick that our member Fred ended up buying for a song! He reminds us that there are still real "barn finds" out there to be found. More details to come in an upcoming newsletter.

Jeff and Lois offered up boxes of Buick literature and advertisements for members to take home and enjoy. Doug grabbed the Bugles and Michael stored the rest.

Robert requested our new members write a couple paragraphs about them and their cars to be included in upcoming newsletters. Interesting articles about the club also encouraged - photos are a bonus. You can send articles and photos to natdash1@yahoo.com

Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Irvine Regional Park on October 18th at 10am. Show up early because the park has many fall events planned for that day and parking spots sell out. The earlier you arrive the easier it will be to park together. Hot dogs and burgers are provided by the club. The signup sheet for side dishes, drinks, coolers, tables, condiments and canopies started at the meeting and is included here. Please fill in the gaps and see you there!

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Minutes taken by, prepared by Tony Albin September 25, 2025.



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Please stay current with yearly membership dues...

Dues due January, but can be paid any month prior !

Its greatly appreciated and helps club sponsor events and activities.



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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:

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