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Turn the page. The journey continues.

The Running Board is the volunteer-created, official monthly newsletter of the Orange County Chapter, Buick Club of America, and is not produced for commercial sale.

A Note from the Editor

Summer is here!

As we enjoy the long (and hot) days, many of us travel to various destinations. One of my favorite places to visit is the imagination—where all is possible.

It is from this place of creativity that I allow the stories to evolve, connecting people through their beloved automobiles. Finding the spark. Kindling the flame.

Each month has its own feel. This is not by chance. Rather, each story is carefully curated to create an experience.

This month, join me on journeys down Memory Lane—with all the heart and laughter one could muster in this heat.

Jessica Chandler

Editor, The Running Board

Buick Club of America – OC Chapter

P.S. Various sections will return as vacations wind down.



The Driver's Seat

Hello Buick Enthusiasts,

I hope you're all doing well and staying cool during this summer heat. I know my Buick is ready for a visit to the "Ice Cream Man" featured in last month's Running Board!

A big thank you to Sam for organizing several events to keep us busy through the remainder of the summer. It was great to see so many members at the July 24 Downtown Garden Grove Main Street Car Show. We even had two Grand Nationals make an appearance, and you can bet the charm offensive was turned up just enough to encourage their owners to join us at our upcoming All Buick Show—and hopefully at future club activities as well. It was a fun evening enjoyed by everyone.

Our next event is **Hot Rods & Handguns Second Saturday Car Show on August 8**. Be sure to check the club calendar on our website, as well as the calendar in this issue of The Running Board, for additional upcoming events.

Planning continues for our October 10 All Buick Show, and as the host chapter, we'd love to see a strong turnout from our own members. If you have any questions about the event or the registration process, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the Board.

We still need volunteers to help make this event a success. At our next monthly meeting on August 15, we'll review the remaining volunteer opportunities. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to lend a hand, we'd love to have them involved as well. Donations for raffle prizes are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for being the best part of the Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events!

See you soon,

Jeff Shugarman

Director

Buick Club of America – OC Chapter



A vintage Buick Wildcat is shown from a rear three-quarter view, driving on a winding coastal road. The car is dark-colored with chrome accents and a California license plate that reads "ROAD STORY". The background features a dramatic sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the upper left corner, there is a graphic of an American flag with stars and stripes. The entire image is framed by a decorative gold border with ornate corner pieces and a central star motif.

IT'S NEVER JUST ABOUT
THE DESTINATION...

IT'S ABOUT THE **PEOPLE**,
THE **STORIES**, AND THE
MEMORIES WE MAKE
ALONG THE **WAY.**

EVENTS ATTENDED

MILES & MEMORIES

2ND ANNUAL BUICKS BY THE BEACH CRUISE

JULY , 2026

Rory MacLeod's 1967 LaSabre Convertible



Ruthie Truhn: 1965 Skylark



Keith Ealy: 1968 Skylark



Larry Minery: 1965 Wildcat Convertible



Alan Clark: 1969 Riviera GS



Michael Kanter: 1971 Riviera

OCC CLUB MEETING

JULY 18, 2026



Sonny: 1959 Invicta convertible
Michael Ortiz: Skylark convertible



Les Iden: 1972 Electra 225 Custom
Brad Meyers: 1971 Grand Sport convertible



Our newest club member: Michael Ortiz and his 1967 Skylark convertible



Jeff Shugarman: 1965 Buick Skylark Special
Sam Mandlin: 1940 Super 50

Who invited Jay Leno to Buicks & Brunch at Marie Callender's?

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ON THE HORIZON



HOT RODS & HAND GUNS

AUGUST 8, 2026

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: 5872 ENGINEER DRIVE
HUNTINGTON BEACH,

Meetup for Members to be arranged.

What to Expect:

- Breakfast burritos, donuts, and coffee for sale 'til 12pm.
- Meet us for lunch and range time at the Main Club after!

THE RUNNING BOARD

ON THE HORIZON

OCCBCA EVENTS

Aug 15

OCCBCA Club Meeting
Marie Callender's, 10:00 am

Aug 19-22

BCA Nationals
Albany, NY

Sep 12

Cars & Coffee
San Clemente, 9:00 am

Sep 19

OCCBCA Club Meeting
Marie Callender's, 10:00 am

Sep 26

OCCBCA Annual Picnic
Irvine Regional Park, Irvine

BRAGGING RIGHTS

OUR NEW OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS



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CHANGANAQUI,
PUBLIC RELATIONS



MSGR.
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HISTORIAN



RUTH TRUHN,
MEMBERSHIP

MORE THAN METAL

*Some stories begin with a car.
This one begins by coming home.*





THE BUICK THAT BROUGHT ME HOME

TOM SCHAY

*My first ride was
in a Buick.*

When I was born, my parents brought me home from the hospital in their 1939 Opera Coupe.

Looking back, I think that's where my story really began.

A couple of years later, my parents traded the Opera Coupe for a used 1946 Super Sedanette. We drove that Buick until 1956, but even after it was gone, it never really left me.

I don't remember every trip we took in that Buick, **but I remember the feeling of riding in it.** To a little boy, the world looked different through those windows. It was simply our family car, yet somehow it became much more than that.

My parents weren't the kind to spend weekends at ballgames or amusement parks. Instead, we'd pile into the Buick and go. Sometimes it was the mountains, sometimes the beach, and often it was a nearby lake where we'd meet my dad's family for a weekend of camping and fishing. There were usually three carloads of us, tents to pitch, camp stoves to unpack, and evenings spent around the campfire before another day on the water.

Those camping trips became some of my favorite childhood memories. But I especially remember the trips that seemed to last forever.

Every year we'd drive to Nebraska to visit my mother's family. This was before the Interstate Highway System, when most of the journey was on two-lane roads following the old Lincoln Highway. The concrete road had its own rhythm, each expansion joint creating another gentle bump beneath the wheels. We watched for the Burma-Shave signs, looked forward to stopping at A&W Root Beer stands, and, without realizing it, made memories that would stay with me for the rest of my life.



The New 1946 Super Sedanette



Camping with the family.



On the road again.

Time passed, and life did what it always does. Careers, family, responsibilities, and the years quietly accumulated, but every now and then I'd catch myself thinking about that '46. Of all the cars our family owned, it was the one I remembered. Somehow, that Sedanette stayed tucked away in my heart for decades.

For years I wondered if I'd ever find another one.

Every time I spotted a '46 at a car show, I'd stop and admire it. I'd walk around it, remembering our family car, wondering where it had gone and whether I'd ever have one of my own.

Then, in 2015, after nearly sixty years... there it was.

The familiar roofline.

The graceful fastback.

The sweeping fenders I hadn't seen in decades.

For a moment, I wasn't looking at a car—
I was looking at my childhood.

Before I knew anything about its history or who had owned it, I already knew one thing—I wasn't looking at just another old Buick I was looking at the car I'd been hoping to find my whole life.

Just when I thought the story had come full circle, I discovered the family who had cared for it before me.

That realization changed everything.

I wasn't simply buying an old Buick—I had become the next caretaker in a story that had already been unfolding for decades.



Lake Henshaw, CA
fishing trip, 1955 or so.



Snowy memories.

That's when I realized we don't really own these old cars. We simply care for them until it's someone else's turn.

As I learned more about its history, I discovered it had belonged to Ruth and Wally Hawks, longtime members of the Buick Club of America with membership number #00026. Suddenly, the car wasn't just reconnecting me with my own memories—it was connecting me with another family's Buick story as well. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Ruth or Wally, I like to think I'm helping carry their Buick story forward.

That journey eventually led me to the Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America.

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received at the events and meetings. It already feels like I've found a group of people who understand why an old Buick can mean so much.

If you remember Ruth or Wally Hawks, I'd love to hear your stories. Every story adds another chapter to this remarkable car's history.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and adding my own chapter to the club's story



AWAKENING THE GIANT
PART 9
CONSULTING THE
THREE WISE MEN



Consulting the Three Wise Men: Automotive Preventive Maintenance

And now we come to one of the most critical chapters in the “resurrecting the Titan” series. This part has everything to do with what people are never told to do after spending that hard earned cash on the “dream-mobile”. You purchased the dream and in your mind everything should be perfect – forever. But lo, it is not so. We have come to the infamous part in our story known as “vehicular preventative maintenance.”

What is “preventative maintenance?”

This is the part of the story the author gets to reminisce about his time spent under the hood of the family car with the parental unit as he/she did the periodic service and maintenance on the vehicle.

Yeah, that never happened. My stepdad was absolutely worthless with cars and had a record of driving them into the ground or merely destroying them. His toolbox contained exactly two things: a screwdriver and a hammer. Neither one was used for anything resembling preventive maintenance.

Some of us were lucky and had gear-head fathers (I wasn't one of them.)

Others got an opportunity to learn all about this world in the wonderful thing called “**High School Auto-Shop**”.

Imagine a classroom of 25-30 Gen X latch key kids with big dreams, no money and some flavor of vintage (used) 1960's - 1970's muscle car in various stages of disrepair - aka "Steaming Pile".

The teacher/teacher's aide provides the curriculum - Introduction to Automotive Theory, (zzzzzzzzzz) with chapters covering everything to do with the various systems in the vehicle: Braking system, cooling system, lubrication system, electrical system, blah, blah, blah... to name a few.



High School Shop Class

The instructor walked the “attentive” (not stoned or asleep) through the various parts of the magical machine- **“THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE”**. We learned that every system on a car depended on fluids, adjustments, and regular attention. Oil, coolant, filters, ignition timing—it wasn't glamorous, but it was the difference between a car that survived and one that slowly destroyed itself.

This was “**vehicular preventative maintenance.**”

My shop class at Downey High was incredibly hands-on (after you plowed through the basics on automotive theory) and we had the opportunity to work on our cars (steaming piles) as well as “family cars” till we got them in tiptop shape.

The Shop had been given a Sun Electric Engine Analyzer system to check every aspect of an engines' performance, and it was wondrous to use this device to “dial in” a vehicle to absolute perfection.

I remember bringing in the family Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser station wagon for a tuneup. (With all its faux wood paneling glory!!!)

The engine oil (sludge) was drained and refilled with top notch TORCO racing oil. (My friend had a shop that built racing Baja bugs that was sponsored by TORCO.) The oil filter was replaced with the best available from the Three Wise Men-Manny, Moe, and Jack.

When I removed the air cleaner (black, hardened and incapable of letting the engine breathe, anything), the demons from the desert runs to San Felipe, Mexico came screaming out of the carb. It took a whole can of carburetor cleaner to remove the carbon buildup that had accumulated and gummed up the jetting and actuators.



Sun Electric Engine Analyzer



Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser:
AKA "The Family Truckster"



The Three Wise Men

It gleamed with that grey-blue metal finish when I was done with it. (Gorgeous)

My shop mates drained the brown soup (had it ever been serviced?) that was in the radiator and after flushing the block and radiator thoroughly, we refilled the radiator with the standard Prestone green glycol radiator fluid. Now she could breathe and stay cool.

Spark Plugs were removed and cleaned in the shop spark plug pressurized sand blaster and gapped to the appropriate size. (We were broke, remember, so our spark plugs lived long and fruitful lives.) Plug wires were reattached and we hooked her up to the Sun Analyzer (making sure to stick the sensor up the tailpipe. (Always thought that was funny.)

This was my first introduction to the Rochester QUADRAJET carburetor of Buick fame and renown (unceremoniously called the “quadra-junk” by the Holley aficionados).

We fired her up and the grim report became evident on the analyzer. The idle was off, the engine timing was not firing on Top Dead Center (TDC) and the engine was being starved for fuel.

We loosened the distributor, pointed the timing gun at the pulley and adjusted the distributor till we got our solid white line. This evened out the idle a bit and the engine felt smoother.

Next, we started with our adjustments on the QUADRAJET. The Sun Analyzer kept showing a weak power band, so we turned it off and checked the spec book. The class all huddled around the engine as the instructor called out the numbers on the jetting. Seemed the primaries were fine, but the secondaries were on the leaner side of what was possible. We pulled the secondaries out and replaced them with the next larger size. (It was the 1980's and the car had been built in the midst of the 1970's gas crunch. The factory had probably put in the leaner jets to improve gas mileage and improve emissions. (Evil bean counters.)



TORCO Racing Oil



QUADRAJET Carburetor

We fired her up. Slight adjustment on the idle screw and she purred like a kitten. Everyone's eyes were glued to the Sun Analyzer. We actuated the carburetor linkage, opening that throttle up and she roared!!! The numbers were perfect and the power was up dramatically. I could see the smile on the teachers face. The class had collectively participated in re-awakening a Titan. And it felt good.

The Oldsmobile got a test drive later that night. The response was snappier and the car suddenly had no problems performing tremendous burnouts on command!!!

The parents wondered what I had done to the "family car". I told them, "tune up."

Now, friends, if you dare, go and do the same.

Please, change your engine oil and filter.
flush your radiator and engine block and
fill it with that magic fluorescent green cooling fluid.
Clean that air filter of years of accumulated
dirt and debris or just get a new one. Re-gap those spark plugs and make sure your engine is firing
on Top Dead Center. Change that fuel filter and fill her up with some premium gas.

Every oil change...
Every radiator flush...
Every tune-up...

None of them are glamorous.
But every one of them helps awaken another Titan.

**Treat your Buick well, and it will reward you with
thousands more miles, countless memories,
and maybe—just maybe—a few unexpected
burnouts that leave you, your kids or grandkids
grinning from ear to ear.**

Respectfully Yours,
— Dino
Public Relations

Buick Club of America – OC Chapter



80's High School Parking Lot



GARAGE HUMOR



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Annie Shugarman (Jeff)
- 9 - Irene Martinez
- 21 - Cindy Ortiz (Michael)
- 25 - Richard Brewbaker
- 26 - Michael Peters

Meeting Minutes

JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER – BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
- Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the sign-in sheet was completed and the June meeting minutes were approved.

Attendance

- Twenty members and two guests were in attendance, including new members Michael Ortiz and Kenneth Mork.
- Michael drives a 1967 Buick Skylark Convertible, while Ken owns three Buicks, including a 1939 Buick Century Sedan.
- Guest Nora Wakefield shared memories of her late husband's love of Buicks.

Director's Comments

- Jeff recapped the recent Cruise to the Beach event and requested additional volunteers for the Western Regional All Buick Show.
- He introduced the ten members of the show committee and reminded everyone to upload photos to the club's Dropbox account.

Assistant Director's Report

Sam announced the following upcoming events:

- August 8 – Hot Rods & Handguns drive to Huntington Beach, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- August 15 – OCCBCA Club Meeting, Marie Callender's, Orange, 10:00 a.m.
- August 19–22 – Buick Club of America National Meet, Albany, New York.
- September 12 – Cars & Coffee drive to San Clemente, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- September 19 – OCCBCA Club Meeting, Marie Callender's, Orange, 10:00 a.m.
- September 26 – Annual OCCBCA Club Picnic, Irvine Regional Park.
- October 10 – Western Regional All Buick Show, Fullerton Airport.

Treasurer report

- Alan reported that the club remains financially sound.
- Membership dues continue to come in while expenses for the Western Regional All Buick Show are being paid.
- Work on the show's budget continues, with additional details to follow.

Secretary Report

- Tony reviewed the application process to host 2029 BCA National Show. Looking for hotel locations in SoCal with 200 parking spots and great weather plus nearby attractions and cruising destinations. Suggestions range from Long Beach, Temecula and Anaheim/Buena Park.
- Sam and Tony are now part of the BCA National Meet planning committee to secure the 2029 spot for California for the first time since 1991.

Newsletter Report

- Jessica reminded members that submissions for The Running Board are due by the 15th of each month. Articles are typically published 30–60 days after they are received.
- Club door magnets have arrived, with additional orders now being accepted for \$20 each.

Public Relations Report

- Dino continues reaching out to both chapter and Buick Club of America members to promote the Western Regional All Buick Show.
- He is also assisting fellow Buick owners with resources and technical insights to help keep their cars on the road.

New Business

- Sonny announced that the club's former Skylark has received a new engine and is officially back on the road.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.
- Minutes prepared by: Tony A.
- Date: July 29, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Albin

Secretary

Buick Club of America,

OC Chapter



WESTERN REGIONAL

ALL BUICK

CAR SHOW

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 10, 2026

9AM TO 2PM

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- ★ REGISTRATION FEE: **\$45**
- ★ ADDITIONAL VEHICLE (SAME OWNER): **\$35**
- ★ REGISTRATION AFTER SEP 26 / DAY OF SHOW: **\$55**
- ★ ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
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- ★ **LOCATION:** FULLERTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
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- ☐  **JUDGED**
Judged for awards
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NAME: _____

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PHONE: _____

VEHICLE YEAR: _____

MODEL: _____

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★ WAIVER AND RELEASE ★

The Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America (OCCBCA) reserves the right to adjust classes, awards, and event operations as necessary. In consideration of accepting my entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin, successors and assigns, hereby waive any and all rights and claims against the Orange County Chapter of the Buick Club of America (OCCBCA), the Buick Club of America (BCA), Fullerton Municipal Airport, event sponsors, volunteers, property owners, and affiliated organizations for any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, injuries, liabilities, actions, causes of action, expenses, or attorney fees arising out of or related to my participation in this event.

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PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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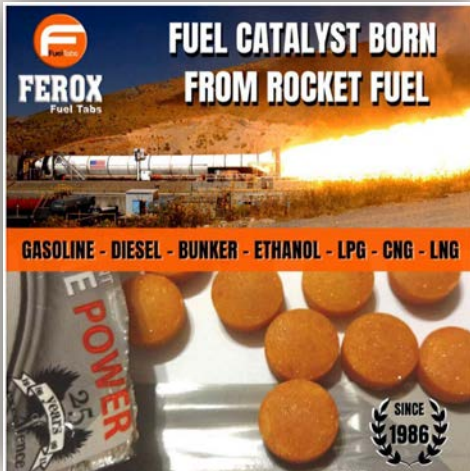
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— Dino

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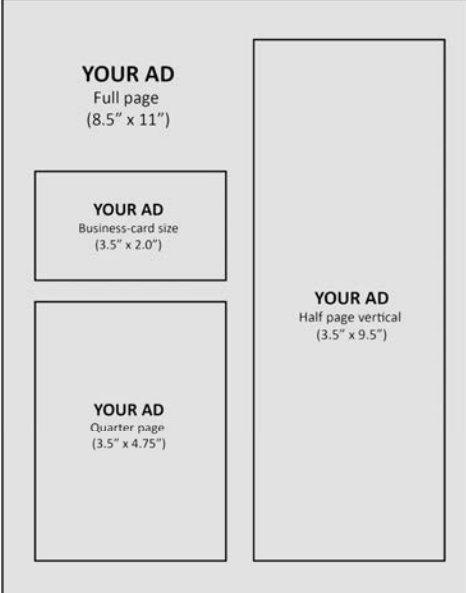
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- Monthly meetings and events
- Access to the national BCA network
- Newsletter features and member stories
- A community built on shared passion

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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.

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