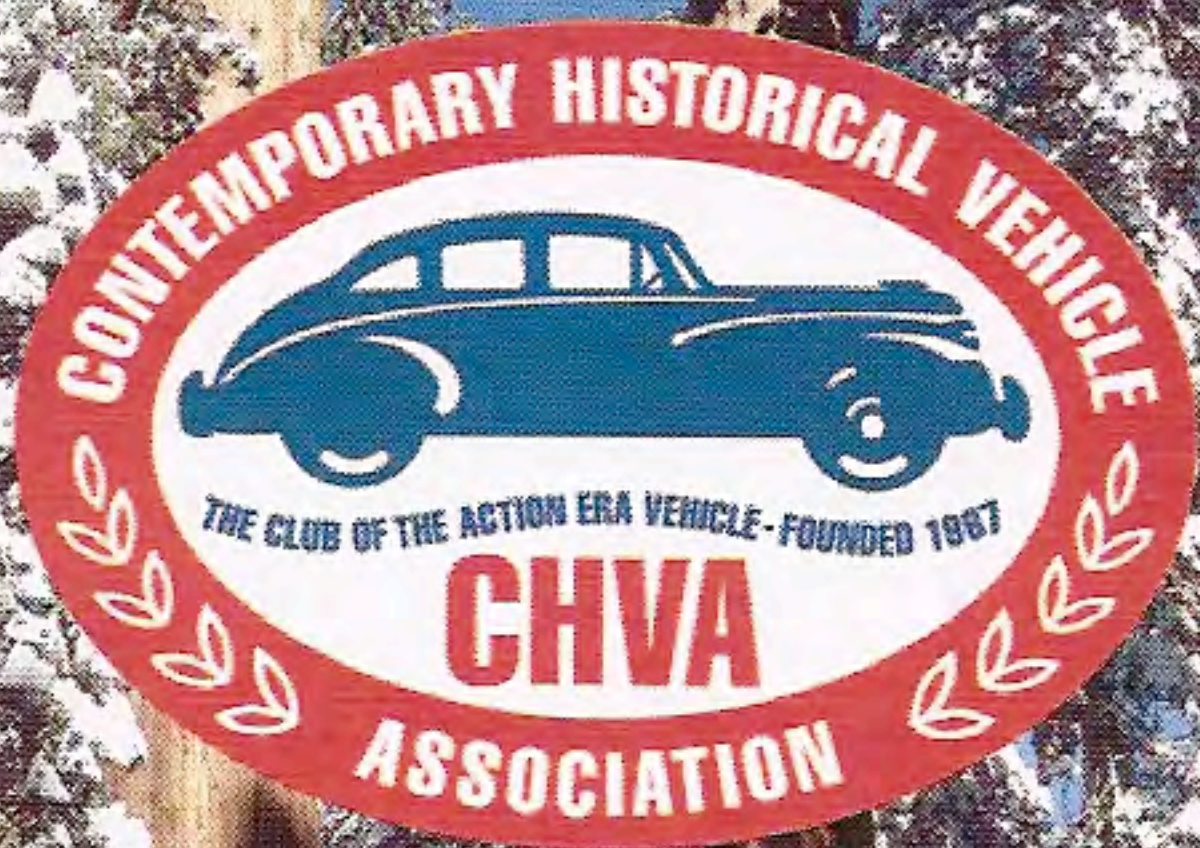


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## Director's Note

Something special – I went to the Post Office today and found there is a new Vintage Cars stamp. It is beautiful and worth looking for.

This year's planning meeting was a great success, thanks to the generosity of Remo and Judy Buti, hosting it at their beautiful home in the Hayward Hills. Remo's many garages were perfect for the meeting on a rainy day.

Your director had no idea we needed ballots etc. for the election of directors etc. but Remo saved the day. As usual we had a terrific feed and a lot of wine, so everyone went home happy.

We elected two new directors, and I would like to welcome Patty Koonce and Doug Walker to the board. Although the duties are strenuous I'm sure they'll be up to it. I was railroaded into a second term by being informed that the term of office was two years. Actually the by laws call for new officer elections every year. Oh well, you can't win them all.

We managed to fill the tour schedule, but frankly it was like pulling teeth. The unfortunate part is that, as before, a few individuals stepped up to carry the load. Sal and Carol Riele are leading or are involved in three events, the Walkers are involved in two, Jerry Carpenter and Jo Ann Van Gelder are involved in two, The Jetts, Bob and Judy Higday and the Butis are all repeats from this year. Again I'll say that we are fortunate to have a small group of dedicated people that make the club function.

Speaking of dedicated people, Bob Higday has made some great additions to our web site, and it is truly outstanding. If you haven't surfed it, or taken advantage of it to buy or sell a car, or look at some of the members' cars, take a good look.



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Bob Higday is running for a National Director spot, and we urge all of you to vote in the National Election.

Sal and Carol Riele have really stepped forward this year, and are organizing the Mexico Cruise. I hope all of you will seriously consider this trip, as it could be a great deal of fun.

Some other events this year that look great are the Monterey tour in March which Harry Ozols and Dolly Herbert are leading, and the Mother Lode Tour in May, organized by Jerry Carpenter and Jo Ann Van Gelder, which will include a trip to Roaring Camp.

In one of my early director's messages I jokingly reported that the value of certain Corvettes had out performed the stock market, and if you could convince your spouse to let you get out of the market and into Corvettes you'd owe me a drink. If in fact you did that, you owe me a week's vacation! At the present time it looks like our cars are a lot better investment than the market. If the recession reduces the value of some cars it might be a good time to add to the collection.



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### **Congratulations to Patrick McHenry!**

Patrick's 1949 Buick Estate Wagon placed third in the GM Woodie Class at Pebble Beach. Patrick says he was thrilled to be accepted to this major Concours d'Elegance and come home with a trophy.

He also took first in his class at the Ironstone Concours in September.

*Editor's note: Let me know of your awards and I will include them in a future issue.*

## **2009 Kick Off Brunch**

**Sunday, January 18, 2009**

Hosted by RB and Marlys Southard

Get the New Year off to a great start by attending the kick off brunch at the Sheraton Sonoma in Petaluma at 745 Baywood Drive, off Highway 101 Lakeville Highway, 707-283-2888. The hotel is very visible from the highway and right on the river, a big gray complex.

We will have a buffet brunch beginning at 10:30 AM for \$25.00 per person including tax and tip. Alcoholic beverages are extra.

### Directions:

From the South: San Francisco via Highway 101 to Petaluma. Exit SR 116, Lakeville Highway then Right on Baywood Drive.

From the East Bay via Vallejo and Highway 37. Right on Lakeville Highway to Petaluma then Left on Baywood Drive

Call or email RB or Marlys at 707-894-5523 or [marbs@sonic.net](mailto:marbs@sonic.net) to let them you know you will attend.

Make checks for \$25.00 per person, payable to Marlys Southard, PO Box 25, Yorkville, CA 95494-0025. Deadline is January 5.





**Mary & Randy Wright**

Randy and Mary Wright both moved to Sacramento as young children. Randy was 10 and moved from Denver. Mary was 3 and moved from Amsterdam, New York in 1946. They both completed their schooling in the Sacramento system. Randy took a job at Western Electric upon graduation and Mary enrolled in a 2-year program to get a Registered Nurse degree.

Mary took a leave of absence in the final semester of college to marry Randy in 1961, and after 3 kids she never did finish school and get the RN degree. Fortunately, she was able to stay home with the kids and has never had to take a job. Raising a daughter, Celeste, and 2 sons, Jeffrey and Robbie, kept her busy. They now have 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren

Randy met and became good friends with Carl Dahl at Western Electric. Carl and Judy had bought property in the gold country and talked Randy and Mary into looking for property also. They found a 2-acre parcel in Shingle Springs and bought it. The two couples decided to build their own houses and Carl and Judy got started first. Mary decided that she would learn to draw house plans and make blue prints, they then designed their house and built it. They are now living in their second house project. Those who have visited will agree that it is very spectacular. In between their first and second houses they helped design and build many houses for friends and family members.

At Western Electric, which was the manufacturing arm of AT&T, Randy moved up through the equipment installation operations to the supervisor of operations for Northern California and Nevada. After 27 years he received a golden handshake that gave him a retirement at age 46. Mary explained to him that while she had married him for better or for worse, it did not include lunch so he needed to find another job. He took a job with the Roseville Telephone Company, now Surewest. It was a job that gave him responsibility for the facility operations. He retired again in 2004.

Mary has a hobby, called Tole Painting. For those like me who are not familiar

with this particular kind of painting Wikipedia defines it this way: **Tole painting** is the folk art of decorative painting on tin and wooden utensils, objects and furniture. Typical metal objects include utensils, coffee pots, and similar household items. Wooden objects include tables, chairs, and chests, including hope chests, toy boxes and jewelry boxes. Mary says that she does not do it commercially and gives away everything she paints.

When Randy reached driving age he had a '50 Ford as his first car. He remembers it as not very reliable and laughs about the time he and Mary were going to the Senior Prom and the car wouldn't start. She had to help push the car to get it going.

It was in the mid 1980's that Randy began to get the itch for a collector car. He was going to swap meets and looking at ads for old cars. He ran across an ad for a '36 Ford 2 Dr Sedan and they bought it. Mary always wanted a Coupe and after 3 or 4 years they found a '36 Ford 5 window coupe and bought it. Short time later they sold the 2 Dr and still have the coupe which Randy considers his favorite.

By this time Carl and Judy Dahl had a '35 Buick and belonged to the Buick Club, so they invited Randy and Mary to go on tours. Because they drove the '36 Ford the Buick Club made them go to the end of the line. Randy had always liked the Buick Rivera and Carl had one. Eventually he heard one of those little old lady stories, where she bought the car and used it only for work. Always kept in garage and carefully maintained. This was the story on the '65 Riv that they still drive.

Next they acquired a '48 Buick Convertible that was a project car owned by Mary's hairdresser. Interest in the project died so Randy and Mary were made an offer they couldn't refuse and now they have a project car of 15 years standing. Of course they had to buy another '48 Buick for parts and so it goes in the old car hobby. Randy is helping their youngest son Robbie restore the '66 Mustang he drove while attending UCSB.

In 1989 the Dahls and Wrights wanted to go on the CHVA Oregon Tour that year and had to join up to do so. They didn't belong to a region then just the national, eventually joining the Redwood Region as well as the Klassic Uniques. In 1998 Randy was elected to the national board and 2 years later was elected President. He served 3 years as president of CHVA. In 2005 he was awarded the CHVA Newman Award.

Over the years Randy and Mary have been active in a number of car clubs. They are still very active in the California Capitol Chapter of the Buick Club of America. Mary has been elected Director 3 times. They also belong to the Early Ford V8 Club and the Mid Valley Historical Auto Club in Yuba City. They give the CHVA high marks for touring, friendship, and all around good fellowship.



**California Academy of Sciences Tour  
Thursday, February 19  
Hosted by Larry Jett**

What's under the grass? Just 410,999 square feet of very much to see and do. At a cost of \$488 million the Steinhardt Aquarium, the Morrison Planetarium and the Kimbell Natural History Museum are now reopened in Golden Gate Park and it is SPECTACULAR!!

Most of what you remember from your last visit has been greatly updated. The Rain Forest, the Coral Reefs, and the Natural History and even the all white alligator are just part of the wonder.

The cost is \$25.00 for 12-64 or \$20.00 for 65+, and there may be a price break if a tour rate is negotiated. You will not mind the expense when you see how fine this world class venue has become.

**DIRECTIONS:** Underground parking (\$10.00) is best. From the South: Take 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue through the Park, turn right onto Fulton and then right onto 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and you are soon at the garage. Hours are from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

We will meet in front of the entrance at 10:00 am and then immediately get the free tickets for the Planetarium for the 11:30 show and get in line early so we don't have to sit in the front 20 rows. You will have plenty of time to explore the museum and then meet for lunch in the cafeteria at 1:30 pm.

Call Larry Jett at (510) 974-7911 or email [JettLarry@aol.com](mailto:JettLarry@aol.com) to confirm your attendance and get any additional information.

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**Special recognition for Bob Higday**

Larry Bogel is presenting a custom clock and desk set to Bob Higday as appreciation for his 4 year service as Director and his ongoing participation as the Redwood Region CHVA webmaster. The website is a collection of photos, newsletters and profiles covering many years of our activities. Log on to [www.chvaredwoodregion.org](http://www.chvaredwoodregion.org) to review the history of our club. Bob also acts as our email blast source for time-sensitive information. Check on frequently to see what has been added since the last newsletter.

### 2009 Tour Calendar

January 18	Kick Off Brunch, RB & Marlys Southard (707) 894-5523
February 19	San Francisco Academy of Sciences Larry Jett, (510) 794-7911
March 29-31 Tentative	Monterey Area Harry Ozols & Dolly Herbert, (650) 637-1760
April 27	Princess Cruise to Mexico Sal & Carol Riele, (925) 820-5307
May 30- June 1	Mother Lode Tour Jerry Carpenter & JoAnn Van Gelder (209) 257-0102
June 17	National Tour, Tennessee
July-TBA	Rick Long Museum & Napa Valley Al & Betty Berg, (925) 676-4371
August 7	Marin County Tour Bob & Judy Higday, (510) 745-7624
September 19	Powder Puff Tour – Who Volunteered?
September 25- September 27	Ironstone Concours, Jerry Carpenter & JoAnn Van Gelder
October	To Be Announced Remo & Judy Buti, (510) 537-0967
November 7	Planning Meeting Sal & Carol Riele, (925) 820-5307
December-TBA	Holiday Party Doug & Beth Walker, (925) 930-6245 Dave & Pat Wheeler, (925) 934-1580
January 17	Kick Off Brunch Sal & Carol Riele, (925) 820-5307 Doug & Beth Walker, (925) 930-6245



### CHVA Redwood Region Financial Statement November 1, 2007 through October 30, 2008

Beginning Balance		\$6,149.84
Revenue:		
Dues		2,281.25
Advertising		25.00
Name Tags		<u>29.30</u>
Total		2,335.55
Expenses:		
Printing & Mailing (Newspaper & Roster)	1,152.36	
ACCC Contribution		309.00
Planning Meeting	272.00	
Christmas Party Deposit	447.50	
Website Expenses	<u>85.00</u>	
Total		\$2,265.86
Ending Balance		\$6,291.53

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#### Membership Renewal

It's time again to renew your membership in CHVA and Redwood Region. 2009 dues are \$50.00 (CHVA \$25 & Redwood Region \$25). Send payment to: Chuck Harrison, 2739 Parkside Dr, Fremont, CA 94536

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**JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2009**



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**JANUARY 18, 2009**

Hosted by RB & Marlys Southard (707) 894-5523

**FEBRUARY**

**ACADAMY OF SCIENCES**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

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**MARCH**

**MONTEREY TOUR**

**MARCH 29-31**

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(SEE INSIDE FOR ALL TOUR DETAILS)