



BOMBSIGHT

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The Los Angeles Chapter Logo
reflects who we are and what we do.
Our members' cars are used
in motion picture and TV productions.



Steve's Corner



At the chapter meeting in February, we voted to purchase a digital projector. This will enable us to enjoy again the events and car shows at the meetings. Details of this purchase will be discussed at the next meeting. At the last L.A. chapter meeting, a flyer for the 21st Annual Spring "Fun" Car Show was presented. The show is sponsored by the C.H.V.A. If you plan to attend this show, you will probably see most any type of car and model of most any year. Please see the flyer for the show, which is an insert in this issue of the Bombsight.

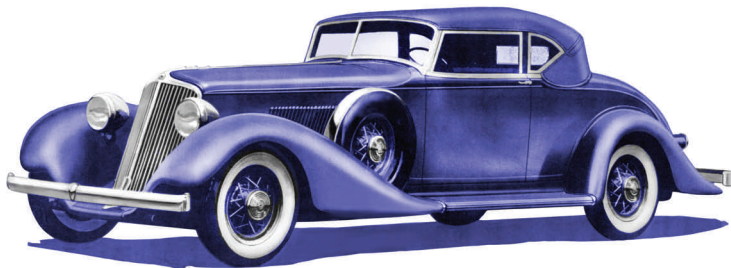
The next show on the calendar is an All Buick Car Show, and it is usually well supported by the neighboring BCA chapter members. It is sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Chapter. A schedule for this show has not yet been prepared, but you will be notified in the Bombsight when and where this show takes place. Salted in between these shows will be tours that you won't want to miss.

Keep those Buicks well polished until June 6, 2010 for the All GM Show in Woodley Park. It is going to be bigger than ever.

Steve Rost

The Second Series Graham

In his handsome second series design, Northrup decided to skirt the fenders, to slant back the grille and windshield, and to round off the boxy corners, which characterized the stogy designs of the past. The car was given the alerting name of the Graham Blue Streak. The name lasted longer than the color of the car, because consumers wanted their cars in a



variety of colors. The Graham Bros. quickly responded by providing metallic colors that were made from ground-up fish scales that produced a pearlescent finish that had never been seen before on an automobile. The Graham had a new, flat frame, outboard springs, and a wider tread. These features gave it a lower center of gravity, which contributed greatly to its stability on the road. For the first time in the history of the automobile, the car was wider than it was high. Bringing out a totally new car was not enough for the Graham Bros., so they added a supercharger, which increased the horsepower and top speed of the car remarkably. The design innovations of the Blue Streak started a frantic move on the part of all the other domestic manufacturers to follow this trend.

A Century of Innovation

In the years up to 1932 most cars looked much like this very successful Graham-Paige coupe. Sales totaled 77,000 units in 1929. The car



was equipped with a four-speed transmission and hydraulic brakes, both of which were uncommon at the time. The Graham Bros. eventually bought out the ailing Paige Motor Co., and the car was simply called Graham. As the Great Depression took hold of the country, sales for this series dropped off precipitously. During the 20s and 30s it was common practice among car manufacturers to have a "first" and "second" series for each model year, the latter being the genuinely new model. Amos E. Northrup, design chief for Murray Body Corp., was asked by the Graham Bros. to design a totally new second series. His radical, new car for the time is shown at the left and below.

That Was Then...This Is Now

The Buick GMC Division of General Motors saw the future in this new trend in design. However, today's challenge is to maintain the design innovations, while increasing gas mileage and performance. Buick's technology and the use of new materials provide the solution. These refinements have made it possible for the body to be moved outboard, enclosing the wheels. The windshield is sloped back even further



to reduced wind resistance and create the smooth-flowing lines of the 2011 Buick Regal. Better gas mileage is achieved with a four cylinder, direct-injected, Ecotec engine. This 2.4 liter engine delivers 182 horsepower and is rated at 30 mpg. A six-speed automatic transmission with driver-shifting control, as well as increased use of glass, plastic and aluminum help to meet today's mileage requirements. Just as the Graham set a trend in 1932, Buick now provides the look of the 21st century.

Paul Mochel



*You might see this Buick at the
San Gabriel Valley All Buick Car Show*



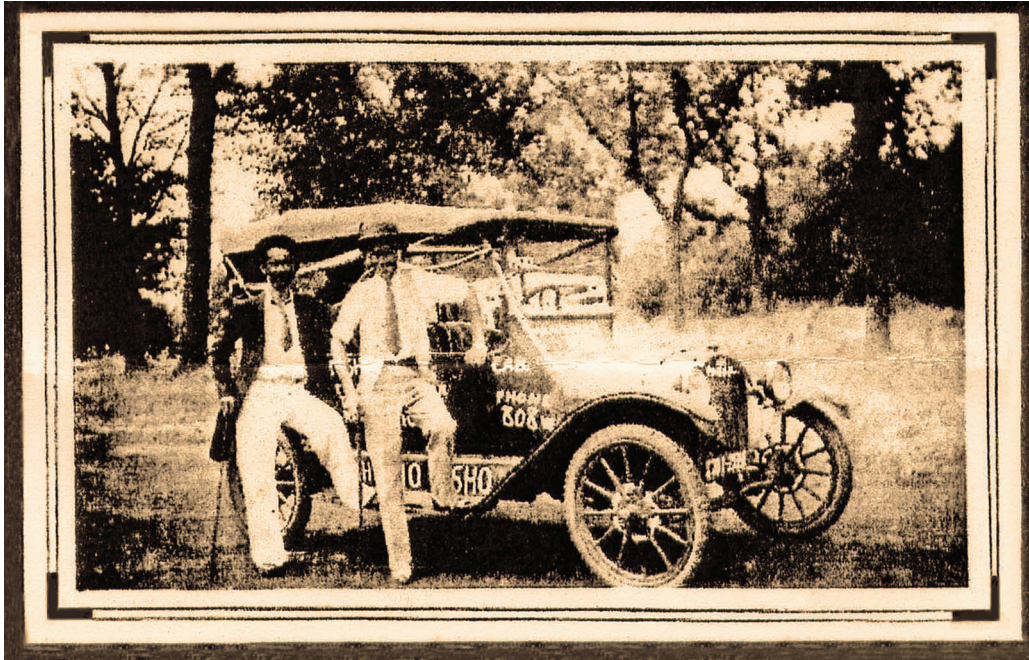
The new 2011 Buick Regal - available in the 2nd quarter of 2010

Photo from the internet

21st Annual

SPRING "FUN" CAR SHOW

Presented by The Coastal Valleys Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association



Sunday, April 11, 2010

Second year at this location

**Boys Town / Rancho San Antonio
21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, CA**



**A benefit for the Guide Dogs of America
All profits will be donated to raising
puppies and training the blind**



Vendors welcome

Selling space 20'x 20' \$25.00 (No food Vendors)

Show Time : 10 am - 2 pm

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Goodie Bags - first 150 entrants

**Food available for purchase
on premises**

Please park on grass

Show Entry Fee: \$15.00

No Pre Registration

Please arrive by 10:00 am

Gates open at 8:00 am

Spectators are FREE

Please park on grass

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From 101 Freeway, take De Soto North to Plummer, then left