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## Coronado 4th of July Parade



Here they come, the best looking car club showing of the entire parade



The Club being led by organizer **Al Smithson** in his 1955 Packard Caribbean convertible driven by **Darius Nocon**



**Paul & Francy Prizer** brought their 1953 Ford Victoria 2-dr hardtop and granddaughter **Ella** in the back ready to wave to the crowd



**Bob Gunthorp's** 1957 Mercedes 220S

# Antique Automobile Club of America

## San Diego Region

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members:

First I want to thank **Bob Gunthorp** for the Bar-B-Q, **Al Smithson** for the 4th of July Parade, and, **Sam and Deborah Judd** for hosting the North County Tour. It's been a busy month. Don't forget to put on your calendars, **Chicken Fest in El Cajon Aug 15th.**

In speaking with Todd Calman, he has invited everyone from the club to join him and his family in celebrating the life of his father. He asked for everyone to bring their antique cars if possible. There is plenty of parking. If you exercise your cars once a month, this is a good time to do it. Here are the details: The **memorial** which is Hawaiian dress and food will be **Sunday August 5th at 2 PM.** At the Soledad Club at 5050 Soledad Road San Diego 92109. The interment will be Monday August 6th at 11: 30 AM at the Miramar National Cemetery 5795 Nobel Drive San Diego 92122.

I will be having surgery July 27th, but plan on attending and leading our normal General Meeting August 6th.

-- Tom McIlravy

### Region Calendar

AUG	6	General Membership Meeting
AUG	15	El Cajon Chicken Fest - see details in this issue
<i>Put These Dates on Your Calendar</i>		
SEP	3	General Membership Meeting
SEP	8	Campo Train Museum see details in this issue
OCT	1	General Membership Meeting
OCT	13	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.234.8720
OCT	20	Watt's Halloween Party Alex & Sandy Watt 619.223.6519
NOV	5	General Membership Meeting
NOV	11	ANNUAL BANQUET Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
NOV	17	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.234.8720
DEC	2	Bells Of Freedom Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
DEC	3	General Membership Meeting

### 2019

JAN	7	General Membership Meeting
FEB	4	General Membership Meeting
MAR	4	General Membership Meeting

**Monthly Membership Meetings 1st Monday of each month 6:30 PM - Social 7:00 PM - Meeting  
Joyce Beers Community Center In Hillcrest on Vermont Street Ample free parking at Ralphs or Trader Joe's.**

The Antique Automobile Club of America is a non-profit, national organization founded in 1935 and dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and enjoyment of Historical Vehicles

Antique Automobile Club of America National Membership - Single or Joint \$40.00 per year. Life Membership \$600.00

San Diego Region Membership - Single or Joint \$20.00 per year. Dues for Charter Members is waived.

**Our San Diego Region Membership Chairman can help you obtain both memberships. Contact:**

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## AUGUST CHICKEN FEST

Please plan to join the AACA members for the El Cajon CHICKEN FEST on August 15th.

**Purpose:** Have Fun, look at the cars, trade stories and renew friendships, and enjoy the potluck.

**When: August 15, 2018 at 4PM. or after.**

**Place:** Corner of Main Street and Orange Ave, on the south east corner.

**Set Up Details:** We are scheduled for the area same as last year, starting at 3PM for set up. If you come before 4PM, you will be conscripted into helping with the set up.

**Potluck Details:** The Club will provide drinks, plastic silver ware, paper plates, ice, serving tables and a welcoming smile.

**What to bring for the Potluck:** Bring either Chicken of some type or a side dish, dessert or an old family favorite of sufficient amount to feed your family and some extra to share with other club members. Also bring your serving spoons etc. and especially folding chairs to sit on.

**Who will orchestrate what food to bring?:**

**Claire Cooke** will keep track of what everyone plans to bring, so we will not end up with only chicken to eat. Please **e-mail Claire at mommeo4@cox.net** or **call Claire at 619-447-9876** to let us know you are coming, how many and what you plan to bring to share.

**What do you need to do:** Bring your appetite, folding chairs, food to share, old cars to show off, but most important to just show up and have a good time.

If there are any questions, please call **Claire or Mike Cooke at 619-447-9876.**

*Thanks to Art and Phyllis Cottee for help in the setup and planning.*

□ **Annual Banquet** - This years Annual Banquet will be on Sunday, November 11th at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. This year is a luncheon beginning at 1:00 PM. This early time is to accomodate the many member requests so they can attend and not be hampered by the increasing difficulty of having to drive home in the dark. You'll still want to dress up for this event. Please mark your calendar NOW and register as soon as the sign up form goes out. □



## September Train & Motor Transport Museum in Campo

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018**

Tour the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA with a short train ride. Seniors \$15 dollars each (\$10 after AACA rebate) includes museum (air conditioned) visit. First train ride at 11:00 a.m. Visit [www.psrsm.org](http://www.psrsm.org)

Tour can include the Motor Transport Museum (also in Campo) either before or after the train. Museum is located in a historic mill. Museum is free. Mostly transport vehicles, a library, restoration showroom and related artifact equipment.

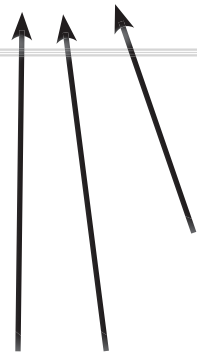
Visit [www.motortransportmuseum.org](http://www.motortransportmuseum.org)

Saturday, September 8, 2018 departing from TBA location off HWY 94 East. Picnic Lunch or recommended Café B in Campo. Both museums have picnic areas. Travel to Campo either through scenic but windy State Route 94 or Interstate 8.

Details to be discussed at August 6th AACA meeting. **RSVP to Norma Almanza by August 15, 2018** via 512-619-8432 or [fridalado@hotmail.com](mailto:fridalado@hotmail.com)

Address Change for Darius Nocon. Please change in your club rosters: 795 La Mirada Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024

Bette Hayward and daughter could use your thoughts and prayers. She is experiencing back pain and her daughter had a fall from a horse.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
David Gravley	1
Susan McIlravy Christian	1
Charles Spitz	4
James Woolsey	8
Paula Okey	13
Julie Licari	16
Sheila Jurist	17
Lance Haynes	19
Doris Chidgey	26
John Cummings	27
Mike Williams	28
Susan Woods	30
ANNIVERSARIES	
Phyllis and Art Cottee	2
Paula and Larry Okey	11
Catherine and Jim Woolsey	16
Grace and Bob Schlesier	23
Jerry and Pam Kay	24

# Bob Gunthorp's Annual AACA Bar-B-Que Blowout

*Photos by Betty Holmes and Brad Zemcik*

Amid Bob's vast collection of unusual Mercedes Benz cars about 62 people from AACA gathered to see the collection, catch up with friends, old and new, and eagerly awaited the arrival of the bar-b-que meal which was devoured in a short time. We were joined by some of Sam Judd's friends from The Horseless Carriage Club and a couple of Bob's personal friends which made the event even better. Sam had led a tour of South County prior to his contingent arriving with some interesting cars and car interested people. Sam writes that along the way they came upon a car show and music festival (some even danced), visited the Tijuana Estuary State Park the headed over to Bob's.

Events like this are great for meeting new people, learning about their interest in the hobby and learning about the cars they currently have or have had in the past. Combine that with a hospitable person like Bob and the weather we had, it has to be a success.

The beauty of Bob's collection is the unusual cars he has. I've tried to cover some of them here but it would take a whole issue. Maybe someday he'll let me do a mini book on the cars.

One surprise for us was that one of his brothers from Kentucky, but working in Ontario, came down for the event.

How many times can you say "Great Day" without being redundant? It was just a great day. Thanks so much Bob. See you again next year for the Annual AACA Bar-B-Que.

**Bob** on the right, with his baby brother **Steven Czmowski**



**1951 Mercedes 170Da.** This vehicle has been restored to represent a 1941 Afrika Korps staff car with the camouflage configuration and insignias. The upside down Y and the three bars signify the 4th Panzer Division. The other insignia is for Panzer Division Headquarters. The Palm Tree signifies the Afrika Korps



This 1959 Mercedes 220SE Sedan beauty was hidden in the back lot but deserves to be seen.



Once the food arrived...



...the line grew quickly



**Peggy & Charles Spitz**



**Gary Jarvis & Bobbie Pendleton**



**Nannette Clark & Bette Haywood** who looks very relaxed now that she has retired from being the editor



**Daryl Holmes** congratulating **Sheldon Jurist** on being one of the first in line



**Alex & Sandy Watt, Larry & Paula Okey, and Doris Chidgey**



**Christine & Bud Hartwell**



**Jack & Lynne Heacock, Doris & Jack Chidgey, and Carol & Steve Ross**



**Al Smithson and Steve Ross** with Al's 1955 Packard Caribbean convertible



**President Tom** thanks **Sam Judd** for his participation in the day



The seating was ample, spacious, and in the shade!



**Shelia Jurist** passed around Thank You cards for all to sign. Here she presents them to **Bob**.



**Bob** addressing the group and expressing how he enjoys doing this for the club



**Steve Ross'** 1939 Packard Super 8, **Ken Whited's** 1941 Cadillac 62 4-dr sedan, and **Royce Dunn's** 1935 Graham Model 74



**Steve Ball** from HCCA brought this 1934 Morgan "Family" model. So named because it has a back seat



**Al Smithson** also brought this 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible



**George & Rene Ver Berkmoes** from HCCA brought this 1964 Chrysler Newport

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## “Packards Lead the Way Back to the Fifties”

The largest grouping by decade was 1950 with a 1951 Packard ‘250’ Convertible, a 1951 Dodge Coronet Convertible, a 1953 Ford Victoria Hardtop, a 1955 Buick Century Hardtop, a 1955 Packard Caribbean Convertible, a 1956 Chevy Bel Air 2-dr Hardtop, and a 1957 Mercedes 220S Convertible. Other years included a 1935 Graham Blue Streak, and a 1941 Cadillac Sedan.

*Photos by Bob Gunthorpe*



Even at the muster point the Packards were leading the way with trunks open for the Donut-Fest and cold drinks; **Al Smithson and Nick Fintzelberg** officiating



**Royce Dunn** and his 1935 Graham ‘Blue Streak’ Model 74 sedan



**Paul and Francy Prizer** with their 1953 Ford Victoria 2 dr hardtop



**Bob Gunthorpe and Janette Hay** with Bob’s 1957 Mercedes 220S convertible

## Other parade sightings



**Julie Licari** driving for the Marine Corps League



**Sheldon and Sheila Jurist** with Mrs. West Coast 2018 - Amy Spencer



Bands,  
Clowns &  
Horses





Larry & Paula Okey's 1955 Buick Century

Royce & Frances Dunn's 1935 Graham Model 74



Doug & Marilyn Clements' 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 2-dr hardtop

Nick Fintzelberg's 1951 Dodge Coronet convertible



Ken Whited's 1941 Cadillac 62 4- dr sedan

Al Smithson's 1951 Packard 250 convertible driven by Tom McIlravy

