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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

My condolences go out to the family of Gene Calman. I first met him at the general meetings, when he would do the "Rap" sessions and ask if anyone was working on a car and he always had great referrals or great advice. If no one had anything to share, he always had a good and sometimes very funny story to tell. Our tour to his house was amazing and how he raised the roof, literally, on his garage to accommodate more cars. Gene will be missed. Come join the family ---Date; 5 Aug. 2018 (Sunday) at the Soladad Club Time;2:00 PM 5050 Soladad Rd., San Diego 92109--Soladad Club Ph. #;858-273-9750

Al will have plenty of Krispy Kreams to share at the 4th of July parade, please come help eat them!

Remember no July general meeting, so we'll see everybody in August. Thanks again to Luvonne and Daryl for the Chinese auction night. It was a lot of fun seeing all the treasures that were brought.

We have no events in late august or at all in Sept, so if you would like to add one, please let me or Colin know so we can add an event.

Until we meet again,

Tom McIlravy



**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.

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# GENE CALMAN

Gene and I were good friends for over 30 yrs. One thing he always reminded me of is the fact that only a few of us men do complete restoration of their "Collector Vehicles" and more.....

He took great pride in all his restorations and was consistent to complete his car, truck, etc. projects. His last two items on his "Bucket Lists" were the calliope organ and his 1930 Austin convertible. He did the complete calliope while the Austin was almost finished when he fell in his driveway and broke his hip.

Gene was an exceptionally friendly person, a successful man and always had time to advise and help others. He has many friends locally and around the world. He travelled around the world many times. After retiring as a Civil Engineer he was called to many foreign countries for advice on bridge building and road projects.

Gene retired at the age of 50 yrs. old for 2 reasons: 1. He was diagnosed with heart disease. 2. He needed more time to continue his hobbies of restoring vehicles. He lived to the ripe age of 90 yrs. old despite of his heart problems.

Gene was an active member of various car clubs including: AACA; Graham International Club; Graham California Club; Classic Car Club and Horseless Carriage Club.

I personally will miss Gene and my regular visits to his home; meals together and the regular phone calls. He will be missed by all!!!

-Royce Dunn

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## Member Updates

**Bob Schlesier**, who is actually the world's authority and historian on the 1932 Chrysler CP-8 automobiles, has purchased another one to add to the five he has. It is a very rare one, a convertible sedan. Only 271 were produced and now, there are only 5 or possibly 6 left in the world. He recently made contact with a man in Copenhagen who has one of the five. He is doing a ground-up restoration and because it is so rare, he plans to restore it to Concours condition.

## Region Calendar

JULY	21	North County Tour - see notice in this issue
AUG	6	General Membership Meeting
AUG	15	El Cajon Chicken Fest - see details in this issue

### Put These Dates on Your Calendar

SEP	3	General Membership Meeting
SEP	8	Campo Train Museum Norma Almanza 512.619.8432
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	3	General Membership Meeting
DEC	TBA	Bells Of Freedom Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184

## 2019

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

**Colin Fort** was updating his cars for the new Car Roster and said the 1940 Studebaker Commander he has, originally belonged to Marvin and Nina Studebaker. You would have to be an old time member of the club to remember the Studebakers but they were such active members of the early Region, always taking that Studebaker on club tours. I'm sure it holds a lot of memories.

## NEW ROSTERS

Soon you will be receiving a new CAR ROSTER, the first one in over two years, as well as an updated MEMBER ROSTER.



## JULY TOUR

### AACA NORTH COUNTY TOUR SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

**WHERE TO MEET:** KIT CARSON PARK,  
ESCONDIDO.

**WHEN TO MEET:** 9:30 A.M. (LEAVE AT 10:00  
A.M.).

**HIGHLIGHTS:** shopping at Bates Nut Farm, amazing little Valley Center History Museum, tour through an ancient live oak forest, ending up at the famous Rainbow Oaks Restaurant.

This is a rather long tour and lunch will be around 1:30 pm, so you may want to bring a snack and water for the road. There are three routes back to the start: ① I-15; ② Old Hwy 15; and ③ on scenic back country roads.

**RSVP for restaurant count by July 18** to Sam Judd: samjudd@cox.net or, if you have no email, call (619) 232-2210 and leave message with number in your party. Hope to see you there! Sam Judd, tour leader.

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Nick Fintzelberg	4
Patricia Ludi	5
Jerry Kay	6
Jack Nottingham	18
Bud Hartwell	20
Virgil Woods	23
Art Cottee	25
Art St Cyr	27
ANNIVERSARIES	
Joe and Cathy Cibit	9
Don Chaplin and Andy Hunt	10
Claire and Mike Cooke	10
Tom McIlravy & Christopher Di Patre	18
Bessie and Monty Ostberg	30
Ruth and Keith Wahl	30

## AUGUST CHICKEN FEST

Please plan to join the AACCA 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.*

### FOR SALE

1938 Cadillac '60' Special  
Black w/Tan Interior  
Restored except for door and window seals  
Runs Great  
Has always been garaged and covered  
Mileage - 111,967    \$50,000  
Call Bud Hartwell @ 619-588-2180

From your new editor...

This is a new look for *The Foot Warmer*. Because of Michele and my travel schedule it will be hard to produce a 12 to 16 page issue every month. In order to maintain communications on a regular basis I hope to fill in the gap with a shorter publications periodically.

I still need help as we are sometimes in places without connectivity and my publishing programs are not on my laptop. If you have the slightest bit of computer skills the region can use your help. Together we can build seamless and timely communications. I can help teach you.

We always need articles. You all are the eyes and ears of the region. Many of you keep in touch with some of the older members who can't always participate in meets and meetings, please send me what you have. Some of you have stories about you preferred make of car, please send me what you have. Some of you have old automotive or club photos; these too are useful and newsletter worthy. We all have funny or interesting stories about our cars that would be great to add periodically. How about any interesting automotive related web sites you know of? All of this is valuable to us pursuing our hobby and no one person can do it alone.

There will be some bumps in the beginning but we can all get past them easily if we work together. We were fortunate to have such a long tenure of Bette Hayward and Dave Finney who assisted her. I am always open to your comments and ideas. Not all things may be possible but hopefully we can find solutions to keep *The Foot Warmer* informative and timely.

I've been asked if *The Foot Warmer* will ever be produced in full color. The wheels have been put into motion but it may be a slow process. Printing costs for full color are much more expensive. The Board is very prudent in allowing baby steps leading there. We have even discussed possibly seeking advertisers to help defray some of the costs. In one club I am in a few of the members are splitting the annual additional cost allowing a full color newsletter.

If you want a full color publication in a pdf format please let me know. *The Foot Warmer* is produced in full color, just printed in black and white on the inside. In full color the backgrounds and photographs themselves are more what you may be used to. For a full color pdf copy please request one by sending me an email.

Feel free to email me at: [zman92107@yahoo.com](mailto:zman92107@yahoo.com). Respectfully, Brad Zemcik

As Tom mentioned before our new representative to the San Diego Association of Car Clubs is **Richard Reinstein**. Back in the late 60's or early 70's the Association of California Car Clubs was established because of some crazy laws that were being discussed in Sacramento. Obviously it hasn't stopped but our representative **Sheldon Jurist** keeps us informed at our monthly meetings.

Both associations benefit our hobby. Although we get good reports from our representatives there is not enough time in in the meetings to hear everything. You may want to visit the association websites where there is lots of interesting information. Also, communicate with our own representatives Richard and Sheldon. The San Diego Association of Car Clubs site has a nice list of some local events in their Calendar section.

<http://carclubcouncilofsandiego.com>

<http://www.accdefender.org>



# Marine Corp Recruit Graduation

We may have been **few** but we were very **proud** and felt **chosen** to have attended the MCRD Graduation ceremony. Hosted by **Brillo and Julie Licari** we know a LOT of behind the scenes work went into coordinating our attendance, special parking and especially the VIP seating at the center of the ceremony.

There were 6 Platoons in this Company of new Marines and as much, if not more “Military Brass.” Brillo was great in explaining what was happening and the nuances of the ceremony. It is somewhat emotional seeing these young men dedicate their life to serving our country and protecting and promoting the freedoms we enjoy without giving it much thought. These men have our backs. After 13 weeks of grueling boot camp these Marines get a well-deserved 10 days off before going on to other assignments.

This was a great event and if it comes around again I encourage you to attend.



Review of the Marine Band



Review of one of the 6 Platoons



The Honor graduates from each of the 6 platoons. The young man on the left was the highest scoring graduate of all the recruits



Brillo (right) with the new Commanding General Heritage



Jerry Kay and his “new” great original 1967 Mustang



Graduates with the Licari’s 1958 Willys Military Jeep and Zemcik’s 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud



## The Chinese Auction

It was another resounding year for the transference of “treasured” items from one person to another. **Luvonne Harmes** and **Daryl Holmes** are to be commended for managing the chaos and another successful, fun-filled evening. Many other members also pitched in helping with the set up and taking down as well as Betty Holmes doing the ticket sales. The final tally for the club was substantial thanks to members generous bidding.



**Suzanne Fort** and **Paula Okey** provided a nice assortment of goodies we could graze on while walking around doing our bidding.



Janette Hay wonders if she has enough tickets.



Hmmm, Julie Licari ponders the vast array of “treasures” and what she’ll bid on.



Not only did the Cottee’s take home a lot of loot but Phyllis was the lucky drawing winner shown her receiving her \$20 from Norma, our Treasurer



## Annual Restoration Awards

Every year at the Annual Banquet three restoration awards are presented. Your restoration does not have to be completed but the Awards Chairman does need to know about the work you’ve been doing.

- ① The Founders Award is presented to the member who has completed the best non-professional restoration of a vehicle ready for the road during the year.
- ② The Ralph Harms Memorial Trophy is presented to the member who has made the most progress toward a non-professional restoration of a vehicle during the year.
- ③ Runner-Up Awards may be presented in both categories as well as Certificates of Merit.

**Contact Alex Watt, Awards Chairman, 619.223.6519 [www.trailers@att.net](http://www.trailers@att.net)**





Larry & Paula Okey



Mark & Diane Richards



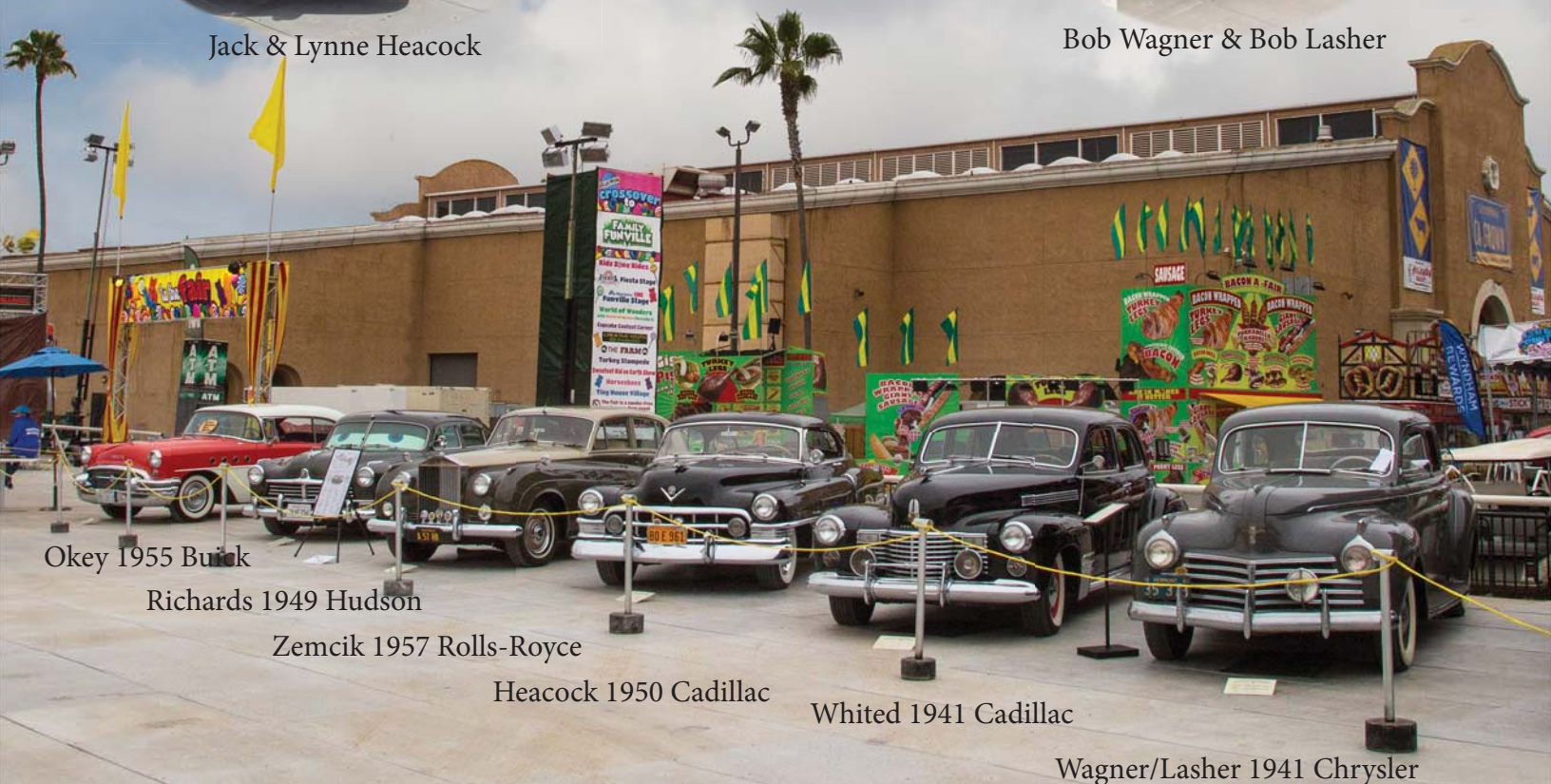
Ken Whited



Bob Wagner & Bob Lasher



Jack & Lynne Heacock



Okey 1955 Buick

Richards 1949 Hudson

Zemcik 1957 Rolls-Royce

Heacock 1950 Cadillac

Whited 1941 Cadillac

Wagner/Lasher 1941 Chrysler

We may have only had 6 cars at the 2018 Del Mar Fair but we had a great selection representing the San Diego Region.