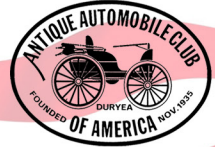
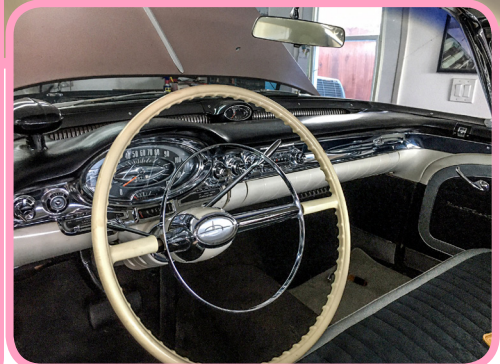
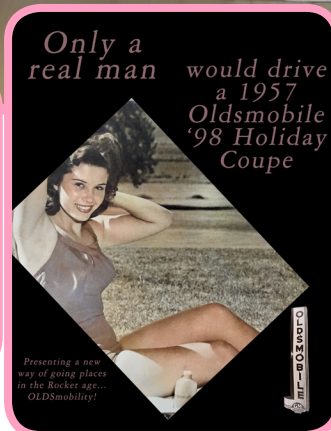


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Jack & Lynne Heacock's 1957 Oldsmobile '98 Holiday Coupe

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Tale of an Oldsmobile *by Jack Heacock*

Jack presented more of this story and more photos on our February Zoom Meeting. In order for the rest of the region to hear this "tale" this version is presented here.

While perusing Craigs List early last year (2020), I came across a listing of an original unrestored 1957 Oldsmobile in a 47-year hibernation in the family's garage in Billings, Montana. To say the least, I was intrigued. I found the owner (living locally in Escondido, CA) to be very pleasant and straightforward in his description.

The car had been purchased by his late father as a 1-year-old car that had been traded in by one of the dealership's salesman. Interestingly, the new owner had traded in his 1953 DeSoto for \$695. This owner (whose family I purchased the car from) had maintained excellent records of everything ever done on the car including the original dealer purchase agreement (just under \$3,000).

In 1973 the car had an engine failure and was parked in the family garage with 66,229 original miles showing (mileage confirmed by aforementioned receipts).

The owner is the executor of his parent's estate and we came to an agreed price and I attempted to secure a transport for delivery of the car from Montana. My attempts were unsuccessful and because there was a short window to get the car from storage, I transported the car myself with help from my son in law and grandson. It was April and Covid 19 just really getting going. On top of that when we crossed the continental divide coming home, we had heavy snow and rain; but all was well and made it home without incident.

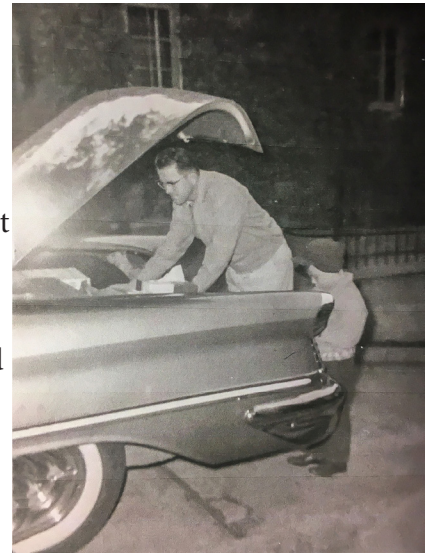
The car "rolled and steered", but absolutely no brakes as I discovered unloading it from the trailer in my cul-de-sac where I backed into a concrete street light pole. Thank goodness for those heavy steel chrome bumpers. You have to look hard for the small dent.

Many of our AACA members know Jim Woolsey who has helped me get several other cars on the road and he again agreed to do the job on my new project. This was his biggest challenge that he accomplished for me. The engine's No. 1 piston was seized and had to be drilled out before the engine could "turn". (Red Arrow in the photo) Well after

that was accomplished the engine and transmission were rebuilt as well as several other things and today the car runs and shifts like an Oldsmobile should.

Photo on the left shows two red arrows. Arrow in the upper right shows an unusual plug. It is an plug to use to keep the engine from freezing in the Montana winters.

Red arrow in the lower left show what at first glance appears to be an oil filter. It is actually a well placed cavity to allow for greater oil in the crankcase oil pan.



The owner and his son who I purchased the car from



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA members:

First I wanted to thank all Region members who brought their cars out to the Parkway Plaza on Feb 20th for the impromptu Cars and Coffee. It was an impressive display of cars and clubs. So many people there and since, have contacted me on continuing this event until things get back to normal. My apologies for a short event, I missed a few details in coordinating with the mall, and the scope of the event. Plans and coordination is currently in the works for another event March 20 in the same location, size unlimited and from 9 am to ?

And I would like to thank **John Boyd** in the seamless transfer of the treasurer duties and the willingness to take on the responsibility of *The Foot Warmer*. I guess this means that thanks are in order for **Brad Zemcik** for all the effort he has put into *The Foot Warmer* in the past few years. Special thanks to **Norma Almanza** for her dedication and time in caring out the Treasurer Duties and responsibilities.

Mark Richards wants to remind everybody that new pictures have been added to the Web site so go check it out.

On a sad note I just learned on Sunday that Cindy Keetch has passed away. She and Dave were very active in the region before moving to Nevada.

Happy Motoring and stay safe.

-- Tom McIlravy

GOOD NEWS FOR THE REGION

I am pleased to announce that John Boyd has stepped up to take over as editor of *The Foot Warmer*. No specific change-over date has been set yet but it will be later in the year. John comes with tremendous desktop publishing experience.

I have enjoyed my time because it has allowed me to keep in touch with the pulse of the region and also get to know many of you that I didn't know. Thank you all for your support and please continue to support John.

Respectfully, Brad

Don't Forget Our Web Site

Our web site is now running smoothly thanks to webmaster **Mark Richards**. Our selection of items will grow with time so please be patient but check back regularly. You can access region information, photos from events, and copies of *The Foot Warmer* without a password.

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2021 Region Calendar

Dates subject to changes

MAR	1
APR	5
MAY	3

**General Membership Meeting
Via ZOOM 7 PM**

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 \$25.00 per year. **Our San Diego Region Membership Chairman can help you obtain both memberships.**

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March Birthdays	
Bette Hayward	4
Daryl Holmes	7
Catherine Woolsey	10
Evelyn McGill	16
Phyllis Cottee	27
Bob Lasher	30
Bill Verhulst	30
Anniversaries	
Barbara & John Boyd	16
Christine & Bud Harwell	31

April Birthdays	
Jeri La Prade	2
Jack Chidgey	5
Darwin Ludi	5
Bob Gunthorp	7
Ken Munson	13
Beth Kind	15
Catherine Worthington	16
Gladene Booth	26
Erik Lockyer	30
Anniversaries	
Barry & Catherine Worthington	1
Nannette Clark and Ken Munson	8
Sam & Deborah Judd	8

JUST ANNOUNCED

The Bakersfield Swap Meet has been permanently closed. Another fatality to our hobby.

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Some Car Chuckles:

How do you double the value of a Yugo? *Fill it with gas.*

An extremely rich and famous German sports star was carving up the roads one afternoon in a brand new Porsche. Passing on the right, speeding everywhere, he takes a blind corner at speed and plows into the back of a Trabant, sending them both spiraling into a ditch. Both cars are demolished. The sports star hops out of the twisted wreckage of his Porsche, to see an elderly man climbing out of the Trabant with a jubilant smile on his face. The sports star asks the gentleman if he's okay, if he's in shock. The gentleman raises his arms and says "No! This is fantastic! Let's celebrate! We're both alive!" He opens what's left of his Trabant's door to see a box of Cuban cigars. "What a miracle! Such an impact, and my treasured cigars are okay! Let's light them and celebrate our good luck!" So the sports star and the gentleman light up, and smoke their cigars. The gentleman looks back inside, and sees his vintage bottle of Scotch and two glasses, and pulls them out. "A toast to us! Such a horrific accident and we made it through without a scratch!" He pours two very tall glasses of Scotch, and hands one to the sports star. They clink their glasses, and the sports star downs his. He looks at the gentleman, standing there with a still-full glass. "Aren't you having any?" he asks the gentleman. "Oh no, not until the police give you a breathalyzer."

Marty and Brandon were taking a vacation in Brandon's new camper. As usual, they'd become lost and were wandering around a strange town trying to find the highway. Brandon was just starting down a grade to go under a bridge when he slams on the brakes.

Marty: What the heck did you do that for Brandon?

Brandon: "That sign says "Low Bridge. No Vehicles Over Twelve Feet High." This camper is thirteen feet!"

Marty: "Cripes almighty Brandon, there aren't any cops around. Just hit the gas and go for it!"

Ansel bought a new car. He was so excited about it that when he got home, he locked the keys in the car. Meanwhile he invited Flint over to see it and go for a drive. As they go to take a drive Ansel says to Flint, "I thought I handed you had the keys."

Flint says, "It's your car and the driver always takes the keys."

"Well," says Ansel, "It doesn't much matter, the question is what are we going to do about it?"

Flint says, "I don't know, but you better come up with something fast because it looks like rain, and you left the top down."





Cars, Coffee, and Food!

March 20, 2021

Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, CA



9:00 AM to 1:00 PM We Won't get kicked out this time! We have the mall security permission!!!

Time to have a gathering of the faithful car enthusiasts for all makes of cars and motorcycles. There is plenty of parking and several restaurants to choose from. Bring your chairs and table to relax while eating and mingling with fellow car enthusiasts.

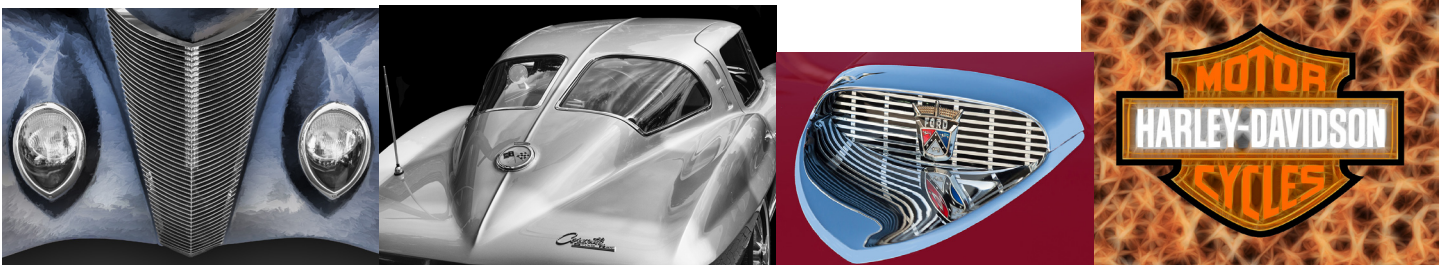


Please pass this flyer along to other clubs and groups you may belong to.
The more the merrier as they say!

Come be part of the day!



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From the March, 1965 Foot Warmer, here are a few ads that are interesting....especially the prices. These are written as they appeared.

1936 Cord 4-dr. 8cyl. Fully restored. \$5,000 or trade for steam or pre 1915 lg.bore auto.

1928 Dodge 4-dr. "Eliot Ness" type. 4cyl. Orig. Mint cond. \$400 firm - *This was sold by Sam and Mike Judd's father!*

1935 Dodge 4-dr. sedan 6cyl Radio & Heater. ex. mech cond. dual side mounts. \$275

1926 Ford T Road. Part restored \$500

1929 4 dr. Buick. Gd. cond. \$75.00 Ex. engine available

1925 Stutz 4dr. Part. restor. Ex. parts \$995.00

The Cars & Coffee meet brought out many member cars. If I didn't get a photo of your car I apologize as I was scrambling when they kicked us out. **Brad Zencik** was in attendance without his car (down for repairs) and **Jack Heacock** brought his Oldsmobile which is the feature car this month.

We hope you'll bring your cars out again on the planned March 20th. This is a great start to getting back to gathering. Tell others you know in other car clubs because it adds to the variety.

Below and on the next two pages are photos of members cars that attended.

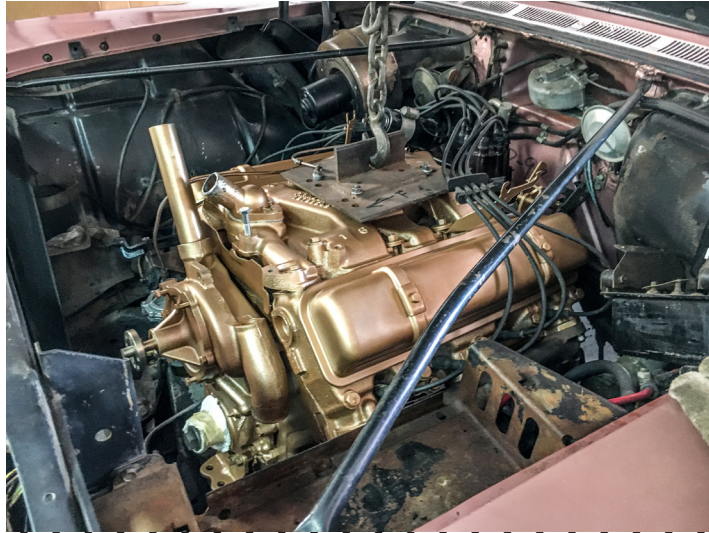


Ron Walling - 1966 Ford Galaxy NASCAR Tribute car



Tale of an Oldsmobile continued from page 2

- In studying the history of the 57 Oldsmobile
- some interesting facts are apparent. It shares
- with Buick as a one year 3-window rear
- glass, had an optional 3-carb set up that
- NASCAR outlawed later in the year when
- it qualified No. 1 beating Pontiac and Hemi
- powered engines. This tri-powered set up
- known as the J-2 is a rare option; my car is
- the more conventional 4 bbl. It's plenty fast as is for this 75-year-old.



The new engine is installed and running well (photo on right). There are still several things to address including buffing out the original paint and addressing some minor interior repairs. Someday, (soon I hope) I look forward to showing off the car at future car gatherings.

For the story of the model on the poster shown on the front page you'll have to ask Jack...or better yet the actual model...Lynne!



Daryl & Betty Holmes - 1941 Chevrolet 2-dr Special deluxe



Al Smithson - 1956 Lincoln Continental Mk II



David Gravley - 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton with original green paint. *What an awesome car!!!* - BZ



Mark & Diane Richards - 1962 Ford Thunderbird Sports Roadster



Heads and Tails - **John & Barbara Boyd's** 1937 Chrysler Airflow sedan (blue) and 1936 DeSoto Airflow sedan (gold).



Jerry Kay - 1967 Ford Mustang 2-dr hardtop



Tom McIlravy - 1973 Ford Mustang convertible



Darren Farnesi - 1922 Pierce Arrow 4-PT Series 33



Rick Reinstein- 1951 Chevrolet Styleline coupe



Bob Gunthorp - 1967 Mercedes 200D LWB sedan



Alex & Sandy Watt - 1961 Aston Martin DB4



Left: **Art & Phyllis Cottee** -1965 Ford Mustang convertible

Right: **Howard Stark**
1959 Austin Healey
3000 Mk I

