

THE FOOT WARMER

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Great Autos May 15 Tire-Kicking Event at
The Corner Bakery, Mission Valley



New and former editors' cars at in Mission Valley (Zemcik Rolls
and 20-years older Boyd Chrysler Airflow)



Jack Heacock's lovely 1940 Caddy



A rarely driven '61 Olds Starfire

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President's Message

Dear San Diego Region AACA members,
My heartfelt condolences go out to Jack Chidgey
and his family on the passing of Doris. For me, she
always helped fill a room with smiles and laughter
as she played along with Jack's antics, normally
centered around how short he is. When I first
joined, she helped make me feel welcomed, I will
miss her greatly.

Events continue to be added to the calendar, so
keep them cars running and I hope to see
everyone at the picnic or the Coronado event July
3rd.

Kudos to John Boyd on his first edition as the new
editor of the FootWarmer.

Tom McIlravy

San Diego Region All-American Spring BBQ

Host: Bob Gunthorp 619 993-0184

June 26, arrive at 10:30 for noon lunch

2176 Leon Avenue, San Diego 92154

Price: Members \$10 pp. Additional guests \$20 pp.

MENU

Smoked beef brisket and pulled pork
Potato salad and Baked beans
Coleslaw and green salad with dressing
Cornbread
Chocolate chip cookies

RESERVE NOW!

Contact Bob Gunthorp by email

Badwrench7@cox.net

Send payment to John Boyd

1201 Vista Capitan Dr, El Cajon 92020

Independence Day Parade

Coronado, July 3, 2021

IT'S A GO!

Al Smithson confirms the parade is on. He has a list of drivers and is taking standbys. This year's theme is "The American Dream". Happy Independence!

FOR SALE:

**1931 Model A Ford Coupe with rumble seat. Family owned since 1967. Restored 20 years ago, with a recent engine and carb rebuild by famed Hansen's of Ramona, CA. Leakless water pump, 4-core radiator, aluminum fan, shocks, rewired head and cowl lamps
Le Baron Bonney interior. Washington Blue with aqua pinstriping to match wheels, black fenders. Runs beautifully. Ready to drive anywhere. Must see. \$15,000 or best offer.**

Mike Judd (619) 920-8315 or juddfam@cox.net



According to Bob Gunthorp, Brad Zemcik keeps a second Rolls in Washington DC for use when the streets are clogged. With snow or anything else!

A new look for The Foot Warmer!

The San Diego Region 2021 Board granted *Foot Warmer* Editor Brad Zemcik's request for relief from his duties while he plans for the 2022 San Diego area meet of the Rolls Royce Owners Club. We all thank Brad for the excellent work he has done with the *Foot Warmer*. Under intense pressure from the Board, John Boyd (that's me) has agreed to step in as editor.

Brad used his exemplary skills as *Foot Warmer* editor and, sadly, I don't have all those skills, in particular, photo enhancement and design. I'm also using a different computing platform and software, so you will notice some changes, mostly in simplifying things. As a retired engineer, I have an understandable inclination to put everything in boxes, which I will attempt to keep under control. I hope you all can stand the shock of change.

I would like to increase the use of email and electronic communication in our Chapter, while not leaving behind members who might lack the equipment and skills to use email and websites. The speed and ease of use and the low cost of electronic communication, are a big help in coordinating the many activities of our club. For starters, I plan to send *everyone* who has provided an email address with a full-color electronic copy of each future *Foot Warmer* issue. You will see it in your email, along with occasional announcements from the Board.

Speaking from experience, the scariest part of being a club newsletter publisher is the fear, "There might not be any content this month!" But that should not be an issue for the *Foot Warmer*. We have an active chapter with lots of events. I need your photos, articles, classifieds, and even occasional complaints to keep the *Foot Warmer* interesting and relevant. Email me whatcha got: drjohn96@mac.com.

Meet the editor...

I grew up in central Minnesota, a farm kid, not a town kid. Moved to Eureka in 1963 at age 17. Spent a little time in the Navy, lived in Germany for 8 years, moved to San Diego and did some grad school, then worked at and retired from Cubic Defense in 2015. I've always been interested in cars and machines. I recently fixed up or restored a '53 DeSoto wagon, a '36 DeSoto Airflow, and a '37 Chrysler Airflow. Working on another '36 Airflow, one of two known remaining Custom Imperials. I'm a Member of AACA and the current Treasurer of the San Diego region. I love old cars of almost any type!

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Region Calendar

June 7	General Membership Meeting Via Zoom, 7 pm Hope for in-person soon!
July 5	
August 2	
June 26	Club picnic at Bob Gunthorp's
July 3	Coronado Parade
August 11	SD Region Chicken Fest El Cajon

Please see the 2021 Members List for contact information for officers and all members. It's on the Members Area page of the region web site at sandiegoregion.aaca.com



Indian Chief -- big brother to the Scout described in "Small World", next page. Photo from AACA.org home page.

Birthdays			Anniversaries		
June			June		
John	BOYD	1	Sheldon	Sheila	JURIST 14
Don	CHAPLIN	2	David	Janet	FINNEY 20
David	WILLOUGHBY	4	Doug	Marilyn	CLEMENTS 24
Mike	COOKE	4	Darrell	Susan	CHRISTIAN 29
Lynne	HEACOCK	4	July		
Darren	FARNESI	7	Joe	Cathy	CIBIT 9
David	FINNEY (PP)	21	Andy	Don	CHAPLIN 10
Bob	SCHLESIER	28	Hunt		
July			Mike	Claire	COOKE 10
Patricia	LUDI	5	Keith	Ruth	WAHL 30
Jerry	KAY	6	Joe	Cathy	CIBIT 9
Tom	LESTER	10	Editor needs a reliable system for finding these milestones. Apologies for any errors!		
Bud	HARTWELL	20			
Art	COTTEE	25			

Al Smithson reports:

In the UT April 19th: Good news!
El Cajon car cruise resumes beginning Cinco de Mayo thru October 27 on Wednesday nights from 5 to 8 pm.

A weekly cruise night for our region! And maybe our car club can resume its annual "Chicken Fest". 🐔

CONTRIBUTED

Small World

By Phil Boyd

Brad Zemcik chatted with Phil Boyd at a recent tire-kicking event. Phil's hobby is fixing up old motorcycles, and since AACA is interested in motorcycles as well as cars, Brad suggested Phil might come up with an occasional article of interest to our members. Here's his first, which he entitles "Small World." [Disclosure: Phil is editor John Boyd's brother.]

Last year I rebuilt a 1964 BSA A65 Thunderbolt. Before it came into my hands some rider had had a heavy fall on the left side, that tore the primary chain cover off the engine. Damage included shearing several of the screws that held the cover to the crankcase, but worse still, most of the bosses that were threaded to receive these screws had been torn off the crankcase. There was no hope of repairing the damage; the crankcase had to be replaced.

The attractive feature of the engine, for me, was that the factory-equipped ignition system of battery, points, and coil had been replaced with an ARD magneto, that was tucked neatly under the exhaust ports in front of the engine. The toothed belt that drove the magneto was housed in a custom right-side crankcase cover, that provided a dry environment.

I freed the seized pistons, tore down the top end, and split the cases to replace the damaged crankcase. I had the cylinders bored +0.080"; that resulted in a 694cc engine.

I elected to do no cosmetic work on the bike, but instead left it with the patina of past years. Towards

the end of the mechanical overhaul, I began to shop for a factory seat, something that was missing when I acquired the bike. By "shop" I mean I watched on-line want ads for an A65 seat. In keeping with the finish of the machine, I wanted something that was used, not something shiny and new.

There came a day when I found one offered on Craigslist. I wrote to the seller, and arranged to meet him and buy the seat. At the appointed time I drove to his home, to pick it up. As we visited, he showed me the handful of very nicely restored historic motorcycles in his garage, and one that was a work in progress. He described it as a 1935 Indian Sport Scout. I commented that I had once owned just such a bike, which is unusual as we were talking about an 86-year-old motorcycle. As he talked, more and more of what he said made me think he might have the very same bike that had once been in my garage. I made a note of the frame number, and when I got home, compared it to the one I had once had, and it was, indeed, the same one.

I tell people that this is not proof that I have owned all the motorcycles in the world – I have not!



A San Diego Region Antique Auto Tour

Rick Reinstein organized a fun tour from La Jolla Colony to Poway and back avoiding freeways for May 8. Here's his report. Thanks for a fun day and for writing it up, Rick! Photos contributed by Doug Clemments and others.

Slowpoke Rubber Necker Tour Report

Saturday, May 8th dawned as another typical “May gray” day, but thankfully by the time we departed, the sun came out to brighten our lovely North Central San Diego tour! As we waited for the folks to gather at the La Jolla Colony Vons lot, we attracted quite a group of spectators including the branch manager of the SDCCU Credit Union, who joined the admirers! Whew! I feared he was going to ask us to vacate his lot!

Fellow member Ron Walling was the first early bird to arrive, and he became my “right-seater” and second set of eyes in my ‘51 Chevy. Thanks Ron—it was nice having a passenger for a change. Other members joining the Tour were: Tom McIlravy and David Melendrez (‘73 Mustang Convert), Brad Zemcik (‘57 Rolls Silver Cloud), Al Smithson and Norma Almanza in Al’s antique 2000 BMW roadster, Sam Judd (soon-to-be antique pickup), Doug and Marilyn Clements (‘56 Chevy Bel Air), Mark and Diane Richards (‘62 T-bird Sport Roadster), John and Barbara Boyd (‘36 DeSoto Airflow sedan), David Gravley (‘83 DeLorean sans Michael J. Fox), Larry and Paula Okey (‘55 Buick Century hardtop), Jack and Lynne Heacock (‘57 Olds Holiday Coupe), and Sheldon and Sheila Jurist (2019 Mustang). A brass era Buick from the Horseless Carriage Club and a ‘26 Bentley Speed Six from the RR/Bentley Club were also in attendance.

The tour was a relaxing slow drive through the tree lined streets of La Jolla, past the Flying Leatherneck Museum at MCAS Miramar, and back to the shady streets of Scripps Ranch and Poway. We pulled over for a short breather at the Target in Poway. The second leg of the tour took us through the newer communities of Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Valley, 4S Ranch, Pacific Highlands, and downhill to Del Mar, where we picked up the Coast Highway south to Torrey Pines. The views of Torrey Pines State Beach and the mountains to the East were spectacular. Back to traffic along Genesee Ave, we noted the nearly finished Blue Line Trolley Extension project, before turning back onto Regents Road and the Vons lot. I think everyone enjoyed the slow ride and I’m pleased to report we didn’t lose anyone other than the folks who peeled off for home. My sincere apologies to anyone I may have omitted above.

I’d like to give a big shout out to Tom who was very helpful and generous with his time and good advice, and Brad who helped marshal the troops along the way. Thanks to everyone who turned out. The response was amazing!

Rick Reinstein—tour leader



An early, brass era Buick touring car joined us for the Rubber Necker Tour



Miscellany

Harry McGill writes:

May 3, 2021

The April 2021 AACA Speedster in addition to the San Diego Region e-mail for the Slow Poke Tour got me to thinking back to many years ago.

In the Speedster is a photo, with no details, of a 1928 Harley Davidson 2 Cam JDH, special because it was the first time Harley Davidson offered a street legal racer and at the time the fastest motorcycle in the world. I am very sure this is the one Nels and Betty Groftholdt donated to AACA about 1970-71? Also, about the same time some San Diego Region members started the Two-Wheeler Chapter.

Amongst other skills, Nels was an Ace mechanic and like to make engines run better and faster as I found out one day while we were on a club tour. Was not called a Slow Poke tour back then but amounted to the same. I ended up following a 1925-26 Model T. Betty Groftholdt was the passenger, not able to recall the lady driving. I and the family were in our 1937 Dodge D-5. Not wanting to get stuck behind a Model T, the first chance I had at an intersection with two lanes I moved to the right figuring I would have no problem getting ahead of the T. Light changed, gave it all I had, and she took off like a bullet leaving me in the dust and wondering how that could be. Found out later Nels had swapped the T engine for a souped-up Model B V-8 engine. Who would guess?



1928 Harley-Davidson

From Ron Walling:

Hi John -- I think some of the membership would like to know about a website that I frequent, TheOldMotor.com. Interesting historical automotive articles & pictures from the past. It goes WAY back for hundreds of pages but I like the Monday thru Friday updates.

Brad Zemcik forwarded a concerning articles from *Motorious*.

London Sticks It To Classic Car Owners *And thus the shakedown continues on the other side of the pond...* *Steven Symes*

A report out of the UK details out how London is squeezing classic car owners for extra cash. In a move which seems like something out of a dystopian novel, vehicle owners will need to pay up to £650 just to drive their classic car once a week in the city. It's all part of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone charges which come into effect in late October. *Beware, America isn't immune to these kinds of anti-classic car ideas, as you can see here.*

If classic car owners don't pay the big government fees, they could be forced to "face the wrench" or have their vehicle sold by force. Now, those who love government controlling all the intimate aspects of their life, far beyond just requiring a driver's license and tags to drive on public roads, will see zero problem with this move. In fact, they might be celebrating it right now. But this is horrible news for enthusiasts and not just those in the UK. After all, it seems like bad, totalitarian ideas like this trickle over the Atlantic Ocean and infect North American government officials' minds as well. It's most definitely time to push back against Draconian laws targeting classic car ownership and operation on public roads.

The UK report says it's estimated about 60,000 cars will be affected by the Ultra Low Emissions Zone changes. If you multiply that figure by £650, it starts looking like this might be just as much about shaking down the citizenry for extra cash than cleaning up the air. Those who are jealous they don't own a classic car might cheer this move on, declaring that those who can afford such a "luxury" deserve to be bled out financially like a stuck pig.

It almost seems like government officials in the UK sit up at night dreaming of new ways to stick it to classic car owners, almost like possessing an old car is something which should be continuously punished. There's even been talk among bureaucrats of banishing motorcycles from certain portions of the country in favor of electric bicycles.

We wish this kind of thinking were limited to just the UK, but it isn't. Five years ago, Paris, France banned 20-year-old cars from public roads. Thankfully, it provided a variance for classic cars to remain. But don't be surprised if that's stripped away later. The EU has been weighing adopting incredibly strict real-time vehicle emissions monitoring technologies which can force plug-in hybrids into electric-only mode when they enter certain areas. Nevada has looked to enact its own extreme rules for restricting classic cars, among other things, so the US certainly isn't immune to this sort of thinking. Source: Internet site Express.co.uk

Region member Doris Chidgey recently passed away. Some Region members offered these remembrances. Cards may be sent to Jack Chidgey at 1697 Grove Rd, El Cajon, CA 92020.

Jack and Doris have been close friends since they joined our club. Phyllis and I were honored to be included to celebrate anniversaries and birthdays with the Chidgeys. Doris enjoyed the many plays we attended at the Joan Kroc center, but her favorite shows were the silent movie nights. Doris will always hold a warm spot in our hearts. *Art and Phyllis Cottee*



Jack and Doris Chidgey were friends to many and very close friends to my parents, Lyle and Marie Judd. Through this connection, I have known Doris in social settings for decades. I also new her and Jack as fellow members of the AACA, HCCA, and the Model T Club, as well as, the Roadside Restoration and Touring Society. Also, Laurel and Hardy films were a favorite we all enjoyed and which was a time when Doris would really let go of her laughter.

I have known Doris to volunteer to help out in any way she could. In 1978, she was Duster Girl Chairman and, with Jack, she put together several tours and participated in parades and fashion shows. Jack and Doris would regularly volunteer to "man" the Chinese border for the New York to Paris tour with Doris often portraying a Geisha girl serving tea to the tourists.

In 1979, she took it upon herself to seek out the manager of the Mira Mesa Shopping Center and convinced him to have our car show there. She volunteered at the swap meet. Her and Jack were founding members of the local Model T Ford club. Doris was a doer.

However, when she wanted to remodel her kitchen, Jack refused. She confided her disappointment in his stubbornness to not let her have a new kitchen and asked me to talk to him. So I confronted Jack and asked him, "Jack, why don't you let Doris have her kitchen". Well I later found out why. Jack did one better than that, he bought her their current beautiful home, with a new kitchen.

Doris was an outgoing gracious hostess, a friend, and she will live in the memories of all who knew her well. My thoughts prayers are with you Jack. *Sam Judd*

San Diego Region member Ellsworth K. (Bud) Hartwell, Jr. passed away April 4 at the age of 94. Bud will always be remembered for his love of automobiles and the classic ones he collected. He was an active member of 7 different classic car clubs and always enjoyed displaying his collection. His automobiles were trophy winners at many shows and events. No services are planned at this time. In Lieu of flowers, any donations may be sent in his name to: Development, Helen Woodward Animal Center PO 64 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 9206 or Online at <http://animalcenter.org>

