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A Greeting From our President

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,
Sorry to have missed you during our first in-person meeting this year.

I was visiting San Diego Region members in Reno, Nevada (My sister Sue and her husband Darrell) for Hot August Nights.

They secured a swap meet spot, and we are looking forward to looking at lots of the cars on display.

I'm really looking forward to the "Chicken-less fest" in El Cajon this year. We're going to have to rename it if we change the menu again.

Anyway, it looks like it will be a great event to bring your car to and show it off.

Plans are being finalized for the annual banquet for this November. And I have heard rumors of some tours being put together for us to get together.

Until I see you again, stay safe, and keep the tires rolling.

Tom McIlravy, President San Diego Region AACA

San Diego Region Goes Live!

Monday August 2 marked our return to monthly meetings (Yes! In person meetings!) at the Joyce Beers Center in Hilcrest, 3900 Vermont Avenue. Congratulations to Michele Zemcik, who remembered her badge and walked away the winner of the monthly wear-your-nametag drawing. Husband Brad, conducting the drawing, thought he might just keep the \$20, but he was overruled.

The *Foot Warmer* is the official newsletter publication of the San Diego Region of the AACA. Published approximately monthly, it's free to members of the Region. (That box in the masthead is an antique foot warmer.)

San Diego Region at the El Cajon Cruise Night!

(formerly The Chicken Fest)

August 11, 2021 W. Main at S. Orange

This year, the Region is buying box lunches for all club members who pre-register. Contact Host Art Cottee no later than August 4 if you want a box lunch. If not, you can just show up!

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Directions: On I-8 eastbound through La Mesa, take the El Cajon Blvd exit and continue about a mile on ECB. Just before the curve, turn right onto Douglas. At the third intersection, turn north (left) onto S. Orange. We are parking our antique autos on Orange, just south of Main Street.

Good idea: Bring a folding chair or two!

Special Notice

The AACA 2021 Calendar shows a **Special Western National** for November 11-13, 2021, sponsored by the Phoenix Region, and it's followed by a Western Divisional Driving Tour on November 14-17. Although the location isn't specified, The Phoenix Region previously announced both events for Show Low, Arizona.

Several San Diego Region members showed cars and won awards at the 2019 Nationals in Fallbrook. Some might like to try for the next one at the Phoenix-sponsored Nationals, or do the tour following, or maybe both! If you *might* be interested in a San Diego Region driving tour to the festivities, please let *both* Jack Heacock and John Boyd know. Maybe we can assemble a delegation! Drjohn96@mac.com; jackheacock@yahoo.com

SAN DIEGO REGION INFO

OFFICERS

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BOB GUNTHORP (21)
MARK RICHARDS (21)
KIMBALL VINCENT (21-22)
KEN WHITED (21)
BRAD ZEMCIK (21)

KEY PLAYERS

PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS: **ALEX WATT**
 MEMBERSHIP: **MARK RICHARDS**
 TOURS: **TOM MCILRAVY**
 REFRESHMENTS: **DIANE RICHARDS**
 ANNUAL BANQUET: **BOB GUNTHORP** AND **SUSAN WOODS**
 ANNUAL AWARDS: **ALEX WATT**, **ART COTTEE**, **ROYCE DUNN**, **DARYL HOLMES**, **JACK HEACOCK**
 CORONADO PARADE: **AL SMITHSON**
 ACCC REP/LEGISLATION: **SHELDON JURIST**
 CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS: **BOB GUNTHORP**, **BETTY HOLMES**, **TOM MCILRAVY**
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 (SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR CONTACT INFO.)

Region Calendar

August 2 Regular Membership Meeting
 September 6 Joyce Beers Center
 October 4 3900 Vermont Street, San Diego
 August 11 SD Region Cruise Night in El Cajon
 November 7 Holiday Banquet at the Handlery

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne	Deborah Lester	Doyle	1
Art	Phyllis	Cottee	2
Tom	Brenda	Lester	5
Larry	Paula	Okey	11
Jim	Catherine	Woolsey	16
Newell	Gladene	Booth	21
Bob	Grace	Schlesier	23
SEPT			
Bob	Wagner and Bob	Lasher	15
Bob	Jen	La Prade	25
Darren	Farnesi and Len	Pistoria	30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

David	Gravley	1
Susan	Christian	1
Charles	Spitz	4
Len	Pistoria	6
Jim	Woolsey	8
Paula	Okey	13
Marilyn	Clements	15
Julie	Licari	16
Sheila	Jurist	17
Lance	Haynes	19
Doug	Clements	21
John	Cummings	27
Mike	Williams	28
Dr.	Woods	30
SEPT		
Brenda	Lester	3
Peggy	Spitz	6
Betty	Holmes	6
Yolanda	Hylton	7
Norma	Almanza	9
Frances	Dunn	17
Robert	McAllister	18
Al	Smithson	20
Paul	Johnson	23
Christine	Hartwell	26
Paul	Priser	27
Tom	O'Hara	27
Sam	Judd	30



Photo courtesy Brett Clifford, Imperial Owners Club

Ken Munson Passed Away

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

It is with a sad and heavy heart I must let our members know that Ken Munson passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, July 8. morning. Nannette was by his side and she said she has both sides of the family near her, supporting her.

Plans have been made for a service, which our club members are invited to attend. It will be on August 17th at 10:30 at Fort Rosecrans, in Point Loma. Drive to the main office and they will direct you into the correct line.

Tom Mccllrary

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Please see the tribute article and photos starting on page 5.

CORONADO INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Al Smithson reports a great turnout for the annual July 4 parade. Region participants were 1966 Continental 4-dr Convertible owned by Al Smithson with Norma Almanza; 1946 Packard Clipper 2-dr Club Sedan owned by Al Smithson and driven by Mark Rebello; 1948 Chrysler Town & Country Woody Convertible owned by Nick Fintzelberg; 1956 Chevy Bel Air Sport Coupe owned by Doug and Marilyn Clements; 1957 Mercedes 220S Convertible owned by Robert Gunthorp with Jannette Hay; 1939 Packard Super 8 Sedan owned by Steve and Carol Ross; 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan owned by Ken Whited and Paul Johnson; 1966 Ford Galaxy NASCAR Tribute car owned by Ron Walling; 2006 Pontiac Solstice Roadster owned by Royce and Frances Dunn; 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible owned by Al Smithson. Thanks for organizing and providing the info, Al!

Photos contributed by members Paul Johnson and Doug Clements. Doug also contributed a link to video of the entire parade. It's on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx-CGOXNQUU>. Ron Walling contributed a link to a shorter version of the parade at <https://youtu.be/GmlH0DBxlaY>.



CORONADO PARADE PHOTOS (CONT.)



CHARITY CORVETTE

Doug Clements' friend announced a charity sale of a 1995 Corvette. Here's what he says:

Hi Doug,

Hope you and Marilyn are doing well.

I work with the San Ysidro Woman's Club, a nonprofit that raises funds for our San Ysidro children and families. One of the projects is for scholarships for the kids going on college or a tech school. Recently, a person donated a 1995 Corvette in good shape with 120,200 original miles. The interior is in great shape. It has passed the smog test! The exterior needs a little TLC.

This is where I need your expertise. I know you're involved in the auto world with your beautiful car! Do you know anyone in the North County Corvette Club or a person who would be interested in buying this car? The car donor said the San Ysidro Women's Club could keep 100% of the money from the sale for the scholarship fund. Any advice you could give me would be very much appreciated! I included a couple of photos of the car.

Please contact Doug if you'd like further information about this project car. Sounds like a good cause!

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Ken Munson was a regular feature at our First Monday region meetings in Hillcrest. Rarely missed a meeting, always made the coffee, helped with chairs, and ready with a friendly greeting. Ken and Nannette Clark were married in 2012, and Bob Gunthorp created an article about the event. At his request, and in memory of Ken, we are reprinting the article in this issue.

THREE BIRTHDAYS and a WEDDING

by Bob Gunthorp



*Ken and Nannette
Sunday, April 8, 2012*

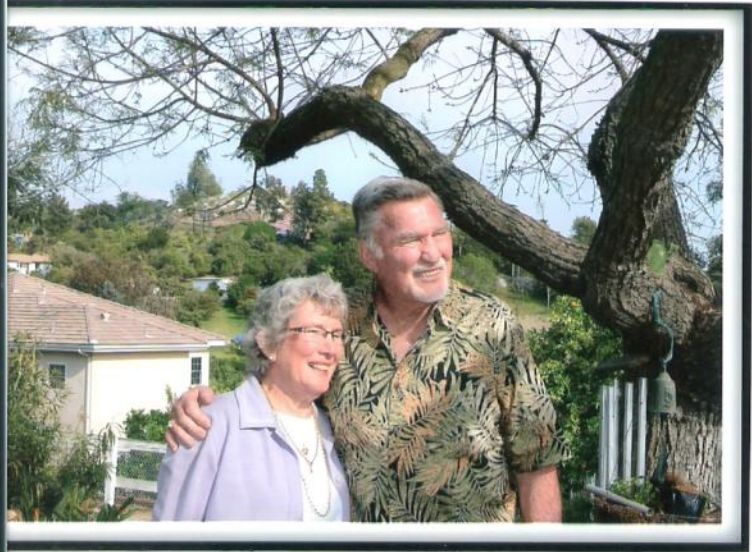
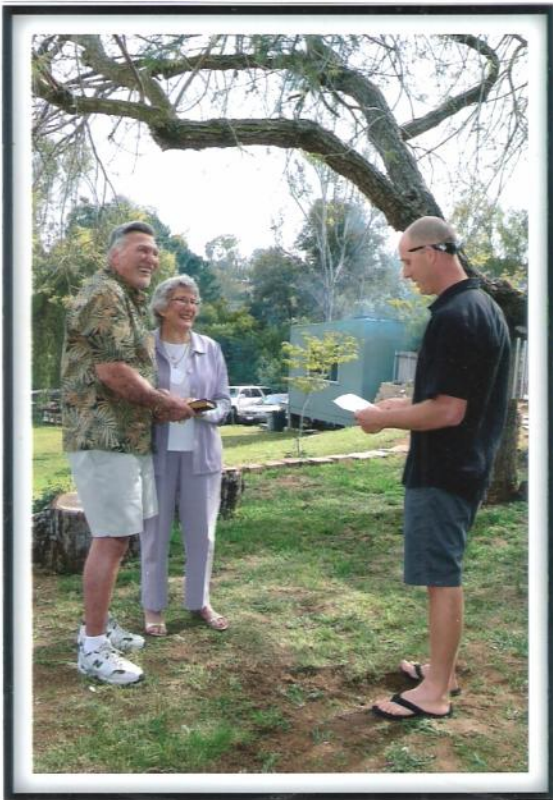
The weekend of April 7, 2012 started out simply enough with a surprise birthday party for Ken Munson at the Red Sails Inn. Ken said that he was totally surprised. He thought that they were just going out for lunch.



When I arrived I found out that it was also a birthday party for Ken's older brother Frank. Frank's birth date appears to be in dispute. Frank says that it's the 4th and Ken says that it's the 7th. Anyway, as my birthday is on the 7th, I told them that they should be celebrating my birthday too, which they did by adding my name on the cake. This is where the three birthdays came from.

By now you are probably wondering how a wedding fits in. Well, it seems that Ken and Nannette had been planning to get married for several weeks but had not come up with a date yet. At the luncheon when Ken showed some of us the ring and said that he was going to propose to Nannette, we all agreed that he should not get down on one knee to do so because he probably would never be able to get back up again. So he proposed standing and she accepted.

They decided that while all of the members of both of their families were in town, this would be a good time to get married. Nannette's grandson, the "Reverend Joe", had gone on line the day before and became "ordained" to perform weddings. They talked about getting married right then at the luncheon but decided to wait until the next day to do so.



Daughter Ester's yard where the wedding took place

The wedding took place in the backyard of Nannette's daughter, Ester's home. It was a very nice setting for the wedding. There was only one hitch. The wedding ceremony was late in getting started. It seems that the Masters Golf Tournament was on TV and many guests would not leave the TV until the Tournament was over.

"Reverend Joe" did a great job with the service with one exception . . . his instruction to Ken. He told Ken: "Keep your hands off of my grandmother".

We all had a great time and I was very glad that I was invited to join them for their wedding.

Bob Gunthorp



*The birthday cake on the previous day for Ken and brother Frank
The little flag stuck in the corner of cake is an afterthought. It says, "Also Bob".*

Following is a collection of photos of Ken Munson and Nannette Clark provided by Bob Gunthorp and Brett Clifford.



