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San Diego Region AACA at the San Diego Auto Museum Sep 25, 2021



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.) Auto Museum tour photos credit Bob Gunthorp (page 1) and the editor (page 6).

Dear San Diego Region,

The San Diego Auto Museum tour hosted by Mark Richards was Outstanding! Lots of cars to look at and we were split up into 4 groups, we had so many attend. It was great to see everybody there and the cars. Thank you, Mark!

A couple of other tours are in the kettle trying to get organized and finalized. We'll let you know when they are, so you can sign up. Annual Banquet is just around the corner, please let John Boyd know if you are attending and what you want to eat, if we don't know what you choose to eat, we have made arrangements for a tofu dinner for you, and a carrot juice chaser.

A new Board of directors (replacing those whose terms are up) will be chosen this next meeting, so please come to the meeting to vote.

Until then, happy motoring, and safe travels,

Tom McIlravy San Diego Region AACA

October 4 General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center

It was great to meet in person again! The program was an interesting movie history of the Packard Motor Car Company. The refreshments, an elaborate assortment of Krispy Kreme donuts, home-made cake, and drinks were provided by Al Smithson and Royce and Frances Dunn. Photos by Bob Gunthorp.



A note from Daryl Holmes: I spoke with the son of long-time chapter member John Cummings this week. John is in his 90s and spends his days in a wheel chair. He and his wife were great assets to our club over the years. I'm planning to have lunch with them today (Sep 30).

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Special Notice

Several San Diego Region members showed cars and won awards at the 2019 AACA Nationals in Fallbrook. Some will try for the next level at the November 11-12 Phoenix-sponsored Nationals, or do the tour following, or maybe both! If you are interested in a San Diego Region driving tour to the festivities, please let John Boyd know. Maybe we can assemble a delegation!
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San Diego Region Info

Region Calendar

Oct 4 Regular Membership Meeting
 Nov 7 Joyce Beers Center
 Dec 6 3900 Vermont Street, San Diego
 Nov 7 **Holiday Banquet at the Handlery**
 Oct 8 Great Autos car show in Hillcrest
 Nov 11-13 AACA National Meet in Phoenix
 Nov 14-17 AACA Tour, Phoenix
 Nov 20 Silent Movie Night

San Diego Region Goes Live!

Monday August 2 marked our return to monthly meetings (Yes! In person meetings!) at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest, 3900 Vermont Avenue. We will be meeting there each first Monday unless notified otherwise.

It's membership renewal time again! Please send your check for \$25 made out to AACA SD Region to Mark Richards along with any address or phone number changes to be made to the roster. Mark Richards's address is 1474 Merritt Dr., El Cajon 92020. Thanks for your continuing support for the club. And remember to renew your membership in AACA National as well!

Birthdays		
October		
Suzanne	FORT	1
Tom	MCILRAVY	8
Francy	PRISER	8
Colin	FORT	18
Fred	PUHN	18
Bob	La PRADE	21
Barry	WORTHINGTON	23
Vel	LANDI	24
Verna	ZOPFI	25
Barbara	BOYD	26
T. C.	KRENTZ	28
Royce	DUNN	29
Jack	SIMMONS	31
Robin	JUDD	31
November		
Jake	HARE	4
Mark	RICHARDS	7
Larry	LARKIN	16
Robert	WAGNER	17
Cindy	WILLIAMS	18
Andy	HUNT	19
Betty	LOCKE	21
Newell	BOOTH	23
Timothy	ALEXANDER	25
William	PETERSON	27

Anniversaries

Steve & Carol ROSS Oct-21
 Charles & Peggy SPITZ Oct-21
 Colin & Suzanne FORT Nov-21
 Charles & Yolanda HYLTON Nov-21

The Makes That Didn't Make It

Rick Reinstein writes: I was watching *Ken Kramer's About San Diego* show on KPBS, and was intrigued to learn there was a car company in Del Mar called Del Mar Motors. They only existed from 1949-1950 and reportedly made only about 10 cars. They resemble the Crosley in size -- a mini car. A Google search yielded this interesting link: [Del Mar — The Makes That Didn't Make It \(makesthatdidntmakeit.com\)](http://makesthatdidntmakeit.com). One of the photos mentions a past AACA member. The article is definitely worth a read!



The Incomparable Imperial

From the AACA Museum newsletter, May 4, 2021

The term Imperial has been synonymous with Chrysler luxury since 1926. However, beginning in 1955, the Chrysler took the name one step further, making it an independent marque, the Imperial Division of Chrysler Corporation. Like Cadillac for GM and later Continental for Ford, Imperial represented Chrysler's most luxurious vehicles. Virgil Exner introduced his all-new design, the "Forward Look," across the Chrysler divisions beginning in 1955. While Imperial shared its body shell and platform with Chrysler's other big cars, Imperials were distinguished by a four-inch longer wheelbase offering additional legroom, as well as gunsight taillights and an egg crate front grille. The 1955 lineup included this sedan, the Crown Imperial 8-Passenger Sedan, a limousine, and the "Newport" two-door hardtop. This Imperial is a mostly original car. It is powered by a factory-installed 331 cubic-inch Hemi engine that has never been rebuilt. The low mileage car was never far from home before its trip to the Museum. It was ordered new by the Postmaster/Station Master of the Bryn Athyn Post Office in Montgomery County, Pa. Its full leather interior in medium and dark gray is extremely uncommon. The car came standard with power-assisted brakes and steering. The optional heater/defroster added \$82 to the car's total sale price of \$5,122.33. The original invoice shows the buyer received a \$1,400 trade-in credit for a '50 Chrysler Sedan. Hank Halloman 20-minute discussion of this car: <https://youtu.be/NQ5AcKI0OEI>



In Memoriam: Larry Okey

We are all sorry to learn of long-time Region member Larry Okey's passing. Herewith some comments and tributes from some of those who knew and appreciated him.

From Kristin, Larry and Paula Okey's daughter (text and photos via Paula's Facebook page): *It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I share with you that my father, Larry Okey, passed away early Wednesday morning. Lar was a great father and a wonderful person, always ready with a joke or an uplifting word. A grocery worker by trade, he was also a very beloved father, grandfather, lifelong auto enthusiast, woodworker, pillar of church society, and San Diego Auto Museum library historian. He is already missed very much. Our family is together and dealing with the sadness although it will be tough moving forward without him after eight decades. Those of you who knew Larry knew what a wonderful man he was. You also knew the pain that he endured through decades of rheumatoid arthritis and more recently heart problems. Yet he woke up and got out to do his vocation, his work, and be with his family every single day. He was 80 years old. We will of course be contacting everyone in the next few days and weeks as we catch our breath. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts.*

From Art Cottee: *Larry was one of the kindest and thoughtful people that we have ever known. Never a complaint and always friendly, he added so much to our club. We looked forward to any tour that he and Paula had arranged. If there was any problem that needed to be addressed, he was there to help. The club will greatly miss his presence. Phyllis and I will miss his friendship. Paula and Larry were the perfect couple.*

From Al Smithson: *Larry was always cheerful even when he was feeling poorly and maybe in pain. As a former President of the San Diego Region, Larry always sought consensus and common ground among differing opinions. Larry and Paula were a joy to be around and always brightened our day. We will truly miss you, Larry.*



From Daryl and Betty Holmes: *It has been our pleasure and honor to call Larry Okey our friend for over 20 years. He was our hero, even though he was in immense pain with his arthritis, he never complained and never refused to help out when he saw a need. He volunteered at the Automobile Museum library for many years, also at The Fireman's Museum, and he volunteered his time at the hospital as well. We saw him many times marking spaces for the car swap meet and other national events never showing he was hurting.*

Paula was always at his side. Larry was always willing to donate some of his handy woodworking for club projects, he will be missed not only by us but by everyone whose lives he touched.

From Jack Heacock: *I met Larry years ago when they used to have the monthly car show and swap meet at the stadium (not the Big 3). I had a 1955 Chevy Belair at the show and Larry came up and introduced himself and we chatted for a while and before leaving he invited me to attend the club's monthly meeting when it was at the church near 30th and University. Before the meeting began, Daryl Holmes was pounding away on the piano, and when guests were introduced Larry stood up and asked me to say a few words about my car interests. Thru the years we always found a few minutes to converse, and he later invited me to be a library docent at the San Diego Auto Museum assisting him in the library. Whenever I bought a new (old) car he helped me find brochures, manuals and articles relating to my newest edition. I don't remember anyone who could recognize our cars better than Larry. I'm sure we all will miss him and I hope he gets a chance to look down upon us.*

From Norma Almanza:

Larry welcomed me and Aryana, my granddaughter to the annual marking of stalls for the Big Three Swap meet. She was barely walking and still treasures the little wooden car that Larry bestowed on children. That is how I will remember Larry.

From Mark Richards: I'll always remember the brightly colored little wooden cars that Larry made to give to kids at carshows. He'd say that when he opened the box that he kept them in "the kids eyes would just light up". As a newcomer to San Diego, it was always good to see that red and white Buick at a car show event, because then I knew I had a friend there. We shared some good times sitting in lawn chairs in the shade, swapping stories.

More Photos from the Auto Museum



A note from Norma Almanza: My daughter would like to sell a '99 Custom Softtail motorcycle. Less than 120 miles, S&S 93 CID engine with all the trimmings. Asking \$19,000, negotiable. Call 619 820.0518 or 619 808.2341



What's Going On?

Motorhead Misfits of San Diego is "a group of 'gearheads' who welcome everyone! Make/Model/Age of the vehicle, or its owner, does not matter! NO dues...NO cliques...just fun!" This from their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MotorheadMisfits/>.

From their news email comes this list of coming events for the rest of 2021:

Date	Event	Location and notes
9/24-26	Vintage Drags	Barona Speedway; Bill & crew will be racing!
10/1-3	Meguiar's Del Mar Nationals	Del Mar Fairgrounds
10-17	Best Damn Car Show in Town!	At Pal Joey's; 5147 Waring Road Roll-in starts at 0700
10/24	Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow	Put on by the SD Pontiac Club - http://www.sdpoci.com/ Starts @ 0700. For more Info call: 858-603-2130, Or go to: http://www.sdpoci.com/
10/27	El Cajon Cruise - Trunk or Treat	Downtown El Cajon
11/6	3rd Anniversary STP Bar & Grill Shine & Show 0900 -> 2100; Open to all cars, trucks bikes	www.stpbar-n-grill.com 15% of sales to Wounded Warriors!
12/5	Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show; Fairplex, Pomona.	pomonaswapmeet.com or call 714 538-7091
1/9/2022	Long Beach Hi Performance Show & Swap Meet; Veteran's Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis,	Long Beach, CA 90808. 6-12am longbeachhiposwapmeet.com/

GREAT AUTOS HILLCREST CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Great Autos of Yesteryear invites the San Diego Region of the AACA to an afternoon car show in Hillcrest on Saturday, October 16.

The show is free of charge, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm... (only 2 1/2 hours so it doesn't take up your whole day like some car shows do). The city blocks off the street for the event on Normal Street north of University near the DMV. Participants are free to have lunch at one of the many nearby restaurants. Come join the fun!

SILENT MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN!

November 20th, 2021, at Trinity Church in Spring Valley, Greg Breed will be accompanying a Harold Lloyd silent movie. We are invited to show our cars beginning at 6:00 pm and the Movie begins at 7pm. We are offered reduced group rates. Al Smithson will host the Club members and guests with Krispy Kremes (Surprise! Surprise!!), coffee, cold drinks and water before the movie. Please mark your calendars. This date has just been confirmed by the Theatre Organ Society of San Diego. Greg's program notes:

The movies will be a Harold Lloyd comedy featurette call "Never Weaken." Harold Lloyd was one of the most popular comedians from the silent era and we have shown lots of his films before so he should be no stranger to your group. In this movie he is trying to woo Mildred Davis (who he would later marry in real life), save Mildred's job, and then tries to end his life when he thinks Mildred has fallen for another man!

After intermission we will be showing "The Eagle" starring Rudolph Valentino. This is one of his last films (released in 1925) and has action, adventure, romance and some comedy in it, this is one my favorite Valentino films. It's sort of a cross between "Mark of Zorro" and "The Desert Song" but set in Russia. My score will be based on the original cue sheet from 1925 and features music by famous Russian composers along with lots of exciting chase and dramatic music!

Get your tickets today!

SAN DIEGO REGION AACA ANNUAL BANQUET – November 07, 2021

This year’s Banquet will be at the HANDLERY HOTEL, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108, who provided us such a fine party in 2019.

The “Social Hour” starts at noon; lunch is served at 1:00 pm. As the Banquet is now a daytime event, we are encouraging everyone to drive their antique vehicles. We will have a dedicated parking area. Since the Banquet is the Club’s only formal event, we are encouraging everyone to wear either their vintage outfits or semi-formal outfits. There will be a cash bar in our room. The menu choices are Santa Maria Tri-Tip (a marinated, grilled tri-tip), Miso-Glazed Salmon, or Vegetarian. The cost for the Banquet this year is \$25.00 per person.

To encourage everyone to RSVP early, the charge for those registering after November 2 or at the door is \$35.00 per person – checks ONLY. NO CASH will be accepted. If you pay at the door the only meal choice available will be Vegetarian.

Make all checks payable to “AACA San Diego” and send them to John Boyd, 1201 Vista Capitan Dr, El Cajon, CA 92020, with your registration form and meal choices. If you have any questions, please email me at badwrench7@cox.net or John at drjohn96@mac.com.

Note: There is a charge for hotel parking that you will need to pay when leaving. We have arranged for discount parking; pick up your coupon in the dining room before you leave.

Don’t forget to dress up, and plan to have a good time! We always do!

(Note that the meal is complimentary for past region presidents, charter members, and honorary members.)

SAN DIEGO REGION AACA ANNUAL BANQUET – NOVEMBER 7, 2021 – RESERVATION FORM

	GUEST	MEAL CHOICE		
Member Name	_____	<input type="radio"/> Trip-Tip	<input type="radio"/> Salmon	<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
Spouse/Guest Name	_____	<input type="radio"/> Trip-Tip	<input type="radio"/> Salmon	<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
Guest Name	_____	<input type="radio"/> Trip-Tip	<input type="radio"/> Salmon	<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian
Guest Name	_____	<input type="radio"/> Trip-Tip	<input type="radio"/> Salmon	<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian

List additional guests and meal choices on back.

Total number of meals _____ x \$25 = _____ Check if past president, honorary, or charter.

Make checks payable to AACA San Diego and mail to John Boyd, 1201 Vista Capitan Dr, El Cajon, CA, 92020 by November 2. Increase price by \$10 per meal if postmarked after November 2.

Your check number: _____