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From our President

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

Our fourth Saturday of the month breakfasts have continued to bring members together. There was a hiccup with the second one, but as we moved into March, the breakfast on the bay was fabulous! This is a great event to bring new members to, to socialize, and to meet one another. Next Breakfast will be at Denny's on Navajo Rd and Fletcher Parkway, on 9:30 on April 23rd.

Also, I want anyone reading this, even if not yet a member, to come join us in Hillcrest at the Joyce Beers Community Center on the first Monday of the month (every month, except July). 3900 Vermont Street, next to the Aladdin Restaurant, starting at 7 pm.

The third Saturday of the month, we are invited to join the Great Autos club in Hillcrest on Normal St for a car show, noon to 3. Mark and Diane Richards are planning an exciting driving tour for May 14th to the Alpine area. Ladies are looking forward to the Ladies Tea on May 18th. So there are lots of activities to participate in, to enjoy this club and the people and cars too!

Looking forward to joining you once again on Monday night for our monthly meeting. Until then, Happy motoring!

Tom McIlravy, President San Diego Region AACA



SAVE THIS DATE FOR THE ANNUAL BBQ.

The annual BBQ is on at Bob Gunthorp's home. The BBQ will be on Saturday June 25. Again this year the HCCA Club will be joining the AACA as a dual club event. Sam Judd is planning a short tour before the BBQ and has invited AACA members to join the tour. The tour and the BBQ are still in the planning stage and more details will be in the next Foot Warmer and the next Brass Facts. Bob Gunthorp

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Region Calendar

Apr 4	Regular Membership Meeting
Apr 22	4 th Saturday b'fast @ Denny's, 2691 Fletcher Pkwy
May 2	Regular Membership Meeting
May 14	Apple Pie Run to Wynola
May 28	4 th Saturday breakfast
May 29	55 th Car Show, Fallbrook Vintage Cars, Bates Nut Farm
Jun 6	Regular Membership Meeting
Jun 25	All-American BBQ at Bob Gunthorp's
July 4	Independence Day Parade, Coronado
Jul TBD	Mormon Battalion Tour
Jul 23	4 th Saturday breakfast
Aug 1	Regular Membership Meeting
Aug 17	Cruise Night Chicken Fest, Main Street, El Cajon
Aug 27	4 th Saturday breakfast
Sep 5	Regular Membership Meeting
Sep TBD	Club bus trip to the Petersen Museum, Wilshire
Sep 24	4 th Saturday breakfast
Oct 3	Regular Membership Meeting
Oct 22	4 th Saturday breakfast
Nov 7	Regular Membership Meeting
Nov TBD	Silent Movie, 3902 Kenwood, Spring Valley
Nov 13	SD Region Awards Banquet, Bay Club, Shelter Island
Dec 5	Regular Membership Meeting

Each 3rd Saturday Great Autos Car Show, Hillcrest, 1:00 to 3:30, near 3737 University

If any Club Members are working on their cars please notify [Alex Watt](#) so that we can include your work in the presentation at the Annual Banquet. This doesn't need to be full frame-up restorations, as the goal is to show what is going on in the Club to keep our cars on the road.

ANNIVERSARIES		
Barry and Catherine	WORTHINGTON	APR 1
Sam and Deborah	JUDD	APR 8
Jim and Verna	ZOPFI	MAY 20

BIRTHDAYS		APRIL
Jeri	La PRADE	2
Jack	CHIDGEY	5
Bob	GUNTHORP	7
Beth	KIND	15
Catherine	WORTHINGTON	16
Gladene	BOOTH	26
Deborah Lester	DOYLE	29
Erik	LOCKYER	30
		MAY
Diane	RICHARDS	1
Bob	BUCHANAN	2
Robert	PRITCHARD	2
Kenneth	KELLER	11
Nannette	CLARK	16
Robert	KAMBEITZ	19
Theodore	THIEMAN	29

Our Trip to the AACA Western Spring Nationals -- Report

Las Vegas, Nevada; March 10-12, 2022

By Mark Richards

Las Vegas in March is just about perfect for a non-air-conditioned car. So when the notices came out for the Western Spring Nationals I sent in my application. I spent a week polishing my Thunderbird, getting it ready for the show and the 340-mile drive.

We were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the host hotel and surrounding area. Reportedly the Lake Las Vegas Hilton was formerly a Ritz Carlton and has very nice rooms, a formal garden, protected parking and attentive service. It is part of a European Village style development on Lake Las Vegas that includes shops and restaurants. After a stroll in this neighborhood, we had dinner at a great Italian restaurant.

The next morning, Thursday, was the tour to Hoover Dam. We caught a ride with one of the local region members and got a personal area tour along the way. At the dam, the first stop on the guided tour was the powerhouse where we were filled in on the history of this project and the enormity of its undertaking. Then we were led up through a passageway inside the middle of the dam and out on top to the Arizona side. It was impressive to see the massiveness of this project, without which Las Vegas would be a desert.

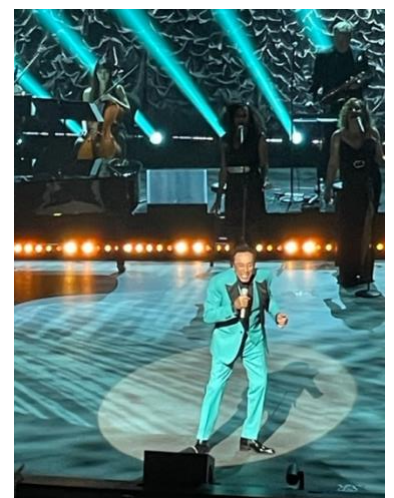
The Thursday evening dinner cruise on the lake was cancelled because the yacht engine blew up (threw a rod). It was just as well since the wind was really kicking up. As a last-minute alternate, we had a BBQ lunch at a local dinner club. Entertainment was provided by "The Magnificent Four", a western themed family musical group. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the lunch and the performance of the group.

Friday was a day for registration and certification, judge's school and a roundtable member discussion. Diane and I decided to forgo these activities and make a trip to the Las Vegas Strip. No gambling this time, just some window shopping, an enjoyable dinner and show with Smokey Robinson. It was great to be reminded of all the hit music that Smokey has given us and to see that at 82 he still enjoys being on stage.

Saturday: SHOW DAY! The sun came up for a perfect day and 75 beautiful cars on the plaza of the adjacent event center. At the 10:00 Owners Meeting the Chief Judge outlined the basic requirements: hood, trunk, windows and top up, doors open, fire extinguisher displayed, and he stressed that judging was based on a car being in dealer's showroom condition.

In order to qualify for judging, a vehicle must be driven onto the show field. Jerry Kay brought a brand new 1981 Malaguti Moped, still in the shipping crate. Jerry put a little gas in it and ran it for the first time ever for qualification. What could be more authentic?

At 11:00 the teams of judges began looking over the cars. In AACA, judging is based on authenticity and condition, authenticity being tied to originality, and condition based on workmanship and maintenance. A



vehicle starts out with 400 points and deductions are made for non-compliant items in the categories of exterior, interior, chassis, and engine. The first level of National judging is Junior with a minimum of 295 points required, the next higher level is Senior with 375 points minimum. After a vehicle has achieved Senior status Preservation and Participation awards are also available. A new 2022 Judging guidelines pamphlet is downloadable from AACA and is quite detailed: points can be deducted for having the wrong kind of cap on the tire valve stems.

I was questioned by the judging team leader about the originality of the wire wheels on my car. I wish I had had a build sheet or dealer's invoice with me to show her. Documentation of a vehicles features is valuable to have at an AACA judged event.



There were so many great cars lined up for showing here, with wonderful friendly people too. There were a pair of Cords that were particularly striking. John Boyd's new Airflow got a lot of attention. Diane liked Mike Fecchino's '57 Metropolitan. Ron Jury brought a pair of red Impala Convertibles that I admired. Too many cars to mention them all. We met Don McCormick (1964 Oldsmobile) and Gary Marchetti (1932 Nash) from our neighboring Fallbrook group and other people from all over the country.

That evening, on the floor of the awards banquet hall, a spectacular 1932 Duesenberg Judkins Coupe, owned by Richie and Chris Clyne, was displayed. After dinner, 59 awards were presented to pleased car owners. The ceremony was presided over by Wayne Tuck, AACA President, and Fred Trusty, Executive Vice President.

Knowing that Sunday traffic out of Las Vegas can get bogged down, we left before dawn for the trip home. We arrived a little tired, but glad to have attended the event. Mike Fecchino, the event chairperson, did an

outstanding job of planning and organization. Many thanks to the Las Vegas Region for hosting the 2022 Western Spring Nationals.

Lake Las Vegas San Diego Region Attendees and Awards

John and Barbara Boyd	1936 Chrysler Airflow C11	First Junior Award
Jerry Kay and Doreen Harvey	1967 Ford Mustang and 1981 Malaguti Moped	HPOF First Junior
Mark and Diane Richards	1962 Ford Thunderbird	Senior
Jack Heacock		
Bob and Grace Schlesier		

2022 Classic Car Club of America Grand Classic

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe March 18-20

By John and Barbara Boyd

The San Diego-Palm Springs region and the Southern California Region of the Classic Car Club jointly hold a CCCA Grand Classic event in southern California. For many years the event has been held in Rancho Santa Fe in alternate years, recently interrupted by COVID-19 restrictions. For 2022, the event was held the third weekend in March. Several of our AACA San Diego Region members own cars that are accepted as classics and are also members of CCCA.



In addition to periodic opportunities to share interest in classic cars with friends, Grand Classics provide an opportunity to advance the hobby by inspection and evaluation of correctness and workmanship of judged cars. CCCA emphasizes that judging is not intended to identify the “best car” or even the best car in a given class, but rather to provide owners with an opportunity to improve their cars. Awards are made similarly to AACA – there are classes by year of manufacture, type of car, and level of achievement. Several years ago, the CCCA Board voted to accept Chrysler Imperial Airflows as full classics. As a 1936 Custom Imperial, the car we have been restoring is qualified, and on encouragement of friends both in the CCCA and the Airflow Club, we joined CCCA and entered our just-completed car in the March Grand Classic.

Our take on our first Grand Classic was that it was a thoroughly social event. One particularly gregarious and gracious member spied us early in the first social hour, recognized that we were new, introduced himself and then squired us around, making sure we learned names and chatted with several new friends. The main event, the judged car show, was on Saturday. Cars were arranged on the lawn of the Rancho Santa Fe Inn after squeezing by a sidewalk water



Nick's cars are parked just past a '41 Cadillac on the lawn. The '29 Sport Roadster has an unusual walk-in rumble seat.

fountain, about 35 cars in all. Exhibit cars, not to be judged today, were welcomed and included. Judging began about 10 am, and many people from the town, the Saturday Cars and Coffee, and others who had learned of the event strolled the lawn, admiring the cars. Many of these cars were, as you might expect, absolutely stunning.

Several members of our AACA region attended. We talked with Brad Zemcik, Bob Gunthorp, and Nick Fintzelberg among others. Nick exhibited two Chryslers from his collection – a 1946 Town & Country convertible and a 1929 Imperial Locke-body rumble-seat sport coupe. You will spot Nick’s cars and our Airflow Custom Imperial in the photos. The Airflow was promoted to Senior Division in the 1933-1936 Custom class, meeting the minimum required 95/100 points with a 96. We still have a little work to do.



This '37 Packard 12 and a few others scored 100 pts.

My show favorite, a '33 Duesenberg sedan



March 19 Hillcrest Car Show

Tom McIlravy took a few photos of the monthly, third-Saturday Hillcrest Car Show, organized by Great Autos. Looks like a nice, sunny Spring day, despite the forecast cloudy and cool! It happens nearly every month, and AACA is always invited. Plan to bring your car on April 16!



March General Meeting

The March 7 General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center was hosted by Membership Coordinator Mark Richards. The program featured an interesting Model T Ford manufacturing video, contributed by Art Cottee, that few of us had seen. Frankie Patino, Director of Exhibitions and Events for the San Diego Auto Museum, visited in person. She described the remodeled museum and the plans to redo the library and back landscaping. Frankie requested volunteer docents, and announced some coming events: The next museum theme is Alternative Fuels, beginning March 16, and she encouraged support and attendance at the \$500 Gala planned for October, with club sponsorship welcome. A Rally starting at the Museum is planned, driving to Cabrillo National Monument on May 7. Check in is at 6:30 am.

There was a discussion of lending cars to the museum. Frankie said she is the contact to arrange temporary loans. She also indicated that it might be possible to arrange a tour of the SDAM restoration shop if there is interest.



Refreshments were provided by John and Barbara Boyd.



San Diego Auto Museum Events

Frankie Patino, Director of Exhibitions and Events, who spoke at our March General Meeting, sends along this invitation to the Monthly San Diego Auto Museum Third-Sunday Cars and Coffee. The next one will fall on May 15. There is no gathering for April as the 20th is Easter Sunday. Note also that each 4th TUESDAY, admission is free for residents of San Diego County. Please bring proof of residence and/or ID.

Silent Movie Night, March 19, 2022

By Al Smithson

Approximately a couple dozen Region members and friends enjoyed Charlie Chaplin's silent movie, *Gold Rush*, brilliantly accompanied on the Mighty Wurlitzer by Russ Peck. The evening was long on enjoyment but short on cars, Al Smithson displayed his '50 Mercury Coupe 'Rebel' (Without a Cause!) and Bob Gunthorp and Jannette Haye wowed the movie goers with Bob's dazzling red Mercedes 'hardtop' coupe. A great time was had by all and the cars attracted a number of knowledgeable vintage car enthusiasts. It was a fun evening.



March 26th: Region 4th-Saturday Breakfast

The San Diego Region monthly 4th Saturday Breakfast returned to the Shelter Island Bay Club on March 26th. About 20 were in attendance, seated in small groups, to enjoy above average breakfasts with a scenic overlook of the Shelter Island Cove marina. The Boyds had a waffle and an omelet, while Bob McAllister enjoyed the Eggs Benedict. Good food with good service, and frequent coffee refills. The next edition of our 4th Saturday breakfasts is planned to return to the Bay Club, 9:30 am on Saturday, April 23.

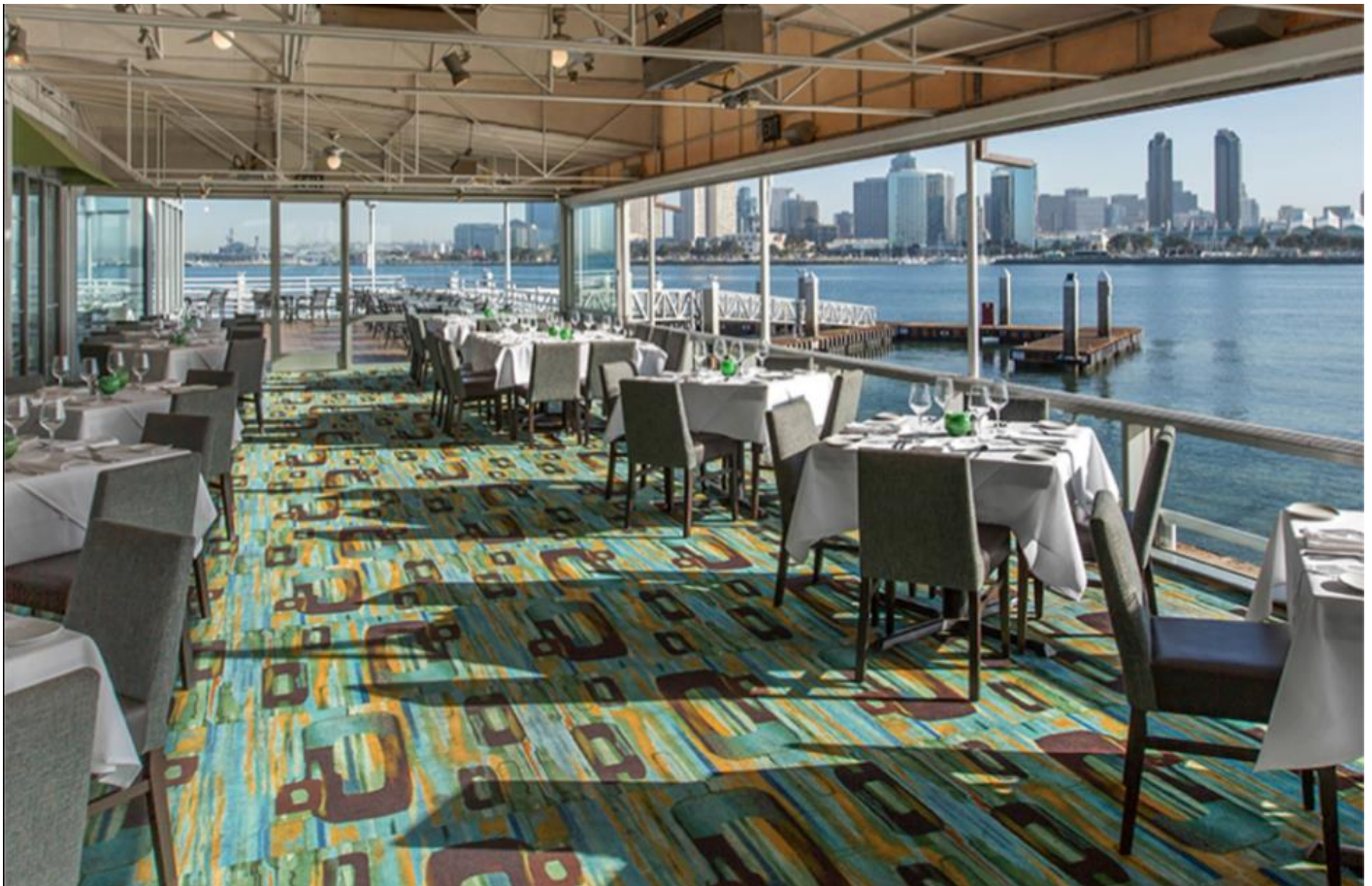


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Ladies' Luncheon

Peche's, Wednesday, May 18th, at 11:30 am



All ladies are invited to attend the annual San Diego Region Ladies Luncheon at Peohe's bayside restaurant at 1201 1st Street, Coronado. The luncheon will be held in this lovely dining room, overlooking the Big Bay and the downtown skyline. Peohe's, a Chart House restaurant, is known for their delicious and creative food as well as this unique setting. Come enjoy a meal with your friends!

Please let Susan Woods know you are coming by sending your check for \$25 to her at
9796 Arbor Trail, San Diego, CA 92131.

Please arrive by 11:30 am on Saturday May 18th.

Apple Pie Run to Wynola May 14, 2022

By Mark Richards Tour Leader

Join us for a leisurely Saturday drive to the mountain orchard country outside of Julian, a lunch together with the group and a chance to explore the hidden gem town of Wynola.

We will start out together in East Alpine at the Highlands Shopping Centre, proceeding up Olde Hwy 80 through Viejas, Descanso, Guatay and Pine Valley, then onto the Sunrise Hwy to Mount Laguna and some spectacular vistas. We'll drive at a pace appropriate for our club vehicles, with stops along the way for breaks and to stretch our legs. The road takes us past Lake Cuyamaca then on to Julian for our own parade through the downtown. Main Street turns into Farmer Road which leads to Wynola Rd, taking us to Wynola Pizza and Bistro for lunch.

After lunch we'll head down the road a bit to Mom's Pie House for some of the best apple in the world and some beautiful gardens where we can enjoy our dessert. There will be time to see and do some of the interesting and fun things in Wynola. Across the road from Mom's is The Barn Vintage Marketplace, an automotive themed curio and antique shop. Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures will give you a chance to navigate a lilac maze, throw a tomahawk or experience a petting zoo. Pan for gold and gemstones at the Julian Mining Company, or try a cider tasting flight at Julian Hard Cider Company. There's a little something for everyone in Wynola.

We'll regroup in the afternoon near Wynola Pizza for the drive back to Alpine. I hope that everyone has a great day and has an enjoyable drive. More details will be forthcoming.



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