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Al Smithson again organized AACA's participation in the July 4th Coronado Parade. Thank you, Al!

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

The summer BBQ at Bob Gunthorp's was a great success! Thank you, Bob, for hosting this at your home and all the hours it takes to get the grounds ready for us and the car polishing! What an amazing collection of cars! My hat is off to all of the members who brought their cars. Always love to see the variety. Also in attendance were members of the Horseless Carriage Club, and their cars. Hit of the show (outside of our cars of course), was the Amphicar (not sure of spelling) or the boat car! Beautiful work in restoring that piece of history.

This will be out after the 4th of July Parade, but I hope you all came out to see it with our cars going down Orange Ave in Coronado. Thanks to Al Smithson for once again hosting this and putting it together for our club, and to Sheldon Jurist for the signs that show everyone who we are.

This month our 4th Saturday breakfast has a twist! John and Barbara Boyd will host us at their home at 1201 Vista Capitan Drive in El Cajon at 9:30. World-famous Mary's donuts maybe? John says he will have his small collection of Airflows dusted off and open for inspection.

I am sorry I will have to miss the August 1 General Meeting, but I look forward to seeing you again soon. Meanwhile, happy and safe motoring these hot summer days! And *choose your sandwich today* for the Chicken-less Fest in El Cajon, August 17th!

Tom McIlravy

President, AACA San Diego Region

Member contributions are solicited, welcome, encouraged – all of that! Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities.

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Region Calendar

Aug 1	Regular Membership Meeting
Aug 17	Cruise Night Chicken Fest, Main Street, El Cajon
Aug 27	4 th Saturday breakfast at Boyds' home
Sep 5	Regular Membership Meeting
Sep 17	Precious Metals tour
Sep 24	4 th Saturday breakfast
Oct 3	Regular Membership Meeting
Oct 22	4 th Saturday breakfast
Nov 7	Regular Membership Meeting
Nov 13	SD Region Awards Banquet, Bay Club, Shelter Island
Nov 19	Silent Movie, 3902 Kenwood, Spring Valley
Dec 5	Regular Membership Meeting
Feb 2023	Silent Movie TBA

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

July Birthdays		Day
FINTZELBERG	Nick	4
KAY	Jerry	6
LESTER	Tom	10
COTTEE	Art	25
August		Day
GRAVLEY	David	1
CHRISTIAN	Susan	1
PISTORIA	Len	6
WOOLSEY	Jim	8
OKEY	Paula	13
CLEMENTS	Marilyn	15
JURIST	Sheila	17
HAYNES	Lance	19
CLEMENTS	Doug	21
VICET	Jose Luis	23
CUMMINGS	John	27
WILLIAMS	Mike	28
WOODS	Dr. Susan	30
September		Day
LESTER	Brenda	3
HOLMES	Betty	6
ALMANZA	Norma	9
DUNN	Frances	17
MCALLISTER	Robert	18
SMITHSON	Al	20
JOHNSON	Paul	23
HARTWELL	Christine	26
O'HARA	Tom	27
PRISER	Paul	27
JUDD	Sam	30

The transportation logistics for the proposed Petersen Museum tour have proven too difficult. Instead, a September 17 tour of [Precious Metals Fine Motorcars](#), 3647 Dalbergia St, is planned. Details to follow!

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.

July Anniversaries	Day
Joe & Cathy Cibit	9
Don Chapin & Andy Hunt	10
Mike & Claire Cooke	10
Keith & Ruth Wahl	30
August	
Art & Phyllis Cottee	2
Tom & Brenda Lester	5
Jim & Catherine Woolsey	16
Newell & Gladene Booth	21
Bob & Grace Schlesier	23
September	
Bob Wagner & Bob Lasher	15
Darren Farnesi, Len Pistoria	30

June 6 General Meeting

June's monthly meeting at the Joyce Beers Center at 3900 Vermont St in Hillcrest was a fun one. The program kicked off with two beautifully modernized movie clips of San Francisco traffic, sound added, resolution enhanced, colorized, and frame rate upgraded to give a contemporary appearance and feel. Shown here are a couple of frames from the first, called "[San Francisco 1906](#)" by Youtuber NASS. The video was shot from the front of a cable car going down Market Street. The Ferry Terminal at the end of Market is just visible in the two early shots and gradually becomes clear as the cable car proceeds. Very entertaining, Alex Watt! Refreshments were provided by Sam Judd and Suzanne Fort. Sam won the \$20 name badge drawing. It was kind of Sam's night.



Last Issue Mystery Photo

Phyllis Cottee correctly identified the mystery person in the Foot Warmer photo as Nannette Clark, winning the \$20 prize. Congratulations Phyllis!



Welcome New Members! Mark and Tracey Rebello of El Cajon, Bill Gersten of Chula Vista, and Terry Knoepp of Ramona have joined the San Diego Region.

The Lewis Middle School Sock Hop

By Ron Walling

Lewis Middle School in Allied Gardens held an old-style sock hop on June 10th. Local car enthusiasts gathered in the school quad area where they displayed their cars. Jack Heacock's '57 Olds 98 was the prom queen that night and the kids really loved it. The '64 Chevy pickup was a big hit as well as a '54 Packard Patrician. A beautiful '49 Ford sedan was also on display and admired by all. Cotton candy, popcorn, and soft drinks were served during the movie (back to the future, of course) that was projected on the wall of the auditorium. Limbo as well as hula hoop contests were all fun for the kids. Even a bubble gum bubble blowing contest. All in all, a successful evening and fun for all. Even the adults had a good time!



Special

Saturday Breakfast

August 27th, come to the Boyds' home at 1201 Vista Capitan Dr. El Cajon. That's in Fletcher Hills, just off Hacienda. We'll have the car covers off our Airflow collection. Come enjoy the coffee and snacks with your friends. 9:30 am.

CAJON CRUISE (formerly known as the Chicken Fest).

We will meet at the corner of Main & Orange, as usual. Everything is set for August 17 Cruise night. Try to arrive about 3:30. Lunch will be about 4:00. There will be plenty of shade. Bring your chairs.

The menu is as follows: choice of Turkey or Ham croissant sandwich with lettuce and tomato. Each box lunch contains a sandwich, fresh fruit, pasta salad & a slice of apple pie. We will have a selection of sodas or water. SEND A CONFIRMATION and SANDWICH SELECTION BY AUGUST 10th to Art Cottee at artphylcot@aol.com or call at 619-588-6053 and leave a message. Our club is paying for the members. It will be \$12.99 for each guest. You have plenty of time to get that beautiful car ready for the show.



The AACA/HCCA Annual Great American Picnic

Photo credits: Bob Gunthorp, Barbara Foley, and other members

Bob Gunthorp again hosted the catered barbecue picnic at his home/Mercedes museum in Nestor, South San Diego, Saturday, June 25. About 50 guests registered. As is the tradition, antique automobiles were directed to the back lot for parking and display, while more modern rides parked along the horseshoe driveway in front.

Catering was by Lil' Piggy's Barbecue in Coronado, and they delivered and served up a fantastic lunch of brisket, pulled pork, coleslaw, and potato salad. Bob and Barbara Foley supplemented the courses with ciabatta and hamburger rolls, soft drinks, and cookies. The weather was delightfully mild, sunny and 76 degrees, and the rented tables and chairs were comfortably placed under the portable canopies.

Before, during, and after the meal, members and guests sat and chatted or strolled the grounds to inspect Bob's amazing collection of Mercedes classics as well as the member cars driven to the event.

The Fixin's



Members and Guests



Guests' Antique Cars



Mark Richards writes:

Hi Gang,

I got an email through the Club website from a person organizing a 50-year anniversary event for Maaco Body and Paint dealers that would like to have some cars on the site. The event is on November 15. Does anyone know if there is anyone in the group that would be interested in this?

If you might like to display your shiny antique and possibly gain worldwide fame, please contact Mark for more information. richards.markr@yahoo.com

Some of Bob's Mercedes Collection

Note Bob's newest acquisition, a low-miles, original, white, pagoda 280SL. [I learned they are called pagodas because of the slightly concave roof, reminiscent of Japanese architecture, and I already knew they are among the most prized of antique Mercedes. I've always wanted one, ever since 1963. Ed.] It's parked next to the first collector Mercedes Bob bought, back in 1970: a green, 1961 220 SEb station wagon.



My 4th of July weekend

By Bob Gunthorp

The 4th of July weekend was also my Coronado High School class reunion. The reunion was an amazing three-day event. The weekend started Saturday night with dinner at “The Del” in the Crown room. The classes of 1961 and 1963 were invited to join us. The entertainment was a group singing the songs from the 50’s and 60’s so we were taken back to High School. It was nice to see that so many of my classmates could still dance as well as they did years ago. I was never a good dancer and that has not changed with time.



Sunday for lunch we had a “pizza party” at the pizza restaurant at the landing where Peohe’s is located. Sunday night was the concert in Spreckles Park. One of my classmates had put up a sign for the class of 1962. When I saw the sign I had a plan. I took the sign with me in the parade the next day. What I did was tape the sign to the back seat. The sign made quite a hit with people watching the parade.

That evening we had dinner at the home of one of my classmates in Coronado. From her house we walked to the home of another classmate whose house is right on the bay about 300 yards from the fireworks barge. The fireworks are really spectacular when you are that close to them.

The only downside of the weekend was trying to leave Coronado. It took us over two hours to get off of the island. On the way to Janette’s house, she said “I hope we get home before Tuesday”. I thought that was a strange thing for her to say until I looked at the clock. The time was 11:45. We did make it to her house on Monday with 3 minutes to spare.

From the Theater Organ Society of San Diego

Rosemary Bailey of the TOSSD sent Al Smithson this note about the Club support of the TOSSD convention:

Hi Al:

I want to personally thank you for exhibiting your vintage cars at the Balboa Theatre during our convention. They looked stunning positioned alongside the concert venue. We truly appreciate all your effort in getting the cars downtown on time and in the exact right places. It was a fantastic addition to our program.

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the summer. I am putting together the rest of the schedule for our chapter.....your club may want to exhibit the cars at some of these functions.... We all are looking forward to next year when we'll be back to normal in our productions and your involvement with the shows.

Regards,
Rosemary

Al answered: Hi Rosemary,

Thank you so much for including us in the July 3rd festivities. We enjoyed it a lot and I must agree with you, the cars never looked better. We and our cars all made it to and successfully through the Coronado Fourth of July Parade the next day. So a wonderful time was had by all and it was truly a fun filled 3rd and 4th for us. We received many compliments and thumbs up at the July 3rd exhibit. So, thank you again.

We are again looking forward to exhibiting our cars on Saturday November 19th beginning at 5:00 pm at Trinity for the two Harold Lloyd Silent Movies starting at 6:00 pm. I understand this will be the only Silent Movie event for the remainder of 2022 and we are excited to be invited to participate and exhibit our cars. We will be there!!!

Take care,
Al

Coronado Independence Day Parade





