

# THE FOOT WARMER

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Dear San Diego region, AACA members –

Last month we had two fantastic tour events. Mark Richards put on the first one, the Burlingame neighborhood tour. This was the best participated event since Covid! The other was the cruise night in El Cajon, also arranged by Mark. Our members showed up with 11 cars, a great attendance. Member Bill Gersten attended for the first time ever, and Tony Mondini made his second show. Bill's 1956 DeSoto Adventurer was awarded the El Cajon Cruize Night winner!

Next month we have coming up a longer tour to Valley Center to Beth Kind's new home. She is graciously opening up her home for our club. We will also be changing up the monthly breakfast and going to Troy's Greek restaurant off of Mission Gorge and Friars. We regularly use this place for board meetings, and the food is delicious. Hope to see you there.

Tom McIlravy



The Foot Warmer is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, encouraged – all of that! Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at [drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).

# AACA Region Info

COMING EVENTS		
<b>May 13</b>	Beth Kind Open House	Beth Kind
<b>24</b>	Ladies' Luncheon 11:00 am 145W Grand Av Escondido	Susan Woods, Grand Tea Room
<b>27</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. breakfast at 9:30	Troy's Greek, 10450 Friars Rd.
<b>29</b>	Auto Swap & car show	10990 N Woodside Ave
<b>Jun 3</b>	Terry Knoepp's Open House in Ramona to see his 14 antique cars.	Coffee and donuts provided; bring a picnic if you like for lunch. Nannette Clark
<b>Jun 24</b>	HCCA/AACA Tour	Sam Judd
<b>24</b>	The Beginning of Summer Picnic	Bob Gunthorp
<b>Jul 3</b>	No General Meeting	
<b>Jul 4</b>	Coronado Parade	Al Smithson
<b>Aug tbd</b>	MIDWAY Magic Carrier Tour	Doc MacAllister
<b>Sep 4</b>	Labor Day Pizza Party	The Board
<b>Oct tbd</b>	Mt. Miguel Car Show	Boyd
<b>Nov 12</b>	Awards Banquet	Bay Club; Gunthorp
<b>Dec 4</b>	2024 Planning meeting	Beers Center

MILESTONES		
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
		May
RICHARDS	Diane	1
BUCHANAN	Robert	2
PRITCHARD	Robert	2
MONDINI	Tony	10
CLARK	Nannette	16
KAMBEITZ	Robert	19
THIEMAN	Theodore	29
		June
BOYD	John	1
CHAPLIN	Don	2
COOKE	Mike	4
WILLOUGHBY	David	4
HEACOCK	Lynne	4
FARNESI	Darren	7
NASH	Mark	11
NASH	Bonnie	18
FINNEY	David	21
SCHLESIER	Bob	28
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
		May
ZOPFI	Jim & Verna	20
		June
JURIST	Sheldon & Sheila	14
FINNEY	David & Janey	20
CLEMENTS	Doug & Marilyn	24
CHRISTIAN	Darrell & Susan	29

We are sorry to note the passing of longtime AACA member Jim Grube. He and his wife Joyce were instrumental in many projects and activities in building our club.

**BREAKING NEWS!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sheldon and Sheila Jurist! La Jolla Concours d'Elegance has named them **Volunteers of the Year** in recognition of their "above and beyond" contributions to the event.

## OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT:** TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)
- VP:** MARK REBELLO (23-24)
- SECRETARY:** SUSAN WOODS (22-24)
- TREASURER:** JOHN BOYD (22-24)
- DIRECTORS AT LARGE:**
- NANNETTE CLARK (22-23)
- RON WALLING (22-23)
- BARBARA FOLEY (22-23)
- BOB GUNTHORP (22-23)
- MARK RICHARDS (22-23)

## KEY PLAYERS

- PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS:** ALEX WATT
- MEMBERSHIP:** MARK RICHARDS
- TOURS:** MARK RICHARDS
- 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/LEGIS:** SHELDON JURIST
- CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:**
- BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD
- EDITOR:** JOHN BOYD

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

## Members Meeting Report



Monday April 3 marked the San Diego Region's general membership meeting. The program this month featured a 20-minute presentation by [The History Guy](#) called "[A Nostalgic History of Station Wagons.](#)" The presentation has been viewed 366,000 times, proving that the interest in station wagons is still alive and kicking. The History Guy has over a million subscribers, and he researches and publishes about a show per week. John Boyd introduced this show with a pictorial presentation of station wagons he has known from his childhood through the early 1990s. Sheldon Jurist won the name badge drawing, while Barbara Foley and Susan Woods provided a lovely table of refreshments. Photos courtesy of Bob Gunthorp.

## Burlingame Neighborhood Tour – April 15

By Mark Richards

On this beautiful spring morning, twenty-six members of the San Diego Region of AACA gathered for a driving tour of the Burlingame neighborhood of San Diego. We started with a tailgate coffee party in North Park for socializing and admiring the classic cars. Art and Phyllis Cottee arrived in their 1965 Mustang convertible and Jack Heacock had his Mercedes 280 SL. Tom McIlravy was driving his 1973 Mustang; another Mustang was Jerry Kay's '67. Dave Gravley had his DeLorean, Al Smithson drove his "Green Bean" 1946 Mercury Coupe and John Boyd led the tour with his 1936 Custom Imperial Airflow.

This tour was Art Cottee's idea. His grandfather was one of the original homeowners in the Burlingame development, and Art has childhood memories of the times he spent there. Because of the interesting architecture of the homes in the neighborhood and his connection with the current owner of his grandfather's former house, he thought that the group would enjoy seeing the area. We did.

Our tour took us on a winding route through streets lined with red sidewalks, past homes with distinctively different architectural styles. Some were built in the Craftsman and Mission styles of the early 1900's, others with Spanish or Mediterranean influence. There was even a Swiss Chalet, and a Japonesque home to mention just a few. The original development was built primarily between 1912 and about 1929. Many of the homes in the area are listed as San Diego historical landmarks.

Art and Lori Bowen graciously welcomed us into their beautiful home, the former Cottee residence. The house has been meticulously maintained and shows the Bowen's carpentry and woodworking skills and creative influences. Of particular note is a newly tiled front entry with a mosaic reading "Cottee McCorkle 1912". After the tour of the house and Art's garage the Bowens provided a delicious lunch on their backyard patio.

We were also invited to visit the nearby home of Steve and Betty Ball. This is another notable historic house, built in the Craftsman style, and furnished in period pieces. Steve Ball has an interesting hobby of building and piloting model



paddlewheel ships, powered by miniature steam engines. He welcomed us into his shop and showed us several of the boats in detail.

Many thanks to the Bowens and Balls for their hospitality and to Art Cottee for initiating and helping with the planning of this tour. An enjoyable time was had by all the tour participants, and it was a good way to get those classic cars out on the road. Herewith, some photos of the day by various members.



*Tailgate coffee service and assembly of the first-arriving cars and participants*



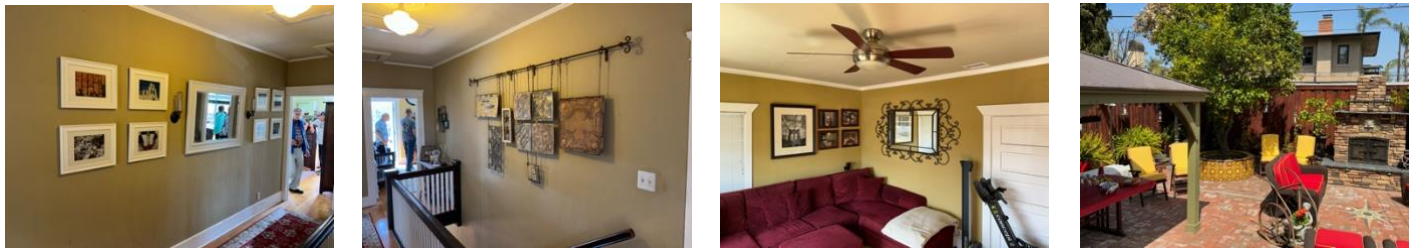




*Bowen (Cottee) Home welcome (previous page), then entry, dining, parlor, and music rooms*



*Bowen (Cottee) Home dining room chandelier detail; kitchen tin ceiling, range, and overview*



*Bowen (Cottee) Home upper hall décor and sitting room; backyard patio*



*Bowens provided a delicious lunch in their garden.*



*The Ball home, Historic District plaque, and miniature steam boats*





*Ball home living room, arch, and dining room; kitchen and nook; master bed room*



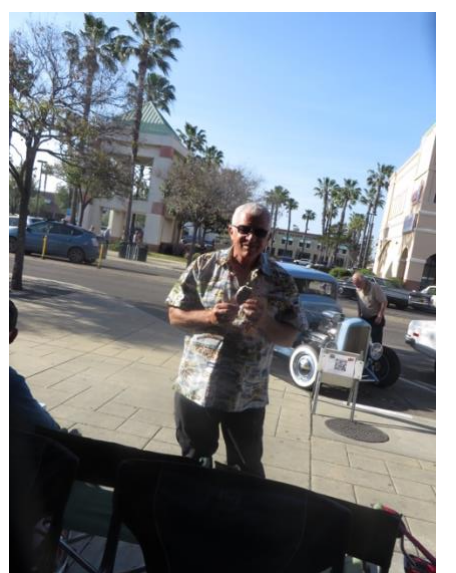
*Bob Gunthorp dug up these photos of the Bowens at AACA outings from some years ago!*

## ***Cajon Classic Cruise Night***

Report by Mark Richards (using the ChatGPT artificial intelligence program, with updates to past tense by the Editor.)

The Cajon Classic Cruise was a fun and lively event that attracted car enthusiasts from all over the region. It featured a wide variety of classic and vintage cars, as well as music, food, and other activities. The AACA's participation in the event provided an opportunity for members to showcase their antique cars and to connect with other car enthusiasts in the community. The picnic dinner with box lunches from Marie Callender's was a great addition to the event. It provided members with a chance to socialize and enjoy a meal together, while also taking in the sights and sounds of the car show. Marie Callender's is known for its delicious comfort food, and the box lunches were a convenient and tasty option for members. Overall, the AACA's participation in the Cajon Classic Cruise in El Cajon, CA was a fun and enjoyable experience for antique car enthusiasts, providing them with an opportunity to connect with others in the community and to showcase their vehicles in a lively and festive setting. And check out the photos!



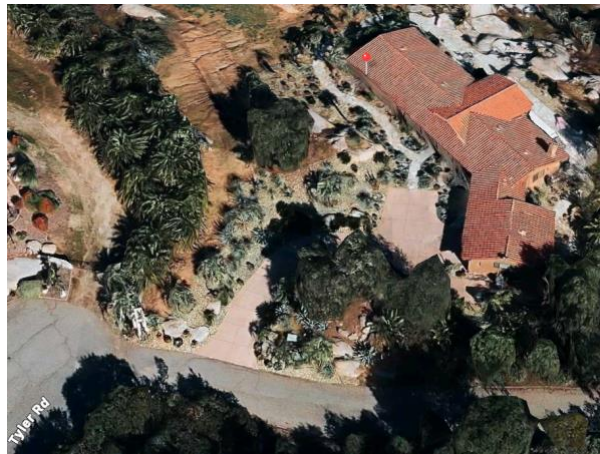




## COMING EVENTS!

### Beth Kind Open House – May 13

Beth Kind is inviting the San Diego Region to an open house at her home at 14702 Tyler Road, Valley Center. Barbara Foley will be leading the tour to Beth's on May 13th. We will meet at the South West corner of Parkway Plaza Shopping Center in El Cajon near the Walmart store at 9:30. We will leave at 10:00 AM. Barbara needs a head count as Beth needs to know how much food to prepare. Email: [Bfoley5@cox.net](mailto:Bfoley5@cox.net) or call her at 619-660-6899 or 619-669-8411. Email is preferred.



### Ladies Luncheon – May 24

Organizer Susan Woods announces, "Ladies! Let's meet for tea! On May 24, let's meet at the Grand Tea Room in Escondido, 145 W. Grand Avenue." If you are able to attend, please send a check for \$25 to Susan at 9796 Arbor Trail, San Diego, CA 92131.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Breakfast – May 27

For May, our 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday breakfast will be at Troy's Greek restaurant off Friar's Road. The Board has been meeting at Troy's in recent months and has enjoyed their dinners and snacks. The address is 10450 Friars Road, at the back corner of the shopping center at Friars and Mission Gorge. Join friends on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday for a sociable breakfast!



### Open House and Garage Tour at Terry Knoepp's – June 3

AACA member Terry Knoepp invites the San Diego Region to tour his private car collection at his home in Ramona, 506 Telford Lane, on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 am until noon. Terry is providing coffee and donuts, and Nannette Clark suggests we bring a picnic lunch if we like. Please let Nannette know if you plan to come so she has a count. Wear your badge, and perhaps bring a folding chair. Terry has about a dozen cars, mostly fully restored, including a 1953 Imperial Custom Newport. He has invited the Southern California Imperial Owners, Inc. to visit along with AACA. [nannetteclark@att.net](mailto:nannetteclark@att.net); 619.890.9870.

### Annual AACA/HCCA Joint Regions Beginning of Summer Picnic – June 24

Sam Judd is organizing a joint AACA-HCCA tour that will end at the picnic site, *Chez Gunthorp*, (2176 Leon Ave.) in time for the Li'l Piggy Barbecue-catered lunch. This is the same company that provided our excellent meal last year, and it's guaranteed to be a good time! Those who prefer to omit the tour may go directly to Bob's for the picnic, arriving by noon. Please let Sam know if you plan to come on the tour ([samjudd@cox.net](mailto:samjudd@cox.net)), and also let Bob know if you plan to attend the picnic ([badwrench7@cox.net](mailto:badwrench7@cox.net)). Cost to AACA members is \$10, with AACA offsetting the cost. Cost to nonmember guests is \$25.

### Coronado Independence Day Parade – July 4

### AACA Western Divisional Tour – September 25-29

Santa Barbara Region AACA announces the website for the **September 25-29, 2023** tour is now open for business! Check it out. More details and the registration form are available on: [www.aacasb.org](http://www.aacasb.org)