

## Activities FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Everything you needed to know about the various San Diego Region AACA activities, especially for you who have seldom attended. You've paid your 2024 dues – this year, enjoy the benefits!

### **1. What's a General Meeting?**

With a few exceptions, the Region meets every month to discuss coming events, conduct a short business meeting, exchange problems and solutions related to antique cars, hear a presentation on some (usually) car-related topic, enjoy coffee and snacks provided by volunteers, and converse freely during the social hour.

#### ***Where and when is it?***

It's held in the big meeting room at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 3900 Vermont, in Hillcrest. Across the street from Ralph's and Trader Joes. Parking on the street or in the garage and parking lots for the shopping center. The room is opened at 6:30, when we move in, set up chairs and tables as needed, arrange the refreshments provided by this month's volunteer. The evening's program begins after setup, usually before 7:00. The program is followed by a refreshment break and then a usually short business meeting.

#### ***What's it cost?***

There's no charge to attend. Refreshments and occasional other expenses are covered by the San Diego Region out of your dues.

#### ***Is it worthwhile?***

Yes, definitely. Our club exists because of the friendships built around our common interests in old cars and our neighborhoods. These friendships are built and maintained by shared activities, like these General Meetings, Breakfasts, shows and other events. By regularly attending, you are helping to preserve and grow the club and advance interest in antique autos.

### **2. What's a Breakfast?**

Monthly breakfasts, usually on the fourth Saturday of the month, are strictly informal gatherings to share a meal and chat with old and new friends from the club. Attendance typically runs from 12 to 20 or so.

#### ***Who pays?***

Order what you want, pay for it yourself.

#### ***Where and when is it?***

The search for the perfect venue continues. Watch the Foot Warmer or go to the General Meeting to find out where this month's Breakfast is. Order when you have a full table. 9:00 to 9:30 is a typical start time.

#### ***Why should I come?***

These breakfasts began many months ago at the suggestion of members who wanted to spend a little more time with their friends and just enjoyed getting out in the (usual) sunshine of a San Diego Saturday morning.

### ***Old car required?***

No, but they are always welcome.

### ***3. Tours and car shows?***

The club tries to plan activities on the order of 1 a month. These two are usually targeted toward antique car participation. Some we organize ourselves, possibly inviting other local clubs. For others we pile on to some other organization's effort at their invitation.

### ***Is there a charge?***

Varies. For our own events, usually not. For others where we might be invited guests, sometimes a modest charge is levied to cover expenses, or a moderate charge might be made for fund-raising events.

### ***Can I bring my low-rider? My pro-street hot rod? My 1937 Farmall F-20?***

The AACA is all about authenticity and originality of "antique cars", defined as 25-year or older design. On the other hand, many of our members have been gear-headed car fans since their youth, in most cases many decades ago, and they appreciate well-designed, maintained, tasteful, creative, elegant machines of any kind. Airplanes, boats even, maybe. These vehicles won't normally be judged, but we don't do much judging anyway. Appreciated? Very likely.

### ***4. Silent Movies?***

The club has a friendly relationship with the San Diego Theater Organ Society going back several years. Theater organs were invented in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to accompany silent movies. They differ from church organs in several ways, notably in the capability to produce various sounds appropriate for movies of the day. An accomplished organist plays ad hoc music matched to the mood through the film, adding special effects as needed. A few theater organs have been preserved or restored and can still be heard. In San Diego, one is installed at Trinity Church in Spring Valley, 3902 Kenwood Ave. Most performances of silent movies with organ accompaniment at Trinity are preceded by a car show to which our club is invited. We arrive with old cars about an hour before the performance, chat with theater goers, show off our cars, enjoy some Krispy Kreme donuts, and then watch the show. It's good fun!

### ***5. What's the point, after all?***

For many people, memories of good times last longer than bad times. This makes reflecting on the past largely pleasant. It's where nostalgia comes from. So there seems to be a common, pleasing and pleasant sensation associated with seeing and remembering times and things gone by. Touring and showing old cars seems to capitalize on this. Driving and showing your old car makes you feel good and gives others pleasure as well. Do it!