

THE FOOT WARMER

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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
AMERICA



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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego region, AACA members,

Saturday's breakfast and the silent movie were absolute hits! Thank you to Al Smithson and the theater Organ Society for arranging and inviting our club to participate. See the photos on pages 6-7.

The board has been discussing new and additional awards that will involve more club members. Some ideas being presented are non-restoration awards, driving or mileage awards, and participation with vehicle awards.

Next month is an exciting tour to the helicopter museum in Ramona and a chili cook off with the Studebaker club. I hope you can join us!

Until then happy motoring!

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.

AACA Region Info

BIRTHDAYS		Feb
HARMS	Luvonne	8
CIBIT	Joe	9
CONLON	Elizabeth	10
OKEY (PP)	Paula	20
MCNEIL	Gay	23
MELENDREZ	David	26
WAHL	Keith	27
SCHLESIER	Grace	28
		Mar
HAYWARD	Bette	4
HOLMES	Daryl	7
WOOLSEY	Catherine	10
MCGILL	Evelyn	16
COTTEE	Phyllis	27
LASHER	Robert	30

Anniversaries			Feb
RICHARDS	Mark	Diane	12
HOLMES	Daryl	Betty	18
			Mar
REBELLO	Mark	Tracey	3
BOYD	John	Barbara	16

IT'S STARTING!

Please note the **swap meet** and **car show** flyers on the back cover.

Planning for the Coronado Independence Day parade has begun as well!

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

VP: MARK REBELLO (23-24)

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

NANNETTE CLARK (24-25)

RON WALLING (24-25)

BARBARA FOLEY (24-25)

BOB GUNTHORP (24-25)

JACK HEACOCK (24-25)

KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

TOURS: MARK RICHARDS

REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHORP AND SUSAN WOODS

ANNUAL AWARDS: MARK REBELLO, ART COTTEE, ROYCE DUNN, JACK HEACOCK

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

ACCC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vacant

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)



Happy Groundhog Day!

COMING EVENTS	
Feb 5	"Safe Driving" with Monica Z. Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St
10	Studebaker Club Chili Cookoff, Beers Center
17	Ramona Helicopter Museum (Foley)
24	Breakfast Social
Mar 3	El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
4	White Elephant Bingo, Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St
16	Gillespie Aerospace Museum (Doc)
23	Breakfast Social
Apr 1	7 PM Travis Williams at Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St
17	Cajon Classic Cruise
27	Breakfast Social

Members Meeting Report

On New Year's Day, the Region's monthly General Meeting was held at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest. The program for this first GM of the year was a talk and demonstration by VP Mark Rebello about his remote-control hobby. Mark showed the one-fifth scale RC race car he has modified and raced, along with videos of recent races of these cars, around 30" in length. He also included a discussion of how he got into the hobby, and he demonstrated the remote-control drone he used to photograph the races, among other things. See this YouTube [video](#) for a sample of the sport. Fascinating stuff!

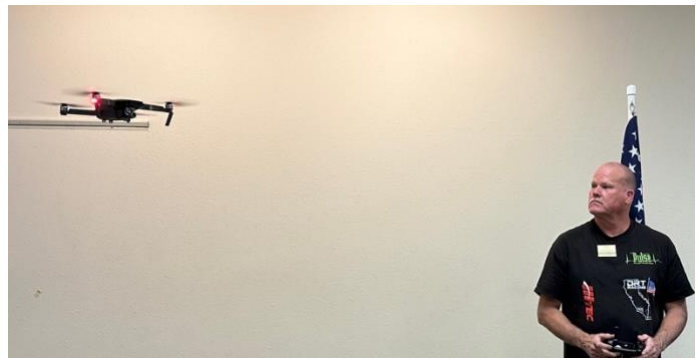
In addition to Mark's RC talk, Mike Cook demonstrated an automatic expansion bolt installer tool that he donated to the club for auction.



VP Mark talks remote control. Diane Richards' refreshments await at the back!



Mark explains the RC race car to Mike, Nannette, and Ron



Tom studies Mike's expansion bolt kit to prepare for the auction



Mark Richards wins the drawing!

Restorations in Progress

By Mark Richards

At the heart of our automotive hobby is the hands-on work to restore cars to running, driving and presentable condition. Several of our members are currently working on project cars that are worthy of mention.

Bob Gunthorp recently found a rare Mercedes police car that he is restoring. In 1951 and 1952 Mercedes-Benz produced a 170 D OTP (pronounced *hoondert ziebzych day oh tay pay* in German)*, where D stood for *Diesel* and OTP stood for *Offener Tourenwagen Polizei* (open top touring police car). This was effectively a four-door cabriolet. It was a requirement that all the cars should be painted in *Polizei Grün* (police green), but in the end most of the cars delivered to the police were painted blue. The one Bob has is the original police green. They were never made available new to the civilian market.

The government sold them off when their service life was over. Many of them ended up in the hands of college students who drove them into the ground. There is one known to have been painstakingly restored in the United States, and it is the closest to factory original in existence today. A fully restored OTP sold to a private collector fetched north of 350,000 Euro (\$384,000) in 2015. The car that Bob purchased was in storage here in San Diego County for decades. It was last registered in 1989.

Keith Wahl is in the progress of restoring a 1963 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk that he purchased in Canada. This car was formerly owned by a long time Studebaker Driver's Club member and has documentation from the original purchase. It is a heavily optioned car and includes the special supercharged R2 engine. Keith has completed much of the interior and mechanical work required to get the car in shape and now the car is in the body shop for repairs and painting.

Mark Richards is continuing to work on his 1962 Volvo PV544. This winter's project is to install an overdrive transmission out of a Volvo sports car and to install air conditioning, something that this Swedish car never had or needed in its homeland. Mark and Ron Walling had a good time trying to fit the now extra-long engine and transmission combination back into the car.

Let us know if you have a car you are working on. We'd like to hear about it.



* If you pronounce VW as *fow-vay* and Volkswagen as *folks-vah-gen*, then you really should say D OTP in German as well. And you should say *Porsha* for Porsche.

CHILI COOKOFF/JOINT MEET

SD COUNTY STUDEBAKER CHAPTER and SD REGION AACA

WHERE: Joyce Beers Community Center 1220 Cleveland Ave (3900 Vermont).

San Diego, CA

WHEN: 10 February 2024

11 am for setup.

11:30 to 12:30 cookoff - tasting voting 12:45 Awards

1 - 1:30 Cleanup

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Please bring your chili in a crockpot so it can be kept warm. Also bring an extension cord to plug it in and a ladle or large spoon to serve it. Please bring your own drinks - no alcohol.

SDC will provide cups and spoons to sample with ballots for voting.

SDC will provide cornbread, butter, plates, forks and napkins.

There will be two prizes for best chilis. Last year's winners, Tim and Sabrina Huntly and AACA President Tom McIvray will present the awards. Everyone present will have one vote to select their favorite.

Please let Michele St. Clair know if you plan on bringing a chili so we have enough tables. Her email is msaint1023@gmail.com. Be creative and have fun!



Great Autos San Diego invites AACA to Monthly Car Show

AACA Members,

Great Autos (San Diego Area) would like to invite you to our Monthly Car Show on every 3rd Saturday of the month on Normal Street between University and Harvey Milk Street. Set up for the event starts at noon and the event itself is from 1 until 3:30 pm. We always have a great selection of cars ranging from a '27 Pierce Arrow to a 2022 Corvette. Usually there are 20- 25 cars that come. All types of cars are welcome. Please let Mark Richards know if you want to come so we are able to arrange space. The street is blocked off so there is plenty of space to view the cars and talk with the owners as well as the crowd the event attracts.

There are plenty of food options nearby; Hillcrest Brewing Co is immediately adjacent and there are other great places within a block or two of Normal Street.

We hope to see you there!

David Hallen and Joel Lehrer -- Great Autos San Diego Area Co-Chairs

San Diego AACA to Visit Ramona Helicopter Museum

Date: **Saturday, February 17, 2024.**

Destination: **Classic Rotors, 2690 Montecito Road, Ramona, California, 92065**

Meeting Place for tour start: Parking lot for **El Cajon Parkway Plaza Walmart**. The parking lot is immediately adjacent to the intersection of North Johnson Avenue and Arnele Ave. in El Cajon.

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Meet time for tour start: **09:30 AM**. It takes about 35 minutes from the start location to go directly to the museum in a modern car. Since there will probably be a mix of new and old cars, we will all reconnect in Ramona at the **Albertson's parking lot located at 1459 Main St.** on the left side of the road. Approximately 24 miles.



Depart from the Ramona Albertson's parking lot time: **10:40** to go directly to the Helo Museum. We will be met by one of the Museum folks in the parking lot. We need to arrive at the Museum at **NLT 10:45**. Approximately 2 miles.

Meet location at the Museum: There is no formal parking lot at the Museum. We will arrive and park outside the airport compound area which is surrounded by a chain link fence.

Enter time to go into the museum: **11:00**. There will be docents to take groups of 5 or 6 people through the museum to tell us about the helos, answer questions, and I am betting that you will all have many questions!!!! The museum tour is expected to be about 2 hours long.

After the tour is over: Join a group or hopefully get all of the tour members to have a meal at a restaurant called Nuevo back inside the Albertson's parking lot.

There is no fixed cost to enter, however they graciously accept contributions to help maintain the facility, equipment and continuity of the organization. I strongly recommend **\$10.00 per person**.

If you cannot make the tour route starting in El Cajon, **join us the Museum location noted above at 10:45 AM**. Or meet at the Albertson's parking lot at no later than 10:30 AM.

Specific directions and street names will be provided at a later date if needed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Happy traveling to the Helo Museum, Contacts are Barbara Foley, 619-669-8411, and Mike Cooke, 619-933-2038.

Don Q: Son of Zorro Silent Movie

The Theater Organ Society of San Diego presented a great silent movie January 27th at Trinity Church. Son of Zorro (1925) was played by Douglas Fairbanks. Organist Russ Peck created a theme for each of the main characters and took the time to demonstrate each one. Themes were drawn from classical or popular shows of the teens and twenties or, in a few cases, composed by Russ. It was a fascinating show, made extra special by the organ!



Six Classics lined up for the AACA car show before the film program



Some of the guests enjoying the car show. Donuts and coffee were provided by Al Smithson.

4th Saturday Breakfast

The monthly regional breakfast was held at Elijah's Restaurant on Claremont Mesa Drive, just east of the 805. Elijah's puts on a great spread, notably including lox and salmon and potato lotkes. Several styles of eggs Benedict as well! Plenty of coffee, separate checks with no objection, good food, reasonable prices – what's not to love? Sounds like we will be back next month!



Elijah's gave us our own room for the breakfast social!



A happy audience anticipates a great Silent Movie!



Elijah's Eggs Benedict

La Jolla Concours d'Elegance

This year's Concours is scheduled for April 19-21 at La Jolla Cove. Over 170 cars are expected, domestic and foreign. Festivities begin with a Friday VIP party on the Concours lawn overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Saturday from 5 PM to 9 PM, up to 75 Porsches are to line Prospect Street for the free *Porsches on Prospect* event. Party in La Jolla Village! Dine where you like, but reservations are recommended. A classic vehicle tour is also planned for Saturday. Sunday marks the Concours itself from 9 AM to 4 PM. General admission is \$80 until March 5, increasing to \$95 after that.

Maria Romano de Leon, Curator of the San Diego Automotive Museum, reports that the museum's 1936 Airflow DeSoto (which many of you have seen at San Diego AACA events) has been accepted for display at the Concours. Your Editor's 1936 Chrysler Custom Imperial Airflow has also been accepted. We have requested the two cars be displayed side by side.



SD Automotive Museum 1936 DeSoto Airflow



John and Barbara Boyd's 1936 Chrysler Airflow



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