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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
AMERICA



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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA members,

I would like to thank Mike Cooke and Barbara Foley for the tremendous job setting up the Helicopter Museum tour in Ramona. So much history to enjoy! It was wonderful that Mike was able to join us on the museum tour so soon after his medical emergencies. He brought his daughter and her family along too!

If you missed the chili cook-off, that was a delicious day sampling all different kinds of chili. Seem like a chicken chili is the most popular kind to make. Another Silent movie is planned for March 9th. This was not in the Footwarmer until now. The 4th Saturday breakfasts are still a popular event to come to and enjoy a delicious meal with fellow car club folks. Watch your email for location announcements.

If this Foot Warmer gets out before the next meeting, then come join us for a fun night of bingo with special prizes (a white elephant event). That means for people to bring an item you want to part with, but you think someone else would enjoy. The speaker for February will be rescheduled for a later date.

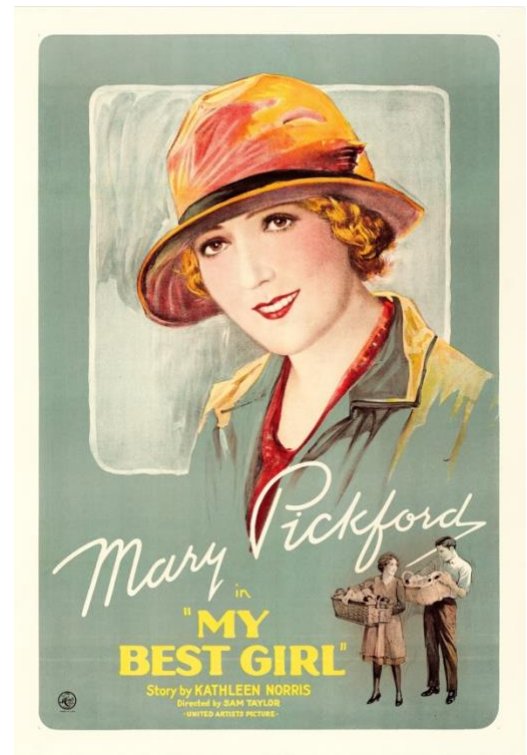
Until we see each other again, or for the first time,

Happy Motoring

Tom McIlravy

My Best Girl – Silent Movie. March 9 at Trinity Church, 3902 Kenwood Dr.

Drive your antique car to Trinity Church for the 5:00 pm AACA car show! This time the movie stars Mary Pickford in *My Best Girl*. Theater organ accompaniment by Brett Valliant. Read all about the event on the Theater Organ Society San Diego website [here](#). As for the film, *My Best Girl* is a 1927 American silent romantic comedy film directed by Sam Taylor starring [Mary Pickford](#) and [Charles "Buddy" Rogers](#) that was produced by Pickford. Rogers later married Pickford. Charles Rosher received an Academy Award nomination for his cinematography of this film in 1928. Please be at the Trinity Church parking lot by about 4:30 to allow time for arranging the cars.



Please Note: If you have not renewed your San Diego Region dues for 2024, this will be your last Foot Warmer.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

			March
REBELLO	Mark	Tracey	3
BOYD	John	Barbara	16
			April
WORTHINGTON	Barry	Catherine	1
JUDD	Sam	Deborah	8

BIRTHDAYS

			March
HAYWARD	Bette		4
HOLMES	Daryl		7
WOOLSEY	Catherine		10
MCGILL	Evelyn		16
COTTEE	Phyllis		27
LASHER	Robert		30
			April
GUNTHORP	Bob		7
SIGLER	Shannon		8
SHAFFER	David		12
WORTHINGTON	Catherine		16
MCNEIL	Bob		21
BOOTH	Gladene		26
LOCKYER	Erik		30

Region Activities and Events

Mar 3	El Cerrito Cars & Coffee 8:30-10:00, College & El Cajon
4	White Elephant Bingo, Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St
9	Silent Movie "My Best Girl"
10	Fallbrook AACA Joint Cars & Coffee
16	Great Autos Car Show Normal & University, 12:00-3:00
23	Breakfast Social
Apr 1	7 PM "Safe Driving" with Monica Zech
7	El Cerrito Cars & Coffee 8:30-10:00, College & El Cajon
17	Cajon Classic Cruise
20	Great Autos Car Show Normal & University, 12:00-3:00
27	Breakfast Social
May 5	El Cerrito Cars & Coffee 8:30-10:00, College & El Cajon
6	7 PM "Trends in Vintage Car Valuation" Travis Williams
18	Beth Kind Open House -- Valley Center
18	Great Autos Car Show Normal & University, 12:00-3:00
25	Breakfast Social

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PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

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JACK HEACOCK (24-25)

KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

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BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

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(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)



Members Meeting Report

By Tom McIlravy

The monthly Monday night meeting was met with heavy rain. There were, however, a few brave, adventurous members. The scheduled speaker, "Safe Driving" with Monica Z., cancelled due to the weather. Her talk will be rescheduled.

Refreshments were provided by Sam and Deborah Judd. They presented a tasty array of homemade treats, celebrating Valentine's day as the theme. This February meeting also marked our 60th anniversary for the club.

Six members braved the downpour to attend. We started off with refreshments, had our opening business, took a break for refreshments, had some open discussion, took a break for refreshments and then played three rounds of bingo, with an open refreshments table. Thanks to the few who attended and helped the Judd's lighten their return home trip of leftovers. (I took a plate of cookies). Paula Okey received the winning badge draw. Owing to the absence of Moneybags the Treasurer, we still owe Paula her winnings.



March 4 General Meeting at Joyce Beers Center

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

Join us for a fun event and a way to redistribute some of that extra stuff from around the house and garage. Everybody loves the suspense and excitement of BINGO, and here it is with your AACA friends and guests from the Studebaker Drivers Club.

President Tom McIlravy will call those special numbers out to be marked on your lucky BINGO cards. Club members will bring gift-like junk with interest but little value to the event to be used as BINGO prizes. These things should come wrapped in a paper bag or otherwise with an indication that it is for a man, woman or either.

The BINGO game will proceed in the usual way, maybe with several winners per round depending on how many prizes are available. We'll have the tables set up to work at.

Please bring at least one item. Everybody gets to play.

Questions? Mark Richards richards.markr@yahoo.com

La Jolla Concours April 19-21

In addition to the AACA-interest cars announced in last month's Foot Warmer, Bob Schlesier reports his 1932 Chrysler convertible sedan has been accepted to this year's La Jolla Concours! Will any other club cars be at the show?



Member Keith Wahl Wins a First Place at 2024 Grand National Roadster Show!

Keith writes:

Dear Club friends, you have been hearing about the roadster project since I started it 7 years ago. The persistence paid off with a First Place at the Grand National Roadster show. For those unacquainted with this event, here is some history. Established in 1950 by Al Slonaker, the GNRS is one of the oldest and longest continuously operating exhibitions of custom vehicles in the United States, featuring an estimated 1,500 vehicles annually. The GNRS is best known as home to the America's Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) Award. How many cars are in the Grand National Roadster Show? Over 500 show vehicles will compete for awards inside the Fairplex buildings. Another 400-800 vehicles will join the event each day for the 18th Annual Grand Daddy Drive-In. Fast & Furious 4, the famous Buick Grand National used for the mythical scene in reverse of the movie *Fast & Furious 4* with Vin Diesel! Built with the body mounted backwards on the frame so it can be driven while looking like it's backing up.

I have just been informed that the Roadster will participate at the Quail Lodge, August 16, 2024. "Held in conjunction with The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering, is the 27th Annual Bonhams 'The Quail Auction' on the western grounds of Quail Lodge & Golf Club offering easy access, plenty of convenient parking, and lots of sunshine amidst the famous Carmel scenery.

Keith's car is a 1947 Triumph 1800 TR Roadster. His First-Place award was presented by Hotrod Holley, well known in our local car community.



Classic Rotors Helicopter Museum Tour

On February 17, the San Diego Region toured the Helicopter Museum in Ramona. Interest was high, and attendance was good. After the museum tour, the gang posed for photos and met for lunch at the Nuevo Grill and Cantina. Fun was had, photos were taken. The Museum was judged a hit and the restaurant worth a revisit.



Tour organizers Mike Cooke and Barbara Foley





Joint Studebaker Club-AACA Chili Cookoff

February 10, chefs and judges met at the Joyce Beers Center for the Studebaker Chili Cookoff, this year with AACA San Diego Region invited. Chefs deployed their slow-cookers, extension cords and power strips to keep their candidate gourmet foods warm. Volunteers set up tables and chairs and distributed plasticware, napkins and bowls. A few wise and well-prepared souls brought muffin tins, allowing them to repeatedly sample up to a dozen candidate dishes.



Great Autos San Diego invites AACA to Monthly Hillcrest 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

4th Saturday Breakfast

The San Diego Region met for a social breakfast on the 4th Saturday of February, as we usually do. Recently, we have enjoyed Elijah's restaurant at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, but they had a conflicting booking on the 24th, so we met at Denny's in Allied Gardens, near Mission Gorge and Zion. Nice attendance, about a dozen, and food and service were fine. Watch for email announcements of confirming the location. But the date is pretty firm: 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 am.



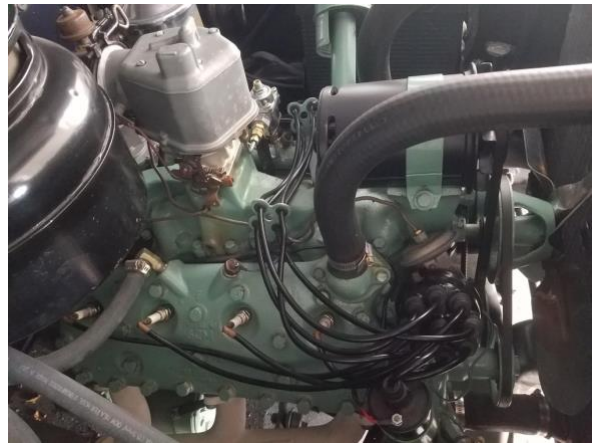
Joint Cruise in with Fallbrook AACA

Hop in your antique car and cruise on up to Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Road (92025). This is just one exit north of North County Fair shopping mall. Same exit as for Bates Nut Farm. There's a weekly cruise in at the park on Sundays, all year. This month, March 10th, the San Diego Region and the Fallbrook AACA plan to be there, together if possible. The event runs from 8am to 11am, but you will want to arrive earlier for choice parking and a head start on the coffee, donuts, and other breakfast items. Contact Ron Walling with any questions. walling.ron28@gmail.com.



For Sale: 1951 Mercury Eight Sport Sedan \$72,000. Contact: kbartist@aol.com. This vehicle was professionally restored in 2014 to original factory specifications. It has an original balanced and blueprinted Mercury 255 ci flathead V8 with three speed manual transmission and overdrive. The car comes with several parts, an additional engine and transmission, rear axle, and more.

Features: Flathead V8 with downdraft carburetor and dual exhaust, 1951 Admiral Blue Iridescent exterior color, bench seat, pushbutton radio. Semi-floating rear axle with hypoid differential. Bumper guards, fender skirts, winged hood ornament, and full-size Mercury hubcaps.



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El Cerrito
Cars & Coffee

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