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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

As a first-time visitor to the Nethercutt Museum, I was speechless as to the extent and beauty of the cars and museum itself. This is a must see for every car enthusiast. Breathtaking. Thank you to Ron Walling for being the liaison between our club and the Fallbrook club.

Please put on your calendars the Open House at Beth Kind's for May 18th and see the details in this issue. We did this tour last year and it was memorable! Another one not to miss. Barbara Foley is coordinating this one from the Ashley Furniture parking lot at Parkway Plaza, corner of Johnson and Fletcher Parkway, in El Cajon. Just four days later, Wednesday May 22nd, is the annual Ladies' Luncheon. Hosted by Susan Woods, this year at Peohe's on Coronado. LADIES YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THIS. We resume our monthly breakfast at Elijah's on Clairmont Mesa Blvd on May 25th. **RSVP** for each of these.

Then, HOLD on to your hats for JUNE. June has an event EVERY week! June 8th is the STP car show. June 15th is the Rancho Bernardo Silvergate Car Show. June 22nd is the monthly breakfast, and June 30th is the All-American BBQ and Car Show at Bob Gunthorp's. I'm still holding out with these Breakfasts; there is a desire for our members to come and hang out with each other and enjoy some good food once a month.

Special note: My email address has changed. The new one is mcilravvt@gmail.com If you are not receiving e-mails from me to keep you up to date with club activities, please let me know. I usually send out two or three emails to all members every month.

Until we see each other again, Happy Motoring!

Tom McIlravy, President

San Diego Region AACA

LA JOLLA CONCOURS



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

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BOB GUNTHERP (24-25)

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MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

TOURS: MARK RICHARDS

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BOB GUNTHERP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

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(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

BIRTHDAYS		MAY
RICHARDS	Diane	1
BUCHANAN	Robert	2
PRITCHARD	Robert	2
MONDINI	Tony	10
CLARK	Nannette	16
KAMBEITZ	Robert	19
REBELLO	Tracey	26
THIEMAN	Theodore	29
		JUNE
BOYD	John	1
CHAPLIN	Don	2
COOKE	Mike	4
WILLOUGHBY	David	4
HEACOCK	Lynne	4
FARNESI	Darren	7
FINNEY	David	21
HALGREN	Mimi	25
SCHLESIER	Bob	28

ANNIVERSARIES			MAY
ZOPFI	Jim	Verna	20
			JUNE
SHAFFER	David	Janice	2
JURIST	Sheldon	Sheila	14
FINNEY	David	Janet	20
HALGREN	Bob	Mimi	22
CLEMENTS	Doug	Marilyn	24
CHRISTIAN	Darrell	Susan	29

New San Diego Region Member

Bruce Herstein is our newest member. He wanted to get involved with our group after seeing all the fine automobiles we had at the Cajon Classic Cruise. Bruce drives a modified 1948 Ford F-1 pickup truck. We look forward to seeing him at our upcoming meetings and events.

Mark R Richards

UPCOMING REGION EVENTS

6-May	7 PM "Classic Car Valuation" Travis Williams
18	Beth Kind Open House
22	Ladies' Luncheon
25	Breakfast Social at Elijah's
3-Jun	7 PM General Meeting, Beers Center
8	STP Car Show (Sheldon Jurist)
15	RB Silvergate Car Show
22	Breakfast Social (Walling)
30	Bob Gunthorp's Summer BBQ
July	No General Meeting
4	Coronado Parade (Thursday, Smithson)
13	"Summers Past" garden party (Richards, Cottee)
20	Hillcrest Car Show
27	Breakfast Social
3-Aug	Mission Bay Picnic (Rebello)
5	General Meeting: Hobby Nite (Rebello)
24	Breakfast Social



Members Meeting Report

The monthly meeting of the San Diego Region AACA was held at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest on April 1. Monica Zech, well-known expert on safe driving and San Diego roads and traffic gave an interesting presentation about traffic safety, followed by a question-and-answer discussion of the topic. Many of us recognized Ms. Zech's name and voice from her years of riding in a San Diego news helicopter giving real-time, eyewitness reports of traffic conditions and events. It was an informative evening! Thank you, Monica!

Nannette Clark won the name badge drawing, and Tom McIlravy graciously accepted the twenty-buck prize. As is proven by the photo, he passed it on to the winner. Barbara Foley and Susan Woods served up some great snacks for the refreshment break.



La Jolla Concours April 19-21

LA JOLLA CONOURS

The 18th La Jolla Concours was held in La Jolla Cove. About 200 cars were shown of many different types, but largely favoring pre-war classics. Region members Bob Schlesier and John Boyd showed cars they have restored, and there may have been other members represented as well. I, John (the editor), stuck pretty close to our 1936 Chrysler to answer questions and open doors and hood for judges. The two mentioned owners competed in separate classes: 20s and 30s Classic Open and 20s and 30s Classic Closed. My Chrysler Airflow was parked next to the 3rd place winner of the Closed class, a beautifully restored 1937 Zephyr coupe. Three spaces west was the SD Auto Museum's '36 DeSoto Airflow. I restored this car a few years back. It sported new wide whitewall tires and gleaming paint, thanks to Legacy Auto Spa detailing. Several members of the SD Region stopped by and greeted us. More photos on page 4.

The '37 Zephyr, the '36 DeSoto Airflow, and a '29 Olds station wagon.





San Diego Region cars: The Schlesier 1930 Chrysler CP-6 (open) and the Boyd 1936 Chrysler Airflow (closed)



The Nethercutt Collection's 1930 Ruxton



The Aston Martin display



IWC TIMELESS ELEGANCE AWARD 1930 Duesenberg Model J

SD Region Hosts the Cajon Cruise Night April 17

By Mark Richards

This year's Cajon Classic Cruise was enjoyed by over 26 members of the San Diego Region. The group was well represented with 12 member cars in the Car Club Corral area. On the east side of the street were Bill Gersten's '57 Thunderbird, the Halgren's yellow Studebaker coupe, Mark Richards's Volvo, Ron Walling's '66 Ford NASCAR tribute, Mark Rebello's 1965 Chrysler Newport, and Al Smithson's big black Mercury two-door. On the west we had Tom McIlravy's gold Mustang, Mike Cooke's red Camaro, Bob Gunthorp's Mercedes limousine, and John Boyd's '36 Chrysler Airflow. New member Bruce Herstein, whose Ford F-1 hot rod was pictured on page 2, joined us after these photos were taken. Bob and Mimi Halgren won an award trophy for their beautiful Studebaker.

Many thanks to Tracy and Mark Rebello, Ron Walling, John Boyd, Bill Gersten and Diane Richards for helping to make this event a success.



Nethercutt Collection Tour April 27

The Fallbrook Car Club invited the San Diego Region AACA to join them on a chartered bus tour to Sylmar California to visit the [Nethercutt Collection](#). This famous collection of classic cars, and much more, was created by J. B. Nethercutt, who with his wife Dorothy ran Merle Norman cosmetics for much of his life. See the linked website for more information. Photos of the tour are by Tom McIlravy.



Coming Special Events

Beth Kind's Open House Tour May 18

Barbara Foley has organized a tour to Valley Center for a lunch at the home of Beth Kind. She writes:

We will be driving to Beth Kind's place at 14702 Tyler Road, Valley Center, on May 18th 2024. Let's meet in the northwest corner of the Ashley Furniture parking lot at the corner of Johnson and Fletcher Parkway in El Cajon at 9:30 a.m. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. I spoke with Beth and we will need a headcount. If you plan to join the tour, **please phone or text** to 619-669-8411 or email Bfoley5@cox.net. Ashley Furniture is at 575 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, 92020. We expect a good time!

Annual Ladies Luncheon May 22

The Region's annual Ladies Luncheon will be at 11:30 am, May 22, at Peohe's in Coronado. The cost to attendees is just \$20, with the balance paid by the Region. Don't miss it! If you would like to attend, **RSVP by May 15**, enclosing your check to Susan Woods, 9796 Arbor Trail, San Diego, CA 92131.



Silvergate Car Show June 4

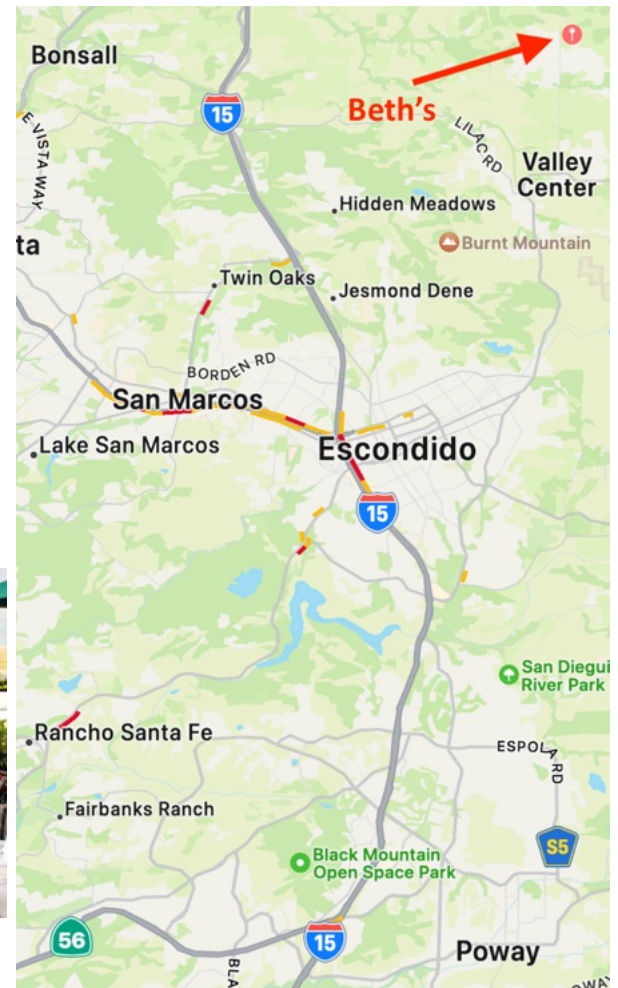
Ron Walling

We are again sponsoring a mini car show at the Silvergate Assisted living center in Rancho Bernardo on June 15th. It will run from 10:30 AM to approximately 1:30. Participating members will be treated to a wonderful catered BBQ to include chicken, ribs, hot dogs, and burgers with all the fixin's, with several salad options as well. An open bar will provide refreshments; live music will be enjoyed by all in their garden-like setting. This show was a huge success last year and I would expect the same for this year's event.

Our cars will once again be displayed at the foyer entrance to the main building – perfect!

All San Diego Region members are invited to bring their cars to this event; **RSVP** to Ron Walling (walling.ron28@gmail.com) so we know how much food and refreshments to provide.

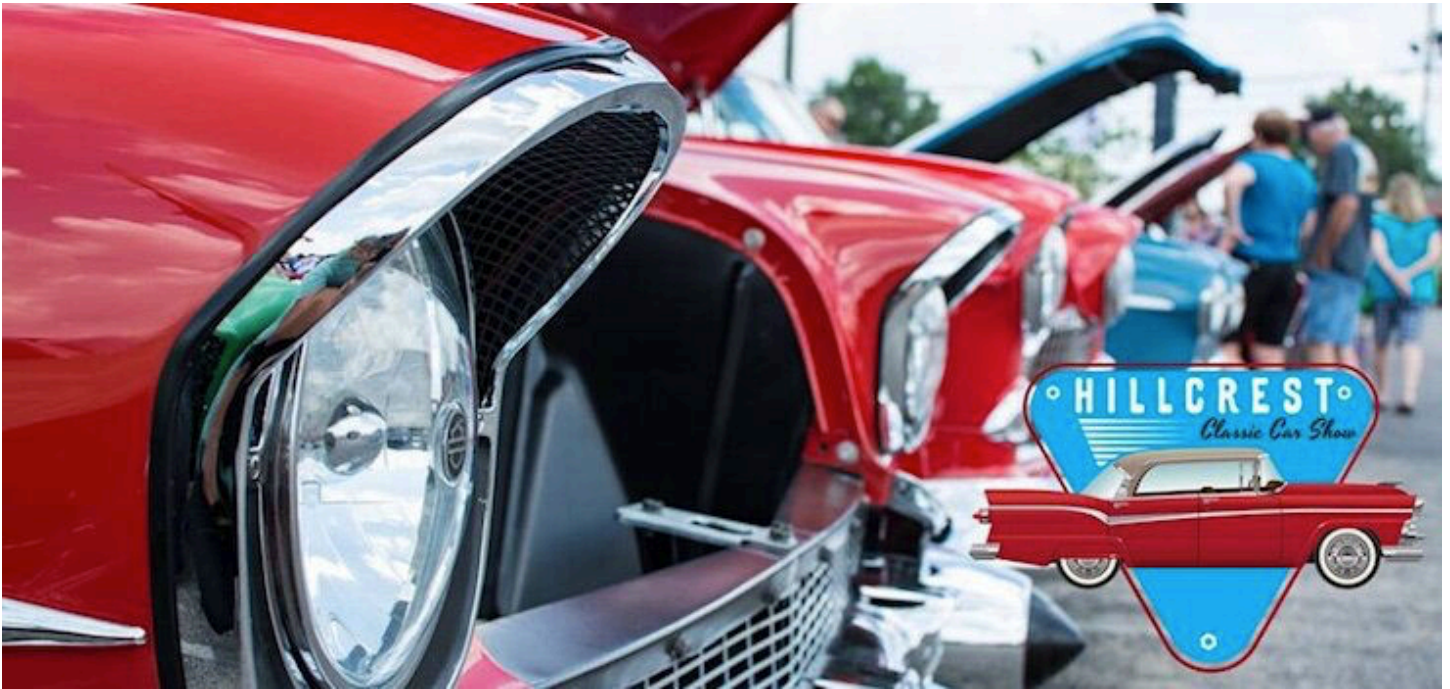
For location details look up <https://silvergaterr.com/> It's just off the 15 Freeway in Rancho Bernardo. Take the Bernardo Center Drive off I-15 and go east. In about a quarter mile past the interchange, turn right onto Bernardo Heights Parkway. Go 0.6 mile and turn right onto Avenida Venusto. In about a quarter mile, Silvergate is on your left. Turn in and park near the entrance portico.



2023 Silvergate car show

Hillcrest Car Show May 18

If you can't make it to the Beth Kind Open House, the Great Autos Car Show in Hillcrest will be held as usual: May 18th is the third Saturday. From 1 to 3:30 at the intersection of Normal and University in Hillcrest.



El Cerrito

Cars & Coffee



*Sunday, May 5th, 2024
8:30 - 10:30 am
Chase Bank Parking lot
College Ave. and El Cajon Blvd.*