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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AAC Members,

As the summer heats up, take special caution to stay hydrated! It's a great time to get the cars out. We as a club are always encouraging our members to become more involved and as such, two additional activities have been added to the schedule. I will be having an *open house at my place on Oct 5th*. In celebration of my 60th birthday, my sister has been planning this shindig for over a year and a half. Just bring your appetites.

Also, *Bob Gunthorp has rescheduled his BBQ at his house*. Details here in the Foot Warmer. With the reschedule of the picnic on Mission Bay this also will be added into the calendar.

Special Thanks to Art and Phyllis Cottee and Mark and Diane Richards for their picnic at Summers Past Farms! It was an outstanding show of participation and enjoyable fellowship. It turned out to be a beautiful day and plenty of shade. Chicken, potato salad and homemade coleslaw! ALL YUMMY! As a Club, it was decided at the board meeting to do events like this more often, where food is provided on the tour. Just bring your own drinks.

Breakfast at Elijah's on Saturday was attended by 10 members. David and Janice Shaffer joined us from Escondido! Welcome!

Until we see you again, Happy Motoring.

Tom McIlravy, AACA San Diego Region President



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.

CLUB INFO

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

VP: MARK REBELLO (23-24)

SECRETARY: SUSAN WOODS (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: Vacant

REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHORP AND SUSAN WOODS

ANNUAL AWARDS: MARK REBELLO, ART COTTEE, JACK HEACOCK

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

ACCC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vice President

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

2024 Club Events

- Aug 4 El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
- 5 General Meeting: Hobby Night (Rebello)
- 24 Breakfast Social -- Elijah's
- Sep 1 El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
- 2 General Meeting: Pizza Night (Richards)
- 15 Bob's Picnic - Gunthorp
- 28 Breakfast Social - Elijah's
- Oct 5 Tom McIlravy's Birthday party
- 7 General Meeting
- 12 Gillespie Field Aerospace (McAllister/ Richards/Walling)
- 26 Breakfast Social
- Nov 4 General Meeting: Member Car Talks (Rebello)
- 10 Awards Banquet (Gunthorp)
- 23 Breakfast Social
- Dec 2 Planning Meeting
- 28 Breakfast Social

Be sure to show up at the August meeting to vote your favorite flavor of pizza for the September meeting. Otherwise, Mark might order all anchovy and onion!

BIRTHDAYS		AUG
WOOLSEY	Jim	1
CLEMENTS	Doug	1
WILLIAMS	Mike	6
OKEY (PP)	Paula	8
GRAVLEY	David	13
HAYNES	Lance	15
WOODS	Dr. Susan	17
JUDD	Sam	19
PRISER	Paul	21
ALMANZA	Norma	23
MCALLISTER	Robert	28
SMITHSON	Al	30
		SEP
O'HARA	Tom	3
JURIST	Sheila	6
PISTORIA	Len	7
CLEMENTS	Marilyn	9
CHRISTIAN	Susan	17
VICET	Jose Luis	18
		SEP
HOLMES	Betty	20
LESTER	Brenda	23
DUNN	Frances	27
HYLTON	Yolanda	27
JOHNSON	Paul	30



Sunday, August 4th, 2024
8:30 - 10:30 am
Chase Bank Parking lot
College Ave. and El Cajon Blvd.

ANNIVERSARIES

	AUG	
Art & Phyllis Cottee	2	
Tom & Brenda Lester	5	
Paula	11	
Jim & Catherine Woolsey	16	
Newell & Gladene Booth	21	
Bob & Grace Schlesier	23	
		SEP
Robert Wagner & Robert Lasher	15	
Darren Farnesi & Len Pistoria	30	

REPORTS

July General Meeting

As previously announced, there was no General Meeting in July.

Garden Party at Summers Past Farms – July 13

The San Diego Region of the AACA had a pleasant outing to the Flinn Springs area to visit Summers Past Farms on Saturday July 13. Over 30 people attended this fun event and had a chance to socialize on the lawn under some nice shade trees, have a picnic luncheon (including ice cream) and enjoy the members classic vintage cars.

To start things off, members gathered in El Cajon at the Parkway Mall parking lot to form a caravan out to Flinn Springs. Art Cottee organized the group for the 10-mile drive on city streets, Olde Hwy 80 and east to Summers Past Farms.

Once at Summers Past Farms we were able to park on the lawn in the back field. The gardens at Summers Past were beautiful and showed the care and planning that our hosts Marshall and Sheryl Lozier put into the property. The gardens have many special features that would make good photos, like a waterway with a bridge, or arches or fun birdhouses as well as lots of flowers. It's not a surprise that Summers Past is a favorite for weddings and parties.

A number of classic and vintage cars were driven by our members to show. Bob Gunthorp brought his Mercedes Limousine, Paula and Tim Okey their 1955 Buick and Jack Heacock his 1950 Cadillac. John Boyd brought his 1937 Chrysler Airflow, Art Cotte his 1965 Ford Mustang and the Richards had their 1969 American Motors AMX. These cars were enjoyed by our event attendees and other visitors to Summers Past.

Lunch was hosted by the club and served by the Richards. Fried chicken, potato salad and Diane's homemade coleslaw were an ideal summer lunch. 100 pieces of chicken disappeared by the time things were over. A special thanks goes out to Tom McIlravy for bringing ice cream for dessert!

This event had a good turnout of members, one of the best for a while, and hopefully everybody had a good time. We're looking forward to doing it again next year. See photos on pages 5 and 6.

4th Saturday Breakfast at Elijah's – July 27

About a dozen members attended the monthly Region Breakfast Social at Elijah's on Clairemont Mesa Blvd in June and then again July 27th. The editor was unable to attend the June meet. Good food and conversation were enjoyed by all in attendance.



Independence Day Coronado Parade

Photos contributed by Tom McIlravy

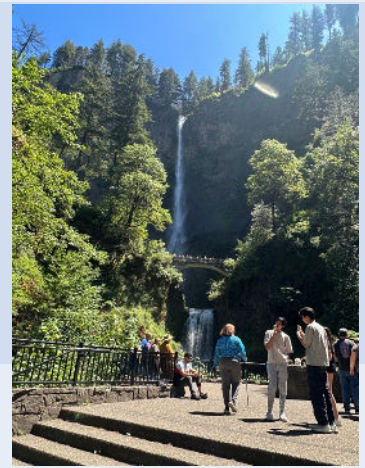
Al Smithson organized another successful antique car parade for the Coronado Island 4th of July celebration. Here are some shots of the cars and participants from the AACA San Diego Region.



Tom's Trip

Tom McIlravy took a couple of weeks off in July to tour the US and to visit. Here are a few snaps he took along the way. Can anyone guess where he visited?





Summers Past Picnic and Car Show Photos

You read the event report on page 3. Now check out some photos of the well-attended, fried-chicken picnic at the Summers Past Tea and Gift Shop. Participating caravanners gathered at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon for the 10-ish mile drive across town to Summers Past located off Old Highway 80 in Flynn Springs. After the cars and drivers had all arrived, we headed east on Fletcher Parkway and then Broadway for our countryside destination.

Arriving at the park, we lined up our cars and chatted, bought iced tea and coffee at the concession stand, and kicked tires, inspected engines, and compared car stories. Mark Richards' new-to-him yellow AMX drew a good deal of extra attention.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission Bay Picnic – To be Rescheduled

In view of the heavy traffic and warm weather, it was decided to postpone our planned Mission Bay picnic (formerly Saturday, August 3) until a later date into the fall. Watch for a coming announcement of a new date when we can expect sunshine and cool breezes, for a club-sponsored picnic lunch! We'll park our old cars in a parking lot (to be announced). Bring a chair, maybe a beach chair with a shade? Precise meeting time and locations/directions **will appear in your email** in plenty of time.



Bob Gunthorp's Traditional, Annual Picnic is ON!

Having had to cancel the earlier date in June, Bob will host a combined Horseless Carriage Club and Antique Automobile Club picnic at his house in September. Details are:

- Date: Sunday, September 15
- Schedule: Please arrive after 10:30 am. Lunch will be at about 12:30
- Place: Bob’s house, 2176 Leon Ave, San Diego
- Cost: Covered by the respective clubs. But you must **register by September 8** at the latest if you want lunch!
 - AACA members RSVP to John Boyd: drjohn96@mac.com or call/text to 858 997-7002
 - HCCA members RSVP to Barbara Foley: bfoley5@cox.net or call 619 669-8411

AACA Hobby Night – August 5

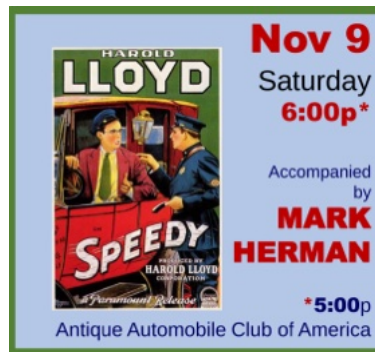
Mark Rebello is organizing a special Hobby Night for our AUGUST 5 General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St in Hillcrest. The concept is that in addition to our usual brief business meeting, drinks and snacks, a few members will bring examples and be prepared to discuss their hobbies. Mark led the way a couple months ago with his talk about his one-fifth scale, radio-controlled car racing. We know many of our members have hobbies, sometimes but not always related to antique automobiles. On August 5, we will have a chance to share these interests. Mark’s proposal is to have some extra tables set up around the room, where several members (to include spouses and partners!) will explain and illustrate one of their hobbies. Mark wishes to coordinate things slightly to ensure we have several, but not too many, presentations. Folks prepared to discuss, demonstrate, or illustrate their hobbies will be introduced and will then move to their displays or presentation areas, and we will have a chance to visit as many of the areas as we like. Much like a trade show, if you have ever attended one of those.

If you would be willing to discuss your hobby, please let Mark know right away what it is and give him an idea about how much space or time you will need. Presentations will be simultaneous, in parallel. You can reach Mark by phone or text at 619 504-4866 and by email at mrebello167@aol.com. Mark checks voice mail and text frequently, so that is the preferred method to contact him.

We have never done this before (to my knowledge) and we’re looking forward to a fun evening with strong participation. Plan now to attend and to be a presenter! And don’t forget, there will be REFRESHMENTS!

Silent Movies – November 9 and December 7

Al Smithson forwarded a Theater Organ Society of San Diego announcement of coming concerts to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Spring Valley, home of the mighty, restored, Wurlitzer theater organ. November 9, Harold Lloyd’s “Speedy” will be screened and accompanied by Mark Herman on the Wurlitzer.



Harold "Speedy" Swift, a fan of Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees, saves from extinction the city's last horse-drawn trolley, operated by his girlfriend's grandfather.

On December 7, come see Charlie Chaplin films accompanied by Greg Breed. Come at 5:00 pm to see the AACA car show in the church parking lot, just outside the entrance. For both dates, the shows start at 6:00 pm. If you are bringing your antique for the show, please arrive in time to be parked and ready to go by 5:00.

From the San Diego Association of Car Clubs. YES! We are members!

