

# THE FOOT WARMER

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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
AMERICA



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## Editor's Greeting

Hello San Diego AACA Members,

I hope this message finds you all well! What a fantastic time we had at the Mission Beach picnic on September 28th. The sun was shining, the classic cars were gleaming, and the camaraderie was as warm as ever. It's these moments that remind us how special our club is.

Several of our members also had the pleasure of attending the Cops and Rodders car show recently, showing off our beautiful classics while supporting a great cause. Thanks to all who participated and represented our club so well!

Unfortunately, our much-anticipated visit to the Gillespie Field Museum has been postponed until next year, but rest assured, it will be worth the wait. On a fun note, we're all invited to celebrate Tom McIlravy's 60th birthday! Tom is hosting an open house on October 5th, and it's sure to be a wonderful gathering. Let's all come together to wish him a happy milestone! (p. 7)

Looking forward to seeing you soon and continuing the great times together! And please get your banquet reservations in! (p.8)

Best,

John Boyd, San Diego AACA Foot Warmer Editor



**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](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).**

## CLUB INFO

### OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

**VP:** MARK REBELLO (23-24)

**SECRETARY:** SUSAN WOODS (23-24)

**TREASURER:** JOHN BOYD (23-24)

### 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.)

### Anniversaries

Steve and Carol Ross 10/4

Colin and Suzanne Fort 11/15

Charles and Yolanda Hylton 11/16

Royce and Frances Dunn 12/18

Paul and Franci Priser 12/12

\* Don't forget! The Club Roster is posted on our website at

<https://sandiegoregion.aaca.com>.

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[drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).

### 2024 San Diego Region Events

Oct 5 Tom McIlravy's Birthday party

7 General Meeting: "Unusual Cars"

**Postponed** Gillespie Field Aerospace  
(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

### Birthdays

|             |         |    |
|-------------|---------|----|
| Fort        | Suzanne | 1  |
| Mcilravy    | Tom     | 8  |
| Priser      | Francy  | 8  |
| Fort        | Colin   | 18 |
| Worthington | Barry   | 23 |
| Landi       | Vel     | 24 |
| Zopfi       | Verna   | 25 |
| Boyd        | Barbara | 26 |
| Lancaster   | Robert  | 28 |
| Dunn        | Royce   | 29 |
| Simmons     | Jack    | 31 |

### October

### November

|           |         |    |
|-----------|---------|----|
| Richards  | Mark    | 7  |
| Wagner    | Robert  | 17 |
| Williams  | Cindy   | 18 |
| Hunt      | Andy    | 19 |
| Arroyo    | Roberto | 20 |
| Locke     | Betty   | 21 |
| Booth     | Newell  | 23 |
| Alexander | Timothy | 25 |
| Halgren   | Bob     | 26 |

### December

|           |            |    |
|-----------|------------|----|
| Heacock   | Jack       | 8  |
| Phlegar   | John       | 12 |
| Evans     | Rachel     | 14 |
| Walling   | Ron        | 15 |
| Cibit     | Cathy      | 16 |
| Ross      | Carol      | 16 |
| Christian | Darrell    | 20 |
| Hylton    | Charles W. | 21 |
| Ross      | Steve      | 27 |

## *New Members*

Membership coordinator Mark Richards reports that Barbara Foley has recruited two new members! Barbara Aven lives on Mirage Place in Rancho San Diego. She has an antique '69 Corvette. Jeri Ibbetsen of Nabal Drive in La Mesa also joined the Region. A hearty welcome to these new members, and thank you to Barbara for inviting them! We hope to meet them at a First Monday General Meeting and at the annual banquet on November 10.

## *Announcement!*

The San Diego Region Board of Directors has voted to **postpone our planned visit to the Gillespie Field aircraft museum** that was to be held during October. There was a consensus that this activity would make our calendar too full for the rest of 2024. Look for this interesting visit to the museum and workshop to be rescheduled for early next year. The Studebaker Club, who were to join us, has been notified of the postponement.

## *General Meeting(s)*

At our October 7 General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St in Hillcrest, Brad Zemcik will briefly present and discuss some photos of interesting and unusual cars. Which ones will be a surprise, but it's worth noting that he recently visited the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville. This promises to be a fun and informative meeting. As we all saw in our September meeting presentation, Brad takes great photos. C'mon out! Set up chairs and refreshment tables after 6:30; program at 7:00.



## *Breakfast Social*

The 9 am October 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Breakfast Social is on! The location is Elijah's, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. No reservation is required – just show up at 9 and find the group table. Good food and coffee, and a casual opportunity to take your old or modern car out for a short drive and hang out with some friends. Hope to see you there.

## *Annual Awards Banquet*

November 10, we return to the Bay Club on Shelter Island for our **annual awards banquet and holiday celebration**. This year the club is underwriting most of the meal, charging a mere \$20 per person for the deluxe main course of your choice. See the full announcement later in this issue. November 10 is fast approaching, so get your reservation in now. For your convenience, a registration form is included with this issue of the Foot Warmer.

## *Other Special Events*

Our club President, Tom McIlravy turns 60 this month, but who's counting? There's an open house at his place on October 5. Please see details on page 7.

## *Silent Movies with Car Shows*

Two of these fun events are coming up, one in November and the other in December. (1.) You show up with your antique car at Trinity Church in Spring Valley an hour or so before the film and theater organ concert. (2.) Chat with organ fans and concert goers about the cars, then (3.) join the fun, watching an old, silent movie accompanied by a classic theater organ with special sound effects, played ad lib by a skilled and talented organist. (4.) Enjoy some refreshments at intermission! See you there. Oh, program details are on page 7.

## San Diego Region AACA Annual Picnic and Barbecue

On September 15, the San Diego Region AACA held its annual picnic and barbecue, once again graciously hosted by Bob Gunthorp in his beautiful backyard. As in previous years, the HCCA was invited to join the AACA for this special event, creating a fantastic gathering of antique car enthusiasts. There was a good turnout of club members with some people we haven't seen in a while. Tim Alexander was there as well as David Willoughby.

The picnic featured a delicious buffet-style barbecue catered by Little Piggie, offering a mouthwatering selection that everyone enjoyed. Many attendees arrived in their antique cars, showcasing a variety of classic vehicles, which were admired throughout the day. Guests were also treated to a viewing of Bob Gunthorp's stunning collection of Mercedes Benz cars, adding an extra touch of automotive excitement to the event.



It was a fun-filled day of great food, wonderful company, and, of course, beautiful antique cars. A big thank you to Bob Gunthorp and Janette Hay for hosting such a memorable event! *Report and photos were provided by Mark Richards*

## September 22 Cops and Rodders Show

By Mark Richards

The *Cops and Rodders* car show on September 22 was a vibrant celebration of classic cars, attracting enthusiasts and onlookers alike. Among the standout moments, Jack Heacock proudly posed with his gleaming Cadillac, a true symbol of American luxury. Mark and Diane were seen beside their pristine Volvo, showcasing its timeless European elegance. A charming 1954 Good Humor ice cream truck brought nostalgic smiles to many faces, reminding attendees of simpler times. The Prize for Most Unique Car was awarded to a stunning Packard Caribbean, which turned heads with its elegant, vintage design. The Best of Show Award went to Julie and Brillo Lucari's breathtaking 1934 Chrysler Airflow, whose sleek, aerodynamic lines epitomized automotive innovation from the era. The event was a perfect blend of history, craftsmanship, and community.



## Mission Bay Picnic – September 28

The Rebellos organized and hosted a sunny, fall picnic at Mission Bay Park last Saturday. We met at the de Anza Cove boat launch area and snagged a couple of picnic tables. Mark and Tracey arrived early, along with other early arrivers Tom McIlravy and Ron Walling, to set up some shade umbrellas and serving tables. By 10:30 more members arrived with folding chairs. Meanwhile, Tracey left to pick up the lunch, preordered from a nearby Ralph's. By the time lunch was served, a good-sized crowd had arrived, and we enjoyed two kinds of fried chicken, three kinds of salads, tasty cookies, cupcakes, and treats. And cold drinks! Best, the club paid -- no charge! There was talk of making this end-of-summer treat an annual event. We sat around and visited on the sunny fall day. Watched boats and jet skis launched -- and cruising over the breezy waters. Check out the photos, courtesy of Tom McIlravy and Ron Walling, with a few from the Editor.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

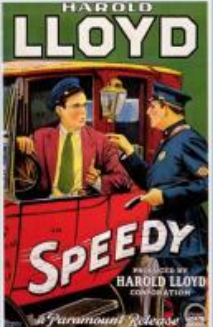
### Open House at Tom McIlravy's Home – Oct 5

Tom is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house at his home on October 5 from noon until 3. Drop by, congratulate Tom, and enjoy snacks and stuff. 7321 Le Conte St, San Diego. 760 429-6565

### 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.*



**Nov 9**  
Saturday  
**6:00p\***

Accompanied by  
**MARK HERMAN**

\*5:00p  
Antique Automobile Club of America



**DEC 7**  
Saturday  
**6:00p\***

Accompanied by  
**GREG BREED**

\*5:00p  
Antique Automobile Club of America

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.

### El Cerrito Cars & Coffee

Newell Booth announces the monthly Cars and Coffee breakfast at College and El Cajon will meet again on the first Sunday, October 6, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. At the September breakfast, Mike Shenar and John Markey provided the fixings for the pancake breakfast *and* did the cooking. We are all encouraged to attend this event. Drive your old car!



Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
8:30 - 10:30 am  
Chase Bank Parking lot  
College Ave. and El Cajon Blvd.



**SAN DIEGO REGION AACA**

**ANNUAL BANQUET – November 10, 2024**

This year’s Annual Awards Banquet will again be held at the Shelter Island Bay Club, 2131 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106, phone: (619) 224-8888. A Social Hour (cash bar) will start at noon; lunch at 1:00 pm. Since the Banquet is the Club’s only formal event, suggested attire is vintage outfits or semi-formal. We are encouraging everyone to drive their antique vehicles. Parking is free in the underground garage and in the street.

The menu choices are ROSEMARY CHICKEN: Boneless Breast of Chicken with Garlic Cream Sauce, Fresh Rosemary; FILET OF SALMON with Lemon Dill Beurre Blanc Sauce; and FILET MIGNON Steak with Traditional Béarnaise Sauce. **The cost is just \$20.00 per person**, with the club covering the complete cost for past presidents, charter members, and honorary members. Please register before **November 3**; add \$10 per person for late reservations. If you pay at the door the only meal choice available will be Vegetarian.

**Make all checks payable to “AACA San Diego”** and send them to **John Boyd, 1201 Vista Capitan Dr, El Cajon, CA 92020**, with the registration form below and your meal choices. If you have any questions, please email Bob Gunthorp at [badwrench7@cox.net](mailto:badwrench7@cox.net) or John at [drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).

Don’t forget to dress up, and plan to have a good time! We always do!

**Save this receipt**, and send the coupon with payment to John Boyd.

*Receipt: Party of \_\_\_\_\_, with these entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian*

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**SAN DIEGO REGION AACA ANNUAL BANQUET – NOVEMBER 10, 2024 – RESERVATION FORM**

|                         | GUEST | MEAL CHOICE                   |                              |                                   |                           |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Member Name _____       | _____ | Chicken <input type="radio"/> | Salmon <input type="radio"/> | Filet Steak <input type="radio"/> | Veg <input type="radio"/> |
| Spouse/Guest Name _____ | _____ | Chicken <input type="radio"/> | Salmon <input type="radio"/> | Filet Steak <input type="radio"/> | Veg <input type="radio"/> |
| Guest Name _____        | _____ | Chicken <input type="radio"/> | Salmon <input type="radio"/> | Filet Steak <input type="radio"/> | Veg <input type="radio"/> |
| Guest Name _____        | _____ | Chicken <input type="radio"/> | Salmon <input type="radio"/> | Filet Steak <input type="radio"/> | Veg <input type="radio"/> |

List additional guests and meal choices on back.

Total number of meals \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_ **Check if past president, honorary, or charter.**

**Make checks payable to AACA San Diego and mail to John Boyd, 1201 Vista Capitan Dr, El Cajon, CA, 92020 by November 3.** Increase price by \$10 per meal if postmarked **after November 3.**

Your check number: \_\_\_\_\_