

# THE FOOT WARMER

Official publication of the San Diego Region

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
AMERICA



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## President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA members,

Thank you once again for this opportunity to be your president. It is always an honor to serve. And thank you to the Board of Directors for their continued service.

The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual banquet was a great success with 47 members and guests attending. 18 members received Certificates of Merit for their service to the club. It takes all our participation to make this a successful club. Thank you to each of you for your hard work to make this happen.

Congratulations to Ron Walling for his dedication and service to our club. The Jerry Wright Memorial Award is richly deserved. Likewise, congratulations to Nanette Clark, She exemplifies why we have the Bette Hayward Silver Spoon Award. Congratulations to Keith Wahl on receiving the Founders Award with the restoration of his beautiful '63 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk. Congratulations to Alex Watt on receiving the Ralph Harms Memorial Award for his continuing restoration of the 32 Riley Gamecock 9.

And I'm not sure if it's congratulations, but thanks for being a good sport and receiving a hard luck trophy award going to Mark Rebello. He was driving one of Al Smithson's cars, the new '36 Ford Phaeton in the Coronado 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade when it overheated and needed to be pushed off the parade route.

It takes a lot to put on the annual banquet so thank you to the banquet committee and especially Bob Gunthorp for coordinating this annual event.

Our December meeting will happen on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be our planning meeting for

our events for next year. Come with your ideas for tours and activities, Picnics have been a great success, so maybe host one of those.

Tom McIlravy, President, San Diego Region AACA



**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 (25-26)

**VP:** MARK REBELLO (25-26)

**SECRETARY:** SUSAN WOODS (25-26)

**TREASURER:** JOHN BOYD (25-26)

### 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

**ANNUAL AWARDS:** MARK REBELLO, ART COTTEE, JACK HEACOCK

**CORONADO PARADE:** AL SMITHSON

**ACCC REP/LEGIS:** SHELDON JURIST

**CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

**EDITOR:** JOHN BOYD

**PROGRAMS:** Vice President

(SEE CLUB ROSTER\* FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

### 2024 San Diego Region Events

Dec 2 Planning Meeting  
28 Breakfast Social

### Anniversaries

Royce and Frances Dunn 12/18

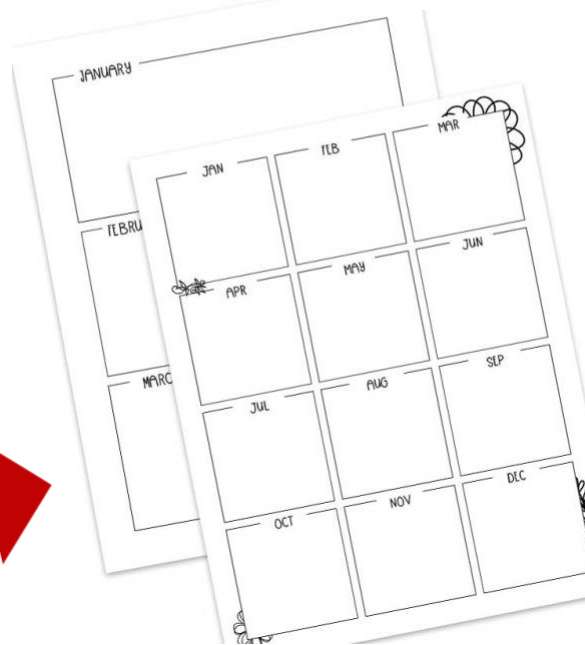
Paul and Francy Priser 12/12

### Birthdays

### 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

# YEARLY PLANNING CALENDAR



December 2 meeting:  
2025 Planning!



\* Don't forget! The Club Roster is posted on our website at <https://sandiegoregion.aaca.com>.

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## November Region Meeting

The San Diego held their monthly General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest November 4. Newell Booth announced an antique car tour to be held January 12, 2025. The event is to rerun (although, not *race*) the route of the 1915 Point Loma Road Race. Cars through 1942 are invited, and pre-registration is requested. See further details on page 8 of this issue. Members shared car stories from their past and recent projects.

John and Barbara Boyd provided snacks this month, featuring a look-ahead to Thanksgiving with pumpkin pie. Sheila Jurist took home the huge, \$20 award by winning the name badge drawing! Nannette Clark was belatedly awarded a similar amount for her win of the October drawing.



## Silent Movie Night

November 9 was a nicely attended Silent Movie and antique car show at Trinity Church in Spring Valley. The show was Harold Llyod's "Speedy", accompanied by Mark Herman on the restored Wurlitzer theater organ. A very interesting array of AACA member cars was shown before the show. Al Smithson's '36 Ford phaeton is shown on this issue's front cover; here are some more photos from the show.



## 2024 AACA Awards Banquet

November 10 marked the annual holiday and awards banquet for the San Diego Region. Held again at the beautiful Shelter Island Bay Club Hotel and Marina, the weather was a perfect 74 degrees and there was bright sunshine. Guests registering were 47! Following the invocation and remembrance of members who have passed in the past year, Bay Club staff quickly served our lunches. Presentation of awards and recognitions followed. Photos below depict most of the awards.

### Antique car drivers:



John and Barbara Boyd



Brad and Michelle Zemcik



Tom McIlravy



Ron Walling receives the Jerry Wright Award for exceptional service to the chapter for 2024



The Silver Spoon Award is presented to Nannette Clark by last year's awardee, Barbara Foley



Al Smithson swears in the incoming 2025 Board members.



Mark Rebello is honored, kind of, with the Hard Luck Award.



Keith Wahl receives the Founders Award for best completed restoration.

Certificates of Achievement were presented to many for their service to the Region during the past year. Left, below, Mark Richards shows off his, awarded for organizing activities and serving as membership coordinator. Additional photos capture members and friends enjoying the party.







### Acknowledgement

Once again, Board member Bob Gunthorp arranged and organized a fantastic celebration for the club. The Region owes Bob a debt of gratitude for his service and leadership over the umpteen years he has been a member and has supported the group by hosting the annual picnic at his home and organizing the awards banquet. From all of us, THANK YOU, BOB!



### Reader Report – Las Vegas Concours

By Keith Wahl

I was joined by Jerry Kay of the AACA taking my 1947 Triumph to the Las Vegas Concours. Jerry has a totally original 1967 Mustang which is a multiple Gold Medal Winner. He drives it all over the country and leaves it in various museums.



The Wynn is a first-class venue -- they have their own fleet of Rolls Royces including the new Spectre all-electric Rolls.

Trudy the triumph got quite a showing. Here I am with Top Hat Neal -- he has his hat signed by famous people and when it's full he auctions it for charity!!



Studebaker was represented – not sure what the silver car is but I like it. And of course, an Avanti! Also shown (by the Petersen Museum) were three cars from a collection of Rick Dore customizations from the James Hetfield collection, a Galpin Ford drag car with 4 Mustang engines, and many other fascinating and famous other cars.




## THE SAN DIEGO EXCURSION

On March 1, 1913, the Point Loma Road Race was held in San Diego. On Sunday, January 12, 2025, an excursion around the race route for unmodified 1942 or earlier cars will be held in commemoration. And for fun! Meet at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park at 7:00 am for cars and coffee. Then at 9:00 am, depart for the Race Route excursion around Point Loma, which will follow the 1915 version of the race route. Preregistration is requested. See the details and get the registration form at <https://www.hcfi.org/SDExcursion>.

**SAN DIEGO EXCURSION**  
CELEBRATION OF THE 1915 EXPOSITION ROAD RACE  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025**

DRIVE TO POINT LOMA AND AROUND THE 1915 ROAD RACE ROUTE.



**OPEN TO ALL UNMODIFIED 1942 OR EARLIER CARS.**

7:00 CHECK-IN AT SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM – DONUTS AND COFFEE	9:00 EXCURSION DEPARTS SDAM
8:00 MUSEUM OPENS AT REDUCED RATE	11:00 PARADE OF RACE ROUTE STARTS
	12:00 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT LIBERTY STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED [bit.ly/4fWEh6n](https://bit.ly/4fWEh6n)  
CONTACT: NEWELL BOOTH  
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PERIOD CLOTHING ENCOURAGED  
TRAILER PARKING BY OLD BALBOA HOSPITAL IN LARGE LOT AT 2115 PARK BLVD.

Hcfi.org/SDEXCURSION ORGANIZED BY HCCA CLUBS OF SAN DIEGO

11-20

# El Cerrito

## Cars & Coffee



**Jim Timlin**  
1975 MG-B

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**  
**8:30 - 10:00 AM**  
**CHASE BANK PARKING LOT**  
**COLLEGE AVE. AND EL CAJON BLVD.**