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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego AACA Members,

March was a fantastic month for our club, highlighted by our outstanding outing to the **Gillespie Air & Space Museum** on March 22. We had a great turnout, with **25 members and friends** joining us for an unforgettable day exploring aviation history. The museum's warbird collection along the flight line was truly impressive, featuring legendary aircraft like the **MiG-21**, the mighty **F-14 Tomcat**, and the iconic **UH-1 Huey in medevac trim**. Seeing these machines up close—many still in pristine condition—was a thrill for all of us. One of the most fascinating parts of the tour was the **historical progression of aircraft engines**, from early radial designs to the sleek jet turbines that power today's fighters. It was a reminder of how far engineering has come, much like the evolution of the classic cars we cherish. After soaking in all that history, we headed over to **Texas Roadhouse** for a well-earned club lunch. Thanks to our **AACA Region's \$15 per person subsidy**, the already reasonable prices became an even better deal, making for a fantastic meal without breaking the bank.

Our next Big Event is the **Deer Park Winery Tour** next Saturday, April 5! Arrangements are being made for an off-freeway route. See page 3.

On another note, **attendance at our Fourth Saturday breakfasts has been disappointing lately**, so we're hoping to turn that around with a change of venue. The next one will be held on **April 26 at Brothers' Restaurant, 8150 Waring Road**. If we see a good turnout, we'll continue these breakfasts, so come on out and enjoy some great food with fellow members!

Brad Zemcik will be showing slides and discussing his visit to the Netherlands Louman Museum at our **April 7 General Meeting**. You don't want to miss this. Stay tuned for other upcoming events! We'll soon be announcing details about a **Cajon Classic Cruise car show and picnic**, as well as our **Summers Past picnic planned for April**. Watch your email for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Happy motoring,
Tom McIlravy, 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.

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INFO.)

2025 San Diego Region Event Schedule

Month	Day	Event
April	5	Deer Park Winery and Car Museum Tour
	7	GM: The Louwman Museum (Zemcik)
	TBD	Summers Past Picnic (Cottee & Richards)
May	26	Club Breakfast
	1-3	AACA Spring Nationals, Tucson AZ
	5	GM: Old Car Ads (David Willoughby)
	TBD	Ladies Luncheon (Susan Woods)
June	24	Beth Kind Open House Valley Center (Foley)
	2	GM Louwman Museum Pt.2 (Zemcik)
	14	Silergate Car Show 11:30-1:30 (Richards and?)
July	29	All American BBQ with SDA & HCCA (Gunthorp)
		No GM
	4	Coronado Independence Day Parade (Smithson)
	19	Miniature Museum Tour (Jurist)
August	26	Club Breakfast
	3	Cars & Coffee, Police Museum, Pancake Brunch (Newell Booth)
	4	GM Hobby Night (?)
September	23	Club Breakfast
	1	GM Labor Day Pizza Party (Richards)
	27	Mission Bay Picnic (Rebello)
October	6	GM Trials, Tribulations and Transmissions (Wahl and Rebello)
	7-10	AACA Hershey Car Show and Swap Meet
	TBD	CLMM Car Show (Boyd)
November	25	Club Breakfast
	3	GM Member Car Talks (Rebello)
		Club Awards Banquet (Gunthorp)
December	TBD	Silent Movie, Trinity Church (Smithson)
	1	Planning Meeting for 2026 (Members)

Hot List

Saturday April 5th, the Deer Park Winery Tour from Mission Valley. Read all about it on page 3. Do not miss this rare driving outing!

Monday April 7th, Brad Zemcik will present a curated collection of photos he took at a recent visit to the famous Louman Museum in The Hague, Netherlands. Brad always leads an interesting discussion with professional-level pictures when he presents. Don't miss our April meeting!



The Louman Museum

May 1-3 AACA Spring Nationals and Grand National in Tucson.

First Saturday of April! Region Get-Together at Deer Park Winery and Car Museum --

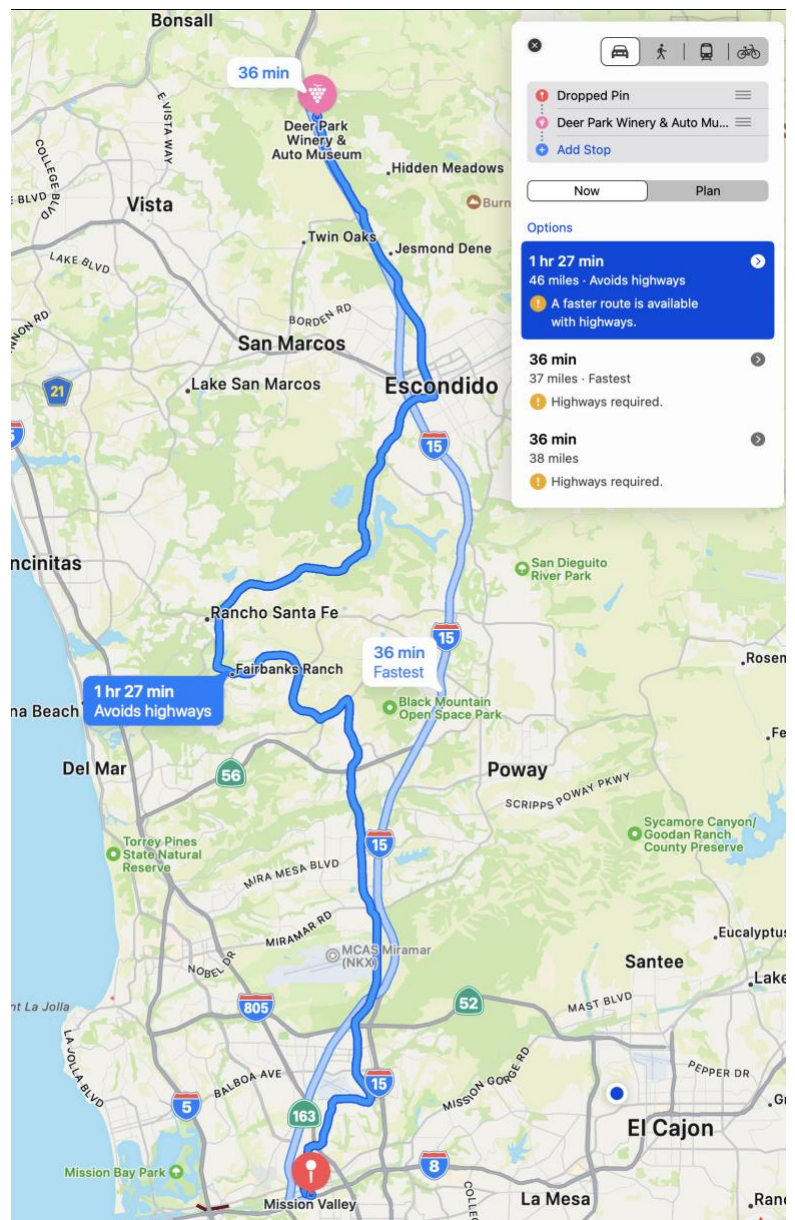
by Jack Heacock

This Region tour will be an interesting drive to the Deer Park Winery on Saturday, April 5, to see several dozen older cars (nearly all convertibles from the 1940s, 50s, and 60s), taste some wine, and enjoy conversations with fellow car enthusiasts. The entry fee is \$12 (seniors). There is on-site parking for about 40 vehicles and a large covered patio with some seating. Bring your own folding chairs (just to be sure) and lunch or sandwiches. We can buy snacks & beverages on site. I suggest arriving at about 11:00 am. The car collection includes around 100 rare cars, including a 1929 Pierce Arrow Roadster, a 1928 Franklin sedan, a 53 Cadillac Eldorado, a 53 Oldsmobile Fiesta, a 1903 Curved-dash Oldsmobile, and a 59 Cadillac Eldorado.

If you would like to participate in a club caravan to the winery, **please be at the Target parking lot in Mission Valley (11288 Camino del Rio N, San Diego 92108) by 9:30 for a 10:00 am departure.** It's a 50-minute drive up 15, about 37 miles. Deer Park is located on Old Hwy 395 just north of Lawrence Welk Village. The Deer Park address is 29013 Champagne Blvd., Escondido 92026. Allow at least 90 minutes if you use the route that avoids freeways – leave Mission Valley by 9:30.

Since Lynne and I live in the north county, we will meet you at Deer Park. Years ago, I led a similar tour that stayed mostly off the freeway parallel to I-15. Apple Maps, and no doubt Google Maps, can draw such a route. Apple's is 46 miles instead of 37, and it takes an estimated hour and a half.

Please let me know if you plan to come so I can provide a head count to the Park. I need to know one week ahead, that is, by March 29. Email me at jackheacock@yahoo.com. You can also text or call at 760.390.4220.



What's been happening...

February Board Meeting February 27

The San Diego Region board meets the last Thursday of the month to discuss recent events, budgets and expenditures, coming events, and the good of the Region. The February meeting was held at Elijah's restaurant, and details for our busy March events was the main focus. We discussed how to use Club resources to encourage Region participation even more, and voted to approve the meal subsidy for our group lunch at the Texas Roadhouse after our visit to the Air & Space Museum. Here's a snapshot of the Board, and you can read about the March events in the following articles.



March 3 White Elephant Bingo

The second annual White-Elephant Bingo party was held at the Beers Center on March 3 as the March General Meeting. It's clear a good time was enjoyed by all from these photos, contributed by President Tom.



March 8 Silent Movie

The San Diego Region, led in this case by Al Smithson, held an antique car show in support of the Theater Organ Society of San Diego presentation of *The Camera Man*, starring Buster Keaton and accompanied by Donnie Rankin, at Trinity Church in Spring Valley. Tom McIlravy sent in several photos of the car show, attended by several of our members.



MAR 8
Saturday
6:00p*
Accompanied
by
DONNIE RANKIN
The **CAMERA MAN**
Buster Keaton
*5:00p
Antique Automobile Club of America



March 22 Gillespie Air & Space Museum

Mark and Diane Richards organized a Region trip to see the Gillespie Field Branch of the San Diego Air and Space Museum on March 22. As Tom mentioned in his greeting, this was a great outing. A beautiful morning, following several days of cool and cloudy weather, we parked our cars and were greeted by Museum staff. We were split into two guided groups to keep the conversations smaller and audible, and toured both the flight line display of aircraft and the storage and display hangars. The lunch following was a fine way to cap the morning, and several commented, "We should do something like this again!"







Motors for Minds 3rd Annual Event – May 17th

El Monte Park, Lakeside

Come support your Fire Family at the Motors For Minds Firefighter Car Show Fundraiser, presented by Dude Wipes. 100% of proceeds go to FirefighterAid to support mental health programs for San Diego County firefighters.

Enjoy food and drinks from our vendors and live music at this family-friendly event. Kids can enjoy the playground and prizes! Raffle tickets and merchandise can be purchased at the event.

Day-of registration is welcome, first-come, first-serve, starting at 9am. Register early to guarantee your spot!

Schedule: Saturday, May 17

8:30am: early roll-in for registered vehicles

9:30am: event opens to the public

1:00pm: raffle ends

1:30pm: awards presented

2:00pm: event ends