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Editor's Greeting

President Tom McIlravy checked in from Juneau, Alaska, to let us know he's off on (yet another!) cruise and unable to send his usual Foot Warmer greeting this month. He does send his warm regards to all. Since Barbara and I have enjoyed three cruises ourselves in the past eight months—and have another one coming up in August—I'm certainly not casting any stones!

I do want to apologize for the late arrival of the May *Foot Warmer*. There was a hiccup between our printer and the post office, but fortunately, the club wasn't charged for the mix-up. A few members received copies with pages out of order—my sincere apologies for that, too.

Looking ahead, we've got a summer full of great events, and I hope you'll take part. The full scoop is inside. It's these activities, along with our regular Hillcrest meetings, that keep our friendships strong and our club vibrant. So come join the fun—and let's get those beautiful antique cars back on the road!

Warmly, John Boyd, *Foot Warmer* Editor

PS: to cheer us all up on this cloudy May gray day, I asked ChatBox AI to create a happy San Diego image. Here it is, along with ChatBox's somewhat self-congratulatory caption. Not sure what street that is below the Cliffs. *JEB*



"The ChatBox image features a classic 1954 Buick woodie wagon parked at the breathtaking Sunset Cliffs in San Diego during late afternoon. The scene captures a young couple in colorful swimsuits, radiating joy as they stand next to the car. A surfboard is perched atop the Buick, adding to the beachy vibe. The sunset creates a warm glow, illuminating the cliffs and reflecting off the ocean, enhancing the picturesque beauty of the moment. Overall, it's a lively and nostalgic scene that embodies the spirit of California beach life."

The Foot Warmer is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, and encouraged. Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at drjohn96@mac.com.

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TOM MCILRAVY AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

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2025 San Diego Region Event Schedule

Month	Day	Event
June	2	TBD
	14	Silvergate Car Show 11:30-1:30 (Richards and McIlravy)
	29	All American BBQ with SDA & HCCA (Gunthorp)
July		No GM
	4	Coronado Independence Day Parade (Smithson)
	19	Miniature Museum Tour (Jurist)
	26	Club Breakfast
August	3	Cars & Coffee, Police Museum, Pancake Brunch (Newell Booth)
	4	GM Hobby Night (?)
	23	Club Breakfast
September	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)
	25	Club Breakfast
November	3	GM Member Car Talks (Rebello)
		Club Awards Banquet (Gunthorp)
	TBD	Silent Movie, Trinity Church (Smithson)
December	1	Planning Meeting for 2026 (Members)

Editor's note: Artificial intelligence (AI) tools have occasionally been used in the past several issues of the *Foot Warmer* for proofreading and editing and, in this issue, to generate a picture. In about 1993 I took a course in Artificial Neural Networks as part of a PhD program at UCSD, and as a project, created a computer program to learn and then predict the retail values of first-generation Mustangs. To train it, I gave it a list of recent sales data. It kind of worked, but I found I couldn't completely trust it.

Experimenting with today's AI tools that use similar technology is interesting to me. As a kind of "super google", AI can dig up a lot of information and organize it into plain text or even images. But, like my car price calculator, its results bear careful checking. I think it would be better if the training data (the Internet) were filled with truth.

For fun, I slipped one more AI image into this issue. See if you can find it.

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MAY GENERAL MEETING

May 5th saw our members meeting at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest where we saw an *extensive* collection of antique automotive advertising and brochures, presented by David Willoughby. Diane Richards, who graciously serves as refreshments coordinator, herself provided a great snack and drink table for the social hour. Our President Tom McIlravy won the name badge drawing, fair and square, he says.

AACA Spring Dual Nationals – May 1-3

The Tucson Region of AACA hosted a dual meet, the 2025 Western Spring Nationals and Special Grand Nationals at the Casino Del Sol in Tucson, May 1-3, and several of our San Diego Region members attended. Jerry Kay kindly provided some photos of the event. You may recognize these cars. CONGRATULATIONS!



1973 Mustang Convertible - Tom McIlravy – Third Place Junior Class 34C

1967 Mercedes Benz 2200D - Bob Gunthorp – First Place Senior Class 27G

1957 Olds 98 2 door coupe - Jack Heacock – Original Class ORG

1981 Malaguti Dribbling 101 Moped (New in the Crate) - Jerry Kay - First Place Senior Class 5d

Jerry also spotted the 1937 Airflow of my friend Carl Sosna. Carl's car was awarded a Repeat Driver Participation certificate.



ANNUAL LADIES LUNCHEON

By Susan Woods

Ten club members and friends gathered on May 21 for the annual Ladies' Luncheon, enjoying a leisurely afternoon at Peohe's restaurant on Coronado Island. With a sunny table reserved on the enclosed patio, we were treated to panoramic views of San Diego Bay, including the impressive sight of a Navy ship cruising by and sailboats dotting the water.

Peohe's diverse menu gave everyone a chance to choose a favorite dish, from fresh seafood to crisp salads and indulgent desserts. The afternoon was filled with cheerful conversation and warm camaraderie—a perfect way to celebrate friendship and spring by the water.

We're already looking forward to continuing this lovely tradition next year and hope even more members will join us!



Valley Center Open House -- May 18

Photos courtesy of Ricky Logier

San Diego Region members gathered bright and early at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, the 18th, in the Parkway Plaza parking lot in El Cajon, ready for a scenic drive to Beth Kind's beautiful home in the hills of rural Valley Center. Once again, Beth went above and beyond to host a fantastic gathering, treating us to a delicious and abundant lunch. We enjoyed a feast of chips and dip, a variety of snacks, fresh fruit platters, and mouthwatering BBQ cheeseburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. And just when we thought it couldn't get better—out came the cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and a refreshing assortment of drinks. A huge thank-you to Beth for her incredible hospitality and for making the day so special!





COMING EVENTS

Car Show at Silvergate Rancho Bernardo is happening soon! Saturday June 14

The San Region AACA has been invited to bring our antique and classic cars for a Father's Day Weekend car show at Silvergate Retirement Residence in Rancho Bernardo. Club members attending the event last year had a lot of fun and were well appreciated by the residents and their families.

Each person bringing a car for the show will be provided with 2 tickets for a delicious BBQ lunch buffet. There will also be people's choice prizes for the favorite cars in the show and a live band, "Country Jamm". Our Exhibitors:

Doug Clements	1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe
Paul Priser	1965 Ford Mustang
Tony Modini	1966 Lincoln Continental
Tim and Paula Okey	1955 Buick Century
Jack Heacock	to be determined
Mark Rebello	1966 Chrysler New Yorker
Tom McIlravy	1973 Ford Mustang
Keith Wahl	1963 Studebaker GT Hawk
Shannon Sigler	1960 Cadillac Coupe de Ville
Mark and Diane Richards	1969 American Motors AMX
Brad Zemcik	1957 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud
Beth Kind	1992 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce

We hope you can attend too. Contact Mark Richards at 619 672-3201 to make your reservation.



Where: Silvergate Rancho Bernardo at 6061 Avenida Venusto, San Diego 92128

When: June 14, 2025, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Tom McIlravy will be leading a caravan to Silvergate. The group will meet up at the Mission Valley Target store at 10:00 am and leave at 10:30.

Annual Barbecue -- IT'S ALMOST HERE! JUNE 29 2025

The “**BEGINNING OF SUMMER BBQ**” at Bob Gunthorp’s house is back. This year, besides the AACA and the HCCA clubs, the Studebaker club members will be joining us. The BBQ will be catered again by the Little Piggy BBQ in Coronado. Bottled water and Ice tea will be provided. If you wish other drinks, you are welcome to bring your own.

DETAILS:

The Place: Bob’s house at 2176 Leon Ave. Bob’s phone number 619 993-0184

The Plan: Please arrive at 10:30 or later; lunch will be served at 12:30. **Park** your modern car in front. Vintage cars *including Studebakers* will be parked in the back.

To Register: For AACA and Studebaker Club, email Treasurer John Boyd, or leave him a phone message with your name and the number in your party. HCCA members notify Barbara Foley.

Both the AACA and the HCCA club will be covering the cost of the BBQ for their members and guests. For the members of the Studebaker Club the cost is \$20.00 per person. Please make your checks out to the AACA and mail them to John Boyd. Or you may pay by PayPal as Friends & Family to John Boyd. John’s contact info is

Mail:1201 Vista Capitan Drive; El Cajon, CA 92020. Email and PayPal: drjohn96@mac.com

The directions to Bob house are:

From I-5 south, take I-5 south to exit 4 Coronado Ave and go straight south on Hollister St.

Turn right on Leon Ave at the traffic light.

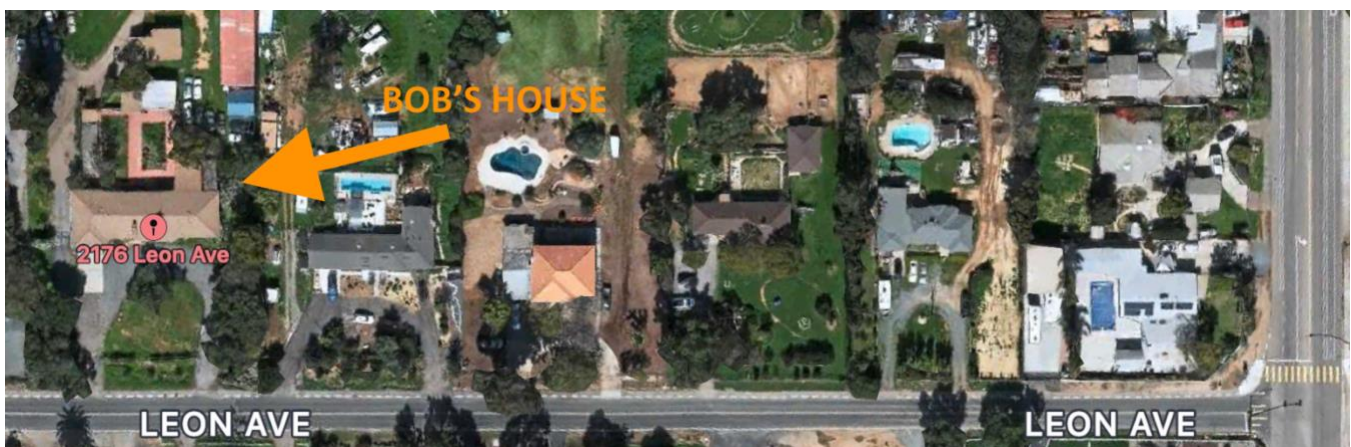
Bob’s number is 2176 Leon. You will turn right into the second driveway after the 25 MPH sign.

From I-805 south take 905 west then take the Tocayo Ave exit.

Take Tocayo Ave to Hollister. Turn right on Hollister, then left on Leon Ave at the traffic light.

Bob’s number is 2176 Leon. You will turn right into the second driveway after the 25 MPH sign.

Register TODAY, and plan to have a good time! We always do!



2025 Summer Car Show and Cruise Nights Update

From Ricky Logier and Mark Richards

The El Cajon Cruisin' Classics on Wednesdays, 5-7:30 pm, Main Street, is back on for 2025. Main Street business owners had listed some complaints about previous years' early arrivers blocking parking for hours and depressing commerce, but eventually the weekly car shows were agreed for this year. Unfortunately, this year there will be no Car Corral reservations. San Diego Region will therefore not have a picnic at the car show this summer. However, here is a published schedule of themes for the shows. The merchants' association requests that participants ***please do not arrive before 3 pm!***



Here are the announced themes for the 12 weeks of car shows:

June 4: Opening Night	June 25: VW Mania	July 16: Subie Spectacular
June 11: Vettes vs. Stangs	July 2: Race Car Jamboree	July 23: Bike Nite
June 18: Porsche Playground	July 9: Rat Rod Rally	July 30: Lowrider Royale

Just a few miles east, the La Mesa Village Association is hosting a weekly Classic Car Show on Thursdays from 5 'til 8 pm, on La Mesa Blvd between 4th and Spring Streets. Live music will be provided from local bands from the La Mesa Lumber truck "stage" located at 3rd & La Mesa Blvd. Here's the music schedule:

6/5: The Farmers	7/3: Blame Betty	7/31: The Farmers	8/28: 80z All Stars
6/12: Ron's Garage Band	7/10: Santana Soul	8/7: June & John's Rockin' Country Caravan	
6/19: The Tourmaliners	7/17: Private Domain	8/14: Zeelund	
6/26: Love is a Rose	7/24: Chickenbone Slim	8/21: That Beetles Cover Band	Arrive anytime!

July Fourth Coronado Parade

Mark your calendars! The 2025 Coronado Fourth of July Parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4, and promises to be another unforgettable celebration. As usual, all car groups are limited to 10 cars. Al Smithson will be communicating with all AACA drivers when he receives our assignment. Al emphasizes, it's important that all our cars be in place no later than 9:00 am.

The parade follows its traditional route, heading south along Orange Avenue from First Street to Churchill Place near Ocean Boulevard. This beloved Coronado tradition typically lasts about two hours and features an exciting mix of marching bands, festive floats, equestrian groups, and community organizations. Spectators often arrive early to claim prime viewing spots, so plan ahead! Be sure to give our AACA members a big round of applause as they roll by!

Keep in mind that Orange Avenue will be closed during the parade, with limited crossing points at Third and Fourth Streets. Come on out, soak in the patriotic spirit, and cheer on our beautifully restored classics as they help make this Independence Day extra special!

El Cerrito

Cars & Coffee

Rescheduled

**El Cajon Boulevard
Wall Mural Tour**

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

Meet at 8:30

Leave at 9:00 am

**Chase Bank Parking lot
College Ave. and El Cajon Blvd.**