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Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

Our annual BBQ, hosted by Bob Gunthorp, was a monumental success. Kudos to Bob for opening his home and garages so we could enjoy his beautiful collection. This event—much like the annual banquet—offers members who may not be able to attend other functions the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of club membership.

We were joined by members of the HCCA and the Studebaker Club, with about 60 in attendance. Li'l Piggies BBQ handled the catering and did a superb job!

Coming up next week is our nation's 249th Independence Day celebration. Join us on Coronado Island for the annual parade! Al Smithson is leading our club's participation, complete with his signature Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee. This is always a fun event. If you're spectating, we'll be about halfway through the lineup.

**Don't** miss the tour of the Miniature Museum hosted by Sheldon and Shelia Jurist on July 19th. Our club visited this museum about 10 years ago, and it features some of the most unique displays—including a Duesenberg model that has received accuracy accreditation.

One day before our next General Meeting, there will be a Cars and Coffee event hosted by Newell and Gladene Booth, culminating in a pancake brunch at their home. Mark your calendar for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and watch your email for details!

Our next General Meeting is on August 4th and will feature a **HOBBY Night**. This is a great opportunity for members to share and connect over their personal interests and collections.

Until we meet again—happy motoring!

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, and encouraged. Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at [drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).

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INFO.)

### 2025 San Diego Region Event Schedule

Month	Day	Event
July		No GM
	4	Coronado Independence Day Parade (Smithson)
	19	Miniature Museum Tour (Jurist)
	26	Club Breakfast
August	3	Cars & Coffee with 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)

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## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Our June 2nd Members Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center in Hillcrest was a delight! We were treated to a lively story from Alex Watt about his latest “new” old car acquisition—always a highlight to hear about the treasures our members uncover. To top it off, Ricky Logier wowed us during the refreshment break with his incredible bread pudding, complete with a rich rum sauce. Talk about a sweet finish!

Our monthly general meetings have featured some truly engaging programs lately, and we'd love to see more of you there. These gatherings are more than meetings—they're mini celebrations of our community and shared passion. So come join the fun and connection that keep our club thriving!

Please note: There's no meeting in July, but mark your calendar for *Hobby Night* on the first Monday in August. This event is a crowd favorite, where members share their personal hobbies and interests beyond our beloved antique cars. It's a wonderful chance to learn something new about your fellow enthusiasts—and maybe surprise a few with your own hidden talents!

## AACA Carlsbad Miniature Museum Tour – July 19

Watch your email for details about the July 19 tour to the Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum. This fascinating museum showcases *unbelievable* miniature devices that actually work! For example, a [1/6 scale model 1932 Duesenberg SJ](#), a [1/6 scale Holbrook Model C Lathe](#), and a [1/16 Scale P-51 Mustang and Two F4U Corsair Models](#)! The plan is we will drive to Carlsbad and visit the Museum in the morning, then enjoy lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Sheldon Jurist is organizing the outing, so *watch your email* to get the finalized meeting point and lunch arrangements. Club members who have visited the MECM before rave about it!



## 2025 Summer Car Show and Cruise Nights Update

From Ricky Logier and Mark Richards

The restructured El Cajon Cruisin' Classics car show is about halfway through its season. There are just four shows remaining, with special displays and themes as indicated. Remember, the merchants' association requests that participants ***please not arrive before 3 pm!***

July 23: Bike Nite	June 18: Porsche Playground	July 9: Rat Rod Rally	July 30: Lowrider Royale
La Mesa Village Association weekly Classic Car Shows on Thursdays from 5 'til 8 pm run through August. La Mesa Blvd between 4 <sup>th</sup> and Spring Streets. Live music is provided from local bands from the La Mesa Lumber truck “stage” located at 3 <sup>rd</sup> & La Mesa Blvd. Here's the music schedule:		7/10: Santana Soul	8/7: June & John's Rockin' Country Caravan
		7/17: Private Domain	8/14: Zeelund
		7/24: Chickenbone Slim	8/21: That Beetles Cover Band
		7/31: The Farmers	8/28: 80z All Stars

## Second Silvergate Rancho Bernardo Car Show was Another Great Success!

Tom McIlravy and Mark Richards supplied photos from the event. Both gave rave reviews about the Silvergate welcome, and just look at the photos! Beautiful day, beautiful cars, and beautiful people! Exhibitors: Doug Clements (1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport





Coupe), Tim and Paula Okey (1955 Buick Century), Jack Heacock (1957 Olds Holiday Coupe), Tom McIlravy (1973 Ford Mustang), Bob Gunthorp (1965 Mercedes Limousine), Shannon Sigler (1960 Cadillac Coupe de Ville), Mark and Diane Richards (1969 American Motors AMX), Al Smithson (1948 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith). Brad Zemcik (1957 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud), Beth Kind (1992 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce), Keith Wahl (1955 Studebaker Conestoga Wagon).









## *Annual Summer Barbecue at Bob Gunthorp's -- Sunday June 29*

**Well, he did it again!** Bob Gunthorp once more hosted a fantastic barbecue party for the AACA. This time, we extended the invitation to friends from the Studebaker Drivers Club (SDC) and the local chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club. As many of you know, our memberships often overlap—several AACA members also belong to one or both of these fine organizations.

We were saddened by Keith Wahl's announcement that the local SDC chapter will be disbanding. Like many clubs these days, they've seen a drop in both participation and volunteers willing to serve in leadership roles. Still, we hope to welcome more SDC members into AACA events in the future—and perhaps keep the spirit of their club alive through joint activities. We've certainly enjoyed the AACA-SDC chili cook-offs the past two years. Long may they continue!



Bob treated us to a tour of his amazing “backyard” and car barns, showcasing his large collection of restored and project Mercedes-Benz sedans, long-wheelbase models, and station wagons. Among the standout guest cars were Shannon Sigler's gorgeous 1960 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, Jack and Lynne Heacock's eye-catching 1957 Oldsmobile 98 Holiday Coupe, and Mark and Diane Richards' beautifully restored Volvo PV 544.



Bob had everything ready—tables, chairs, and plenty of shade for a comfortable afternoon. Once again, the food was provided by Li'l Piggy Barbecue of Coronado Island, and it was a hit. Brisket and pulled pork, with soft rolls, baked beans, cole slaw, and potato salad—just what a summer picnic calls for. Ricky and Divina Logier outdid themselves with homemade apple crisp and pineapple upside-down cake. When's the last time you had that classic?



After lunch, President Tom offered a few kind remarks, thanking all who attended and helped out. He also introduced Sam Judd and Keith Wahl as officers representing our two guest clubs.

This annual picnic has become a cherished San Diego AACA tradition. Thanks again, Bob, for making it another memorable day! And thanks to you, Tom, for the photos!









