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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
OF AMERICA



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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

What a terrific Pizza Party we had! A huge thank-you to the Richards for their planning and logistics that made the evening run so smoothly. Thanks also to Ricky Logier for providing drinks and those unforgettable homemade fig-oatmeal cookies. And of course, a round of applause for Brad Zemcik's entertaining slide show—even if one of the photos had me upside-down!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our **Picnic by the Bay on September 27** in Mission Bay Park (exact spot still to be determined). Lunch will be provided by the Club, so just bring your good appetite and good company. This is the perfect event to invite family, friends, and prospective members—no extra charge, just extra fun. And Brad, watch out.... You might end up with sand in your salad!

In this issue of the *Foot Warmer*, you'll also find details about registering for our **Annual Banquet**. Please RSVP early—it really helps the planning committee and makes the evening all the more enjoyable for everyone. We are still looking for nomination for the 4 categories for the **Daryl Holmes Preservation Award**. There are four classes: **1. American Pre-war, 2. American post-war, 3. Foreign Pre-war, and 4. Foreign post-war**. We have several nominations already, so register your car now! Send your entries to Mark Rebello with a photo or two at mrebello167@aol.com. The Award committee may contact you to view the car if it is selected.

Don't miss our **October meeting**, featuring the dynamic duo of Mark Rebello and Keith Wahl. They'll share the trials and tribulations of transmissions—try saying that three times fast!

Until we meet again, **Happy Motoring!**

Tom McIlravy
President, San Diego
Region AACA

**Picnic By The Bay –
September 27!**



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.

CLUB INFO

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (25-26)

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SECRETARY: SUSAN WOODS (25-26)

TREASURER: JOHN BOYD (25-26)

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

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BARBARA FOLEY (24-25)

BOB GUNTHERP (24-25)

JACK HEACOCK (24-25)

KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

TOURS: TOM MCILRAVY

REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHERP

ANNUAL AWARDS: ART COTTEE
(Chair), MARK REBELLO, JACK
HEACOCK, MARK RICHARDS

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

SILENT MOVIES: ART COTTEE, AL
SMITHSON

ACCC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

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TOM MCILRAVY AND THE MEMBERS
VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vacant

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT
INFO.)

2025 San Diego Region Event Schedule

Month	Day	Event
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
	25	CLMM Car Show (Boyd)
November	3	GM Member Car Talks (Rebello)
	16	Club Awards Banquet (Gunthorp)
	TBD	Silent Movie, Trinity Church (Smithson)
December	1	Planning Meeting for 2026 (All Members)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are discontinuing our Saturday breakfasts. Attendance has been very light, especially over the summer.
- Our annual AWARDS BANQUET is coming up soon. Registration forms in the October *Foot Warmer*. Register early, and save your RECORD to remind you of the entrée you ordered!

Change of Address

John and Barbara Boyd have moved to an apartment in Covenant Living at Mount Miguel. Our new address is 325 Kempton St #252 Spring Valley, CA 91977

Emails and phone numbers are unchanged.

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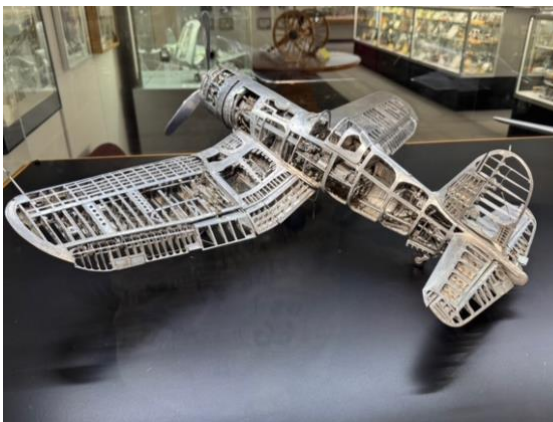
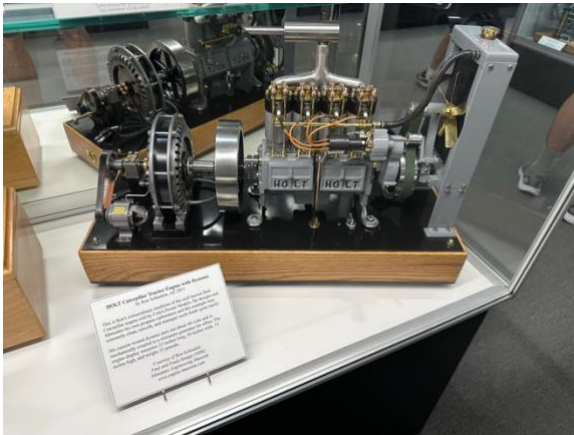
Covenant Living Car Show 10/25

Awards Banquet 11/13

RECENT TOURS AND EVENTS

Carlsbad Museum

July 19 a gang of San Diego AACA members made their way to the Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum in Carlsbad. Although some had visited before, for many it was out first viewing of this amazing display. Some of the projects clearly represented thousands of hours invested in creating tiny, accurate, and frequently functional models of airplanes, cars, boats and ships, engines, and toys. Following our too-short tour of the wide variety of miniatures, many of them operational and operating, we adjourned to Ruby's diner a few miles back into town for a great diner-style lunch. The museum is truly a gem of San Diego North County!



Mural Tour and Pancake Brunch

Member Newell Booth organized a midtown caravan and tour on August 3 to view colorful murals painted on various buildings on or near El Cajon Boulevard from College, through El Cerrito, as far as Hillcrest on Sunday morning, August 3. We drove in a long, sometimes broken, caravan of collector cars, with a few modern ones thrown in, and passed a dozen or more creative murals on building walls. Viewing the murals, appreciating the artistry involved in creating them, and considering the advertising and messages they present, gave many a new view of this kind of art. Following the tour, Newell and Gladene hosted the entire entourage at their gracious home in El Cerrito for a back yard pancake breakfast. Thank you, Booths! From all of us who enjoyed the outing and your home in particular.



One particularly striking mural, photographed by Tom McIlravy

Newell writes: We thank those who helped us put on the Pancake Breakfast after the tour. These included John Markey and Mike Shenar for flipping pancakes. Tracy Buchanan, Theresa Markey, Paula Pease, and Melanie Booth helped keep the supplies coming. The photos show tour participants, parked in the Booths neighborhood for the breakfast. He reports the neighbors want to know when he will host another such gathering!

Newell organizes a cars & coffee event in El Cerrito at the Chase Bank parking lot, corner of College and El Cajon, on the first Sunday of the month for car fans of all sorts. AACA members and cars are welcome. The event runs from 8:30 to 10 am.



General Meetings

August 4 Hobby Night General Meeting

Our monthly general meeting for August was designated Hobby Night. There were several interesting displays of nonautomotive hobbies, illustrating the wide diversity of interests in our club. Shown and discussed were MREs (meals, ready to eat), with samples distributed; a woodworking project, ancient copies of the San Diego Union Tribune, a collection of Liberty dimes, and more. Sheila Jurist won the name badge drawing and was awarded a fat twenty-dollar prize. John and Barbara Boyd arranged refreshments.

September 1 (Labor Day) Pizza Party

Mark and Diane Richards ordered pizza and drinks for the party, with help from Ricky Lozier and Bob Kambeitz on cookies and the drinks. It was a cordial gathering, with some visitors attending and conversations all around the room. Our annual pizza party is becoming a fine tradition. No name badge check or drawing this month! Brad Zemcik provided a running slide show of interesting cars he has seen and photographed in the past few years, particularly in European museums. He also showcased some examples of photo art he has created by retouching photos of cars. Some stunning work!

SDACC Meeting Report

Ricky Logier attended the August 5 meeting and car show of the San Diego Association of Car Clubs. He reports:

Paul Palombo president called the meeting to order at 6:15pm and ended it at 7:00pm. Approximately 28 vehicles original & custom were part of the car show. AACA SD member Bob Gunthorp's 1966 Mercedes Hearst was on display. There were 4 car trophies given out. The \$500 charity drawing winner was Ricky Logier AACA SD representative. Ricky chose the San Diego Automotive Museum as our club's charity. The next SDACC meet up will on Oct 07, 2025 5pm-7pm Estrada's Taco Shop Santee 92701. San Diego Association of Car Clubs sanctioned car events can be found on the calendar. Just search their website: www.sandiegoassociationofcarclububs.org

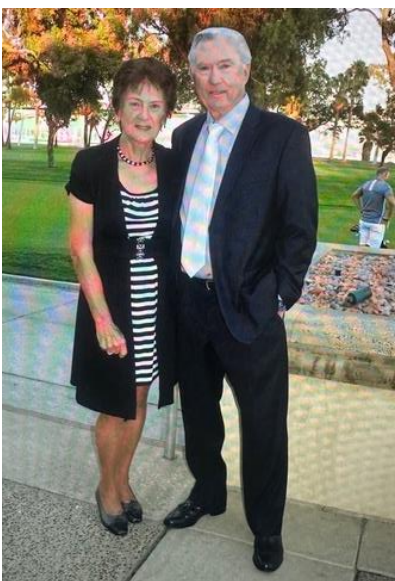
FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

Art Cottee

Art Cottee passed away on July 31st, 2025. Tom McIlravy wrote "When I first joined the club, Art was the tours and activities coordinator. After about a year in the club, he handed that off to me with a lot of guidance and encouragement. Over the years he was always giving me encouragement and suggestions. I always treasured his input and friendship. Our condolences go out to Phyllis and their family."

Betty Holmes went through her extensive archive of photos and emailed a collection that highlights Art at his best. They capture his spirit, cheering all of us who knew, liked, and appreciated him. Here is some of the collection.

The Committal service for Art Cottee will be at Miramar National Cemetery, 5795 Nobel Dr, San Diego CA 92122, 858-658-7360, on September 22, 2025, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM



Nick Fintzelberg

From Tom McIlravy

Nick Fintzelberg passed away Aug 7th, 2025. His birthday was July 4th, and Al Smithson always invited him to drive one of his many cars in the Coronado Parade. Then Al would add that the whole country was celebrating with him for his birthday. Nick was a past president, serving our club in 1984. He had many health issues in the last few years and will be missed.

From David Felderstein, President, Airflow Club of America

Nicholas M. Fintzelberg, age 91, passed away on August 7, 2025. A lifelong auto enthusiast, Nick was one of the founders of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, created the San Diego Region of the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA), and served with distinction as the CCCA President. He was involved with the AACA and San Diego Region for many years as well. Nick owned a beautiful black 1934 Chrysler CU Airflow sedan and many other cars.



Active in San Diego civic affairs, in the 1960's Nick and his father Milton spearheaded the creation of Old Town San Diego State Park, which included the restoration of the historic Mission San Diego. His personal passion resulted in the creation of an 8-acre site for new "street" where 7 magnificent historic San Diego Victorian homes that had been slated for demolition were beautifully relocated for future generations to enjoy. Another of Nick's lasting contributions was to partner with well-known auto enthusiast Ralph Marano to expand CCCA Full Classic status for Airflow cars from just a handful of very long wheelbase cars to all 128" wheelbase cars (CV, C2, C10, C11, and C17) in 2014.

Nick and David Felderstein drove David's '35 Airflow Imperial on a CCCA "CARavan" in Western Canada in 2019. He attended several of the Airflow Club National Meets and many ACA Western Region events, as well as being an active participant of the San Diego Region AACA monthly meetings and outings. He was a fine man, an important figure in our car hobby, and will be missed.

COMING UP SOON

Mission Bay Picnic

Last year's Picnic By the Bay was such a success we are doing it again! Mark Rebello is again organizing the festivities, this time on September 27. **Watch your email for announcement of the time and exact place.** As Tom notes, this is a great opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, and family to join us. The Club is buying lunch. Come join us for what is sure to be a relaxed, sunny, afternoon with friends. Remember, San Diego winter is coming! Temperatures will soon drop into the 60s! See you there.



2025 Summer Car Show and Cruise Nights Update

Cajon Cruise Nights are running for a fall series, Wednesday nights from September 10th through October 22nd, 5 pm to 7:30 pm at the usual location on Main Street, El Cajon. Charger Steve emphasizes **"DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3 PM!"** Ricky writes: "I'm working with Steve to set up an SD AACA car meet up on one of the following Wednesdays: 01, 15, or 22 Oct. Our club can put up to 12 cars on display. You will be receiving an email from the club requesting your participation."



2025

5pm-7:30pm

FREE

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
THRU OCTOBER 22ND**

**ATTENTION CAR OWNERS:
DO NOT UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES ARRIVE
PRIOR TO 3PM** Info: Charger Steve 619-201-8207

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CLMM Car Show

We are reprising our Covenant Living Car Show of 2023! On Saturday, October 25, we are invited to hold a car show with up to 10 antique cars at Covenant Living at Mount Miguel (where John and Barbara Boyd now live), at 325 Kempton St. Spring Valley. Snacks, hot dogs, and sodas will be served.

Details:

- **Email John Boyd at drjohn96@mac.com** by Oct 15 to **register your car**. There is only room for 10 cars in the Peterson Hall parking circle, but we might be able to arrange overflow space for one or two more cars. Pack in some family and friends for extra fun!
- Please **arrive by 10:30** to allow time to arrange cars and park. Follow your GPS to the address or dig out your San Diego Thomas Guide. (Remember those?) CLMM is a block or two east of the Spring Valley Swap Meet field, just off 125 at the Jamacha Blvd – Paradise Valley Road exit. Take Jamacha Blvd – Paradise Valley Road exit and go east from the exit about a half mile and turn right onto Kempton Street at the stop light.
- Guests will be primed to ask you about your car with suggested questions, like: What is this car? Did you fix it up yourself? Can you drive it on the freeway? Why did you choose this particular car? **Be prepared to talk cars!**

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Car Show



**COVENANT LIVING
AT MOUNT MIGUEL**
325 KEMPTON, SPRING VALLEY, CA

- Old timey diner-style music
- Hot dogs and drinks
- Photo ops • Talk with the owners!

Questions? Contact Yesenia Marquez at (619) 931-1132
or John Boyd at (858) 997-7002

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25
11 AM – 1:30 PM**

**FREE
ADMISSION**