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## *President's Greeting*

Dear San Diego Region AACA members,

Thank you once again for electing me to serve as your president this year. If my math is right, this marks my ninth year—and since no one has run away screaming yet, I'll take that as a good sign! Of course, the real success of our club comes from all of you who pitch in, participate, and make this community thrive.

This year's Annual Awards Banquet was one way I hoped to show my gratitude and give credit to everyone who keeps our club so vibrant. I was especially pleased to introduce the new **Daryl Holmes Preservation Award**, a wonderful addition that recognizes members for the enjoyment, upkeep, and beauty of their cars—no matter their restoration condition.

A special thank you goes to **Bob Gunthorp** for coordinating the banquet and to **Brad Zemcik** for his behind-the-scenes work on the programs, PowerPoint, and awards presentations.

Our December planning meeting was also a resounding success, with plenty of exciting activities lined up. Next up: the **San Diego Excursion on January 11th**—mark your calendars!

If I don't see you before then, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, enjoyable New Year. And in true dad-joke fashion... see you next year!

**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).

## CLUB INFO

### OFFICERS

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

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

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

### DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

NANNETTE CLARK (24-25)

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:** MARK REBELLO,  
JACK HEACOCK, MARK RICHARDS

**CORONADO PARADE:** AL SMITHSON

**SILENT MOVIES:** AL SMITHSON

**ACCC REP/LEGIS:** SHELDON JURIST

### CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

TOM MCILRAVY AND THE MEMBERS  
VOLUNTEER SQUAD

**EDITOR:** JOHN BOYD

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(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT  
INFO.)

## 2026 San Diego Region Event Schedule

MONTH	EVENT
JAN	5 General Meeting -- "Aston Martin" Alex Watt
	11 San Diego Excursion -- Newell Booth
FEB	2 GM -- "WAAM Museum" Sheldon Jurist
	21 Chili Cookoff -- Beers Center
MAR	2 GM -- "Louman Museum" Brad Zemcik
	7 Jeff Phillips Collection -- Keith Wahl
	21 Scary Museum -- Barbara Foley

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### Birthdays:

Divina	Logier	2
Barbara	Aven	7
Jack	Heacock	8
John	Phlegar	12
Rachel	Evans	14
Carol	Ross	16
Cathy	Cibit	16
Darrell	Christian	20
Charles W.	Hylton	21
Steve	Ross	27

### Anniversaries:

Luke Kensen & Todd Worthington	12
Paul and Francy Priser	23





## December 1 General Meeting

President Tom McIlravy hosted the Region's annual planning meeting, leading off with presentation of a couple of 2025 awards that could not be presented at the banquet. John Boyd, Barbara Boyd, Ricky Logier, and Barbara Foley were awarded certificates of appreciation for service to the region during 2025. New members Luke Kensen and Geoff Wahl were welcomed. Tom then led us through a spirited session of suggesting, discussing, considering, selecting, and arranging events and outings for the region during 2026. At right is the resulting plan, so far, with only a couple of places to squeeze in another tour or trip. It was a very successful planning session! Mark Richards won the name badge drawing, and we enjoyed a feast of donuts during our break, thanks to Al Smithson and Mark Rebello.



Geoff Wahl



Luke Kensen



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APR	6	GM —Auto Museum Brad Zemcik
	18	Making Music Museum —Jurists
MAY	4	GM —Bingo Night
	9	Santee Lakes Picnic —Rebello
	13	Ladies Luncheon —Susan Woods
	23	Open House at Beth's—B. Foley, M. Cooke
JUN	1	GM —"History of Bentley" Brad Zemcik
	20	Silvergate Car Show
	28	Great American BBQ —Bob Gunthorp
JUL	4	Coronado Parade
	6	No GM
AUG	3	GM —Hobby Night
	22	Bus Tour: Peterson Museum
SEP	7	Pizza Party at Beers Center
	12	Sunset Cliffs Car Show
	26	Campo Train Museum
OCT	5	GM
	10	Mt Miguel Car Show —John Boyd
	24	Lindo Lake Picnic —Ricky Logier
NOV	2	GM
	15	Awards Banquet —Bob Gunthorp
DEC	7	GM —Planning Meeting

## NOTICE

The monthly **EL CERRITO CARS & COFFEE** organized by Newell Booth, has moved. It's still the first Sunday of the month (Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, ... but now at the **Citi Bank parking lot, 60<sup>th</sup> Street at El Cajon Blvd.** 8:30 to 10:00 am. C'mon by!

# COMING UP SOON!

The La Jolla Region  
of the  
Horseless Carriage Club of America  
is pleased to host the  
**2nd Annual**  
**San Diego Excursion**  
**Sunday January 11, 2026**



*The drive of vintage cars through the streets starting from the San Diego Automotive Museum to Point Loma is a display to the public to show the preservation for future generations. The first annual event in 2025 turned out to be a joyous day for drivers and spectators and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday January 11, 2026.*

Go or click here to sign-up <https://www.hcfi.org/sdexcursion/signup>



## San Diego Association of Car Clubs Report

*Ricky Logier attended the Nov. 4 meeting. He writes:*

The San Diego Association of Car Clubs was held on November 4th, 2025 at the Automotive Museum Balboa Park SD. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Palombo at 6:00pm. There were 21 persons attending the meeting with 10 car representatives. The Cajon Cruise will be back again next year May to August 2026. Official dates will be posted once all the details are worked out with the El Cajon city manager. Automotive Museum spokesperson Brandy talked about the impact of the new parking fees to start January 1st, 2026, on the museums. The Auto Museum does have their own dirt parking lot behind their building for their staff & volunteers.

There is a new club forming named the MILITARY MUSTANG CLUB. It is open to all active duty, national guard & reserves, retirees and veterans with a VA ID card. Requirements are own a Mustang any year and be able to access military bases. One of the goals of the club is to assist active-duty service members with their Mustang cars while they are deployed or TDY.

San Clemente Cars & Coffee meetups are catching heat these days. Local residents, shoppers & store owners are fed up over the raucous Saturday morning car show at the San Clemente Outlet Mall. The vibes have soured, revving engines, reckless burnouts and street racing have spiraled the venue out of control for San Clemente police. The San Clemente city council has taken notice and is considering to cancel the permits to host a Cars & Coffee at the San Clemente Outlet Mall.

The SDACC website is <http://WWW.SDACC.NET>, check out the calendar for car events & shows.



## *COVENANT LIVING AT MOUNT MIGUEL -- AACA CAR SHOW*

October 25 saw our second San Diego Region Car Show at this Spring Valley retirement village. Although the parking circle has only limited room for displaying cars, we had a nice turnout that was thoroughly enjoyed by residents of the village, including, of course, the Boyds, who moved there in July. Al Simpson brought his two Packards, which provided a stunning focal point for the small collection. Sunny day, warm temps, a friendly crowd. Just what we hoped for. Thanks to all who brought their cars, from the organizer and all the CLMM residents who appreciated the memories. We've been invited back next year!



## *2025 AACA San Diego Region Awards Banquet*

Held again at the Shelter Island Bay Club, this year's banquet came off without a hitch, thanks to the efforts of Bob Gunthorp, Tom McIlravy, Mark Rebello, Mark Richards and the winners of the awards, all of whom, along with many others, made this year's banquet such a success. The story is told in the photos and the list of award winners. Enjoy! And thank you, **Brad Zemzic**, for the photos!



***First: the award winners:***

FOUNDERS AWARD	Mark Richards	1969 American Motors AMX	
RALPH HARMS AWARD	Al Smithson	1941 Lincoln Continental V-12	
JERRY WRIGHT AWARD	Tom McIlravy		
SILVER SPOON AWARD	Susan McIlravy		
HARD LUCK TROPHY	Tom McIlravy		
DARYL HOLMES PRESERVATION AWARDS			
Pre-War American	First Place	1936 Ford Phaeton	Al Smithson
Honorable Mention		1937 Chrysler Airflow C-17	John Boyd
Post War American	First Place	1956 Imperial Southampton	Nannette Clark
Honorable Mention		1955 Buick Century Hardtop	Paula Okey
Pre-War Foreign	No contenders		
Post War Foreign	First Place	1961 Aston Martin DB-4	Alex Watt
Honorable Mention		1968 Mercedes 250	Jack Heacock
HONORARY MEMBERS INSTALLED			
	Paula Okey		
	Nannette Clark		

***Portraits and photos from the banquet, courtesy Brad Zemcik***

(Apologies that it was necessary to crop and reduce them to squeeze them in. Ed.)









