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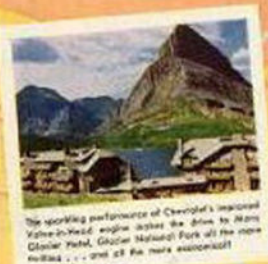


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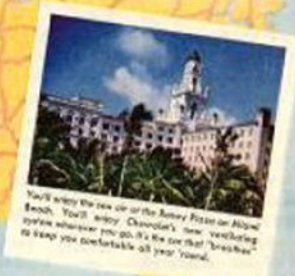
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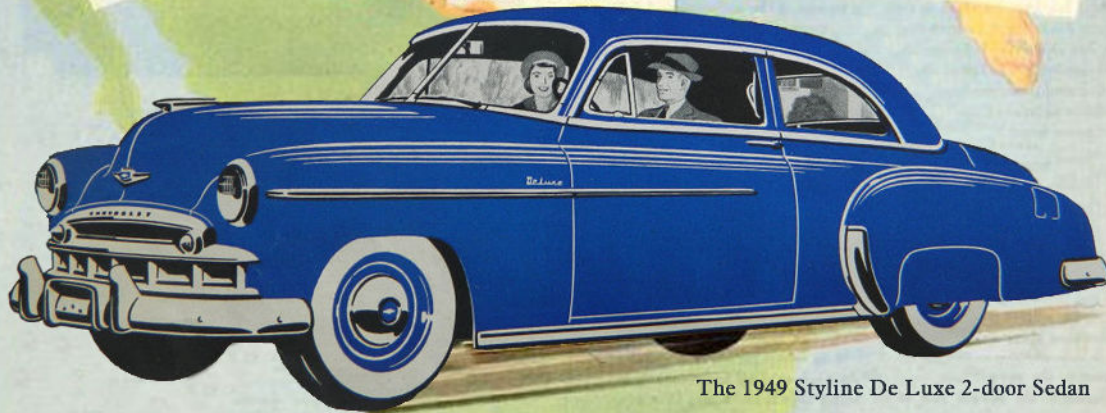
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The 1949 Styline De Luxe 2-door Sedan

NORTH COUNTY TOUR REPORT

Photos by Deborah Judd



About 18 hearty souls in nine vehicles showed up on a warm summer morning to attend the AACA North County Tour. After visiting for awhile at Kit Carson Park, we headed out on back country roads arriving at our first destination, Bates Nut Farm.

Many free samples of fine treats were had and most of us left with a bag full of goodies. I'm enjoying my Jordan Almonds as I'm writing this report.

Leaving the nut farm, we ventured deeper into Valley Center's ranch and farmland where Thoroughbreds raced each other around their wide ranging pens amongst the farms where acres of vegetables basked in the sun. Arriving at the Valley Center History Museum we were given a guided tour by a sweet lady docent who was very knowledgeable about all things Valley Center. I never knew so many things of interest happened in Valley Center, from first engine powered flight west of the Mississippi to the homes of the real Betty Crocker and of John Wayne among other notables. Also, they have a fully erect stuffed Grizzly Bear and the smallest Post Office in the US at one time during its 100+ years in service.



Leaving the museum we continued our tour on back country roads, overlooking magnificent views as we wound our way down into Pala Valley, then into the Fallbrook area through an ancient oak forest on narrow roads where the trees reached out and covered you as you passed under their majestic canopy, and finally on to the small town with the lovely name of Rainbow, to the quaint Rainbow Oaks Restaurant where we all had generous portions of good food served up in a timely fashion.



Attendees: Gary Jarvis, Mark and Diane Richards, Royce and Frances Dunn, Nannette Clark and Ken Munson, Ken Keller and Suezy McCulloch, Doug and Marilyn Clements, Paul and Franci Priser, Sheldon and Shelia Jurist, Sam and Deborah Judd.



--- Sam and Deborah Judd

Sam and Friend

Bette Hayward wishes to thank everyone for the cards and calls. She really appreciates them.

Bette has a problem with a slipped disc and because of this she is unable to sit at her computer and answer emails. Either send a card or call her on her cell phone.

To complicate things her daughter Karla, who was looking after her, was badly injured when her horse tripped. Karla was thrown off; the horse fell on her breaking one leg, twisted her knee on the other leg and severely sprained her ankle.

Please continue with the cards and calls.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA members:

First I would like to thank Mike and Claire Cooke and Art and Phyllis Cottee for the wonderful job organizing and putting on the Chicken Fest. As long as I can remember, that was the most participation by our club members for Cruise night in El Cajon. Great Job!

I had a great visit from my sister, Sue McIlravy Christian. Many of you met her at the general meeting and at Chicken Fest. She came down to babysit me through my surgery and afterwards making sure I didn't lift anything.

I'm really looking forward to the Campo Tour co-hosted by Norma Almanza and Barbara Foley. The last time we did this tour, the breaks went out on the car that I was driving, went through an intersection with cross traffic, and came to a rolling stop on the next uphill. So this time I'll be able to enjoy the tour with clean shorts.

Our Member, Kimball Vincent has invited our club to join the Great Autos of Yesteryear in Hillcrest for a car show Sept 15 from 1 to 330. Details in an e-blast. See you all Sept 3rd!

Tom McIlravy

AACA National is offering a free years membership to any one that is in, or retired from the military. This is available to new members, Our MEmbership Chairman, Daryl Holmes has the special forms. His contact information is shown below.

The Antique Automobile Club of America is a non-profit, national organization founded in 1935 and dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and enjoyment of
Historical Vehicles

Antique Automobile Club of America National Membership
Single or Joint \$40.00 per year.
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San Diego Region Membership - Single or Joint \$20.00 per year.

Our San Diego Region Membership Chairman can help you obtain both memberships. Contact:

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September Train & Motor Transport Museum in Campo Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018

Tour the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA with a short train ride. Seniors \$15 dollars each (\$10 after AACA rebate) includes museum (air conditioned) visit. First train ride at 11:00 a.m. Visit www.psrsm.org

Tour can include the Motor Transport Museum (also in Campo) either before or after the train. Museum is located in a historic mill. Museum is free. Mostly transport vehicles, a library, restoration showroom and related artifact equipment.

Visit www.motortransportmuseum.org

Saturday, September 8, 2018 departing from TBA location off HWY 94 East. Picnic Lunch or recommended Café B in Campo. Both museums have picnic areas. Travel to Campo either through scenic but windy State Route 94 or Interstate 8.

RSVP to Norma Almanza by August 15, 2018 via
512-619-8432 or fridalado@hotmail.com

The **HALLOWEEN** pot luck party will have decorations out in preparation for Halloween night, but we do not expect you to wear costumes. Saturday October 20th, arrive around 11:00 AM.

We will provide Subway mini-sandwiches, drinks and chips. Pot-luck contributions of your favorite side-dish or desert are most welcome. There is no formal tour this time, just eating, visiting and garage-wandering.

Please RSVP so we can guestimate food needs.
Sandy & Alex Watt 3610 Dupont St, San Diego
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Monthly Membership Meetings
1st Monday of each month
6:30 PM - Social 7:00 PM - Meeting
Joyce Beers Community Center In
Hillcrest on Vermont Street Ample free
parking at Ralphs or Trader Joe's.

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OCT	1	General Membership Meeting
OCT	13	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.234.8720
OCT	20	Watt's Halloween Party Alex & Sandy Watt 619.223.6519
NOV	5	General Membership Meeting
NOV	11	ANNUAL BANQUET Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
NOV	17	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.234.8720
DEC	3	General Membership Meeting
DEC	2	Bells Of Freedom Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
2019		
JAN	7	General Membership Meeting
FEB	4	General Membership Meeting
MAR	4	General Membership Meeting

As a repeat of our January event, AACA will join with the Great Autos of Yesteryear car club in co-sponsoring the Hillcrest Classic Car Show on Saturday September 15th near the DMV on Normal St between University and Harvey Milk. Set up is from noon to 1 pm and the show is from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The Hillcrest Business Association has a permit to block off the street for the show. The event is free of charge for participants and visitors alike. It promises to be an enjoyable afternoon. It's a great venue, in the middle of Hillcrest with lots of visibility. If you like, plan to have lunch at the Hillcrest Brewing Company or one of the other nearby eateries.

If you wouldn't mind, please RSVP to Kimball at krvincent3@yahoo.com or call/text to 619-861-7800. Just want to get a count of how many cars we'll have. Hope you can make it.

Annual Restoration Awards

Every year at the Annual Banquet three restoration awards are presented. Your restoration does not have to be completed but the Awards Chairman does need to know about the work you've been doing.

- ① The Founders Award is presented to the member who has completed the best non-professional restoration of a vehicle ready for the road during the year.
- ② The Ralph Harms Memorial Trophy is presented to the member who has made the most progress toward a non-professional restoration of a vehicle during the year.
- ③ Runner-Up Awards may be presented in both categories as well as Certificates of Merit.

Contact Alex Watt, Awards Chairman, 619.223.6519 www.trailers@att.net

MEETING SPEAKERS

Our August 2018 Program was a very interesting discussion on Safe Driving for Seniors and was presented by **Mr. Ismael Anda, a 30 year employee of the California DMV**. Ismael is the current Senior Driver Ombudsman-Driver Safety Manager. Along with several handouts on the topic, we also discussed the Federal Real ID Act of 2005, requiring the CA DMV to implement new ID's/ Driver's licenses bearing a symbol that allows access onto federal facilities as well as boarding domestic airline flights. It was noted that a current valid passport meets the requirements of the Real ID Act. A special thanks to Ismael for making the long drive from Orange County to visit us! *(From the Editor: This was a very informative talk. What a winner Beth. Several people commented to me that learning they could request written tests rather than doing it on the computers placed them at ease. Michele and I had been in DMV that day with one good experience and one REALLY BAD one. Alas, we all have to deal with them and hope the changes Ismael spoke about are implemented soon).*



Mr. Ismael Anda

The **September 3rd** meeting will feature a presentation on the Chrysler Airflow and will be lead by **John Boyd** along with some fun videos.



Frances and Royce Dunn provided the refreshments featuring a cake that was classified as "better than sex"..you decide.



Al Smithson (L) receiving the Coronado Participation tray from Nick Fintzelberg (R) who was handed it the day of the parade.



The drawing, and cash, winner was Susan Christian (Tom's sister and region member), receiving the cash from our Treasurer, Norma.



When asked to comment on the meeting Doris Chidgy (L) and Kimball Vincent (R) decided to give us the long and short of it.

FROM THE EDITOR

I have been hit with some travel plans that may result in some slower times to getting the next few issues out. Please bear with me. Because of the Okey's we may be ok however the November issue will be late so **PLEASE, PLEASE**, make your Annual Banquet reservations early. This may be the last Foot Warmer notice.

In all likelihood the November and December issues will be combined into one and sent out mid December covering the Halloween Party, the Annual Banquet, and Bells of Freedom. Thank you for your understanding.

I have received some article from members and will publish them as space allows. All are informative and interesting. Also, if you have any old photos please send them along as well. I'll be including these in the months to come.

Right now we get 4 color pages for the price of 1; hence some of the meet reports are in different places than previously. Should the Board agree to go full color there will be no problem with placement. I'm just trying to use color where I feel it is appropriate....the pdf copy is FULL COLOR!

Respectfully, Brad

ANNUAL BANQUET

Bob Gunthorp

There are two major changes for this year's Annual Banquet. First we will be at a new location. The venue at the Coronado Golf Course is in the process of changing ownership and there was no guarantee for our date or menu selection. The new location is: HANDLERY HOTEL 950 Hotel Circle North San Diego CA 92108.

Second is the time. Many of our members are no longer comfortable driving at night so this year we are having an afternoon Banquet. I think an afternoon Banquet will encourage more people to attend. The new time is: "Social Hour" at noon and lunch serviced at 1:00 pm.

The menu choices are: Marinated Grilled Tri-Tip, Miso Glazed Salmon, and Chef's Vegetarian Entrée.

The Banquet is the Club's only formal event so just like our evening Banquet we are encouraging everyone to wear their vintage outfits or semi-formal outfits.

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Dad's '52 and I became close and I have fond memories of helping him wash the car on Sundays, when I begged him to leave the hub caps and skirts off. I thought it looked cool! He didn't. Later, we would go for rides with me steering from his lap. We lived in Silver Spring, Maryland, and I can recall sitting next to my mom when she drove it. We had a traffic light at the crest of a steep hill, and to this day I can still hear my mom swearing when she caught the red light. When it changed to green, Mom would floor the old Chevy and pop the clutch—pushing me into the seat. I also remember seeing my reflection in the chrome dash trim and kicking my short legs out as we rode. Mom's right arm would instinctively shoot out and pin me against the seat whenever she made a quick stop. This was the original "parental seatbelt," pre-dating the real thing which did not arrive until the 60s.

In 1959, my father decided he would buy one of the first compact cars in America—a Studebaker Lark four door with a 170 L-head six. We kept the Chevy as a second car for a short time until he sold it to a doctor. They had to peel me out of the back seat crying when he delivered it. I remember looking back at it through the Lark's rear window as we drove away. By the way, the Lark was a real lemon. I think my old man regretted selling the Chevy.

Fast forwarding—my first car was a 66 Mustang, but I never forgot the old Chevy. Later, I spied an ad for a 1957 210 four door for sale in Arlington, Virginia for 300 bucks. Unbeknownst to my mom, I colluded with my buddy to drive down there, I plopped down 200 dollars cash; telling the sales guy that was all I had, and 20 minutes later I was behind the wheel and heading home with my buddy following behind. I had to drive it with both feet—nursing the gas at each stop while I slipped it into neutral, and with my other foot on the brake to keep her from stalling. Suffice it to say, when Mom found out, she laid down the law and the '57 was soon sold to a neighbor. Looking back, I should have ditched the 'Stang.

In 2000 I decided to locate and buy a '52, fix it up as a project, and relive my childhood. My dreams came true in December of that year when I located a '51 sport coupe sitting in a field in Kansas. In January, my twenty year old son and I boarded a bus for a 34 hour trip to Kansas City, where we rented a truck and trailer and brought "Dorothy" back—a memorable father-son adventure across the country. My mother got the chance to sit in the car in my garage and reminisce about it in 2007. In 2012, I experienced the thrill of driving her for the first time.

Who says you can never go home?? The journey continues.

Me with "Teddy" and the 52 Chevy in Silver Spring, MD...



ANNUAL CHICKEN FEST AUGUST 15, 2018 -- Mike Cooke

People began to arrive for the Chicken Fest at approximately 3:30 PM. The **Cottee's** and **Holmes'** were there setting up food tables and drinks and directing people in their cars as to where to park. The tables were set up and the food was set out on the tables under the overhang at the First Citizens Bank. It was pleasant there with plenty of shade and a nice cool breeze. Everyone was ready to eat about 4:45 PM so we served the food at that time. We had a wide variety of delicious food to eat; thanks to all who brought food.

This year we had about 20 cars and 40 people which was a very good turnout for this event. Special thanks to the **Keetchs** for the information they provided the **Cooke's** and **Cottee's** to carry on the tradition of the Annual Chicken Fest at the El Cajon Car Show.

Trophy's were awarded to the **Cibits** for their Morgan and **Al Smithson** for his black Packard. A good time was had by all.

Editor's note: Only a few photos are shown here. More will appear in the next issue. Photos by Betty Holmes, Beth Kind and Bob Gunthorp



Here comes the chicken: Norma Almanza, Daryl and Betty Holmes



Here comes the rest of the food.



Here comes the line!



Norma Almanza, her daughter and granddaughter



Mike Judd and meet co-chair Mike Cooke



The other meet co-chairs Art and Phyllis Cottee



Gary Jarvis



L to R: Sandy Watt, Doc McAllister Alex Watt, Susan Christian, Tom McIlravy



Frances and Royce Dunn



The Watts' 1961 Aston Martin DB4



John and Barbara Boyd 1937 Chrysler Airflow C17 sedan



Beth Kinds' 1992 Alpha Romeo Spider

Attendees: Mike Cooke, Art & Phyllis Cottee, Daryl & Betty Holmes, Joe & Kathy Cibit, Al Smithson, Tom McIlravy & Christopher di Patre, Susan Christian, Norma Almanza, daughter & granddaughter, Mike Judd, Gary Jarvis, Alex & Sandy Watt, David Gravley, Beth Kind, Fred Puhn, Ken Keller & guest George Vinis, Sam & Deborah Judd, Royce & Frances Dunn, Ted Thieman & Kieu Wildinson, Bob Gunthorp & Janette Hay, Bob Wagner & Bob Lasher, Larry & Paula Okey, John & Barbara Boyd, Doc McAllister, Jack & Doris Chidgey, Mark & Diane Richards.

Two Wonderful Chevrolet Cars, both from different eras.

1963 Chevrolet Corvette

by Dawrin Ludi



We were in Denver at the Colorado Concours d'Elegance. We were up against Porsche's, Alpha Romeo's other foreign marks from 1961-1970 and one other American car, a 1969 Z28.



The chief judge was in charge of Porsche Racing in the USA. We did not think we had a chance. When all was said and one we

came in 1st in our class. The first time a Corvette has won the class.



We went up to Hillsborough, CA for the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. There we were up against a 1965 original Cobra, 2

1965 Shelby 350's, a 1952 Cunningham C3, 3 1957 T-Birds, a 1955 T-Bird, a 1967 Big Block 427 Corvette, a 1966 Big Block Corvette and 2 other 1963 Corvettes. Any of these cars could have won especially the Shelby Mustangs, Cobra and the Cunningham.

We were told by the CEO of the event on the Sat. before the event that we may not place in the class because of the cars entered. The Cunningham and one of the 65 Shelby Mustangs as well as the Cobra have won Best of Show at other events.

1951 Chevrolet Styleline Special

Sport coupe
by Richard Reinstein



My Chevy Roots

My first email address coined by my son who set up my first account was chevfanatic@----- . Here's how it all started:

I think my fanaticism began long before I was born. The evidence can be seen in an early picture of my mother posing next to my parents' first car—a 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe four door sedan taken on Skyline Drive in Virginia. Obviously, the die was cast. In 1952 my father bought his first new car—an Admiral Blue,

Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe two door sedan complete with fender skirts (mud guards) , side chrome, but



no radio (a nod to my ole man's prudent side) manual transmission, and black wall tires from Addison Chevrolet in Washington, D.C.. Two years later I came along and our relationship began. Although my father refused to admit he was a car guy, I have many family pictures of his cars with me posed in front.



Richard & Glory. Story continues on page 6