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Pacific Southwest Railway and Automotive Transport Museums

by Norma Almanza, Tour Leader

Photos by Bob Gunthorp and Tom McIlravy

Thank you to the 15 brave souls that joined Barbara Foley and myself to the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in these extreme temperatures. Several reminisced when asked “What does the train ride mean to you: People’s memories: **Gary Jarvis** shared that at the age of 10 he would ride the train solo to San Francisco thanks to his grandfather who was a railroad man. **Ken Munson** reminisced with the conductor about train rides to Tecate, Mexico for good bars, restaurants and an excellent bakery. **Richard Reinstein** recalled prior trips and then lite up at the plan to also stop at the Automotive Transport Museum. For **Tom McIlravy and Christopher Di Patre**, this was their first train ride! **For me**, seeing the border wall and the majestic mountains brought distant memories of a train ride with my mom and four siblings from Laredo, Texas to Chicago to join my father.

Tour attire included “hobo packs” and a fun facts fan (courtesy of my daughter), wet wash cloths and cold water bottles. After a 45 minute train ride we toured the museum, lunched at Café B where an earlier group ate them out of every other item on their menu.

Eight crazy folks continued on to the Automotive Transport Museum/junk yard. Museum volunteers enjoyed showing off their restorations. We found another Packard for Al Smithson and lamented finding one of David Finney’s Cadillacs. Spouses **Barbara and Jan Boyd** deserve an award for patiently sitting at the automotive museum while their spouses toyed with getting heat stroke as they explored the outdoor museum.

Tour attendees included **Gary Jarvis and Bobbi Pendleton, Bob Gunthorp and Janette Hay, Christina and Bud Hartwell , John and Barbara Boyd, brother Phil Boyd and his wife Jan, Nannette Clark and Ken Munson, Tom McIlravy and Christopher Di Patre, Richard Reinstein, Barbara Foley, and Norma Almanza**

Automotive Transport Museum attendees were **John, Barbara, Phil and Jan Boyd, Bob Gunthorp and Janette Hay, Tom McIlravy and Christopher Di Patre and Norma.**



Tour leader **Norma Almanza** ready to hand out the “Hobo Bags” and Train Facts



L to R: **Gary Jarvis, Barbara Boyd, Bobbi Pendleton, John Boyd, Norma Almanza, Ken Munson, Nanette Clark, Bob Gunthorp, Janette Hay, Christopher Di Patre, Tom McIlravy, Barbara Foley, Christina & Bud Hartwell, Richard Reinstein, Conductor Glen.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

Special Thanks to **Norma Almanza** for her tour to Campo Train Museum. It started off foggy and turned into a 103 degree day, but we were fully prepared with our Hobo traveling bags! My hat's off to her for successfully arranging and executing her first tour.

Have you checked out the new website yet??? Sandiegoregion.aaca.com ? This new avenue will help the younger generation of car enthusiasts find us. It is filled with easy to navigate tabs. Forward ideas and suggestions to: zman92107@yahoo.com Brad Zemcik our new and temporary editor and webmaster.

Thanks to **Kimball Vincent** and the Great Autos of Yesteryear, for inviting us back to Hillcrest to show off our cars. This time of year begins the season of ghosts and goblins so don't miss out on the upcoming silent movies and Halloween party at the Watts.

Continued thoughts and prayers go out to **Doc McAllister** and **Doris Chidgey** for a quick healing and recovery from their falls. They say things come in threes, so be careful out there and don't be the third! Until then, I am looking forward to the next general meeting Oct 1st, with only one more to go after that!

Have a tour idea? Attend the December 3rd Meeting!! We need your input please.

-- Tom McIlravy

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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.

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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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HALLOWEEN AT THE WATT'S Saturday Oct 20, arriving around 11:00 AM

Decorations will be out in preparation for the big night on the 31st. We do not expect costumes, but there will be some photo ops. There is no formal tour beforehand, but some people like to drive out to the lighthouse for the view. (Admission is charged at the Monument unless you have a senior pass.)

If you would like to bring a favorite potluck dish, it is most welcome. We will provide Subway mini-sandwiches, drinks and chips. Alternate entrees, side dishes or deserts would be great.

We look forward to a day of eating, visiting and touring the haunted garages. Please RSVP so we can guesstimate food needs.

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Sandy & Alex Watt 3610 Dupont St, San Diego
619-223-6519 e-mail wwwtrailers@att.net

Welcome to our new members

PERRY WRIGHT and

DOUANG NOUTWVET

and **EZEQUIEL AVILES** and **SHERRY FARBASTAN**

We look forward to meeting you at upcoming events.

Region Calendar

Put These Dates on Your Calendar

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

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Fort	1
Tom McIlravy	8
Francy Priser	8
Christopher Di Patre	12
Bob La Prade	16
Colin Fort	18
Fred Puhn	18
Vel Landi	24
Verna Zopfi	25
Barbara Boyd	26
Royce Dunn	29
Robin Judd	31
Jack Simmons	31
ANNIVERSARIES	
Carol and Steve Ross	4
Charles and Peggy Spitz	31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Doris and Jack Chidgey	1
Robin and Mike Judd	18
Frances and Royce Dunn	18
Francy and Paul Priser	23

Why are November and December Birthdays and Anniversaries in this issue? This will be the last issue until mid-December. That issue will cover all activities from October through early December.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Richards	7
Cindy Williams	8
Glory Reinstein	12
Larry Larkin	16
Bob Wagner	17
Andy Hunt	19
Betty Locke	21
Tim Alexander	25
William Peterson	27
ANNIVERSARIES	
Susanne and Colin Fort	15
Yolanda and Charles Hylton	16
Glory and Richard Reinstein	16

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Harry McGill	5
Jack Heacock	8
John Phlegar	12
Carol Ross	16
Cathy Cibit	16
Darrell Christian	20
Charles Hylton	21
Kimball Vincent	23
Margaret Puhn	26
Steve Ross	27
Jim Grube	30

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



San Diego Region
Annual Awards Banquet
And Installation of Officers



Sunday November 11, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE AT A NEW LOCATION and AT A NEW TIME

HANDLERY HOTEL
950 Hotel Circle North S.D. 92108
Social Hour 12 Noon - Lunch 1:00PM

*** PROGRAM ***

*** Installation of Officers & Presentation of Awards ***

Members and one Spouse/Significant/Guest \$20.00 Each
Additional Guests \$25.00 EACH

COMPLIMENTARY MEALS for Presidents (Past & Current) Charter Member
Honorary Members and SwapMeet Workers

Member Name (Please Print): _____

GUEST(S) NAME(S) (Please Print): _____

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS FOR YOUR GROUP:

Marinated Grilled Tri-Tip _____ Miso Glazed Salmon _____ Chef's Vegetarian Entrée _____

Please Make checks payable to AACA
Mail to: Bob Gunthorp 2176 Leon Ave San Diego, CA 92154

Amount Enclosed for members: \$ _____ Amount Enclosed for Guest(s): \$ _____

Include E-Mail Address For Confirmation: _____

For more Information phone Bob 619.993.0184
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DEADLINE: Thursday, November 8

Please wear your Vintage Outfits or Semiformal Outfits
This is the Region's Special Event for the Year

BELLS OF FREEDOM

By Bob Gunthorp

This year's Bells of Freedom will be held on **December 2nd**. The AACA is again sponsoring a Marine family on Camp Pendleton. This is a great event and it's very rewarding to be able to help a military family. Unlike many charities all of the money goes directly to the families. Because this is such a worthwhile charity several of the AACA members are sponsoring families on their own. We are encouraging other AACA members to also help with smaller contributions that can be added together and help sponsor another family.

For the past several years they have requested that we bring our antique vehicles for a mini car show. The families really enjoy seeing our vehicles. Remember these Marines are just "kids" and most of them have never seen the vehicles that we drive.

Every year we meet up in a shopping center and all of the gifts are loaded into two UPS trunks and taken to Camp Pendleton. Note: UPS donates the trucks and the drivers donate their time.

As in the past I will again be coordinating both the donations and the vehicles for the car show. I will have more information (time and location) as we get closer to December.

Our September program speaker was **Mr. John Boyd** who gave a fun presentation on the short history of the Chrysler Airflow, that was an engineering marvel incorporating design principles from aeronautic design including airfoil/wind tunnel testing and unibody/frame-body integration. We also enjoyed several short films demonstrating the extreme ruggedness of the design as in driving off a cliff!! Nice job John!!

Our October guest speaker is of the San Diego Police Department who will be discussing her role as a Traffic Accident Investigator. For those of you who missed her presentation in the past, be sure to mark your calendars for 10/1 to hear what's new in these interesting investigations.



John Boyd on Chrysler Airflows



Royce Dunn - winner of the \$20.



Al Smithson with help from **Christopher** provided a table of tasty treats

From the Editor

We now have our own web page and it's live right now. Our selection of items will grow with time so please be patient but check back regularly.

Right now we have the Region Roster posted. To gain access you'll need a password. You also need a password to access the Birthdays and Anniversaries page. To obtain a password during the month of October contact Tom McClravy. After that contact Brad Zemcik by email: zman92107@yahoo.com

If you see errors or omissions please let Brad know. This is a place we can have lots of immediate information, stories, photos, etc. Don't be shy about submitting content to help make the site a better experience for all. Thanks for your participation.

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More Chicken Fest Photos

Photos by Betty Holmes, Beth Kind and Bob Gunthorp



Ted Thieman's 1979 Plymouth Duster



Joe & Cathy Cibit and their award winning 1967 Morgan Plus 4 roadster



Fred Puhn's 1960 Morris Minor 1000 Traveler



Al Smithson and his award winning 1951 Packard 250 convertible



David Gravley's 1929 Model A Phaeton with original green paint!



Daryl & Betty Holmes' 1941 Chevrolet 2-door Special Deluxe

Some of the cars lined up in the designated parking lot.
L to R: **Daryl & Betty Holmes** 1941 Chevrolet, **Mark & Diane Richards** 1949 Hudson Commodore, **Al Smithson's** 1956 Packard & 1951 Packard, **Mike Cooke's** 1968 Chevrolet Camero convertible.



Scenes from Norma's Campo Train Museum Tour



Christina and Bud Hartwell



Mr. Gunthorp, this is a counterfit ticket. You'll have to get off.



Ken Munson & Nanette Clark



Tour Photos by Bob Gunthorp and Tom McIlravy

RAILROADS BUILT AMERICA

1830 - 40 miles
1850 - 8,571 miles
1860 - 28,920 miles
1862 - President Lincoln signs Pacific Railroad Act

1850 - California statehood, with monthly long stages or ships only transportation.
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1862 - President Lincoln signs Pacific Railroad Act

1869 - Golden Spike to complete the transcontinental railroad linking California to the rest of America.
1870 - 49,168 miles
1880 - 87,801 miles

1881 - Santa Fe and Southern Pacific meet in New Mexico for the second transcontinental rail route. 1885 - Santa Fe builds into California, with shops and headquarters in National City.

1890 - 163,562 miles
RR #2 employee, using skilled labor with unions and pensions. 1910 - trucks begin to take away traffic.
1916 - peak of 254,751 miles of track

1919 - San Diego & Arizona Ry completed
1920 - peak of 2.1 million employees. 1940 - diesel's replace steam trains greatly reduced
1988 - Penn Central under construction

1971 - Amtrak takes over all passenger trains
1986 - MD Trolley
1989 - Coaster
2016 - California High-Speed Rail under construction

1830 1850 1870 1890 1910 1930 1950 1970 1990 2010

