



The Foot Warmer Bulletin



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Merry Holidays and Happy New Year!

President's Message

I have to thank **Fred Trusty**, the AACA Western Rep, for changing his flight out to the Fallbrook National so that he could attend our General Meeting last month. It was nice to put a face with the National Board.

We are now in a new year for any restorations, so please let me know if you have a car being restored. This brings me to last year's awards and a mistake that I am in the process of correcting. **Bob Schlesier** was mistakenly awarded the "Hard Luck Trophy". This happened because we were unaware of the circumstances that occurred at the Chicken Fest. He was awarded the Best in Show at the event, resulting in having to stay until after dark, and because of the poor illumination from 6 volt lights, he decided to do the safe thing and flatbed his car home. I apologize to Bob and Grace, and his name will be removed from the perpetual trophy.

I was sorry to hear about **Tom McIlravy's** accidental fall. One broken arm is bad enough, but two!!! Tom - Let's stop trying out for the "Flying Walenda's". I know that it will take a while for him to recover, so we need to give him our support in whatever way we can until he is recovered.

Sandy was able to attend the Bells of Freedom, riding along with Brad and Michele in their Rolls-Royce. From what she told me we only had a small contingent from the Club in attendance. Let's try for a larger turnout next year. I was unable to attend Bells of Freedom, as I am deployed with FEMA to work in South Dakota until the end of January. Temperatures have been well below freezing, with the landscape covered in snow. My job is to go out and inspect damages from the floods after last springs thaw. Thanks goodness for warm clothes and a good car heater...

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Alex (Prez in absentia - again)

AACA and Great Autos of Yesteryear

January 18th - Setup noon to 1. Show 1 to 3:30 pm.
Normal Street between University and Harvey Milk.

This is a really fun and casual car show. You never know what unique cars will be showing up. We have done this show in previous years. Don't miss this one. Let's show San Diego how awesome we and our cars are.

More info: Kimball Vincent (619) 861-7800

DUES ARE DUE

Local dues are due for 2020. Make checks payable to AACA San Diego Region for \$25.00.

Send your check to:

Mark Richards 1474 Merritt Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

You must be a member of National to be a region member.

2020 Calendar First Glance

At the December Meeting we did our annual tour planning. We still have some tours and dates to fill in but here is the initial calendar.

All dates will be filled in as we approach the event month and are subject to change

January 6 General Meeting

18th - Great Autos of Yesteryear Car Show. Kimball Vincent.

February 3rd General Meeting

Silent Movie - Al Smithson
TBD Still need a tour and leader

March 2nd General Meeting

14th Silent Movie - Al Smithson
TBD Still need a tour and leader

April 6th General Meeting

TBD Old Town - Bob Gunthorp
26th Coronado Motor Cars on Main Street

May 4th General Meeting

TBD Ladies Luncheon - Susan Woods

June 1st General Meeting

TBD - Del Mar Fair - Larry Okey
27th Bob Gunthorp Bar-B-Q

July - NO General Meeting

4th of July Parade

August 3rd General Meeting

TBD Chicken Fest - Mike Cooke
15th - Hot August Night San Diego

September 7th General Meeting

TBD Mike Cooke

October 5th General Meeting

TBD Watts Halloween Party
Silent Movie - Al Smithson

November 2nd General Meeting

8th - Banquet - Susan Woods and Bob Gunthorp
Silent Movie - Al Smithson

December 7 General Meeting

Can you Help? We know that the December General Meeting is not the heaviest attendance as it's a very busy time of year. We have a few openings for refreshments. If you can help please let Tom McIlravy know.

January - Diane Richards and Michele Zemcik

February - Open

March - Open

April - Open

May - Rick Reinstein

June - The Okey's

July - No Meeting

August - Open

September - Al Smithson

October - Shelia Jurist

November - Open

December - Beth Kind and Norma Almanza



Looks like Jack Chidgey at the wheel of that car!

Keep recovering Jack, we miss you and Doris!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Claire Cooke | 3 |
| Mike Judd | 6 |
| Archie Ackroyd | 10 |
| Virginia De Menge | 10 |
| Richard Reinstein | 10 |
| James Zopfi | 12 |
| Janet Finney | 13 |
| Gary Jarvis | 14 |
| Barbara Foley | 14 |
| Sheldon Jurist | 16 |
| David Smithey | 16 |
| Deborah Judd | 24 |
| Ruth Wahl | 31 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Cindy and Mike Williams | 8 |
| Lynne and Jack Heacock | 13 |
| Julie and Brillo Licari | 19 |

Bells of Freedom

photos by Bob Gunthorp and Brad Zemcik



Bob, Janette and some guy dressed in a red suit pointing to his sleigh for the day!



Sandy Watt with the Watt's sponsored Family

Once again the region and some individuals helped sponsor Bells of Freedom. This organization focuses on providing Christmas wishes to young U.S. Marine families. Every year they may only be a spouse present because their serving spouse is overseas on deployment.

Bob Gunthorp and Janette Hay always lead the parade in Bob's red 1957 Mercedes-Benz convertible with Santa along in his "sleigh." This year the only other antique car was **Brad and Michele Zemcik's** 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud. Had Alex been in town he would have had his Aston Martin DB4 (James Bond car), so **Sandy Watt** rode along with Brad and Michele. Along for the first time were **Darwin and Patricia Ludi**. Nobody can blame them for not driving one of their show winning cars because of the rains. The bright side is that the Ludi's expressed that they want to be part of this again.

You have a year to consider being part of this super experience. The arrival of Santa and the cars is quite a scene and we need more cars. They love the old cars.



The Zemcik's and Ludi's with their sponsored families. Our table won the prize for the youngest baby: Matthew Rinell, 2 weeks old!



Janette and Bob with their sponsored family

more photos on the back cover



There is no shortage of **delicious** food



As the trucks are unloaded and gifts passed out the excitement of the children and the gratefulness of the families is overwhelming.

For those of you that missed our December General Meeting it was unique to say the least. With Alex in South Dakota and Tom just having broken his arms nobody had keys to any of the cabinets. Being old car folks we know how to improvise to achieve a result for a situation. Kudos' to Beth for finding an alternative to the locked up flag.



December refreshments were provided by **Beth Kind and Rachel Evans.**



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.

Larry Okey showing his plaque he won at the 1st Crawford High School car show. The significance is that Crawford is where Larry and Paula attended High School. That gorgeous Buick just keeps winning and winning. **Congratulations Larry!!!**

