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## COVID TOUR - JULY 12, 2020

After months of adjusting event plans we, the San Diego Region of the Rolls-Royce and Bentley Owners' Club, decided that we were going on a tour on July 12th! We planned a 22-mile tour through parts of San Diego that several attendees mentioned they had not been through before. To enhance the event, we invited the San Diego Region, Antique Auto Club. Word got out about our tour and several other clubs asked if they could participate as well...of course!

As is the "norm" these days, unexpectedly, our weather set a new high temperature for the day, but it didn't stop us. I wish I could have reduced the ambient temperature by 10-15 degrees but in these times of adapting daily to everything I think all did well. Unfortunately, a few cars had cooling issues but in the end everyone made it home safely! From the 1921 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost to the 2020 Rolls-Royce Cullinan we had vast array of marques and years - 35 cars total. AACA turned out a super group: **Rick Reinstein** - 1951 Chevrolet coupe, **Sheldon and Sheila Jurist** - 2019 Mustang, **Joe and Kathy Cibit** - 1959 Triumph TR3, **Brad and Michele Zemcik**, **Susan Woods** rider - 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud,

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**Joe and Kathy Cibit - 1959 Triumph TR3**

*Below* **Tom McIlravy and David Melendrez**  
1973 Mustang Convertible



**Sheldon and Sheila Jurist**  
2019 Mustang



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What can I say, we are more than 3 months into shut-down and no clear end in sight. Once things get back to normal, it's important that you get accustomed to your cars again as opposed to jumping in and heading out. There have been quite a few reports of people back east, where they were under a complete lockdown, getting into their cars and not remembering how to start them. In Britain, there have been reports of people stalling out in their cars as they had forgotten how to drive with a clutch. All joking aside, it is very important that we remember our old cars don't handle like modern ones. I recently lost a close friend, and his step-father was seriously injured, when their Model T rolled on a sharp corner. In a modern car it would have been no problem, but with the higher center of gravity and the softer suspension they didn't make it. I am not saying to stop driving our old cars, just that we need to remember their handling characteristics and capabilities.

I always attend the Beaulieu Autojumble (swap meet) in September and I had already made flight reservations for my trip. I was all prepared for a 2-week quarantine, in my home town in Scotland, before going to the swap meet, but this week I found out the meet was being cancelled, and it looks like the EU and Britain are not going to allow US visitors until our Covid numbers drop. Now I get to work with the airline to get credit for a future flight. At least I am still able to order some of the parts I need and get them shipped, but others are unavailable online.

Please stay safe and keep wearing your face masks, and we will get through these strange times. Hopefully people will be sensible and responsible and we can continue to slowly open back up, without having to go back to another shut-down. It looks rather tentative for Chickenfest, as we are waiting for the City of El Cajon to make a decision on what they plan to do with the Cruise. Once a decision is made we will get final word out to the Club. I'm looking forward to the BBQ at Bob's, and now my UK trip is cancelled, I'll be able to attend. He won't admit it, but as a true friend, he picked the date when he thought I'd be out of town. HA-HA I'LL BE THERE...

I have to thank Brad for setting up the "Zoom" meeting that we had on July 1st. We had a total of 25 people on line, some solo, and others in groups of 2. It was good to see everyone and to find out what people have been doing to occupy their time under lock down. We plan on having another Zoom meeting towards the end of the month to help keep everyone up-to-date on what's happening. In the meantime I hope everyone had a pleasant 4th of July. Being from Scotland, people will ask if there is a 4th of July in Scotland, so I tell them no, we go directly from the 3rd to the 5th. It usually takes a few seconds for them to realize what took place. We had a good turn-out for the RR/Bentley Tour arranged by Brad. Great tour, but being on the hottest day of the year, and in a car that has no A/C, and throws the heat so that you have to open the windows to stay cool in the middle of winter, it felt like the Bataan Death March, being well over 100 degrees in the driver compartment. Still it was good to get back out on the road, and everyone along the route enjoyed seeing our cars.

Looking forward to our next outing, and in the meantime, take care and stay healthy.  
Alex

## 2020 Region Calendar

Dates subject to changes

AUG	3	Via ZOOM - join the fun - it's easy!
AUG	TBD	Chicken Fest Mike Cooke
SEP	7	Hopefully Bob's Bar-B-Q
SEP	TBD	Mike Cooke
OCT	5	General Membership Meeting
OCT	TBD	Watt's Halloween Party Alex & Sandy Watt 619.223.6519
OCT	TBD	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
NOV	2	General Membership Meeting
NOV	8	Annual Banquet Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
NOV	23	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
NOV	TBD	Region Tour Event
DEC	7	General Membership Meeting
DEC	TBD	Bells of Freedom Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184

### Annual Bar-B-Q at Bob Gunthorp's

We are planning on having the Bar-B-Q on Monday September 7th, Labor Day. Please mark your calendars. There will be a special emphasis on safety including reduced numbers at tables and prescribed distancing.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Nick Fintzelberg	4
Patricia Ludi	5
Jerry Kay	6
Bud Hartwell	20
Art Cottee	25
Art St Cyr	27
ANNIVERSARIES	
Joe and Cathy Cibit	9
Don Chaplin and Andy Hunt	10
Claire and Mike Cooke	10
Ruth and Keith Wahl	30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
David Gravley	1
Susan McIlravy Christian	1
Charles Spitz	4
James Woolsey	8
Paula Okey	13
Marilyn Clements	15
Sheila Jurist	17
Lance Haynes	19
Doug Clements	21
Doris Chidgey	26
John Cummings	27
Mike Williams	28
Susan Woods	30
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
Phyllis and Art Cottee	2
Paula and Larry Okey	11
Catherine and Jim Woolsey	16
Grace and Bob Schlesier	23
Jerry and Pam Kay	24

Thanks to those of you who have stepped up to provide refreshments at our meetings this year.

**January** - Diane Richards and Michele Zemic  
**February** - Sam and Deborah Judd and Tom McIlravy  
**March** - Marilyn Clements  
**April** - Susan Woods and Barbara Foley  
**May** - Rick Reinstein  
**June** - The Okey's  
**July** - No Meeting  
**August** - Phyllis Cottee and Betty Holmes  
**September** - Al Smithson and the Dunn's  
**October** - Shelia Jurist  
**November** - Barbara and John Boyd  
**December** - Beth Kind and Norma Almanza

**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.



**2020 Restoration Awards**

The Awards Committee has been in "Lockdown" since March, and we have been unable to visit members who have been working on their cars. Hopefully a lot of work has accomplished during the time we have been forced to stay home. As the Committee may not be able to get out to look at the cars being restored in the near future, it is requested that you email photographs of your cars with a short description of what you done to Alex Watt (wwwtrailers@att.net)

*In response to my photo and comments about Lenora Pope Lytle long time member Harry McGill sent this great piece about her. Thanks Harry*

**Lenora (Pope) Lytle - by Harry McGill**

Back in the early 70s Evelyn & I paid a visit to Lenora, I believe it was to get information on her 1913 Pope Motorcycle (AACA Award Recipient) for an article in the Two-Wheeler newsletter. Our visit would last all day because we got sidetracked on a variety of stories about her life. I mentioned to her at the end of the day that someone should write about her life. More than enough for a book. A nice piece of history may be lost unless her daughter or son could fill it in. There may be other in the Region that had the opportunity to talk with Lenora.

These are bits and pieces I can recall: not in any particular sequence.

I believe she stated she was the Great Granddaughter of Coronel Albert Pope. Lenora said she was one of those people born with a Silver Spoon in their mouth, had been broke several times in her life but never worried about it because her wealth always came back. Had no idea what her wealth was. Any check she wrote of a sizeable amount the bank would phone her to verify it was correct and ok to process. Chula Vista – Home – (off now E street) early on family owned a vast amount of the area – mostly Avocados - Train ran through the area. Made special stop for her near home when she returned on school breaks, College. Took that to mean they had some influence.

Aviation: Lenora was one of the first Aviatrix in the country, attend Aviation Navigation school with Charles Lindbergh's wife. Summers were spent at a lake in Minnesota, Grandfather flew there on weekends, Sea Plane w/pilot, he would let pilot take Lenora for flight, once in the air the pilot let her fly the plane, grandfather did not know. Age unknown. She was invited to the Air Force Academy where they dedicated the day to her for her early aviation achievements. A Coronel took her for a ride in a High-Altitude Glider. Once cut loose he let her fly it.

Son was at the time a Coronel in the Airforce.

Daughter a Pilot – Camp Pendleton incident: Daughter was flying a twin engine plane into Oceanside for a luncheon with some Sorority sisters when she followed directions for landing that were meant for a different plane and caused her to land at Camp Pendleton. Needless to say, Military Police surrounded the plane but were shocked when this gorgeous young lady, dressed to the 9's for the luncheon, stepped out. The officers were falling all over themselves and insisted she have lunch at Officers Club with them first. She did.

I believe it was the late 70s Columba Bicycle (Pope Bicycle Co.) presented her with a Gold-plated (or Gold in color?) tandem bicycle. 100th Anniversary? Lenora was a member of the Knicker Bikers and she was the sponsor of a tandem bicycle racing team.

Lenora said she had adopted an Indian Tribe near Prov, Utah. Visited twice a year for a week or two to see to their needs. Believe she had a big Cadillac and drove there herself.



DEAR AACA CLUB MEMBERS,

We sadly report the passing of another past club member. Jim Scheidle passed away on May 24, 2020.

Jim is the son of former club member the late Clarence Scheidle. Jim was active in our group even though he had moved to Rogers, Arkansas 20 years ago. He had a long career here with Kyocera in electrical engineering.

He always came back to San Diego for the Big 3 Swap Meet. He and Frieda White attended our events at that time or anytime their visits coincided with our events. Jim had been battling prostate cancer for several years. He also came to San Diego for treatments and to visit his son and grandchildren who live in San Diego County. Jim was 76 years old.

## ZOOM MEETINGS

If you thought the ZOOM meetings were intimidating, please think again. The one we had on July 1st, was a great time seeing and catching up with other members since we can't meet in person. We caught up on what people were doing with their cars as well as daily things. Yes, we even started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance with a flag flying. Did you know that **Beth Kind** got a "new" car? It's a pretty hot looking Corvette, just in time for summer fun. We also learned about **Keith Wahl's** unfortunate "adventure" with his hood flying off a car while driving. For those who didn't attend do you see just part of what you are missing? Come join us in August!

The attendees were: **Claire and Mike Cooke, Sheila and Sheldon Jurists, Susan Woods, Alex Watt, Nick Fintzelberg, Bob Wagner and Bob Lasher, Barbara Foley, Nannette Clark, Larry and Paula Okey, Tim Alexander, Mark and Diane Richards, Bob Gunthorp, Rachel Evans, Ken Whited, Beth Kind, Kimball Vincent, Keith Wahl, Jerry Kay, Paul Priser, Tom McIlravy, and Brad Zemcik.**

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*Covid Tour July 12, 2020*

**Tom McIlravy and David Melendrez** – 1973 Mustang Convertible, **Alex and Sandy Watt** – 1961 Aston Martin DB4, **John and Barbara Boyd** – 1937 Chrysler Airflow C17 sedan, **Jack and Lynne Heacock** – 1950 Cadillac 61 Sports coupe, **Keith Wahl** – 1963 Studebaker Avanti, **Paul and Franci Priser** - 2003 Thunderbird, **Jim Pardubsky for Lance Haynes** – 1929 Durant, **Larry and Paula Okey** – 1955 Buick Century, **Bob Lasher, Bob Wagner, Barbara Foley** rider – a modern Nissan, **Daryl and Betty Holmes** – Started in their 1952 Chevrolet but due to heat went back and got their truck, but they came and went to the end of the tour; that's the spirit!

11 Rolls-Royce and Bentley's lead the procession of 35 cars. After our tour of the harbor, city, Mission Hills, and Mission Bay we finished at the site of the RROC 2022 Annual Meet along the water of Mission Bay. It was a time to meet up, tour and socialize with proper distancing of course. You could choose to get out of your car or remain in it and all choices were accepted with respect and understanding.

A big **Thank You** to **David Melendrez** for helping to place the cars at the photo stop.

I announced another tour to be held in our north county in about a month and we might just top our numbers next time. We are rock'n and (literally) roll'n in an adapted way. Please join us next time.

## Don't Forget Our Web Site

Our web site is now running smoothly and we are happy to announce that the new webmaster is **Mark Richards**. Our selection of items will grow with time so please be patient but check back regularly. You can access region information, photos from events, and copies of The Foot Warmer without a password.

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 contact **Mark Richards** by email: **richards.markr@yahoo.com** or Brad Zemcik by email: **zman92107@yahoo.com**. To maintain security integrity we will call you with the password.

If you see errors or omissions please let Mark or 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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