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Whatta Group!
Whatta Day!
Whatta Tour!



April 10th Southeast County Tour

What a way to greet Spring! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day and variety of cars.

After leaving La Mesa city we finally made it to the back country roads where we could leisurely cruise through the green hills and valleys without stopping until we arrived at Otay Lake County Park. Along the way there we paralleled the lake giving great vistas making us more appreciative of some of the hidden gems we have in our backyard. This should give us to find more of these because they not only fit our cars, but also let us enjoy them.

After a brief stay at the park we toured to Coronado via Imperial Beach and up the Silver Strand, ending at a local park. Although the tour ended there some waited for a welcome from Coronado Mayor Richard Bailey. Richard had been on a hike, on the "mainland" and was delayed a bit but he finally arrived. He spoke of how plans are still fluid for the July 4th parade but assured us that there will be some kind of July 4th celebration on Coronado.

In addition to our own club members, we had two guests from the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, aside from Brad and Michele. AACA region members attending were: **Howard Stark** – 1988 Corvette, **Fred Puhn** – 1963 Ford Ranchero Pickup, **Mark & Diane Richards** – 1962 Thunderbird sports roadster, **Al Smithson and Norma Almanza** – 1946 Packard Clipper 2 door sedan, - **John Boyd & his brother Phil** - 1937 Chrysler Airflow C17 sedan, **Sheldon & Sheila Jurist** – 2019 Mustang convertible, **Tom McIlravy and David Melendrez** - 1973 Ford Mustang 351 convertible, **Jack Heacock & guest** - 1950 Cadillac 61 sport coupe, **Bob Wagner & Bob Lasher** – Unique modified Chrysler looking like a modern Nissan, **Brad & Michele Zemcik** – 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, **Larry & Paula Okey** - 1955 Buick Century 2-dr hardtop.

Rick Reinstein has created a tour for the north central area on May 8th which looks like it will be just as exciting. Make your plans to attend!

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Fred Puhn's 1963 Ford Ranchero Pickup



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members;

Our South County tour was amazing! It was a beautiful day and several of our members were able to attend. I received a couple of emails regretting not being able to attend, so here's your chance, on May 8th we will have Mid- County tour, hosted by **Rick Reinstein**. It looks like a nice slow run for the older cars.

As things open up again, it will be nice to see more activities for our members to attend. **Ron Walling** is preparing a winery tour in late May or early June and other tours are in the works.

I am looking forward to resuming in person meetings, but no word yet, and I think that including Zoom into our general meetings may be nice for our members home bound, or don't like driving at night.

I'll be attending the Swap-o-rama in Tulare on May 1st, looking for some fun things to buy.

Until then, happy and safe motoring.

-- Tom McIlravy



2021 Region Calendar

Dates subject to changes

MAY	3	General Membership Meeting Via ZOOM 7 PM
MAY	8	Slowpoke Rubber Necker Tour
MAY	30	Fallbrook Car Show - Porter High School - REGISTER NOW!!!
JUN	7	General Membership Meeting Via ZOOM 7 PM
JUN	26	Bob Gunthorp's Famous B-B-Q Bash
JLY	3or 4	Coronado 4th of July celebration Notification Pending
NOV	7	Handlery Hotel Mission Valley



May Birthdays

Diane Richards	1
Bob Buchanan	2
Nannette Clark	16
Robert Kambeitz	19
Theodore Thieman	29

Anniversaries

Verna & James Zopfi	12
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June Birthdays

John Boyd	1
Don Chaplin	2
Mike Cooke	4
Lynne Heacock	4
David Willoughby	4
Bob Schlesier	28

Anniversaries

Shelia & Sheldon Jurist	14
Marilyn & Doug Clements	24
Susan & Darrell Christian	29

Don't Forget Our Web Site

Our web site is now running smoothly thanks to webmaster **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.

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AACA Slowpoke Rubber Necker Tour - Saturday, May 8, 2021

Please join us on Saturday, May 8, 2021 for a scenic tree-lined route through Northern San Diego, Scripps Ranch, Poway, 4S Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, Torrey Pines, and La Jolla.

We'll gather at 9 am at the La Jolla Colony Vons at 7788 Regents Rd 92122, at the Papa Johns/ SDCCU end of the lot, with the tour departing at 9:30 am.

This tour was created especially for older/slower vehicles, so dust off all the pre-war cars and flivvers and get them out. There are no highways on this route and speeds won't exceed 45 mph. We'll stop at the Target in Poway for a break. It's a 37 mile round trip and will take about 2 hours, with the tour ending back at Vons in La Jolla.

Tour meeting point and driving directions will be sent out in an email blast prior to the event. If you would prefer to know sooner contact Tom.

We hope to see you there!

Tour leaders Rick Reinstein and Clint Eastwood

FINALLY!!!!

Al Smithson has informed us that the El Cajon Cruise is opening up from May, Cinco de Mayo through October. This is GREAT NEWS and also opens up the very good possibility that the annual AACA Chicken Fest can resume in August. Mike Cooke has contacted them and so far this is only open for moving cruising, not static gatherings like the Chicken Fest. Details are still evolving

We'll know more in the coming days - keep in touch.



We are sad to announce the passing of long-time member Bud Hartwell. Bud was a native San Diegan, and was an avid old car fan. Bud and Christine belonged to seven car clubs: AACA, Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Gullwing Group, Classic Car Club of America, Volvo Sports of America and International, and was a founder of the San Diego Triumph Car Club.

Our sincere condolences to Christine (married for 43 years) and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, any donations may be sent to:
Development - Helen Woodward Animal Center
PO 64, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067



The history of Presidential Limousines is a fascinating one for most car buffs. The article below gives a brief overview of the current "Beast." I was fortunate enough to see The Beast on display and speak with the Secret Service agents protecting it. Yes, they are very closed mouth and won't divulge much. They did tell me one thing; they said the handling of this Beast is unlike any other. When I tried to get some more insight as to what made it so I was politely told: "yes." This article is from automotivemap.com



b. zemcik photo

Meet The Beast, the U.S. President's heavily armored limousine

Eileen Falkenberg-Hull Feb 15, 2020

The U.S. President's state car is known as The Beast. It's a massive Cadillac that travels around the world with the President serving the protected transportation needs of whomever the President is. Much of the limousine's engineering is kept on the down low for security purposes but there's some solid information AutomotiveMap was able to put together.

There are two different versions of The Beast.

The U.S. Secret Service has used two different versions of The Beast to transport former U.S. President Donald Trump and current U.S. President Joe Biden.

The Beast is built by General Motors

In 2014, General Motors was awarded three contracts to develop the next-generation Beast. Ford elected to not bid on the vehicle. It has been reported that the car rides on a modified platform from a Chevrolet Kodiak. It cost millions. U.S. taxpayers shelled out millions of dollars for the presidential limousine. The price tag includes development, testing, building, and delivering a vehicle unlike any other in the world.

The Beast is a luxury limousine that is branded a Cadillac. It features similar design features as the Cadillac CT6, the automaker's luxury large car with familiar headlight and taillight signatures, grille, and hood design. When it's not called The Beast, the car is often referred to as Cadillac One.

The Beast weighs around 20,000 pounds.

Various sources put the weight of the car around 15,000-20,000 pounds. The heaviest SUVs on the market today weigh around 6,000 pounds. Why does The Beast weigh more? It's lined with a host of bullet resistant armor and weighed down with advanced technology.

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The car's armor is made of layers of materials.

The car features layers of thick armor that are made up of aluminum, ceramic, and steel according to NBC News. Its exterior is eight inches thick and windows are multi-layered and five inches thick. The doors are each believed to weight around 40 pounds. *(Editor: 40 pounds seem light to me).*

The Beast (allegedly) seats seven.

Riding inside with the limousine with the President are secret service agents, members of the President's staff and family, and other elected officials. The Beast needs to have room for them all.

The car's cabin isn't quite outfitted like a traditional vehicle.

The area where the President sits is covered in a dark blue cloth rather than traditionally luxurious leather. It has seat belts that start at the center of the vehicle and latch at the exterior, which is likely a safety measure and allow agents to buckle/unbuckle the passengers in the event of an emergency without having to reach across, savings precious seconds.

It travels in style.

The Caddy flies all over the world in a C-17 Globemaster plane. The C-17 is a strategic military transport aircraft that was designed for use by the United States Air Force by McDonnell Douglas.

The Beast doesn't travel alone.

You're likely to never see The Beast on the streets by itself. The limo is usually flaked by a Suburban and other military and police forces surrounding the car. There's also frequently protective service members running alongside the vehicle in slow speed situations.

There's a refrigerator full of blood.

According to NBC News, The Beast has a range of medical supplies on board, including a refrigerator full of blood that matches the president's blood type.

It can protect the President from a biological attack.

The Cadillac is hermetically sealed, which can prevent air, oxygen, or other gases from passing into the cabin. This is especially important in the event of a biological attack.

It has other nifty technology too.

Numerous reports point to the fact The Beast has Kevlar-reinforced Goodyear run-flat tires, night-vision technology, and deployable smokescreens and oil slicks. The car's door handles can be electrified to deliver a shock if someone outside the car pulls on them. There is also world-class communications equipment that helps keep the President connected to the world any time he's in the car.

The President doesn't always use The Beast.

When it makes better strategic sense, the President travels in a fortified vehicle like a Suburban instead of the Cadillac limo.



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Sheila Jurist, Paula Okey, Norma Almanza, and Diane Richards



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Virginia Foster & Arthur Hammonds
2020 Rolls-Royce Cullinan



Lou & Valerie Suter
1999 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur III LWB saloon

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Howard Stark – 1988 Corvette



Larry & Paula Okey - 1955 Buick Century 2-dr hardtop



**Brad & Michele Zemcik
1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud**



**Bob Wagner & Bob Lasher – Unique modified
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Coronado Mayor Richard Bailey literally dashed away from his Saturday mountain hike with friends to come welcome the group.



Tom McIlravy - 1973 Ford Mustang 351 convertible

Above he explains to us that there will be some sort of event in Coronado on July 4th. Plans are not certain yet but he will keep us informed.

Right: Coronado Mayor Richard Bailey poses with the group. We truly appreciate him taking time out of his schedule to meet with us.



All meet photos by John Boyd, Tom McIlravy, and Brad Zemcik