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From President Tom McIlravy --

The Summer BBQ hosted by Bob Gunthorp is fast approaching and is anticipated to be a nice day with lots of beautiful cars and an awesome lunch. Please make your reservations early by notifying John Boyd (drjohn96@mac.com). Now is not too late, nor too early. See the Footwarmer for details; \$10 for you plus 1 and \$15 for non-member guests.

Also, Al Smithson will be hosting the Coronado parade contingency for our club, so come join us on the Fourth, and cheer our members as they promote our club during this wonderful event.

Mark Richards is planning a van-driving tour to the Peterson Museum this fall, so let him know if you would be interested. More tours are in the works, so keep your eye on the footwarmer for details

Until I can see you again, happy motoring and have a safe summer!

-- Tom McIlravy

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Region Calendar

Jun 6	Regular Membership Meeting
Jun 25	All-American BBQ at Bob Gunthorp's
Jul 4	Independence Day Parade, Coronado
Jul TBD	Mormon Battalion Tour
Jul 23	4 th Saturday breakfast
Aug 1	Regular Membership Meeting
Aug 17	Cruise Night Chicken Fest, Main Street, El Cajon
Aug 27	4 th Saturday breakfast at Boyds' home
Sep 5	Regular Membership Meeting
Sep TBD	Club bus trip to the Petersen Museum, LA
Sep 24	4 th Saturday breakfast
Oct 3	Regular Membership Meeting
Oct 22	4 th Saturday breakfast
Nov 7	Regular Membership Meeting
Nov TBD	Silent Movie, 3902 Kenwood, Spring Valley
Nov 13	SD Region Awards Banquet, Bay Club, Shelter Island
Dec 5	Regular Membership Meeting

Each 3rd Saturday Great Autos Car Show, Hillcrest, 1:00 to 3:30, near 3737 University

If any Club Members are working on their cars please notify [Alex Watt](#) so that we can include your work in the presentation at the Annual Banquet. This doesn't need to be full frame-up restorations, as the goal is to show what is going on in the Club to keep our cars on the road.

Anniversaries	June
JURIST, Sheldon & Sheila	14
FINNEY, David & Janet	20
CLEMENTS, Doug & Marilyn	24
CHRISTIAN, Darrell & Susan	29
	July
CIBIT, Joe & Cathy	9
CHAPLIN, Don & Andy HUNT	10
COOKE, Mike & Claire	10
WAHL, Keith & Ruth	30

Birthdays		June
BOYD	John	1
CHAPLIN	Don	2
COOKE	Mike	4
WILLOUGHBY	David	4
FARNESI	Darren	7
NASH	Mark	11
FINNEY	David	21
SCHLESIER	Bob	28
		July
FINTZELBERG	Nick	4
KAY	Jerry	6
LESTER	Tom	10
COTTEE	Art	25

May 2 General Meeting

The Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest hosted another interesting General Meeting on May's first Monday. Alex Watt selected and projected a great video of the Castle Duesenberg, the first recognized passenger Duesenberg. The 1921 Duesenberg Model A Coupe features a body built by the Bender Body Company of Cleveland, Ohio and was produced to the order of the car's original owner, Samuel Northrup Castle, including space for his seven-foot-tall stature. Mr. Castle was from a family of Hawaiian missionaries and was a founder of Castle & Cooke Co., a Hawaiian sugar cooperative. Art and Phyllis Cottee provided tasty snacks and drinks. Doug Clements won the nametag drawing. Don't forget yours at the next meeting! And be there! Photo credit: *Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Bob Gunthorp*



Mystery photo

A member of the San Diego Region submitted the photo at right. Can you identify the member? The *Foot Warmer* offers a \$20 reward for the first correct answer emailed to the editor.

Hints:

The photo is not very recent.

The person is a regular at our monthly General Meetings.

The door might be shorter than is currently common in the United States. The persons are not as tall as comparison to the door might suggest.

Note: The person submitting the photo is not eligible for the award! Neither is the editor nor his wife.



Welcome New Members!

Bob and Gay McNeil – Valley Center

Tony Mondini – La Mesa

San Diego Region Ladies Luncheon
Peohe's, Shelter Island
May 18, 2022

On May 18, 2022 a luncheon was held for ladies in our AACA region. There were thirteen members and one guest in attendance at Peohe's restaurant in Coronado. Bob Gunthorp also attended as our official photographer. The ladies enjoyed a three-course lunch, served on the enclosed patio with a view of the bay and the San Diego skyline. Members in attendance included Betty Holmes, Phyllis Cottee, Kieu Wildinson, Nannette Clark, Barbara Foley and her guest, Sheila Jurist, Paula Okey, Suzanne Fort, Frances Dunn, Lynne Heacock, Janet Hay, Diane Richards, and Susan Woods.



Apple Pie Run May 14, 2022

By Mark Richards

It was a beautiful spring morning and a great time for a drive in the country. Seventeen of us met in Alpine and headed out Old Highway 80 for a tour over the mountains and on to apple orchard country. Three antique autos were along on the trip: Doug and Marilyn Clements were driving their beautiful black 1956 Chevrolet, Art and Phyllis Cottee were in their green 1965 Mustang convertible and the Richards were in the lead with a red 1962 Thunderbird with the top down. Tom McIlravy drove a follow-up car and manned a walkie talkie to keep the group of 10 cars all together.

It was great to get up into the pine forests and mountain meadows on the Sunrise Highway. After passing through the little town of Mount Laguna we stopped for a scenic view to the Anza Borrego desert far below. From there we continued on through Julian and out Farmers Road to Wynola, stopping for a delicious lunch at Heroes Wood-fired Pizza. From there we drove up the road a little bit to Mom's Pies for dessert. Apple pie ala mode seemed to be the group favorite. Afterwards the group dispersed to go home in their separate ways off the mountain.

A good time was had by all. There was plenty of time to socialize, swap stories and catch up. Traffic on the road was light and no one reported mechanical difficulties. We're looking forward to more tours in the future; there are a lot of fun destinations in San Diego County to visit.

Tour Participants: Tom McIlravy, David Melendez, Barbara Foley, Bob Lasher, Bob Wagner, Ron Walling, Doc McAllister, Art and Phyllis Cotte, Sam Judd, Doug and Marilyn Clements, Bob Gunthorp, Janette Hay, Mark and Diane Richards and Steve Linges (neighbor of Richards). Our photographers: Bob Gunthorp, Steve Linges, and Tom McIlravy





A Note from Ron Walling

Well over a hundred car companies have advertised in the *Saturday Evening Post*. Many of these companies, like Peerless and Dort, are barely remembered today. Among the obscure makes whose ads appeared in the *Post* is Haynes, which were built in Kokomo, Indiana. (For more on the auto industry's early years, check out *Post's* new special collector's edition, [Automobiles in America!](#)) Haynes automobiles deserve to be remembered for their imaginative, distinctive ads, many of which were displayed in *The Post*. But Haynes are remembered for more than just the ads. The company was started in the earliest days of the auto industry by Elwood Haynes. He claimed his first model, which he built with Elmer and Edgar Apperson in 1894, was "America's first car" when he donated it to the Smithsonian Institution in 1910. But even at that time, it was known that other cars, including the Duryea brothers' invention built in 1893, existed before Haynes' Pioneer. Yet the Duryea Motor Wagon Company folded only a few years after. Haynes continued to make cars for another 28 years. He had joined the Appersons to form the Haynes-Apperson Company in 1898, but the alliance lasted only a few years.

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By 1905, Haynes reorganized as the Haynes Automobile Company. In 1908, he employed 600 workers in what the *Kokomo Dispatch* was calling “the oldest automobile factory in the United States.” They were producing 400 cars a year in two models: the five-passenger, 30 horsepower runabout (\$2,500) and the seven-passenger, 50 hp touring car (\$5,500). Though Haynes may not have made the first car in America, he deserves the credit for introducing several industry standards. In 1911, his was the first car whose standard equipment included a windshield, headlights, and a speedometer. It also included the Vulcan Electric Gear Shift. This feature appeared as a number of push buttons on the steering wheel, which shifted gears by electric solenoids instead of mechanical levers. It made the transmission “as easily operated as the electric horn,” according to its manufacturer, “and makes the big gasoline car as easy to operate as an electric.” The company chose the wrong time to expand their plant. Haynes built a new factory with a moving assembly line that could produce 60 cars a day. But in 1920, the U.S. economy went into recession. The Haynes Automobile Company was hit hard and never recovered. The plant ceased operations in September 1924.



FRED PUHN

By Bob Gunthorp

I met Fred when I joined the National City Heritage Day car show. Fred was an interesting individual. He was extremely modest about his accomplishments. He was a very close friend of mine. He never bragged about the things he had done. The following is his obituary form the San Diego Union Tribune.

Fred Puhn of National City passed away at the age of 82, May 13, 2022, at Paradise Valley Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Margaret Puhn, children Steven and Jeanette, and sister Terry Clark.



Fred graduated from Grossmont High School at 16 and received his bachelor's degree in engineering from SDSU in 1961, where he later continued his education receiving a masters.

Fred's very successful career spanned across many technologies, including automotive, aerospace, fusion, and electromagnetics, to name a few. His lifelong passion for automobiles earned him the respect of automotive enthusiasts worldwide, commissioning him the writing two books on the subject. In 1961 while working at Gyrotor Inc., Fred convinced management to build the Santee Sports cars that were inspired by a body shape he carved out of wood. He later opened his own business where he made cutting-edge racing wheels out of aluminum and Quasar race cars that dominated the racing circuit in its time. Fred took part in Neil Armstrong's historic moonwalk in 1969 by being a part of the design team that developed the lunar landing gear. His 40-year career at General Atomics yielded groundbreaking designs and technologies. His success in developing the DIIRD fusion reactor in the 70s would have him invited to speak in our nation's capital and all over the world as an expert on fusion power.

Married to his wife Margaret in 1966, they shared a passion for antiques and Victorian houses. They purchased their Victorian home in 1977, where they made a life for themselves, collecting antiques and becoming active members of the National City Historical Society. Fred always believed that anything worth doing is worth doing well, and he lived life very well. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.



Here are some Internet articles about Fred Puhn that give additional insight into his life and accomplishments. We miss you, Fred.

<https://velocetoday.com/the-fred-puhn-story/>

<https://www.thevrl.com/profile/FredPuhn>

<https://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/1998/nov/25/why-arent-we-driving-santees-today/>

4th Saturday Breakfast

The monthly breakfast gatherings instituted a few months ago continue to be well attended and a good time. May 28th the Region gathered again at the Bay Club on Shelter Island; Bob Gunthorp took the photos. The 4th Saturday of June falls on our annual joint tour and barbecue picnic day with the Horseless Carriage Club – no club breakfast June 25. In July we will return to the Bay Club, so put that on your calendar please.

In August, on the 27th, John and Barbara Boyd will host a breakfast at their home, 1201 Vista Capitan Drive, El Cajon, in the Fletcher Hills neighborhood. John will have his small collection of Chrysler and DeSoto Airflows out for inspection. Plan to come!

