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## President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

Thank you for once again allowing me to serve this club as your President. It is my goal this year to increase participation in our activities and meetings. I am open to suggestions. One popular suggestion is having our meeting during the day.

I was seeing if the 4th Saturday breakfast last week was a good test, to see if members would participate because it was during the day. But that has seemed to have lost interest. So, my question to the members is, what is a good time on either a Saturday or a Sunday for a general meeting during the day? I still work, so weekdays are out of the question. Location will also be a factor since we may not get access to the Joyce Beers center on a weekend. Any input on increasing participation is also welcome.

I would like to publicly welcome Jack Heacock to the Board of Directors and thank Mark Richards for all he contributed to the board while he served. I'm not sure when you will receive this, so plan on attending the Annual banquet, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE REGISTER with John Boyd ([drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com) or text 858 997-7002) SOON! Until we see each other again, Happy motoring!

Tom McIlravy  
President, AACA San Diego Region



*Jerry Kay with his First Junior-winning Malaguti moped (see page 7)*

**The Foot Warmer** is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, encouraged – all of that! Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at [drjohn96@mac.com](mailto:drjohn96@mac.com).

# AACA Region Info

COMING EVENTS		
<b>Nov 4</b>	Spanish Trail Tour	<a href="http://www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com">www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com</a>
<b>Nov 6</b>	General Meeting	Beers Center, 3900 Vermont in Hillcrest, 7:00 pm
<b>Nov 12</b>	Awards Banquet	Bay Club; Bob Gunthorp and Susan Woods
<b>Dec 4</b>	2024 Activities Planning Meeting	Beers Center, 3900 Vermont, 7:00 pm

Anniversaries			
FORT	Colin	Suzanne	15-Nov
HYLTON	Charles W.	Yolanda M.	16-Nov
DUNN	Royce	Frances	18-Dec
PRISER	Paul	Francy	23-Dec

**NOVEMBER THE 12<sup>TH</sup>!**  
 Our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Bay Club, 2131 Shelter Island Drive, on **Sunday, November 12**. The social hour begins at noon (cash bar) and the lunch is at 1:00 pm. Register with John Boyd, 858 997-7002.

Birthdays			
RICHARDS	Mark	NOV	7
WAGNER	Robert		17
WILLIAMS	Cindy		18
HUNT	Andy		19
ARROYO	Roberto		20
LOCKE	Betty		21
BOOTH	Newell		23
ALEXANDER	Timothy		25
PETERSON	William		27
HEACOCK	Jack	DEC	8
PHLEGAR	John		12
EVANS	Rachel		14
WALLING	Ron		15
CIBIT	Cathy		16
ROSS	Carol		16
CHRISTIAN	Darrell		20
HYLTON	Charles W.		21

**2024 DUES ARE DUE!**  
 Please renew your San Diego Region membership for 2024 by sending Mark Richards your renewal form and \$25. Thanks to the many members who have already renewed! And don't forget to renew with AACA National as well.

<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDENT:</b> TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)  <b>VP:</b> MARK REBELLO (23-24)  <b>SECRETARY:</b> SUSAN WOODS (22-24)  <b>TREASURER:</b> JOHN BOYD (22-24)  <b>DIRECTORS AT LARGE:</b>            NANNETTE CLARK (22-23)            RON WALLING (22-23)            BARBARA FOLEY (22-23)            BOB GUNTHORP (22-23)            MARK RICHARDS (22-23)</p>	<p><b>KEY PLAYERS</b></p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> MARK RICHARDS  <b>TOURS:</b> MARK RICHARDS  <b>REFRESHMENTS:</b> DIANE RICHARDS  <b>ANNUAL BANQUET:</b> BOB GUNTHORP AND SUSAN WOODS  <b>ANNUAL AWARDS:</b> MARK REBELLO, ART COTTEE, ROYCE DUNN, JACK HEACOCK  <b>CORONADO PARADE:</b> AL SMITHSON</p>	<p><b>ACCC REP/LEGIS:</b> SHELDON JURIST  <b>CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:</b>            BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD  <b>EDITOR:</b> JOHN BOYD  <b>PROGRAMS:</b> Vacant</p> <p>(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)</p>
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# Members Meeting Report





## GARY JARVIS January 1933 to September 2023

By Gob Gunthorp

Gary was born in Sacramento. His family moved to San Diego when he was 12 years old. In May 1951, shortly before he graduated from High School, he was offered a job at Convair as a draftsman. They wanted him to start right away, but Gary said that he wanted to finish high school first so they compromised. He went to school during the day and worked at Convair at night. Gary spent his entire career at Convair and retired in 1988.

Gary always wanted a Mercedes, and in December 1967 when he spotted a 250SL in the Mercedes-Benz of San Diego showroom, he went in and purchased it. That was the beginning of his lifelong love affair with Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Gary told me that he owned 16 Mercedes during his lifetime. One day in 1969, Gary was having his 250SL serviced at the dealership when Heinz Gietz, the service manager, told Gary about the Mercedes-Benz Club and suggested that he join the Club. Gary joined in 1970. He was a very active member of the Club. The club became one of his passions after he retired. Gary served several times on the Club's board of directors, and he chaired many Club events -- including National events. He was very competitive in both driving and judged-concours events. Gary was always willing to help people with their Mercedes questions.

I met Gary in 1973, and he was one of the people who convinced my wife Terry and I to join the Mercedes-Benz Club. In addition to his Mercedes, he also collected "America Flyer" model trains and ERECTOR™ Sets. Gary had three cars restored to top concours condition. The first one was a 300SL Roadster. The second one was a 300SL Gullwing. Note: When Gary sold the Gullwing it drew the highest amount any Gullwing had sold for up to that time. His final restoration was his beloved 250SL that he purchased new in 1967. In 2013 Gary took the 250SL to the Legends of the Autobahn show in Pacific Grove. The photo on the right is Gary receiving the "First in Class" and the "Best of Show" awards.

Gary was always a perfect gentleman. In all of the years I knew Gary, I never saw him lose his temper. Gary will be missed by his many friends.

## Covenant Living at Mount Miguel Car Show

By John Boyd

July 4 this year, Ron Walling helped organize a car show at a senior living facility called Silvergate in Rancho Bernardo. Several members of the San Diego Region participated with their antique cars. It was fun: the residents clearly enjoyed the show, and it made a great outing for the show car owners and riders. Several members of my family live or have lived in such a facility in Spring Valley called Covenant Living at Mount Miguel. "Covenant" in the name relates to the residence's ties to the Evangelical Covenant Church, descended from a Swedish free-church spin-off of the Swedish Lutheran Church. I proposed an antique car show to the Region Board at CLMM, and it was approved for October 14.

Saturday October 14 dawned sunny and mild in East County, and I headed off to the car show with my brother Phil to see to the parking. CLMM Activities Coordinator Margo Bule had the scene well in hand when we arrived, and AACA cars arrived soon. The show ran officially from 10:00 to noon; hot dogs, sodas, and chips arrived about 11. As can be seen in the photos, CLMM residents enjoyed the show, asking questions of the owners, admiring the cars, and voting for their favorites.

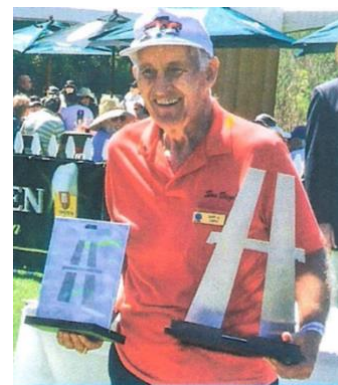
**Gary Allen Jarvis**  
January 14, 1933 - September 7, 2023

LA MESA — Gary Allen Jarvis, 90, passed away peacefully at his home in La Mesa, Ca. on 9/7/23. He was born on 1/14/33 to Raymond Jarvis and Dorothy Carraco. He worked for General Dynamics Corp. Convair & Space Systems as an engineer for 37 years & retired as their head draftsman. He was an extremely intelligent, loving & generous individual who possessed an amazing child like zeal for life. His positive attitude & enthusiasm was infectious to the many lives he touched. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife Hazel, had many hobbies & was



an avid collector. Gary lived his life to the fullest & will be deeply missed. A private celebration is being planned by his family.

Please sign the Guest Book online  
[obituaries.sandiegouniontribune.com](http://obituaries.sandiegouniontribune.com)





After-action comments: This kind of event at a cooperative, appreciative residence is fairly easy to organize. Car turnout could have been better: 12 were desired, 8 were promised, and 6 showed up.



*Nannette Clark and Jack Heacock got prime parking spots as hostess Margo Bule welcomed us to the show.*



*Mount Miguel residents gathered around the author's 1936 DeSoto asking questions and telling stories of other DeSotos they had known.*



*The McIlravy Mustang and Ron Walling's NASCAR tribute Ford are inspected by experts.*



## Reader Correspondence

From the editor (as a reader!)

Last week John and Barbara Boyd, together with John's brother Phil and his wife Jan, drove to Eureka for a sightseeing and remembrance tour. Boyds' parents and brother Spencer are buried in Eureka's Sunset Memorial Park, and we went to high school and lived there for several years. We took our time driving up the second day, enjoying the coastal redwoods along Avenue of the Giants and the Drive-through Chandelier tree in South Leggett. Coming home, we stopped at friends Linda and Steve Wilson's place near Fresno, where our '36 Chrysler Airflow has been stored for a few months. Barbara, Jan, and Linda posed for a morning wine party in front of the Airflow and one of Steve's cars, a nice '38 Buick 8 Coupe.



From Jerry Kay:

Jerry writes that his article about his still-in-the-crate, never sold, 1981 Malaguti Dribbling M101 Moped was published in the July/August 2023 *Antique Automobile*. Don't miss it! Here are a couple of photos from the article. In the story, Jerry notes how, although the bike had never had gas in the tank before, he *was required* to gas it up and start it to drive it onto the field! (We have our rules.) Not surprisingly, the moped won its First Junior award. And at least, he can now ride it on the beach! Great photos, Jerry!





From Daryl and Betty Holmes:

To the Footwarmer and all our dear friends with the San Diego Region AACA:

After packing for several months and finding things along the way we thought we had lost forever, the day came when all the kids showed up with their trailers and trucks.

After a ten-hour drive, we arrived at the little furnished house on Bunny Hollow Road in Pine. We did not need any sleeping pills -- the bed felt so good!

The next morning, we sipped our coffee while sitting on the back deck, watching as the Elk strolled by.

We still miss all our car club friends there, but we are finding that this little town has many car enthusiasts, and we will eventually get acquainted with them. There is only one store and three bars that serve good food as well as drinks. The smell of the pine trees as well as the wind whistling through them makes this an inviting place to hang one's hat. Payson is a larger town fifteen miles south of here and is where we stock up on supplies, as well as medical doctors and pharmacy there. Love to all.

Betty and Daryl Holmes

[Bessie Ostberg has passed](#)

Betty Holmes and Sheldon Jurist reported that Bessie Ostberg passed away. She and her husband Monte were active in our club for many years. They were known as MOPAR fans, and Monte restored several cars. They also helped out with El Cajon Cruise Night. They had moved to Dewey, Arizona from San Diego several years ago.

Food for Thought from the Hemmings Newsletter.

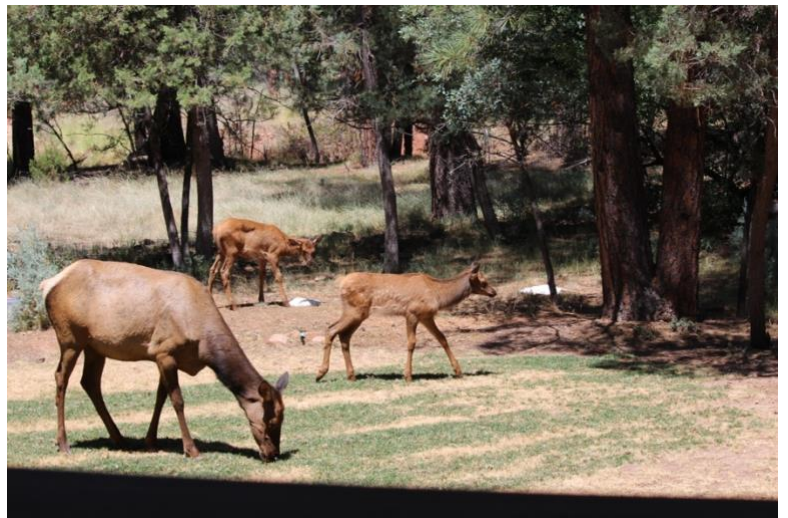
## ***Car Clubs Are More Than Just A Gathering Of Old Mechanicals And Metal***

**Perspective, by Jim Richardson**

There was a time when every self-respecting corner "service station" could do a breaker points ignition tune-up, lube wheel bearings, clean air filters, and repack universal joints. Not anymore. Modern cars can go for years, and for many miles, before they need such care. Cleaning and oiling air filters has become a lost art. Unfortunately, so are the knowledge and skills to do routine maintenance. If you are having such problems with your vintage ride, you're not alone. Join the club.

By that, I mean two things: First, that we owners of older classics are all in the same boat, and second, the best way I know of to mitigate this situation is to join the club for your marque. I say that because my experience tells me that someone in that club will know how to do what needs doing and when, and other members will know who can do what you need done if you aren't of a mind to do it yourself.

Do you see that older, paunchy guy over there, sitting under an umbrella behind his beautiful classic that is the same model year as yours? Go tell him your problems. He may not be able to help you with your angst, but chances are he will have a wealth



information on how to take care of your classic, and he will most likely be flattered that you find his knowledge valuable. He may even be so honored that he will help you do what you need done.

Or he may know the perfect place to take your chariot to keep it looking and running its best. He will probably know a place where someone will light up when you say the word "Studebaker." Also, there may be a young guy in the club who is smitten with the same make and era as you, who can wrestle out a standard transmission and replace a worn clutch. And that older guy will most likely know which clutch and throw out bearing is right for the job.

I suggest you buy these folks lunch. Most likely you will be repaid many times. You may even get invited over to their garage to see their collections, and hang out with people who look a lot like you a lot of the time—by that I mean dressed in overalls or dirty jeans and an old tee shirt with stains on it, and who have a residue of grease or rattle can paint in the cracks around their fingernails.

They may be grown-up versions of those under-achievers who smoked Marlboros in the restroom in high school that you hung out with, or you might just discover that they are doctors, teachers, successful business leaders, police, or fire fighters. In fact, you are likely to make connections that are great for other areas of life, too. After all, no matter what your day job might be, you will all share a love for certain cars, and the enjoyment of driving, maintaining, and touring in them.

Taking care of your classic can be easy if you know the right people. This is the ideal time to get to know some fellow motorheads, and there is a club for every make you can imagine. There is even a [DeLorean](#) club for enthusiasts who covet the stainless-steel steeds; there are clubs for almost any make, domestic or import.

I am anything but a social butterfly, but I am in car clubs. I am actually a social moth. I learned to dance as a lad—sort of—in order to meet girls, but then I met the right one half a century ago and haven't danced since. I am not a joiner at all, but I then feel right at home with car people and enjoy their company greatly. They are usually smart, capable, successful, and friendly.

I am a proud member of Packards International, the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, and the Morris Minor and the Cadillac LaSalle club in New Zealand, where we spend the winter. As I pointed out previously, joining the club for your marque has benefits other than social. Someone in the club knows where you can find those plastic radio knobs or that stainless-steel grille surround that got mangled in the parking lot.

Drop a check in the mail, or use your credit card number on their website, and then spiff up your ride and attend a club outing or two. You will be glad you did, and will probably make some friends for life. Trust me it, won't be like some of the car clubs of yore where you had to pinch a set of flippers to be a member, and the members used the same grease on their hair as they did for wheel bearings, but then you won't have the fuzz following you around either. In fact, classic car clubs usually confer an element of prestige, and are generally viewed as an asset to the community.

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