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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
AMERICA

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President's Greeting

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members,

The General meeting was a great success! I wasn't there, but Mark Rebello ran the meeting and Mark Richards coordinated the efforts to an almost full calendar of events for the coming year. Thank you to both, for a fantastic job.

Now the confessional booth. I made a grievous error at the awards banquet. I never looked at the actual awards before handing them out. And I was basing all my information on a single e-mail that was passing amongst the awards committee. Mark Richards was the recipient of the Jerry Wright Memorial award, not John Boyd. John and Barbara were VERY gracious in showing me my error. But it was too late. Mark and Diane were equally gracious in accepting the award. My sincerest apologies to them for this.

Moving on to current upcoming events, we have a Silent movie in January (the first time so soon in the year) and an opportunity to show off your cooking talents with the Studebaker club with a chili cookoff. I was told that it is not a requirement to bring a chili dish to attend, but of course encouraged. That is for Feb 11th.

Until we meet again, Happy motoring.

Tom McIlravy

President, AACA San Diego Region

January 27, 2024: The next Theater Organ Society silent movie!

Douglas Fairbanks stars in the classic 1925 silent film, "Don Q Son of Zorro". The mighty 1927 Wurlitzer will be played by Russ Peck at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Spring Valley.

Antique Car Show by the San Diego Region of AACA. Cars parked by 5:00 pm please!

(See photos pp 7-8)



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.

AACA Region Info

OFFICERS

President: Tom McIlravy (23-24)
 VP: Mark Rebello (23-24)
 Secretary: Susan Woods (22-24)
 Treasurer: John Boyd (22-24)

Directors At Large:
 Nannette Clark (22-23)
 Ron Walling (22-23)
 Barbara Foley (22-23)
 Bob Gunthorp (22-23)
 Jack Heacock (24-25)

KEY PLAYERS

Membership: Mark Richards
 Tours: Mark Richards
 Refreshments: Diane Richards
 Annual Banquet: Bob Gunthorp And Susan Woods
 Annual Awards: Mark Rebello, Art Cottee, Royce Dunn, Jack Heacock
 Coronado Parade: Al Smithson
 ACCC Rep/Legis: Sheldon Jurist
 Club Photographer: Bob Gunthorp
 Editors: Sam and Deborah Judd
 Programs: Vacant

(see club roster for all contact info.)

Anniversaries		
Paul and Francy Priser		Dec 12
Royce and Francis Dunn		Dec 18
Mike and Cindy Williams		Jan 8
Jack and Lynne Heacock		Jan 13

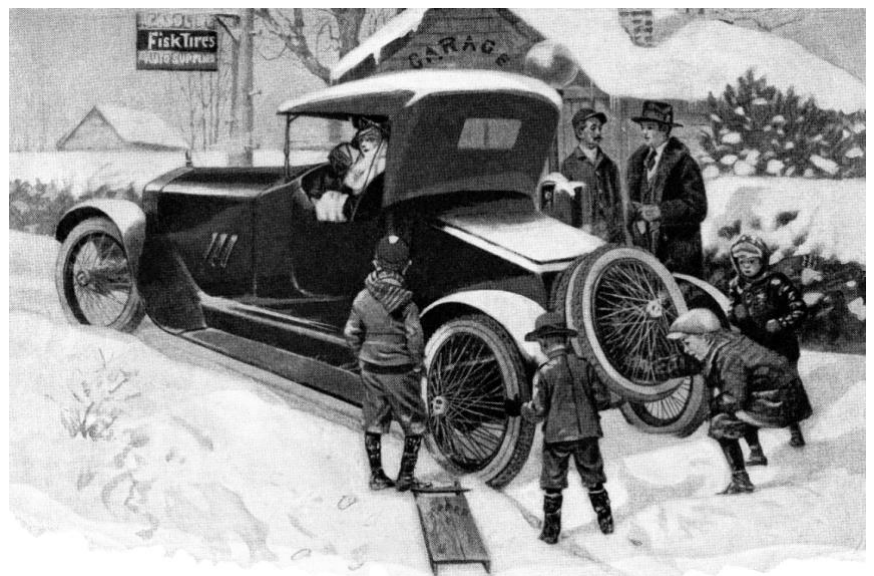
Birthdays		Dec
HEACOCK	Jack	8
PHLEGAR	John	12
EVANS	Rachel	14
WALLING	Ron	15
CIBIT	Cathy	16
ROSS	Carol	16
CHRISTIAN	Darrell	20
HYLTON	Charles W.	21
VINCENT	Kimball	23
ROSS	Steve	27
		Jan
ACKROYD	Archie	10
SIGLER	Ruth	10
ZOPFI	Jim	12
FINNEY	Janet	13
FOLEY	Barbara	14
JARVIS	Gary	14
JURIST	Sheldon	16
SMITHEY	David	16
REBELLO	Mark	23
JUDD	Deborah	24
KNOEPP	Terry	31
WAHL	Ruth	31

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.

CHILI COOKOFF!

The Studebaker club invites AACA to their annual Chili Cookoff on Feb 10. Details at the Jan 1, 2024, General Meeting.



Members Meeting Reports

November 6

The November general meeting was just two days after the Old Spanish Trail (OST) events to which the club had been invited, and the program for the meeting was presented by Charlotte Kahl, an organizer and advocate of the Old Spanish Trail Highway project, which seeks to identify, map, document, and restore the highway routes identified in the 1920s. She encouraged the club to form a driving caravan from San Diego to San Antonio in spring 2024 to celebrate OST progress.

Mark Richards walked away \$20 richer by winning the name badge drawing. And an exceptionally fine spread of refreshments was served by Mike Cooke and Barbara Foley. A great meeting!



December 4

Our annual region activities planning session was led by Activities Coordinator Mark Richards. In the absence of President Tom, VP Mark Rebello chaired the session. Ron Walling and San Judd served up a nice selection of holiday donuts, and Al Smithson won the badge drawing. Or was it Mark Rebello? No, can't be Mark. He's not wearing his badge. See the results of the session below. Looks like a fun, full year!



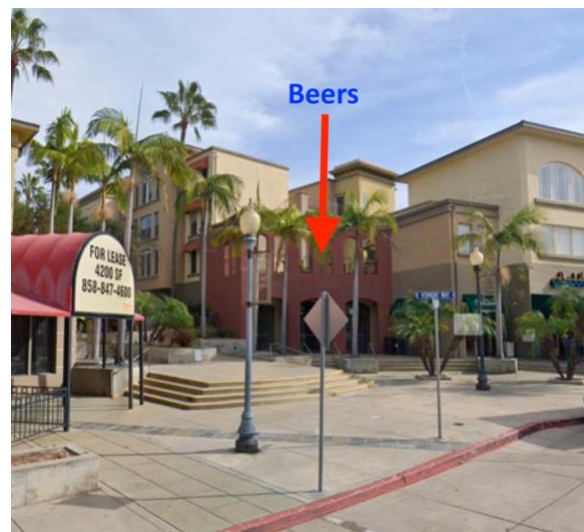
2024 Region Activities Plan

At the December 4 General Meeting, members of the San Diego Region met to discuss activities for the coming year. The discussion was led and recorded by Membership and Tours coordinator Mark Richards, and the gang came up with an exciting list of activities for the year. Photos of the discussion and a table of events are shown below.

Jan	1 General meeting (GM)
	14 MLK Parade
	20 Hillcrest Car Show
	27 Breakfast(BF)
	27 Silent Movie "Son of Zorro"
Feb	5 GM: "Safe Driving" with Monica Z.
	10 Studebaker Chili Fest
	17 Helicopter Museum (Foley)
	24 BF
Mar	3 El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
	4 GM White Elephant Bingo
	16 Gillespie Aerospace Museum (Doc)
	23 BF
Apr	1 GM Travis Williams
	17 Cajon Classic Cruise
	27 BF
May	6 GM
	18 Beth Kind BBQ
	25 BF
Jun	3 GM
	8 STP Car Show (Sheldon)
	22 BF
	30 Bob's BBQ
Jul	no GM
	4 Coronado Parade (Thursday)
	20 Hillcrest Car Show
	27 BF
Aug	3 Mission Bay Picnic (Rebello)
	5 GM Hobby Nite
	24 BF
Sep	1 El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
	2 Pizza Nite
	12-14 Western Nationals
	28 BF
Oct	7 GM
	12 North County Tour (Cottee/Richards)
	26 BF
Nov	4 GM Member Car Talks
	10 Awards Banquet
	23 BF
Dec	2 Planning Meeting
	28 BF

You will note that for nearly every month, there is a 4th Saturday breakfast at a to-be-announced location (watch the Foot Warmer schedule and the monthly General Meeting announcement). There is also a club outing, intended for antique car participation, most months. Put these on your wall calendar now, and plan to attend! The more cars and members, the more fun!

Some events, like the Hillcrest Car Show, have standard times and locations. Others require directions. Again, watch the Foot Warmer for details, and join in with the general meetings. See the Activities FAQ, next page.



3900 Vermont St, Hillcrest



Activities FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Everything you needed to know about the various San Diego Region AACA activities, especially for you who have seldom attended. You've paid your 2024 dues – this year, enjoy the benefits!

1. What's a General Meeting?

With a few exceptions, the Region meets every month to discuss coming events, conduct a short business meeting, exchange problems and solutions related to antique cars, hear a presentation on some (usually) car-related topic, enjoy coffee and snacks provided by volunteers, and converse freely during the social hour.

Where and when is it?

It's held in the big meeting room at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 3900 Vermont, in Hillcrest. Across the street from Ralph's and Trader Joes. Parking on the street or in the garage and parking lots for the shopping center. The room is opened at 6:30, when we move in, set up chairs and tables as needed, arrange the refreshments provided by this month's volunteer. The evening's program begins after setup, usually before 7:00. The program is followed by a refreshment break and then a usually short business meeting.

What's it cost?

There's no charge to attend. Refreshments and occasional other expenses are covered by the San Diego Region out of your dues.

Is it worthwhile?

Yes, definitely. Our club exists because of the friendships built around our common interests in old cars and our neighborhoods. These friendships are built and maintained by shared activities, like these General Meetings, Breakfasts, shows and other events. By regularly attending, you are helping to preserve and grow the club and advance interest in antique autos.

2. What's a Breakfast?

Monthly breakfasts, usually on the fourth Saturday of the month, are strictly informal gatherings to share a meal and chat with old and new friends from the club. Attendance typically runs from 12 to 20 or so.

Who pays?

Order what you want, pay for it yourself.

Where and when is it?

The search for the perfect venue continues. Watch the Foot Warmer or go to the General Meeting to find out where this month's Breakfast is. Order when you have a full table. 9:00 to 9:30 is a typical start time.

Why should I come?

These breakfasts began many months ago at the suggestion of members who wanted to spend a little more time with their friends and just enjoyed getting out in the (usual) sunshine of a San Diego Saturday morning.

Old car required?

No, but they are always welcome.

3. Tours and car shows?

The club tries to plan activities on the order of 1 a month. These two are usually targeted toward antique car participation. Some we organize ourselves, possibly inviting other local clubs. For others we pile on to some other organization's effort at their invitation.

Is there a charge?

Varies. For our own events, usually not. For others where we might be invited guests, sometimes a modest charge is levied to cover expenses, or a moderate charge might be made for fund-raising events.

Can I bring my low-rider? My pro-street hot rod? My 1937 Farmall F-20?

The AACA is all about authenticity and originality of "antique cars", defined as 25-year or older design. On the other hand, many of our members have been gear-headed car fans since their youth, in most cases many decades ago, and they appreciate well-designed, maintained, tasteful, creative, elegant machines of any kind. Airplanes, boats even, maybe. These vehicles won't normally be judged, but we don't do much judging anyway. Appreciated? Very likely.

4. Silent Movies?

The club has a friendly relationship with the San Diego Theater Organ Society going back several years. Theater organs were invented in the early 20th century to accompany silent movies. They differ from church organs in several ways, notably in the capability to produce various sounds appropriate for movies of the day. An accomplished organist plays ad hoc music matched to the mood through the film, adding special effects as needed. A few theater organs have been preserved or restored and can still be heard. In San

Diego, one is installed at Trinity Church in Spring Valley, 3902 Kenwood Ave. Most performances of silent movies with organ accompaniment at Trinity are preceded by a car show to which our club is invited. We arrive with old cars about an hour before the performance, chat with theater goers, show off our cars, enjoy some Krispy Kreme donuts, and then watch the show. It's good fun!

5. What's the point, after all?

For many people, memories of good times last longer than bad times. This makes reflecting on the past largely pleasant. It's where nostalgia comes from. So there seems to be a common, pleasing and pleasant sensation associated with seeing and remembering times and things gone by. Touring and showing old cars seems to capitalize on this. Driving and showing your old car makes you feel good and gives others pleasure as well. Do it!

2023 San Diego Region Awards

By Mark Richards

Founders Award

Bob Schlesier 1932 Chrysler CP-8

Ralph Harms Memorial Trophy

Mark Richards 1962 Volvo PV 544

Jerry Wright Memorial Trophy

Mark Richards

Silver Spoon Award

Barbara Foley

Hard Luck Award

Tom McIlravy For running out of gas in
Coronado 4th of July Parade

President's Plaque

Tom McIlravy 2020 - 2023

Certificate of Merit Awards

For Service to the San Diego Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America:

To John Boydas creator and editor of the club newsletter, The Foot Warmer; for serving as club treasurer; for providing programs for monthly meetings; organizing the Mt. Miguel car show

To Nannette Clarkas organizer of the Knoepp Collection Tour and serving on the Board of Directors

To Art Cotteeas organizer of the Burlingame Neighborhood Tour and serving on the Awards Committee

To Barbara Foleyas organizer of the tour to Beth Kind's home in Valley Center and serving on the Board of Directors

To Bob Gunthorpas organizer of the annual Barbeque at his home and the Awards Banquet at the Bay Club, and serving on the Board of Directors

To Sam Juddas organizer of the South Bay Tour

To Sheldon Juristas organizer of the STP car show and providing legislative support

To Susan McIlravyfor creation of table decorations for the annual Awards Banquet

To Thomas McIlravyas club president, leading with excellence, guidance and humor

To Mark Rebelloas Vice President and serving as Chairperson of the Awards Committee

To Andrea Richards ...for preparation of the Certificate of Merit Awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet

To Diane Richardsas coordinator of meeting refreshments and co-organizer of the Cajon Classic Cruise Car Corral night

To Mark Richards ...as Membership Chair, Co-organizer of the Cajon Classic Cruise Car Corral night, member of the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors

To Al Smithsonas coordinator of the Silent Movie Nights and Coronado 4th of July Parade, and serving as chairperson of the Nomination Committee

To Ron Wallingas a promoter of our group by showing the club banner, organizer of the Silvergate and Mt. Miguel Car Shows, and serving on the Board of Directors

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To Alex Wattas organizer and presenter of programs for monthly meetings

To Susan Woodsas organizer of the Ladies Luncheon and serving as club secretary and member of the board of directors



From Barbara Foley:

At the Annual Dinner I was surprised to receive the Betty Hayward Silver Spoon award. I did not expect this. I would like to thank the board and will do my best to live up to it.

Silent Movie Nights

Two (2!) Silent Movies Night events have been held since the last Foot Warmer. The first, held on October 28, featured the scary movie “Faust”, accompanied by TOSSD expert organist Rosemary Bailey. The second was held November 18. It was a Buster Keaton double comedy feature with organist Greg Breed. The films shown were “College” and “The Blacksmith”. Why not catch the next one on January 27?

FAUST – Oct 28

Photo credits: Bob Gunthorp



BUSTER KEATON – Nov 18

Photo credits: Bob Gunthorp and Tom McIlravy

