

THE FOOT WARMER

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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
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Treasurer's Greeting

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer sun. Our adventurous club president, Tom, is currently on an extensive tour, immersing himself today in the scenic wonders of Glacier National Park. While he explores these breathtaking landscapes, he wants everyone to know he's missing our classic car camaraderie—well, sort of!

As a quick reminder, there will be no general meeting in July. We're taking a short summer break, but don't worry—we still have a fantastic event lined up! Mark your calendars for the "Summers Past" picnic on July 13. It promises to be a wonderful day filled with good food (the Region's treat), great company, and, of course, our beautiful classic cars.

To ensure we have enough refreshments, please register your intent to attend with Mark Richards (619 672-3201) by **July 10**. We're looking forward to a memorable picnic and hope to see many of you there. A big thank you to everyone who participated in our recent car shows and socials. Your passion and dedication keep our community vibrant and make these events truly special.

Enjoy the drive, and see you at the picnic!

John Boyd Treasurer, San Diego Region



4th Saturday June Breakfast at Elijah's: The Rebellos chauffeured Al Smithson in his lovely '46 Mercury

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.

CLUB INFO

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

VP: MARK REBELLO (23-24)

SECRETARY: SUSAN WOODS (23-24)

TREASURER: JOHN BOYD (23-24)

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

NANNETTE CLARK (24-25)

RON WALLING (24-25)

BARBARA FOLEY (24-25)

BOB GUNTHORP (24-25)

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, JACK HEACOCK

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

ACC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vice President

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

FAREWELLS

Several past members of our club have recently passed away.

Rick Reinstein – Rick organized a tour to Poway for us a few years back. He died in April, 2024.

Bill Peterson -- Partner of Robert Kambeitz, Bill passed away in late May. Bill was very active in the Theater Organ Society, along with Robert.

Joan Richards -- Past member (no relation to Mark and Diane Richards) Joan died in April. Joan managed General Meeting refreshments for many years.

BIRTHDAYS

		JULY
FINTZELBERG	Nick	4
KAY	Jerry	6
GERSTEN	Bill	7
LESTER	Tom	10
COTTEE	Art	25

AUGUST

GRAVLEY	David	1
WOOLSEY	Jim	8
OKEY	Paula	13
HAYNES	Lance	19
CLEMENTS	Doug	21
WILLIAMS	Mike	28
WOODS	Dr. Susan	30

ANNIVERSARIES

		JULY
Joe and Cathy Cibit		9
Don Chapin and Andy Hunt		10
Keith and Ruth Wahl		30

AUGUST

Art and Phyllis Cottee		2
Tom and Brenda Lester		5
Jim and Catherine Woolsey		16
Newell and Gladene Booth		21
Bob and Grace Schlesier		23

2024 Club Events	
July	No General Meeting
4	Coronado Parade (Thursday, Smithson)
13	"Summers Past" garden party (Richards, Cottee)
20	Hillcrest Car Show
27	Breakfast Social
Aug 3	Mission Bay Picnic (Rebello)
5	General Meeting: Hobby Nite (Rebello)
24	Breakfast Social
Sep 1	El Cerrito Cars & Coffee
2	Pizza Nite (Richards)
12	Western Nationals -- Loveland CO
28	Breakfast Social
Oct 7	General Meeting
	Gillespie Field Aerospace
12	(McAllister/Richards/Walling)
26	Breakfast Social
Nov 4	General Meeting: Member Car Talks (Rebello)
10	Awards Banquet (Gunthorp)
23	Breakfast Social
Dec 2	Planning Meeting
28	Breakfast Social

REPORTS

Members Meeting Report – June 3

Members met at the Joyce Beers Center on June 3 for our monthly (almost) General Meeting. The event was given entirely to friendship and socializing with NO PROGRAM! Although the editor was cruising in Rudyerd Bay, Canada, that day and missed it, President Tom provided a snapshot of the awards portion of the party. Looks like Diane Richards won the name badge drawing. I'm sorry I missed it.

PLEASE NOTE: *There is no planned General Meeting in July.*



4th Saturday Breakfast at Elijah's – May 25

About a dozen members attended the monthly Region Breakfast Social at Elijah's on Clairemont Mesa Blvd last month. The editor was unable to attend this time (see his excuse in the preceding Meeting Report), but Tom McIlravy provided a shot of Al Smithson's fabulous RHD Rolls in the parking lot. You know it's at Elijah's Deli and Restaurant because you can see the old Soup Plantation in the background of the photo.

San Diego Region Ladies Luncheon – May 22

By Susan Woods

The annual Ladies Luncheon was held this year on May 22 at Peohe's in Coronado. It was a beautiful day, and we were seated on the enclosed patio, which allowed everyone to take in the view of San Diego bay while enjoying delicious food.

Eleven AACA members and guests attended the luncheon.



A Funny from Bob Gunthorp 🤔

While shopping earlier today, I picked up some chicken legs. Just before the young lady at the cash register rang them up, I asked if she knew whether they were front legs or back legs. She paused for a moment, read everything she could on the package and not finding the answer said; "I don't know. Let me go ask my manager". She came back a few minutes later, looked at me, and said, NOT FUNNY!! I said, "I'm sorry but I thought it was." The guy behind me laughing hysterically blurted out.... "NOT FUNNY, IT WAS HILARIOUS."

Have a great week.

The STP Car Show – June 8

Sheldon Jurist coordinated a Saturday car show for the club at the STP Bar & Grill. No, this STP was *not* founded by Andy Granatelli, CEO of the famous STP lubricating products company, but it is Shannon and Tina's Place at 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We've been here for car shows before. Attendance was good with an interesting mix of antique cars and a few modern cars to boot. Here are some photos, with thanks to Tom McIlravy.



Looking for the June 30 Great American Barbecue Report?

Signups for our traditional picnic at the home of Bob Gunthorp were slow this year, so slow in fact that the picnic had to be cancelled. The club Treasurer has mailed refund checks to those who did register and pay the modest \$15 ticket price. There were just not enough signups to support ordering portable furniture, supplies, and the food in time to support the planned event. The Board will be discussing the future of this and other coming events.

Editor's note: All of us recognize the increasing difficulty of getting out to events as the years go by. It's hard to miss the signs of declining participation in the general meeting, car shows, our awards banquet and this picnic. Most of us members, maybe all (?) have enjoyed the outings and other events of our club in the past – these are what drew many of us to join in the first place. But often it seems like it's not worth the effort required to get to a meeting, a breakfast, a tour or a car show, and we stay home. Let me encourage us all (me too), when the decision to go or stay home is close, to make the effort and show up. These activities are interesting and fun, and the health of our club depends heavily on our participation. Although the old-car hobby may be declining, I say, let's enjoy it while we can!

Silvergate Car Show – June 15

By Ron Walling

Silvergate Retirement Residence outdid themselves this year. Probably 30% more stuff going on. Although ribs were off the menu this year, they had BBQed pulled pork sliders, corn bread, hot dogs and hamburgers. But with a new addition this year: Bratwurst. *Sehr gut!* BBQ'd chicken too. I can attest that all of the items were very tasty as I sampled everything. Maybe some (?) more than once.

Too bad only 7 cars showed up. But we all had a great time. Mark Richards is already developing a plan for next year. Here's hoping that will produce a better turnout. Doug Clements showed up; he lives just around the corner. He got to catch up with all of the members he hadn't seen in a while. Very nice. NOAA said it would be 88 degrees, but it was really very comfortable with a nice little breeze wafting through the facility most of the day. Jack Heacock's '50 Caddy took first place with the people's choice awards, and Doug's '56 Bel Air took second. Mark and Diane Richards' newly minted Volvo took 3rd place. Wahoo! What a day!

Silvergate had arranged for a professional photographer to capture the car show and lunch with some publicity photos. Those shown here are a few of the 209(!) shots he captured.



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Two Phaetons

Al Smithson notes:

Two Phaetons - side by side - in Mark's garage - but worlds apart!!! Now together in the San Diego Region thanks to Barbara Foley and Al Smithson. Al's 1936 Ford joins Barbara's 1937 La Salle. Ed. note: "Phaeton", originally a kind of horse carriage, is usually a four-door car with a folding top. And usually without fixed side windows. They were also called touring cars. The word has three syllables and is properly pronounced "fay'-a-ton", but it's not uncommon to hear people – even famous car people – saying "fay'-ton."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission Bay Picnic – August 3

On Saturday, August 3, let's meet for a picnic at Mission Bay Park. There are plenty of hot weather inland activities, so Mark Rebello has organized a gathering at Mission Bay, where we can expect sunshine and cool breezes. Bring your picnic lunch, and we'll park our old cars in a parking lot (to be announced). Bring a chair, maybe a beach chair with a shade? Precise meeting time and locations/directions **will appear in your email** in plenty of time.



AACA Hobby Night – August 5

Mark Rebello is organizing a special Hobby Night for our AUGUST General Meeting at the Joyce Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St in Hillcrest. The concept is that in addition to our usual brief business meeting, drinks and snacks, a few members will bring examples and be prepared to discuss their hobbies. Mark led the way a couple months ago with his talk about his one-fifth scale, radio-controlled car racing. We know many of our members have hobbies, sometimes but not always related to antique automobiles. On August 5, we will have a chance to share these interests. Mark's proposal is to have some extra tables set up around the room, where several members (to include spouses and partners!) will explain and illustrate one of their hobbies. Mark wishes to coordinate things slightly to ensure we have several, but not too many, presentations. Folks prepared to discuss, demonstrate, or illustrate their hobbies will be introduced and will then move to their displays or presentation areas, and we will have a chance to visit as many of the areas as we like. Much like a trade show, if you have ever attended one of those.

If you would be willing to discuss your hobby, please let Mark know right away what it is and give him an idea about how much space or time you will need. Presentations will be simultaneous, in parallel. You can reach Mark by phone or text at 619 504-4866 and by email at mrebello167@aol.com. Mark checks voice mail and text frequently, so that is the preferred method to contact him.

We have never done this before (to my knowledge) and we're looking forward to a fun evening with strong participation. Plan now to attend and to be a presenter!

Silent Movies – November 9 and December 7

Al Smithson forwarded a Theater Organ Society of San Diego announcement of coming concerts to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Spring Valley, home of the mighty, restored, Wurlitzer theater organ. November 9, Harold Lloyd's "Speedy" will be screened and accompanied by Mark Herman on the Wurlitzer.

Harold "Speedy" Swift, a fan of Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees, saves from extinction the city's last horse-drawn trolley, operated by his girlfriend's grandfather.

Nov 9
Saturday
6:00p*

Accompanied by
MARK HERMAN

*5:00p
Antique Automobile Club of America

DEC 7
Saturday
6:00p*

Accompanied by
GREG BREED

*5:00p
Antique Automobile Club of America

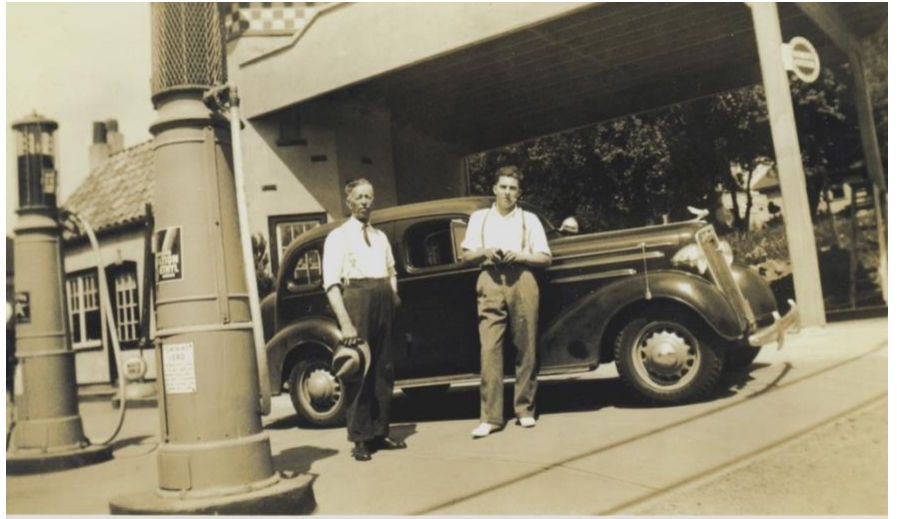
On December 7, come see Charlie Chaplin films accompanied by Greg Breed. Come at 5:00 pm to see the AACA car show in the church parking lot, just outside the entrance. For both dates, the shows start at 6:00 pm. If you are bringing your antique for the show, please arrive in time to be parked and ready to go by 5:00.

Reader Correspondence

From Mark Richards a few months back:

I came across this photo in my mom's collection. I think it's my great uncle and his dad (the good-looking side of the family), possibly taken in the Portland area. I think the attachment on the right fender is interesting. It must be to help tell where the front tire is.

Mark



From John Boyd: (yes, the Editor is also a reader!)

A friend of mine in Maryland, Jon Clulow, and I located a second “surviving” 1936 Airflow Chrysler Custom Imperial LeBaron C11 in 2019, and we felt that it really needed saving. It’s a factory custom Imperial with a 10-inch stretch. There is one similar car in Australia, but no others are known to the Airflow Club. The car was ugly and needed everything, but its “1 of 2” rarity convinced us. Failing to find anyone else to take it on, we partnered to save the car, completing the process in early 2022. Since then, the car has spent several months in the San Diego Auto Museum and has been shown (and won top awards) at several national shows including AACA, Classic Car Club of America, and The Airflow Club. Jon and I agree it’s time to move it along, and we’d like to recover *some* of the money we spent on it. It’s currently listed on Hemmings as a best-offer sale. The listed price represents about what we spent on the project, but we don’t expect it to bring that much. See the [Hemmings ad](#) for lots of details, photos, and [videos](#). Many of you have seen the car at various San Diego Region tours and outings. Here are a few photos, the barn where we found it, and the finished car.

Contact me for further info. (858) 997-7002

