

THE FOOT WARMER

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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
OF AMERICA



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President's Greeting

What a wonderful surprise we had last Saturday with the Silent Movie night at Trinity Church. We truly thought those programs had come to an end, so it was a real treat to see "Steamboat Bill, Jr." on the big screen with sound effects from the Wurlitzer theater organ. While we had a good turnout of members, it was a bit of a disappointment that only three of our antique cars made it out for the display. I know we can do better, so let's aim for a stronger showing at our upcoming outings!

Looking ahead, our 2026 calendar is absolutely packed with great activities. On April 18, Sheldon and Sheila Jurist have organized a tour of the Making Music Museum, which promises to be a very interesting day. Then in May, we have the Santee Lakes Picnic on the 9th, followed by Susan Woods' Ladies Luncheon at Peohe's on May 13. Don't forget Beth Kind's open house on May 23, either!

June is shaping up to be just as busy with the El Cajon Cruise night and Chicken Fest, and of course, the Great American BBQ at Bob Gunthorp's. There are plenty of chances to get those engines running and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our club so special.

Until we meet again, happy motoring.

Tom McIlravy, President AACA San Diego Region



Who recognizes and can identify this famous hood ornament? Photo by Tom McIlravy.

The Foot Warmer is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, and encouraged. NO, REALLY: 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 (25-26)

VP: MARK REBELLO (25-26)

SECRETARY: SUSAN WOODS (25-26)

TREASURER: JOHN BOYD (25-26)

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

NANNETTE CLARK (26-27)

BARBARA FOLEY (26-27)

BOB GUNTHORP (26-27)

JACK HEACOCK (26-27)

KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

TOURS: TOM MCILRAVY

REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHORP

ANNUAL AWARDS: MARK REBELLO, JACK HEACOCK, MARK RICHARDS

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

SILENT MOVIES: AL SMITHSON

ACCC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

TOM MCILRAVY AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vacant

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

COMING CLUB EVENTS

APR	6	GM —Fun Discussion!
	18	Making Music Museum — Jurists
MAY	4	GM —Bingo Night
	9	Santee Lakes Picnic —Mark and Tracey Rebello
	13	Ladies Luncheon —Susan Woods
	23	Open House at Beth Kind's – B. Foley, M. Cooke
JUN	1	GM —"History of Bentley" Brad Zemcik
	10	El Cajon Cruise Night and Chicken Fest
	20	Silergate Car Show – Mark Richards
	28	Great American BBQ —Bob Gunthorp
JUL	4	Coronado Parade
	6	No General meeting in July!
AUG	3	GM – Hobby Night
	22	Bus tour to Peterson Museum – Keith Wahl

APR-MAY BIRTHDAYS:

		April
Wahl	Geoff	6
Gunthorp	Bob	7
Sigler	Shannon	8
Shaffer	David	12
Booth	Gladene	26
Smithey	Erik Lockyer	30
		May
Richards	Diane	1
Buchanan	Robert	2
Pritchard	Robert	2
Mondini	Tony	10
Clark	Nannette	16
Kambeitz	Robert	19
Rebello	Tracey	26

APR-MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

Geoff Wahl and Barbara Parker	April 6
Sam and Deborah Judd	April 8
Jim and Verna Zopfi	May 20

The ladies of the Antique Automobile Club are once again invited to the annual Ladies Luncheon to be held on May 13, 2026 at Peohe's in Coronado. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy delicious food and beautiful scenery, courtesy of the Club. Please RSVP to Susan Woods by text, phone, or email before May 11, 2026.

Susan Woods
858-213-9689



March General Meeting

The San Diego Region's monthly general meeting was held at the Joyce Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St., in Hillcrest.

Brad Zemcik presented the long-awaited Part 2 of his Louwman Museum program. Brad and Michelle had the good fortune to visit this renowned collection in The Hague, Netherlands, and Brad's photographs and commentary brought the museum's remarkable displays to life for the audience — as his presentations always do.



Barbara Boyd won the name badge drawing and is shown accepting the \$20 prize from the Club Treasurer.



Refreshments were provided by Mark and Diane Richards. A special thank-you to Diane, who performs the invaluable behind-the-scenes work of coordinating and reminding our refreshment volunteers each month — a small job that makes a big difference.

SD Region Member Travels

Speaking of John and Barbara Boyd, they (we, actually) recently returned from a week-long cruise on *Celebrity Beyond*, sailing from Miami to Tortola, British Virgin Islands; Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Weather was perfect the entire cruise, until their return flight to San Diego on March 17. That was the day of US-wide weather disturbance (except for Southern California) and they waited for hours in Fort Lauderdale for their flight. But they finally made it home.



Mark Richards Reports:

The March 1 El Cerrito Cars & Coffee organized by Newell Booth had a good turnout on a sunny Sunday on March 1. There was a good mix of vintage collector cars, both American and European. Club members in attendance included Bob and Mimi Halgren with their pretty 1953 Studebaker Coupe, Darren Farnesi with his beautifully correct 1922 Pierce Arrow and Mark Richards with his Volvo PV544 Sport. Now held adjacent to the Living Room Coffeehouse, this car event is a good way to spend a Sunday morning with some friendly car enthusiasts. Organizer Newell Booth notes there will be no Cars & Coffee on April 5: it's Easter Sunday.

San Diego Region Board Meeting

On the last Thursday of the month the Region Board meets for the monthly business meeting. After reviewing reports from the secretary (Susan Woods) and treasurer (John Boyd), we discuss various topics relevant to our club, usually spending most of the time on activity planning. At the March 26 meeting, Ricky Logier previewed his home made lumpia. Suffice it to say, you don't want to miss the refreshments at the April General Meeting! Ricky is providing the snacks. Ricky took the photo and is not shown. But if you want to see him, you will have an excellent chance to do so, and visit with him, and sample his home-made treats, at our April meeting, Monday the 6th at the Beers Center in Hillcrest. This month, we discussed and refined the activity and tour plan for the rest of 2026.



Jeff Phillips Collection Visit and Tour

On March 7, Keith Wahl organized an AACA car tour followed by an invited visit to the Jeff Phillips collection in Rancho Santa Fe. By all accounts it was a fine day — a pleasant drive, a gracious host with an impressive collection, and a great lunch to finish.

Tom McIlravy was on hand to photograph the participants and the lunch, but confesses that the Phillips cars left him so awestruck he forgot to photograph them. You just had to be there. Here are Tom's photos from the day.





All in all, it was a great outing.

BEGINNING OF SUMMER BBQ

Sunday, June 28, 2026

The popular "Beginning of Summer BBQ" at Bob Gunthorp's home is back!

...and Studebaker Club members: join the fun, mingling with vintage car enthusiasts!



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



COST:
FREE
to attend

Lunch will be catered by Little Piggy BBQ (Coronado). Bottled water and iced tea will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverages if you prefer something else.

COST:
FREE
to attend

SCHEDULE

- 🕒 Arrivals begin: 10:30 AM
- 🕒 Lunch served: 12:30 PM

LOCATION

📍 Bob Gunthorp's home, 2176 Leon Avenue

PARKING

- 🚗 Modern cars: park in front →
- 🚗 Vintage cars (including Studebakers): park in the back ←

RSVP REQUIRED



Please send your RSVP (AACAA, HCCA, or Studebaker Club) to: badwrench7@cox.net

Questions? Contact Bob at 619-993-0184

DIRECTIONS



- From I-5 South:**
 - Take I-5 South to Exit 4 (Coronado Ave).
 - Continue straight onto Hollister Street.
 - Turn right on Leon Avenue at the traffic light.
 - Proceed to 2176 Leon Ave.
 - Turn right into the second driveway
- From I-805 South:**
 - Take CA-905 West.
 - Exit at Tocayo Avenue.
 - Follow Tocayo Ave to Hollister Street.
 - Turn right on Hollister.
 - Turn left on Leon Avenue at the traffic light.
 - Proceed to 2176 Leon Ave.
 - Turn right into the second driveway



We look forward to seeing you for a great day of cars, food, and camaraderie!

Silent Movie Night!

Yes, we did announce that there were no East County silent movies with car shows this year, but there were! TOSSD hosted their first 2026 movie party at Trinity Church in Spring Valley, showing “Steamboat Bill, Jr.” on March 28. AACA provided a classic car show, even with very short notice, and it was, as usual, a lot of fun. Check out these happy people and beautiful cars! That’s Ricky Logier and Mark Rebello overseeing the table of complementary donuts.



FOR SALE 1940 BUICK SPECIAL 4 DOOR

This nice Buick has only 40,000 miles on it and reportedly was originally owned by a doctor. It has an OHV straight 8 engine that just purrs and 3-spd manual transmission. The interior is in excellent condition. The black exterior is in good condition but could use polishing. The front opening rear doors are a nice feature. At one time this car was on display in the lobby of a downtown hotel. Asking price is \$20 to 25K or best offer. Contact Ron Galloway, 619-443-1701 (Wintergardens area of Lakeside)



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