

# THE FOOT WARMER

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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
of AMERICA



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## President's Greeting

Hi San Diego Region AACA Friends,

Summer is just around the corner, and the activities are really ramping up! It's time to get those cars out on the road.

We have a busy few weeks ahead: next weekend kicks off with the Mission Bay Picnic hosted by Mark and Tracey Rebello—all you need to bring is a lawn chair and an appetite. We also have the Ladies' Luncheon with Susan Woods (please send her a note or call to RSVP) and an Open House at Beth Kind's on May 23rd, with caravan plans organized by Barbara Foley and Mike Cooke. Plus, don't forget Monday night bingo; remember to bring a "White Elephant" gift for the prize table!

June is packed, too, with the Silvergate Car Show, El Cajon Cruise Night, and our annual BBQ at Bob Gunthorp's place.

Remember, participation is what keeps our club fun and vibrant. I hope to see you all out and about soon!

Happy Motoring,

Tom McIlravy

President, San Diego Region AACA

## Picture of the month

*AI vs. Reality: Inspired by Tim Barker's 1937 Airporter restoration, the editor tasked ChatGPT with "drawing" a '34 Chrysler Airporter. The AI clearly hasn't checked the shop manual: the driver is in the wrong spot, the passengers look like giants, and there's a hitchhiker floating behind the fourth row. It won't pass inspection, but for a quick cartoon? Not too bad!*



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](mailto: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

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



### MAY-JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

		May
Richards	Diane	1
Buchanan	Robert	2
Pritchard	Robert	2
Mondini	Tony	10
Clark	Nannette	16
Kambeitz	Robert	19
Rebello	Tracey	26
		June
Boyd	John	1
Chaplin	Don	2
Cooke	Mike	4
Heacock	Lynne	4
Willoughby	David	4
Farnesi	Darren	7
Finney	David	21
Halgren	Mimi	25

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. RSVP to Susan Woods by text, phone, or email **before May 11, 2026.**

Susan Woods  
858-213-9689  
Swoods3500@yahoo.com

### MAY-JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim and Verna Zopfi	May 20
David & Jannice Shaffer	June 2
Sheldon & Sheila Jurist	14
Bob & Mimi Halgren	22
Doug & Marilyn Clements	24
Darrell & Susan Christian	29

## April General Meeting

Our April meeting featured a fascinating presentation by **Alex Watt**, who shared a collection of slides from his extensive travels across Scotland and England. Alex gave us a firsthand report on his quest for parts for his current project: the restoration of a beautiful **1936 Riley Lynx Tourer**. While he admitted to "limited success" in tracking down specific components overseas, the photos and stories from the trip were a hit with everyone in attendance.

**Geoff Wahl** was the lucky winner of our name badge drawing—he is pictured here proudly receiving his "Major Award."



A huge thank you goes to **Ricky Logier** for providing a spectacular spread of refreshments. Ricky treated us to a variety of homemade Filipino, Chinese, and Indonesian **lumpia**. These savory snacks, similar to egg rolls, were a special treat that had everyone coming back for seconds—and many of us were lucky enough to snag a few to take home. Thank you, Ricky, for the delicious cultural tour!

## Member News, Travel and Adventures

Divina & Ricky Logier cruised on the Norwegian Jade for 8 days. We boarded the ship at the San Diego cruise terminal. 1st port was San Francisco for 2 days. 2nd port was Astoria Oregon where my son his wife & 2 granddaughters met us at the port. 3rd port was Seattle Washington. 4th port was British Columbia Victoria. Finally ending the cruise in Vancouver Canada 🇨🇦 and flying back to San Diego. Here are a few photos we took. A great time! We recommend it!



## Where's Fergie?

Al Smithson sends in a puzzle. He claims Mark Rebello's dog **Fergie** is in this photo of two distinguished gentlemen appreciating a Packard. Two points for the first correct answer! Al's decision will be final – there will be no appeals.



## Leno's Law 2.0

A letter of support for extending the years of SMOG exemption for classic cars was signed and sent to the state legislature on March 27.

## Museum of Making Music Tour – April 18

On Saturday the 18th, members of the San Diego Region gathered in Clairemont for our scheduled tour of the Museum of Making Music. Despite a busy day for our organizers—with Sheldon Jurist pulled away for a La Jolla Concours meeting—Sheila Jurist was on hand to get us started. She provided the group with detailed driving directions for the scenic 25-mile trek north to Carlsbad.

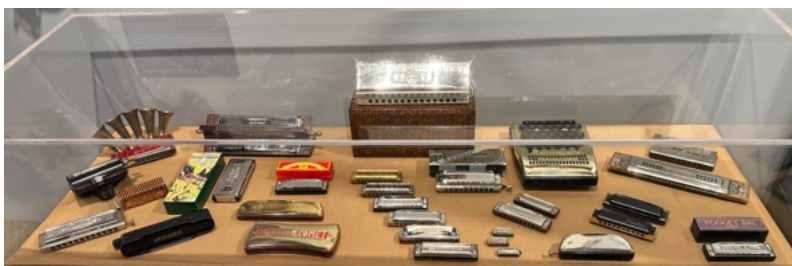
Upon arrival, we were joined by the Kays and began our exploration of this truly unique facility. As a division of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation, the museum offers a deep dive into the history of the music products industry, tracing the evolution of instruments and recording technology from 1890 to today.

We split into two groups, each led by an expert docent who walked us through the galleries. The hands-on highlights included A Century of Innovation: showing the parallels between the craftsmanship of vintage instruments and the classic automobiles we cherish, and the Interactive Lounge: We had the chance to sit down and play various instruments ourselves, using headphones for a bit of "partial privacy" while we tested our musical chops.

The day concluded with a wonderful group lunch at the nearby Islands Restaurant, where we enjoyed their famous large portions of tropical-themed treats. Sincere thanks to the Jurists for their hard work in organizing and leading another successful driving tour!



*A multifunction 6-string and 12-string guitar*



*Hohner instrument collection featuring harmonicas*





Top left: A collection of glass flutes and early electric instrument equipment. Left, How we made music before radios, television, and hi-fi. Above: The first Taylor guitar. The now famous and popular Taylors are made in El Cajon, and many of us have participated in their Friday open house tours.

## San Diego Association of Car Clubs

*Ricky Logier attended the SDACC meeting this month and sends this report:*

The 2nd 2026 SDACC meeting was on April 7th 5:00-7:00pm at Pernicano's, El Cajon, in the parking lot. A variety of cars were on display, and many car club representatives were in attendance. One issue SDACC is that car clubs are not submitting the yearly dues in a timely matter. Next year the SDACC will charge a \$20 penalty if dues are received after January 01, 2027.



El Cajon Cruise Nights will begin Wednesday May 6th and run through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Hours are from 5:00 to 7:30pm. There was a drawing for the car club charity choice for \$500. Unfortunately, this time the AACA SD Region was not a winner 😞. A young lady named Adalay was at the meeting with her pink micro race car. Adalay races her car at Barona and Corona raceways. She, and her car, will be attending Cajon Cruise on June 17, Race Car Jamboree night. And please: Always check the SDACC calendar for upcoming car shows and events. -- Ricky Logier



## Coming Events

### Mission Bay Picnic – Saturday May 9

Our picnic at **Mission Bay Beach Park** kicks off at **11:00 AM**. Food will be served between **11:15 and 11:30**. Please bring a chair, your appetite, and good spirits. Drinks will be provided, and I'll have a cornhole game ready to go. Since the weather can be cool by the bay, a light jacket is a good idea.

Please see the map for the location. Mission Bay Park has a lot of parking spots!



### Car Show at Silvergate Rancho Bernardo -- Saturday, June 20

We're invited back to **Silvergate Retirement Center** in Rancho Bernardo for an event that's become a club favorite: a **classic car show** paired with a **barbecue lunch**. If you can bring one of your antique or classic automobiles, you'll make a real impact—residents and their families love getting up close, swapping stories, and taking photos with the cars.

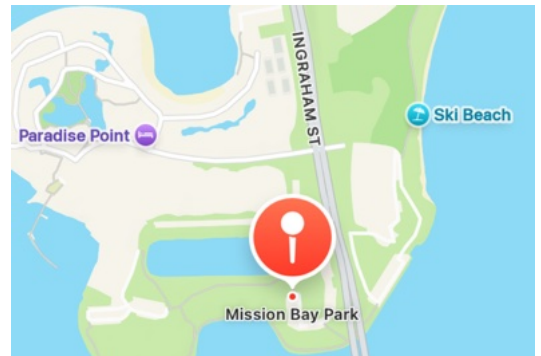
**Date/Time:** June 20, 11:00 a.m.–about 1:30 p.m.

**What's in store:** live music, a buffet BBQ lunch, a photo booth, and plenty of friendly conversation.

**Car fun:** "People's Choice" voting with awards for the top cars—bring your pride and joy and see what the crowd picks!

Last year's show was a blast, and this year we'd love to see even more of our members (and their cars) represented. **Tom McIlravy** will lead a club caravan to Silvergate—meet at the **Mission Valley Target Store** at **10:00 a.m.**, departing at **10:30 a.m.**

If you prefer to drive on your own, Silvergate's address is **16061 Avenida Venusto, San Diego 92128**. We hope you'll join us for a great day of cars, community, and fun. If you plan to attend, please call me with: **number of people** coming with you and your car's **year, make, and model**. Silvergate needs a headcount for lunch planning, and your details help us prepare windshield placards for the show.



**CLASSIC Car Show**

Entertainment by **COUNTRY JAM**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

- BBQ IN THE COURTYARD**
- PHOTOBOOTH & TATTOO ARTIST**  
*available in the Front Lobby*
- VIEW & JUDGE CLASSIC CARS**  
*in the Front Round-a-bout*
- PICK UP YOUR JUDGING BALLOT**  
*at the Front Desk*

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED**  
**AT 1:15 PM IN THE COURTYARD**

Mark Richards • 619-672-3201

## Lunch at Peohe's

Don't forget to sign up for the **Annual Ladies Luncheon, May 13**, at Peohe's on Coronado Island. Let Susan Woods know before May 11 that you are coming! Reach Susan at 858-213-9689 or [Swoods3500@yahoo.com](mailto:Swoods3500@yahoo.com). Why not do it right now?



## For Sale:

THERMADOR CAR COOLER. Has the original blue THERMADOR CAR COOLER label on it ...good condition \$75

1932 AC SPARK PLUG CLEANER. AC Label still intact...has the original hood (most are missing)...6 original spark plug adapters to accomodate various size spark plugs ( I've never seen one for sale that has these spark plug adapters)...good condition \$450

Original "PROTECTED SOUND, PLAINFIELD, IND. Drive-In movie theater speakers...replaced old speakers with new ...hooked up to my stereo, works great \$350

1913 CT HAM Driving Lamp...good condition...white and red lens good...uses lamp oil \$150

RAYO Driving Lamp...year unknown...white and red lens good...a few dings but good condition...uses lamp oil \$125

Contact Jack Henry in Jackson, CA. [jhenry235@gmail.com](mailto:jhenry235@gmail.com) or leave a message at 305-772





### Long Beach Model T Club 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parts Exchange

Since 1955 the best OLD CAR & OLD FORD

## SWAP MEET in the WEST

**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026** Rain or Shine  
Open 7:00AM Admission: \$5.00 Free Parking



**Long Beach City College Veteran's Stadium**  
5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. 90808  
Enter from **Conant St.** between **Lakewood Bl.** and **Clark St.**  
*Just a mile and a half north of the 405 on Lakewood Bl.*

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Spaces are Available: **20 ft. Wide by 16 ft. Deep**  
Spaces are **\$40** each or **3 for \$100**  
**\$50** each Day of Event  
Call Jeff Hood 562-597-5936  
[www.lbmtc.com](http://www.lbmtc.com) [moemechanic@aol.com](mailto:moemechanic@aol.com)

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Open to all Makes and Models Automotive  
and hobby related items only  
**NO Dogs NO Guns NO Weapons**

# 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



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

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## 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 (AACA, HCCA, or Studebaker Club) to:  
[badwrench7@cox.net](mailto:badwrench7@cox.net)

Questions? Contact Bob at 619-993-0184

## DIRECTIONS



- 1 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
- 2 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!