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Dear San Diego Region AACA members,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mark and Tracey Rebello for hosting the Mission Bay picnic. The delicious chicken and accompanying side dishes and snacks were a hit! And how can I express enough gratitude to Beth and Bob who went out of their way to welcome us into their beautiful home in Valley Center. THANK YOU! Barbara Foley and Mike Cooke organized the meetup in El Cajon and distributed great instructions to get us there. It was a beautiful drive, off the freeway.

Susan Woods reported that there were 4 ladies who were able to attend the Ladies Luncheon. A small group, but they enjoyed the time and the beautiful location at Peohe's on Coronado Island.

Upcoming ways to show off your car: Next is the Cajon Cruise night, formerly known as the chicken fest. **June 10th** at the traditional location on Main and Orange Ave in El Cajon. Please arrive *after 3 pm*. Ricky (ricky.logier@yahoo.com) needs a head count for meals, so be sure to let him know you are coming.

Mark and Diane Richards are hosting the Silvergate car show in Rancho Bernardo. Please contact him if you would like to participate.

And definitely not last is the annual BBQ and car show at Bob Gunthorp's, June 28th. Drive your old car into the back area to gather with the other antique cars on display. Modern cars are banished to the front yard and driveway areas. In the past, this event is always slow to get RSVP's: people tend to wait until the last minute to respond. This causes all sorts of delays getting numbers to the caterer. So please, if you plan on attending the Summer BBQ, **please RSVP to Bob Gunthorp at**

badwrench7@cox.net right away. There is NO COST for members or guests, we just need to know who's coming.

Since there is NO JULY meeting, Al Smithson is hosting 10 club cars in the 4th of July parade on Coronado. This is a wonderful parade celebrating America's 250th anniversary. I expect this parade to be the biggest one yet. Come and enjoy the show, and wave at our cars as we pass.

Until we see each other again,

Happy Motoring!

Tom McIlravy.

President AACA San Diego Region.



The Foot Warmer is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, and encouraged. Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at drjohn96@mac.com.

CLUB INFO

June & July Birthdays

Boyd	John	June 1
Chaplin	Don	June 2
Cooke	Mike	June 4
Heacock	Lynne	June 4
Willoughby	David	June 4
Farnesi	Darren	June 7
Finney	David	June 21
Halgren	Mimi	June 25
Kay	Jerry	July 6
Gersten	Bill	July 7
Shaffer	Jannice	July 30

Anniversaries

Shaffer	David Shaffer and Jannice	June 2
Jurist	Sheldon Jurist and Sheila	June 14
Halgren	Bob Halgren and Mimi	June 22
Clements	Doug Clements and Marilyn	June 24
Christian	Darrell Christian and Susan	June 29
Cibit	Joe Cibit and Cathy	July 9
Chaplin	Don Chaplin and Andy Hunt	July 10
Wahl	Keith Wahl and Ruth	July 30

San Diego Region Officers

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KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

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REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHORP

ANNUAL AWARDS: MARK REBELLO, JACK HEACOCK, MARK RICHARDS

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

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TOM MCILRAVY AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

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Upcoming Events

June 1	GM; History of Bentley. Brad Z
10	El Cajon Cruise night and chicken fest
20	Silvergate Car Show
28	Great American BBQ - Bob Gunthorp's
July 4	Coronado Parade
6	No general meeting in July
Aug 3	GM; Hobby Night
22	Bus tour to Peterson Museum - Keith Wahl
Sep 7	Pizza Party at Beers Center
12	Sunset Cliffs Car Show
26	Campo Train Museum
Oct 5	General Meeting
10	Mt. Miguel Car Show - John Boyd
24	Lindo Lake Picnic —Ricky Logier
Nov 2	General Meeting
15	Awards Banquet - Bob Gunthorp
Dec 7	Sunset Cliffs Car Show

May Sunshine and Model Boats at Mission Bay

By John Boyd

The San Diego Region AACA kicked off May in spectacular fashion with our annual spring picnic on Saturday, May 9th. Mother Nature could not have provided a better backdrop; we were treated to a picture-perfect spring day with clear blue skies, plenty of sunshine, and temperatures hovering comfortably in the low 70s.

Our destination was the scenic model boat basin in Mission Bay Park. Turnout was fantastic, with more than 30 members and friends driving out to enjoy the beautiful weather and even better company.

A massive thank you goes to Mark and Tracey Rebello, who took care of all the planning, bought the food, and handled the logistics to make the day run smoothly. Mark, with a helpful assist from a few early-arriving members, quickly transformed our grassy spot into a premier picnic site complete with tables, a canopy, drink coolers, and—crucially—a perfectly placed trash bag!

Everyone brought along their favorite folding canvas beach chairs, setting up a sea of seats in the shade of the trees. It was the perfect vantage point to relax, catch up with old friends, welcome a few new ones, and admire the beautiful vintage iron lined up nearby along the grass. The automotive turnout was wonderfully diverse, ranging from the pristine '56 Buick hardtop we all recognize to a sleek, bright red Camaro convertible and a beautiful, white Alfa Romeo roadster.

The lunch spread was a massive hit, featuring an excellent selection of fried chicken, pasta and potato salad, and drinks that perfectly hit the spot after a morning of socializing and car talk.

The afternoon entertainment was an unexpected plus. Our location gave us a front-row seat to the water, where we watched an incredibly high-speed radio-controlled model boat scream through several blistering laps of the basin, kicking up a dramatic spray of water. Once the speed demon cleared the basin, we were treated to the graceful sight of a radio-controlled sailboat regatta quietly competing across the water, with only one apparently running aground and needing rescue.



Back on land, a lively bean bag toss game broke out in the grass. It was a friendly but spirited competition that had everyone laughing (and perhaps brought back a few memories of midwestern youth for some of us!).

Before the afternoon wound down, Tracey Rebello added a wonderful, thoughtful touch to the day. In honor of Mother's Day weekend, she made sure that every mother present went home with a beautiful, vibrant potted Kalanchoe plant to brighten up their home or garden.



Between the incredible weather, the racing boats, the great food, and the camaraderie, it was a quintessential San Diego car club afternoon. Thank you again to the Rebellos and all who put together such a memorable day for our club?

Covenant Living Car Show Supports Benevolent Care Fund

On May 28, the Covenant Living community at Mount Miguel in Spring Valley hosted a '60s-themed car show celebrating the institution's founding six decades ago, with proceeds benefiting its Benevolent Care Fund annual fundraiser.

About a dozen vintage cars — many from the 1960s — filled the show field. A highlight of the display was the pairing of Mark and Diane Richards' 1969 AMC AMX (photo was shown on page 3), dramatically posed



between Rich Grosch's 1949 DeSoto woodie wagon and the Mustang Club president's '68 Mustang GT350-themed mild custom. Notably, more than ten miles



from the San Diego coast, four modified air-cooled VW Beetles and a genuine Meyers Manx dune buggy made a strong showing. This editor's personal favorite was a beautifully prepared '69 Mustang GT convertible, fitted with a competition front suspension and a stroked 347



Ford engine — Food trucks

served pulled-pork sandwiches, half-pound burgers, and fries,

while a soft-serve ice cream truck kept things cool with dipped cones and cups.

Overhead banners and a live beach-music band completed the festive scene. It was a wonderful afternoon, and a hearty thank-you goes to all the volunteer car people — and they were not all guys! — who brought out their special cars to make the event a success.



Open House at Beth Kind and Bob Shupe's — May 23

Open house hosted by Beth Kind and Bob Shupe; tour organized by Barbara Foley and Mike Cooke; writeup by Ricky Logier and John Boyd

May 23 was a warm and sunny Saturday. Members of the San Diego Region AACA made the most of the open house invitation from Beth Kind and her husband Bob, whose spectacular hillside home near Valley Center was the perfect destination for a spring country tour.

The adventure began in the parking lot of Westfield Parkway Plaza mall in El Cajon, where cars and drivers gathered, traded greetings, and sized up each other's rides before heading out. The muster point gave everyone a chance to appreciate the day's automotive lineup — which included, most impressively, Al Smithson's stunning 1948 Rolls-Royce. The stately black-and-green Silver Wraith turned heads even before the caravan got underway. Also on hand: Tom McIlravy's gold Mustang convertible that looked ready for a top-down cruise through the foothills.



The drive out to Valley Center wound through the rural back roads and sun-drenched foothills of inland San Diego County — exactly the kind of scenery that reminds you why you drive an old car in the first place. The Rolls made the journey without a hiccup, earning Al — and the able assistance of Mark and Tracey Rebello, who helped pilot Al's cars as they often do — well-deserved compliments upon arrival.

Beth and Bob's home is stunning. Set high on a hill with panoramic views of the valley and mountains, the property was a showplace of desert landscaping and stone-paved terraces — the kind of place that makes you want to linger. And linger members did, spreading out across the patios to enjoy conversation, warm breezes, and some truly impressive scenery.

Bob manned the grill with enthusiasm, turning out burgers by the dozen, while Beth made sure no one went hungry or thirsty. Inside, the snack table — generously stocked with chips and Dot's Pretzels, among other essentials — drew a steady crowd.

In the garage, those who wandered that direction were rewarded with a look at Beth's red Corvette Grand Sport — hood up and gleaming — and her bright yellow Alfa Romeo Spider.

Out on the terraces, the views were the real star of the show. With mountains on the horizon and palm trees swaying in the breeze, members settled in for the kind of easy, unhurried afternoon that makes club outings worth the drive.



A sincere thank-you to Beth and Bob for opening their beautiful home, and to Barbara Foley and Mike Cooke for organizing a memorable day. And of course, a tip of the hat to Al Smithson — and the Rebellos — for making sure the Rolls arrived in proper style.



Mark Richards would like to remind everyone of the **Silvergate Car Show** San Diego Region is running on June 20th. Signups have been going great!

Please come and enjoy the show and party, even if you won't be showing your antique car this year. BBQ! Tattoos! Photo booth! Vote!



NAME	Club	Year	MAKE	MODEL
Keith Wahl +1	AACA	1962	Studebaker	Avanti
Bill Kneper	SDVSA	1972	Volvo	P1800ES
Sheldon Jurist +1	AACA	2019	Ford	Mustang Convertible
Mark Richards +1	AACA	1969	American Motors	AMX
Steve Linges		2023	Dodge	Charger
Jim Price +1	HCCA	1955	Chevrolet	210 Del Ray
Jack Heacock +1	AACA	1950	Cadillac	
Tom McIlravy +2	AACA	1973	Ford	Mustang Convertible
Bob Gunthorp	AACA	1967	Mercedes	
Mike and Adam Cooke	AACA	1968	Chevrolet	Camaro Convertible
Oscar Velazquez +1	SDVSA	1964	Volvo	122S Amazon
Prentice St. Clair	SDVSA	1991	Volvo	245 Wagon
Bill Leake	SDVSA	1972	Volvo	1800s
Albert Powell +2	SDVSA	1965	Volvo	PV544
Todd Worthington	SDVSA	1972	Volvo	1800E
Luke Kensen	AACA	1966	Mercedes	230SE
Joseph Hoffman +1	SDVSA		Ford	Mustang
Al Smithson + 1	AACA		to be determined	
Mark Rebello	AACA		to be determined	
Bob Shupe and Beth Kind	AACA	2013	Chevrolet	Grand Sport Corvette

A Note from Bob Gunthorp:

Hi All:

It's official. Friday, July 24th, 2026 will be the **British/German Car Night** at this year's **Cruisin' Grand** in Escondido. This year we received the information with plenty of lead time. Best to arrive by 4:00 pm for best positions close to Grand, but there will be available space through 6:00 pm. The closed off street is Broadway between Second Street and Grand. Best access through Second Street or the alley way between Second and Grand.

Please forward this to your friends who have British and German cars. There is no need to RSVP to me.

Thank you,

Bob G.



Sunday June 7th, 2026
8:30 AM

Depart at 9 AM from
California Cremation Parking Lot
59th St. and El Cajon Blvd.
