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Greetings*

*and Best Wishes for a
Happy, blessed, and prosperous
New Year*

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It's Dues Time!

Both National and Regional dues are due for 2019. On the back page is a copy of the dues notice. Many have paid their national dues but if not you can use the form for both.

Please remember to update any changes in the information section. If there is not enough room for all of your cars please use, and attach a separate sheet of paper. If nothing has changes since the last car roster skip this step. If you have questions please contact Daryl Holmes. See details below.

Thank you for your quick and timely response so region business can move forward.

Monthly Membership Meetings

1st Monday of each month

6:30 PM - Social 7:00 PM - Meeting

Joyce Beers Community Center In
Hillcrest on Vermont Street. Ample free
parking at Ralphs or Trader Joe's.



The Antique Automobile Club of America is a non-profit, national organization founded in 1935 and dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and enjoyment of Historical Vehicles

Antique Automobile Club of America National Membership Single or Joint
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Our San Diego Region Membership Chairman can help you obtain both memberships. Contact: Daryl Holmes my1955ford@aol.com 619.840.0797

Since its inception there has been something about the sight, sound, and feel of the automobile that stirs the imagination and the desire to experience the freedom of the open road. Whether it's the clatter of the single cylinder brass era car or the heavy thumping of big block Detroit muscle cars that fuels the addiction, we are all kindred spirits. Vintage cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles are our bond.

Since 1935, AACA has had one goal: The preservation and enjoyment of automotive history of all types. From National Meets and Tours to Regional events, AACA is here to bring enthusiasts together through exciting National activities, friendship, and Antique Automobile... an award winning 100-page full color magazine.

You don't have to own a vehicle or know how to turn a wrench. You can be involved at any level you wish, the possibilities are endless.

So, spend time with us and others sharing your passion. Join up. It's less than the price of a tank of gas and lasts all year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November was an interesting month at the Watt house, starting with a quick trip to Missouri, then the Banquet, immediately followed by a second trip to Missouri, the silent movie (which I missed), Thanksgiving, and getting ready for the Bells of Freedom.

The trips to Missouri were a direct result of the trip that Sandy and I took to Hershey in 1993. That's right 25 years ago. On that trip we found a 1936 Riley Lynx, and in November of that year I went back to Virginia and brought the car home. In 2005 I had just finished the restoration, and took the Riley to Lime Rock Connecticut for a Riley Club gathering. How does this relate to my two trips, well because of Lime Rock, I was contacted by the Riley Club about a 1933 Riley Lynx that needed a new home, so I flew to Missouri to look at the car and see if the owner was willing to allow me to purchase it. He was, so I left a deposit. This gave me a week to empty the trailer and get the garage arranged for the arrival, and 2 hours after getting home from the Banquet I was on my way to collect our new Riley. Goes to prove you never know when the next car will show up and that there are many benefits to club membership.

The Banquet was a great success thanks to Bob Gunthorp and the rest of the "Banquet Team". Having moved it to earlier in the day and to the new location meant that several of our members who are not comfortable driving after dark were able to attend and it was nice to see some of our collector cars on display. Also it allowed me to get an earlier start on my drive to Missouri....

As this is the end of the year, Sandy and I want to wish all the club members a Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and look forward to an upcoming fun year of tours.

Alex



JANUARY MEETING SPEAKER

Our guest for the January meeting is Mr. Doug Shupe who is a Senior Public Affairs Specialist with the Auto Club of Southern California, Los Angeles Office. His topic will be **Distracted Driver Accident Statistics and a discussion on how to avoid this problem.** Nearly 3,500 lives are lost every year to drivers who divert their attention from the road—even for a few seconds. Another 391,000 people are injured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

2019 Region Calendar

Dates subject to changes

JAN	7	General Membership Meeting
JAN	19	Hillcrest Car Show Kimball Vincent 619.861.7800
FEB	4	General Membership Meeting
FEB	TBD	Region Tour Event
FEB	9	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
MAR	4	General Membership Meeting
MAR	TBD	Tour to Anza Borrego Tom McIlravy and Norma Almanza
MAR	16	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
APR	1	General Membership Meeting
APR	27	Spring Picnic Larry & Paula Okey 619.582.9676
MAY	1	General Membership Meeting
MAY	TBD	Region Tour Event Sam & Debbie Judd 619.449.6618
MAY	15	Ladies Tea Susan Woods & Norma Almanza
JUN	3	General Membership Meeting
JUN	TBD	Day at Del Mar Fair Larry & Paula Okey 619.582.9676
JUN	30	Bar-B-Que Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
JUL		NO General Membership Meeting
JUL	4	4th of July Coronado Parade Al Smithson
AUG	5	General Membership Meeting
AUG	TBD	Chicken Fest Mike Cooke and Daryl Holmes
SEP	2	General Membership Meeting
SEP	28	Desert Tower Tour Mark Richards 619.541.1393
OCT	7	General Membership Meeting
OCT	TBD	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
OCT	TBD	Watt's Halloween Party Alex & Sandy Watt 619.223.6519
OCT	TBD	Edgemore Hospital Car Show Doug Clements 858.487.8617
NOV	4	General Membership Meeting
NOV	10	Annual Banquet Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184
NOV	TBD	Silent Movie - Al Smithson 619.992.8729
NOV	TBD	Region Tour Event
DEC	2	General Membership Meeting
DEC	1	Bells of Freedom Bob Gunthorp 619.993.0184

THE WATT'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Alex Watt - Photos Betty Holmes



Normally Halloween is thought of with lightning, thunder, and windswept rain coming in from the sea over the cliff-tops and over the moors cloaking the haunted castle in mist and gloom. This year it wasn't quite like that. The sun was out and it was a beautiful warm day over Point Loma when members of the AACA showed up for the Halloween picnic at the Watt's home and garages. There were numerous ghosts, witches and ghouls in the front yard welcoming them when they arrived, and two of the cars had skeletons behind the wheel all set for a drive.



People started arriving a little before 11am, and included Sheldon and Sheila Jurist, Luvonne Harms, Nannette Clark and Ken Munson, Beth Kind and Bob, Larry and



Paula Okey, Diane and Mark Richards, John and Barbara Boyd, Royce and Frances Dunn, Tom McIlravy, Bette Hayward, Nick Fintzelberg, Margaret and Fred Puhn, Daryl and Betty Holmes, and Perry Wright. Joe and Cathy

Cibit were unable to attend the Halloween picnic, but joined the Austin Healey Club Oktoberfest we hosted the following Saturday where they ran into people they knew from their other lives.

If I missed anyone, I apologize as I was busy giving tours of the garages and Sandy was kept busy organizing the food and also giving tours. Nick showed up on his broom (Oops I meant



Brush) and it was whitelined on the back driveway where it created quite a stir parked next to the skeleton on the rusty motorbike.



The "dining area" in the back yard was kept filled with people partaking of all the excessive amount of food, and thanks to our wonderful potluck providers, our serving tables were loaded with so many delicious choices, many of us made several trips back to sample more.

The attendees were so spooked they could only calm their nerves in the only way this region knows how....eat!



We have to thank everyone for coming and hope to continue the tradition next year.



SILENT MOVIE NIGHTS

by Al Smithson photos: Bob Gunthorp

October 13th.

With Rudolph Valentino in *The Son of the Sheik* you knew it would be a good region attendance; 20 members and guests turned out.



Al Smithson, aka Dr. Krispy Kreme, opened his truck full of Halloween treats. Maybe he should consider offering some to his friend in the truck bed...



Jerry Kay's all original 1967 Mustang and **Mark and Diane Richards'** fabulous 1949 Hudson Commadore.



Bob Gunthorp's 1966 Mercedes 250SE and **Tommy Stark's**, the organist, 1974 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow.

Members attending: **Al Smithson, Luvonne Harmes, Bob Gunthorp and Jeanette Hay, Susan and "Woodie" Woods, Jerry Kay, Mark and Diane Richards, Bob Wagner and Bob Lasher, Larry and Paula Okey, Jack**

and Doris Chidgey, Mike and Cindy Williams, and Tom McIlravy and Christopher Di Patre.

On November 17th 30 members and guests attended the showing of Harold Lloyd in *The Kid Brother*.



Left to right: **Bob Gunthorp & Jeanette Hay** - 1965 Mercedes 300SE, **Jerry Kay** 1967 Mustang, **Al Smithson** - 1956 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, and Al Smithson's 1956 Lincoln Continental Mk II driven by **Tom McIlravy & Christopher Di Patre**



Doug and Marilyn Clements - 1956 Chevrolet Bel-Air, and **Larry & Paula Okey's** 1955 Buick Century 2-dr hardtop

Other members attending: **Nannette Clark and Ken Munson, Doris and Jack Chidgey, Tim Alexander, Bob Wagner and Bob Lasher, Larry and Paula Okey, Beth Kind and Bob, Doc McAllister, Phyllis and Art Cottee, Norma Almanza, Judy Masek, Mike and Cindy Williams, Susan and Virgil Woods.**

PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL NOTE FROM TOM MCILRAVY ON PAGE 15

San Diego Region, AACA 56th Annual Banquet

by Bob Gunthorp

photos by Betty Holmes, Bob Gunthorp, and Brad Zemcik

There were a lot of changes this year to the annual Banquet and I have to say that they were all good ones starting with a new time and new location. For years people have been asking if the Banquet could be earlier in the day so that they can drive home while there is still daylight. Also, sometimes it's hard to get to Coronado. This year due to problems with the Coronado golf course I had to change locations.

With **Susan Woods** help we moved the Banquet to a more central location, the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. We also changed the time to make it an afternoon affair. Both of these changes proved to be good ones because there were a record number of attendees.

The hotel provided us with a special parking area so that we could drive our antique cars. The meal was one of the best ones that I have had at a banquet. We even had a new award for this year. I had several of the hotel employees choose the club member's car that they liked the best.

I want to thank all of the people that made the Banquet a success. People tend to give me credit for the success of the Banquet, however, I am not the one who makes it a success, it's the Banquet team that does. Without their contributions the banquet would be just another meal out.

The first person I would like to especially thank is **Luvonne Harms**. She was this year's Master of Ceremonies and did a great job of keeping the ceremonies flowing smoothly. The Invocation this year was by **Daryl Holmes**. Our almost past President **Tom McIlravy** gave us the year in review. The club's "Legal Eagle" **Al Smithson** installed the officers for 2019. Al has been installing the officers before I became the banquet chairman. I think I inherited Al with the job.

Beth Kind presented the Bette Hayward Silver Spoon award. The awards chairman **Alex Watt** presented this year's awards. Because the day was Veterans Day before Alex presented the awards he gave a very meaningful talk about what Veteran's Day means.

The others that contributed to making the Banquet a great success were **Norma Almanza** for the table decorations, **Nannette Clark and Ken Munson** for "manning" the registration table and making the place cards. Again **Bette Hayward** did the programs for us. **Peggy Spitz** brought for everyone a small cake in the shape of truck that she baked.

The photography was handled this year by the following people: **Betty Holmes, Tom McIlravy, Brad Zemcik** and **yours truly**. Thank all of you for your help in making this one of the best Banquets ever.

I think I speak for the region in saying that as Bob points out the efforts of the above mentioned people truly help, however without a good director and manager to follow up on details things could fall flat. We owe a special THANK YOU to Bob for his time and continual efforts in making our club more enjoyable and fun.

- Editor



Luvonne Harmes



Nannette Clark and Ken Munson



Norma Almanza



Peggy and Charles Spitz



Banquet Chairman
Bob Gunthorp



Susan and Virgil
Woods



Betty & Daryl Holmes - 1952 Chevrolet 2-dr Styleline Deluxe



John & Barbara Boyd - 1937 Chrysler Airflow C17 sedan



Mark & Diane Richards - 1949 Hudson Commodore



Tom McIlravy & Christopher Di Patre - 1946 Lincoln Club Coupe



Paul Johnson & Ken Whited - 1941 Cadillac Model 62 4-dr sedan



Ted Thiemann & Kieu Wildinson - 1971 Plymouth Duster

Lynn & Jack
Heacock -
1950 Cadillac
61 sport coupe



Doug & Marilyn
Clements - 1956
Chevrolet Bel Air



Shelia & Sheldon Jurist



"Doc" McAllister



Doris & Jack Chidgey



Rich & Glory Reinstein



Art & Phyllis Cottee



Frances & Royce Dunn



Marilyn & Doug Clements,
Fred and Margaret Puhn



Sandy & Alex Watt



Michele & Brad Zemcik



Sam Judd



Bob & Jeri La Prade



Grace & Bob Schlesier



Bette Hayward



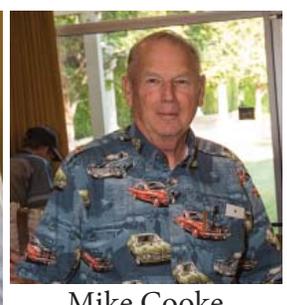
Barbara Foley



Gary Jarvis



Christine & Bud Hartwell



Mike Cooke



Larry & Paula
Okey - 1960
Pontiac
Bonneville



Bob Gunthorp and Jeanette
Hay



L to R: Caren Fort, Garrett Fort, Linda Vargas,
Sean-Colin Fort, Suzanne Fort, Colin Fort



Nick Fintzelberg - 1929 Chrysler
Imperial sport coupe - Locke body



Al Smithson swearing in the 2019 Board. L to R: Norma Almanza-Treasurer, Bob Gunthorp, Mark Richards, Alex Watt-President, Susan Woods-Secretary, Beth Kind- Vice President, Betty Holmes, Tom McIlravy, and Brad Zemcik



Joe & Cathy Cibit - 1966 Triumph TR4A
Surrey top



Peggy Spitz baked these individual "car cakes." Every attendee got one to take home... if it made it that far!



Brad & Michele Zemcik's 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud



BETTE HAYWARD SILVER SPOON AWARD: This award is presented annually to a woman who is an active Region member, in recognition of outstanding service to the club. Presented by Beth Kind to
Susan Woods



JERRY WRIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD: Awarded annually to a Region member or couple in recognition of outstanding service during the year.
Larry and Paula Okey



RALPH HARMS MEMORIAL TROPHY: Awarded annually to any active Region member for the best non-professional restoration or for the most progress towards the completion of a vehicle during the year.
First Place – Alex Watt, 1938
 Aston Martin LWB Tourer
Runner-up – John Boyd, 1936
 DeSoto Airflow
Awards of Merit – Fred Puhn, 1948
 Alpha Romeo;
Charles Hylton, 1930 Pierce Arrow “B” Sedan;
Bob Schlesier, 1932 Chrysler CP-8
 Trophy presented by Daryl Holmes, Award Committee Member. Alex recused him himself from voting on this award

HANDLERY HOTEL EMPLOYEES FAVOURITE CAR: This award was presented to the owner of the car selected by the employees of the Handlery Hotel
Bob Schlesier, 1932
 Chrysler CP-8



HARD LUCK TROPHY: Awarded annually to a member who has experienced the worst luck with his or her car on club tours or activities during the year.
Fred Puhn



PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE: Awarded to the President at the end of his/her year's term
Tom McIlravy



FOUNDER'S AWARD: Awarded annually to any active Region member for the best non-professional restoration of the year of a completed antique vehicle ready for the road.

First Place – Keith Wahl, 1955 Studebaker Conestoga Wagon
Runner-up – Jack Heacock, 1955 Mercury Custom 2-dr Sedan

Thank you to the San Diego Antique Automotive Club for awarding me the Founders Award for 2018. This is a particularly special award as a result of the

circumstances surrounding this restoration.



On the day of the New York to Paris Rally October 7, 2017, I was proceeding home on the 94 west freeway where I hit the brakes to avoid a car in front of me, I locked up and spun into the #2 lane where I was “T-boned” and driven into the center Divider. Look carefully at the upper right hand photo and you see the passenger door open. The seat came off the frame due to the impact and thrust the door open, propelling me out of the car. Not having the seatbelt on is what saved my life as I would have had severe injuries due to the impact. I got up and walked away! My car rolled back across the freeway and hit another car. Virtually every panel on the vehicle was damaged.



This was an early year car with a flat windshield (see the difference in the 2 cars below- the one on the left is a late model 55 wagon) and a unique 1 year only door. No donor vehicle or door could be located for replacement. Later model 1955 wagons had curved windshields and different doors sharing a door common with the Lark wagon model.



When I thought my car could not be saved, I found an identical car – curved windshield, later year model and thought of swapping the unique supercharged Avanti engine from my car. “My car find,” located in Tennessee, was not only the same color--but was an original rust free Arizona car with a performance Chevrolet engine, automatic transmission, and vintage air conditioning.

Mike Haynes of San Diego who apprenticed at Rolls-Royce and Jaguar is a master craftsman and completely rebuilt the door and floor. Many months were spent sorting out all the damage, rebuilding the floor, the body panels, and seat frame not to mention, engine support damage, and exhaust headers. All the damaged metal was repaired with lead after the frame was straightened.



Once I knew my original wagon could be saved we began work on the other wagon as well – that car’s roof was damaged when it was shipped from back east. So, I ended up with 2 unique identical factory original paint color (Pima Red and Shasta White) Conestoga wagons. The complete restorations for both cars were done in 7 months time.

---- *Keith Wahl*

BELLS OF FREEDOM

by Alex Watt - photos: Bob Gunthorp and Brad Zencik

The Bells of Freedom was a great success with a convoy of about 70 cars following the 2 UPS "Gift" trucks and Santa (in the back seat of Bob Gunthorp's car) up to Camp Pendleton. The Marine families enjoyed our car display, and appreciated the help we provided to allow them to get presents for their children and their families.



This year Bells of Freedom was able to provide support for 90 families. It was really a joy meeting with these young military families and their tiny babies. They were all so grateful for our support making it a very humbling experience for us. We should be the ones thanking them for their service and the good feelings we all left with. I want to personally thank the Club and the individual sponsors for supporting this worthwhile effort. THANK YOU!!!!

The members and their cars attending were: **Bob Gunthorp and Jeanette Hay (with Santa)** 1957 Mercedes 220S convertible, **Alex and Sandy Watt** – 1961 Aston Martin DB4, **Mark and Diane Richards** – 1949 Hudson Commodore, and **Brad and Michele Zencik** – 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud.



Just 1/4th of the people gathered in the hanger.



The line up for lunch.



Alex & Sandy Watt, and Diane Richards



The car line up

The Amphibious vehicle these Marines command for our protection



It wouldn't have happened without this guy!



Awaiting the handing out of the gifts



Diane Richards
"Claus" and Mark



Jeanette & Bob



Alex & Sandy



Brad & Michele



The abundance of presents were almost too much to move to their homes. Even with the trunk overflowing LCpl. Jasmine Hernandez had trouble finding a seat in the back seat of Brad & Michele's Rolls-Royce

The abundance of presents were almost too much to move to their



The Heads of State for Bells of Freedom coordinating the unloading of the trucks

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Claire Cooke	3
Mike Judd	6
Archie Ackroyd	10
Virginia De Menge	10
Richard Reinstein	10
James Zopfi	12
Janet Finney	13
Gary Jarvis	14
Barbara Foley	14
Sheldon Jurist	16
David Smithey	16
Deborah Judd	24
Ruth Wahl	31
ANNIVERSARIES	
Cindy and Mike Williams	8
Lynne and Jack Heacock	13
Julie and Brillo Licari	19

Dear San Diego Region AACA Members:

It has been a tremendous three years serving as the President of the San Diego Region. I was extremely nervous starting out, but the smiles and looks of encouragement that I saw looking back at me, got me through the first few meetings. Before I knew it, the first year had already passed and was being asked to serve a second term. Three years flew by very fast. As I presented at all three Awards Banquets, it takes a LOT of YOU, to make this club successful. Many new members said to me that the thing that they loved most about this club, that made them want to join is the number of activities we have and the camaraderie at the meetings. YOU make that happen, YOU do the work of coordinating the different activities and tours. THANK YOU!



So many members have come up to me these past few months, and have said very nice things to me about how I served as the President. I say back to you, that the members are the ones that made it easy, that made it fun. I encourage everyone to give the same support and encouragement to our new president Alex Watt. Thank you for allowing me to be the president.

Tom McIlravy

A Word about our *Foot Warmer Printer*

Quality and courteous customer service are dying in many retail stores but not at **BK Printing** in Ocean Beach. The business is owned by Albert and Salomon Kamaji. Albert worked at the shop for several years before buying it in 1997.

Since beginning to use BK Printing they have been helpful in many aspects and have helped in producing our newsletter. When Larry and Paula picked up the October edition BK Printing didn't bat an eye in offering to carry the finished newsletters to their car over a block away. If you have a printing need you might want to consider BK Printing.



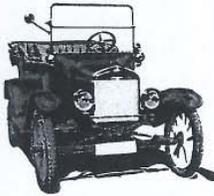
Brothers Salomon and Albert Kamaji

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SAN DIEGO REGION

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

DUE January 1



Please pay PROMPTLY so your name will be in the
New Club Roster
Dues are delinquent after February General Meeting

Annual Region Dues: \$20.00 per calendar year - single or joint membership.
Make checks payable to AACA, San Diego Region.
Include your current year's NATIONAL AACA Number

Send Region dues to
Membership Chairman:

DARYL HOLMES
10074 Del Rio Rd.
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Annual National Dues: You MUST be a CURRENT MEMBER of NATIONAL AACA
in order to be a member of the SAN DIEGO REGION

Individual or Joint
Membership **\$40.00**

Mail to: AACA National Headquarters
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Hershey, PA 17033-0471

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CHARTER or HONORARY MEMBER

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Names _____
(First) (Last) (First) (Last)

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Phone (____) _____, (____) _____, NAT. AACA# _____
(Home) (Work or Cell)

e-mail address _____ Fax _____

Birthdays (month/day) (1) _____ (2) _____ Anniversary (month/day) _____

CAR DIRECTORY

List name, model and year of any antique vehicles you wish to
have included in the Members Car Directory exactly as you want
them listed. (However, it is not necessary to list your cars.)

PLEASE USE BACK FOR ADDITIONAL CARS

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Showing (S) Touring (T) Being Restored (BR) Just sitting (JS)

NOTICE

Please identify any cars you have bought or
sold during the year to help keep the
Car Directory up to date.

This Car Directory will help members get
acquainted and will encourage the exchange
of knowledge and experiences. It will also
enable cars and owners to be identified in
pictures used in the FOOT WARMER