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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that 2017 is over! What a great year it had been but why is time going by at such a rapid pace? The SoCal Region has had a fantastic year with many great outings and the welcoming of new members. We look forward to 2018 as Joel has been working on several new adventures in addition to Howard and Betty Green coordinating another rally for the spring.

I have been very busy with numerous activities this past fall. First up was a delightful trip to Denver for the Baptism of great grandchild #2. I participated in several outings at the Blind Children's Center which is always a fun and rewarding day. In addition, I drove in two parades plus I attended numerous car shows.

I have arranged for Paul Greestein and Dydia De Lyser to speak at the February banquet. They have participated in the Blind Children's car outing the last two years with two of their cars -- a 1917 Nash and a 1991 Nissan Figaro. They have many interesting subjects to talk about one being their investigation as to the first Neon sign in the US. Please contact me with reservations as we expect a full house.

I want to wish all a happy, healthy, and wonderful 2018. If you have any suggestions for an event please contact Joel or me. Thanks for all your participation in our various events.

Bob



The aim of the AACA is the perpetuation of the pioneer days of automobiling by furthering the interest in and preserving of automobiles, and the promotion of sportsmanship and of good fellowship among all AACA members. The AACA uses the term "automobile" in a comprehensive sense to include all self-propelled vehicles intended for passenger use (cars, race vehicles, trucks, fire vehicles, motorcycles, powered bicycles, etc.). Similarly, the term includes various power sources, such as gasoline, diesel steam and electric.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our club is a regional club of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Inc. National club membership is required for regional membership. National membership dues are \$40 annually (includes spouse). Regional club dues are \$20 annually (includes spouse). For membership information and application, contact any board member.

BOARD MEETINGS

Dinner board meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month when necessary and are open to the general membership. Contact Bob Pritchard for schedule confirmation. We appreciate your attendance and welcome your input.



AACA SOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

The AACA SoCal is looking forward to seeing our FRIENDS, Pit Crew, UnClub, Buick Club, Oldsmobile Club, Cad/LaSalle Club, and other AACA chapters at events, as our guests, when there is room and indicated on the event.

January is the time to start making reservations for events. When I receive dates for the following shows I will add them: All GM, Glendale, Highway Earth, Galpin, Culver City, Seal Beach, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, etc. **We have been invited to see some excellent collections such as The Breslow Collection and The Cyprus Collection. The details of our next local tour are in the planning stages.**

2018

- Jan. 31 (Wednesday) Call the Nethercutt Collection 4-6 pm for free tickets to the Silent Comedy Shorts presented March 2 & 3: 818-364-6464
- Feb. 11 (Sunday) Cadillac & LaSalle Club Car Show – Lakewood Country Club
- Feb. 17 (Saturday) AACA SoCal ANNUAL DINNER at Taix French Restaurant. Details inside. RSVP Bob: 323-356-9029**
- March 2-4 The Classic Auto Show at the L.A. Convention Center
- March 10 (Saturday) AACA Members LIMITED NUMBER SPECIAL EVENT AT TIRED IRON WORKS in Monrovia. Details inside. RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503**
- April 15 (Sunday) Fabulous Fords Forever -- registration starts Jan. 1: 626-209-9138
- April 20-21 AACA Western Spring Meet in Tucson
- May 6 (Sunday) Greystone applications available Jan. 2 at Greystoneconcours.org**
- May 23 Call the Nethercutt Collection 4-6 pm for tickets to the Summer Organ Concert presented June 22 & 23: 818-364-6464
- June 17(Sunday) Rodeo Drive Concours d' Elegance
- June Gilmore Heritage Car Show at Farmers Market, apply early.**
- June 10 (Sunday) San Marino Motor Classic, applications available
- July Annual South Pasadena meet.
- July Old Fashioned Day in the Park.**
- August 3- 10 Cadillac & LaSalle California Coast Tour
- August 26(+/-) Pebble Beach (event days changed this year)
- September 30 Palos Verdes Concours: 866-522-7746

The special groups that join us at our events, please let us know the dates of your events to avoid conflicts. Members—Which special places do you want to revisit? Do you know of hidden gems to see? Joel 310-471-8503 or 310- 471-8847



Don't forget to pay your National and Regional Dues

YOU'RE INVITED... MARK YOUR CALENDAR & CALL TODAY

**AACA SOCAL ANNUAL BANQUET
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:00 PM**

Taix French Restaurant
1911 Sunset Boulevard (at Alvarado) Los Angeles 90026

GUEST SPEAKERS: PAUL GREENSTEIN & DYDIA DE LYSER

"Myth or Truth--Los Angeles is attributed with the first Neon sign in America"



The brightly illuminated billboard was a traffic-stopping sensation in 1923 Los Angeles, a city just starting its love affair with automobiles. Sitting atop a downtown hotel, the sign was rimmed in glowing blue and spelled out "Packard" in radiant letters at least 4 feet high. People drove long distances to view this newfangled technology called neon at the corner of 7th and Flower streets. They called it "liquid fire." Congestion got so bad that the police were called.

That's the popular recounting of how neon made its debut in America: Los Angeles businessman Earle C. Anthony was the first to use those colored glass tubes, beating out everyone else in the country. For decades, the story has been widely accepted in neon circles as fact. But is it true?

Launching a yearlong search, Paul Greenstein and his partner Dydia De Lyser, tracked down newspaper articles, permits and building records. Their investigation ended in a windowless room at UCLA where file cabinets held thousands of 8-by-10 glossies showing Los Angeles from the sky — and one "aha!" photograph. (partial article attributed to the LA Times 12/3/13).

To learn about the results of this intense research, be sure to attend.

Reservations are required
Choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrée @ \$35.00 per person
Salmon @ \$42.00 per person

R.S.V.P. Bob Pritchard
323-356-9029

YOU'RE INVITED... MARK YOUR CALENDAR & CALL TODAY

AACA SOCAL SPECIAL MARCH EVENT

SATURDAY, March 10

10:30 am

TIRED IRON WORKS

135 E. Foothill Blvd.

Monrovia, Ca. 91016



Arrive on time at Tired Iron Works to meet our hosts and see their collectables. They are providing lunch prior to touring the shop where we can view the restorations in progress. You will be impressed with the knowledge of their technicians and the friendliness of their staff.



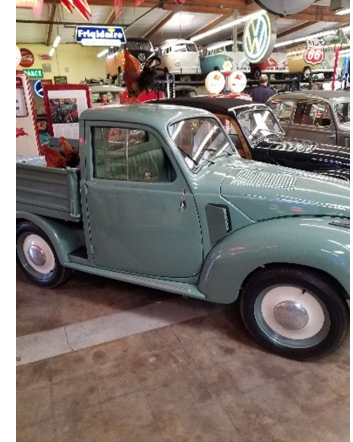
Tired Iron Works is the site of some of the Southland's most amazing restorations of classic cars. From the street, the storefront is deceptively small. Once inside, however, you notice that the facility stretches back to reveal a long line of vehicles in various stages of restoration. Tired Iron Works is the work of Chris Kidd, who's lifelong love of classic cars ultimately became his vocation. A big break for his business came when the auction house Christie's gave him the task of repairing a \$4 million 2.9L Alfa Romeo that had rear-ended a Ferrari. Chris moved Tired Iron Works to its current location in Monrovia which was originally a Dodge dealership. "When I sought permits to open a car shop, Monrovia turned it down," says Chris. "Then I took a different approach and presented it as a facility to preserve historic vehicles." The city approved.

R.S.V.P. necessary, limited reservations

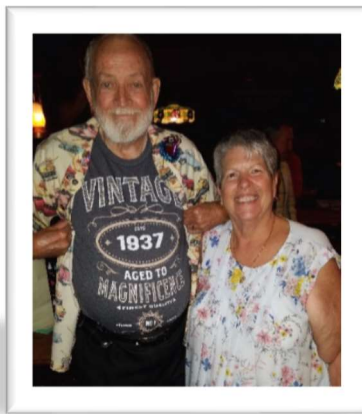
Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847

RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS & CRUISE-INS

Viewing Mike Malamut's amazing collection in October was a delight most of us will not forget. Not only is Mike a gracious host who provided a tantalizing lunch and live music but the layout and variety of his collection kept everyone in awe for many hours.







A Special 1937 Model – Jay that is!



NETHERCUTT MUSEUM CONCERTS

Take the opportunity next year to obtain tickets for the free concerts at the Nethercutt Museum. Many of the instruments are played for the visitors' pleasure prior to the main event. The Spooky Movies program this year at Halloween consisted of many short silent comedies accompanied by the skillful organist Dean Mora playing the grand theater organ (with all the bells & whistles). The movies are presented on a hand-cranked projector by the "strong-armed" projectionist Joe Rinaudo.



Decorated for Halloween—note the skeleton's hands on the banjo. No, that's not Joe Rinaudo.



Cobwebs adorn the organ

GALPIN CAR SHOW

The 6th annual Galpin Car Show was held on Sunday, October 8 and some of our members participated. This free show has much to offer. The Galpin museum is open during this event and is a must see. And in addition to the show cars, Galpin has very special automobiles on display in all their dealerships. An exceptional example was the 1951 LeMans winning Porsche 356SL. This 356SL was the first official race entrant in Porsche history. This car was a custom version of Porsche's first production car, the 356. Porsche won the 1951 LeMans 1100cc class in its first attempt and gained international attention. In 1952, the roof was cut off and it was raced as a roadster. It stayed that way until 2010 when the true history of the car was uncovered and it was restored to the original, LeMans winning configuration. Consider participating in next year's Galpin Show. It is a lot of fun and there is much to see.



1951 Porsche 356 SL

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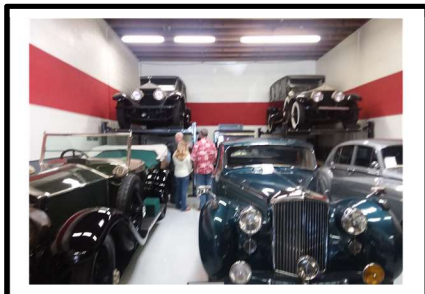
So many sights to take advantage of in and around out city:



Band Organ at private home. When the garage door is opened, music can be heard from blocks away!



Joel spent the day museum hopping from the Broad to the Metropolitan Pit Stop with visiting Massachusetts Nephew Brent.



Howard & Betty view an impressive Rolls Royce collection.



Did you get a chance to visit the Auto Show to see the Ford GT at the Petersen Booth?

SEMA
by Duane Hinkle

This year's SEMA show in Las Vegas was overwhelming as usual. In addition to all the parts, tools, and accessories, there are hundreds of exceptional custom and original cars on display. Every year I like to find a special vehicle to write about. My choice this year was a 1948 Tucker. When I first saw it, I was struck by the quality of the restoration. As I looked closer, it seemed as if someone had turned an original Tucker into a custom. I found out that this Tucker is a hand crafted exact copy of an original 1948 Tucker. It was built by Rob Ida out of carbon fiber and steel panels. Rob has a neighbor with a 1948 Tucker that allowed him to take exact measurements and castings so he could make a perfect replica. This car is powered by a Cadillac Northstar Twin-Turbo V8 that makes 550HP. All that can be seen under the rear hood are air intakes and two turbos. The V8 is mounted transversely under the rear seat. This vehicle is an amazing example of the finest in hand crafted coach building and is the best example of the fine craftsmanship on display at SEMA.



Tucker Replica



Caveman transportation?



DeSoto

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



Members were once again honored to participate in the Veterans Day Celebration held at the Veterans' Park in West Los Angeles. This festive event featured live entertainment by the Rickey Minor Band, Barbeque Lunch along with donations of food and clothing for these brave men and women.



Rickey Minor Band



Playboy Bunnies



Cars on display

McCORMICK'S AUCTION

McCormick's 63rd auction took place on November 17-19 in Palm Springs. There are always a few very special automobiles being sold at McCormick's and this Fall's auction was no exception. The highlight of the show was a beautifully restored 1954 Mercury Sun Valley in Arctic White with a white/green interior. This model was only offered for one year and just under 10,000 were built. Very few remain. The feature that makes this car unique is the acrylic "glass" top. The Ford Crestline Skyliner is a cousin to the Mercury Sun Valley and is much more common. This Mercury had a four year total body off restoration that was completed in 2014. This exceptional automobile was sold for \$59,850.



McCormick's Spring Auction will take place February 23-25. Friday, February 23 is free to the public and the auction opens at 12 noon. For more information visit their web site at <http://www.classic-carauktion.com/home>.

GUNTHER'S YARD SHOW

Once a year the family of long-time motorcyclist, George Gunther, opens their property in the commercial section of Long Beach for visitors to enjoy all kinds of "old stuff". Found here are trucks, cars, trains, military vehicles, hit-and-miss engines and old motorcycles.



What do you think, Rick?



Enjoying the variety of items on display



Friends taking in the sights



40's searchlight



Cars, jeeps, boneshakers and much more...



Bob check;ing out the train

BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER

For the second year in a row AACA members brought their cars to the Blind Children's Center in Los Angeles for a very special sensory tour. Students were treated to a hands-on interactive experience. The Center, founded in 1938, serves approximately 100 students each year. The students, who range in age from toddlers to 2nd graders, experienced a magical journey back in time by taking turns sitting in each car, working the steering wheels, and honking their horns. A special thanks to those members who brought their cars and allowed these children (and their teachers) to climb in and around their cars.



Participants: Bob Pritchard, 1954 Oldsmobile Convertible
Duane Hinkle, 1929 Model A Roadster
Betsy & Jay Davenport, custom-built tricycle
Dydia De Lyser, 1991 Nissan Figaro and
Cesar Hilario, KITT from the show *Knight Rider*.

Also at the Blind Children's Center, Bob and Ina attended the arrival of Santa escorted by members of the LAPD with sirens blasting and a fly-by of the police helicopter. The LAPD brought with them numerous gifts for the children. A big cheer goes to the LAPD for their effort



HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION

by Duane Hinkle

The 62nd annual Holiday Motor Excursion on December 30, 2017 was one of the best in recent memory. Hundreds of great old autos, most pre-1933, participated on a beautiful Saturday morning. There were many special cars in the tour, including a 1913 Bugatti Type 22 Grand Prix race car that drove the tour and was a crowd pleaser everywhere it went. The tour this year covered 40 miles of some of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Pasadena and San Marino.

MORELAND TRUCK

by Duane Hinkle

While in Temecula attending a wedding at Villa de Amore, I saw a very old truck in the corner of a dirt parking lot. I was much more interested in the truck than I was in the reception, so I checked it out and realized I had never heard of the Moreland brand of truck. I did some reading and the best article I found was from Wikipedia. I looked at many old advertisements to try to figure out the year of this truck and I estimate it to be around 1920.



From Wikipedia...In 1917 Watt L. Moreland was planning to move his business to Alhambra, California. When Burbank city officials heard about this news they offered Moreland 25 acres of land free located on the corner of San Fernando boulevard and Alameda Avenue. The city of Burbank raised \$25,000 to pay for the land, buildings were constructed and the truck company moved in. The company slogan was "Built in the West for Western Work". Unfortunately, due to wartime shortages, the plant had to close in 1940.

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HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE

by Bob Pritchard

This was the third year that I was asked to participate in the annual parade. This year, despite technical problems and scheduling difficulties, it was still a fun experience. The parade was supposed to be over at 8:15 pm; however, we did not get in line to start the parade until 8:30 pm. We made it back to the starting point about 10:00 pm. So much for all those children's bedtime.



My parade personality this year was Paddington Bear. He was a hit with all the kids lining the two mile route. I did a quick google as I had no idea about Paddington. I found out how popular he is and that his second movie will be coming out in January. We were the next to the last car followed by the Beverly Hills High School Marching Band and the main attraction "Santa Claus".



If you haven't already done so...please pay your 2018 dues now

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
AACA SOCIAL REGION

Date _____

Please check one: New _____ Renewal _____

Last Name _____ First _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Membership in the AACA National Club is a requirement

Your AACA National Membership Number _____

Year, make, and model of AACA eligible (25 years old and older) collector vehicles you own as you would like them to appear in the club roster (use additional sheets of paper if necessary).

Annual (calendar year) dues are \$20.00 per household.

Please complete and return the entire form with your check made payable to the AACA Southern California Region:

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Los Angeles, CA. 90038

In Memoriam



We are saddened to announce the recent passing of Bill Burton. He and his wife Cecily were the happiest showing "The Queen" (1936 Cadillac V-12 Convertible Coupe) and their dogs – winning many trophies and ribbons in both endeavors.

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