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President's message

It is hard to realize that 2019 is one half over. There have been many fun car things to attend. The coming months are full of more events. In July we have two great events and others in the works.

Several members have asked me what is planned regarding a dinner or perhaps some other type of club get together. I would appreciate some input from the members as to what you would like. We could have a picnic with sandwiches at a local park, a cook out with burgers and such, a luncheon, or an evening dinner. Please let me hear your thoughts.

Highway Earth was a tremendous success this year. The weather was perfect with a turnout of 196 cars. It is a great and fun show with no judging, just fun being with friends and other clubs' members. Our location was great and we will put our name in for next year.

Our club is doing well with new members and excellent turn-out for our events. If you have any ideas please phone or email either me or Joel.

We are hoping to have a club web site running shortly. Duane has offered to help put it together. He has already received numerous pictures of member's cars but would appreciate receiving more. If anyone has suggestions for the site please forward them to me. We had hoped to have this on line, but Duane being on jury duty for two weeks that put us behind.

Thanks being a club member and your participation in our events.

See you at our next outing, 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 meeting 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.



Antique Automobile Club of America Southern California Region

The AACA SoCal is looking forward to seeing our **FRIENDS** and Clubs that participate with us at events, as our guests, when there is room and indicated on the event. We have also been invited to a number of collections and events (dates to be determined).

July 12 (Friday)	10 th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day sponsored by a U.S. Congress resolution to celebrate collector cars. Drive yours this day to raise awareness to the younger generation of our hobby.
July 13 (Saturday) 1:00 pm	AACA SoCal & our friends are invited to view the Miller collection featuring restored Packards and Lionel Trains. Reservation only. R.S.V.P. Joel: 310-471-8503 Article inside
July 28 (Sunday)	AACA SoCal & are friends are invited to participate in Old Fashioned Day in the Park – Annual Event featuring classic yachts and collector cars. R.S.V.P. Joel: 310-471-8503 Article inside
August	Check the Nethercutt Collection expanded 2019 Event Calendar for concerts and movies. 818-364-6464
August 3 (Saturday)	Assembly Member Chris Holden's annual Block Party and Car Show. 11 am – 3 pm. Contact Kevin: 626-351-1917
August 18 (Sunday)	Pebble Beach (check for week long events)
September 8 (Sunday)	Cadillac, Imperial, Lincoln & Packard Clubs combined show and picnic in Laguna Niguel
September 14 (Saturday)	Early Birds pageant in Anaheim
October 11-13	North South Carmel/Monterrey Cadillac/LaSalle tour.
November (First week)	Cadillac/LaSalle Fall Show
November 6-9 (Wed-Sat)	AACA National Fall Meet in Fallbrook—flyer inside. For more information: www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org

SPECIAL INVITATION to AACA SOCAL MEMBERS & GUESTS
SATURDAY, JULY 13
1:00 PM



Our destination is the beautiful estate of Eric Miller and family in the north San Fernando Valley. We will have the opportunity to view their collection of automobiles, petroliana, trains and other collectibles assembled over many years prior to their house, and possibly some other items, being sold.



The main emphasis of this automotive collection is the Packard found throughout the 12-car garage and various other display areas too. Thoughtfully arranged by the cars are gas pumps, signs, bicycles and more.



The lower level of the house reveals the ultimate man cave. Placed among more collectibles is the Lionel train layout – trains on the various tracks and many more displayed on shelves.



R.S.V.P. Joel: 310-471-8503 Space is limited, address will be provided to those on the guest list.

Old Fashioned Day in the Park

Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey, CA

Classic Yacht Association — Southern California Fleet

in conjunction with the
Antique Automobile Club – Southern California Region

Sunday
July 28, 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Burton Chace Park
4701 Admiralty Way, Marina de Rey



View the array of collector cars



walk aboard magnificent yachts

**Join the Classic Yacht Association and the Antique Automobile Club for an
Old Fashioned Day in the Park
Reliving the days of spirited yachts and classy cars
Free Admission**

This year our club, as a whole, has assumed the commitment to help with this enjoyable event. This is a public event that is enjoyed by exhibitors as well as visitors. Display space is limited.

R.S.V.P. Joel: 310-471-8503



SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 6-9, 2019

AACA Western Fall National

Not Your Average National!



Hosted by the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Region

The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club was founded in the mid-1950's and held its first advertised car show in 1965. In 1976, FVCC joined AACA and hosted the AACA Bicentennial Southwest Region Show.

Where is Fallbrook, California?

The location of the National is in Fallbrook, California, about 47 miles north of San Diego Airport. Fallbrook is a hidden gem that is famous for being the avocado capital of the world. The average daytime high in November is 73.8 degrees and the average precipitation for November is about 1 inch.



Where will the National be held?

The National will be held *on the grass* at the beautiful Pala Mesa Resort. It features hotel rooms, a golf course, meeting rooms, a restaurant, bar, wedding venue, and more. The annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show is held there each year.

Make it a Vacation - San Diego is a Destination!

San Diego and the Fallbrook area offer vacation and entertainment options like almost nowhere else. See the U.S.S. Midway Museum, Hotel Del Coronado, Historic Old Town, Temecula Wine Country, San Diego Bay Cruises, Torrey Pines Golf Course, San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, March Air Force Base Museum, Orange Empire Railway Museum, Balboa Park and museums, Pechanga and Pala Casino's and RV Campgrounds, Picturesque La Jolla, UC San Diego, Del Mar Racetrack, Sea World, Ocean Beach, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside Pier, Cruise the Pacific Coast Highway...so much to see and do!

Come early and join the AACA golf tournament on Wednesday, November 6th. On Thursday and Friday November 7th and 8th, scheduled events and tours will be held. Stay from Tuesday, 11/5 through Sunday, 11/10, and receive the special AACA rate of \$109.00 per night at Pala Mesa Resort.

Stand by for more information. Go to www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org for information about our Club, our Annual Car Show (entering its 54th consecutive year), and the Fallbrook area. We will be adding the AACA Western Fall National to our website after the first of the year. *Save the date!*

RECAP of EVENTS, TOURS, CRUISE-INS and INTERESTING TALES

LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM

April 28, 2019



I've been working on the railroad



Scenery on the 1-1/2 mile ride



Some of the gang



AACA Cars on display – Packard, Studebaker, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, T-Bird, Model A



The Los Angeles Live Steamers Club invited AACA SoCal to participate in their open house featuring ride-on trains, classic cars, tractors and hit-and-miss engines. While the public rode the perimeter of the park to view the collection, our club had a dedicated train whereas we were able to roam the grounds chatting with the many members working on their machines. The Disney Barn was opened for our pleasure with Docents answering our many questions. The Live Steamers have invited us back for next year's event – a must for the inquisitive mind of all ages awaiting a fun afternoon!



Disney Barn



AACA Cars in the Park



Inside the Barn

KELLOGG ARABIAN HORSE CENTER – CAL POLY POMONA

The AACA, the UnClub and the Roaring 20's Car Club all joined to visit the final Sunday show of the season at the Arabian Horse Center on May 5. Cruising automobiles included two Model Ts, a 1922 Dodge Brothers Touring, and Duane Hinkle in his 1929 Model A.

A tradition started by W.K. Kellogg in 1926, the Sunday Show features Cal Poly Pomona students riding Arabians in different disciplines from Native Costume to Ladies Side Saddle. Additionally, the trick horse act is always a crowd favorite. Training and handling are accomplished entirely by the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center's students and staff, and the show program is designed to demonstrate the versatility and fine qualities of the Arabian breed. Weather permitting, the Sunday Show begins at 2:00. Shows are held in an outdoor arena, so rain any time the week before may affect scheduling.



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Howard Green was at the Petersen Museum questioning if this is "Bumble Bee" from the newest Transformer Movie or from the VW Beetle commercial.

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Power door locks which are so ubiquitous today that we don't even think about them, started early on in Detroit with the Scripps-Booth Car Company in 1914 as standard equipment. They were electrically activated "door latches" and in Motor Age Magazine November 1914 they reported the coupe, roadster and cabriolet came with them. There was a button on the outside of the car to push. Since you no longer needed door handles to activate the lock, it was done with a magnetic latch. They don't elaborate on how you get in with a dead battery. They stopped use of them pretty quickly which left the opportunity door open (pun intended) for Packard to reintroduce them to the luxury car market in 1956. Relayed by Bob Burchett

I'M READY FOR MY CLOSE-UP MR. KLEIN

Detailing your car for a concours is one thing, but getting the car in immaculate, show-worthy condition for a photo shoot takes a lot more effort. Just ask Bob Pritchard. Evan Klein selected Bob's 1954 Oldsmobile from our club for this year's photo shoot for his magazine *Highway Earth*. "1-2-3" shoot and it's over; no that is not the case. Evan Klein is a automotive photographer and his photos show the attention to details he takes with every shot. The whole day was spent on the grounds of Park La Brea, the perfect setting for this era car. Hours were spent setting the reflectors, getting the correct angle and buffing that last piece of dust off. But the outcome was well worth the effort.



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MIKE PATRIS AND THE LOWE FAMILY CONNECTION

In 1989, Mike was hiking in the San Gabriel Mountains near Pasadena when he stumbled across the remnants of a resort and a scenic mountain railway that had once existed on top of Mount Lowe. The resort had been founded by the famed Civil War aeronaut Thaddeus Lowe, for whom Mount Lowe is named. This discovery touched off a lifelong research project to find and preserve artifacts from the Mount Lowe resort and the Lowe family. Mike arranged a Lowe family reunion. One brought a photograph of Thaddeus Lowe Jr. with a 1920 Cadillac. The younger Lowe had bought the car new and had owned it for 33 years. Family members told stories about the car, but when he asked what had happened to it, no one knew.

Mike searched for it for nine years, hunting at car shows with a photograph of the car. He ended up finding it just 12 miles from where he lives. The vehicle is a Model 59, with a custom top built by Harley Earl, who was unknown in 1920 but would go on to become the most accomplished car designer of his generation.

Mike bought the car in 2010 and set about reuniting the car with Lowe family members. He found James Thaddeus Lowe, the nephew of the original owner. He had been a member of the 1960s psychedelic rock band the Electric Prunes, and he could remember playing in the car in the early 1950s.



I still drive this 99-year old car regularly. My wife Mudd and I have no children, so our work preserving history will be our legacy. To us, this car is an important part.

GILMORE HERITAGE AUTO SHOW

The Original Farmers Market hosted more than 100 vehicles at the 25th annual Gilmore Heritage Auto Show on Saturday, June 1. This year's theme was muscle cars. Highlights included a 1956 Shelby Cobra 427 SC, a 1971 Plymouth Roadrunner, and multiple Chevrolet Camaros from the late 1960s and early '70s. The Petersen Automotive Museum displayed a 1957 Lincoln Premiere once owned by actress Jayne Mansfield. Many other classic cars were included, such as Corvette Stingrays, and Ford Model As and Model Ts. Both sides of Gilmore Lane was filled up with muscle cars. This auto show is always a lot of fun. In attendance this year was Bob Pritchard, Duane Hinkle, Joel & Cathy Feldman, Howard & Betty Green, Jay & Betsy Davenport and Phillip Cole. The viewing public line up to see the cars drive off at 5:00 pm. After which the cars are tucked away in a secured lot and the drivers are invited to a delicious BBQ dinner on the grounds of the original Adobe.

The Gilmore Heritage Auto Show pays homage to the history of the A.F. Gilmore Company, which operates the Farmers Market. A.F. Gilmore purchased land for a dairy farm near Third Street and Fairfax Avenue in 1880 and struck oil in 1900 while digging wells. The discovery led to the launch of the Gilmore Oil Company. There is a replica of a Gilmore Oil filling station at the market.

Over the years, the A.F. Gilmore Company created many other attractions on the property, including a stadium used for football, auto racing and other events, a baseball stadium and drive-in movie theater. The Original Farmers Market was established in 1934 and has been a popular destination for residents and tourists ever since.



HUNTINGTON BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

Over its thirty four year history, the Huntington Beach Concours has grown to be an outstanding automotive event. First staged in 1986, the Concours has its home on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park in Huntington Beach. Entrants included domestic, British, European and Asian, vintage to current automobiles and motorcycles. With over 400 cars in the show it was exciting to learn that two of our members took 2nd in their classes. Eric Miller showed his 1932 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton and commented how surprised he was to receive an award since the car is a 40 year restoration.

Howard & Betty Green's gorgeous Rolls Royce was awarded 2nd place in its class!



ANDY SPILKOMAN REMEMBERING WHEN...

In 1985 I worked for Mike Fennel who restored many one off and rare cars. I was let loose to disassemble a Murphy Bodied 1931 Duesenberg Model J disappearing top of which I had no idea of its significance. This car had once belonged to the Pacific Auto Rental fleet; it was the car used in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane" and many other movies. This car was then sold to the Imperial Palace collection in the 1960's. Later on in 1985 this car set a sales record for an unrestored Duesenberg with a price around \$350,000! This is about the time it came to Mike Fennel for restoration.



The photo with the car partially assembled has Mike Fennel to the right, and Randy the electrical wizard on the left, The young guy with the car restored is yours truly 33 years ago.



I was sent to Mike Fennel by Mark Smith of The Old Philadelphia Motor Car Company. I believe I was the first person to ever disassemble this unrestored car. Were the car to surface today in the condition it was in in 1985, it would have never been restored as it was a very nice original old car. I completely disassembled the car, did the body work and then oversaw the restoration of all the components and then reassembled the car. The car was at Pebble Beach the following year.

The car resurfaced once again in 2015, this time in new colors with a new restoration and was sold at auction for \$3,520,000.

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SUNRISE CAR SHOW

On Sunday, June 9, two of our members, Phillip Cole and Duane Hinkle, shared their cars at the Sunrise Senior Living Center in Seal Beach as part of a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Orange County. This year's Classic and Custom Car Show was a hit with the residents and attracted 30 cars.



RWB PARTY PROPS

The AACA SoCal , the UnClub, and the Thunderbird Club combined for a tour on Saturday, June 15. We visited RWB Party Props in the City of Orange, an event specialists housing thousands of props, followed by a tour of the beautiful homes in the neighborhood and a nice lunch.



PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAR SHOW

On Father's Day, the Pasadena Police Department hosted their 18th annual Charity Car Show that took place in the 300 block of east Green Street. The AACA So Cal was represented by Duane Hinkle WITH his 1929 Ford Model A. About 140 cars participated in this fun show. This is a nice venue for a car show and the event was very well attended by the public. I hope you can join us next year on Father's Day.



It's so nice to make someone happy at a car show--read the reaction Duane Hinkle got:

A couple at the Pasadena Police Car Show saw my 1929 Model A Roadster and asked me if I was the owner. When they found out it was mine, they shared a wonderful story with me. In 1959 this gentleman purchased a very used 1929 Ford Model A roadster and loved driving it around town. One day while driving the car he saw a pretty young woman on the sidewalk and he pulled over to talk to her. She was so fascinated with the car she agreed to go for a ride with this stranger in his old Model A. They have been married for 60 years! They no longer have the Model A but they look for one like his old one at every car show they attend and they were really happy to find one.

RODEO DRIVE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

For the past twenty-six years, the Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance has grown into a beloved tradition for families celebrating Father's Day. In fact, the Rodeo Drive Concours is the largest public event held annually in Beverly Hills, thanks to the continuing commitment and generosity of enthusiastic car owners who share their cars with over 35,000 visitors a year.



Crowds of viewers



Howard & Betty Green's Mercedes

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JOEL & CATHY SEND THEIR THANKS

It feels as if we've been in the Antique Automobile Club forever. Actually Joel became a member while still in high school and Cathy married into the club in 1964. We both now have our 50 year membership pins. We've made great friends throughout these years and had the privilege of meeting some of the "greats" of this amazing hobby. And we plan to be around many more years.

It was during a lunch break at DuPars during the Gilmore Auto Show that we were surprised with your token of appreciation for the work, ah fun, we do for the club. None of which could be accomplished without all your help. Working like secret agents, Bob not only enlisted the help of our grandson Noah to photograph our home but commissioned an artist to recreate a miniature version of our house as a birdhouse complete with our cars in the garage! *footprint measures 12" x 18"



HIGHWAY EARTH CAR SHOW

June 23, 2019



Franklin Canyon Park is a little slice of wilderness right in Beverly Hills' backyard. This hidden oasis is a public park located near Benedict Canyon at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains. Comprised of 605 areas, the park features a 3-acre lake, a duck pond and over five miles of hiking Trails. This picturesque site has now hosted the Highway Earth car show for six years. This year about 200 cars were placed around the lake's paved loop and verdant niches. AACA was represented by Bob Pritchard, Gabe & Rose Blierra, Joe & Linda Freitag, Michael Klyde, Ron Stauber, Duane Hinkle, Jay & Betsy Davenport, Dydia De Lyser and Paul Greenstein. Our gratitude to Evan Klein who conceived this ideal showcase and coordinates this immense undertaking.



RICHARD BLOCK TAKES A “RIDE” DOWN MEMORY LANE

Shortly after the outbreak of WWII, my Dad purchased a Packard 120 coupe from a young man who was being sent overseas. The car was a dark metallic grey and had a rear seat. I have not seen one like it since. Shortly after I began to talk, I named Dad’s 1939 “Packy”. I loved that car. By the end of the war plus a year or two, the car was sans a rear fender and smoked badly. Dad said Packard’s were supposed to smoke. It was replaced in 1949 with a brand new Parckard sedan (standard). Most memorable to me about that vehicle is that its demise was in a rollover into a stream during a rain storm, from which my mother, father, and sister emerged unhurt.

In the very late seventies, I announced to my wife Ruth that I had need of acquiring an old car. In Hollywood, I found a 1940 120 Touring Sedan (1801/1392 for you purists) with lacey rear fenders and well, Dad always said a Packard is supposed to smoke. When I announced my acquisition, Dad was quite distressed that I had not purchased a 1939 Packard.



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Best Wishes to those members celebrating their birthday in the next few months:

July – Richard Block, Pete Demovic, Joe Freitag, Jaime Gesundheit, & Frank Wenzel

August – Michael Klyde & Robert Langton

September – Duane Hinkle, Alan Lapides, Rex Parker, Jeff Reade, & Diane Reidy



Editor's note: I enjoy receiving emails from our members regarding their adventures with their collector cars and having the opportunity to share those stories with you. It makes editing the Exhaust Report easier with those contributions and photos. Keep sending them.

Thank you Duane Hinkle, Bob Burchett, Howard Green, Mike Patris, Betsy Davenport, Andy Spilkoman, Richard Block, Bob Pritchard & Joel Feldman

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**Welcome
New Members!**

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