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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has passed, I am hoping all our members and their families and friends had a wonderful holiday season and I am wishing all a Happy New Year. As for the SoCal Region we had a great year with numerous tours and events. The prospect for 2019 is fantastic. With Joel's hard work we are starting off with a great event January 5th.

The annual banquet is scheduled for March 2nd at Taix Restaurant. The speaker will be Aaron Weiss, which should prove to be very interesting. He has hosted our club on several occasions at his collection in Pasadena. Please refer to the enclosed flyer and I am hoping for a full house.

Cathy has been receiving some dues for the year 2019, but there are still many outstanding. We must furnish the AACA with list of our membership yearly. On that we must include the member's AACA number, so please furnish this when you submit your dues. I will be e-mailing the members that we do not have this information so we can comply with the AACA. Thanks for your help.

Our membership has remained in the forties for the past several years. We picked up three new members recently and are always looking for more. I believe we have one more certificate for free membership in the AACA for the year 2019.

Thanks to all for your participation this past year as we had great turnouts for all the events that Joel has put together for us. And 2019 looks to be another great year for the region.

Thanks and Happy Touring,

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.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Antique Automobile Club of America Southern California Region

2019

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).

January 5 (Saturday)	AACA SoCal visit American Flyer train collection-Pasadena
February 1-3	Lyon Air Museum (John Wayne Airport) Fly on the Ford Tri-Motor www.flytheford.org
February 17 (Saturday)	Cadillac/La Salle Club combined Lincoln Club Lakewood show and luncheon 9 am – 2:30 pm
March 2 (Saturday)	AACA SoCal Annual Dinner – See inside for details
March 16-17 (Sat/Sun)	3 rd Annual Classic Automobile show – new location, Orange County Fair Grounds Event Center. TheClassicAutoShow.com
March 30 (Saturday)	AACA SoCal & guests view the new expanded collection of Kent Browning – See inside for details
April 14 (Sunday)	34 th Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show at the new location, Angel Stadium. Fabulousfordsforever.com
April 27 (Saturday)	Seal Beach Car Show
April 28 (Sunday)	AACA SoCal Live Steamers Railroad Museum Open House at Griffith Park – see inside for details
May 26 (Sunday)	Fallbrook car show
June 1 (Saturday)	Gilmore Car Show
June 9 (Sunday)	San Marino Motor Classic
June 16 (Sunday)	Rodeo – Father's Day Car Show
June 23 (Sunday)	Highway Earth Car Show
June	All GM Car Show
July 28 (Sunday)	AACA SoCal and Yacht Club combined show, Marina del Rey. This is a PUBLIC EVENT that has been enjoyed for several years. The AACA and our friends will be placing about 45 collector cars. Details to follow. RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503



AACA SOCAL ANNUAL BANQUET
SATURDAY, MARCH 2
6:00 pm

Taix French Restaurant
1611 Sunset Boulevard (at Alvarado)
Los Angeles 90026

GUEST SPEAKER: AARON WEISS

We've had the opportunity of visiting Aaron Weiss's private collection of meticulously restored American Classic Automobiles in his Flying A Garage. In addition, many of our members have entered their collector cars and attended the event that Aaron founded, the San Marino Motor Classic, which benefits numerous community based organizations. At this time Aaron will give his insight on the current trend of our hobby highlighting some of his classic cars as to why they are in his collection. Get your questions answered by one of the experts in this field.

Reservation are required
Choice of entrée
Salmon (\$43), Chicken (\$35), Beef (\$36) or Vegetarian (\$35)
Tax & Tip included
Please mail your check indicating your dinner selection
Bob Pritchard
5870 Melrose Avenue
Suite #3265
Los Angeles, CA. 90038

**remember to bring you items for our silent auction – our only fund raiser for the year
Questions? Contact Bob: 323-356-9029 or bob.pritchard01@gmail.com*

AACA SoCal SPECIAL SHOWING OF THE ENHANCED & EXPANDED KENT BROWNING COLLECTION



**SATURDAY – MARCH 30, 2019
11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

The AACA SoCal along with our invited friends have been invited to view Kent Browning's private collection. This collection is not open to the general public. Kent has spent months combing his many fine collectables with his newly acquired pieces from the estate of Art Astor. We will have the opportunity to view the extensive collection consisting of restored automobiles, gasoline pumps, phonographs, record players, telephones and other items of interest within the two large buildings in the city of Cerritos. Be on time—there is plenty to see in the three hours.



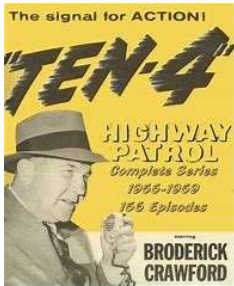
Reservations are necessary.
Address and directions will be provided those who respond as attending.

RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503

RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS, & CRUISE-INS

ANNUAL "10-4 DAY" PARADE

On October 4th dozens of classic and vintage police vehicles participated in the annual "10-4 day" parade. They made their way from the LAFD museum in Hollywood to actor Broderick Crawford's star on the Hollywood walk of fame. The parade was organized to give honor to the men and women of law enforcement, as well as to honor the memory of the actors in the classic police themed TV shows, such as Adam 12 and Highway Patrol. Bob Pritchard was once again invited to drive his black Oldsmobile along the route.



OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL OCTOBER 12

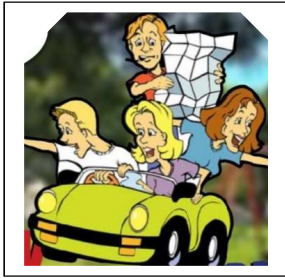
The State Theatre was originally opened in 1921 as a live performance venue for employees of the nearby Standard Oil Refinery. After a stint as a movie theatre it was transformed into the Old Town Music Hall in 1968 by Bill Fields and Bill Coffman which is now home to the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ. The Mighty Wurlitzer consists of more than 2,600 pipes. The Basendorfer piano was hand in Vienna in 1974.



AACA SoCal members were treated to a musical celebration of this remarkable venue's 50th Anniversary. Among the attendees was Duane Kjellin driving his Chevy Convertible Sport Roadster Truck. Also in attendance were Jay & Betsy Davenport, Duane & Mary Ellen Hinkle, Joel & Cathy Feldman, Doug & Becky Fuller, and Robert & Roberta Young. The event started with a buffet lunch with popcorn, candy and drinks provided during the concert and movies. Bill Fields reminisced over the history of Old Town Music Hall and wowed us with the capabilities of the Mighty Wurlitzer. The celebration continued with guest artists playing on stage as well as silent movies. It was truly a melodious experience.

ROAD RALLY

November 4



Howard and Betty Green did it again! They planned another entertaining route. One could define a road rally as nothing more than a scavenger hunt using cars. The clues lead the participants along a journey ending at a preset location. It was an hilarious adventure zigzagging our way through Pasadena. For example, clues along California Boulevard 1) at #3003, I am the star of one of Disney's animated classics – who am I? Answer: Bambi; 2) at #2990, I was the star of a TV series that featured Porter Ricks - who am I? Answer: Flipper: 3) on Arden Road at #1154, what game was invented by James Naismith? Answer: Basketball.



In total we had 54 clues that eventually led us to our final destination. Congratulation to everyone as we all arrived in time to enjoy lunch at Clearman's North Woods Inn. Winners with the most correct answers were Bob Pritchard and his navigator and first time participants at a car rally Duane and Mary Ellen Hinkle. And a huge round of applause to Howard and Betty for organizing this event.



SEMA

November 5 - 8

by Duane Hinkle

The 2018 SEMA show drew more than 70,000 domestic and international buyers. There were displays segmented into twelve sections and a New Products Showcase that featured nearly 2,000 newly introduced parts, tools and components. Attendees also were provided with educational seminars, product demonstrations and much more.

At each show I like to pick out a significant car that was on display and highlight it here. My pick this year is the 1968 Mustang fastback driven by Steve McQueen in *Bullitt*. This car is a movie icon and has been found virtually original condition. This Mustang is one of two used in the filming of *Bullitt*. The second car, set up for the many jumps in the movie's famous car chase through San Francisco, resurfaced in Mexico in 2017. It had been stripped of some of its parts and is now being rebuilt. Many doubted that the other car was still around.

On screen, the Mustang wore Highland Green paint, and lacked the badges and fog lights that were installed at the factory. Anyone can paint a car green and strip off the badges, but here were telltale details, such as camera mounts, a Warner Brothers parking sticker, and missing rear backup lights helped prove that this was the genuine car from the movie.

After filming, the car was sold and eventually wound up in the hands of Robert Kiernan, Jr.. McQueen later tracked the Mustang down and made an attempt to buy it back, but Kiernan kept it, even using it as a daily driver for several years. Kiernan died in 2014 and ownership passed to his son Sean, who worked with Ford to bring the Mustang back into the spotlight.



McCormick's Fall Auction

by Duane Hinkle

The McCormick's Fall Auction was held at the Palm Springs Convention Center on November 16-18, 2018. 550 vehicles were being auctioned and 334 of those were sold. During the public free day on November 16, I was able to see all the vehicles and watch many cars going on the block. My favorite car there was a beautifully restored, 1950 Chrysler New Yorker four door. The high bid was \$16,500 and did not reach the reserve price, so it did not sell.



The 1950 New Yorker was the more deluxe of the regular eight-cylinder Chryslers (Saratoga being the eight with plainer trim) with cloth upholstery available in (unusual for 1950) several colors, 135 hp (101 kW) Spitfire straight-eight engine and roomy interior featuring "chair height" seats. The "Prestomatic" fluid drive transmission had two forward ranges, each with two speeds. In normal driving, high range was engaged using the clutch. The car could then be driven without using the clutch (unless reverse or low range was required); at any speed above 13 mph (21 km/h), the driver released the accelerator and the transmission shifted into the higher gear of the range with a slight "clunk". When the car came to a stop, the lower gear was again engaged.

The following listing came from the McCormick's web site to give you an idea of the cars that had the most interest at the auction:

- A 1964 Porsche 356 SC (#434) with original matching numbers, a rare factory sunroof and still using a six-volt electrical system, with 77,000 original miles, sold for \$97,125.
- A stunning 1959 Corvette Roadster (#249) with a show quality restoration sold for \$70,875. It sports a 283 cubic inch engine generating 245-horse power, equipped with a four-speed manual transmission and complete with both hard and soft tops.
- Selling for \$65,100, a 1953 Buick Roadmaster convertible has been driven only 6,000 miles since its complete body-off restoration in 2001. Restored in the original colors, everything works on the car including the clock, wonder bar radio, power seat and windows.

The next auction will be February 22-24 with February 22 being the public free day. For more information and complete auction results, go to www.classic-carauction.com.

KIP CYPRUS COLLECTION

December 1



Thanks to the most hospitable hosts, Kip and Amy Cyprus, for an day of unforgettable treats. From the enormous array of automobiles, motorcycles, gas pumps; and vintage gasoline advertising that left our eyes glazed over to the scrumptious crepe feast that satisfied even the most discerning palate.



motorcycles adorn a wall



Joel & Cathy thank Kip



trying to decide where to look first



advertising



clock face gasoline pumps



neon



Porsche



more automobiles



Porsche Tractor

Much trivia was learned from this collection. Two examples are the description associated with the above gas pumps and the reason a tractor is in this collection. Are you aware that in the early 1930's Professor Dr. F. Porsche started design work on both his "people tractor" and his "people car. And eventually, both designs materialized into historic products that are still enjoyed and collected today.

HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION

The 63rd annual Holiday Motor Excursion took place on Sunday, December 30 on a perfect day for an old car drive. Approximately 275 pre-1933 cars participated this year with an amazing variety of vehicles. The 29 mile excursion included hill climbs in Altadena, travels along the arroyo in Pasadena, touring across the beautiful Colorado Street Bridge and through stunning neighborhoods in San Marino. Spectators were gathering all around the route to enjoy and photograph the old cars. Duane Hinkle always enjoys this tour, whatever the weather, and encourages everyone to enter the HME on your 2019 calendar for a fun, year end adventure.



View these and the parade of cars online at [Holiday Motor Excursion 2018](#).

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HOLIDAY PARTY AACAA PALM SPRINGS REGION

by Cathy Feldman

Frank Wenzel, president of AACAA Palm Springs, and Kent Vandenberg hosted the annual Holiday Party for the AACAA Palm Springs Region in their exquisite home. From the moment Joel and I drove up and were greeted by the extensive & colorful holiday decorations, we knew we were in for a special evening. Any collector would be in awe of the wide range of items on display. Vintage model trains encircled the room on ledges near the ceiling, china & crystal pieces adorned many cabinets and shelves, one room was devoted entirely to a assemblage of antique radios, and then there was the garage! Frank is a Studebaker fanatic. Anything related to Studebaker is in his collection. Found throughout his garage is seen dealership signs, employees award pins, oil cans, fuel pumps, tools of any size & description, Among the many cars, including prized Studebakers, is a 1926 Packard that was originally owned by actress Ann Sheridan. Kent was the evening's chef who served up a Holiday spread for everyone's delight and gastronomical pleasure.





If you haven't already done so...please pay your 2019 dues now

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
AACA SOCAL REGION

Date _____

Please check one: New _____ Renewal _____

Last Name _____ First _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Member's Birthday: Month: _____ Day: _____

Spouse's Birthday: Month: _____ Day: _____

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 SoCal Region:

Joel Feldman
11661 San Vicente Blvd. 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA. 90049

Congratulations!

Duane Hinkle AACA Mileage Award Program (MAP)



Mary Ellen & Duane display their Mileage Award on the 1929 Model A

The Mileage Award Program has been established to recognize AACA members who drive an AACA approved vehicle throughout the calendar year. Any time a vehicle is driven - anywhere for any reason - the mileage counts towards the award level. Once you've accumulated 2,000 miles, you are eligible for your 1st award badge. The 2nd and subsequent badges are awarded for each additional 5,000 miles. That's quite a feat -- but Duane makes it seem easy as he attends every AACA event plus many other cruises and shows in the Model A.

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Thank you!
♡

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Wishing
Betsy Davenport
a speedy recovery
from knee replacement
surgery