

EXHAUST REPORT

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is just around the corner, evident by our glorious, sunny days and much needed rainfall. Car events are numerous whether participating in cruise nights, shows, rallies, swap meets, or tours. Our club has had the opportunity to visit some fabulous collections and we have even more scheduled for the future. An invitation is always offered to all our current, paid members. Remember, if you haven't already done so; please send in your membership renewal today. And get your friends to join too. Owning a classic car is not a prerequisite, just an interest in cars.

Our January event where we visited Urban Hirsch's collection was a huge success with an overflowing attendance. And everyone looks forward to the annual banquet, this year scheduled on February 21. Our guest speaker, Evan Klein, is most informative on the process of getting the most out of your camera. Door prizes will be awarded. Let me know if you have items for our auction. And call me with your reservation.

Our club would like to get all our members involved in two summertime activities. The first being the Highway Earth Car Show in Franklin Canyon on June 28th. Coincidentally it is sponsored by our banquet's guest speaker Evan Klein. This fun show is held in a great location. There is no judging, just a good outing to enjoy cars and talk with other car crazy people. The area has plenty of shade around the reservoir as well as paved roads. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food from the on-site vendors. The second recommendation is our participation with the car show benefitting the Children's Hospital to be held in July. This event is still being organized and as soon as more information is available, I will advise the membership on how we can help with this show.

As I already mentioned, other events are in the planning stages to fill our calendar. If you have a suggestion, please notify either Joel or me.

I hope to see you all at the banquet and other events throughout the year.

Bob Pritchard



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 \$35 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 REGION EVENT
ANNUAL BANQUET
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6:00 P.M.**

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

GUEST SPEAKER, EVAN KLEIN



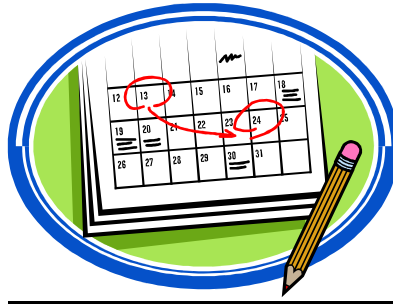
Evan Klein has had a camera in his hand for the last quarter of a century. He's traveled China, Portugal, Brazil, Japan, and the farthest parts of the globe to get the perfect shot. He's worked with actors from Bruce Willis to Betty Davis, but his real passion is for cars. For companies like Mitsubishi, Toyota, Chevrolet, and Mazda, Evan is their "go to" photographer. Sharing his knowledge, Evan teaches classes to the everyday photographer explaining the techniques of working with silks, reflectors and strobes and how to shoot both interior and detail shots. In addition he teaches you how to find the right angle, light it and import it into the computer and use Photoshop to get the results you desire.



His pictures can be seen in such publications such as *Motor Trend & Road and Track*. Last year he sponsored the very successful Franklin Canyon Lake Car Show and plans the same for 2015.

Reservations are required
Choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrée
\$30 per person

R.S.V.P. Bob Pritchard
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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PREVIEW

The AACA SoCal Region is planning on participating in the events listed below. Be sure to sign up early as not to miss a deadline.

Feb. 15 (Sunday)	Cadillac & LaSalle Club Show at the Lakewood Country Club
Feb. 21 (Saturday)	AACA SoCal Annual Banquet (see information in this issue)
March / April (dates to follow)	Plans are in the works to view both the Tupper and Simon collections, a behind the scene tour of the Laguna Pageant of the Masters, and the Nash Automobile collection.
May 3 (Sunday)	Greystone Mansion Concours d'Elegance. Registration deadline is March 1, Download your application at www.greystoneconcours.org
May 9 (Saturday)	Culver City Car Show, 9 am – 3 pm. Register at www.culvercitycarshow.com
May 24 (Sunday)	Fallbrook Car Show, 9:30 am – 6 pm, Pala Mesa Resort. Register at www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org
May	Glendale Car Show
June 6 (Saturday)	Gilmore Heritage Car Show, applications available in February
June 21 (Sunday)	Rodeo Drive Car Show, Beverly Hills
June 28 (Sunday)	Highway Earth Classic Car Show, Franklin Canyon Park Registration opens May 1 at www.highwayearth.com
June / July	All GM Car Show
June / July	Throttlers Car Show
July	Marina del Rey Yacht and Car Show
August 16 (Sunday)	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
September 13 (Sunday)	Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance
November	Will Rogers' Birthday celebration
December	HCC Motor Excursion and Car Show

TOURING THE TOWN
with Alex Kwechansky

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILL ROGERS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Our thanks to Park Ranger John Conroy for once again asking us to participate in the celebration honoring Will Rogers. It was a picture perfect Southern California afternoon – a leisurely day to enjoy a picnic lunch, house tour, hiking trails, art show and musical presentation. Attending were Bob Pritchard, Cathy & Joel Feldman, Betsy & Jay Davenport, Sharon & Alex Kwechansky, Mark Sutter, Harold Tennen, Duane Hinkle, plus Model T members Carol Vaughn, Brian Ostergren, and Francis & Dave Peterson.



cars on display



entertainment



art show



posing for pictures



Thank you Ranger John



Betsy, Will & Jay



Enjoying the weather

MICHAEL MALAMUD'S COLLECTION DECEMBER 7, 2014

We were invited as members of the Petersen Museum's Checkered Flag 200 to view Michael Malamud's collection. Located in Thousand Oaks in warehouses, the opulent and humorously decorated collection included Michael's original specialty, Volkswagens and Porsches.



As he explained, his business life expanded from repairing these cars into the company he founded in 1971, Autoland. His collection started in approximately 2001. It is a wide ranging collection including several woodies, an original Mazda Cosmo, two NSU Wankel sports cars and even a collection of tiny cars. There is a substantial collection of Volkswagens and Porsches. The collection seems themed around his many car interests. Interspersed are furniture groupings with collections from the 50s and 60s. He has added to that many items of interest and fascination from that period. There is a definite air of humor and awe over the items he has found.



Outside sits covered up about twenty more cars awaiting restoration. He told us that his wife is in full accord with his collection. A secret to his success, he said after telling us she was not there, is not to tell her the truth about how much he pays. Good advice. He served a lavish Barbecue lunch for about forty of us. Many visitors brought their own collector cars.



**TOYS 4 TOTS CRUISE-IN
DECEMBER 2014**



This event was part of Super Car Sunday at Woodland Hills Promenade. For that particular event, they use an empty parking lot adjacent to the regular location. Maybe it was to avoid anyone hitting Santa's sleigh. The event was huge (200-300 cars) including dealers and many vendors as well as an enormous toy drop-off area. We had very little time there but we did see Gary Wales and his current Beastoni. I displayed my Cadillac as a daily driver in original unrestored condition. It got some smiles.

**AUTRY MUSEUM ROUTE 66 EXHIBIT
JANUARY 1**

A good way to start the New Year is with a car history display. The collection was more about the way of life the highway created than about the cars. But, a road is not a road without cars. The only car on display was a white 1959 Corvette as part of the TV Show, Route 66 section. The collection included old signs and advertising as well as the hotels. There even had a book few of us ever saw: "colored person's guide" to where one could stay and eat along the road. Thankfully, that guide is ancient history.



The display closed not long after we visited. Should it come back, I highly recommend seeing it.

HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION DECEMBER 28

The annual Horseless Carriage Club Holiday Motor Excursion and Car Show is held the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day. This year over 200 cars were on display, no judging – just admiring. There were Horseless Carriages, classics, Model T Fords & Model A Fords as well as muscle cars, hot rods and motorcycles. Joel, Cathy, Steve & Aline enjoyed seeing Urban getting his Model T Ford and Harley Davidson ready for the tour.



Admiring the many cars on display

It is well worth the trip to view these wonderful machines. But, the highlight is the excursion part of the event. This year approximately 140 cars built prior to 1932 paraded out of the Irwindale Speedway grounds to a tour through many towns surrounding Pasadena, Arcadia and San Marino. Of course, stops were made along the way for lunch at the North Woods Inn, shopping at Galcos supermarket and dessert at a private home all of which brought many picture opportunities for amazed onlookers along the way. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar for 2015.



start of the parade of cars on the tour

**THE URBAN HIRSCH COLLECTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**



Motorcycles on display



and more on the 2nd floor

We were invited to see Urban Hirsch III's most astounding collection of early motorcycles and even some related cars. The cycles dated from 1916 and back to their first days. Urban told us the 1916 date was specific to being the cutoff between antique and vintage. Delicately arrayed in a tight space on two floors and hanging from the ceiling are about 150 examples. The cycles included early Sears motorcycles. Sears put its name on everything. Early Harleys, Crockers and even a company called New Era. The names are too abundant to remember. There were two cars built by a company called Spacke (pronounced like Spackey). This company made motorcycle engines. There was also a Stutz, 1903 Cadillac and a specifically abused/neglected looking Model T truck. Urban not only collects motorcycles but he rides them. He said each year he heads to Sturgis for the giant annual get together.



Don't forget to look up



Urban's newest acquisition
a Hirsch motorcycle



garage roof line



some members & their cars

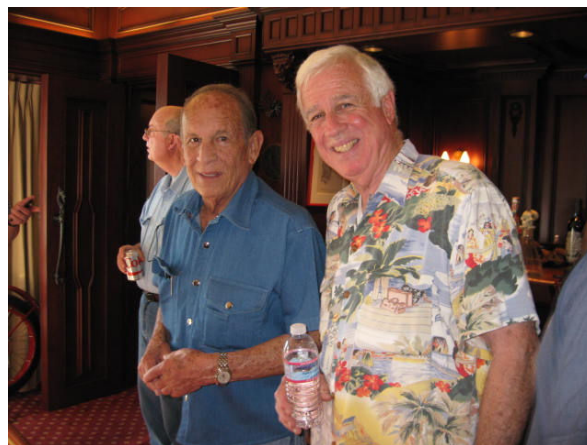
His home gardens are adorned with humorous statues of animals including a many colored cow. He has a dog security team that kept constant watch over the collection. He built a viewing balcony for one of the dogs to stand and watch the goings on. Happy to see so many members enjoying the collection: Steve Rostam, Rose & Gabe Baltierra, Peter Demovic, Mariam Gottlieb, Ron Sommers, Sharon & Alex Kwechansky (+guests), Betty Locke, Cathy & Joel Feldman, Bob Pritchard, Betsy & Jay Davenport, Duane Hinkle with guest Geoff, Betty & Howard Green, and Olds Club guests Freas Hontz and Bernie Buller.



Betsy & Jay arrive in his homemade trike (they've visited 23 states & traveled 180,000 miles)



Betty is checking out the Model T for comfort



Thank you Urban for a most delightful afternoon
Urban was a gracious host with a full forward sense of humor
his home and collection underline his great joy of living

THE ALEX THEATRE SUNDAY, JANUARY 25



The Alex Theatre in Glendale paid tribute to the multi-talented Nicholas Brothers through conversations with friends & family, from film clips and never-before-seen home movie footage. Welcoming the audience as they passed through the long walkway and courtyard into this one-night special was none other than the star of our club, on center stage, Bob Pritchard with his glistening 1955 Oldsmobile.



WARNING ABOUT OUR FUTURE COLLECTOR CARS, ERRR, MODERN CARS

We all have keyless remote locks to let us effortlessly enter, lock and exit our cars. Rick, this doesn't apply to you. These effortless conveniences work on a programmed signal that is transmitted each time you press the clicker. How convenient and effortless.



Today, there are car thieves that have programs in their laptops that effortlessly enable them to conveniently enter your car without the inconvenience of breaking in.

At 5:30 AM on January 17, it happened to me. I was standing on our front patio unable to sleep. There was not a sound on the block and not a person or car moving. I noticed a car rolling slowly down. It passed a Lexus, M-B and brand new Chrysler. It stopped alongside my Cadillac. The driver did not see me as my car was parked across the street from my home. He reached across the passenger's seat and seemed, from my distance, to be looking for something. This is not uncommon as we regularly get advertising placed on the cars. However, he did not get out of his car and his reach could not be long enough to reach all the way from his driver's seat to my car's door. He had no idea I was standing and watching him. My car's interior lights turned on. That happens when you unlock the car. I refused to believe he had unlocked my door. After all, who is going to try to steal my car! It doesn't happen to me!

He rolled away slowly down the street. I waited for the lights to shut and I started to walk towards my driveway. I noticed the car turn around and roll slowly back up the street. It stopped alongside my car again but this time the drivers' doors were side by side. He stepped out of his car and into my car! I was in shock for a second. He was sitting on his knees in the driver's seat and looking for what he could steal. He did not know he could have come away with some napkins and a crumpled pad of hotel note paper. Without ever considering he could be armed, I dashed across the street. As I had been sleeping I was wearing my sleep wear and my hair must have been standing straight up. I was quite the sight!

He was positioned on his knees facing away from me so I had the advantage of surprise. I yelled loudly to "Get the f___ out of my car". I have never seen one person move so fast in my life! He did not expect to be caught. I reached the back of his car seconds before he dashed back in and raced off. In the split second, as he was getting away, I yelled out his license number so he would know I had it. Immediately, I called 911 and gave them his license number and a description of the car and whatever I could describe of him. To make sure I remembered, I next posted it on Facebook to warn others and get the word out.



About ten minutes later the LAPD arrived and I filed a report. On Monday the car was fingerprinted. They found a good print. His hand is larger than mine. Yesterday I received a call from the LAPD that they identified a car with that license number, make and color. I gave all the details I could recall. They said they are watching the car. More to come, I hope.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING SECTION for our club member's ads: for sale, trade, or wanted. Just let me know for inclusion in the next issue of the Exhaust Report. Joel (310-471-8503)



FOR SALE
1950 PLYMOUTH DELUXE (4 door)
In great working condition with new battery, fresh oil change, incredible interior, and a fully restored original radio.
Original (restored) straight 6 engine.
Call or e-mail with questions.
\$5,500
danieljglenn@yahoo.com
310-836-5327



FOR SALE
1982 FIAT 2000 SPIDER CONVERTIBLE
\$8,800
Compulsively maintained / outstanding condition
Garaged
32,000 miles
Harvey Moyses
hmoi@aol.com

WANTED: OLD EXHAUST REPORTS from 1950 – 2000 for the club reference library

WANTED: Information on other club's special events & collections visited in addition to your suggestions

WANTED: Items for white elephant sale, auction and/or door prizes for annual banquet

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
AACA SOCAL REGION
CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

Date _____

Please check one: New _____ Renewal _____

Last Name _____ First _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell _____

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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 Southern California Region:

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