

# EXHAUST REPORT

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a wonderful trip to Croatia, I got home having to move as the condo I was renting was sold. I thought I had secured an apartment, but found out two days before I was to move that this place wasn't available. Things went from bad to worse; however, now things are settling down and I am adjusting to my new home.

The Highway Earth Car Show this past Sunday had a full capacity of 150 cars. Our club had a great turnout. Gabe and Rose Baltierra were one of the show's sponsors. This is a fun show at a great location. The weatherman could have reduced the heat; but we all made the best of the situation. It was exciting when several of our members were winners in the raffle drawing. The drive home was rather warm and I thought of Duane in his 32 Model A with the top down on his long drive.

The club has a great line up of tours and other events coming up for the rest of the year. And we hope to see a large attendance for the events. Please check the calendar page in this report and mark your calendar so you will be sure to attend.

The club has several new members and if you have a friend who want to join, contact me. I'm able to offer several free national AACA memberships (need to find them somewhere in all my boxes).

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. If you have any suggestions for upcoming events please contact Joel.

*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 \$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 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.



## AACA SOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

The AACA SoCal is looking forward to **The Pit Crew, the UnClub, other AACA chapters and our friends** joining us at our upcoming events. We look forward to participating in their events. **Events in bold indicate higher AACA SoCal participation.**

July 1 (Saturday)	Americana concert: Lincoln Portrait, La Canada.
July 15 (Saturday)	Annual Larsen South Pasadena Car Tour. Our members participate. See details inside. <b>RSVP Joel 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847</b>
July 23 (Sunday)	Old Fashioned Day in the Park (Marina Del Rey) Our members participate. Contact: Gerard Buck: 818-701-0782
August 5 (Saturday)	Chris Holden 18 <sup>th</sup> annual Pasadena Block Party 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Our members participate. See details inside.
August 13 (Sunday)	Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Ruby's on the beach. 245 N Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Contact Betsy Davenport: 626-281-0706
August 17 – 20	Pebble Beach Events. See details inside
Sept. 27	Call in 4 p.m.-6 p.m. to the Nethercutt Collection to get 4 tickets for the Oct. 27 and 28 Silent Spooky Movies 818-364-6464
Oct. 1 (Sunday)	<b>AACA SoCal and our friends 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Malamut's Car Museum and Memorabilia Collections in Thousand Oaks. See Details inside. RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847</b>
October 13-15	Cadillac/LaSalle Club. North/South Meet in San Luis Obispo

**Please note: The special groups that join us at our events, please let us know the dates of your events to avoid conflicts. The AACA annual car rally is in the planning stages. Members – Which special places do you want to revisit? Do you know of hidden gems to see? We have some collection visits in the planning stages.**

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

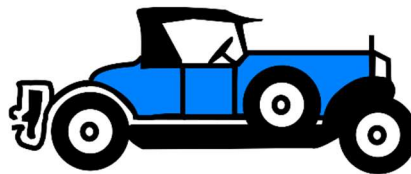
**YOU'RE INVITED... MARK YOUR CALENDAR & CALL TODAY**

**ANNUAL SOUTH PASADENA CAR TOUR**  
**Arranged by John Larsen**  
**Saturday, July 15**

Last year there was an excellent variety of cars from the 1920's to the 1950's. John anticipates another good gathering of cars as drivers arrive at his home between 9:00 to 11:00 am to swap stories while partaking of coffee and donuts and viewing his collection of automobiles and vintage signage prior to leaving on the tour. Day's schedule is as follows:

9:00 am – 11:00 am	Coffee & Donuts at John Larsen's home <b>802 Garfield Avenue</b> <b>South Pasadena, CA. 91030</b>
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Caravan to Heritage Square (older cars will lead with the daily drivers' following)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Tour Heritage Square—3800 Homer St. LA 90031 Living history museum by the Arroyo Seco Parkway
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Return to John's house for bring-your-own picnic lunch

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



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**41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED DAY IN THE PARK**  
**BURTON CHASE PARK**  
**13650 MINDANO WAY, MARINA DEL REY**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017**



For the 41<sup>st</sup> year, classic yachts and vintage automobiles will re-create an Old Fashioned Day in the Park at Marina del Rey's Burton Chace Park. The day offers a glimpse of the past as you can board the vintage yachts dating back to the 1920's as well view a wide array of restored vintage automobiles – woodies, Model A's, T-Birds and more. There will also be vintage steam-powered farm equipment, a steam launch, models and other displays. This annual event is free, open to the public and sponsored by the Classic Yacht Association and the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors. Reserve your spot and plan to arrive between 7:15 and 8:30 am. A continental breakfast will be available for participants from 8:30 – 9:30 am. Contact Gerard Buck for your reservation: 818-701-0782.

**PASADENA BLOCK PARTY  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**BLOCK PARTY!**

This intimate Car Show is sponsored by Assembly member Chris Holden. This 18<sup>th</sup> annual event usually attracts a large community turn-out which is a part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Community Resource Fair and Block Party. Scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 500 block of Jackson Street in Pasadena between El Molino and Los Robles streets. The event is designed to inform the public about the services that are available through their state, county and local governments. The event features over 60 resource tables, rides for the children, music, classic cars, free food and drinks.

Awards will be presented to the top three favorite cars voted by the public. To be part of a select group of participants for this event, please contact Kevin Mulligan, car show organizer, at 626-351-1917 as soon as possible since space is limited.

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Picture and description obtained from [www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net)

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is an automotive charitable event held each year on the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, California, considered the most prestigious event of its kind. It is the finale of Monterey Car Week held in August every year. A Concours d'Elegance is an event open to both prewar and postwar collector cars in which they are judged for authenticity, function, history, and style.

Many events are held throughout the week from Tuesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 20. Included are the tour d'elegance, retroauto, classic car forum, motoring classic, auctions, art exhibition, little car show and cruise-in. Many of our AACA members attend at least one event while others spend the week enjoying all the festivities. Event calendar and visitor information can be found on their website.



**A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION**  
to see  
**THE MIKE MALAMUT AUTO MUSEUM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**  
10:00 AM -- 12:00 NOON  
THOUSAND OAKS

This has to be one of the best collections of small postwar European sedans and wagons. Interested in cars that are American, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese or Swedish? Is it motorcycles, boats or microcars that fascinate you? If you have a bucket list of collections you must see, this should be on it! In addition to the cars, the Malamut Museum is also home to an extensive collection of roadside memorabilia, vintage radios, jukeboxes, televisions, vintage packaging and furniture, to name a few.



Here is where you will see original Westfalia camper vans, a Gullwing, an Amphicar, 1963 split window Corvettes, some nice 50's pickups and a large variety of Porsches. The cars that stand out in this sprawling collection are the little ones. On display are some excellent microcars: Messerschmitts and Isettas. There are also Fiats, Abarths and Citroens. Would you believe a 1950 Fiat Multipas, the original Italian micro-minivan that seats seven – the back seats fold down flat into the floor just like a Honda Odyssey.



We have the opportunity to invite family, friends, and other club members to join us at this private museum. All our gracious hosts, Mike and Barbara, require is a reservation count and punctuality. Please reserve your spot by calling me. Once on the list, you will receive a map and the address.

Joel  
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# RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS & CRUISE-INS

## BRUCE MEYER'S COLLECTION

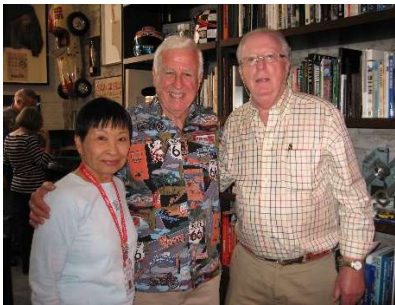


Club members waiting to enter through the unmarked door

How would anyone guess when walking or driving on prestigious North Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills that tucked away in the upper floor of an old brick building one would find a private car museum. Originally build in 1926 as Beverly Hills first parking garage it has been repurposed many times over the decades. It is here where Bruce Meyer has converted this structure back to its origins and now stores many of his finest automobiles, motorcycles and even a boat (a 1929 Hydroplane).



Marian, Harvey, Cathy, Roberta & Robert



Miriam, Joel & Bill



Howard and daughter Judy

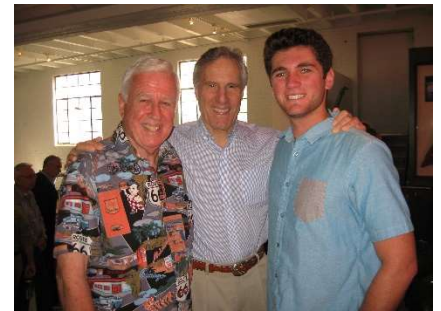
This collection is comprised of important cars, those that have placed at Le mans or that belonged to Hollywood legends. Bruce, knowledgeable on the history and mechanics of each and every item in his collection, enthralled our AACA members and the Petersen Pit Crew with stories that made us gasp and laugh at the same time.



Bruce explaining his passion w/cars



Part of our group



Joel & Grandson Noah thank Bruce



## FABULOUS FORDS FOREVER



Sunday, April 30 was the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm. This year's show was sold out at approximately 1,800 Fords and Ford made cars of all varieties from all over the world. This year, the Model T's and Model A's were parked in a special place on the lawn in front of the Chapel which was a welcome relief since it was a very hot day. Mustangs, Cobras, Tigers and other performance Fords are in their own area; Broncos have a special area; and older Fords, Lincolns and Mercurys are organized by year and model. This arrangement makes it easy to find your favorite and see them all in one place. This is a must see show for anyone interested in Fabulous Fords. For more information for next year's event, visit their website at <http://fabulousfordsforever.org>.

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## BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER



The children enjoyed the new experience of climbing in and out of a rumble seat and listening to the "knight rider" talk and flash his lights. The upholstery felt different and the doors had a dissimilar sound than their cars at home. Their parents and teachers enjoyed seeing the children having such a good time.



We extend our appreciation to Ina Zec and the staff at the Blind Children's Center for allowing us to participate in this worthwhile community service. We had as much fun as the children.





**THE SUMMER HAS STARTED WITH A BANG  
CHECK OUT OUR BUSY MEMBERS**

The annual Pasadena Police Department Car Show was held on Father's Day. Jay and Betsy Davenport attended and showed their 1961 Cadillac. Due to the heat, turnout for the show was minimal with only about 70 cars. The car show is held in conjunction with the annual Chalk Festival.



Chalk artist at work



Father's Day is also the day for the annual Rodeo Show in Beverly Hills. Both Howard Green and Ron Stauber showed their cars at that event. Pictured is Howard & Betty's glistening Mercedes.



Joel and Cathy Feldman along with Jay and Betsy Davenport traveled to see not only the prop house, History for Hire, with the Cadillac/La Salle Club but viewed Mike Terry's growing collection of cars. Mike enjoyed seeing everyone and catered a delicious BBQ dinner.



Friends visiting



prop house



Mike Terry & dinner guests

So many clubs have crossover collections. The Feldmans and Greens belong to a club interested in mechanical musical instruments (think Nethercutt). They traveled to Solvang to visit a private collection.



Automata



jukebox



typewriters



An invitation from the Live Steamers Club at Griffith Park to bring collector cars for a show was a real treat. Cars were in abundance, engineers offered rides on their steam trains, model trains were exhibited and calliopes were heard around the park.



Jack Conway brought his calliope which is mounted in the bed of his Model A



100's of hours went into building this live steamer



Feldmans' Buick on display

Jay and Betsy Davenport and Ron Stauber showed their cars at the invitation only San Marino Motor Classic held at Lacy Park in San Marino. Alex and Sharon Kwechansky applauded with delight as the Davenport's Cadillac was awarded second place in its class. Jay and Betsy are still in shock as there were over 250 concours quality vehicles competing in 40 classes. Howard Green showed a car from the Driving Museum.



The Davenports' Caddy keeps winning awards

One again Steve Rostam organized a successful all GM car show at Warner Ranch in Woodland Hills. Luckily he has two young Rostams-in-training to help with future logistics of a car show with upwards of 200 entrants.

Since 2010, a day in July has been selected and supported by a U.S. Senate resolution to recognize that the "collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technical achievements and cultural heritage of the United States." This year July 14 has been declared Collector Car Appreciation Day for 2017.

Travel destination recommended by Duane & Mary Ellen Hinkle :visit the "Mirage", a ranch style house overlooking the San Jacinto Mountain range and the Coachella Valley in Palm Springs. This home is completely covered in mirrors, inside and out and can seemingly disappear into the surrounding desert. The exhibit is free and on view through October 31, 2017.

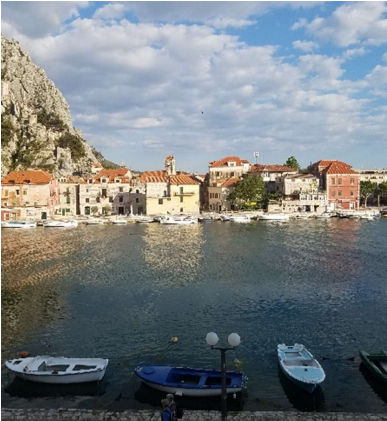


Look real hard...it's really there

## MY TRIP TO CROATIA

by Bob Pritchard

I was invited to join my friend Ina and her son Igor to make a trip to her homeland of Croatia. She had not been there for 31 years and was going back to join her former classmates for a reunion to be held in Slit on June 3. Not having flown in many years she was looking for a friend to accompany her and Igor for moral support on the flight. We flew into Zagreb which is the capital of the country. This is where she attended college and also worked for the U.S. Embassy before moving to the U.S. We met with many of her friends, including her god-son and god-daughter. While visiting historic sites and market places or just walking down the street, she was constantly recognized by childhood friends.



Old Town Omis



Ina's childhood home



Cetina River

Several days later, we rode the bus to her home town of Omis. What a beautiful country! Traveling on the freeway, there were exceptional views and many tunnels. These tunnels would be 2-3 miles in length. Omis is a very old town dating back to the 1500's. As you can see from the various pictures the landscape is something that takes your breath away. We stayed in an apartment overlooking the Cetina River which flows into the Adriatic Sea. I took the boat ride up the Cetina Canyon and again the towering cliffs were beautiful.

The exchange rate is 7 to 1 and the cost for food is very reasonable. I plan to return and spend more time visiting the many historic treasures that date back centuries. The people are extremely friendly and most speak English. This is very helpful when you are a stranger. The tourist industry is unbelievable with the number of tourists at 4.2 million so far this year. I have been told that the best time of year to travel there is May and September.



Beach at Brela on the Adriatic Sea. Pine trees grow along the beach and offer shade to the bathers.



## GILMORE CAR SHOW JUNE 3



Alex & Sharon's Olds with other cars line up prior to receiving site location

Another beautiful Southern California day greeted us as 100 cars lined the pedestrian mall between the original Farmers Market and The Grove. Throngs of families appreciating our hobby walked among the cars. You could hear remarks such as "I remember my grandparents had a car like that" or "See, that's a running board". Photographers were in abundance especially when car owners such as Duane Hinkle let the children climb into his 1929 Model A Ford rumble seat or Ron Stauber nodded in approval as little ones posed in his 1926 Pontiac racer.



Pontiac Racer



Buick



Model A & Studebaker



Cadillac

Also in place representing our AACA were Alex & Sharon's 1959 Oldsmobile 98, Jay & Betsy's 1961 Cadillac Sedan Deville, and Joel & Cathy's 1971 Buick Centurion. AACA guests were Phillip Cole with his 1952 Studebaker Commander and Omar Prioleau with his 1956 Cadillac Convertible.



Mary Ellen, Duane & Phillip relaxing



Joel & Cathy in the Grove



Jay & Betsy demonstrate their new chairs

The ride-off parade is always well received with much fanfare and more photo opportunities. Once the cars were tucked away in the secure parking structure, the group adjourned to the Adobe meadow for a delicious all-you-can-ear BBQ dinner. Awards were presented for best in categories, car story and people's choice. We had some lucky club members winning door prizes ranging from merchants' gift certificates to car detailing items and even an electric buffer. This is always a fun and casual show. Keep this in mind for next year as the limited reservations are filled as quickly as the registration is announced.



## HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Alex & Sharon Kwechansky brought their 1959 Oldsmobile and Duane Hinkle drove his 1929 Model A to help for photo opportunities at the Hollywood Heritage Museum on June 8. The Sons of the Desert Hollywood Party were celebrating the work of Jim MacGeorge and Chuck McCann and the screening of a rarely seen promotional video for Eastman Kodak that starred Jim and Chuck. They are the premier impersonators of Laurel and Hardy and have appeared in many Anco windshield wiper commercials you may have seen. They also appeared in Arby's and Tony's Pizza ads. You can see their long list of film credits by looking them up on Wikipedia. Everyone had a great time and Jim and Chuck looked like they belonged in that Model A. It was an unforgettable evening.



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## LUCAS AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION



The Lucas Classic Tires' staff and especially Stan Lucas were very gracious, friendly and informative. Stan personally showed us items that he has collected for years in addition to his fine automobile collection. Did you know that at any given time Stan has upwards of 40,000 to 50,000 tires in stock? His library is extensive; automobile club publications are shelved and many are awaiting cataloging. He even has copies of our "Exhaust Report" dating back to the 1960's. Everyone left with a far greater understanding of steam cars. This is a well thought out collection; many are in their original, unrestored condition. The features of these cars made each one special.



## HIGHWAY EARTH

The Highway Earth Car event took place on a perfect warm summer day for a drive on rural roads. The journey to the site around Franklin Canyon Reservoir felt like you stepped back in time with the lush greenery, dirt roads and not a building in sight! Tadpoles were plentiful in the banks along the lake and crickets could be heard in the bushes (don't want to know what else was lurking in all that foliage). Our members brought a variety of transportation to please everyone. Walking all around the lake, one worked up an appetite which was artfully handled by the food truck vendors.

After viewing each car multiple times, it was time to sit in the shade and enjoy good conversation. It was a pleasure attending this well-organized event complete with goody bags, raffles and a group picture. Once again Evan Kline produced a fun-filled day.



Bob Pritchard



Betsy & Jay Davenport



Duane Hinkle



Fred Lax



Ron & Daniel Stauber



Phillip Cole



Joel & Cathy Feldman



Rose & Gabe Baltierra

**And Cheers to Evan Kline for another successful event!**

Welcome  
to our  
Group!

NEW MEMBERS:

LINDA DANNELS & SAM FINE  
MICHAEL GITCHELL & SARA FRANK  
BRYAN JOHNSTON  
RON STAUBER & DANIEL STAUBER



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