

# EXHAUST REPORT

ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE CLUB

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic start to what, I believe, will be maybe our best year. We kicked off with a great tour in Pasadena, fun dinner, great tour this past weekend and numerous events planned for future.

Our next event will be bringing several cars to the Children's Blind Center in early April. We will have four cars for the kids to sit in and touch and feel. It is also parent's day so imagine the cell phones will be busy, busy. Unfortunately, there is only room for four cars. I have put my car in a silent auction to be held as part of the Center's major fund raiser. It is a celebrity golf tournament held at the Rivera Country Club followed by dinner and a fantastic silent auction. I hope I receive a huge bid for the access of the car to benefit the center. It will be romantic evening ride up the PCH, getaway car for a wedding or special event.

Our next big event will be in May at the Lucas collection. Best call Joel as it is filling up fast.

In other great news, we have acquired four new members in the last month. Our club is really doing well with membership and the large turn outs for our events. I feel that sharing our outings with other clubs and groups is big plus. Other car clubs in the area are struggling to stay above water, but with the great work from our members we are doing well.

Please contact Joel or me with any suggestions for tours, remember that they do not necessarily have to be car related.

I hope everyone is enjoying good health and ready to be with us for this fun event year.

Thanks to all for your support,

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.**

**April 5 (Wednesday)**

April 6-8

**April 11 (Tuesday)**

April 25 – 28

April 29 (Saturday)

April 30 (Sunday)

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**Blind Children's Center, see inside for details**

H.C.C.A Bakersfield National Swap Meet: 619-295-8000

**AACA SoCal & Petersen Pit Crew -- Bruce Meyer's Collection**

**RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503/310 or 471-8847 details inside**

AACA Western Divisional Tour. Sonora, California: 209-532-7090

Old Town Seal Beach car show. 9 am – 3 pm.

Fabulous Fords Forever. Knotts Berry Farm: 10 am – 3 pm. Our members attend.

**All GM car show. Our members participate. 8 am – 3 pm.**

Contact Steve Rostam at [Buickclub.org/losangeles](http://Buickclub.org/losangeles).

May 6 (Saturday)

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May 7 (Sunday)

May 9 (Tuesday)

Vette Show Redondo Beach 10 am – 3 pm: 310-378-4062

Culver City – George Barris Car Show . Ours members attend.

Greystone Concourse d'Elegance Beverly Hills.

Pit Crew invites AACA SoCal: Kasner's Korner, Chino. 10:30 am.

In the planning stages, RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847

**May 13 (Saturday)**

**AACA SoCal and our friends. 1 pm – 4 pm – Lucas Automobile Collection, Long Beach. Details inside. RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847**

May 26 – 28

May 28 (Sunday)

Antique Equipment Show, San Luis Obispo. 8 am – 5 pm.

Fallbrook Car Show

**June 3 (Saturday)**

June 18 (Sunday)

**June 25 (Sunday)**

**Gilmore Car show – AACA SoCal participates. See details inside.**

Father's Day show on Rodeo in Beverly Hills.

**Highway Earth Car Show in Franklin Canyon. Our members participate.**

**Contact Evan: 310-926-7897. See details inside.**

**July 1 (Saturday)**

**July 15 (Saturday)**

**July 23 (Sunday)**

Americana concert: Lincoln Portrait, La Canada. See details inside.

**Annual Larsen South Pasadena Car Tour. Our members participate.**

See details inside.

**Old Fashioned Day in the Park (Marina Del Rey) Our members participate.**

Contact: Gerard Buck: 818-701-0782

**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**

**BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

The mission of the Blind Children's Center is to foster development and education of children -- birth through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – who are visually impaired. Through his connection with the Center, Bob has been invited to bring 3 or 4 participants for the day to allow these children to touch, sit in and climb on collector cars in order to introduce them to our hobby. Bob already has the cars needed but if you're interested you can be on the stand-by list in case of a cancellation.

Contact Bob: 323-356-9029

**BRUCE MEYER'S COLLECTION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

We are invited to join the Petersen Pit Crew to see the Bruce Meyer's private car collection. He's the type of car lover that doesn't just look for nice examples of classics, but rather one who looks to own important cars – cars that placed at Le Mans or that belonged to Hollywood legends.

Bruce Meyer's collection resides in several places all over California, including his Los Angeles home, as well as within the Petersen Automotive Museum. But, the collection we get to see sits inside a hidden garage that remains unmarked and absolutely hidden within the streets of Beverly Hills.



Believe me, you'll be impressed, but that's only if you consider the very first production Shelby Cobra impressive or the 1979 Kremer Porsche 935 that placed first at Le Mans or Briggs Cunningham's 1960s Le Mans Corvette.



Those on the reservation list will meet in front of "The Farm" Restaurant at 439 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills at 10:00 am and walk to the private entrance of this fine collection.

Reservations are limited – so call right away.  
Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847

## SPECIAL AACA SOCIAL EVENT

### LUCAS AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 13

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

2850 TEMPLE AVENUE, LONG BEACH

Stan Lucas is probably best known by car collectors as the go-to place for his company's huge selection of antique, vintage, whitewall, blackwall, sports car, truck, military and radial whitewall tires for classic and modern vehicles. Yes, all that, but we have the privilege of viewing his amazing collection of vintage and collector cars. A fine example is his 1929 Lincoln Le Baron Aero Phaeton (*below*). This one-off car was built to reflect Ford's commitment to the aircraft industry. The boat-tailed body features a dash-mounted altimeter and compass, and a non-functional, tail-mounted rudder that finishes the aeronautical theme.



Others in his collection are many examples of steam cars especially the Doble steam car. The Doble steam car was an American steam car maker from 1909-1931. Their latter models of steam car, with fast firing boiler and electric start, were considered the pinnacle of steam car development.



Gauges

&



Boiler

Stan will personally conduct the tour describing in detail the history behind each car in his collection. He has requested no children, no pets, no smoking and no pictures inside his facility. Collector automobiles will have a special parking area where group and individual pictures can be taken. This collection is not open to the public. You have the rare opportunity to see this collection. We have a limited amount of reservations, but we should be able to accommodate each member and our guests.

**Admittance by reservation only**  
**R.S.V.P. Joel: 310-471-8503 or 310-471-8847**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **GILMORE CAR SHOW SATURDAY, JUNE 3**



### **FINNED AND FABULOUS! A tribute to the Class of 1957**

All classic American cars, finned or otherwise, manufactured before the 1990 model year are welcome to register. Call Candi Aman to get an application (323-954-4230). After being accepted let Joel know so all AACA SoCal members' cars can be parked together. This always is a fun day followed by a Barbeque banquet dinner with awards presentation.

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### **HIGHWAY EARTH CAR SHOW SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

Reserve your spot by the lake. This year's theme is "It's better than Walking". Great way to spend a day with our members and friends seeing their antique, collector and classic cars and hiking around the lake. Registration opens May 1. Register online at [Highwayearth.com](http://Highwayearth.com) or contact Evan Kline: 310-926-7897.





**AMERICANA CONCERT: LINCOLN PORTRAIT**  
**Saturday, July 1**  
**7:30 pm**

Remember the afternoon spent with gracious hosts Jack and Paulette Lantz viewing their fabulous collection of model trains and Asian art? This couple also has musical talents which we can all witness as Jack conducts the orchestra and Paulette participates in the songs and dances in this musical patriotic presentation at the La Canada Presbyterian Church. These events are usually a sell out with no advance reservations. Please come at least 30 minutes early to insure a seat and purchase tickets.

626 Foothill Boulevard, La Canada. Phone: 818-790-6708.



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

Last year there was an excellent turn out of cars from the 1920's to the 1950's. Currently in the planning stages, the time will be announced once the destination for the tour is set. Details will be published in the next issue of the Exhaust Report.



## RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS & CRUISE-INS

### PRICE TRANSFER – AUTOMOBILIA Saturday, January 14



Our host, Rick Lorenzen

A special thanks to Rick Lorenzen, owner of Price Transfer Automobilia, for opening up his showroom on a Saturday morning and treating us to his glorious collection which includes nearly 100 vehicles. There are at least 2 dozen Willys models in one room plus a boneyard with more Willys. He has a full restoration shop where he currently runs about three restorations a year, building the collection with meticulous attention to detail. There is a complete custom diner with surf movie posters, pin ball machines and juke boxes. Rick had a Texaco gas station built in the same era as the one his dad owned and operated. A speed shop showroom has a variety of motors, parts and memorabilia.



## CLASSIC AUTO SHOW

by Betsy Davenport

Jay and Betsy Davenport staffed a booth at the first annual Classic Auto Show held at the Los Angeles Convention Center on January 27 – 29. Their 1961 Cadillac Sedan DeVille was a featured car on display for the length of the show. The show, sponsored by Velocity Network was a great success.



Celebrity Guest Wayne Carini checking the Davenports' Cadillac

The show featured more than 600 cars from private collections and car clubs. There were automotive treasures for all levels of motoring enthusiasts. Between the unique Celebrity Theater that featured some of Velocity Network's biggest automotive stars, the auto swap meet and the family oriented activities, every type of car lover was entertained to their hearts content. The crown jewel of the show was the Grand Boulevard – a catwalk of some of the most remarkable and beautiful automobiles ever made. A second show is planned for March 2018, so it looks like this will become an annual event.

## McCORMICK SPRING AUCTION

by Duane Hinkle

The McCormick Spring Auction was held in Palm Springs from February 24-26. The Friday opening day is free for the public to attend and has become a must-see event. A large variety of automobiles are up for auction ranging from the ordinary to the spectacular. This year, my favorite was a 1932 Pierce Arrow Model 54 coupe in very original condition. This rumble seat coupe is powered by a 366 cubic inch displacement 125 horse power, inline 8 cylinder engine with a three speed synchromesh transmission and freewheeling. Stopping this 4,700 pound coupe are four wheel mechanical drum brakes. This is thought to be only one of five of this model still existing. To give you an idea of how big this car is, the wheelbase is 137 inches compared to a 1959 Cadillac which has a wheelbase of 130 inches.

The highest bid for this Pierce Arrow Model 54 was \$85,000 and did not sell. The next McCormick Auction in Palm Springs will be held November 17-19, 2017





## ANNUAL DINNER BANQUET Saturday, February 25



Ron and Bob

Thank you Ron Stauber for enlightening us on the process of getting not only an antique car ready for racing but also preparing the “driver” mentally and physically. Congratulations on your 1933 Singer Nine for once again being invited to participate in the Laguna Seca race course at Pebble Beach this summer. Ron with his son and crew chief Daniel (not of age to drive yet) will participate in the corkscrew track orientation where he will study the map, turns, and speeds of the actual race course.



As purchased in 2000



Down the Corkscrew at Monterey

Our banquet was well attended with our members and guests enjoying another delicious dinner at Taix's Restaurant. Once again we had a silent auction with items donated by our members which helped supplement our treasury. Bob supplied colorful plants for centerpieces which were raffled off. A good time was had for everyone in attendance.





Silent auction table



E. R. Reporters

The evening concluded with Cathy presenting certificates of appreciation to Betsy Davenport, Robert Young, Joel Feldman and Duane Hinkle for their contributions of stories and pictures included in the Exhaust Report. Bob's certificate included a "huge" thanks for his years of leadership to our club. Bob in turn thanked Joel for arranging interesting and educational tours and Howard Green for assembling entertaining road rallies.

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## WISTERIA FESTIVAL

by Duane Hinkle

Every year on a Sunday in March, the city of Sierra Madre celebrates their annual Wisteria Festival. The largest flowering vine in the world is open for public viewing only one day a year. This Wisteria vine cover over 1.3 acres and shades the properties of two adjoining homes. This 121 years old vine made the Guinness World Records in 1990 as the largest blossoming plant. To make the event even better, there is a car show associated with the festival. Next year, treat yourself to the amazing sight and fragrance of this spectacular vine and enjoy a small car show with some very interesting vehicles.



## KIP CYPRUS COLLECTION Saturday, March 18

The morning turned to afternoon and the afternoon...well no one wanted to say goodbye to our charming host and this amazing day. Kip opened his seldom seen private collection of impeccably restored cars, motorcycles, matching numbered engines, advertising signs, and clock faced gasoline pumps for our AACA members and guests. Not only were we awe struck to see such a collection but Kip also arranged for a catering truck featuring delicious crepes to satisfy our gastronomic cravings.



Pontiac



Pontiac's interior



VW



Bob

Kip Cyprus

Cathy

Joel



Part of the gang



Betty Roberta Rex Duane Howard



more to see around the corner



entrée crepes



catering truck



Gabe & Rose, et al, enjoying dessert crepes



Bob with Grandson Stuart & wife Mo  
And great grand daughter Caeli



Steve & Aline w/kids



Joel Cathy



Betsy & Jay Harvey



Roberta Rex



Ric Betty Howard



original signs



neon signs & double stacked cars



Oldsmobile Rocket engine

## THE BEAST

20 things you (probably) didn't know about Caddy One:

- 1 - Power comes from a 6.5-liter diesel engine that's fitted with a supercharger to help haul this beast around. Yet despite this mammoth power plant, the top speed is only 60 mph and it takes around 15 seconds to reach this.
- 2 - It is based on a GM truck chassis and weighs a staggering 14,000 pounds. To put that in context, the Rolls-Royce Phantom, one of the biggest cars on the road, weighs a paltry 5600 pounds in comparison. This is why it only averages 8 mpg.
- 3 - A lot of the weight comes from the Armour protection. The body is made of steel, aluminum, titanium & ceramic.
- 4 - The glass is five-inches thick and only the windscreen opens, to allow the driver to talk to secret service running alongside or to pay a toll. It is also hermetically sealed to secure it from chemical attack.
- 5 - Should the worst happen, the Beast has its own oxygen supply.
- 6 - The military-grade Armour means the doors are eight-inches thick and weigh as much as a Boeing 747's.
- 7 - The doors are so thick that the president can't hear any outside noise, so speakers are built in to play the ambient sound of the crowd.
- 8 - The underside is reinforced with a Kevlar mat to protect Caddy One from bomb attacks.
- 9 - The fuel tank is leak proof and filled with special foam that prevents it from exploding, even in a direct hit.
- 10 - There are two holes in the front bumper that can emit tear gas and fire smoke grenades.
- 11 - There is also an infra-red video system for the driver to drive through smoke and night vision cameras for driving in darkness without lights.
- 12 - Cadillac One normally flies two flags, the American flag and the Presidential Standard, which are lit up at night with LED's. When President is on a state visit, the Presidential Standard is replaced by the flag of the country he is visiting.
- 13 - The Beast has a fire fighting system located in the trunk.
- 14 - Also in the trunk is a bank of the president's blood that is carried at all times and when he goes out an ambulance always follows close behind.
- 15 - President gets a presidential limo built to this specification every four years and the old ones are handed down to vice presidents and visiting heads of state.
- 16 - The Beast can seat seven, with two seats up front, three rear-facing ones in the middle, and two at the back, one for the president and the other for a guest.
- 17 - Inside, President isn't deprived of his creature comforts; a 10-disc CD player is among the features, as well as sophisticated electronic communications with direct phones to the White House and internal Internet.
- 18 - Defense systems include a pump-action shotgun in a compartment beside the driver.
- 19 - The tires are reinforced with Kevlar and can run when flat. If the tires are missing, the steel rims have been designed to allow the car to keep on driving at speed.
- 20 - Caddy One has no specific model name, but is called "The Beast" by the Secret Service. Built for President Obama eight years ago, a new Presidential limo will make its debut in late 2017 to President Trump's specifications with updated communications and a few new tweaks.

# Welcome new Members

JOYCE LEDDEL  
RAY PARK  
WENDY AND JEFF READE  
PATRICIA AND REX PARKER

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Editor's note -- Thank you to contributing reporters:  
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