

EXHAUST REPORT

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

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President's message:

We have started the new year off with great tours and great turnouts. The Pasadena tour was a success and the attendance for the Browning Collection was over eighty. I enjoyed the beautiful weather for the event. It was great to get my car back on the road. Thanks again to Joel for arranging these amazing tours.

The club membership has increased and we welcome these new members and are anxious for their involvement. We have a fun filled year planned and I am looking for all of you joining us. If you ever need transportation, please contact me for help.

It appears there are car shows every weekend for the next months ahead. We already have several of our members registered for the show at the Farmer's Market on the first Saturday of June. If you are out and about please stop by and visit with us. That show is from 10:00 to 5:00.

I hope to see a large turnout the end of this month at the Griffith Park live steamers train area. Looks like a fun day. See you then. Have a wonderful spring.



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.

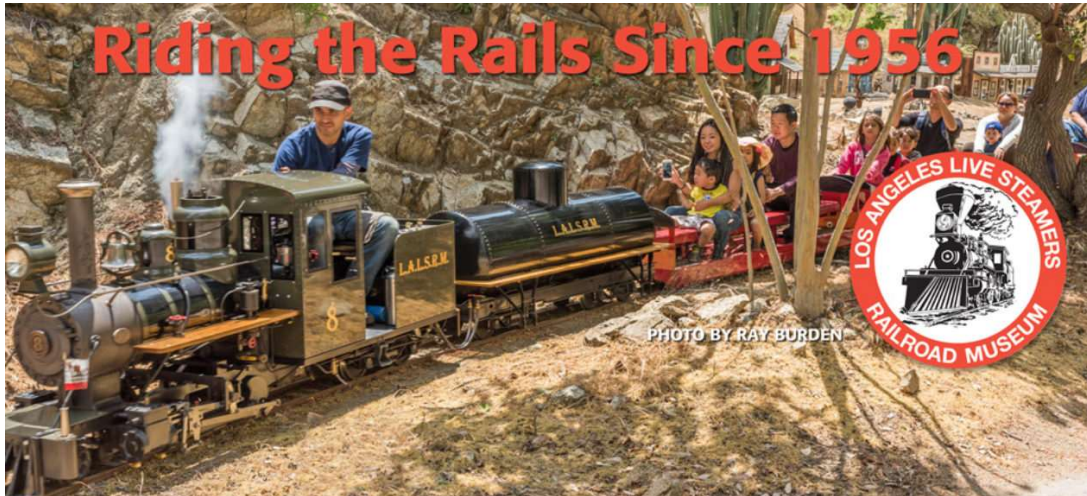


Antique Automobile Club of America Southern California Region

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).

April 7 (Sunday)	Cadillac/LaSalle Club Winery Car Show, Escondido
April 14 (Sunday)	34 th Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show at the new location, Angel Stadium. Fabulousfordsforever.com
April 17 CALL	4-6 pm 818-363-6464 Nethercutt 5/17 & 5/18 tickets
April 27 (Saturday)	Seal Beach Car Show
April 28 (Sunday)	AACA SoCal Live Steamers Railroad Museum Open House at Griffith Park – CALL JOEL QUICKLY TO RESERVE A LIMITED SHOW CAR PLACEMENT. Details inside, RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503
May 11 (Saturday)	Culver City Car Show
May 17/18 (Fri/Sat)	Nethercutt Collection Summer Piano Concert
May 26 (Sunday)	Fallbrook car show
June 1 (Saturday)	Gilmore Car Show – applications available now
June 7/8 (Fri./Sat.)	Rogers & Hammerstein, Jack Lantz Little Big Band. ovations@lacadapc.org
June 9 (Sunday)	San Marino Motor Classic
June 16 (Sunday)	Rodeo – Father's Day Car Show
June 23 (Sunday)	Highway Earth Car Show – applications available now, submit 5/1/19
June 30 (Sunday)	5 Great American Faces -- LCPC Orchestra & Chancel Choir. ovations@lacadapc.org
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 inside. RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN
LOS ANGELES LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD MUSEUM
5202 ZOO DRIVE IN GRIFFITH PARK LOS ANGELES 90027
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Vintage and classic cars, motorcycles, and trucks will be displayed at the Museum grounds. Plan to show your vehicle and spend a day viewing a century's worth of other beautifully-restored vehicles, and chat with the owners. The Kountry Kitchen will be open to buy a freshly-cooked lunch.

Take a one and one-half mile ride through the scenic grounds on one of many trains built by members of the museum. Just like the full-sized engines, the steam locomotives may be burning coal, fuel oil or propane and use lots of water. If a diesel-type locomotive is pulling your train, it is probably powered by a gasoline engine or even powered by a very quiet and smooth running electric motor. You may also see electric locomotives which are powered by storage batteries



View Walt Disney's Carolwood Barn --- It is a miniature copy of his family barn in Missouri which Walt used as a machine shop while operating his miniature "live steam" railroad in the backyard of his home in Holmby Hills.

For more information and the arrival time for participants, please call Joel A.S.A.P. Space is limited for show cars but plenty of parking is available for those coming to enjoy the days activities.

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



View the array of collector cars



walk aboard magnificent yachts

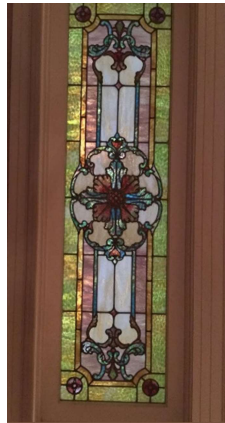
**Join the Classic Yacht Association and the Antique Automobile Club for an
Old Fashioned Day in the Park
Reliving the days of spirited yachts and classy cars
Free Admission**

This year our club, as a whole, has assumed the commitment to co-host this enjoyable event. More space will be available for a variety of cars and we welcome their participation. As the date gets closer, registration will be available. Meanwhile, call Joel to reserve a space for you and your friends.

RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS, & CRUISE-INS

THE LANGTON ESTATE

AACA members and our guest clubs started the new year with a delightful day touring this exquisite historic Pasadena estate. The drive up the long circular drive piqued our interest as we entered into the foyer of this expansive three-story home originally built in 1914 and meticulously restored to the grandeur of today highlighted by parquet wood floors, soaring staircase reminiscent of Tara and colorful stained-glass tiffany windows and skylights.



The complete third story ballroom is now dedicated to the extensive Langton/Knee model train collection. Everyone seemed hypnotized by the multitude of trains, tracks and scenery that welcomed us. Childhood memories were found in every nook and cranny of this elaborate setup.



KENT BROWNING COLLECTION

What a wonderful way to spend a day. Antique Automobile Club of America, Southern California Region and their guests drove in from all locations whether local or up to one hundred and fifty miles away to have the chance to view Kent's private collection. This group of friendly, knowledgeable collectors who are still enjoying various hobbies relished the day. They appreciated the way Kent Browning recently expanded his "treasures" and has displayed them so well. It didn't matter if you enjoy automobiles, automated musical instruments, furniture, radios, televisions, telephones, trains, toys, yachts or other collectibles, there was something for everyone. It would be hard to see some of his rare items anywhere else. This was a real privilege to have been afforded the opportunity to see his collection. We thank Kent for sharing his passion with us.



Joel welcoming the attendees



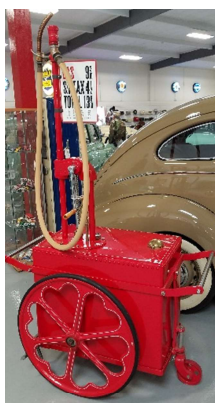
Cars



engines



more cars



gas pump



radios



model trains



gas pump



Furniture



telephones



model boats



Microphone



radios from various eras



interior of car



Viewing more cars



some of the members



what does that odometer read ?



Special thanks to Kent Browning and his son Peter for opening this fabulous museum for our viewing pleasure

...and on the road with Duane Hinkle

GRAND NATIONAL ROADSTER SHOW

A great way to start the new year is the Grand National Roadster Show held at the Fairplex in Pomona at the end of January. The finest roadsters in the world show up to compete for the AMBR, America's Most Beautiful Roadster award. Here some examples of what shows up there...



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FORD TRIMOTOR

On a very stormy Saturday in early February, the 1929 Ford TriMotor was at John Wayne Airport giving rides to the public. The first flights of the day were scheduled for 9:00 am but because of the weather, the first flight was at 4 pm. It was worth the wait. The waiting room was the Lyon's Air Museum which in itself is a highly recommended destination. General Lyon displays many of his personal collection of rare vehicles along with the planes on display. For information on future flights of the Ford TriMotor go to flytheford.org.



BLIND CHILDREN'S CENTER

On March 14, Bob, Duane, and Gary Goltz drove their cars to the Blind Children's Center for all the students to enjoy. It was a successful visit and the children had a great time. The siren and loudspeaker on Greg's '55 Buick Highway Patrol car got a workout as did the horn on the Model A and the seats on Bob's Oldsmobile. We all had a great time and our cars were fine. If you are afraid of hand prints on your paint, this is not the place for your car! And, congratulations to Caesar, who brings his Night Rider Car, on becoming a US Citizen.



Mc CORMICK'S SPRING AUCTION

The McCormick's Spring Auction was held at the Palm Springs Convention Center on February 22-24. It was a beautiful day but attendance was lower than usual because there were so many roads into Palm Springs closed because of flood damage. I managed to get in on Highway 11 and that was down to two lanes. The Friday free day had many great vehicles going up for auction. My favorite car that day was a beautiful 1956 DeSoto Seville Firedome. It is powered by a 330 Hemi and a push button automatic. It sold for \$20,475 which seems like a bargain for such a beautifully restored car.

The following is from the McCormick's web site with highlights from the Spring auction:

- The highest sales included a fully loaded 2018 Airstream Interstate 3500 RV camper van with 2,170 miles, which sold for \$128,000.
- A 1987 Porsche 930 with 3.3 liter Turbo engine with 23,000 miles sold for \$89,250.
- A 1963 Chevrolet Corvette split window coupe with a four speed manual transmission and a 327 engine sold for \$81,900.
- A 1991 Chevrolet Suburban, formerly owned by the estate of comedian Red Skelton with 14,000 miles, sold for \$28,350.
- The next auction will be held November 22-24 and the public can get in free on Friday, November 22.



CADILLAC & LaSALLE CLUB Annual Winter Luncheon & Car Show

By Betsy Davenport

The classic car gods were smiling on us this year. Despite one of the rainiest February on record, the CLC So Cal hosted their annual Winter Luncheon and Car Show at Lakewood Country Club on Sunday, February 17. We were greeted with a brilliantly clear and sunny morning, perfect for viewing all of the gorgeous cars that chanced the weather. This year was extra special because the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club joined the event for the first time. Having both of Henry Leland's creations together on one show field made for quite a sight.

After lunch, CLC member Michael Klyde presented a very informative talk on the history of the Delorean Motor Car Company and his time working at their quality assurance facility here in Southern California.



CLASSIC AUTO SHOW

By Betsy Davenport

On March 16 and 17, 2019, the Cadillac & LaSalle Club/Southern California Region exhibited at the Classic Auto Show for the third year. This year, the show was relocated from its prior venue at the Los Angeles Convention Center to the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. As always there was something for everyone, and if you couldn't find a car you liked, you just weren't trying! Despite the seemingly endless rain we've had this winter, we couldn't have asked for a finer weekend filled with sunshine and pleasant breezes. Beyond the cars and automotive television personalities, the most enjoyable part of the show was meeting old friends and making new ones.





Betsey Davenport, Joel Feldman, Duane Hinkle, Ric Miller & Bob Pritchard
In appreciation to these contributing reporters and photographers who throughout the year made this process enjoyable. Our Exhaust Report was once again recognized for its excellence.



Wanted:

I'd like to include articles from more members. Send me your interesting stories on how you acquired your car, the restoration process, any humorous tales, noteworthy locations you visited, or how you became interested in this hobby. Email those articles & pictures to cathyandjoel@gmail.com

Thanks, Cathy

HOW NEW TECHNOLOGY CAME TO THE AUTOMOBILE

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Part one (to be continued)

Wealthy folk always owned the house with gas when others were cooking on wood stoves, had gas lighting when the rest had kerosene lamps, brought in electricity when the neighbors were still lighting gaslights and so the story goes, right out to the garage where the new car was parked. If the guy next door had an open top car the rich fellow had roll-up windows, if his neighbor had oil or carbide lamps the well-off had Edison electric lights and as time went along the latest-and-greatest gadgetry and inventions were always present in the nicest cars at the annual automobile shows worldwide. This is the story of how technology came to the automobile.

Case in point: by now most everyone knows about Willis Carrier inventing refrigeration in 1902 which dehumidified air and stopped food from spoiling. But it took Packard in 1939 to move the compressor to the engine compartment to make it commercially available in automobiles. Now you practically can't buy a car without it even in cold climates. Score a big one for the classic car owner way ahead of the outsiders. Their Bishop and Babcock Weather Conditioner was a major hit that year at the 1939 Chicago Auto Show. The cooling coils (evaporator) located behind the back seat along with the fan moved the cool air to the passengers first.

Silent film star Florence Lawrence laid some claim to the invention of mechanically activated brake/turn indicators but didn't patent it however P.S. Douglas-Hamilton did in 1909.

Braking Alert Lights or Stop Light(s) were not common at all in the early years; the lack of electricity to power them and kerosene (or carbide) wasn't able to be adapted of course. Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were notorious pals and when Henry presented Tom with a Model T along with a mechanic to keep it running, Tom reciprocated with electric lighting, batteries and more. In the early 1920's the Philadelphia Storage Battery Company (aka Philco) made good vehicle batteries (Edison had those awful wet cells) and companies like Atwater Kent made ignition and other items plus switches that would permit sensing of the brake pedal movement so we were on the way to making something to warn the tailgater we were slamming on the binders.

Now things started to move fast and Edgar Walz patented a turning signal consisting of a light with two arrows and a brake light in 1925. This was quickly followed by Oscar Simler in 1929 who patented a similar device:



Simler's handmade multi-functional signal

Joseph Bell in the late 30's made it flash and finally it was Buick who made them a standard feature in 1939.

Trafficators were a cool invention common mostly in Europe and you didn't have to own an expensive car to have them. You just had to be able to install the cables with which to pull them or install the pneumatic lines to activate them. So you can imagine how few car owners wanted to go through that headache in the days before auto electricity.

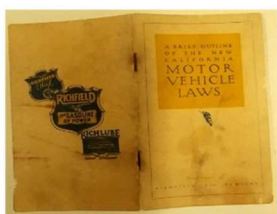
The author's 1953 Mercedes 170Da was supposed to have them according to the wiring diagrams but the car got cute little British-made turn indicator lamps instead possibly while visiting the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth enroute to America.



Original set of Trico retrofit type Trafficators in the author's museum proudly say "British Made"

Patterned after the Royal Bavarian Railway signal arms from the 1890's they claim first auto use in 1902 but had to wait until 1908 for Barrachini in Rome to add electric lighting to them. Volkswagen and many other cars also had them. They were the butt of jokes in Hollywood escapades knocking pedestrians off of sidewalks and the like. They fell into disfavor with the gendarmerie over not being all that visible and were often supplemented with other signals to be allowed just to keep them on the car as "original equipment".

The fact that by 1928 only 11 states had vehicle code requirements for stop lights made these somewhat slow to be adopted but the venerable hand-signals persist to this day regardless of the weather. Who knew they would still be mandatory on driving tests 90 years later eh? Cars have evolved but the DMV apparently never did.



The author's 1930 DMV book has only 12 pages-- at the same time Edison was supplying his auto lamps to the industry

Buick was the first U.S. automaker to offer factory-installed flashing turn signals. Introduced in 1939 as a safety feature, the new-fangled gadget was advertised as the "Flash-Way Directional Signal" operated from a switch on the new "Handi-shift" column-mounted shifter. The flashing signals only operated on the rear lights.

**AACA SoCal had the opportunity to visit with Bob & Phyllis Burchett at their private museum. If you missed that date or want to go again, they have graciously offered a private tour or visit by calling at 310-534-4456.



**New members to AACA SoCal:
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David and Diane Reidy**

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