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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are half way through 2016. It has been a very busy year starting off with our wonderful banquet. I am working on finding a speaker for the 2017 banquet. If anyone has a suggestion for a topic or speaker please give me a call. I have contacted Betty Locke who has a few ideas.

We have had fun with our group at several shows including the Farmers Market and this past Sunday at the show at Franklin Canyon Park. It is good to see the large participation from our club members at so many events throughout the year.

As usual Joel is working on some upcoming tours for all of us to enjoy. Please review the calendar and make arrangements to join the group. We could also use the help to recruit new members. If you contact either Joel or me, we will send them past copies of the Exhaust Report. The club is holding its own as several of the other local clubs are struggling.

I have located a great electrical shop in Bellflower thanks to a recommendation from Neil Maiken. He has just performed maintenance on the generator for my 54 Oldsmobile at very reasonable price. I will keep this information on file and if you have a problem just give me a call.

This Fourth of July I will be in the Huntington Beach parade carrying several retired firemen. There will be over 400 firemen in the parade with a large group here from the New York Fire Department that were involved in the 9/11 attack.

I wish all a great second half of 2016, and hope to see you at our future events.

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 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 8 (Friday)	Collector Car Appreciation Day – see details page 5
July 16 (Saturday)	<b>AACA SoCal</b> members are invited to see the John Larson collection, car tour and picnic in South Pasadena. Details in the Exhaust Report. <b>RSVP Required.</b>
July 24 (Sunday)	Marina del Rey Yacht and Car Show ( <b>AACA members enter/attend</b> ) Details in the Exhaust Report <b>RSVP Required.</b>
July 30 (Saturday)	Pasadena Car Show, Community Resource Fair and Block Party 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kayleen Maya-Aviles: 626-351-1917 ( <b>AACA members enter/attend</b> )
August 14 (Sunday)	Antique Phonograph Society Sale 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. UFCW Auditorium, 8530 Stanton Ave. Buena Park: antiquephono.org
August 20 (Saturday)	El Segundo Main Street Car Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 310-322-1220 elsegundochamber.org ( <b>AACA members enter/attend</b> )
September 1 – 3	AACA Western Fall Meet, Cheyenne, Wyoming
<b>September 11 (Sunday)</b>	<b>AACA So Cal members and guests are invited to see an excellent collection of American Muscle Cars at The Surf City Garage in Huntington Beach from 9 a.m. until noon. By reservation only! They are great hosts and have a special morning set up for us. I have given them a tentative count and will revise it after you call with names and numbers, before the end of July. Details in the Exhaust Report. For reservations call Joel: 310-471-8503</b>
October 5 – 8	AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region
October 8 Saturday	Wheels On Fire Motor Classic: FireFamilyFoundation.org or 888-533-3448
October 21-22	Cadillac & LaSalle Club North-South Meet
<b>October 25 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>Robinson Helicopter Factory Tour</b> in Torrance. <b>Check in by 12:45 p.m. Our small, private AACA SoCal Tour starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. The tour will take an hour. For reservations call Joel: 310-471-8503</b>
November & December	To be scheduled

**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

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



## ANNUAL CAR TOUR & PICNIC Saturday, July 16, 2016

Starts at the home of John Larson  
802 Garfield Avenue, South Pasadena 91030

RSVP: 626-590-0523 jlarson@socal.rr.com



9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts  
10:30 a.m. Depart for a tour to the LA Police Museum  
\$10 per person entry fee  
11:30 a.m. Stop by Galco's Market for old fashioned Soda Pop  
12:00 noon Return to South Pasadena for a Bring-your-own picnic lunch

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**Sunday  
July 24, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. to  
3:00 p.m.**



### **Old Fashioned Day in the Park**

13650 Mindanao Way **Burton Chace Park** Marina del Rey CA

*Classic Yacht Association — Southern California Fleet*



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Join the **Classic Yacht Association** for an  
**Old Fashioned Day in the Park**  
re-living the days of spirited yachts and classy cars!  
Free Admission

**Sunday, July 24  
13650 Mindanao Way  
Marina del Rey**

Brought to you by the Classic Yacht Association since 1976 - this is our 40th Anniversary!! Visit beautiful restored Classic Yachts from the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's and an array of vintage autos - Woodies, Model A's, T-Birds, and more, recreating an Old Fashioned Day in the Park on the water in Marina del Rey.

RSVP: Joel 310-471-8503

**SPEND SUNDAY AT THE ULTIMATE ENTHUSIAST HANGOUT!**

**SPECIAL AACA EVENT – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
SURF CITY GARAGE**

**5872 Engineer Drive Huntington Beach 92649  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**



You and your whole family will enjoy this event. Because of the travel distance, we have a flexible arrival time of between 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. After enjoying some free breakfast goodies on site, you will have until 12 noon to visit with the friendly staff who will show us their extensive collection and see the latest in detailing with demonstrations of tips and tricks from their experts. They have impressed me in the past and I think our children and grandchildren will be equally impressed to the point of wanting to show their cars and expand the hobby.

Tour the American Muscle Car Collection  
Live Product Demonstrations  
Games and Giveaways

The collection includes a Flying A gas station where a '68 Shelby sits at the pump. Beyond the Shelby showroom is a 22-foot long neon Buick dealership sign and the Corvette corner. At the other end of the garage is the complete restoration shop. This is where the staff maintains the collection of over 130 vintage muscle cars and restores new acquisitions.

Please call me as soon as possible so I know how many reservations we need. AACA SoCal members and guests, RSVP with your name, telephone and number attending.

**Joel: 310-471-8503 or joelandcathy@gmail.com**

## ROBINSON HELICOPTER FACTORY TOUR



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

2901 Airport Drive, Torrance 90505

Check-in no later than 12:45 p.m.

Opportunity to see custom helicopters being built right in front of you. Wear closed-toed shoes. This will be a private tour for a limited number of our AACA SoCal members. Tour takes approximately one hour. Future tours can be set up for those on the wait list. Plan on being parked and signed in by 12:45 p.m. or you will not be allowed on tour. Robinson's factory encompasses over 600,000 sq. feet and is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art machinery allowing most operations including welding, machining, assembly, and flight testing to be performed at the Torrance facility. **RSVP Joel: 310-471-8503 or [cathyandjoel@gmail.com](mailto:cathyandjoel@gmail.com)**

## COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY FRIDAY, JULY 8

To celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day this year, Hagerty is taking over a gas station in Beverly Hills, the heart of car-cruising culture, where they'll be pumping fuel at classic prices. So drive on over and cruise back in time.



1. They'll pump up to 10 gallons of fuel for you at the price from when your classic was new. So if you're driving a '65 Mustang--- you'll pay \$0.30 a gallon!
2. Located at the 76 Station at 427 N. Crescent Drive in Beverly Hills (South Santa Monica Boulevard & Crescent Drive).
3. Hours are between 8 am and 11 am --unfortunately those pumps shut down promptly at 11 am

## RECAP OF EVENTS, TOURS & CRUISE-INS

### FABULOUS FORDS FOREVER

by Duane Hinkle

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Fabulous Fords Forever took place on April 17 at Knott's Berry Farm. There were 1,836--yes you read it correctly--Ford products at this event. I was there with my 1929 Model A. The Mustangs and Broncos have their own section (they make up the majority of the Fords there with about 1,100 entrants) and the older Fords have a special section organized by model and year. This is a fun event and I highly recommend it to any Ford owners or fans.



### FREDERICK WEISMAN ART FOUNDATION

Tuesday, April 19



Docent led walking tour of the grounds and home took approximately 1-1/2 hours in which to view more than four hundred works of art. Duane Hinkle drove his Model A, Betty & Howard Green arrived in their Rolls, and Harvey Cogan showed his hydrogen fuel cell car.



## REDONDO BEACH BIRTHDAY

On April 30 Rick Miller and Duane Hinkle participated in the 124<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Redondo Beach. The celebration was held at the Dominguez Park in Redondo Beach. Rick drove his 1929 Whippet and Duane drove his Model A Roadster. Highlights were a tour of the Morrell House and the obligatory birthday cake and ice cream.



The Morrell House was constructed in 1906 in the Queen Anne style with craftsman detailing. It was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> houses in Redondo Beach to have electricity. The Morrell family resided in the house well into the 1950's. In 1991 it was designated as a local landmark.

## GREYSTONE MANSION CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

May 1



The Greystone Mansion is the setting for this remarkable show featuring over 150 classic and exotic cars and motorcycles. Admission includes freedom to roam the grounds, tour the mansion, partake of gourmet food and view the cars. The festivities begin the night before with an outdoor cocktail party.



Fred Lax's 1930 Cadillac V-16 Roadster wins Best of Class



How lucky is Howard Green who has a son-in-law, Ric Cox, who enjoys polishing



Howard, Bob, Joel & Ric in attendance

## RUBEL CASTLE



On May 14, the AACA SoCal, the Roaring 20s Club and the UnClub all participated together for a tour of Rubel Castle in Glendora. Rubel Castle is a fascinating tour destination. Beginning in 1968 Michael Rubel started construction of the castle in the middle of an empty one million gallon reservoir. Rubel had many volunteers to help him build the structure, which was made without architectural plans. Construction consisted of used river rock, cement, steel, aluminum, telephone poles and wine bottles. Interesting items stick out of the side of the castle walls, such as motorcycles, toasters, and small engines. A restored 1911 Seth Thomas clock-works runs the brass bells and clock that crown one of the high towers. That tower is 74 feet high. In the middle of the property is a 1940s era Santa Fe caboose and many old trucks, automobiles and tractors.



## SHELBY AMERICA, INC.



Joel & Cathy toured the Shelby Assembly Plant and Museum in Las Vegas. It is highly recommended that you go there to see the many cars they have in production and on display.



## MUKENTHALER MOTOR CAR FESTIVAL

by Duane Hinkle



On Sunday, May 15 Rick Miller and I participated in the Mukenthaler Motor Car Festival in Fullerton. Our morning started at the Fullerton Hotel where we met up with drivers in about thirty old cars. We caravanned as a group to the Fullerton City Hall where we picked up many city officials and then all drove to the Mukenthaler Cultural Center for a parade through the show grounds and then we parked and participated in the car show. We have been attending this event for a few years and always have a great time.

Commissioned in 1924 at an original cost of \$35,000, this 18 room mansion which sits on 8.5 acres is listed on the National Register of Historic places. The former estate of Walter and Adella Mukenthaler was deeded to the city of Fullerton.



## CRUISING AROUND TOWN



Andy Spilkoman was proud to announce that his 1932 Packard handled beautifully at this “shake-down” cruise with fellow car enthusiasts. Next stop – car shows – for his driver quality Packard.

## GILMORE CAR SHOW SATURDAY, MAY 4



The original Farmers Market at Third and Fairfax hosted a variety of cars lining the street though Farmers Market and the Grove -- everything from antique, custom, hot rods, trucks and more at their 14<sup>th</sup> annual car show. This year's theme "The Sky is the Limit: A Tribute to the American Convertibles" brought out many sightseers who walked among the cars on display while visiting with the owners. Always fun is the 5:00 end of show drive off parade culminating with the BBQ dinner and awarding of prizes. Alex Kwechansky was recognized for "best story".



Metropolitan



Chevrolet



Cadillac



Oldsmobile



Oldsmobile

In attendance this year were Gabe & Rose; Joel & Cathy; Jay & Betsy; Bob; and Alex & Sharon with their respective cars pictured above.

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN ORIGINALS CAR SHOW

by Duane Hinkle

If you appreciate classic and vintage automobiles, unmolested and as they came from the factory, this is your show – original and restored-to-original cars and trucks of all makes and models. I attended the annual All American Originals Car Show on Sunday, June 12 at the Enderle Center in Tustin. This show had many beautiful examples of very special American cars of all types, many very rare. There were about 70 cars registered this year.



## RODEO CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19



The Father's Day Concours, a tradition in Beverly Hills started over twenty years ago, had its usual large turnout of interesting cars, though this year the emphasis was on newer cars. This year's theme was Supercars, and many different brands of performance vehicles, old and new, were on display. Participants are chosen by application pertinent to the theme. This year Howard & Betty Green's 300 SL Mercedes was among those exceptional cars on display. There were not more than a half dozen or so pre-war cars to view, but several Packards were shown. It was a very hot day, and it appeared that attendance may have been down just a bit, especially in the afternoon – but it was still estimated that 30,000 people attended.

## AUCTIONS AMERICA

by Howard Green

The Auction America's auction took place on June 25 & 26 at the Barker Hangar at Santa Monica Airport. There was a good crowd on Saturday and many cars were sold, though it appeared that several did not meet the reserve. A 1995 Ferrari F50 was sold for \$1.95 million (prices include the 10% buyer's commission), and that was the most exciting action that took place, with two floor bidders battling for the car. A 2006 Ford GT sold for \$305,000. A beautiful '58 Buick Limited convertible reached a bid of \$120,000, but did not sell. A '32 Packard Light Eight Roadster sold for \$88,000, and a 1940 Packard Royal Streamliner Roadster, greatly modified, sold for \$412,500. There were not many pre-war cars at the sale, but there were many beautiful cars from the '50's – Chevrolets, Buicks, Cadillacs, Chryslers, Fords, etc. There were also some less frequently seen models, like a beautiful green Fraser. There were enough cars at the sale that one could easily spend 2 to 3 hours just looking at the cars without even going into the auction area.



Fraser



Packard

## HIGHWAY EARTH SUNDAY, JUNE 26



Highway Earth participants pose for the group picture

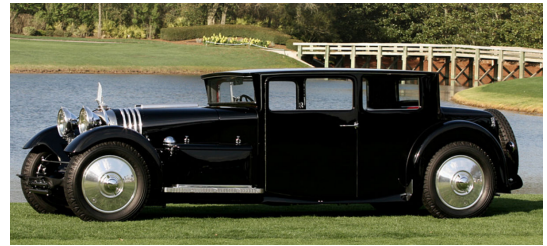


This idyllic spot around Franklin Canyon Reservoir was enjoyed by the proud owners of over 100 amazing cars and trucks. Gabe and Rose, one of the event sponsors, brought their '27 Hot Rod while Jay and Betsy drove their custom made Trike (would you believe they have accumulated over 180,000 miles on their journeys, sometimes even pulling a trailer). It was good to see Craig with his stunning yellow Cadillac.



## NEW AACA MEMBER ANDY SPILKOMAN TELLS HIS STORY

In the mid 1980's I had the privilege of working for Mike Fennel. I had the good fortune to be able to work on Hispano Suiza, Duesenberg, Tucker, Bugatti, Delahye, Delage, Talbot Lago, Isotta Franchini, Lagonda, Rolls Royce and many more. This was a dream job for a kid that loved cars, I say kid because I was in my early 20s. I started out as a body man then graduated quickly into managing the restorations on specific cars. I would take photos and make notes on the car, then as I disassembled the car, more photographs and notes, made sure the body was properly straightened, that all parts were fitted, paint covered all the areas needed, and that the proper parts were chrome plated. I had numerous cars Mike put me in charge of that went to Pebble Beach. I changed my career in the late 1980's and started working in the film industry. I have had 2 careers in the film and TV industry. My current position of the past 8 years was as the Picture Car Coordinator on the TV Show Castle, I was responsible for all the vehicles that were on camera.



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