



## 2023 January Edition

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## Important Dates

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting  
 Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Car Show Meeting  
 Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Romeo Lunch  
 Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Juliet Lunch  
 Jan 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting Kick Off Break-  
 fast Mini Car Show



The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club members share a common interest in the preservation and appreciation of vintage vehicles. We are dedicated to serving others through donations to local charitable organizations and participation in events and activities that reflect positively on the Fallbrook community.

# The Talepipe

## President's Message

The first Saturday of November was our Annual Tom Long Poker Run. Great participation and a fun gathering at Richie's Diner followed (pg 4) At our November General Meeting, we had our White Elephant Auction and earned money for our meetings with the proceeds. ( pg 3 )

We started the December celebrations with participation in the Annual Fallbrook Christmas Parade. Big thanks to Howard and Vivian Lewis for organizing our club's cars for the parade. We had over 20 cars decorated in the parade. Great showing for FVCC! (pg 5-6)

Our Holiday Dinner Committee lead by Gloria Andrews did a great job putting together a festive evening . With 70 in attendance the night was a great way to get together for the holidays. (pg 9)

The guys brought cars to the Toys 4 Tots Event and Romeo Lunch at the Fallbrook Airport Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. (pg.7-8) Once again sharing their love of vintage cars with our community.

I hope that all of you had a great time with family and friends over the holidays. Gary and I had to miss the beginning of the month's car club activities due to illness but are looking forward to future outings with the club. Celebrate each day as a gift. Reach out to those in need and don't sweat the little things because life is too short.

We lost a friend in Derek Lovett this December. He enjoyed his Fallbrook Community and loved making people happy with his music. Reach out to his wife Linda with words of support and friendship.

Don't miss out on any of the 2023 club outings! JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup> is our Annual Breakfast Kick Off General Meeting! See page 2 for more details. Now is the time to renew your membership for 2023! Go to our website at:

<https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/product/membership-renewal/>

**Happy New Year!**

**Kathy**

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## FVCC Annual Kickoff Breakfast - Members Only

Don't miss the Annual Kickoff Breakfast, this year at the VFW. This is our Annual Kickoff Meeting, so committees will be presenting the exciting adventures and shows we have planned for 2023.

The VFW is setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning-up after the breakfast. They are serving a full buffet breakfast, so you won't want to miss it.

**There will be the traditional Mini-Car show so bring your vintage cars!**

*In addition, there will be a No-Host Bar, run by the VFW, so if you want a Mimosa, or a Bloody Mary, they will be open by 9:00 AM.*

**When: Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**Time: 9 AM Park Vintage Cars for Mini-Car show    No-Host Bar Opens: 9:00 AM**

**Breakfast Buffet Opens: 10 AM**

**Cost: \$7 per person (FVCC pays/subsidizes an additional cost for each reservation)**

**Where: VFW, 1175 Old Stage Road, Fallbrook**

**Go to our website at <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/>**

**and click on Quick Link Button "Kick Off Breakfast-Members only"**

**Or Mail your RSVP with payment so we receive it no later than Monday, January 16th.**

**RSVP: to Doug if you use the mail in option!**

**Hope to see you there, and please drive one of your classic cars.**

**If you have not renewed your membership, do it NOW!**

**Piperarcher47@gmail.com    Need More Info? Doug Allen: 714-742-2305**

-----Cut Here and Mail with Check -----

**FVCC Annual Kickoff Breakfast: Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**Fill-out form, and mail with check to: FVCC, PO Box 714, Fallbrook, CA 92088**

**Receipt of RSVP/Check deadline: Monday, January 17th**

**Names: \_\_\_\_\_**

**No. of Breakfast Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 = \_\_\_\_\_**

## FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

### Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

#### 2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Officers

**President: Kathy Hesser**

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**Treasurer: Ron Mintle**

[Treasurer@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org](mailto:Treasurer@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org)

#### 2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Members

Doug Allen, Gloria Andrews, Terry Decker, Gary Hesser,  
Chuck Pedigo, Elaine Pedigo, Fred Weisberger

### Club Committee Chairs

**Car Show: Steve Shapiro, Michael McGuire**

**Donations/Scholarships: Michael McGuire/Doris Shapiro**

**JULIET: Connie Waugh**

**Membership/Roster: Elaine Pedigo**

**Merchandise Sales : Annette McGuire, Gloria Andrews**

**Outside Activities: Jim Binford, Gary Hesser, Dana Meadows**

**Publicity: Gary Hesser**

**ROMEO : Doug Allen**

**RV Camping: Kathy Hesser**

**Sunshine: Pam Rusch**

**Talepipe Editor: Kathy Hesser**

**Trailers & Club Property : Michael McGuire**

**Website : Ron Mintle**

## White Elephant Auction Surprises

Lots of heavy bidding on unknown items for the White Elephant Auction at November's general meeting. One of the favorite items bought was by Valerie Long who scored a Wild Women on Wine Baseball cap!! She immediately placed it on her head!!!.. (kinda like Frosty the Snowman and began to dance around!) We raised \$311.00 on the auction which helps support costs for our meetings.

Now remember what you purchased this year can always be re-wrapped and brought to next year's auction, especially if it was a big fat

**White Elephant item!!!**



## 2023 Annual 56<sup>th</sup> Car Show Meetings

Active planning for our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show has begun! Save this date on your 2023 calendars!

**Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> Bates But Farm**

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 in the FPUD Conference Room. We need everyone's help and support to make this the best ever car show. Already we have vintage car lovers out there emailing us about this year's show.

We still need 2-4 members to take the lead for the much loved Raffle we have at every Car Show. Leo and Barbara Romero have done it for the past few years. This raffle brings in well over \$1K each year. They have all the information you need to take on this responsibility. You will be part of the Car Show Group and will receive lots of support! Please let Kathy or Steve Shapiro know you are interested. Thanks!

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# Tom Long Poker Run

## Tom Long Poker Run

Our Annual Fall Tom Long Poker Run was a huge success. We had 20 make the run! Forty six members had a blast at Richie's diner ordering anything from full breakfast to huge thick shakes! Dana and Debbie Meadows earned first place Time in their new Corvette . Tied for second was Doug and Sharon Allen and Mike and Charlene Rigas. If you did not know Tom



Long he was a special member who always brought out fun and laughter to our car club activities. We honor his memory and smiles with our Annual Poker Run!



# 2022 Fallbrook Christmas Parade Was Better than Ever!

By Howard Lewis

Dear Christmas Parade Participants,

First I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your participation. Vivian and I enjoyed our part in assisting the beginning of the parade while everyone was getting lined up. We enjoyed, even more, chatting with you during that time.

Thanks all of you for getting your vehicles polished, decorated and lined up Saturday evening. I'm so happy that many of you were returning after being there in previous parades but I'm particularly happy that some were there for the first time.

A big thank you to those who made their vehicle available to carry various VIP's. A huge thanks to Bill Munno who was willing to move his red Corvair (with the big inflated snowman) from the FVCC group to the VIP area to replace Jim Andrews '48 Hot Rod (that was overheating). Jim, I'm still looking forward to seeing the Turquoise Chevy Delivery Van in person. I did get a quick view as it was escaping. A special thank you to your lovely wife, Gloria, for not only bringing her '99 Mercedes 500SL to carry another VIP but being willing to do a last minute swap when the VIP for Ruben Arbues (and his '05 SSR Retro Chevy) turned up with two ladies instead of just one. The quick VIP swap solved the problem.



We attended the Wrap Meeting of the parade committee where everyone had positive remarks about the entire event. The Fallbrook Chamber Of Commerce is responsible for organizing and producing the event every year. Lila Hargrove, CEO of the Chamber said this was the best event in her nearly decade of participation. Roy Costello, chairman of the Fallbrook Christmas Parade, was in agreement.

So are we. In fact Vivian said she enjoyed it more than the Rose Parade. That is quite a statement considering, after years living in the Pasadena area, she had had first hand experience many times.



**Way to go FVCC!**



## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Parade Photos



***Check out our website for more photos of this and other FVCC events!***

***<https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/>***





## Have The Holly-est, Jolly-est Christmas - You Deserve it!



Welp, we did it again! Together, we pulled off another hugely successful County of San Diego Airports-wide Toys For Tots campaign that culminated into two collection drives where we felt just about smothered by toys and more toys. Cash and check donations flowed in as the toys collected overflowed from nearly 2 dozen large boxes, each valued at approximately \$250.00 or more. And keep in mind what a feat all this truly was following a noticeably slow campaign start compared to past years, demonstrating that any donation, big or small, can and will make a world of difference in the end.

Thank you so much to all who donated and volunteered their time and help to this amazing cause directly benefiting the children in our local communities and to the many participating businesses and organizations whose support we simply could not do without, including Pacific Executive Aviation, Ramona American Graffiti Cruise Club, Civil Air Patrol Squadron 87, Fallbrook Vintage Car Club, Friends of Fallbrook Community Airpark, Gillespie Pilots Association, Palomar Airport Association, Atlantic Aviation, Carlsbad Jet Center, Circle Air Group, Civic Helicopters, High Performance, Landing Restaurant, and Western Flight. A very special thank you also goes to the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and their outstanding U.S. Marines for their continued partnership. Their kindness, helpfulness, and dedication to our local communities has never gone unnoticed and is so appreciated. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work with them each year.

Ultimately, it is because of each and every one of you and your support that this annual tradition of ours (going on 17 years next year!) continues to be possible.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Signing Off One Last Time (For Now Anyway)...Santa's Little Helpers!

Meadow Chase, Owner | Chase Airport Management, Inc. Airport Manager Ramona, Fallbrook, Borrego Valley, Ocotillo, Agua Caliente & Jacumba Airports (760) 884-0252 (c)



The December ROMEO was held with the Toys 4 Tots Event at the Fallbrook Airport Dec 10th. Ten cars came and hung out with Doug for the event.

Beautiful Morning and a great lunch. Way to go guys for sharing with our community!

Next Romeo will be at Mountain Mike's Pizza 11:30 a.m. January 17<sup>th</sup> !





## December's Holiday Party

Thank You to all that attended, as we had the best turnout ever. Everyone came in the Holiday spirit, sharing laughter, conversation and camaraderie. All enjoyed the great food and fun door prizes! Big thanks to the Allen's, Rauch's, Valerie Long, McGuire's, Patterson's and Sonny Muffler, for your generosity gifting items for our door prizes.

FVCC is always open for new ideas or venues that club members would like to see in the future get together. Let us know your ideas!

Happy and Healthy New Year!

Gloria Andrews



## Juliet Lunch Dates....

Juliet's are back at it for the New Year! Ladies mark your calendars for these dates! Please let Connie Waugh know if you will be attending! [conniewaugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:conniewaugh@sbcglobal.net)

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Peking Wok

Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Tea at Kathy Hesser's House Watch for more info to follow!

## RV Group Outings

Join the fun and laughter for an out of town adventure. Going places that you have never been or back to favorites...it is always fun to get out of town with friends!

March 17-19<sup>th</sup> Muscle Cars At the Drag Strip Las Vegas

May 2-8 Pismo RV Village Morro Bay Car Show



## Pumpkin Patch Ocotillo Wells



Email [Kathy.hesser@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.hesser@gmail.com) for more info or to join up for the day at the nearby spots.



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A bit of History:  
The Memorable 1950s “Curb Feelers”  
By  
Fred Weisberger

Once you have seen them (and heard them) you will never forget the popular 1950s accessory, collectively known as Curb Feelers. When I was a kid, my mother had curb feelers on her 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air. Every time I walked past the car, I would gently kick the curb feeler to hear that unique wobblely sound they made, as they sprung back and forth. And when my mother parallel parked her car too close to a city curb, the curb feelers let out a terrible scraping sound as they dragged on the curb. I will never forget that metallic scraping sound that seemed to emanate from deep within the car itself. There is not a lot written about this once ubiquitous 1950s automobile accessory. Curb feelers were a practical and simple



accessory. They clearly alerted the driver to curb on the passenger side of the car. Curb feelers helped to protect 50s American cars from “curb rash” damage to their whitewall tires, large hubcaps, rear wheel skirts and the portly low-hung bodies of the period. There were several companies that offered their own version of curb feelers, but they were all basically the same.

By the late 1960s, curb feelers were rarely seen on newer cars. I had nearly forgotten about curb feelers until a few years ago, when I bought a 1950 Packard. The car still had its original curb feelers, just like I remembered when I was as a kid. And of course, I walked over and gently kicked the curb feeler to hear that old familiar sound again.

Of all of the accessories on post-war cars, perhaps none has a greater impact on small children than curb feelers. They look a lot like “whiskers” on a car, very cute, and they are located near to the ground, just where small kids view cars—and it is fun to play with them!

Today curb feelers add a unique period style to any 50s American car. Curb feelers are inexpensive and widely available, both new manufacture and NOS from accessory dealers and on eBay. If you have them on your antique car, young people will come up to you and ask what are those things? And small children will be inclined to play with them—let them! Curb Feelers make new memories for the young and remind older folks of the distant past. Lots of fun for everyone...





## Classifieds



Terry Decker has a friend who has a grandson who is selling this truck. Here are the pictures of the truck. Its a Dodge pick-up 1947 WD-15. For further information call his grandson, Nick Danzo, at 714 955-1851

The truck is located in Fallbrook. Thanks for the help.

