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## Important Dates

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Juliet Tea

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Car Show Meeting

Feb 21<sup>th</sup> Romeo Lunch

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting



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:

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show: Planning, action, execution ....success!** Car Show planning meetings began back in October and already many of the key tasks have been completed. Car Show site secured, Website updated, registration forms, Poster, Flyer, Merchandise...the list is long and it takes many hours and members to complete. We need everyone's help on the weekend of the show as well as little jobs each month prior to the show. Watch for ways you can help or contact Steve Shapiro or Michael McGuire to offer a hand. (see pg 7)



January 2023 Car Show Meeting

Be sure to read the Headlight Section in this email submitted by Richard and Linda Root. Also Fred Weisberger "A Bit of History" page. Big thanks to both for helping to make this newsletter interesting and fun!

Our Outside Activities met to review the Activity Survey from the Kick-Off Breakfast. Watch for a variety of activities to enjoy! The beat goes on with a February Tour to the Bobileff Motor Company in Mira Mesa. ( see page 4) You will see cars you may never get to own and view the restoration process...pretty cool stuff.

Our Kick-Off Breakfast was a huge success with many cars and stories. Thanks to Doug Allen for arrangements with the VFW and thanks to them for the breakfast. (pg 5)

Your FVCC Board continues to make successful progress on big as well as little tasks. See Page 2 "Steering Column" for a brief summary of Jan Board Meeting.

*Smiles, Kathy*

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## FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

### Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

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

**President: Kathy Hesser**

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**Vice President: Michael McGuire**

[mikemcguire@roadrunner.com](mailto:mikemcguire@roadrunner.com)

**Secretary: Steve Shapiro** [SShap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SShap@sbcglobal.net)

**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**

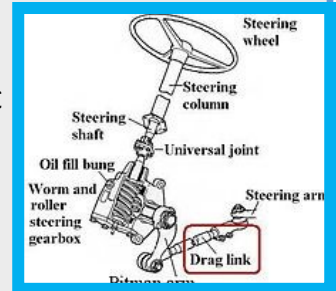
**Trailers & Club Property : Michael McGuire**

**Website : Ron Mintle**



## Steering Column

Here is a summary of your FVCC Board Actions and Plans. Just like steering a car, it takes a lot of parts coming together to keep your club on TRACK!



**Winter Meeting Topics:** Kick-Off Breakfast, February Hobby/Collection Share, March: Space Station, April: British Cars, June 24th Annual BBQ and Election of Board Officers

**2023 Car Show Committee Chairs** all positions filled. Welcome Charlene Rigas as Raffle Chair. Budget approved. Flyer printed, Working on Map Ads.

**Donations Approved:** None submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Year end numbers submitted by Ron.

**Outside Activities:** Bobileff Tour Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Fred's Antique Lunch March 25<sup>th</sup>, planning for winery tour and other driving events for the summer, AACA Hershey October 2023.

**Publicity:** Submit photos and brief articles on Donations and Car Show to the Village News

**Research Hot Summer Nights Restart for 2023** with Chamber and Village Association for mini Car shows continuing meetings

**Website Report:** Stats on how many views etc given by Ron All activities have photos and Year in Review Video posted

**A-frame club standup signs** completed by Terry. Motion approved to purchase two signs.

Continued work on **windshield club signs** by Steve.

***Your FVCC Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm unless otherwise noted. You are always welcome to attend! We meet at members houses so if you would like to host please let Kathy know!***

***We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!***

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## 2022 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Meeting/Activity Schedule

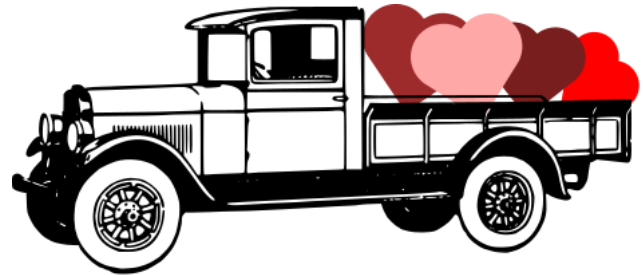
We have our Board Meetings the Second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm unless otherwise announced. We vary the location by asking members to host the meeting at their house. If you would be so gracious to host a meeting at your house we give you a stipend to pay for meeting snacks and beverages. If you would like to attend and need the address location please contact Kathy Hesser.

**Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 2 pm Location Tom and Susie Shea's Home**

**Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> Bobileff Car Restoration/Ballast Point Brewery**

**Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Crossway Community Church 6:30 Social/7:00 pm**

**Share your love of Hobbies/Collectables:** Come ready to share other hobbies or collections you are fond of. If you make a great jam bring a jar to share for social time. Maybe you collect other car related items, bring those to show and talk about. During the meeting anyone who brings something has a few minutes to talk about it. We all have some interesting collections, art, and well who knows....Should be an interesting night. If you are too shy or cannot attend the meeting you could give Kathy the information and it will be shown on a PowerPoint Presentation. Please let Kathy know what you will be sharing so that she can give enough time at the meeting.



**Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 2 pm location Bill and Anne Ottemann's Home**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> Fred's Annual Antique Car Lunch 10 –2 pm**

**Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Crossway Community Church**

**6:30 Social/7:00 pm: Doug Allen will present stories from production of the Space Station**

**Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 2 pm Location TBD**

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Motte Family Big Barn Car Show**

**Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> Avocado Festival**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Crossway Community Church**

**6:30 Social/7:00 pm: Fred Weisberger will present Cars from "Across the Pond" bring your British car for the British Car Mini Car Show**



## Outside Activities Calendar

### Bobileff Motor Company

**Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>** Leave the Park N Ride at 9:30 AM. Car pool.

Going to: 9219 Mira Este Ct., San Diego 92126 (Mira Mesa area west of the 15).

Gary Bobileff has been in business since 1979 and only services Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Maserati cars. Their restoration department and body shop has won dozens of first place awards for impeccable restorations world wide. Gary Bobileff will give us a presentation and tour of his facility. It is Impressive.

Since 1979:

- Over 18,000 of these cars brands have been serviced there.
- Over 950 of these cars were Sold there.
- Has won over 100 Concours wins.



Of 765 Lamborghini Mura's built, 122 have been restored at Bobileff. Check out their website at

<https://www.bobileff.com/>



Lunch At Ballast Point Brewery See Menu: <https://ballastpoint.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Food-Menu-Miramar.pdf>

We have reserved tables at 12:15 pm RSVP [garyhesser@gmail.com](mailto:garyhesser@gmail.com)

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** Saturday 10 am to 2 pm Get your cars shined up and ready for Fred's Annual Antique Car Lunch.

More information to follow...



Listening to each car history at Fred's Antique Lunch  
2022



## FVCC Annual Kick-off Breakfast - Recap

The annual Kick-Off Breakfast and mini car show was a big hit. We had 66 members attend and we filled the VFW parking lot with our vintage cars. Big thanks to the VFW for hosting us and Doug Allen for arranging the breakfast with them. Hats off to Jim Binford and Terry Decker for directing car parking and Elaine Pedigo for manning the sign-in table.



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# Fallbrook Avocado Festival

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



Once again the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club will take over the corner of Main Street and Fig Street (**Village Smog**) showing off some of our beautiful cars, selling club merchandise and extending a welcome to thousands of visitors that pass through our display. The club has participated in this event since the early 90's and attracted many friends and new members. It will be the initial showing and sale of our beautiful poster for 2023, in continuous car show production since 1985.

We invite members to bring their special automobiles to display. Please contact Steve Shapiro at [sshap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sshap@sbcglobal.net), include your name and what automobile you will be bringing. There will be plenty of shade, cold water and great conversation for all.



Automobiles must be in place by 8:30 am and need to remain on site until about 4:30. Members will be free to visit the festival and/or leave the area as long as they return by 4:00. The cars are looked after by devoted club members that remain on site all day. However, due to the need to keep all of our cars secure, please be certain to have another member watch your car to avoid any visitor issues. We have room for about 20 cars, first come first served. We would appreciate some early birds to help us setup for the event at 7 am.

We will display our cars at the Village Smog property, Main and Fig. Enter the property from South Mission, East on Fig to Main St.

Our Merchandise Committee also needs your help at the sales booth. Please contact Annette McGuire [mikemcquire@roadrunner.com](mailto:mikemcquire@roadrunner.com) or Gloria Andrews [andrewsglor@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewsglor@hotmail.com) if you can help for a couple of hours in the morning or afternoon.

The proceeds from both the Avocado Festival and the Car Show go back to the community to support non-profits like youth sports, area beautification and other community-based programs.

This is an important event for the club and a great chance for all to be involved!

Steve

Way to go FVCC!

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

As published in the Village News

## Fallbrook Vintage Car Show Online Registration is Now Open

The 56th annual version of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and Swap Meet will be held Sunday, May 28th, again at Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center. Bates has been host to many, many car shows, craft fairs, and other large events over the last 30-plus years. Last year's turnout was tremendous, over 400 show cars and 40 plus vendors. Free Admission and Free Parking to the general public is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday May 28th.

Go to [www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org](http://www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org) to register your car or to obtain a swap meet booth space. It's that simple. Scroll down to the red buttons to choose your action. Completing the forms and payment can all be done online. You can print the forms, fill them out, and mail them in also, if you wish. You can also order a 2023 Poster when registering at a discounted price. Your poster will be at the Merchandise Booth the day of the Car Show for you to pick up.

The Show Car Gate opens around 7:00 AM till 10:00 AM. There are NO day-of-show registrations, entrance is controlled. Dash Plaques will be given to each registered vehicle as they enter.

The Featured Cars this year are of British origin/manufacture and will be grouped together. Adjacent to them will be the always-attractive "Brass Era" cars, pre-1916 preserved historical masterpieces.

Like last year, there are two vendor areas, the "Artisan Circle" is near the Bates main store. The Car Show Field hosts the line of auto-related vendors adjacent to all the car action. Great shopping for guys and gals.

Our popular FVCC Merchandise Sales Booth will be there selling shirts, hats, posters, sweatshirts, tee's and other club collectable items. Like last year, great Food Vendors will be available early on and throughout the day. Restrooms are available adjacent to the wonderful Bates General Store which has snacks, food, gifts, and goodies from all over the world. Inside the Artisan Circle will be a large tent with tables and benches for shade and a place to sit and eat. Near there is the Bates animal zoo, great for Children. There will be DJ music for all to hear and for us to make announcements. Dogs are not permitted on Bates property nor alcohol.

Raffle Tickets will be available early and prizes announced every half hour. Simply go to the Raffle Booth to check to see if you have won some great prizes!

Proceeds from the show benefit local Fallbrook-area nonprofit organizations, primarily youth, senior, and military, through FVCC donations made throughout the year.

The Avocado Festival is coming up Sunday April 23 and FVCC will have it's Mini Car Show and Merchandise Sales Booth all setup and ready to sell this year's new Poster as well as all else we carry. Stop by and buy!



## Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars:

### Richard and Linda Root's : 1955 Ford Fairlane Club Sedan



Thank you and the car club for allowing our Fairlane to be featured in the Talepipe. This is the story of ***"The Old Girl"***

Here's the particulars: 1955 Ford Fairlane Club Sedan, purchased from a friend in 2004, started restoration in 2008 and completed in 2013.

She is a first year Fairlane built in Dearborn Michigan on June 21, 1955. She has the original V8 Y block 272 cubic inch engine with a four barrel carburetor and dual exhaust.

My brother Jerry is a classic car builder and restorer living in Michigan. He called me to say he had found a 55 for me. I thought it was a Bel Air but he said "no it is a Fairlane" I wasn't too impressed until he said it was a great candidate for restoration and after I saw the photos I agreed. He said we could restore the car together. I then began the tear down process.



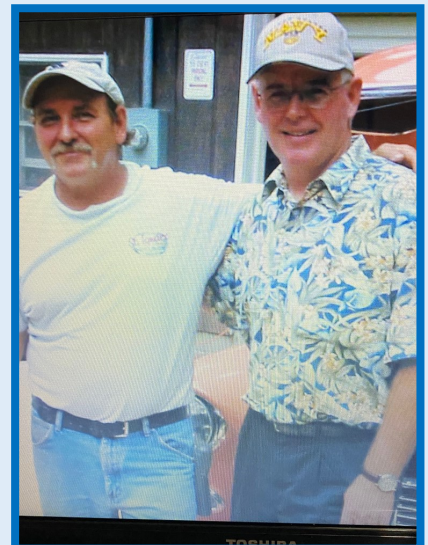
***The Original "Old Girl"***

I removed the engine and transmission first. Then all the glass, trim, chrome, bumpers, interior, headliner, and everything else. Next the gas tank and lines. I had the engine and transmission rebuilt. In the mean time I sanded every square inch of that car, found many flaws in the body, lots of work there.



***The "Old Girl" at the Poker Run 2022***

***My Brother, Jerry and I***





## Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars:

Richard and Linda Root's : 1955 Ford Fairlane Club Sedan

Continued...



I removed the hood, trunk, all the doors, fenders, etc. and took them one at a time to his shop as we could only work on the old girl on the weekends. Sanding primer, buildup, numerous coats of paint and clear, more sanding, buffing and after all that work now an illustrious shine.

I was amazed at how much work and hours that went into that 5 year restoration. We panel painted each piece and I took them home and hung them up on the garage wall waiting until all were done before starting the reassembly process.

The engine bay was prepped and painted. The engine and transmission installed. All new suspension shocks and springs, all front end components, gas tank and fuel lines. New windows, reupholstered interior and headliner as well. I took the luxury of installing new seat belts too.



After the 12 volt conversion and a new Holley 4 barrel and electronic ignition along with a Mummert aluminum intake manifold and a minor entry level cam. The old girl was ready to start. A few squirts of starting fluid and the old girl came to a roar. Some tweaking and adjustments and soon she was running through the break in period. I did add Willwood front disc brakes this year.



Subsequent to the restoration I have won numerous trophies and awards, all I owe to my brother. If not for him I wouldn't be writing this. When prompted she likes to get out and stretch her legs. I guess she was "Born to be Wild"

My lovely wife Linda and I now reside in Fallbrook, a perfect place for classic cars. We are celebrating our 48th in June and are so proud of our children and grand daughters close by. The girls love going for a drive in grandpa's "Old Girl". I am retired from the US Navy and the USPS.

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## ***A bit of History:***

### **PERIOD ACCESSORIES: AUTOMOBILE FLOWER BUD VASES**

By  
Fred Weisberger

One of the more elegant accessories for antique cars is the flower bud vase. Automobile bud vases were especially popular for formal sedans and limos from the teens to the 1930s.

It has been reported that the very first automobile bud vase may have been as early as 1897, certainly a continuation of the horse-drawn carriage interior design. In the late 1800s, in full Victorian luxury, formal carriages were often furnished in fine fabrics, polished wood accents and many silver and glass adornments.

By the 1940s, after several decades of popularity, flower bud vases had largely fallen out of fashion. And in the 1950s and 1960s, luxury sedan and limo interiors had little in common with formal carriages, and more resembled modern airline cabins. The flower bud vase was gone, but certainly not forgotten.

What a wonderfully simple invention. The automobile bud vase is basically a small glass vase; about 4 inches tall, sometimes made from hand-blown glass, but often only inexpensive molded glass. The fancier models were made out of high quality leaded glass and often delicately etched too.

Each glass vase is fitted with a matching metal bracket, often silver plated, to attach the vase to the interior of an automobile. The most common location was somewhere in the rear compartment area or on the B-pillar; someplace for the rear seat passengers to admire.

Today, as in the past, a flower bud vase is a simple addition to any closed automobile cabin. It adds a romantic visual appeal, and perhaps, a hint of a delicate fragrance to the interior. Antique bud vases are easy to find on eBay or at any antique car swap meet. The typical bud vase can cost from under a \$100, for a single low quality vase and bracket, to up to several hundred for a high quality matching pair of vases.

Fortunately, the flower bud vase is equally appropriate on a Model T Ford or a custom body prewar Packard, Cadillac or Lincoln. And an antique bud vase is simple and quick to attach, with only two small screws—few accessories are easier to add to an antique car!

In recent years, flower bud vases have made small comeback. When Volkswagen introduced the *New Beetle* in 1997, they offered a small bud vase with a suction cup for the dashboard as an option—and it became quite popular for several years.

The classic flower bud vase has proven to have a timeless appeal. If you own an antique sedan, and are interested in a touch of class, or you just have a fondness for flowers, consider adding an antique flower bud vase to your car.



### 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 17-19th     Muscle Cars At the Drag Strip Las Vegas

May 2-8             Pismo RV Village Morro Bay Car Show

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



Speaking of Out Of Town.....Are you ready to go to Hershey PA for the Annual Eastern Fall National AACA Car Show? Several couples plan to go. Dates: October 1 –7<sup>th</sup> . Let us know if it is already on your calendar and where you are staying. If you want more info on this trip email Gary Hesser at [garyhesser@gmail.com](mailto:garyhesser@gmail.com) Watch for news of Pre-Trip planning meetings! If you have not looked at the AACA short video on 2022 Eastern Fall National in Hershey, check it out here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icmZ5pFa8c4>



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**The January ROMEO was held at Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlor. Lots of laughs...**



**Next Romeo will meet February 21, 11:30 at Peking Wok; please RSVP to Doug at [piper-archer47@gmail.com](mailto:piper-archer47@gmail.com)**



**Juliet's had lots of laughs reading their fortune (in Bed) after a delicious lunch at Peking Wok. Juliet's meet next for a Tea lunch Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30, at Kathy's house. You must RSVP if you have not already to [kathy.hesser@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.hesser@gmail.com) Seating is limited to 20. Cost \$4**

