

2023 June/July Summer Edition

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Important Dates

- June 10th Fallbrook Movie Night
- June 12 Westmont Senior Mini Car Show
- June 13th Board Meeting Hesser's
- June 15th Silvergate Fallbrook Father's Day event with Mini Car Show
- June Juliet Lunch TBA
- June 16th Romeo Lunch
- June 24th Annual BBQ Meeting Election of the 2023-24 Board
- July 4th Silvergate Rancho Barnardo
- July 21st Ice Cream Run and Meeting
- July 29th Tom Malloy Tour



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:

Well our 56th Annual Car Show is now tucked away in our history file! What a show! With over 363 show cars, artisan and auto vendors, Club Merchandise Sales, and Raffle Booth, the public came out in droves to see the show. Our featured cars were British with so many makes and models shown. The Brass Era cars, as always were a huge hit and then the variety of vintage cars was amazing. We made the YouTube app with two different videos made by spectators. Check out this 3 minute one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlzbh0sYOR4> We also were featured on the front page with an article in the San Diego Triumph club Newsletter!

Big applause and thanks to the over 100 volunteers who helped the day of the show. Also over 40 of our club members plus the 21 Car Show Committee Chairs who planned and implemented this successful show! (see pg 9). That's a grand total of 132 people! Huge thanks to Steve Shapiro and Michael McGuire for their leadership with this event.

Now it is time to elect our new Board of Directors for the upcoming year. The Board terms run one year from our Elections at our Annual BBQ and General Meeting. This year it is Saturday, June 24th. (see pg 3) If you are interested in the planning of the meetings and activities that keep our club thriving you should consider being on the Board! It is a 12 member board and we have positions available.

June brings us many chances to get our vintage cars out and share with the community. From Senior Living Mini Shows, Community Movie Night, Romeo Lunch and the BBQ General Meeting Mini Car Show you won't need that battery charger on! See you and your car soon!

Smiles, Kathy



Henry Ford would be proud of the efficient assembly line at this year's 56th Poster stuffing event!

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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

Secretary: Steve Shapiro

Treasurer: Ron Mintle

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 : Gloria Andrews, Annette McGuire

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

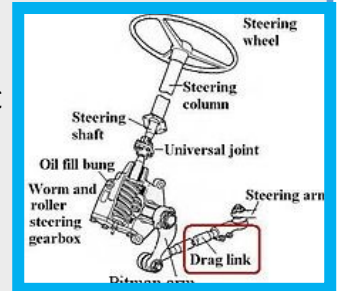
Trailers & Club Property : Michael McGuire

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!



Spring Meeting Topics: June 24th Annual BBQ and Election of Board Officers. July meeting will be with the Ice Cream Run. August Topic Muscle Cars! September Cars and Music. All board members present will stay on for nomination. Need to encourage other members to join the board.

2023 Car Show Committee Chairs Poster stuffing planned. Car Registration at 75%.

Donations Approved: Youth Rugby approved. Pending Art Association Request after further discussion of their program needs and Mural Maintenance.

Treasurer's Report: Car Show revenue update submitted by Ron.

Outside Activities: June: Three Senior Living Mini Car shows; July: Ice Cream Run, Tom Malloy Museum.

Publicity: Submitting photos and brief articles on Donations and Car Show to the Village News.

Research Hot Summer Nights Restart for 2023

8/5 Fallbrook Summer Nights, National Night Out. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Main Ave. Cars needed, enjoy Sheriff and CHP exhibits, beer and wine bar in Vince Ross Square. Continue planning meetings!

Website Report: Ron continues to update calendar and photos. New Poster is on the site!

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 member's 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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Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

Annual General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday June 24th 11:00 a.m.



Be sure to attend our annual BBQ and General Meeting. This is the most important meeting of the year as we will be electing our 2023-24 Board of Directors. Come, bring your vintage car, and join in on the fun. There will be a mini car show with hilarious judging categories that will keep you laughing with the winners! *** If your car leaks any fluids, please be sure to bring a drip pan or at least a piece of cardboard. ***

Members A-M last names please bring a small appetizer to share.

Members N-Z last names bring small desserts to share.



Lunch catered by Firehouse Que and Brew includes your choice of either BBQ Pulled Pork or BBQ Pulled Chicken on a roll. Included will be Cole Slaw, Cowboy beans and green salad and all the condiments needed to make a delicious BBQ Sandwich.

Bring your own drinks; Ron's margaritas will be available for only the cost of a tip.

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Cost \$10 per person with the club subsidizing the total cost of the caterer.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE BBQ IS JUNE 14TH!

Gloria and Jim Andrews are hosting the BBQ. Address and gate codes will be emailed to you after registration.

Register and pay online at: fallbrookvintagecarclub.org Choose Shop, then Special Events.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Check here if bringing your vintage car ☐

Please choose one meat option below for each person attending:



BBQ Pulled Pork



BBQ Pulled Chicken



BBQ Pulled Pork



BBQ Pulled Chicken

Money Due: _____ Date Sent: _____

Registration Due: June 14th 2023

Fallbrook Movie Night June 10th

New Activity!

Fallbrook Advertising presents Movie Night at the Mission Theater, Saturday June 10th! Check out their Ad for more info, how to get tickets, etc.

We will need around 12 cars and park across the street in the Cast parking lot. The movie in the evening is Grease, so we need Hot Rods and originals of that time era.

Cars at 4:45 PM - 6:00 PM.

Bring chairs. Terry Decker will assist the parking effort.

RSVP to terrydckr@gmail.com with your car make, model, and year. We've got some sweet 50's and 60's... let's get them to this!

Tell your friends about this fun event and ask them to bring their hot rods if they have them!

The CAST lot is large, 12 cars is a Minimum. Stay for the movie! Starts at 6:00 PM



Other June Activities

Westmont Towncourt Mini Car Show Monday June 12th Depart Park N Ride 10:00 AM. Cars 10:30 - 1:00PM.

500 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido. Luncheon and Beverages will be served, bring a chair.

Please let me know if you can participate with your car! Email: garyhesser@gmail.com The Westmont folks are very excited to have us and some residents have some old cars, they are shining them up for us. Please try to make the Westmont June 12th!! -----

Silvergate Fallbrook and Silvergate Rancho Bernardo are having two Senior Center mini Car Shows with their fantastic chef-prepared meals for their residents and us.

Fallbrook: Wednesday June 14th, Cars at 3:00 PM. Need 12 cars, bring a chair. Food and Beverages provided and music. RSVP to garyhesser@gmail.com what car you are bringing. Enter from Elder driveway.

Rancho Bernardo: 16061 Avenida Venustro, just off the 15 (google it).

Tuesday July 4th, cars 10:30 - 1:00PM. Gourmet BBQ, Music, and Open Bar !

Depart from 395 Park N Ride at 9:45 AM, caravan down there. RSVP to walling.ron28@gmail.com and garyhesser@gmail.com



May GARAGE TOUR

Around forty FVCC friends came out for another Super Garage Tour hosted by Mike and Charlene Rigas located in the Brook Hills gated complex. Lots of cool cars were driven, not to mention the cars in Mike's Garage. We received the history of the garage build and all got to know

Mike and Charlene a little better. Big thanks for their hospitality. Thanks to all that brought some neat raffle prizes to help Charlene collect for our annual Car Show Raffle.



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RV Group Outings

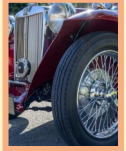
May 2-8 Pismo RV Village /Morro Bay Car Show . Sixteen of us had a fantastic time camping at Pismo Coast Village RV Resort. From drives through the country we stopped at Cambria, Paso Robles, Avila Beach, Shell Beach, San Luis Obispo, Solvang, Los Olivos, Edna Valley wineries and Morro Bay for their Car Show. Six days of fun and laughter! And oh the stories!

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! Email Kathy.hesser@gmail.com for more info or to join up for the day at the nearby spots.



56th Annual Car Show

Recap



Cars began rolling in on a drizzly morning for the Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show . Drivers attitudes were not dampened by the weather though. Dry cloths were made wet taking the rain off their precious cars. Where's the coffee was heard as they received their Dash Plaques.



So many different makes and models, and that was true for the

British Rows also! The public began streaming in around 9:30 and by 10:30 the fields looked almost full.

With breakfast and coffee down the show car owners headed for the merchandise and Raffle Booths.



Thanks also to all the club members who volunteered for the many jobs that go into making the car show a huge success.



Proceeds from the show benefit local Fallbrook-area non-profit organizations, primarily youth, senior, and military,



through FVCC donations made throughout the year.

Check out more photos by clicking on this link!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1caK_boDaffLroQRSmq_iSQgyZL5S902x?usp=share_link

More Pictures from the Car Show!



56th Annual Car Show
Sunday May 28th 2023
Bates Nut Farm



Car Show Committee Chairs Big Thanks to All of You!

After Show Party	Kathy Hesser
Banners	Bill Kemper
Brass Era Vehicles	Les Von Nordheim Mike Socha
Car Show Chair & CO Chair	Steve Shapiro Michael McGuire
DJ	Steve Shapiro
Featured Car	Steve Brown
Fliers/Save the Date	Ron Mintle
Information Booth	Louise Patterson
Judging	Steve Shapiro
Marines and ROTC Volunteers	Chuck Pedigo
Merchandise	Gloria Andrews Annette McGuire
Permits	Terry Decker
Poster and Major Sponsors	Michael McGuire Bill Munro
President	Kathy Hesser
Publicity	Gary Hesser
Public Parking	Wayne King Jim Binford
Raffle	Charlene Rigas
Registration	Mike Simpson Terry Decker
Show Central & Food Vendors	Ron Mintle Darrin Putt
Show Field Layout	Bill Kemper
Show Map/Advertising	Ron Mintle
Signs	Fred Weisberger
Swap Meet	Gary Hesser
Volunteer Coordinator	Kathy Hesser



Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars: Doug and Sharon's 1965 Ford Falcon Station Wagon



Our first car was a metal flake 1965 Ford Falcon Station Wagon with the Ford roof rack and hood ornament (a round gunsight finial). It became my car while a senior at Katella High School in Anaheim. I taught Sharon how to drive and took her down to the DMV in it to take her driving test before we were married.

The Ford Falcon line was introduced for the 1960 model year (rolled out on October 8, 1959) as "The New-Size Ford". It used a "unibody" construction. Today it would be called a full-sized car, but then it was their mid-size to compete with VW, Rambler, and the Big 3 and their mid-sized models. In the fifties each successive model grew in a competitive growth in size. Bigger is Better. Prior to the Falcon, Ford models had grown to 17.8 feet (212 inches) in length. The Falcon was 31 inches shorter at 181 inches.

It was a hit. 465,00 were produced in the first year. The convertible and hardtop Sprints were added for 1963. The Mustang came out in mid-1964, called the 64 and a half Mustang.

It had its run until 1970 after which the (essentially still a Falcon) Maverick was released. The Falcon and Falcon chassis was used on a full range of models including the 2 and 4 door sedans, convertible, station wagon, Ranchero, sedan delivery, coupe utility, and the Econoline Van.

We still have a red 1965 Ranchero which I am debating whether to restore or sell.

Although an early manual transmission falcon with a 144 cu in engine was able to demonstrate up to 32.6 mpg, our 65-station wagon and Ranchero with the 200 cu in straight 6 with an automatic C4 transmission, always seemed to get between 20 and 25 mpg. Trim could be standard, or deluxe. The deluxe model had a plastic chrome chevron at the rear of the "arrow" midline grooves in the body, and the plastic chrome instrument trim extended the full width of the metal dashboard.

1960 Falcons were 100 percent six cylinder, which remained the case through 1962. In 1963 12.5 percent were V-8's. In 1965 18.5 percent were V-8's. The 1960 144 cu in straight 6 produced 90 HP, whereas in 1961 the 144 only produced 85 HP. 1961 also saw the 170 cu in straight six which produced 101 HP. The 200 cu in straight six, was introduced for the 1964 model year.

1963 and 1964 were also introduced with the optional 164 HP 260 V-8. 1965 was a seminal year with the introduction of the optional 289 V-8, producing 200 to 220 HP, and 1968 saw the optional 302 V-8 producing 230 HP. 1970 ½ was a big year as Ford offered choices between the 250 Six, and the 302, 351, and 429 (360, or 370 HP with the Cobra Ram Air) V-8's. The 1970 ½ was actually a Fairlane Falcon, with a larger frame/chassis.



Sharon with our Falcon Station Wagon at a Campground on our Honey-moon

Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars:
Doug & Sharon Allen's 1965 Ford Falcon Station Wagon
Continued...



Sharon driving our Mini-Camper Ford Falcon Station Wagon on our honeymoon

I outfitted our 65 Falcon Station Wagon as a camper, removing the back seat and making a hinged platform with storage underneath, adding a shelf the full length of the back of the station wagon with a swing up door, using the area under the spare tire cover as clothes storage, and adding a crank operated screened vent on the back top for use while camping. We also added a cassette stereo system on the shelf at the back of the wagon.

We used the "mini-camper" for our 3 month honeymoon going up the pacific coast to Port Angeles with a ferry to Vancouver Island, then a ferry across to Vancouver, driving Her Majesty's Highway 1 across Canada to the crossing connecting to

the Mackinac Bridge, visits to Sharon's grandparents in Indiana, and my Aunt in Detroit, and relatives in Alger, Michigan, then back across the United States to SoCal. We did stay periodically in a motel/hotel, like the Empress Hotel on Vancouver Island.

The Falcon was a great car, as is our 65 Ranchero. It was a nicely sized car with good handling characteristics. But it did let you know you exceeded 65 or 70 mph by the not quite so tight design of the suspension typical of most mid-sized cars of the era.



Doug and Sharon's story brought back memories of Gary and I traveling up to Canada when we were first married in our 1965 VW Van. I bet we all have similar stories in our memory vault!

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A bit of History:

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHTS

By Fred Weisberger

On May 8, 1879, George Selden, an American Patent lawyer, filed the first patent for a gasoline-powered vehicle. Carl Benz actually built the world's first automobile in 1885 and on January 29, 1886, he applied for his first patent. Neither of these important early patents included headlights for their vehicles.

Once automobiles became slightly more than experimental toys, the need for headlights became apparent. For decades horse-drawn carriages had used kerosene lamps, so the obvious solution was to simply mount carriage-style lamps on early automobiles. Kerosene lamps are a little brighter than a candle, and might be somewhat helpful for driving a slow-moving vehicle on a moonless night, but kerosene lamps mostly helped others to see a vehicle in motion at night.

During the "Bicycle Craze" of the 1890s, riders had similarly learned that they needed a headlight for night riding. At first they mounted a small kerosene lamp to their bikes, but the limitations quickly became apparent, and small self-generating acetylene gas burning lamps were developed. These lamps produced acetylene gas by slowly dripping water on crystals of calcium carbide. Acetylene lamps give off a bright white light.

America's first mass-produced car, the so-called "Curved Dash Oldsmobile" or CDO (1901-1907) offered only small kerosene "Never-Out" headlamps. Some drivers found these lights ineffective, even at the low speed of the CDO, so they mounted bicycle acetylene lamps to their cars. Higher priced cars included larger self-generating acetylene gas headlights, specifically designed for automobiles.

Around 1904 most cars offered acetylene gas headlights, at least as an option, with the gas generator mounted on the "running boards" between the fenders (see photo). The acetylene gas was piped to the headlights.

Unfortunately acetylene gas generators require substantial maintenance, including adding water, new calcium carbide and removing the byproduct "sludge" from the tank. In 1904 an innovative company named Pres-O-Lite offered a compressed acetylene gas tank to replace the gas generator, thus reducing the labor involved. The Pres-O-Lite Company became highly successful, and its founder, Carl Fisher, played a key role in the creation of the Indianapolis 500 Racetrack, but that's another story.



Some of the early electric-powered cars offered electric lights. The 1898 Columbia Electric Car, built by the Electric Vehicle Company of Hartford Connecticut, was the first to offer electric headlights as an option. The 1908 Peerless cars were the first to offer electric lights as standard equipment. And a few cars even had dual kerosene/electric side lamps during this period. Nonetheless, early electric car lights struggled with the short life of the light bulb filaments, due to high vibration, and required an expensive generator to power them.

Everything changed in 1912 when Cadillac introduced the Delco electric self-starter, an efficient electric generator, and all electric lights. Three years later even the inexpensive Ford Model T came with electric headlights. Kerosene sidelights survived a few more years before they too were replaced with electric sidelights.

The early history of automobile headlights, from an afterthought to an essential feature, includes revolutionary patents, innovative designs and clever marketing.



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The May ROMEO was held at Rainbow Oaks Restaurant. Lots of cars for the mini car show were brought and enjoyed by all.

The Fun continues June 16th at Fire House Que and Brew for the next Romeo Lunch.



Cars: 11:00 AM
Lunch outside: 11:30 AM
No RSVP required

