

2023 September Edition

President's Message.....	1
Board/Steering Column	2
September Meeting/Activities.....	3
Summer Nights/National Night Out.....	4
Historical Society Open House.....	5
Regency Event.....	6
Headlight.....	7,8
History Bits.....	9, 10
Romeo Lunch.....	11
Juliet Lunch/Cogir Event.....	12
Local Fall Events.....	13

Important Dates

- Sept 8th Romeo Lunch
- Sept 19th Board Meeting
- Sept 26nd General Meeting
- Sept 27th Juliet Lunch
- Sept 29th Scavenger Hunt



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: Lots went on in August as the days got hotter and a Tropical Storm hit our area, luckily not during any of our planned events!

Summer Nights with National Night Out was a huge success! (pg4) Be sure to click on the link to view more photos. We shared our cars at mini-car shows at the Historical Society's Open House, and at the Regency and Cogir Senior Living Homes. Thanks to all that came out with their cars!



The Community Pico Clean-up gathered 93 bags of weeds and garbage! Big thanks to Debbie Meadows for organizing our group which consisted of Dana, Jim and Mar Gee Farr, Louise and Glen Patterson and Glen Wior.

Our meeting in September will have the topic: Cars and Music. Can you name that Tune? What musical groups have names associated with cars? What's your favorite cruzin song?

Dana and Debbie Meadows are creating Scavenger Hunt Take 2. You won't want to miss a fun drive through town finding landmarks on the list. (pg3) See you soon! *Smiles, Kathy*

A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Officers

President: Kathy Hesser

Kathy@fallbrookvintagecarclub.org

Vice President: Terry Decker

Secretary: Steve Shapiro

Treasurer: Ron Mintle

Treasurer@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org

2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Members

Doug Allen, Gloria Andrews, Gary Hesser, Michael McGuire, Chuck Pedigo, Elaine Pedigo, Mike Socha, Fred Weisberger

Club Committee Chairs

Car Show: Steve Shapiro, Doug Allen

Donations/Scholarships: Michael McGuire/Doris Shapiro

JULIET: Elaine Pedigo & Sheila Luedtke

Membership/Roster: Elaine Pedigo

Merchandise Sales : Gloria Andrews, Jim 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

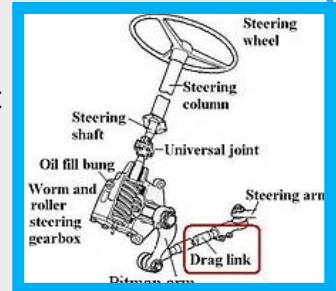
Trailers & Club Property : Michael McGuire

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!



Summer Meeting Topics: August Topic Muscle Cars! September Cars and Music.

Donations Approved: Fallbrook H.S. PTSA, Fallbrook Music Society, Operations Showers of Appreciation, Miss/Teen Fallbrook.

Treasurer's Report: July report submitted and approved

Outside Activities: August : Two Senior Living Mini Car shows; Sept: Scavenger Hunt, October: Murietta Rod Run, November: Poker Run

Publicity: Article on Donations granted in August

Summer Nights was enjoyed by the community Committee met to review event and plans for next year!

Website Report: Ron continues to update calendar and photos.

Your FVCC Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm unless otherwise noted. You are always welcome to attend! We meet either at FPUD or 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!

A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

General Meeting September 26th

What's your favorite cruizin song? Our topic for this meeting is Music and Cars. Come enjoy a little history, trivia and some of your favorite songs as we explore this fun topic! Vintage cars are always welcome!

Scavenger Hunt September 29th



Get ready for a wacky spin around town searching for notable landmarks! Bring your phone to photo each one found and fill your car with club buddies to spot these quick! You will be laughing in no time as you scramble around town. Meet at the Historical Society Parking Lot at 9:45 a.m. for your pre scavenger hunt briefing . Best to bring your modern iron for this one. The “hunt” will end with lunch at Firehouse Que and Brew 1019 S Main St. Register for this event with Dana

Meadows at danam500@verizon.net



Tom Long Annual Poker Run Is Fast Approaching!

Save the date!!! November 1 Wednesday with a 10:30 departure.

The annual Poker Run is a timed route from the “River Village Cinema” parking lot through a route of roads and stops to pick up 5 Poker Cards. You will get the route directions as you come into the staging area. A starter will direct you when you leave the lot and your start time will be recorded on your route sheet (folder) You will need something to write with. At the end of the run you will check in and have your final time recorded on your folder. The final destination is a restaurant. Be sure to obey all speed limits and traffic signals. They are all part of the ideal time for the run. Enjoy Lunch and socializing. Tom Long Plaques for the first three drivers closest to the “ideal” calculated time will be awarded. Awards will also be given for the Poker Hands that are the Highest or Lowest. We will meet at the River Village Cinema parking lot in Bonsall about 10:00 am, have a meeting with instructions and folders at 10:20 am, and start departing at 10:30 am. For now the destination is a secret.

Please let Steve Rusch know at sprusch@gmail.com if you will be participating so that we can make plans with the restaurant as they need to how many to expect. There will also be a sign up sheet at the Club meetings.



Summer Nights Returns!!!

Partnering with the Fallbrook Village Association and the Sheriff's Department, FVCC helped to bring back Summer Nights, Saturday August 5th. Combining National Night Out with the Summer Nights event was a huge success. The community came out for an early evening of enjoying classic cars brought by five different local car clubs and a chance to communicate with our local sheriff's department on health and safety in our community. The law enforcement vehicles were pretty cool too!!! Big Thanks to Steve Shapiro, Michael McGuire, Gary Hesser and Terry Decker for the planning and execution of this event and all the club members who volunteered to help park show cars! Check out more photos by clicking on this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zhAr6QDF5RM_zlsUsY0uTL--DkTe7idi?usp=sharing



Historical Society Open House August 6th



The Historical Society put on an informational Open House. We shared our cars at the Open House and enjoyed chatting in the shade of a big tree. Along with the Barn displays there was a presentation about the Pony Express Re-Rides done each year to celebrate the tremendous feat of mail transportation that only lasted 18 months. We heard stories of the ride from one of the riders and her amazing horse..



Regency Mini Car Show



August 14th

We filled the parking lot of the Regency Senior Living facility with our vintage cars. The residents came out to talk cars and memories made with them! Several neighbors also came by with their families to enjoy our vintage cars.



Way to go FVCC!!!



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

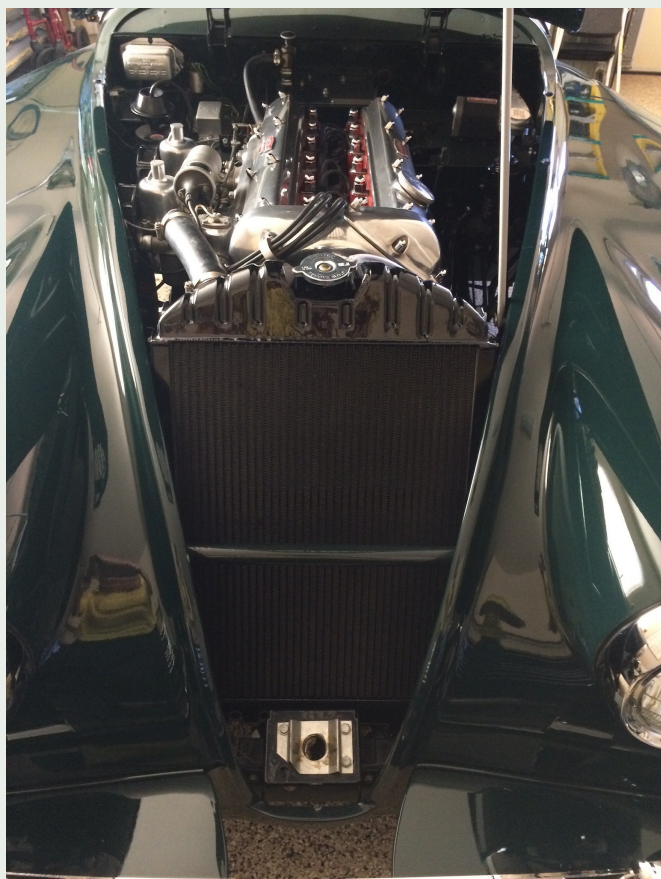
Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Member's Cars:

Jim and Mar Gee Farr's 1956 Jaguar XK140MC OTS



We bought our 1956 Jaguar XK140MC OTS in running, driving, shabby chic condition in the fall of 1993, so coming up 30 years, I began a full mechanical and cosmetic refurbishment that winter which took about 10 years to complete.

It was originally a California car imported by Charles Hornburg (Los Angeles) and remained here until the late 80's when it found its way to Florida and then Illinois where we were living. We had enough of the brutal winters in Illinois so in 2002 we moved to California, retiring from the Mercedes dealership after 20 years and selling our 1880's Victorian home we spent 12 years restoring as well as parting with other vintage cars and motorcycles. The Jaguar was painted, on wheels with the engine installed when we shipped it but all of the restored bits and pieces were in boxes, thinking back that



was quite a leap of faith to think it was all going to arrive safely!

In the late 70's I had an XK140MC Coupe but always loved the look of the roadster. I grew up with these cars so from a very early age I witnessed them coming and going because of my father's influence as well as many of his friends. I was told that as a new born I was driven home from the hospital in a Jaguar XK 120.

This numbers matching car has an "MC" suffix (or "SE" in the UK) which denotes modified competition (or special equipment) meaning it has a "C-type" cylinder head, like the ones on the Le Mans winning race cars, a higher output engine and additional features such as chrome wire wheels, dual exhaust, driving lights, uprated suspension and brakes. Overall production of the LHD (left hand drive) XK140 OTS (open two seater or open top sport) depending on who you ask is 3282 units, of those 2028 were MC's.

Member Headlight: Shining a Light on

Members Cars: Jim and Mar Gee Farr's 1956 Jaguar XK140MC OTS



Jim and Mar Gee at the Car Show last year. Won an Award in class, "Post War Foreign Sports Cars."

Our friends in Hinsdale (Illinois) had a place in Del Mar so from the mid 90's on we would visit in the winter and explore San Diego county extensively. We visited Fallbrook after a visit to Temecula Wine country on one of our trips. We really loved the area but coming from the suburbs of Chicago it seemed a bit too rural. Eventually we moved to Rancho Santa Fe. After 16 we began to feel out of place due to our interests and values. Once again we began to look around Fallbrook. We found a 5 car garage with a house in Fallbrook, it was meant to be.

The more rural aspect of the Fallbrook area has lent itself greatly to more vintage car touring and events, and the FVCC and its members dovetail with our values and interests.

We are grateful to be a part of such a fun and diverse organization.

—Jim and Mar Gee Farr



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

History Bits

THE FORGOTTEN PREWAR MUSCLE CARS

By Fred Weisberger

What is a “Muscle Car”? There are different definitions, but the general idea is an American factory-built car with an extra big engine installed into a smaller chassis/body. The common belief is that Muscle Cars were first introduced in the 1950s, peaked in the 1960s and quickly faded away in the early 1970s, but with the clarity of hindsight, there were a few true “Muscle Cars” available decades earlier in the 1930s.

Surprisingly it was three American luxury car companies, Packard (1899-1954), Stutz (1911-39), and Duesenberg (1920-1937) that offered limited production “Muscle Cars” in the 1930s. In each case, management decided to install their highest performance engine into one of their smallest cars.

Arguably the first Muscle Car was the Packard Speedsters series of 1929, although most of the Speedsters were the 1930 734 series models. Packard installed their largest and highest performance engine into their second smallest chassis. The Packard Speedsters had extra long hoods covering a 384 cubic inch, in-line eight.



When a 1930 Ford Model A only produced 40 horsepower, the Packard Speedster cars were rated at 145 horsepower and had a top speed approaching 100mph. Only about 120 Packard Speedsters were built, available with Runabout, Roadster, Phaeton, Victoria and Sedan bodies. Today most of the surviving Packard Speedsters are valued at over a million dollars.



In 1932 the fabled Stutz Motor Car Company introduced the DV32 engine. This was a high performance 322 cubic inch, 32 valve, twin-cam in-line eight. Stutz placed this potent engine into a few of their short wheelbase frames to produce the limited production Super Bearcat model. The Super Bearcat offered impressive performance, including a top speed of over 100 mph. Last year one sold at Sotheby's Monterey auction for over \$1.9 million.

History Bits

THE FORGOTTEN PREWAR MUSCLE CARS

By Fred Weisberger continued

The Duesenberg Automobile Company, already known for producing extraordinary motor cars, especially the Model J (1929-37) and supercharged Model SJ (1932-37), built two very special "SSJ" cars in 1935. Specially built for actors Clark Gable and Gary Cooper, Duesenberg placed a modified 320-400 horsepower supercharged SJ motor into an extra small 125 inch frame. These two "production" SSJ cars were unequalled until the 1960s. The Duesenberg SSJ cars are certainly the ultimate prewar Muscle Cars. In 2018 the Cooper Duesenberg SSJ sold for \$22 million at auction, Cars. In 2018 the Cooper Duesenberg SSJ sold for \$22 million at auction, the all-time record price for an American car at auction, the all-time record price for an American car at auction.



The late 1960s and early 1970s were the height of the Muscle Car Era, but the concept can be traced back to the 1930s. Perhaps what made the Muscle Car Era most amazing is that, unlike the 1930s Muscle Cars, these cars were produced by The Big Three car companies and were affordably priced for average Americans. Good times, indeed!



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

The August ROMEO was held at Village Pizza Restaurant. If walls could talk! Lots of fun!



The Fun continues September 8th at Mariscos Cantina for the next Romeo Lunch.

Cars: 11:00 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

Juliet Lunch at Trupiano's August 24th

Guys aren't the only ones driving Vintage cars to lunch! April with her Mustang!

Stayed tuned for the next Juliet Lunch! Wednesday Sept 27th 11:30 Peking Wok. Let Sheila know if you will be attending.

sheila.m.luedtke@gmail.com



Saturday August 26th Cogir Senior Living Mini Car Show Recap

Fred gave rides to residents and staff in his Model A Phaeton. We sat in the shade and enjoyed lunch and conversation with the residents and each other.



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

Around Town

Here are some activities you may want to participate in happening this fall around town!

2nd Annual Bonsall High School Car Show

October 7, 2023 Roll in Time for Show Cars 8-10 a.m.

Music, Food, Vendors, 10 a—3p

Register at www.bonsallschools.org



Scarecrow Days Month of October

Cruise around Fallbrook and discover the many Scarecrows around town and in the neighborhood the month of October. Want to build a scarecrow? Workshop dates are Sept 7, 8, 9 • Sept 14, 15, 16 • Sept 21, 22, 23 • Sept 28, 29, 30 Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Workshops are booking now! For more info click on this link @ <https://www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org/fallbrook-harvest-faire-october/#scarecrowdays>



Murietta Rod Run & Car Show

Friday Night October 13th & Saturday October 14th

Friday night have dinner in old town Murietta and enjoy the cruisers. Or join your car club pals and enjoy a downtown car show in the historic old town of Murietta on Saturday. We will be planning meeting places so stay tuned for more info. Go to their website at <https://murrietarodrun.com/>

A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America