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## Important Dates

Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Murrieta Car Show
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Romeo Lunch
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	First 57 <sup>th</sup> Car Show Meeting
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Juliet Lunch
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Pendleton Mini Car Show
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk Or Treat
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Long Poker Run



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:** Here is what happens when two Fallbrook Clubs come together with two community minded businesses to bring an idea to reality....A Scarecrow Car! Our club was asked to build a car to lead people to the Fallbrook Village and Scarecrow exhibits. Set around the "Silent People" on Mission Road we were given a picture for inspiration. Sent out to our club we had six members volunteer. Scrappy's Tire was approached for used tires and Hawthorne Country Store for Straw Bales. Both came through enthusiastically to donate them. We met to review the plan. Tires were picked up and dressed, steering wheel made and bales were

trucked. Glenn Wior's garage for the build came next. Wow! Glenn's prep and re-work on the structure plan gave us an Official FVCC Scarecrow Car in



two hours!!! Reassembled on the Mission Road location after disassembly, the Scarecrow Car is a beauty! Big thanks to Glenn Wior, Terry Decker, Gary Hesser, Debbie Meadows, Elaine Pedigo and Susie Shea for the help in making this project a reality!

**Front Page Car Show News!** Our first 57<sup>th</sup> Car Show meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the FPUD board room. For those new to the club, please plan to join to learn more about the show and give your input. We want everyone to participate in making this show the BEST ever!

*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:** Terry Decker

**Secretary:** Steve Shapiro

**Treasurer:** Ron Mintle

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#### 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!



**Fall/Winter Meeting Topics:** September Cars and Music., October Guest Speakers: Miss Fallbrook, December Holiday Dinner Meeting reserved at The California Golf Course Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

**Donations Approved:** Fallbrook Art Association, Fallbrook High Cheer, Potter Jr High School PTA, Fallbrook Student of the Month

**Treasurer's Report:** August report submitted and approved

**Outside Activities:** Sept: Scavenger Hunt, October: Muri-etta Rod Run, Red Ribbon Camp Pendleton Mini Car Show, Trunk or Treat Mini Car Show; November: Poker Run, Mechanized Museum Camp Pendleton

**Publicity:** Scarecrow Car Display for Scarecrow Days

**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!***

***Next Board Meeting is at Ed Kirkeby's 2 pm October 10<sup>th</sup>***



## Upcoming Meetings and Activities



### Murrieta Rod Run & Car Show October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Leave the 395 Park-N-Ride at 9:00 AM Saturday October 14. Car pool and park near Washington Avenue, Murrieta Old Town. Take Kalmia/California Oaks off the 15, head West. Let Ron know at [mintlesgarage@gmail.com](mailto:mintlesgarage@gmail.com) if you are car-pooling. Ron Mintle will be heading up the Caravan to Murrieta. At 10:15 AM meet at the "Old Mill" Diner on Washington ( on foot) with Steve Shapiro, Bill Kemper, Paul Bauman, and Gary Hesser, all Judges for this event. Have Coffee/Breakfast and then continue with observing the show. Some of the finest quality vehicles in a downtown setting.. it's a "must see" car show. Go to their website at: <https://murrietarodrun.com/>

Or, drive their on your own and see us there! Lots of restaurants, parking, and cars.

### General Meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Bring your newest vintage car and share stories during Social Time. We will have guest speakers from the Miss Fallbrook team. Come hear their stories about being ambassadors for our community.

### Come Help Camp Pendleton Celebrate Red Ribbon Week!



10/26 Thursday

Mini Car Show at Camp Pendleton for Red Ribbon Week. We have been invited to be part of their celebration to educate kids about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Hobbies like vintage car restoration and collecting is a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle. Come share your car stories with those on the base!

Cars 10:30 caravan to San Luis Rey gate, stay till 1:00 PM, lunch included. Contact Jim Binford at [bjbrsa14@roadrunner.com](mailto:bjbrsa14@roadrunner.com) You will need a copy of your DL for entry clearance.



### Trunk or Treat Mini Car Show

Sunday October 29th 11—1 pm

We are giving the Crossway Community Church a "thank You" for using their facilities for our meetings by hosting a Trunk or Treat for the kids after church service. There will be around 20 kids plus their parents and the rest of the congregation to see the cars and get some treats. We will need around 12 cars decorated for fall and have some candy ready for the kids. Be there at 10:30 to park and get your cars ready. Contact : Kathy Hesser if you can bring a car and candy treats!

## Around Town and About

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](http://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.



See our Scarecrow Car on Mission Rd across from  
The Garden Center Cafe

Saturday October 28th : Vintage Car Show, 9 - 2 pm.

1900—1959 Vintage Stock and Slightly Modified Vehicles Only

Riverside Elks 6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside CA.

Sponsored by the Orange Blossom A's

For more info & flyer <https://obamodelawixsite.com/riverside>

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## Tom Long Annual Poker Run

**Wednesday November 1 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. It is best to have a partner to help navigate the route.

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.



At the restaurant we have pre planned 6 choices for your lunch. The cost is \$16 per person which includes gratuity, tax, soft drinks, coffee or tea. You must bring cash for the meal **NO CREDIT CARDS!** Please try to bring exact cash amount.

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

### Other November/December Activity Dates

**11/9 Thursday:** Tour of the Mechanized Museum at Camp Pendleton followed by lunch at the Pit Stop. More Info to follow Doug Allen leader.

**11/11 Saturday:** Veteran's Day Car Parade on Main in Fallbrook. Details TBA. Howard Lewis Leader

**11/15 Wednesday - Saturday 11/18:** RV Group camping and Jeeping Ocotillo - Borrego Area. Contact Kathy Hesser if interested

**12/2 Christmas Parade Downtown** Details TBA Howard Lewis Leader

**12/9 Saturday:** Fallbrook Airpark Annual Toys for Tots Mini Car Show, donations, and lunch. Details TBA Doug Allen leader.

**12/14 Holiday Dinner Meeting** California Golf Resort Details TBA

## Scavenger Hunt was a Blast!



Dana had us traveling through town, making stops to photo and guessing his clues to find the landmarks. Great fun as usual. The Odessey Team (Valerie, Susie, Tom, Kathy & Gary) found all 25 items and made it back to Que and Brew in 47 minutes!

Next in the Marine Divers Salvage Unit (or something like that) of Michael, Annette and Ed were in next with all items found. Then Glenn and Georgia, Steve and Pam made it to the restaurant. Well the lunch and beverages were ordered. ...Where is Dru and Charles??? Nicknamed the "Latecomers" they had a good time discovering all that Fallbrook Village has to offer and came in last!

After lunch Dana reviewed the list and as tradition has it, told his Post Scavenger Hunt Joke as the "Grand Prize." Loads of fun!



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

### Bill and Robin Kemper's 1972 Buick Centurion Convertible

#### Another Piece of Fallbrook Car History



I was working out of town and was surfing eBay one evening in my hotel room (never a good idea). I found the Buick and it was in Fallbrook! It had been totaled due to an accident. I believe it was driven off the road into a creek bed. The ad mentioned that it had frame and engine damage. It didn't look all that bad to me so I put in a low bid. I'm back in town the next week and get a notification that I had won!

I made arrangements to pay and pick the car up. When I arrived, I was greeted by the owner, a woman named Lynn Burch. For those of you who don't know, Lynn was a long time Fallbrook Vintage Car Club member. The car was her pride and joy and she called it **Big Red**. She typically drove



Miss Fallbrook in the Christmas parade and even had a portrait of herself in the car hanging in her home.

The car had been featured on a few of the car show posters. It came with the posters, manuals, and even some 8-track tapes.

Lynn invited me to a FVCC meeting and Robin and I soon became members.

So then it was time to load up the car. It was damaged on the one side fender, door, hood, and grill. The door wouldn't open. Frame damage? As I started to drive it on the trailer, there was an extremely loud clanging coming from engine. I shut it off as soon as possible. Engine damage? What have I gotten myself into now?



I contemplated leaving the Buick on trailer and taking it out to the Pomona Swap meet to try and recover my money, but I decided to have a better look first. I found that the shield on the torque converter had been damaged (most likely from the trip into the creek bed). I removed the shield and the mighty 455 purred like it was 1972 and gas was 36 cents a gallon, no engine damage. Then I removed the damaged fender and door could be opened, no frame damage.

I did the needed repairs and body work and Big Red has been with us ever since. We love her. Robin has driven Miss Fallbrook or other VIPs in over ten Christmas parades.

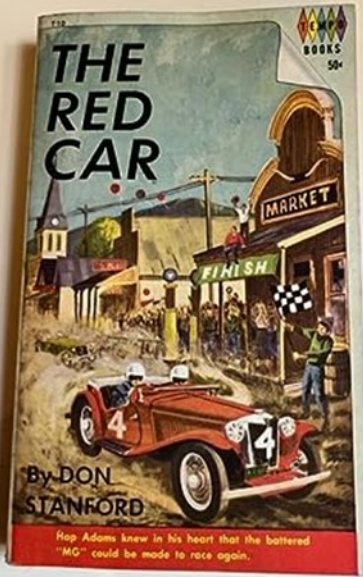


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## History Bits

### AUTOMOBILE INSPIRATION: THE RED CAR (1954)

By Fred Weisberger



Obviously, many things influence one's interest in owning a particular vintage car: family, friends, and even that "cool guy" from high school! Plus there are certain movies, TV shows, songs and books that can inspire a person to own a particular car. Perhaps one book, *The Red Car* by Don Stanford (1954) is the most influential car book of all time.

In the summer of 1952, published author Don Stanford was in need of some cash and asked his agent to find him a book writing job. His agent said that a publisher was looking for someone to write a young-adult book for boys. After the great success of *The Black Stallion* (1941) for girls, the publisher was looking for something new for boys.

Don Stanford was a MG TC owner and occasional racer. The publisher thought that a book about a boy and his first car might prove popular with some boys. Stanford was not interested in writing a "children's book", but after discussing the deal with the

publisher, he learned that they were looking for a book that "didn't talk down" to the boys. The idea was to challenge the young reader with detailed technical information, complex characters, and an inspirational story. Don Stanford was intrigued and accepted the assignment. He spent the summer of 1954 writing the book.

The result was an engaging story about a 16 year old boy who lived on a farm in a small town in the Colorado Rocky Mountains and the red car that profoundly changed his life.

As the story goes... One day in late May a smashed-up red sports car arrives in the small town gas station/garage. Several of the local boys stop by for a quick look. Much to their surprise, the car is a MG TC, the first that any of them had ever seen. Our young hero, Hap Adams, falls completely in love with the beautiful red car. The garage owner, Frenchy, a mysterious foreigner with a suspected car racing background, tells Hap that the car might be available at a very reasonable price because of the accident damage. Hap quickly vows to own that car, regardless of what it takes or what anyone thinks about it.

In addition to his summer chores on the family farm, Hap gets two jobs to raise the money to buy and repair the red MG TC. One of his jobs is at Frenchy's gas station. With his help, Hap is able to rebuild the TC by the end of summer. Frenchy is a demanding but fair boss and an inspirational sports car mentor. Frenchy also teaches Hap how to drive his small and underpowered MG fast through sharp turns. Meanwhile, Arthur Wister, the rich "outsider" new to town, who is also a sports car owner, floats the idea of a sports car road race in the small town...



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### AUTOMOBILE INSPIRATION: THE RED CAR (1954)

By Fred Weisberger continued

Much conflict and excitement ensues.....

The story introduces the then-new foreign sports car philosophy and culture to the reader. By the end of the book the reader wants to buy a sports car and join the “cool” sports car community. For two decades American boys read this book and many were inspired to someday own a sports car, especially an MG TC or a later MG.

The Red Car book became exceptionally popular in the 1950s and 1960s, but I never read it when I was in school. Over the years I have met many MG enthusiasts who were greatly influenced by this one book. I recently bought (\$13.99) a new reprint copy from Moss Motors and read it.

Now I see the appeal of the book, the author never talks down to the reader. And there is a lot of interesting mechanical information, sports car driving techniques, racing strategy and character backstories and individual growth—especially for the adults! The author also comments on many of the sports cars of the period, including Austin-Healey, Jaguar XK120, Ferrari, Aston-Martin, Siata, and the MG TC, TD and TF cars.

Of course it's a predictable mid-1950s children's book, where the nice guys prevail and the mean people get what they deserve, nonetheless, it's a fun read. If you are interested in reading (or re-reading) an influential old car short novel, I highly recommend The Red Car, but be prepared to be inspired to buy a vintage sports car! (again?)



**The fun continued September 8<sup>th</sup> at Mariscos Cantina for lunch. The guys braved the heat in the shaded patio. Chips and salsa anyone?**

Next Romeo Lunch will be at Mountain Mikes Tuesday 11:30, October 17<sup>th</sup> Large Pizza Specials 40% off!



Juliet Lunch at Peking Wok. 19 ladies joined the fun.

Next Juliet Lunch will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 127 West Social House. Let Sheila know if you will be attending.  
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If you build it, they will come!.....



Asked to build a scarecrow car, members put their ideas together to build it. Henry Ford would be proud of the planning, innovation, and assembly line that ensued! Cars are already stopping on S Mission Rd to take a photo of it!



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