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## Important Dates

- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Car Show Meeting
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Romeo Lunch
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Juliet Lunch



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:** We had a great Kick Off Breakfast January 27<sup>th</sup> (See page 6 for photos). Our meeting topic this February is the history of Pickup Trucks. Bring your vintage or modern truck to this meeting to share during social time! (see page 3 for more info).

Car Show Registration is open on our website for show cars and vendors!!! Our Car Show Committee is hard at work planning this year's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show. The Downtown Event will be Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> for a celebration of vintage cars and Fallbrook Vintage Car Club history. Big thanks to all that volunteered so far to help with the many jobs that go into making the Car Show a huge success! Stay tuned for more information and updates on the show!

Mark your calendars for the following tours in 2024:

March 7<sup>th</sup> Nautical History Gallery and Museum Tour

March 20<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Museum Camp Pendleton

April 27<sup>th</sup> Nethercutt Tour

See page 4 & 5 for more information!

Big Thanks to Brent Taylor for this month's "Headlight" article.

Planning a trip this year? Check out Fred Weisberger's History Bit article on "The Early Years of Road Trip Lodging."

Speaking of trips, the RV Group has met twice and planned four different trips for the year (see page 7 for more information).

This newsletter is interactive! Be sure to click on the links to visit sites mentioned and get more information on the site.

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

Doug Allen, Gloria Andrews, Gary Hesser, Michael McGuire,  
Chuck Pedigo, Elaine Pedigo, 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

**Talepipe Editor:** Kathy Hesser

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**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 /Spring Meeting Topics:** January Kick Off Breakfast Meeting Mariscos El Pacifico January 27<sup>th</sup> , February Meeting Topic Pickup Trucks, March: Daytime Outdoor Car Games, April: Decades of Fords

**Donations Approved:** none received

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

**Outside Activities:** March 7<sup>th</sup> Naval History Gallery and Museum Tour, March 20<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Museum Tour Camp Pendleton, April 27<sup>th</sup> Nethercutt Tour

**Publicity:** Begin Articles on the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show the beginning of February

**Website Report:** Ron continues to update calendar and photos. Working on Car Show Online Registration

***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 Suzanne & Brad Lemoine's 2 pm February 13<sup>th</sup>***



## General Meetings

**February 20: Crossway Community Church 731 S Stagecoach**

**6:30 PM Social Mini Pickup Truck Show**

**7:00 PM: Meeting Begins**

Our theme this night is Pickup Trucks. What would we do without them? If you have a vintage truck, please bring it to share for the social mini-Truck show. Our presentation for the meeting will be the history of the pickup truck.



**March 26: 2 p -4:30**

**Crossway Community Church 731 S Stagecoach**

Join the fun and participate in a Funkhana. What is a Funkhana? Funkhanas are low-speed, light-hearted competitions that are a test of dexterity and patience. Each team, composed of a driver AND passenger will drive a short course of obstacles and fun actions to complete. Antique and classic cars make the course even more challenging! Fun to compete and observe! The theme to this course is

“Honey Do List”. There will be lots of laughs as will see who will complete the course the fastest and earn the most points? Will your “Honey” finish the list??

**April 23: Crossway Community Church 731 S Stagecoach**

**6:30 PM**

**7:00 PM: Meeting Begins**

Our topic tonight is Decades Of Fords : Celebrating Fords through the Decades. From the first iconic Model T to the muscle cars of the '70's . Their changes through the decades from model styles, engines, interiors and other features. Our Feature Cars will be the Decades of Fords for the 57th Annual Car Show. Bring your Ford if you have one for the mini car show during social time and don't miss the car show May 26th for this spectacular event.



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## Nautical History Gallery and Museum Tour

**March 7, 2024**

Come experience Naval History from 1776—1945 through handmade one of a kind history displays. Most of the displays reflect revolutionary changes in Naval Technology. The “Age of Sail” circa 1800 to the “Steam Era” circa 1900 and then the Aircraft Carrier . Entry is FREE but donations are welcomed.

Depart 395 Park N Ride 9:30 AM.

Lunch at the Corvette Diner!

Enjoy the shops at Liberty Station Point Loma and Exhibits.

### Bus Trip to tour The Nethercutt Museum and Collection on 4/27/2024

<https://nethercuttcollection.org/>

Please click on the above link to explore all the sights, sounds, and spectacular collections at the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, CA. The founders of Merle Norman cosmetics built these buildings and filled them with antiquities from all over the world, the finest automobiles and large, wind-powered musical instruments including pipe organs which are demonstrated during the tour of the facility. We will also be taken through the restoration shops, multi-floored auto displays, and collections of things musical instrument-related and car components.

We are taking a Sun Diego Tour Bus with driver, as we did in 2018, leaving from the lower Fallbrook Library Parking lot at 8:00 AM Saturday 4/27.

Seating is limited to first-come, first-serve reservations as we must get 50 people to pay for the expense of the bus. Without 50, we cannot make the trip. So early registration is important. Other local car clubs will be able to register for the trip after Friday, March 8. FVCC members, families, neighbors, and guests need to be registered and paid for by Thursday March 7. Kathy and Dana will be providing "entertainment" on both legs of the trip. And yes, you may take a nap if so desired.

See this link: <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/product/the-nethercutt-museum/> to register for the Nethercutt. You can pay by credit card or PayPal.

\$65.00 per person which includes admission to the guided-tour only restoration portion of the museum. This portion of the tour is for pre-arranged tours only. You can now register and pay on our club website.

Dana will finalize with his contacts at Nethercutt and also find a place for lunch before the tour that can accommodate all of our party. Pickup will be at Lower Library parking lot around 8:00 AM, returning by 6:00 – 7:00 PM. This will be the Saturday after the Avocado Festival.



## Mechanized Museum Camp Pendleton

Wednesday, March 20,

Assemble at 8:50 AM

We will meet at 8:50 AM on Ammunition Road along the curb adjacent the Albertsons parking lot (west side of Mission, north side of Ammunition). We will collect a list of names and cars of the drivers at the time we lineup on Ammunition Rd for the sponsor to use at the gate. We encourage vintage cars to show them off on base.



We will need one military retiree with access to the base to sponsor us through the gate. *Please let Doug know that you can be the sponsor.*

We will use the Ammunition Road gate. The tour, with a tour leader, will start at 10 AM at the USMC Mechanized Museum. The tour will take around 1 to 1 ½ hours. We will be able to explore on our own after the tour.

From their website: <https://www.themech.org/>

### Overview

Ordinary military vehicle museums are usually cold and sterile, comprised of vehicles that haven't turned a wheel or track in many years. The Mech is not your ordinary collection. The majority of our tanks and trucks can roar into ground shaking life! The collection, started in 2002, is run by MGySgt (Ret) James King. Along with a small cadre of volunteers and financed largely by donations, it is one of the few armored warfare collections in the world dedicated to not only preserving historic military vehicles, but also putting them back into working order. The tanks and trucks are regularly cranked into life and used for displays and ceremonies aboard Camp Pendleton. Jim King believes that our vehicles are something that visitors can relate to when



they are more than just a chunk of iron sitting on a concrete pad. Managed under the auspices of Camp Pendleton's Museum Division Office, the collection of over 50 vehicles ranges from World War I to the first Gulf War. It includes Patton tanks, armored wheeled and tracked vehicles, trucks, jeeps and amphibious vehicles. The vehicles were all transferred from the USMC, or acquired by the collection from numerous storage facilities. A few have survived stints on live-firing ranges or rescued from duty as metal monuments. Other machines, such as the M50 Ontos, bear scars from action with the enemy at Hue City. The collection building

itself is an important piece of Base history, as it was the terminal building for the railroads that serviced the base shortly after its purchase in 1942. Many a Marine arrived at Camp Pendleton at this terminal to begin their training for WWII and Korean War battlefields.



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## 2024 Kick Off Breakfast



Fifty six members gathered with their vintage cars for the Annual Kick Off Breakfast. The eggs were hot and delicious and the mimosa's kept being poured for our enjoyment at Mariscos El Pacifico. We heard news of the meetings and activities planned for the first 3 months of the year as well as 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show News.



See more photos by clicking on this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-LH7dzjBh8-9ohNcOIUCDRO5yaSmlAk1?usp=sharing>



## Out and About With the RV Group

Sixteen car club members met at the Hesser's and finalized plans for four out of town trips. Quite a variety of places from the desert to the high sierras and gold country.

March 13-18<sup>th</sup> Death Valley Dry camping at Sunset Campground. Numerous Activities: Titus Canyon, Ubehebe Crater, Ballarat Ghost Town, Artist Drive, Dantes View <https://www.nps.gov/deva/planyourvisit/sunset-campground.htm>

July 14-20<sup>th</sup> Blue Lakes Sierra Nevada 8000 elevation Reservations open April 17th Go to: <https://recreation.pge.com/reservation/camping/index.asp>

to look at campsite pictures and locations.

August 21-26<sup>th</sup> San Dimas/San Marino Car Show

Each year we pick a car show to attend. This year it will be the San Marino Car Show. This show is one of southern California's premier car shows. Check out the website and buy tickets to the show. Join the group for a day excursion or stay overnight at a hotel nearby. August 25th is the show. Campers will be staying at Bonelli RV Park Wednesday or Thursday prior to Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>. <https://sanmarinomotorclassic.com/>

Sept 15-21<sup>st</sup> Gold Country/Tuolumne CA

Black Oak RV Park <https://www.blackoakcasino.com/stay/rv-park>

Visit Ironstone Winery, Murphy's, Yosemite, Fishing at New Melones Lake etc...tons of things to do. Beautiful RV Park. Restaurant casino, live entertainment etc



## Saturday Fun close to home...Cars and Coffee

Bring your show cars and a thermos of coffee to engage with other local members of the So Cal Car Culture and it's clubs. Modern racers, Corvettes, Nissan, Mercedes, Hot Rods, Mustangs, Rat Rods, classics.

Classic cars and people with similar interests. Come make new friends and share in the Car Culture Fun. Both Temecula and Bonsall have C&C once a month, first Saturday and third Saturday, respectively.

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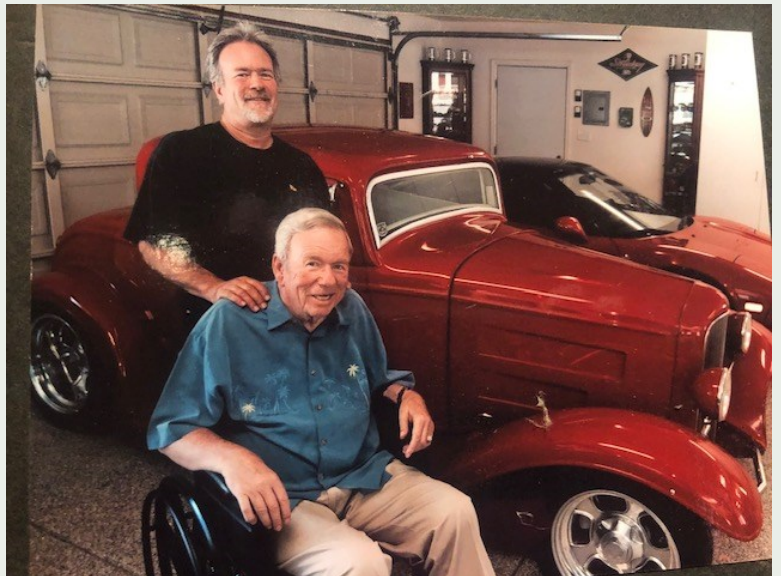
## Headlight: 1932 Ford 3 Window Coupe

By Brent Taylor



This 32 Ford Chopped 3 Window Coupe was built over 26 years ago by my father & myself in our garage. I was 41 when we started the project and it took two years to complete.

My father was an engineer. Growing up he taught me how to do bodywork, painting & mechanics. After school for me and after work for him, we would go out and work on cars till the wee hours of the night. Great memories!



We had purchased a wrecked 1993 C4 Corvette ( see pic) along with a true Henry Ford steel body ( they are currently making repro-

duction steel & fiberglass bodies). The LT -1 engine, 6 speed manual transmission & rear end were all taken from the Corvette. We had the engine and now for the body work.



The top was chopped 2 1/2 inches and channeled 1 inch over the boxed T.C.I frame . The independent rear end was narrowed and polished & fuel tank was relocated to the trunk. The polished front suspension was purchased from Kugel Kompo-

The leather interior was done by Downtown Willy in Torrance. The dash is fitted with 12 Mooneyes gauges ( I remember going to the Mooneyes store & told them to give us every gauge you have ) ! After extensive body prep, I painted the car Ferrari Red.





## Headlight: 1932 Ford 3 Window Coupe

By Brent Taylor continued...



I opened up my own body shop when I turned 24 and had it for over 15 years before going into the aerospace business.

Susana and I have enjoyed taking it to local car shows over the years.

In 2012 my car was chosen to be displayed at the San Diego Automotive Museum when their theme was Hot Rods. Originally it was supposed to be there only three months, but it was so popular with the public, they extended it another three.



I moved here in 2007 and before retiring recently, I used to commute 75 miles to Cypress every day, even took the train from Oceanside once a week!

Needless to say I don't miss the commute!

During our look for a house, our realtor had mentioned that I would love all the car enthusiasts in the tight knit community of Fallbrook... and she was right! We have met so many new friends who have the same passion for beautiful cars as we do!



## History Bits

### FROM AUTO CAMPING TO MOTELS

#### THE EARLY YEARS OF ROADTRIP LODGING

By Fred Weisberger

Before the 20th Century most Americans did not travel far from home, and if they did, it was mostly by train or ship. Starting around 1900, the new “horseless carriages” enabled more independent travel and exploration. As automobiles became more capable, early “motor tourist”, or motorists, began to travel more than a day’s drive from home. Traveling so far created a new problem: Where to stay for the night?



American big cities had long offered a variety of hotels for guests arriving by foot, horse, carriage or train. And around the country had many “tourists houses”, with rooms for rent, but neither of these options satisfied all of the needs of the new motorists.

There was also the problem of where to stay when driving in a rural area? The answer was simple, “auto camping”, as it was known back then. Early motorists would just pull off the road and set up a tent in a forest or a farmer’s field. These camping motorists were referred to as “auto gypsies” or “tin can motorists” (because they ate canned food). Although camping required packing a lot of equipment, and it took time to setup and take down, auto camping became very popular after WW1. Countless Americans, including the rich and famous (President Harding, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone...), enjoyed auto camping through the 1920s

City officials realized that motorists could bring money into their community, so many municipalities, especially in the west, began to build full-service free campgrounds. By 1920 around 300 American cities offered free camping to motorists. Unfortunately by the end of the decade these free city campgrounds had developed a bad reputation, so most were closed. Not a problem for motorists, since there were thousands of privately owned auto camps around the country competing for the motorist dollars.





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As more Americans began to travel by car, it became obvious that there was a need for lodging better than camping and less expensive than a hotel. Enterprising landowners began to build small cabins behind rural gas stations and general stores to rent to the passing motorists. These early “cabin camps”, as they were called, ranged in quality from home-built empty-box cabins to well-furnished miniature houses, with full kitchen. By the mid-1920s cabin camps proved to be very popular, especially in the south and the west.

Around 1925 the word “motel”, a blending of motor and hotel, was first used to describe these cabin camps. Technically speaking, a motel is like a hotel, except it is “designed primarily for motorists”, with guest room doors accessible directly from the parking area.

Starting in the 1930s architects began to design “attached cabins” for efficiency of construction and maintenance. And many of these new-style motels also included a small garage next to the room. Not surprisingly, the privacy of these motels enabled some “immoral” behaviors—thus motels often earned the popular nickname of “no-tell motel”. To address the declining reputation of motels, several professional associations (AAA, etc.) “approved” some motels and posted signs.



After WW2 American families really embraced the idea of a summer vacation roadtrip. Over time the unique family-owned motels gave way to the regional and national motel chains: Best Western (1947), Holiday Inn (1952), Howard Johnson’s (1954) and many others.

Today most of the pre-WW2 motels are long gone, but with the current interest in nostalgic motoring, you can still find a few historic motels operating. And if you are so inclined, you can take a traditional roadtrip, such as on Historic Route 66, and spend a night in an old motel, like the famous Blue Swallow Motel (1939).

Now it’s easy to travel far from home and you have many lodging options—all of which you can reserve online. You can even choose to relive the experience of a historic American motel.

Happy motoring!



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Lots of stories were told at the Romeo Lunch January 18<sup>th</sup> at Peking Wok.

Next Romeo lunch is February 8<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse Que and Brew

1019 S Main Ave, Fallbrook, CA 92028



In January Juliet's met at Café Des Artiste and like usual were so busy conversing we all forgot to take a picture! Too much fun! Next ladies will meet downtown again at Village Roots February 28<sup>th</sup> .



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## Tech Talk

Wondering what the experts have to say about motor oil and your vintage car? Look no further! Check out this article from classis motorsports.com!

[https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/ask-oil-expert-industry-specialists-set-record-str/?mc\\_cid=2553624cc2&mc\\_eid=0d5e416e83](https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/ask-oil-expert-industry-specialists-set-record-str/?mc_cid=2553624cc2&mc_eid=0d5e416e83)

### Classifieds

From: Lynn Phillips [lynn.phillips@icloud.com](mailto:lynn.phillips@icloud.com)

I know this is a long shot, but, if anyone is interested, I have a semi-running 1992 Volvo 960 station wagon. My family is the original owner. Due to issues with the computer/electric/maybe transmission, I am unable to smog it. I don't want to put the money into it to do that at this point. I am either going to sell it to someone who wants to restore it or use it for parts. Alternatively, I will just donate it to a charitable organization. Please let me know in the next three or four weeks if there is a "Volvo person" in your group who is interested. I live in Fallbrook. Regards, Lynn Phillips

### Classifieds

My sister-n-law's dad passed about 3 years ago; she has his 1986 Ford F-250 in fair condition and would like to sell it! Do you have any members who might be interested!! Car is local and has 115,539 miles on it. Call Bob 760)420-6693 for more info.

