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Important April Dates

- April 1th Car Show Meeting
- April 13th Fallbrook SNF BBQ Mini Car show
- April 18th Romeo Lunch
- April 21th Avocado Festival
- April 23th General Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 24th Board Meeting
- April 27th Nethercutt 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: Being active in a club keeps you current on so many levels. Social communication while enjoying lunch out, car museum tours, club meetings and club planning is good for your overall health. April is the time to consider being on the club board! We have positions available on the board! Ron Mintle has been our Treasurer for 5 years now and will not be taking on that role for 2024, but will remain on the board. We need someone to step up to take over that important position! Ron has it well organized and we have a CPA who checks all books each month! Ron is also a great teacher and will be around to mentor you as needed! Please let me know if you are willing to be part of making our club fun and functional!

Mark your calendars for our Annual BBQ and Elections of Officers Saturday June 29th at the VFW. Burgers with all the trimmings will be served; watch for the flier.

Speaking of fun...Who would have thought that a Lotus, BMW, Mercedes, Triumph and Model A Huckster would be taking part in a Funkhana car game? It was a fun meeting last Tuesday and the sky opened up to sunshine (even though the wind played havoc with the balloons)! The Team of Ron Mintle and Steve Brown stole the show with a time of 2 min, 48 seconds to win the prize! See page 17 for photos!



April and May are bringing you many opportunities to share your car with the community! We still need 7 more cars for the Avocado Festival. Please email Steve at sshapiro@sbcglobal.net to have your car at our booth on the corner and Fig and Main! See page 3 & 4 for more info!

Believe it or not we still have seats available for the Nethercutt Tour April 27th! Please sign up online or let me know you will be registering and paying by check. Our deadline is April 7th . Bring some friends and enjoy the ride and museum! You will be amazed!

“When life threatens to pass you by, accelerate!” loveofdriving.us/Hagerty

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

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, Fred Weisberger

Club Committee Chairs

Car Show: Steve Shapiro, Doug Allen

Donations/Scholarships: Michael McGuire/Doris Shapiro/Sheila Luedtke

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

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 /Spring Meeting Topics: March: Daytime Outdoor Car Games, April: Decades of Fords; BBQ June meeting will be at the VFW June 29th.

Donations Approved: Approved Le Crosse Team, Foundation for Senior Care, Wings of Change Butterfly Group, Historical Society

Treasurer's Report: February report submitted and approved

Outside Activities: April 13th Fallbrook Skilled Nursing BBQ and Mini Car Show, April 21 Avocado Festival, April 27th Nethercutt Tour, May 11th Fred's Antique Car Lunch

Publicity: Begin Ads on the 57th Annual Car Show the month of April in Village News and Valley News

Website Report: Ron continues to update calendar and photos. Car Show Online Registration open is open with paper form placed as an option!

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!

Please Take Note! Next Board Meeting is at Kathy and Gary Hesser's home 2 pm April 24th



Community Mini Car Shows Coming Up!

Each year we are asked to gather our cars and share them with those in the community. This is always fun and serves to meet our club's motto of participating in worthwhile community events. Mark your calendars and please RSVP to Gary Hesser at garyhesser@gmail.com if you can share your car and you for a couple of hours with folks around town!

First up the Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Facility on Potter St has invited us to bring our cars and share a BBQ lunch with the residents. This is something we have done for years but was placed on hold during the pandemic. Always fun.

Date: April 13th Time: 10:30—1:30 pm

Avocado Festival April 21st We still need show cars ! See Flier next page!



Friday May 17th The Senior Center 389 Heald Lane, is having their 50th Anniversary Celebration and would like around a dozen cars to display at the Community Center Parking Lot.

Cars: 10:30 Free Lunch. Leave by 1:30 PM. .



Summer Nights are BACK!! Stay Tuned for more details to come but mark your calendars for these dates! July 27th and August 10th downtown Fallbrook.

2023 Summer Nights

Fallbrook Avocado Festival

April 21st, 2024



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 2024, 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, 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 8:00 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 Ave.

Our Merchandise Committee also needs your help at the sales booth. Please contact Gloria Andrews at 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

General Meetings

April 23: Crossway Community Church 731 S Stagecoach

6:30 PM

7:00 PM: Meeting Begins

Doug Allen will present the topic tonight, **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.**



May 26th Annual Car Show: Come join the fun and help our club earn money for 2024 donations back to our community! Our donations have supported a variety of community non profits from youth sports, senior center vans and lunches, arts, community beautification, military family support, music, high school scholarships and PTSA's...well the list goes on and on. Over \$26,00 this year! What other club gives back to their community like this? Be proud and find a way to help with the show. If you can't join us send in gift certificates to local merchants for the Raffle. There are many ways to help! Contact Kathy to explore how you can participate before and during the show!

June 29th Annual BBQ and Election of 2024 Board!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's BBQ. We will be at the VFW for some juicy burgers with all the trimmings. Lunch will be at 1 pm with a chance to share your car and have a drink or two from the no host bar starting at noon. Cost: \$8 plus tip! Stay tuned for more information.



Nautical History Gallery and Museum Tour Recap

March 7,
2024



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 9:00 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.

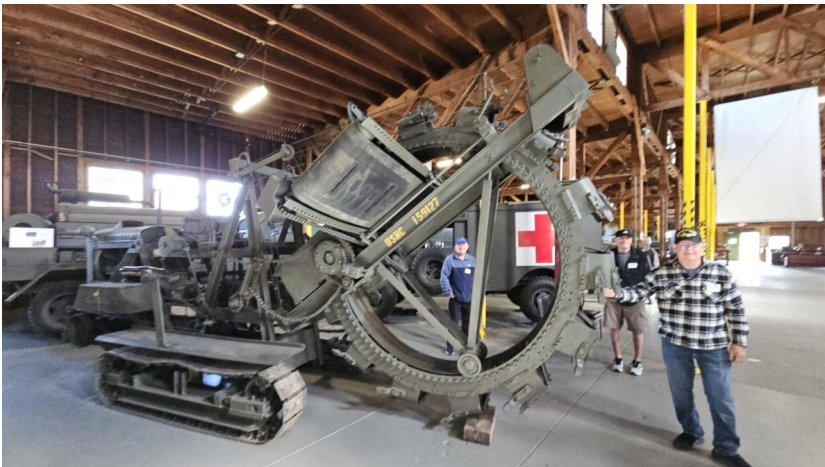
\$65.00 per person which includes admission to the guided-tour only restoration portion of the museum. This portion of the tour is for pre-arranged tours only. You can now register and pay on our club website.

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. Sign up now and join the fun! No driving required!!!

Mechanized Museum Camp Pendleton

Picture Recap!

Members had quite a tour of the museum. If you missed the tour check out the website at <https://www.themech.org/>



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Open to the Public
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Free Admission
Rain or Shine
Swap Meet and Food Vendors

The 57th Annual
Fallbrook Vintage Car Show
Sunday, May 26, 2024
In Downtown Fallbrook



This Year's Featured Car
The Decades of Fords

Live DJ by...



For Information and Registration - Go to:
www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org/carshow/
Or Scan QR Code



Proceeds Support Youth Organizations, Senior and Civic Organizations, and Military Groups

We have over 200 cars registered so far! Register your car now and also let us know if you can help with parking show cars! Once we get all the show cars parked restaurants will be serving breakfast! It will be a great day!

Headlight: Eric Opdahl's 1979 Ford F150 Ranger XLT Camper Special



My search for a 70's Truck started about just after we moved to Fallbrook, two years ago. My wife and I fell in love with this quaint small town after attending the Avocado Festival and taking our daughter to swim competitions at Fallbrook High School. After raising our kids and

living in Oceanside for 25 years, we sold our home and bought a nice home in Fallbrook. Before that we had lived in Huntington Beach moving to Oceanside in 1996 when my daughter was 3 and my son was 6 months old. In 2001, I became a State Farm Insurance Agent and opened an office in Oceanside, which I still own.

Now that we had a little more property, about 2 acres off North Stage Coach Lane, we thought it would be nice to have a truck to help with all the home improvements we were planning. As I considered our options, I started looking at trucks from the 1970's, Fords and Chevys. When I was a kid, my dad had a Chevy Truck that was Gold, with the rubber floor instead of carpet, which I always loved going for rides in. And my grandfather was a chevy mechanic for 33 years after his time in the motor pool after WWII - his 70's Chevy Truck was all Blue. But in the end I decided I liked the look of Ford Trucks more and found my truck for sale on Facebook

Marketplace, purchased for \$10,000.



Headlight: Eric Opdahl's 1979 Ford F150 Ranger XLT Camper Special



My truck was brought to California from Oregon. Previously had a camper on it, which resulted in some rust in the bed. The paint, interior, carb, wheels, trim, and the engine are mostly original. I've replaced the gas tanks, fuel pump, the factory A/C system, oil pan, rear main seal, alternator, battery, front brakes, shocks, radiator, dash cover and tinted the windows. We call it the Creamsicle, with the orange and light yellow two-tone paint job. It's fun to drive it around town, we get many compliments and looks.



Plans for the future include: converting the rear drum brakes to disc, refresh to the kingpin front suspension, new power steering pump and clean up the rust in the bed. I decided not to go through a full restoration or to mess with the paint. I love the imperfections, making it unique and full of character. For the past 45 years this Creamsicle 79' Ford F150 Ranger XLT Camper Special has been in service and I plan on enjoying using and driving it for another 45 before passing it on to my children.



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Out and About With the RV Group



March 13-18th Catalina Rv Resort and Spa
<https://www.catalinasparvresort.com/> Yep we changed locations as Death Valley off roads remain closed. The weather changed to cold and windy, but that did not stop us! 37 degrees at the lookout at Joshua Tree. Sheila built a small snowman and we were off to Jumbo Rocks and the Cholla gardens .



July 14-20th 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 21-26th 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 21st. <https://sanmarinomotorclassic.com/>

Sept 15-21st Gold Country/Angels Camp

Angel Camp RV : <https://angelscamprv.com/home/>

Visit Ironstone Winery, Murphy's, Yosemite, Fishing at New Melones Lake etc...tons of things to do. Beautiful RV Park with cabins, cottages and tent sites!

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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History Bits

By Fred Weisberger

THE EARLY HISTORY OF MOTORHOMES

If a “motorhome” is a motorized home on wheels, with such amenities as: beds, kitchen, table, seats, toilet, and sometimes even a shower, then motorhomes have been around for over a hundred years.

It is believed that few if any motorhomes were built before 1910, likely because most cars and trucks were too small and under-powered. One of the earliest known American motorhomes was custom-built on a 1910 Packard 3-ton truck. It could sleep up to 11 people, had a toilet and an icebox (photo right).



Also in 1910 the luxury auto builder Pierce-Arrow (1901-1938) displayed at Maddison Square Garden Auto Show a prototype Model 66 “Touring Landau” (factory image left). This show car was a formal limo with a back seat that folded down to form a bed, plus a chamber pot toilet, and a fold down sink with running water. The standard 1910 Pierce-Arrow Landau listed for \$7,200 and the Touring Landau was a lofty \$8,300; more than ten times the price of a 1910 Ford Model T. It is believed that three Touring Landau cars were built and none are known to survive. Today the Pierce-Arrow Touring Landau is consid-

ered the first “factory-built” American small motorhome.

From the mid-teens and into the 1920s many small home-built motorhomes were constructed on the inexpensive Ford Model T car and Model TT truck chassis—and whatever brand they could find. Some of these early motorhomes resembled small wood houses and were sometimes known as a “Car House” (photos below).



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Although the small home-built motorhomes were certainly attention-getters, they were not as impressive as the so-called "land-yachts". One of the most famous was Roland Conklin's 1915 two-story "Gypsy Van" (photo right). This massive converted bus motorhome weighed 8 tons, and included: Pullman-style folding berths, a full-kitchen, full bathroom with shower, sofa, tables, phonograph, generator, electric lights and even a rooftop covered deck. In the late summer of 1915, the Conklin family drove it from New York to San Francisco—and the Gypsy Van became a national media sensation! It is fair to say that the Conklin's Gypsy Van was the first luxury motorhome and the great grandfather of today's luxury Motor Coaches.



Many more motorhomes were built in the Roaring 1920s, and even during the Great Depression years of the 1930s, but with fuel and tires rationing during WW2, few to none were built.

After the war, especially during the 1950s, factory built motorhomes replaced the home-built and custom motorhomes. In 1958 the first Winnebago was offered and soon the company became the market leader.

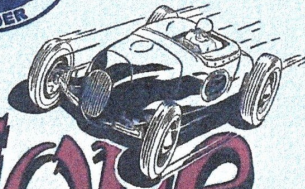
Motorhomes have been an important part of automobile history for over a hundred years. From the early home-built specials and one-off customs to today's factory built motorhomes and luxury motor coaches, Americans have truly embraced the idea of a motorized house on wheels.



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Antique Nationals

SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024



IRWINDALE SPEEDWAY
500 SPEEDWAY DR. IRWINDALE, CA

The Antique Nationals are the original nostalgia drag races. Racing is open to all 1959 and earlier vehicles & motorcycles.

Race cars must pass tech inspection which requires:
Street Legal Rules, Seat Belts, Helmets, Long Pants, Etc.
Cars running 7.49 (1/8th mile) or quicker must have roll bar.

All open cars are required to have arm restraints.
See www.FOUREVERFOUR.com for more info

Admission: Adults \$25.00 - Spectator
Children under 15 free with paying adult admission.
Racing Entries (Tech Cards) - \$100.00 at Gate
Sunday April 14th, Gates Open 8:00 A.M.

CAR SHOW ENTRY WITH PAID ADMISSION FOR DRIVER AND ALL PASSENGERS AS NOTED ABOVE

Discount Pre-Sale tickets available at
THEFOAT.com

THE IRWINDALE SPEEDWAY IS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE 605 AND 210 FREEWAYS. IT IS 2 HOURS AND 100 MILES FROM BONSALL/FALLBROOK BY CAR.

This looks fun! Combining vintage cars with drag racing....Check it out!

Submitted by Frank Hainey and Jim Binford

**Romeo Lunch at Marisco's El Pacifico on March 28th
had 24 guys talking cars and car shows**



Bucket T T, Bucket T Bucket T Wow!

Next lunch April 18th at Rainbow Oaks

Cars 11:00

Lunch 11:30



Juliet Lunch

Just four of us ladies tried out a new restaurant in Bonsall March 28th at noon... Back Draft Bar and Grill great salad and half sandwiches! Next Juliet lunch will be Wednesday April 17th at The Garden Center Restaurant at noon. See ya there!

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“Honey Do” Funkhana challenged members to Take Out the Trash, Spray the Weeds, Build a Deck, Put steaks on the grill and pour an ice cold Tea! This was all done in less than 4 minutes!!!

Ladies take heed ! Maybe someday that Honey Do list will get done!

Deck Building and Tea Pouring at its' finest!!!



Honey Do Aces Ron and Steve get their Prizes!



Fred's Third Annual Antique Lunch

Saturday, May 11th 10:30 –2pm

Bring your cars and enjoy summertime lunch of Hot Dogs, Beans, and chips. Always fun to talk cars and vacations!

Bring appetizers and dessert to share! RSVP to Kathy at kathy.hesser@gmail.com so we can grill enough dogs and beans!!!



Long Range Club Calendar

4/1: 2:15 pm, FPUD Car Show Meeting, Monday.

4/6: Saturday Temecula Cars N Coffee.

4/13: Fallbrook SNF BBQ and Mini Car Show

4/17: Juliet Lunch 12 noon The Garden Center Cafe

4/18: Thursday ROMEO Rainbow Oaks, 11:00 Cars, 11:30 Lunch.

4/20: Saturday, Bonsall Cars N Coffee 7:30

4/21: Sunday, Avocado Festival Fallbrook.

4/24: Wednesday, Board Meeting 2:00 PM, Hesser's.

4/27: Saturday, Charter Bus Tour to Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar.

5/4: Saturday, Borona 1/8th mile dragstrip, Flatheads only. Time, etc TBA. Model A Speedsters and others.

5/11 Saturday Fred's Antique Car Lunch

5/16: Thursday, ROMEO, Main St. Café

5/26: 57th Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and Swap Meet

6/29: Annual General Meeting BBQ and Election of Officers

7/14: RV Group Blues Lakes

7/27: Saturday, Summer Nights

8/10: Saturday, Summer Nights

8/21: RV Group Bonelli Lakes/San Marino Car Show

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