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**Important Dates**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Car Show Meeting
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Nautical Museum Tour L
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Museum
- March 26<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 2 pm
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Romeo Lunch
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Juliet Lunch
- April 21<sup>th</sup> Avocado Festival
- April 27<sup>th</sup> 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: Well the word is out! Maybe due to our excellent website! We are being invited to local events and times to share with other clubs our love of vintage cars! We definitely live in an area that values cars and fun things to do with cars! Our next meeting will be in the daytime and we will be having a fun competition with our cars. (see pg 4).**



We have been invited to Escondido to meet with the San Diego AACA club at the Cars and Coffee Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Also Lake Elsinore for their first “Rockabilly” Concert and Car Show March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check it out! This rainy season will end soon or at least give us breaks to get out and enjoy some sunshine in our cars!

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. See our Headlight article (pg 13-14) this month from Dennis Lutz. He attended the first meeting of the club as a teenager with his dad Dan Lutz one of the founding fathers of our club. Great 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 5 & 6 for more information!

*Smiles, Kathy*

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## FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

### Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

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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/Sheila Luedtke**

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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:** March: Daytime Outdoor Car Games, April: Decades of Fords; BBQ June meeting options and planning begun.

**Donations Approved:** Approved and purchased Tool chest and tools for FHS Auto Shop

**Treasurer's Report:** January 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. Donation article for FHS Shop

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

***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 Janice and Paul Bauman's home 2 pm March 12<sup>th</sup>***



## Our donation to the Fallbrook High School Warriors Auto Shop

Last year, a few of our board members met with Dennis Johnson, Fallbrook High School Auto Shop Teacher and asked what could FVCC do for the Warriors Auto Shop that would be something the students could use to help with their projects and learning assignments. Dennis talked with the students and then advised us that they would like a professional rolling multi-drawer Tool Chest and tools to fill it. It would be used to have all the tools needed for any particular task and rolled right up to the vehicle being worked on, shortening the distances needed to get and return tools from a central tool crib. Mike McGuire and Chuck Pedigo went to work and researched various companies that make and sell mobile, high-quality Tool Chests and tools to outfit the chest. The Lifetime Warranty tools and rolling chest from Harbor Freight was chosen and was delivered to Dennis and his 4th Period Auto Shop Students on Wednesday, February 28, in the pictures shown. At this time there is under construction a New building on campus for a new Wood Shop, Auto Shop, and Metal Shop, an exciting time to be in shop classes at FHS.



Five FVCC members brought a Vintage Car to the presentation, Doug Allen 1959 Ford F100, Ron Mintle '71 'Cuda, Steve Shapiro 1970 Chevelle SS, and Gary Luedtke a Porsche Carrera S.

All the vehicles were fired up and the students swarmed everyone of them, talking to each owner about the specifics of the engines, modifications, and all things cars.



*Way to Go FVCC!*



## General Meetings

March 26: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

### 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

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 \$24, 850 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!



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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. The museum is small so we will be splitting into 2 –3 groups. Lots to see and discover at Liberty Station when you are waiting to go into the museum or after you have finished the museum.

Depart 395 Park N Ride 9:30 AM.

Lunch at the Corvette Diner!

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

## 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.



Rich Root will be our military retiree with access to the base to sponsor us through the gate. *Please let Doug know that you can also be a sponsor.*

We will use the Vandergrift Blvd, San Luis Rey 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.





Invitation to meet up with the San Diego AACA car club March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Escondido Cars and Coffee. Great way to meet our local AACA car club members. See flyer below for location. Bring your coffee and join the fun!



We have been invited to participate in this “Rockabilly” Show at Lake Elsinore. Reg price is \$20 plus fees. If you register a car to the show, the ticket will be \$12 plus fees (fees to be determined).

Regular tickets are on sale the day of the show. Vehicle registrations will go thru Mark Beskid (see below). You must register with him prior to the show.

Cars should arrive between 10-11am. Gates open at 12pm.

Questions or to register call Mark Beskid

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Thanks!



# Community Car Shows

The word is out! Fallbrook Vintage Car Club has great people and cool cars! If you know of an event that we can participate in please share! Here is one from April and Mike!

Hey Guys, my friend works at Grace Lutheran Church & School in Escondido and they are hosting a charity car club event on Saturday March 16th. I'm going to show my Mustang and Mike is going to show his Corvette. I've attached the flyer.

Would you mind sending an email to the group to let them know about the event? They are raising \$ to help with kids' tuition. :)

Thank you!

April Szulborski

aprilcot11@yahoo.com

cell: 760-420-6517

## Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:00-12:00

Presented by



**The Revved Up for Students Car Show**  
proceeds will assist in the funding of the  
**Tuition Scholarship Fund at**  
**Grace Christian School**

**Registration Information**

- Registration is \$30 per vehicle; includes Revved Up T-shirt
- Please make checks payable to: Grace Christian School, Attn: Revved Up Car Show
- Completed Registrations can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to Grace Christian School, 643 W. 13th Ave Escondido, CA 92025
- Registrations can be completed on-line, including payment, at [www.graceschoolescondido.org](http://www.graceschoolescondido.org)
- Contact Ben Elliott for more information [belliott@gracelcms.net](mailto:belliott@gracelcms.net) or 760-747-3029 ext 7105



**The Revved Up for Students Car Show**  
is open to all makes and models of cars,  
foreign, domestic, classic and collector vehicles

**Entertainment ~ Vendors**  
**Revved Up T-Shirts ~ Raffle Prizes**  
**Sponsorships Available ~ Food & Drinks**

- Gates open for parking at 7:00 AM(pre-registered)
- "Day of" Registration begins at 7:30 AM, if space permits
- Space is limited! Please register early!
- Car show parking for viewing is "first come-first served"
- Awards for Top Cars
- All vehicles will receive a designated registration number
- All vehicles must remain in place until 12:00 PM
- Participants may bring and use easy-ups (must be anchored down)
- No pets, alcohol, or loud music per school guidelines
- This is a family event



**Grace Christian School**  
643 W. 13th Ave. Escondido, CA  
92025  
760-747-3029  
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**Car Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: As a participant in this show, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Revved Up for Students Car Show, Grace Christian School, its employees, show sponsors and vendors, and volunteers from any liability including, but not limited to: accident, theft, fire, loss, or injury of/to any vehicle or person participating in said car show on March 16, 2024.





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/](http://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!

# 2024 Annual Car Show News!



Poster photo shot was taken and the artist is well into making the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show Poster a work of art! Celebrating our founding fathers of the car club at the Historical Society's Barn, the poster is available for sale at the Avocado Festival and the Car Show. Watch for more news on Poster Stuffing and sale of numbered posters for members!





# Fallbrook Avocado Festival

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 8:30 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](mailto: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

## 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> Catalina Rv Resort and Spa <https://www.catalinasparvresort.com/> Yep we changes locations as Death Valley off roads remain closed. Contact Kathy now if you want to join us!

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/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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# Headlight: My Limited Memory: Early Years of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

By Dennis Lutz



I am probably the last surviving attendee of the very first Fall Brook Vintage Car club meeting. I moved to Fallbrook in 1969, just before my junior year in high school. I had purchased a 1956 Chevrolet nomad (Which I still own, see right photo) just prior to moving from Whittier. That year, my brother Dan and I purchased a Model A Ford roadster from a classmate's mother, and we started the restoration which we completed a year later, and he drove it to Fallbrook High school his junior and senior years.

During that time, my dad purchased a 1931 Ford Deluxe Roadster, and a few months later, he purchased a 1936 Ford 3 window coupe which the three of us restored.



Dan Lutz Sr with the '36 Ford. Note the FVCC Posters on the walls and the prize winning RC Model Airplanes.

I do not remember the exact date of the first meeting, but I was either towards the end of my senior year in high school or my first year at Palomar college. The three of us drove my Nomad over to Paul Stiles's house, where there were maybe 10 to 12 other car enthusiasts. Besides my family, I remember Paul Stiles, Carl Rosenthal, and Bob White were in attendance.



Dan Lutz Jr with his Model A

Over the next few meetings discussion followed:

The name Fallbrook was odiously decided, but it was divided into two words Fall Brook, which I think was the original spelling when the town was first incorporated.

I have a license plate topper I found somewhere in Fallbrook with the spelling of two words. The term "Vintage" was coined by my dad, his belief was that this would open the club up to an assortment of cars that would not be classified as antique or classic (25 years or older), and my Nomad was only 16 years old.



## Headlight: EARLY Days of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

By Dan Lutz continued...



Paul Stiles was elected president.

Dan Lutz Sr. in his younger years, had a few cars that he restored or hot rodded including a 1926 Model T, 1934 Victoria and a roadster, and a 1936 Ford 3-window coupe. Marriage and the family came along, and he purchased a new 1956 Bel Air 2 door sport coupe as a family car.

My dad returned to his other lifelong hobby of building model airplanes. He was a craftsman and many of his models were on the cover of model airplane magazines, along with many articles written about him and the planes he built and flew.

My brother and I sparked the old car flame inside him. He was elected the second FVCC president, and over the next few years he restored two beautiful 1936 Fords, a roadster, and a cabriolet. Both achieved national first place awards, along with the prestigious Early V8 Club Dearborn Awards.

In 1983, on his way to work, my dad had a near fatal accident near the Bonsall Bridge. This left him in a wheelchair paralyzed from the waist down. He would pick out a few car shows, or swap meets to attend, and I would drive him to show his cars and visit his friends. He was unable to continue his car restoration hobby and returned to building his world class model airplanes. My dad passed away in 2000 after being confined in a wheelchair for 17 years.



'31 Model A Deluxe Roaster Back in Fallbrook



Dan Sr's Model A Deluxe in Dennis's Garage

Dan Lutz Jr. drove his Model A roadster around Fallbrook for years and continued to restore cars, specializing in Mercedes Benz. Dan passed away in 2002, and I inherited his Model A roadster.

As for me, I drove my Nomad to Fallbrook High School, Palomar College and to San Diego State. I worked in construction and manufacturing before becoming a full-time professor of Industrial Technology at Palomar College, I retired in 2020 after 30 years. I have remained a car hobbyist restoring many 1955-1957 Chevrolets. I now own a 1955 Nomad, and a 1957 Convertible, and my first car, my Nomad. I still own my dad's 1936 roadster.

Respectively submitted

Dennis Lutz



## History Bits

By Fred Weisberger

### The Early Years of Automobiles in Southern California

The first known gasoline-powered “horseless carriage” in California was designed and built in Los Angeles. The Erie-Sturgis was designed by engineer James P. Erie and built by Samuel D. Sturgis in his machine shop on West 5th Street. This automobile was conceived two years prior, but it took time to gather the funds to complete the project. Not to alarm horses, it was decided to take the first drive on public roads during the late night of June 30, 1897. With much mechanical difficulty, the car traveled only a little faster than walking speed. After a few more brief drives, the project was abandoned—and only one example was ever built. (photo right)



The first car in San Bernardino County was a 1899 Haynes-Apperson, built in Kokomo, Indiana. The car arrived on June 26 of that year. C.J. Gaylord was the new owner of this two-cylinder, 7



horsepower motorcar. His early drives on public streets were a sensation and a local newspaper named it “The Stomachless Steed”. (photo left)

The first report of a gasoline-powered vehicle in San Diego County appeared in the February 13, 1900 edition of the San Diego Union newspaper. The owner was D.C. Collier, but the car was simply described as three-wheeler of “French Design” (likely a 1897-99 De Dion-Bouton trike). The earliest known San Diego car photo appears to show a 1899 Locomobile steam car. (Photo right)



On December 13, 1900, a group of horseless carriage enthusiasts in Los Angeles founded the Automobile Club of Southern California. The club was dedicated to improving roads, posting signs, proposing traffic laws and generally assisting the increasing number of motorists. No official automobile registration records seem to exist for just Southern California, but by 1900 there were 780 cars registered in all of California. In 1901 there were 1,450 registrations. The following year it was up to 2,290. By 1905 there were 7,890 cars registered. Five years later, in 1910, there were 43,210 cars registered in California. Today there are over 13 million cars registered in the state—the highest number in the nation.

After a humble start with its first car in 1897, Southern California has gone on to play a major role in shaping American car culture: the first board racetrack (1910 Los Angeles Motordrome); including car chase scenes in films (1910s-); dry lake speed competitions (1931-); Hot Rods and drag racing (late 1940s-); influential car magazines: Hot Rod, Road & Track, Car Craft... (late 1940s-); dune buggies (1960s-), Lowrider car culture (1960s-), “Drifting” competitions (1996-); DJM car collecting and Japanese car shows (2005-) and much more.

Romeo lunch February 8<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse Que and Brew was well attended with 23 guys talking cars and BBQ.



Next Romeo Lunch will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at Marisco's Pacifico 111 Pine St

Cars 11:00

Lunch 11:30



Juliet Lunch



Lots of talk at the Village Roots February 28<sup>th</sup>. The ladies will be trying out a new restaurant in Bonsall March 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Back Draft Bar and Grill 5525 Mission Rd Suite F.

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# Chipping Day

Fallbrook Fire Safe Council  
A free “Chipping Day”

**Saturday, March 16 – 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Location is the corner of Alturas St. & Aviation Rd., Fallbrook**

Open to all Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, and DeLuz community residents.

Material accepted for chipping includes branches less than six inches in diameter, trimmed brush, palm branches, and other cut vegetation.

The brush must be free of mud, rocks, and other debris.

No tree stumps will be accepted.

No commercial landscaping companies will be allowed to participate.

Volunteers will be at the site to assist in the unloading of vehicles. The chipped material will be placed in a dumpster that will be taken to the San Diego Compost facility for processing, and not be available to the public.

## Classifieds

I have a Demco kar kaddy for sale.

Never used.

\$2500.00

760-445-9915

Thanks

Mike Socha



## Long Range Club Calendar

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

4/6: Saturday Temecula Cars N Coffee.

4/9: Tuesday, Board Meeting 2:00 PM.

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

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

4/20: Motte Big Barn Car Show, Menifee. [mottemuseum.com](http://mottemuseum.com)

4/21: Sunday, Avocado Festival Fallbrook.

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.

5/16: Thursday, ROMEO, Main St. Café

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

7/27: Saturday, Summer Nights

8/10: Saturday, Summer Nights

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