

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

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## Important February Dates

- 2/10 Car Show Meeting
- 2/13 Board Meeting
- 2/20 ROMEO Lunch Firehouse Q&B
- 2/21 Juliet Lunch Trupiano's
- 2/25 General Meeting



## President's Message: Happy February everyone!

We are very lucky to live here in Fallbrook with great winding roads to exercise our cars and the beautiful weather to enjoy. I'm sure everyone has seen the devastation in LA from the fires and the heroic efforts of the fire fighters working tirelessly. Doris and I have watched and listened to the lessons learned from this event. We have taken lots of pictures inside of our home and catalogued our belongings. We have made sure to have copies of critical documents, all are now in a safe deposit box at the bank. Take the time to create your own escape plan, along with a suitcase you can quickly grab.

Thanks to the efforts of Chuck, Kathy and Gloria our annual Kick Off Breakfast at Marsicos sold out well in advance. The mini car show is always fun and we packed the parking lot. The entire event is a great excuse to polish up our cars and enjoy a nice cruise to the breakfast.



Finally, please be sure to take the time and renew your club membership this month.

Safe travels, **Steve**

**Club Renewals** It is now time to renew your club membership for 2025 if you have not already done so! This year we will not be taking the AACA renewals but you will renew DIRECTLY TO AACA.

Here are the steps:

Go to the AACA website to renew first. Have your Member # and Pin# from your membership card or the latest magazine. Renew online at: <https://members.aaca.org/membership/Membership.php> or use the paper form which came with the last magazine or on their website to renew and send in.

Then go to our website and renew with us! <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/product-category/carclub/> or alternately you can send in your renewal using the printed form on our website!

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## FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

### Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

#### 2024/2025 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Officers

**President: Steve Shapiro:**

[President@fallbrookvintagecarclub.org](mailto:President@fallbrookvintagecarclub.org)

**Vice President: Gary Hesser**

**Secretary: Terry Decker**

**Treasurer: Robin Kemper**

[Treasurer@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org](mailto:Treasurer@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org)

#### 2024/2025 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Members

Gloria Andrews, Kathy Hesser, Bill Kemper, Ron Mintle,  
Chuck Pedigo, Elaine Pedigo, Fred Weisberger

### Club Committee Chairs

**Car Show: Terry Decker, Gary Hesser, Bill Kemper**

**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: Gary Hesser, Dana Meadows**

**Publicity: Gary Hesser**

**ROMEO : Doug Allen, Gary Hesser**

**RV Camping: Kathy Hesser**

**Talepipe Editor: Kathy Hesser**

**Trailers & Club Property : Bill Kemper**

**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 Meeting Topics:** January Kick Off Breakfast

**Donations Requests Approved:** Fallbrook High School PTSA, Fallbrook Senior Center, Fallbrook Chorale

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

**Outside Activities:** Planning May Tucson AACA Spring National Trip, Winery Tour, Skilled Nursing Mini Car Show

**Publicity:** Recent Donations First 2025 Car Show Blitz

**Website Report:** Kick Off Breakfast Registration Active, Car Show Registration ready to go live

*Your FVCC Board meets once a month with somewhat flexible dates d/t room availability. 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 Steve know!*

**Board Meeting Dates at FPUD 3:30 pm:**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!*



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## Kick-off Breakfast Recap Saturday, January 25th

We had many new members join us for our annual kick off breakfast! The food was delicious and the cars fantastic! We filled the main room of the restaurant and learned about future club activities and this year's Car Show Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to those that have volunteered to help for the show. See you soon at one of the many activities planned for the new year!



## San Diego Excursion Recap

It was a beautiful sunny morning and over 90 pre-1942 cars with their drivers and navigators gathered in Balboa Park in the Auto Museum Parking lot for a drive to reenact the 1915 Road Race around Point Loma, which took them on Rosecrans, Lytton, Chatsworth, Catalina, Talbot, and Canon Streets. We had several of our own members take part in the event. Bill and Anne Ottemann, Keene and Chris Brewer, Glenn Wior, Bill Kemper and Steve Shapiro had a great time driving many streets they had never driven before. Spectators were in for a treat observing the many makes and models driven. Click here for an article from the OB Rag for more info on the event.

<https://obrag.org/2025/01/vintage-cars-paraded-across-the-peninsula-in-commemoration-of-famous-1915-point-loma-road-race/>



Glenn in his Huckster

Bill and Steve in the Model A Speedster



Members of the Temecula Model A Club and FVCC strike a pose for the camera. Rudy, Chris, Josh, and Glenn



Keene and Chris's 1912 Abbott Detroit



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

The 58th Annual  
**Fallbrook Vintage Car Show**  
Sunday, May 25, 2025  
In **Downtown Fallbrook**



This Year's Featured Car  
**Porsche**

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

# Fallbrook Vintage Car Show

## Downtown Fallbrook - May 25, 2025

### SPECTATORS FREE!

- Awards for Selected Categories
- More Award Categories than Last Year
- Dash Plaques for Registered Vehicles
- Open to Vehicles 2000 and older

### SHOW CAR REGISTRATION

- Show Car Entry Fee - \$40 - limited to 400 Single Vehicle Registrations
- Online Registration Only - Register your car Now
- Registration Deadline - May 9, 2025 at noon, or earlier if the show is sold-out
- No registration on day of show

For information go to [www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org/CarShow](http://www.FallbrookVintageCarClub.org/CarShow)

### ENJOY THE SHOW

- Variety of Great Restaurants and Food Vendors
- Live Entertainment
- Live DJ
- FVCC Car Show Posters & Show Merchandise Booth
- It will be a sellout show limited to 400 Preregistered Vehicles
- The 2025 Featured Car will be Porsche!



To Register a Show Vehicle, scan the QR Code or go to:

<https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/product-category/register-for-the-car-show/>

If you have questions call Mike Simpson at (760) 689-2650 or Email Mike at [registration@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org](mailto:registration@FallbrookVintageCarClub.org).

PROCEEDS FROM THE SHOW BENEFIT LOCAL FALLBROOK NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
PRIMARILY THE YOUTH AND OUR MILITARY THROUGH FVCC DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

58<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show is well on it's way to SUCCESS!

So, as you can see the flier is done and out for printing. The poster is being completed. The website has been updated and is ready to receive car registrations on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need all members to lend a hand with the many jobs that need to be done. Some are easy like taking fliers to other car clubs and shows. When we have lots of folks helping with set up and take down it goes fast and is a great way to get to know members better. Please let Kathy Hesser and Chuck Pedigo know how you can help!

## Romeo and Juliet Lunches

The guys enjoyed a great lunch at Village Pizza while swapping car stories.

Next Romeo Lunch is 2/20 at Firehouse Que and Brew

Cars 11:00 Lunch 11:30



Juliet's met at California Golf Resort for lots of talk about the new year!

Next lunch is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at Trupiano's 11:30

*Definition of Cruising: Cruising is a social activity that primarily consists of driving a car. Cruising is distinguished from regular driving by the social and recreational nature of the activity.*

**Introducing the 444 Fallbrook Cruise...Fallbrook 444's is a cruise night and dinner, happening every month April through October. 4th Sunday, 4:00 PM, meet at lower library lot, then make 4 (four) laps of cruising down Main, Rt on Fallbrook St, Right on Mission, Right on East Mission, Right on Main, repeat, repeat, repeat. Then, go to dinner at a restaurant of your choice. The first 444 will be Sunday April 27 at 4:00 PM !!! Meet at lower library parking lot around 3:30 PM, depart 4:00 PM. Talk it up amongst friends, plan your restaurants, maybe even make reservations in advance!**



"I'm gettin bummed drivin up and down the same old streets, I get around !!!"

Join in the fun with spouses and car friends.



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## Getting it Done!!!

Eleven members helped relocate many big cabinets and club memorabilia, posters, and club stuff at the Historical Society this past month. One cabinet was so big it did not fit in a truck or trailer, or even out the door!!!! The guys decided to roll it down the hill to the barn. No mishaps...maybe they helped build the pyramids??? Big thanks to Paul Bauman, Gary Hesser, Charles Meyer, Tom Shea, Jim Wayman, Glenn Wior, Jim Binford, Dana Meadows, Ed Kirkeby and Kathy Hesser who assisted Michael McGuire. Stay tuned in the future for assembling all in a club room in the "Barn". We will let you know how you can help make this room a historical masterpiece about our club!



## May 1-3, 2025 Western Spring Nationals/Special Grand Nationals Tucson, AZ

This will be the Tucson Region's third time hosting a dual meet! We take pride in selecting the best venues with the most amenities for attendees to enjoy. This year the event will again be held at Casino Del Sol Resort and Casino, an oasis of dining and entertainment! Just 15 minutes from Tucson International Airport and downtown, you'll discover The Sol of Tucson—Casino Del Sol. An oasis nestled in the secluded mesquites of the high Sonoran Desert. Our gracious and welcoming casino resort is a successive five-time recipient of a AAA Four-Diamond rating, and TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence Host Hotel & Show Venue.

Click here for brochure: <https://www.tucsonaaca.org/brochure.html>

Plan to come early and stay later to take advantage of the many attractions and points of interest in Southern Arizona! Special group rates apply for 3 days before and 3 days after the event. Note: Extended stay dates must be booked by calling the Reservation Desk at 855-765-7829.

Our club is planning on going and have several members taking their RV's to the meet. Tons of things to do along with the car shows. Air museums, botanical gardens, movie museum, click here to see more: <https://www.visittucson.org/things-to-do/attractions/> WOW! Plan to go and you can stay at the Casino Resort or take your RV!







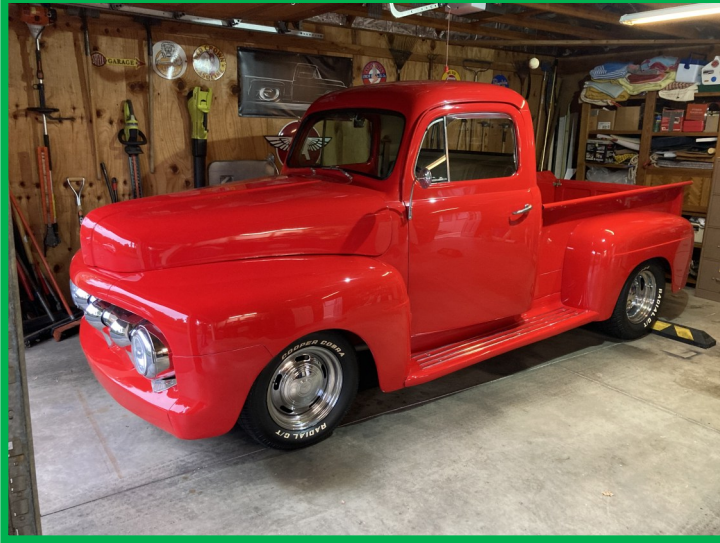
## Fun Breakfast Run!

FVCC members joined the Shafter Club for a run to Pauma Casino for a great breakfast and comradery. The sun was bright and the skies blue as many different makes and model cars made their way to the casino.



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## Headlight: Bob and Kathy Wall's 1952 Ford F1 Pick-up



We had been looking for a truck for years and ordered a 1955 Chevy-truck to be built. It's a LONG story, but that all fell apart. So I started looking again. I found this reddest truck I'd ever seen advertised with StreetSide Classics in Atlanta Ga. and I just couldn't get it out of my mind. I kept looking at all the advertisements for trucks but nothing caught my attention. I just kept coming back to that red truck. Here are the specs from the ad:

- 1952 Red Ford F1 pick-up
- Powered by a 302 Windsor small block
- 4 speed AOD transmission
- Aluminum radiator with electric fan
- 9' Posi-Traction 4-11 rear end
- Mustang 11 Rack and Pinion
- Power Brakes- Front disc
- Power Steering
- Ididit column
- Vintage AC
- Power Windows
- Custom frame off build by C&C Rod Shop, Port Richey Florida
- Interior by Interior Motive, La Fayette, Ga



We were on vacation in Cambria and Kathy stared at me with a little angry look and asked, "what are you doing?" "You have been on that phone for over an hour!" I replied, "I think I just bought a truck!"

It arrived in December of 2023 and we love it! It's an older build and needed some unseen repairs. So we replaced the rusty axles and brake drums, replaced the rear bumper and added new tires and wheels.

# Headlight: Bob and Kathy Wall's 1952 Ford F1 Pick-up Continued



I think the last owner was using it to launch a boat in the Gulf Of Mexico! It's just a start, but it's a great driver and it loves the Fallbrook backroads.

Speaking of Fallbrook, we moved here to get away from the rat race and congestion of the city. During our move I needed something for the house and went to Pine Tree Lumber to get it. The young woman at the counter said they didn't carry the item but asked me to wait a moment. She returned and said I found it for you. They carry it at Hank's hardware. I knew we had moved to the right place. Every time I drive Live Oak Road, I think how lucky can you be! It is one of the loveliest roads in

Fallbrook and I drive it every day!

Kathy and I moved to Fallbrook on April Fools Day 1998. Kathy joined Quarter Notes, a support group for the Fallbrook Music Society and worked on concerts at the Bob Burton Theater, Concert on the Green, and many other events. She enjoys the meditation group at the library and meets with them on a regular basis. She now really enjoys the outings with the Juliet lunch group.



I began volunteering with the San Diego County Sheriff's in 1998 and was asked to form an Elder Abuse Prevention unit. I worked fourteen years with the Adult Protective Services and worked with some of the finest officers and detectives in the country. After burning out, ( I don't know how they do it) I then began volunteering with the Oceanside Harbor Police as training officer on rescue boat #3 and worked there for 5 years.



Kathy and I are very pleased to be part of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club and hope for many years of adventure with the little red truck!



## History Bits

### DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER MEMORIES

By Fred Weisberger

Most Americans, at least over the age of 60, have fond memories of drive-in movie theaters. It all began with the long line of cars approaching the gate. The driver had to stop, pay admission for the number of adults and children in the car—and of course, never including any teen hiding in the trunk! Some cars were filled with families, eager to have an inexpensive family outing, while other cars were packed full of teens, looking for some evening excitement. And a few cars had only a single couple. The older couples were probably planning on watching the film, whereas the teen couples likely had other “plans” in mind.



Remember driving into the parking area? Some drive-ins carefully controlled the parking, while others allowed some freedom, so people scrambled to find their desired parking spot. When you finally pulled into your stall there was a slight incline, so you looked more directly at the giant outdoor movie screen. The driver would often pull forward and then back to get that “perfect” view of the screen.

Do you remember what happened if you arrived late? You were expected to turn off your headlights as you approached. Inevitably there was always some “dummy” who arrived late and drove in with their headlights turned “on”, which lit up the whole movie screen as they parked. This rude behavior usually resulting in people honking their horns and yelling, “LIGHTS!!”



Once you were parked, it was the drivers responsibility to attach the silver speaker box to the driver’s window. If the driver was too short or parked too far from the speaker pole, he/she had to hang out the window or open the door to reach the speaker. No one can forget those terrible drive-in speakers. Honestly, even by the standards of the day, when most cars only an AM radio with a single dash speaker, drive-in movie speakers always sounded like a small “pocket” AM radio, in a steel garbage can, at best. Needless to say, watching a Hollywood musical at a drive-in theater was a very poor choice.

Remember what you ate (and drank) at the drive-In? Some families brought their own snacks from home, usually to save money, but other families would head over to the Snack Bar. If you were a small kid, the Snack Bar was an amazing place, packed with people and filled with many of your favorite foods.

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## History Bits continued

### DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER MEMORIES

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Some teens brought their own liquid “refreshments” but most teen still bought popcorn and stuff at the snack bar too. If you were a teen, without a date, it wasn’t all hopeless, the Snack Bar was a good place to meet other teens. You might have arrived with your friends, but you could watch the movies with someone new.

After returning to your car, and munching on some snacks, the drive-in lights would eventually dim and the projector would light up the screen. Do you remember feeling the excitement? Sometimes the audience in their cars would actually clap and briefly cheer as the movies started.

Drive-in movies were usually a double-feature. Actually there were two films, plus cartoons, previews, and don’t forget, those musical reminders to visit the snack bar. When the feature film finally started, most everyone in the car would concentrate on the film, at least for a while. Arguably the best films to watch at a drive-in were action movies, like Westerns, or anything with a good car chase or two. Science fiction films were often fun and the horror films really helped young couples get closer. The guy would bravely put his arm around his date and she would lean into him for “protection”. Fun.

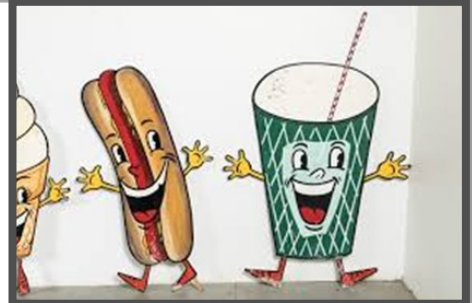
The feature film was usually a new release film, but the second film could be anything. If the second film was boring, you could always go back to the Snack Bar for more food or to meet new people. If you were a parent, and the kids were being annoying, you could send them to the playground, so you could watch the film in peace. And if you were on a “good” date, you might chose to “steam up the windows” instead of watching the film. More fun!



When the weather was good and you could watch the movies from outside of your car. Some people brought folding chairs. Did you ever sit on the car hood and lean back on the windshield to watch the movie? And then there were the parents who would put their kids on the car roof, especially if they had a station wagon with a roof rack.

If you decided to stay for both films, and all, it was 4+ hours of evening entrainment, but sooner or later it was time to go. By far, the most important thing to remember was to remove the speaker from your door window. Inevitably, someone would forget and the speaker would either fall to the ground (I did that once!) or if you were really unlucky, the speaker would break the driver’s window. Do you remember hearing the sound of shattering window glass after the movies? Did you laugh at their misfortune?

Sadly, most of the old drive-in theaters are gone now. It certainly was a really bad place to watch a good film, but the drive-in movie experience was often very memorable. Today most older Americans have fond memories of going to drive-ins with our families, friends and dates. Those were good times, good times indeed.



## Classifieds

**Classic 1995 Ford Mustang convertible.**

**Milage 92,536. Price negotiable.**

**In good condition.**

**Contact BJ Maus or John Maus at:**

**760 908-6913**



# Long Range Club Calendar

Reserve these dates on your calendar now!!!!

Events in Bold are Club Priority Events

Please Participate in these Car Shows and Events

On the website calendar they have a red bar as shown :

Fallbrook Summer Nights

2/10 Car Show Meeting FPUD 2:30

2/13 Board Meeting 3:30 p FPUD

2/20 ROMEO Lunch Firehouse Que & Brew

2/21 Juliet Lunch Trupiano's

2/25 General Meeting

3/10 Car Show meeting FPUD 2:30

3/13 Board Meeting 3:30 pm FPUD

3/20 ROMEO Lunch Party Burgers

3/21 Juliet Lunch Peking Wok

3/25 General Meeting 3 pm Prohibition Brewery

4/5 Mini Car Show w Lunch Fallbrook Skilled Nursing

4/7 Car Show Meeting

4/10 Board Meeting 2:30 Ed Kirkeby's

4/13 Avocado Festival

4/17 Adobe Hill Winery Picnic and Wine Tasting

4/24 ROMEO Lunch Harry's

4/25 Juliet Lunch Garden Center

4/27 Fallbrook 444's Downtown Cruise and dinner 4p

5/1 AACA Tucson Spring National 5/1 -5/3 Show Fri & Sat.

5/22 ROMEO Lunch (TBA)

5/23 Juliet Lunch Mariscos

5/25 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show

6/28 Annual BBQ and Election of 2025-26 Board

