

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 March Dates

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



**President's Message:** February is always a great month for holidays and much needed rain. It is also a great time to get our cars out and explore beautiful back country roads. This month the RV group went to Ocotillo Wells for Presidents Day weekend. The weather was very windy (35-40 mph gusts) on Friday, but beautiful the rest of the weekend. We enjoyed great jeeping trips, a visit to Borrego Springs and awesome bonfires each evening. The next planned trip will be in early May to the AACA dual meet in Tucson Arizona. You don't need to own an RV to go on a trip, there are typically cabins to rent or hotels close by.

Kathy will update us on future RV trips at our next general meeting on February 25th. At the meeting you will have an opportunity to meet Josh, the new owner of Eagle Eye Offroad (formally Eagle Eye Fabrication). Michael McGuire, who leads the Poster committee, will talk on the process of creating our annual Car Show Poster.

Safe travels, *Steve*

*Did you forget your AACA membership renewal? Click here to renew now! <https://members.aaca.org/membership/ReNewMembership.php>*

Trivia Porche question: What was the original name for the Porsche 911? See page 14 for the answer.

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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 big success , February Topic pending, Prohibition Brewery March Meeting 3p

**Donations Requests Approved:** none submitted

**Treasurer's Report:** January 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:** Car Show Registration live, calendar and photo updates

***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:**

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

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



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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 printed. The poster is being completed. The website has been updated and we are receiving car registrations everyday!. 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!





## RV Group News....

Campers Shapiro's, Pedigo's, and Ron Mintle had a great weekend out in the desert with family and friends. We have several members booked and ready to go to the Western Spring Nationals. If you are planning to go please let Kathy know so you can join in with the group.

We will be staying at the Lazydays KOA in Tucson which is about 30 minutes away from the Car Show. Check out the fun on the AACA website below.

Our group went to the Western Spring Nationals in 2018. Many of us traveled with our RV's. We decided then and there to form a group and go on trips some near and some far. It is a great group and we have been planning and going on trips together for 7 years now!

## 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!



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## April Fun! Save the Dates!!!

### Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> Mini car Show at Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Facility 9:30—1pm

Bring your vintage car to share with the folks. Swap car stories and have some BBQ for lunch. Please let Gary know if you can join. [garyhesser@gmail.com](mailto:garyhesser@gmail.com)

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Adobe Hills Winery Picnic and Wine tasting 12 noon

Pack a picnic lunch and meet at the lower Library Parking lot at 11:30 for a nice country drive out to the winery. Check out their website...beautiful setting with fantastic views. Classic or modern car mini car show. <https://adobehillwinery.com/>

*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.*



## 4 4 4 Cruise

Introducing the 444 Fallbrook Cruise...Fallbrook 444's is a cruise night and dinner, happening every month April through October.

What's 444?

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!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TARrhKkBTg>



Join in the fun with spouses and car friends.

## SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL



SCAN HERE TO  
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Vehicle  
Entry  
\$35

10th Anniversary

# MOTORS4MUSIC CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

March 16, 2025

9am - 12:30 pm

Free Admission, Live Music, Food Trucks, Raffle, Vendor Booths,  
25 Unique Award Categories & Our Famous Custom Trophies!

ALL Proceeds Benefit San Marcos High School Band & Color Guard

Show Details and Registration:

[www.sanmarcosbands.org/motors-for-music](http://www.sanmarcosbands.org/motors-for-music)

Please email [motors4music@sanmarcosbands.org](mailto:motors4music@sanmarcosbands.org) for sponsorship & vendor booth opportunities!

'Tis the season for Car Shows here in So Cal. Great time to get your car out or just drive your modern car to the show and browse. Have fun!



Escondido Family Classic Cruisers and 5150 Rat Rods Brings You



## The Happening Car Show

Sunday April 27

Held at  
Bates Nut Farm  
15954 Woods Valley Rd.  
Valley Center, CA 92082

Award Presentation  
at 2:00PM

Roll In: 9am  
Wraps up at 2:30pm

Pre-Registration: \$30.00  
(online at the FOAT)

Day of Registration: \$35.00  
Spectators are FREE

Classic Cars  
Trucks  
Motorcycles  
Big Rigs

Valve Cover Races  
Start at 11am  
Rules on Back of this flier



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## RAMONA SENIOR CENTER CAR SHOW

PRESENTED BY



THE OVER THE HILL  
GANG CAR CLUB

RAMONA AMERICAN  
GRAFFITI CRUISE



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CLASSICS

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ALL YEARS

HOT RODS

TRUCKS

MOTORCYCLES

OFF ROAD VEHICLES

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RAFFLE  
PRIZES

TROPHIES

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FREE HOT DOGS

DRINKS

SATURDAY  
APRIL 12TH  
2025

10 AM - 2 PM



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1234 BARGER PL, RAMONA

SAN VICENTE ROAD & BARGER PLACE

NO PREREGISTRATION NEEDED

DONATIONS FROM EACH VEHICLE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

All Donations Go To Support The Ramona Senior Center

CONTACT LEROY CLUBB @ 619-980-3647 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Grace Community Church and promoters are not liable for any accidents that may occur at the car show.



## Romeo and Juliet Lunches

The guys in February enjoyed cool cars and a great lunch at Firehouse Que and Brew while swapping car stories.

Next Romeo Lunch is 3/20 at Party Burgers

Cars 11:00 Lunch 11:30



Juliet's met at Trupiano's for lots of talk about the new year!

Next lunch is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at Peking Wok 11:30

Along with many other community non profits that support youth, military service and senior services FVCC supports The Student of the Month Program. The program at Fallbrook High School recognizes students who demonstrate academic success and community involvement. The program is celebrated with a



monthly breakfast at North Coast Church in Fallbrook. Teachers nominate students then the school staff, community members, and family honor the students at the breakfast. Student accolades include academic progress and improved grades, leadership, consideration for others, positive attitude, community involvement, personal development including honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, and optimism. Students must have good behavior, including no referrals, leadership and willingness to help peers, plus attendance, including good daily attendance and no excessive tardies .

If you want to feel great about the future of our world then attend one of these breakfasts and you will be amazed at our youth here in Fallbrook! For more info contact Terry Decker.





## Fallbrook Avocado Festival



**April 13th, 2025**

Once again the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club will take over the corner of Main Street and Fig Street at the 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 2025, 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 7:30 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 set-up for the event at 7 am. We also need help with merchandise sales. Please contact Gloria if you can work the morning or afternoon at: [andrewsglor@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewsglor@hotmail.com)

We will display our cars at the Village Smog property, Main and Fig. Enter the property from South Mission, East on Fig to Main St.

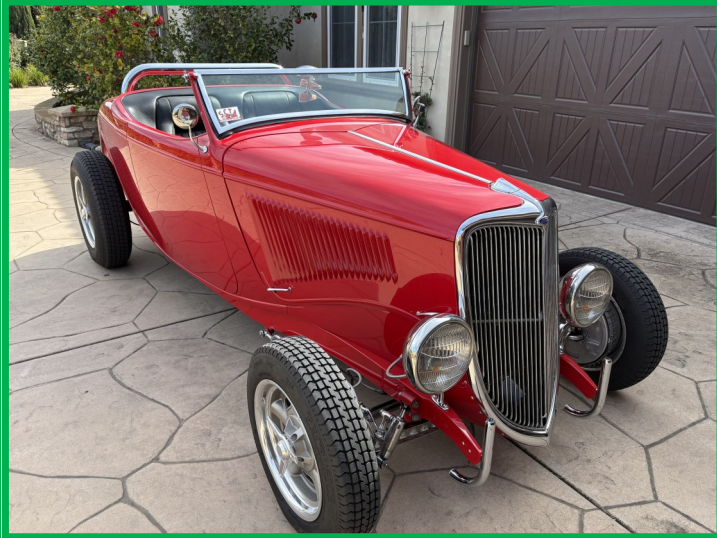
This is an important event for the club and a great chance for all to be involved!

Steve



Headlight: Craig and Christine Joley

1934 Ford Roaster Highboy



I have had Hotrods, Corvettes, and Porsches since I could drive. My high school car was a 1940 Ford coupe with a 1963 Mercury flathead engine. My 1st Porsche was a 1956 Speedster which was my drive to work car.

I was looking for a 1932, 33, or 34 Ford 3 window coupe when my son found this highboy for sale. It is a 1934 Ford Roaster Highboy with original Henry Ford all steel body.

I decided that I couldn't build it for the price so I bought it four years ago.

It was originally built by Joe Free 10+ years ago. He had spent two years on the body perfecting the panel gaps and installing hidden hinges etc.



The engine is a 383 stroker (525 HP) with Brodix heads, 650 Holley carb, headers with cutouts. With a Turbo 350 trans, Halibrand quick change rearend and Wilwood disc brakes it is a kick to drive. It has a dropped front axle and coil-overs in the rear. It screams RED RED RED paint with a black leather custom interior.

After buying the highboy I added the Indy style wheels and tires, replaced the carb, fuel pump, and mufflers. Adding a soft top in the future is on my bucket list for the car...





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1934 Ford Roaster Highboy



My favorite activity with the car is driving it to club functions and spending time with club members talking cars.

I have an embarrassing moment to share at the last cars and coffee, I was pulling in with Brent and Bob parking together when all of the sudden the lower radiator hose blew! We had an old faithful fountain of coolant, very embarrassing in front of the club. Greg and Brent helped save the day and I was able to drive back home safely.

Both Christine and I worked in the area since 1996 as managers of Auto Dealerships. We discovered Fallbrook in 2003, after returning from a Tuscany trip. The area reminded us of Italy, so like many others around Fallbrook we moved from Orange County to enjoy the rolling hills and fun roads to explore.



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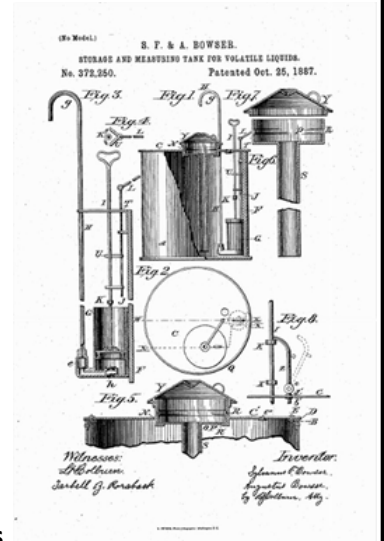


## History Bits

### Brief History of Gas Pumps

By Fred Weisberger

All of us can remember using different types of gas pumps over the years. The early history of gas pumps, or “metered liquid pumps”, coincidentally dates back to the same year as the first automobile. In 1885, Carl Benz (1844-1929) built the first internal combustion automobile in Germany and in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Sylvanus F. Bowser (1854-1938) started selling kerosene pumps. Bowser was granted a U.S. Patent (right) for his pump design in 1887.



Although the Bowser pump was originally designed to dispense kerosene for lamps, it was also able to pump gasoline for early automobiles. Today the Bowser kerosene pump is considered to be the first “gas pump” and therefore, S.F. Bowser is the “inventor” of the first gas pump. The S.F. Bowser Company was very successful and stayed in business until 1960, when it was acquired by Keene Corp.

It is important to note that early gas pumps were not used fill automobile gas tanks directly, but where used to fill gas cans and fuel tankers. Before automobiles were available, gasoline was used as a solvent and later to power “hit-and-miss” stationary engines, often used on farms and small factories. It was common to use gas cans to refuel stationary engines and the practice continued into the early years of the automobile.

By 1910, most American cities had large refueling stations for fuel tankers, but some car owners also bought gas directly from those locations. For rural drivers, gasoline was usually available in one gallon cans from general stores. Drivers could also bring their own gas can(s) to be refueled. In 1910, Gilbert & Barker (right) started selling a hand-cranked gas pump with a hose designed to directly fill a car gas tank, thus eliminating the need for gas cans.



During the teens and up to the early 1920s, a larger “pre-visible” type of gas pump (left) became popular. These hand-cranked, curb-side gas pumps efficiently dispensed gasoline directly into the customer’s car. The problem was that customers started to suspect that gas stations were stealing from them by under delivering. In response to this customer suspicion, gas pump manufacturers started selling so-called “visible” gas pumps.



Gilbarco  
Previsible Curb-side  
Handcrank Pump  
Approx 1920

The first visible gas pumps were sold in 1918. These early pumps had a graduated glass cylinder attached to the side of the pump, so the customer could see the gas before it went into their car. By the early 1920s these “visible” gas pumps had the glass cylinder mounted on top of the pump. Inside the glass cylinder were metal tags with numbers, 1 through 10. The gas would be hand-pumped to fill the 10 gallon glass cylinder above the pump.

# History Bits continued

## Brief History of Gas Pumps

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When the glass tank was full, gravity was used to feed the gas into the car. These iconic pumps stood tall, often up to 10 feet tall, with an advertising globe on top. These visible gas pumps worked well, and more importantly, satisfied the customers concerns about the honesty of gas station owners. Visible gas pumps did have a few problems: the pumps were too tall; the glass cylinder could leak at the bottom; it was a slow two-step process to dispense gas; and there was always the possibility of breaking the cylinder glass.

During the early 1930s gas pumps radically changed once again. The 1930s pumps are known today as “clock-face” models (left) because the gallons delivered were displayed on a dial resembling a



clock. Some clock-face pumps were electric powered, so they were faster and easier to use. To reassure customers that the pumps were actually pumping gas, there was a small glass window, known as a “sight glass”, showing gasoline actually flowing with a spinning device.



American Oil  
Visible Handcrank  
Gas Pump  
Approx 1930

The next type of gas pump came out in the mid-1930s. This new type is now known as a “computing” pump (right). These pumps recorded and displayed both the amount of gas delivered and the total cost, to the penny! Computing gas pumps still included a sight glass window to show that the gas was flowing from the pump. The use of a sight glass continued on gas pumps through the 1950s.



The 1960s and 1970s saw the development of smaller and shorter gas pumps, sometimes finished in unpainted stainless steel. Prior to the 1970s, most gas stations offered only “full-service”, with attendants pumping gas and checking the car for the customer. Although introduced in 1947, self-service slowly became popular. Over time gas pumps changed to encourage customers to pump their own gas.



Various styles of mechanical computing pumps continued until the 1980s, when fully electronic gas pumps were introduced. These new pumps had digital LCD display screens. Mobil gas stations were the first to offer “pay-at-the-pump” in 1986. By 2000, most American gas stations offered the pay-at-the-pump option. The latest development of gas pumps, introduced in 2006, is the LCD TV screen and a speaker, which shows commercials and plays music while the customer self-pumps gas.

Just like automobiles themselves, gas pumps have greatly evolved during the past 140 year. Gas pumps have changed from simple hand-operated pumps to be sophisticated, high-tech, driver-friendly devices. Today antique gas pumps are very popular and widely collected. Wouldn't a nice antique gas pump, from the period of your antique car(s), look great in your garage?

# 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

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

Trivia Question Answer: What was the original name for the Porsche 911? The 911 was originally called the 901, but Porsche changed the name to avoid a lawsuit with Peugeot.

