

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

2025 May Car Show Edition

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Important May Dates

5/5 Car Show meeting FPUD 2:30
 5/8 Board Meeting 3:00 pm FPUD
 5/20 Show Car Parking Meeting 6pm
 5/22 ROMEO Lunch Peking Wok
 5/23 JULIET Lunch Mariscos
 5/25 58th Annual Car Show!



President's Message:

April has shaped up to be another great month for our club. We added 2 new members: Steve Ross and Paul Latimer...welcome! Gary orchestrated a fun event at the Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Center (pg3). The club had an excellent turnout, providing patients an opportunity to interact with us and reminisce about great cars.

The Avocado Festival is traditionally our trial run of Show Central for the car show. I showed up late for setup, something that I probably will not live down, and to my great surprise everything was humming right along. Bill and his team had things well in hand with a flawless setup. 17 members cars were parked for display and their owners were enjoying coffee and donuts. Gloria and her merchandise team knocked it out of the park by breaking all sales records this year. 2025 will go down in our history books as a fun and profitable event for the club. (pg4)

The 58th annual car show is our biggest event of the year. Terry/Bill/Gary have done an incredible job of putting the show together and will outline the details in this edition of the Tailpipe. (pg5)

At the April 22nd club meeting we heard about the upcoming club elections and summer activities. Please consider nominating yourself or a friend for the board. Voting emails will be in your inbox soon. Be sure to attend the June Annual BBQ Saturday June 28th for some delicious BBQ and meet your new FVCC Board.

See you at the show! Steve

Trivia Question: How much is a fully restored 1954 356 Cabriolet Porsche worth? See Page 12 You will be surprised! Be sure to see the Featured Porsche cars in this year's Car Show.

Big Thanks to Jim Wayman, Featured Car Chair

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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

Vice President: Gary Hesser

Secretary: Terry Decker

Treasurer: Robin Kemper

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!



Spring Meeting Topics: Prohibition Brewery March Meeting 3p, April back at the church, June Annual BBQ

Donations Requests Approved: On Hold til after Car Show Revenue in the earnings column .

Treasurer's Report: March report submitted and approved

Outside Activities: Planning May Tucson AACA Spring National Trip, Winery Tour, Skilled Nursing Mini Car Show , Avo festival, first Fallbrook 444 cruise night

Publicity: Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Car Show/BBQ in Village News

Website Report: Car Show Registration full/closed, 2025 Poster, 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!

May Board Meeting Meets at FPUD 3 pm meeting We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!



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Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Mini Car Show

It was a beautiful day in Fallbrook!
Over twenty cars practiced their back in skills for a small practice run of the "big annual car show". Hot modern cars to cars of most decades, they did not disappoint!



The residents were happy to look at the cars and discuss old memories of cars.



BBQ'd hamburgers and hot dogs were served for lunch, along with a glass of silliness.



Fallbrook Avocado Festival

April 13th, 2025

Big thanks to all the members who brought their cars to share with the community! They were all a BIG HIT! Merchandise sales of over \$4800

means we have paid for merchandise and are now well on our way to making a profit to donate back to the community!



Big thanks to merchandise chairs Gloria and Jim Andrews and the helpers Elaine Pedigo, Kathy Hesser, Robin Kemper, Louise Patterson, Peggy Brown, Ann Wayman, Susie

Shea, Valerie Long, and Elsa Arbues.

This year's poster was also well received with great sales with car registrations and at the festival. Thanks to this year's poster committee Michael McGuire, Georgia and Glenn Wior and the members who helped stuff the first 200 posters.

Give a big clap on the shoulder to our trailer logistics master

Bill Kemper for a perfectly orchestrated setup and take down for the show!





**Registration is closed for show cars!
Woo Hoo!**

**390 Vehicles Registrations plus Brass Era Cars
and vintage motorcycles!**

95 Posters sold with Registration

Check out the car show data direct from registration:

Top Makes:

122 Chevrolets
106 Fords
37 Porsche
16 VW
13 AMC

**Registrations by City (42%
Fallbrook and Bonsall):**

Fallbrook 152
Temecula 32
San Diego 24
Oceanside 20
Escondido 16
Murietta 15
Carlsbad 14
Bonsall 13

Interesting Makes:

Checker
American Bantam Car
Co
Bricklin
Avanti
Jensen
Hudson (2)

Top Categories: Foreign Sports Car (includes the Porsches) 45

1950's Domestic Modified	40	1960's and 70's Muscle Car	35
1960's Domestic Modified	33	Modified Pickup, Truck, or 4X4	26
Pre-WWII Modified	26	1960's Domestic Stock	21
Rat Rod	17	1960's and 70's Pony Car	16
Original Unrestored	11	Station Wagon	10
Bus, Van, Utility or Military Vehicle	8	Woodie	5
Japanese Car	3		

The last Car Show Meeting is Monday, May 5, at 2:30 PM at FPUD and the Car Show Parking Meeting is Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 PM at FPUD . Not too late to help out with Show Car Parking. Come to the Car Show Parking Meeting and find out more. Big thanks to all that have worked to make this an outstanding Show!

See you at the Show!

About this year's poster: Location and Cars Featured

The Main Street Café first opened at this location, 507 South Main, in 2015. The building and its uses go much further back in the history of Fallbrook and auto lore. The corner of Beech and Main, including the adjacent shops, has a long history of being an automotive location as well as several small businesses, some short lived.

The original Main Street Café was at the corner of Clemmens Lane and South Mission (where Walgreens Drugs is today) from 1985 to 1996. After it closed, the name Main Street Cafe became available, and has been used in a couple different places, including where it is today. Let's start at the beginning:

1921: Fred Ash, who lived nearby on Ash St., opened a service station here, soon after Main Ave had been paved and auto traffic increased.

1941-1958: Mahr's Auto Supply & Service Station. Mahr later moved his business to 312 S. Main at the corner of Main & Elder.

1976-1978: Jones Motors, a used car dealership, occupied the entire building.

1984: Wayside Cafe opens.

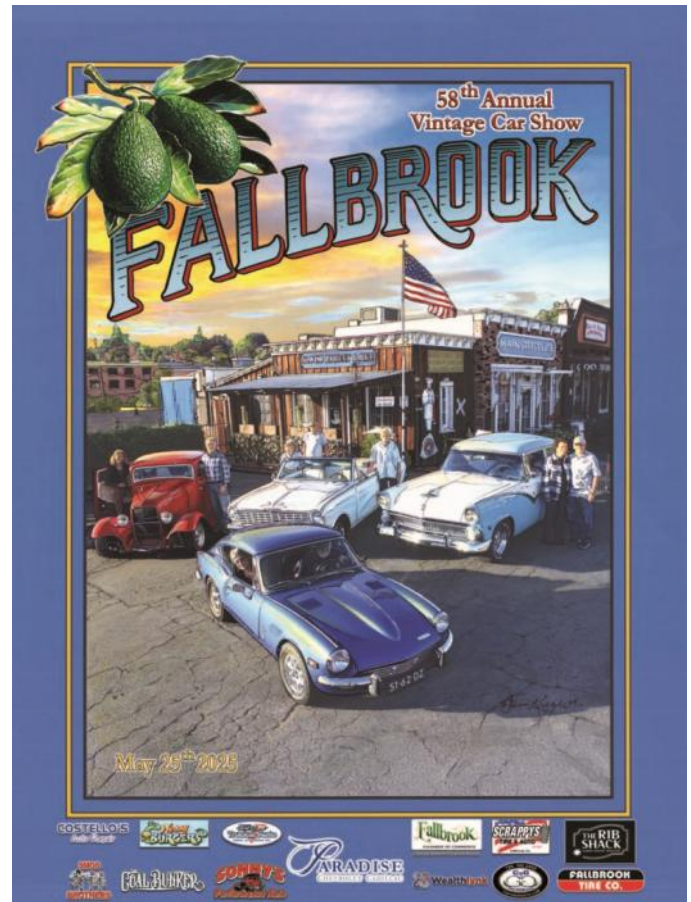
1995-1996: Wayside Cafe. Carl & Neils Cars & Trucks, a dealership adjacent to Wayside Cafe (same address).

2011-2013: Wayside Cafe. Main Street Motors. a used Car dealership (same address).

2013: Wayside Cafe closed.

2015: Main Street Cafe opens.

In the mid 1950's, Dode Martin rented a part of the building from Mahr's Auto Supply to open his welding shop. Dode, a lifetime Fallbrook resident, would go on to found Drag Masters with Jim Nelson. Drag Masters built dragsters, raced and sold frames to other racers from 1957 to 1965. They continued to build kit hot rods until 1996. Dode was an early member of the Shafter's Car Club. When the curbs were put in on Main, Dode signed the curb in front of the Main Street Café, check it out. Pistons and all!



Cars featured from top left to Right:

1932 Ford 3 window coupe Brent Taylor

1962 Chevrolet Nova Convertible Tom and Susie Shea

1955 Ford Fairlane Richard and Linda Root

1970 Triumph GT6+ Ernie and Kelly Christie

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It was a rainy day but that did not stop over 20 members to drive out to the hills of Fallbrook and enjoy some wine, lunch and great comradery!



April Fun!



Cruisin' Fallbrook 444

Introducing Cruisin' Fallbrook 444
A Sunday cruise night and dinner in Fallbrook!



What's Cruisin' Fallbrook 444?

- 4th Sunday of the Month
- 4:00 PM Start Time
- 4 Laps of Cruisin' Around Fallbrook
Then go to dinner at a restaurant of your choice.
Get it? 4-4-4!

Cruisin' Fallbrook 444 Route

- Meet at lower library parking lot around 3:30 PM, depart at 4:00 PM:
- From the lower library lot head south on Main Ave.
 - Right turn on to Fallbrook St.
 - Right turn on to Mission Rd.
 - Right turn on to East Mission Rd.
 - Right turn on to Main Ave.
 - Repeat, Repeat, Repeat!



Cruisin' Fallbrook 444 Dates

April 27 June 22 July 27

August 24 September 28 October 26

(No cruise on May 25. That's the day the Fallbrook Car Show is in town.)



Talk it up with friends, plan your restaurants,
consider making reservations in advance.
Join in the fun with spouses and car friends.



Twenty five cars from four local clubs met for the first Fallbrook Cruise 444! Fallbrook Vintage, Shafter's, Brooklyne and Groupe North met with introductions and small talk. Then took four laps around town and were then seen at several local restaurants.

Next Cruise 444 is June 22 !

Watch for more details!



Romeo and Juliet Lunches



The guys in April enjoyed some great food and brews at Harry's Bar.

Next Romeo Lunch is 5/22 at Peking Wok

Cars 11:00 Lunch 11:30

Juliet's met April 25th at Garden Center for a nice lunch inside. Soup and sandwich was the pick of the day. Lots of talk and laughter during lunch. So much fun but no pictures!!! Next lunch is scheduled for May 23 at Mariscos. 11:30 a.m.



Calling for Nominations for your 2025-26 Board!!!

Time again to call for Nominations for your 2025-26 FVCC Board. The board must have at least 3 directors and up to 12 to meet our club bylaws.

The qualifications are to be a member in good standing with FVCC and AACA. You must also attend most board meetings and take a leadership role in one of our major events such as:

Kick Off Breakfast, Veteran's Parade, Car Show, June BBQ, Holiday Dinner or Outside Activities

A good sense of humor and a "get er done attitude" are essential qualification for a director!

Nominate yourself or a friend that is willing and be a part of the leadership of this great club!

Members will vote for the entire slate of nominees by email in May and we will finalize the board at our annual BBQ in June. We need your nominations by May 10th. Emails with the slate of nominees will go out to the membership for voting on May 15th .



Annual Summer BBQ, Car Show
and Election of Board Officers

Saturday June 28th

VFW Hall



11:30 Car Show with Judging for the Lemly Awards

12:30 Lunch and General Meeting at the VFW Hall

Bring your car and smiles for this annual event! What are the Lemly Awards? Well come with your vintage classic car and find out! You will be doubled over laughing with the winners!

Menu this year is spot on the summer BBQ theme! Choose Chicken or Ribs for your entree. Mac n Cheese, Cole slaw, beans, a roll and brownies for dessert! All this for \$15 prepaid by our website or send in your check. No Host bar will also be available for soft drinks, beer, wine and cocktails.

Meet your new 2025-26 Board Members and find out more about the May Car Show results and summer/fall activities!

Address: 1175 Old Stage Road, Fallbrook

Headlight: 1954 Cabriolet Porsche

Jim and Ann Wayman



My introduction to Porsche was in 1955. I was living in Hawaii and had a paper route. A new customer moved into my neighborhood and I began delivering papers to them. They had a brand new 1955 Porsche Continental coupe in Turkish Red. I carpooled to school with their children for a few years and then I lost track of them.



The 1955 Continental Coupe

Fast forward to 1971 when I bought my first Porsche, a 1957 Speedster. After going thru a number of Porsches, I located my old neighbors and they still had the 1955 Continental coupe. It had been on blocks since 1972 with 50,000 miles on it and they didn't want to sell. I kept in touch and few years later, I was able to buy it from the widow.

Headlight: 1954 Cabriolet Porsche

Jim and Ann Wayman



The 1954 Cabriolet Body waiting for a new "coat"

After I retired, we moved from Hawaii to Colorado and then to Fallbrook (my wife found out she didn't like snow). This is a kind of convoluted way of getting to my current Porsche. A friend wanted to buy the 55 and kept after me for years. It had sat unrestored while I restored my 1929 Packard. A year ago he finally made an offer to trade a 1954 Porsche Cabriolet plus cash for my 55 and I made the trade. I had owned a 1955 Porsche Cabriolet before and wanted to get back into an open Porsche.

My plan is to restore the car as soon as I sell my Packard as I don't have the room in my shop for both. The bodywork has already been done and I have all of the parts needed to do the restoration. One of the attractions to this car was the fact that it came with its original engine, transmission and numbered body panels. The original color was Graphite Metallic, which is golden tan metallic color which is how it will be repainted. I have always enjoyed restoring cars and have done work on Porsches, some Model As, a 1931 Studebaker, a Phantom II Continental Rolls Royce and a 1924 Hispano-Suiza. I prefer to do most of the work myself.

We enjoy the small town feel and friendliness of people in Fallbrook and the private location of our home. As my wife says "The next move is in a box". I have been a member of AACA since the 70s when a group of us in Hawaii got together to form the Aloha Region of AACA, of which I am the sole living founder.

Trivia Question Answer: A fully restored 1954 Porsche 356 cabriolet convertible can cost anywhere from \$201,333 to \$687,000, depending on condition, spec, and market demand. For example, a 1954 Porsche 356 1500 in good condition with average spec might sell for around \$201,333, while a fully restored 1954 Porsche 356 Pre-A 1500 Super Speedster, like the one sold by RM Sotheby's, could fetch \$687,000 . From Google AI

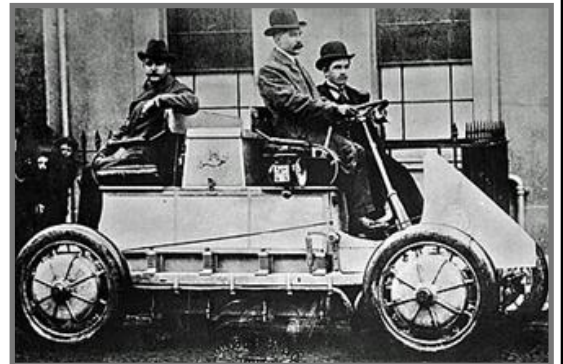
History Bits : FERDINAND PORSCHE

THE GREATEST AUTOMOBILE ENGINEER OF THE 20TH CENTURY

By Fred Weisberger

There have been countless engineers who contributed to the development of the automobile. Back in 1999, when many people were reflecting on the advancement of the automobile during the 20th Century, 132 automobile journalists, from 33 countries, were brought together to vote for the “Car Engineer of the Century”. This group created a list of outstanding automobile engineers, including some well known names such as: Karl Benz, Ettore Bugatti, Colin Chapman, Rudolf Diesel, Gottlieb Daimler, Henry Ford, Ferdinand Porsche, Frederick Royce, Felix Wankel and several others. The members of the group carefully evaluated the engineering achievements of each man and concluded that Ferdinand Porsche (1875-1951) was the greatest automobile engineer of the 20th Century.

Ferdinand Porsche’s numerous engineering achievements began with designing the very first gasoline-electric hybrid car in 1900, the Lohner-Porsche (photo right). This innovative car also included the first electric hub motor, with one at each wheel, thus also the first 4-wheel drive road car. The car was first exhibited at the 1900 Paris Exposition. Porsche demonstrated and even raced this car.



In 1906, Porsche moved to Austro-Daimler to serve as chief design engineer, where he developed several notable race cars, including the successful streamlined “Prince Henry” 85 horsepower race car in 1910. In the 1920s, Porsche did extensive work on supercharging car engines, which culminated in his design of the incomparable 1928-1932 Mercedes-Benz SSK (photo left). The SSK was a dominant sports/race car of the period.

Ferdinand Porsche started his own design consulting firm in 1931 and worked on several innovative design projects. Porsche patented the first torsion bar suspension, which was later used by Volkswagen, Porsche and many other car companies. Another design project later became the successful mid-engine Auto Union race cars of the mid-1930s (photo right). In 1935 Porsche worked with ZF engineering to design and build the first limited-slip differential, which was used on some of the Auto Union race cars.



History Bits continued...

THE GREATEST AUTOMOBILE ENGINEER OF THE 20TH CENTURY

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Ferdinand Porsche's last major projects were the Volkswagen-based Kubelwagen (military car, later reissued as the VW "Thing") and Schwimmwagen (amphibious car, photo right).



During his long career, Ferdinand Porsche is credited with many engineering "firsts", including: the first gasoline-electric hybrid, the first electric hub motor, the first 4-wheel drive road car, the first torsion bar suspension, and the first limit-slip differential. Ferdinand Porsche designed many historically important cars during his long career, including the Lohner-Porsche, Mercedes Benz SSK and the Volkswagen Beetle.

Any one of Ferdinand Porsche's major engineering achievements would have made him an important automobile engineer, but the total of his innovative engineering achievements earned him the title of "Car Engineer of the Century".



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Long Range Club Calendar

Reserve these dates on your calendar now!!!!

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

5/22 ROMEO Lunch Peking Wok

5/23 Juliet Lunch Mariscos

5/25 58th Annual Car Show

5/31 Nature Education Foundation Car Show 20505 Palomar St.

6/21 Summer Nights Downtown #1

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

7/19 Second Summer Nights

7/12 Tiki Time Bay Cruise Point Loma

8/2 National Night Out/Summer Nights #3

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

Summer Nights Are Back!



Save the dates, Fallbrook Summer Nights are Back!! This summer there are three Saturday Summer Nights events: 6/21, 7/19, and 8/2...mark your calendars! Each event is open to the public. The events run from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and will be on Main Avenue between Hawthorne and Fig streets.

For the first date, 6/21, the theme is Hawaiian Shirt Night. There will be Hula and Ukulele lessons, a kid zone, classic cars, live music, a Beer and Wine Garden in the Village Square, and food trucks. The event is free to attend, but there is a \$10.00 entry to the Beer and Wine Garden which includes one drink ticket. Fallbrook Vintage Car Club is working with other local car clubs to

display their cars. Sorry, no "roll-ins" permitted as street parking on Main Avenue is strictly limited.

7/19's theme will be all things Off-Road - 4 Wheel Drive vehicles, Land Rovers, Rock Crawlers, Jeeps, Rails, Customs. Fallbrook Vintage Car Club is coordinating vehicle invitations with local off-road clubs.

National Night Out is Saturday 8/2. The Sheriff's Office, North County Fire, and Cal Fire will be assembling vehicles and demonstrations for visitors of all ages to enjoy.

Restaurants will be open and ready to serve. Main Avenue will re-open at 8:00 PM all three nights for regular traffic flow. Come on out and enjoy Fallbrook Summer Nights!

FIRST ANNUAL
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Thursday, May 1, 2025

5:00pm-7:00pm

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Connect with local organizations that offer programs and services for older adults. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Joanna Costello at **760-723-7570** or jcostello@foundationforseniorcare.org.