

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 June-July Dates

6/12 Board Meeting 3:00 pm FPUD  
 6/24 ROMEO Mountain Mikes  
 6/20 JULIET Lunch Café D'Artiste  
 6/21 Summer Nights  
 6/28 Annual BBQ  
 6/29 Cruisin 444  
 7/10 Board Meeting 3:00 pm FPUD  
 7/12 Tiki Fun Cruise  
 7/19 Summer Nights  
 7/24 Romeo Lunch  
 7/27 Cruisin 444

## President's Message:

FVCC has become the premier car club hosting a must attend car show in the county. This feat has been the result ongoing hard work over the last few years, culminated in bringing our show to downtown Fallbrook. Ah yes, many might fondly think back to the H.S., Potter wonderful Pala Mesa and Bates, but I'll argue that downtown brings our show to a new level. The town supports us and the community comes out to enjoy the show.

Bill, Terry and Gary have perfected show car parking to an art. Wayne has been able to sit and enjoy the show instead of endless hours of public parking. Judges look forward to our event and call to make certain they are included. Merchandise, led by Gloria and an incredible team, has almost completely sold out 2 years in a row! Kathy and Chuck's work to enlist an amazing number of club members and volunteers resulted in a small army of helpers making everyone's jobs so much easier. How much easier you ask...we were finished breaking down the show by 3:45 pm!



Finally, the many North County and South Riverside County car clubs, because of our efforts to include them, have become an extension of our club. They look forward to Summer Nights, 444 and started asking Kathy when they could sign up for next year's show.

The depth and breadth of high-quality cars not normally seen at car shows prompted many to say that the Fallbrook show is a cannot miss event. *For me, well I am so proud to be a part of our club that accomplishes so much and then gives so much back to the community.*

Steve

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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!



**Spring Meeting Topics:** June Annual BBQ at VFW, July no Meeting. Need to find new General Meeting Place discussion/ideas to follow

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

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

**Outside Activities:** Planning July Tiki Cruise, Summer Nights x 3 and Fall activities

**Publicity:** Car Show Registration Closed

**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!***

***June 12, July 10, August 14 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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## Remembering Annette McGuire....



Amid all the celebration of another successful Car Show we lost a dear friend and club member on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Memories of Annette and all she did with this club and the Fallbrook Community could fill this entire newsletter and beyond. Instead I ask you to pause a moment and remember your own times with her. Last year we celebrated her contribution to our club by giving her the Legacy Award, in recognition of an outstanding club member whose contribution over time, has had a truly meaningful and positive impact on the success of the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club.

***Annette did much more than that! She had a meaningful and positive impact on her family and friends.***



By remembering all the times we have shared with Annette we celebrate what she meant to each of us and keep her memory alive! Please take the time now before you turn another page of this newsletter and think of Annette. She lives on in our hearts and souls. We will give news of future services in her honor.



***Soul Mates***

# Annual Summer BBQ, Car Show and Election of Board Officers

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>

VFW Hall

1175 Old Stage Road, Fallbrook

11:30 Car Show with Judging for the Lumley Awards

12:30 Lunch and General Meeting at the VFW Hall

Bring your car and smiles for this annual event! What are the Lumley 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 pre-paid 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! We will also be giving two dedicated members Legacy Awards.

Register via the club website: <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/shop/>

Or send by mail the below registration with your check to: FVCC PO Box 714 Fallbrook CA 92088

**We Need to have your registration by June 14th**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cut and Mail In \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entree Choice: ☐ Chicken ☐ Ribs ☐ Chicken ☐ Ribs

\$15 each Member

Total: \_\_\_\_\_



FALLBROOK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

P R E S E N T S

VILLAGE  
SQUARE

FALLBROOK

MAIN &  
ALVARADO

JUNE 21  
4PM-8PM

FREE  
ADMISSION

# Summer Nights

## HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT

- HULA & UKULELE LESSONS
- KID ZONE
- & MORE!

FEAT. FALLBROOK  
Vintage Car Club

BOOZE BROTHERS | MYRTLE CREEK WINERY

CLASSIC CARS | LIVE MUSIC | BEER & WINE GARDEN | FOOD TRUCKS | FUN

\$10 ENTRY TO BEER & WINE GARDEN - INCLUDES (1) DRINK TICKET

MUSIC: MIKE STAGGS & THE SOUL

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## July Fun and Games

Saturday July 12

Are you ready for some laughs out on San Diego Bay? Sometimes it is just fun to be a tourist in your own neighborhood!

The most entertaining and interactive experience you will EVER book! Not truly a tour. Jump on board with friends and family to see for yourself what is taking San Diego Bay by storm! We focus lightly on San Diego facts and use this information to power our unique game show experience filled with prizes and giveaways.



Putt-putt golf, frisbee toss, trivia, SUP races, football and SO much more. Be a contestant and win your group or the entire boat free drinks, tickets or ?? If competing is not your vibe then simply sit back, cocktail in hand and enjoy the fun! Book this one now!

**The Fine Print:** Every tour is unique. Games are chosen randomly and not all games are played on all tours. Prizes include but are not limited to free drinks, free tour tickets, tiki swag, song requests, charters and other items of value.

### Highlights

- ♦ Fun games like trivia, frisbee toss, and putt-putt golf
- ♦ Compete for prizes, including drinks, tickets, and Tiki swag
- ♦ Lively entertainment with a unique Tiki twist

**Plan to get to Point Loma around 1045 am. On Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** H&M Landing 2803 Emerson Street San Diego, CA 92106

**Find a parking space and walk around to enjoy the view. We will board at 11:00. Departure is 11:30**

**Cost \$52 (seniors) Refunded if cancel 24 hours prior**

**RSVP:** garyhesser@gmail.com that you have booked your tour on their website at: <https://tikitimebaytours.com/>





## Tucson AACA RV Trip



Fun times were had by the group that went to Tucson.  
Museums, gardens and cars..  
And evening campfires...







## Wow what a Show!

Already there are several videos posted on You Tube! If you missed the show here is a 30 min version to click on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-ZMKm0vNT8>



**Pamela Frisbie- Best 1960's Domestic Stock**



**Congrats to James Brown-  
Best 1940's Domestic Stock**







Want to see more photos of the show?

Click here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13h-o6eZUhzdBiiDGOignc2\\_r2jMldASU?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13h-o6eZUhzdBiiDGOignc2_r2jMldASU?usp=sharing)

The quality and variety of cars was amazing!!!







**Members kept smiling as they gave history of their cars, sold merchandise and gave information and direction to the many volunteers at the show!**





## Second Cruise Night is June 22!

### 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.

Our first night brought out 25 cars from three different clubs. We are working on a different route (with less hill intersections) and may choose one restaurant to meet up after the cruise. Stay tuned for more info to come.....





## Romeo and Juliet Lunches

May Romeo Lunch at Peking Wok

Look who found themselves a “new” ride!

June Lunch is Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Mike’s

Cars 11:00 Lunch 11:30

July 24<sup>th</sup> Mariscos

Cars 11:00 Lunch 11:30



*Dana talkin’ Trash!*

Juliet’s met May 23 at Village Roots, but we never think to take a picture as we are too busy talking!!! Fun Lunch!

June 20<sup>th</sup> Café D’ Artise 11:30

July TBA





## Headlight: Bob Heffner's 1968 Mustang "California Special".



**My car is a 1968 Mustang "California Special".**

**Ford contracted with Carroll Shelby and added a GTCS package which included many of the Shelby Mustang features including: blackout grille w/Lucas lights; side scoops; side striping; Shelby rear end deck lid & tail lights.**



**Only 4118 were produced. The car was restored in 1975. It has a 302 crate engine, 5 speed manual transmission, and deluxe interior.**

**I inherited my car four years ago when my brother passed. I carry on the "Fast Eddie" legacy every time I drive the car and anytime I get to tell its history. The car was in great shape and has always been garaged. The only upgrade that I have made were to make the car more drivable including power steering and hydraulic clutch.**





## Headlight: Bob Heffner's 1968 Mustang "California Special".



My wife Trudy and I moved from L.A. to Fallbrook in 2016. We love Fallbrook's "Small Town" feel. It has been a wonderful life style change since we moved here.

My friend Larry and I just joined the club in January and have enjoyed several of the monthly club events and member comradery.

Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and the opportunity to share my car story.

Bob





## History Bits : FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS... 90 YEARS OF AACA

By Fred Weisberger



This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Back in 1935, a small group of antique car owners in the Philadelphia area formally organized as a club. Actually, it all began four years earlier.

In 1931, as the nation was falling deeper into the Great Depression, and new car sales were declining dramatically, the organizers of the annual Philadelphia Automobile Show of new cars decided to invite some local owners of antique cars. The plan was to stage an event named the “First Antique Automobile Derby”, a loosely competitive tour of early automobiles to the new car show location (photo above). The old cars needed to be at least 25 years old (1906 or older) and had to be driven 25 miles to the new car show. The car show organizers and new car dealers offered some trophies and cash prizes to the antique car owners for successful participation in the Derby.



Oldest and Fastest

The Philadelphia Antique Automobile Derby, a feature at the Phila. Auto Show, was held again this year, with many old timers chugging and puffing along the course. The winner, shown above, is a Winton of the 1897 vintage, driven by Fred Parson, Bryn Mawr, Pa. The oldest car in the race, it was also the fastest.



The Antique Automobile Derby was an excellent publicity stunt. The Derby was well covered by local newspapers (photo right).

The stark contrast between the antique cars and the new car models proved very popular with the general public (1934 photo left).

After the success of the first year, the Derby became an annual event and each year more antique cars participated.

By 1935 some of the antique car owners felt a bit under-appreciated by the event organizers. Two such men were Frank Abramson (1912-2001) and Ted Fiala (?-1993). Frank and Ted worked at Universal Guns, a firearms manufacturer in Philadelphia. The two friends were known to be rather flamboyant and eccentric characters (photo right). After “restoring” a barn-find 1907 Waltham-Orient to running condition, and participating in the Derby, Frank and Ted decided to see if there was any interest in organizing the local antique car enthusiasts. The goal was to form a club to better negotiate with the new car show leadership—and to generally promote the antique car hobby. In the fall of 1935, they mailed letters to the Derby participants inquiring if they were interested in forming a club.



## History Bits continued...

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Frank and Ted were likely surprised by the enthusiastic response they received from their fellow antique car owners. It was agreed to hold a meeting in November to form a club. The 14 Founding Members (list below) met and elected Frank Abramson the first President—he served for three years. Ted Fiala served as the first Treasurer and Secretary. The Founding Members owned an interesting array of early automobiles, dating from a 1901 Winton to a 1915 Buick. Important to note that in 1935, the member's oldest car was only 34 years old and the newest was a mere 20 years old.

Frank Abramson, Philadelphia, PA – co-owner 1907 Waltham-Orient (first President)

Theodore B. Brooks, Wayne, PA – 1913 Buick

John S. Eichorn, Philadelphia, PA – 1914 Ford

Earl S. Eckel, Washington, NJ – 1912 Stanley

Theodore (Ted) J. Fiala, Havertown, PA – co-owner 1907 Waltham-Orient (first Treasurer, Secretary, and newsletter Editor)

Joseph M. Kern, Media, PA – 1909 Pierce-Arrow

Clarence W. Letts, Glenside, PA – 1902 Oldsmobile

Paul Marvel, Lancaster, PA – 1909 Jackson

Walter Matter, Hawley, PA – 1910 Ford

Fred Parsons, Bryn Mawr, PA – 1901 Winton

Anton Schuck, Stockton, NJ – 1905 Autocar

D Spagnoli, Philadelphia, PA – 1915 Buick

Noah Swatley, Soudertown, PA – 1912 Overland

Joseph C. Williams, Franklinville, NJ – 1902 Oldsmobile

In 1936 a club Constitution was approved. In 1937 the club produced newsletter Vol. 1, No. 1, under the name, "The Bulletin of the Antique Automobile", with Ted Fiala as the first editor. Two years later, in 1939, the club selected a drawing of a 1895 Duryea car for the club logo (image right).

The selection of a Duryea automobile for the logo was appropriate for a club focused on American automobile history. A Duryea won the first American car race, the 1895 Chicago Times-Herald Race. The Duryea is also considered America's first "production" automobile—by the end of 1896 Duryea had sold 13 examples. And a Duryea won the first British "Emancipation Run" in 1896, today this annual event is known as the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.



By 1940 club membership was up to 115 and growing, but the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack quickly plunged the nation into a global war. After the war the club really began to grow beyond a local and regional club and into a truly national club. By 1950 there were over 2,500 members, 8,700 in 1959, 23,000 in 1969, and a whopping 50,000 members in 1985—the club's 50th Anniversary!

Sadly people are less interested in traditional clubs these days and AACA membership has declined to (a still impressive!) 45,000+ members. Today there are hundreds of AACA chapters/regions in the US and overseas. Every year AACA chapters and regions host numerous local and national car shows and tours throughout the country. In 1993 the club created the AACA Museum, which formally split from the club in 2016.



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In 1993 the club created the AACA Museum, which formally split from the club in 2016. The club also formed the amazing AACA Library and Research Center in 2008—which contains over 3 million automobile related items in a beautiful new building.

The Big Event for AACA is still the annual Hershey Region Eastern Fall Meet, which is the largest antique car event in the world, with hundreds of show cars, thousands of cars for sale, an antique car and collectables auction, 26+ miles of swap meet spaces and many other organized activities.



From very humble beginnings in 1935, with only 14 members, the Antique Automobile Club of America has survived 90 years and has grown into the world's largest organization promoting the preservation and enjoyment of antique vehicles.

**Happy 90th Birthday, AACA!**



## MORE LOCAL COMMUNITY CAR EVENTS...VANC ANNUAL CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

### Classic Cars & Trucks to New Rides with Modern Technology

Join VANC for our 7th Annual Car Show! We'll be featuring all sorts of extraordinary cars, trucks, and vehicles. Enjoy live music, fun and a great time. All years, makes and models are welcome and trophies will be given to "The Best" in several categories. Event starts at 9am but there will be a pancake breakfast at 8am for registrants. Breakfast, lunch and drinks are available for purchase. Parking is limited to the first 110 registrants so don't wait and join us today! **FREE for spectators!**

[DOWNLOAD THE FLYER](#)

**DATE:** Saturday, June 14, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - Breakfast starts at 8am

**LOCATION:** 1617 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92058

**Registration Information:** [Info@vanc.me](mailto:Info@vanc.me)

**Entry Fee:** Early Bird - \$30 through June 11th // \$50 June 12th-Same Day

**Cars or History...You Decide!**

**Or maybe both???**

**Always lots to do around our town!!!**

**The Fallbrook Historical Society  
Invites you to a  
First Day of Summer Festival Celebrating  
Fallbrook's Hispanic Heritage !**



**June 14: 1pm - 4 pm**

**Featuring:**  
1:15pm Fallbrook Ballet Folklo'rico  
2:00pm Ballet Folklo'rico de Potter Jr. High  
2:45 Ballet Folklo'rico de Fallbrook



**Mexican food truck  
and Garcia's Ice Cream  
Silent auction items !  
1730 South Hill Ave.  
Fallbrook, Ca. 92028  
760 723-4125**



### Fun Way to Learn More About The History of Fallbrook!

The Fallbrook Historical Society website now has a 20 question multiple choice historical quiz. It's fun, free & open to everyone. Only one submission per person. All information needed to correctly answer questions can be found on the FHS website or at the museum. The winner will be announced on June 5th.

<https://www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.org/fhs-2025-historical-quiz/>



## Long Range Club Calendar

Reserve these dates on your calendar now!!!!

**6/21 Summer Nights Downtown #1**

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

**6/29 Cruisin Fallbrook 444**

7/4 Wheels of Freedom Car Show 9-2:00, donations asked, Wheels of Freedom Parade at 3:30 PM, music and fire-works at Bernardo Heights Middle School after 6:00. Webb Park, Rancho Bernardo.

**7/12 Tiki Time Bay Cruise**

**7/19 Summer Nights Offroad Vehicles Night 4-8:00**

**7/24, ROMEO Mariscos**

**7/27 Cruisin Fallbrook 444**

**8/2 Summer Nights National Night Out**

**8/21 ROMEO TBA**

**8/31 Cruisin Fallbrook 444**

9/6 Ramona Rotors Helicopter Museum leave 395 10:00 AM, tour, then lunch at Up the Hill Grill, Ramona. [www.rotors.org](http://www.rotors.org)

**9/28 Cruisin Fallbrook 444**

**10/25 Bonsall High Car Show (at Bonsall Elementary) 10 - 2:00**

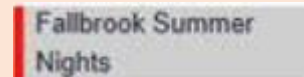
**10/26 Cruisin Fallbrook 444**

**Saturday 11/8 Bonsall Bridge Ceremony, car show at Bonsall Elementary.**

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 :



## Saga of the FVCC Sign On Mission

This sign has not remained un-noticed by your FVCC Board. In fact it was on the Board agenda for two years while Kathy was President and then again now during the 2025 year. What is happening you ask? It has been mentioned on Facebook. The public wants the sign painted...we want the sign painted. It looks terrible and appears our club does not care about the sign's condition. Not True! What is the holdup?

Well if you guessed the San Diego County you would be correct! Lots of rules and regulations that the sign does not meet. The owner of the property would like to keep both our sign and the Avocado Fallbrook sign and is willing to repaint and fix the Fallbrook sign. We have quotes to repair our sign also. We are just waiting and hoping the county will deem both signs of historical significance and allow the repair. Big thanks to Ron Mintle for his continued leadership in meeting with the County and Chamber of Commerce. Stayed tuned for more updates!