



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 August Edition

President's Message.....	1
Board/Steering Column	2
Summer Nights 3	3
Annual BBQ/Election of officers.....	4
July Fun.....	5
Romeo/Juliet Activities.....	6
Cruise 444.....	7
Community Events.....	8
Headlight.....	9-11
History Bits	12-14
September Outing.....	15
Bonsall High Car Show.....	16
Bonsall Bridge Celebration.....	17

President's Message/Editor's note: Steve is away on vacation but he will be back in August to lead our General Meeting at the Fallbrook VFW August 26th. Bring your car and enjoy dinner before the meeting at 5 pm. Menu will be salad, garlic bread and lasagna rolls with dessert. We are finishing the details of the cost and will have that to you soon.

In this issue enjoy photos of the June/July events and learn about upcoming activities.

The Headlight section and History Bits are all about Fast Cars. Jim's BMW is probably the only road worthy race car you will see driving the streets of Fallbrook! Big thanks to Jim Binford and Fred Weisberger for their articles.

Is It Really August or Are You Julying Me? SmilesKathy

Long Range Club Calendar Reserve these dates on your calendar now!!!!

- 8/2 Summer Nights National Night Out
- 8/6 Board Meeting Steve Shapiro's House 2:30 Social 3 p meeting
- 8/21 ROMEO Main St Café 1130
- 8/26 General Meeting Fallbrook VFW Dinner 5 pm followed by Meeting at 6 pm
- 8/29 Juliet Lunch 12 noon Village Roots
- 8/31 Cruisin Fallbrook 444
- 9/6 Ramona Rotors Helicopter Museum
- 9/28 Cruisin Fallbrook 444
- 10/25 Bonsall High Car Show (at Bonsall Elementary) 10 - 2:00
- 10/26 Cruisin Fallbrook 444
- 11/8 Bonsall Bridge Ceremony, car show at Bonsall Elementary.



Master Pancake Chef Terry

4th Of July Pancake Breakfast

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: TBA

**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 : 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: Rotary 4th Of July Drone Display, Summer Nights

Treasurer's Report: May report submitted and approved

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

Publicity: Car Show Section B

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!

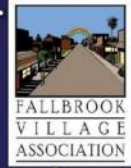
August 6 is out next Board Meeting Board Meeting 2:30 Social and 3 pm meeting at Steve Shapiro's home. We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

FALLBROOK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

P R E S E N T S



VILLAGE
SQUARE

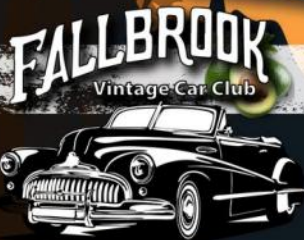
FALLBROOK

MAIN &
ALVARADO

AUG 2
4PM-8PM

FREE
ADMISSION

Summer Nights



BOOZE BROTHERS | ESTATE D'ACOBELLI WINERY

1ST RESPONDERS | LIVE MUSIC | BEER & WINE GARDEN | FOOD TRUCKS

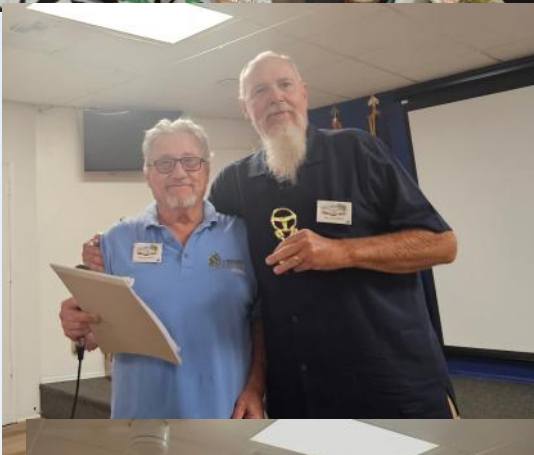
\$10 ENTRY TO BEER & WINE GARDEN - INCLUDES (1) DRINK TICKET

MUSIC: THE JACKSTONES

Annual Summer BBQ, Car Show and Election of Board Officers Saturday June 28th



The old saying, "Why mess with a good thing" turned out to be the story of the 2025-26 FVCC Board of Directors elections. All the 2025 Board has been elected by email vote and the Directors have voted to stay in their current positions! Members brought cars to share and the VFW gave us a huge tasty BBQ plate! Jim Andrews had us all laughing as he announced this year's Lumley Awards. From bumpers to lug nuts, the awards were hilarious.



July Fun and Games

Saturday July 12



Lunch at Pizza Nova was delish and the conversations lively. The weather was perfect for our Tiki Live Tour . We learned more “facts” about San Diego Bay and also learned to raise our hand if we know the answer to the trivia questions in order to win!!! We all laughed a lot with drinks in hand and enjoyed the beautiful views from the boat.





Romeo and Juliet Lunches

June Lunch Tuesday, June 24th at Mountain Mike's ...Well at least three Romeo's enjoyed lunch!!!

July 31th Rainbow Oaks : Now that's more like it guys!!!



Next Romeo Lunch is

Aug 21st Main St Café 11:30



Juliets enjoyed lunch at Mariscos in July, August lunch will be at Village Roots 12 noon August 29th



The beat goes on... Cruise Night is August 24th!

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 second and third nightwe had FVCC, Shafter's and some folks that saw something on social media and stopped by to cruise with us!

Kathy added some local town history to keep in mind as we cruised before we began. We learned about the many locations of the Post Office along with name changes from 1878 onward to modern timesall in 4 minutes! The different locations were pointed out as we cruised Main and Mission. Dinner at 127 was enjoyed after the cruise. Faro was there, too.

Plan to join us again in August!

Kathy will give another 4 min town history lesson thanks to the great articles on the Historical Society's website!



Community Events

Friends of Fallbrook Community Airpark Saturday August 9th

Annual Spaghetti Nite at the Fallbrook Airpark

5 PM Meet and Greet, 6 PM dinner served

FVCC Members have participated in the Annual FFCAP Spaghetti Dinner for a few years. Again this year, they would like some vintage cars to park in front of the event. A vintage car is not required to partake in the Spaghetti dinner, but they will be appreciated. Please let Doug Allen know if, and what car, you would like to display. Wear your Club name tag to promote our club.

Dinner is \$14 per adult, half price for kids 12 and under.

Location is the Murray hangar at L18, easy to locate, follow the arrows.

Mingle (wear your chapter name tag).

For the quality & quantity of the food / drink this is the best deal on SoCal, a super evening out.

Hope to see there....Doug RSVP piperarcher47@gmail.com

*Check this out on the same day
but earlier.....*



**TURNERS
SPEEDSHOP**
Open House
August 9th



**10AM-2PM
Saturday 8/9**

1223 E Mission Rd
Fallbrook CA 92028



Come on down to Turners Speedshop August 9th for a chance to checkout the shop and what we do. Pizzas will be catered by WildWood Pizza as well as ice cold soda and waters. We look forward to seeing you there!

MORE INFO: 951-591-1295 | turnersspeedshop@gmail.com | turnersspeedshop.com

Headlight: Jim Binford's

BMW 1990 E30 M3



Growing up in a small farming community in the Midwest, I didn't have exposure to foreign sports cars until I joined the Navy and started flight training at Pensacola Florida. One couldn't leave the base without passing several European car dealerships, so naturally I had to purchase my first sport car after I was commissioned an Ensign in 1965. It was a 1965 Austin Healey 3000, but soon sold as family grew and I was back to Chevrolets. But now I have the sports car bug, plus an inherited fast foot from my mother.

Fast forward to 1998. I am working in Washington DC with no car being a geographic bachelor and employing the underground METRO subway to commute to work. I was flying to San Diego every other week to visit Myrna who was working and living in South Bay Eastlake. I had already purchased a succession of Porsche 911's, but living in a DC apartment with no garage I did not want to bring my Porsche to DC. Besides I was racing the Porsche when home weekends in SOCAL. I had fallen off the slippery slope and picked up an expensive hobby racing Porsches at tracks around southern California. As my need for speed grew in DC but with no car, I purchased a 1987 E30 BMW 325is as my commuter car and weekend track car at Summit Point Raceway near WASH DC.

I really enjoyed the BMW 325is as a perfect lightweight great commuter handling car with a back seat which the 911 Porsche is lacking if you're an adult. While racing with the BMW club at Summit Point I became acquainted with the E30 BMW M3 owned by several BMW instructors, since the car would run circles around me.

The E30 BMW M3 manufactured 1985-1994 is a proper E30 coupe with dynamic bodywork and high revving four-cylinder (S14) engine and racing suspension noted for its handling, balance and driving experience. It was designed

as a homologation model for European Group A rally racing with over 1500 victories including the 24-hour Nürburgring race. The E30 M3 has earned the nickname "God's Chariot" and is now considered to be a classic BMW. The car is a legend in the racing sports car world. So I now have the bug for an E30 BMW M3.



As I am researching the M3 model and trying to find one for sale, I get a call from my son in law in Colorado that he has found my perfect M3. This is a special one which I will describe shortly. So off on a plane to Denver, to purchase the modified 1990 E30 M3, and a quick enjoyable drive back to DC.

So, I am now the proud owner for approximately 25 years of a special red 1990 E30 BMW M3 which I intend to keep until I have to give up my driver's license.

Headlight: Jim Binford's
BMW 1990 E30 M3



My M3 was modified by previous owner to have fitted a 1995 E36 M3 6-cylinder (S50) engine vs. the stock 4 cylinder. I now have 250 HP vs. the stock 187 HP S14 engine with a lot of low-end torque. The transmission is also a later E36 tranny plus a BMW Z3 differential to match drive train.



The car also has a race driving steering wheel, roll bar and 5-point seat belts to keep me strapped in. Modifications I have installed are bigger BREMBO brakes with brake ducting cooling but had to increase wheels to 17-inch vs. stock 15-inch to fit the brake calipers plus previously ran sticky soft race tires. I really enjoy seeing the club vintage cars but I need good stopping brakes. I also installed a rev limiter LED light to ensure I shift before reach rev limit.

Headlight: Jim Binford's

BMW 1990 E30 M3



My license plate is M3 SIX so other drivers know the M3 is modified and don't feel so bad when I pass them. My E30 M3 won't compete top end with my Porsche 2007 997.1 GT3 but the M3 is quite capable on twisty roads. The only issue is the tight fit in the engine bay that did not allow for a radiator fan, so below 40 MPH the engine sometimes heats up. I do have a small electric fan I can turn on that helps cool the radiator at slow speeds but that issue and 5 speed stick / clutch shifting is not enjoyable tooling around Fallbrook at slow speeds.

So, some brief info re Myrna and me. I am lucky to have a wife who has no interest in racing or fast cars (although she is a good driver) but accepts my race cars are an investment for retirement, even though I avoid the discussion of when am I going to sell them. I also belong to a bike riding group riding 40 -50 miles on Wednesdays but I am a slower rider nowadays. We have happily lived in Fallbrook since 2001 having both grown up in small farming towns in Illinois (we did meet in Chicago) so the friendly town of Fallbrook reminds us of our roots. We definitely enjoy the small-town atmosphere of Fallbrook and I the nearby backroad drives since I no longer do track events. While we have lived in many areas during my Navy career including two years in Yokosuka Japan, Fallbrook is homeland. We are certainly blessed to know so many special Fallbrook friends. We belong to four car clubs but the members of the FVCC are special and we appreciate their friendship. See you on the road (just drive faster – Ha!)

PS – I do like to give E ticket safe rides in my sport cars (I am still a national track Porsche and BMW instructor) so if you want an exhilarating fun ride sign up with me up while I still have my license.



History Bits : EUROPEAN CARS WITH AMERICAN POWER

By Fred Weisberger

It might be hard to imagine today, but there was a time when some European cars were sold with big American V8 engines. For three decades, from the 1950s and into the 1970s, a group of small European car companies, or their American importers, chose to install big American V8 engines in their cars. Back then, most European car engines were small and produced low horsepower and torque, whereas the big American V8s had high horsepower and prodigious torque. In addition, the American V8s were considered more reliable than their European counterparts. Here are ten of the most famous American V8 powered European cars.

AC COBRA



Production Years: 1962-67

Country: England

American Engines: Ford 260, 289, 427

Primary Market: USA

Production: 998

Notes: AC Ace with Shelby installed Ford V8; 11.5 sec. 0-100-0 mph record (427); successful race car; the most copied car ever!

ALLARD



Production Years: 1946-1958

Country: England

American Engines: Cadillac, Chrysler, Ford, Mercury, Buick, Oldsmobile

Primary Markets: USA/England

Production: all models est. 1,900

Notes: First postwar European production car with American V8; inspired AC Cobra and Sunbeam Tiger; 3rd place overall at 1950 Le Mans; won 1952 Monte Carlo Rally; Both Zora Denton (Corvette)

and Carroll Shelby (AC Cobra, Shelby Mustangs) raced Allards in the 1950s.

BIZZARRINI 5300 GT



Production Years: 1964-68

Country: Italy

American Engine(s): Chevrolet 327

Primary Markets: Europe and USA

Production: 133

Notes: Giotto Bizzarrini worked for Ferrari and helped design the famous Ferrari GTO; a Bizzarrini Grifo model won its class at 1965 Le Mans Race.

History Bits continued...

By Fred Weisberger

DE TOMASO PANTERA



Production Years: 1971-1992

Country: Italy

American Engines: Ford 351; 302 (Si 1990-3)

Primary Market: USA

Production: 7,000+

Notes: Updated Mongusta; Mid-engine; ZF 5-Speed; Panteras sold and serviced at US Lincoln-Mercury dealers; Top speed: up to 174 mph; Elvis owned one—famously shot it with a gun when it wouldn't start!

FACIL VEGA HK500



Production Years: 1954-1964

Country: France

American Engines: DeSoto and Chrysler Hemi

Primary Markets: 77% exported, Europe/USA

Production: 489

Notes: Many famous owners: Pablo Picasso, Christian Dior, Sterling Moss, Ringo Star, Tony Curtis, Dean Martin, Fred Astaire...

ISO GRIFO



Production Years: 1965-1974

Country: Italy

American Engines: Chevrolet 327, 427, 454; Ford 351

Primary Market: Europe

Production: 413

Notes: Factory claimed 427 cars top speed of 186 mph; one finished 9th overall in 1965 Le Mans.

JENSEN INTERCEPTOR



Production Years: 1966-1976

Country: England

American Engines: Chrysler 360, 383, 440

Primary Market: USA

Production: 6,408

Notes: 'FF' model with four-wheel drive and anti-lock brakes; 1974 convertible offered; 1975 coupe option.



History Bits continued...

By Fred Weisberger

MONTEVERDE HIGH SPEED



Production Years: 1967-1976

Country: Switzerland

American Engine: Chrysler 440

Primary Market: Europe, esp. Switzerland

Production: est. 200

Notes: price up to \$27,000 US (1976); famous in Europe, not well known

in US; Jay Leno proudly owns one.

SUNBEAM TIGER



Production Years: 1964-1967

Country: England

American Engines: Ford 260, 289

Primary Market: USA

Production: 7,083

Notes: Sunbeam Alpine with Ford V8; Shelby built prototype; Known as “the poor man’s Cobra”; successfully raced; regularly featured on Get Smart (1965-70) TV show.

TVR GRIFFITH



Production Years: 1964-1967

Country: England

American Engine: Ford 289

Primary Market: USA

Production: 251

Notes: 0-60 mph in 3.9 - 5 sec; top speed 155+ mph; fast as a Cobra, but even more difficult to drive at race speed.

Looking back, it was a simple formula: Install a big American V8 in a European car to produce a stylish high-performance automobile—gas mileage be damned! Most of these American V8 powered European cars sold in the hundreds, but the Interceptor, Pantera, and the Tiger, sold in the thousands. Over time the larger European manufacturers (BMW, Daimler, Mercedes, Rolls-Royce and others) produced their own V8 engines, so American V8 engines mostly fell out of favor. Today there are a few exotic European cars with modern American V8 power, but Golden Age of American V8 powered European cars was the 1950s to the 1970s.

Those three decades of American V8 powered European cars had an outsized impact on automotive history. When new, many of these cars were among the fastest cars on the road, and some were the fastest on the race track. Consequently, these unusual mixed-breed sports cars and luxury cars became legendary—and certainly worth knowing and remembering!

September Outings

Classic Rotors Museum Ramona

Date: Saturday September 6th

Time: Leave the Park n Ride at Hwy 76 and 395 at 8:45a.m.

About the Museum: This will be a pleasant ride out to Ramona. After building and learning to fly his own helicopter, Mark DiCiero founded Classic Rotors in 1992. With the support of many volunteers and donations, Classic Rotors now has over 45 rotorcraft and attends more than a dozen air shows per year.



Classic Rotors is a non-profit 501(c)3, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of rare and vintage rotorcraft. Our mission is to preserve these rotorcraft as a tribute to the pioneers who risked so much to develop vertical flight technology. A key objective is to provide education about, and demonstrate various designs in rotor technology including tandem, co-axial, conventional (single), sync (intermeshing) and tip powered.

Admission is by donation (\$10.00 appreciated) and we will be having a one and one-half hour tour for our group. After the tour we will be going to lunch at the Up The Hill Grill in Ramona. Please let Gary know if you would like to go on this tour so he can let the museum and restaurant know our numbers. garyhesser@gmail.com

A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America

October Community Car Show Events

2025

BONSALL HIGH 4TH ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

Register at www.bonsallschools.org
\$35 for car registration
\$25 for motorcycles
\$50 for vendors

Free for the public

OCTOBER 25 10:00AM

BEF

TROPHIES FOR TOP PICKS | STUDENT PERFORMANCES RAFFLES | COSTUME CONTEST

5150 RAT RODS SO-CAL

31555 Old River Rd Bonsall, CA 92003
For more information contact Crystal Dence
760-695-7264 crystal.dence@bonsallusd.com



Bonsall Bridge Centennial Celebration – November 8, 2025

BONSALL BRIDGE CENTENNIAL 5K FUN RUN

RUN ACROSS THE HISTORIC
OLD BONSALL BRIDGE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
8, 2025

BONSALL,
CALIFORNIA



MAKE HISTORY.
RUN ACROSS THE OLD
BONSALL BRIDGE

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Commemorative race bib & T-shirt
- Entry to the post-run celebration
- Photos on the historic bridge
- Awards for top 3 finishers

REGISTER & LEARN MORE:

<https://www.bonsallchamber.org/contact/#lform/5K>

(This event is family-friendly, stroller-accessible, and all ages are welcome)

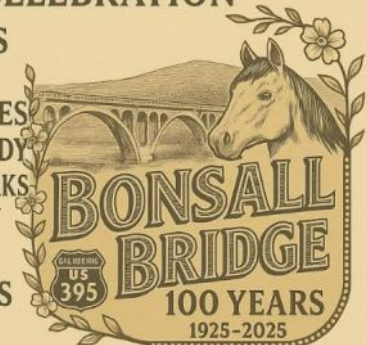
Join us as we honor 100 years of the historic Bonsall Bridge! The Centennial Celebration will be a day full of community pride, history, and family fun. Activities will include a 5K Fun Run, a Family Fun Day with games, entertainment, vendors, and a special bridge ceremony featuring dignitaries, music, and more.

We have been asked to bring our vintage cars for the event.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned — more exciting details will be announced soon!

WANTED: VENDORS FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

CANDLES
SOAPS
SNOW CONES
COTTON CANDY
LEATHER WORKS
POTTERY
APRONS
BALLOONS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025



A Region of the Antique Automobile Club Of America