

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.



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Fall Dates

9/6 Ramona Rotors Helicopter Museum
 9/11 Board Meeting
 9/18 Romeo Lunch
 9/23 General Meeting
 9/28 Cruisin Fallbrook 444
 10/4 Fred's Annual Vintage Car Party
 10/16 Romeo Lunch
 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.

Save the date: December 11th

Holiday Dinner Party!

The Talepipe

President's Message: Happy September Everyone!

We are into the dog days of summer. For car people that means a great time to take out our cars and drive. For convertible lovers, it's been lots of fun to cruise the beaches and back roads. The club has been very active this summer with 3 Summer Nights events, great Romeo and Juliet outings in addition to the 444 events.

Our August general meeting was at the VFW. The mini car show was fun as was our social time from 5-5:30 (the bar was a nice addition for folks). The lasagna dinner received 2 thumbs up from the 35 + members in attendance! Everyone liked the venue and would like to have our September meeting there. We will try to lock everything in quickly and send out an announcement to the club.



At the meeting, I had the opportunity to talk with everyone about what we would prioritize as club activities. The members liked the idea of having only 1 Summer Nights next year that we would support. Also, folks liked the idea of attending more car shows as a club event. There was lots of interest in attending the In and Out Show and Shine on September 14th at the corner of Frazee and the 76. There will be Valve Cover Racing and lots of great folks from car clubs throughout North County. We can meet to drive together at the Major Marketplace parking lot on 76 and leave at 3:10pm...hope to see you there.

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FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

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Car Show: TBA

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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!



Summer/Fall Meeting Topics: Need to find new General Meeting Place discussion VFW w Dinner for August meeting

Donations Requests Approved: None for August

Treasurer's Report: July report submitted and approved

Outside Activities: Summer Nights x 3 and Fall activities

Publicity: Summer Nights

Website Report: 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!

September 11th is out next Board Meeting Board Meeting 2:30 Social and 3 pm meeting at Ron and Bev's Mintle's home. We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!



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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

September Car Shows

9/14: In and Out show and Shine 4-7 pm at the In and Out Burger . 4605 Frazee Road (corner of 76 and Frazee) Oceanside. There will be valve cover racing at 4 pm so come early! If you have not observed one of these races they are a kick to watch!

9/20 7a-10a Bonsall Cars and Coffee River Village Plaza 5256 S Mission Rd, Bonsall

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Romeo and Juliet Lunches

Aug 21st Main St Café lots of laughs and summer stories.

Next Romeo Lunch is 9/18 Mexico Cafe Temecula 44500 Pechanga Pkwy Temecula. Cars always 11:00, Lunch 11:30:



Juliets enjoyed lunch at Village Roots 12 noon August 29th. Watch for September Juliet announcement coming soon!



Headlight: 1965 Rambler/American Motors Marlin

Pam and Steve Frisbee



It's the schizophrenic year that had Rambler on the outside but the build plate & serial number say American Motors.



The car was being lien sold for non payment of storage for 5 years and a friend saw it.

We had rebuilt a 1968 AMC Javelin so the friend called us. Nobody had bid on it, it was going to be sold for scrap, and Pam asked Steve if they could buy it to go with the Javelin.



Then and now...WOW!

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We took it most of the way apart - engine, all trim & interior, side glass - and took it to a friend who spent 18 months sanding down to bare metal, fixing all fenders & trunk, painting beautifully.

Steve fixed all the mechanical & straightened trim, built new fasteners & center dash piece, re-built door panels. Just Dashes rebuilt dashboard. Upholstery Unlimited did seats & carpet.



Steve can't get over the car winning awards. It confuses him when he looks at the other cars there! I love trying to convince people it really is a stock Rambler when they 'know' it has been modified!

We have lived here 25 years in a great neighborhood, I love how Fallbrook people come together to support one another & choose to focus on what we have in common instead of differences. It's a loving community, overall, and the climate is perfect!



The beat goes on... Cruise Night is September 28th!

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.

Shine up your vintage or your extra special modern car and join the cruisin' fun! Meet up at the Library parking lot and learn some historical facts about our town. Then join your friends for dinner after the cruise at one of the downtown restaurants.





October Events



Fred And Karen 's Annual Vintage Car Party

Saturday October 4th 10 a—2 p Lunch at noon



We are looking forward to hosting our Annual Vintage Car Party ! We will supply lunch and drinks.

If people strongly want to bring food or drink to share , please contact Karen no later than Friday, Oct 3rd, so we don't have duplicates. It is much more important to us that people bring an old car rather than food. Food is good, but old cars antique, vintage, classic or whatever you want to call yours they are special!

We don't care if you come and go early or late, just come based on what you have going on that day. This is a great time for the guys to talk cars and the gals to talk girl talk. If you have a friend or neighbor interested in joining our club bring him along (with a car too!) Bring chairs to sit around, relax, and get to know each other better.

RSVP is not necessary, but nice. We would rather have someone show up (especially with an old car) without a RSVP, than miss the party because they forgot/neglected to RSVP beforehand. We will plan for 40+ attending—and adjust if a lot more people seem interested.

Address: 3179 Overland Trail, Fallbrook RSVP to Fred: fredweisberger@gmail.com

2025

BONSALL HIGH 4TH ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

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\$25 for motorcycles
\$50 for vendors

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For more information contact Crystal Dence
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History Bits :

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DRIVE-IN MOVIE THEATER

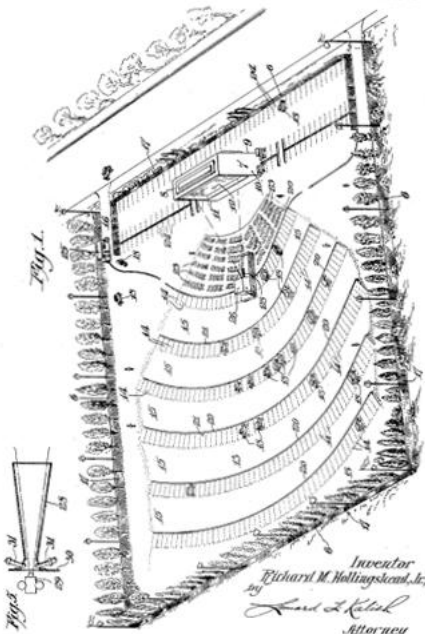
By Fred Weisberger

Very few things in American car culture are as iconic as the drive-in movie theater. From humble beginnings in the 1930s, to a peak of over 4,600 drive-ins in 1958, the American drive-in theaters entertained millions of people annually for decades.

Drive-in movie theaters have a surprisingly long history. There are reports of people setting up informal drive-in theaters as early as the 1910s. These were not like modern drive-ins, but were temporary outdoor theaters for viewing silent movies from outdoor seats and parking cars nearby. One of the first of these "partial drive-ins" happened in 1915, known as the Theatre de Guadalupe, and located in Las Cruces, New Mexico.



May 16, 1933. R. M. HOLLINGSHEAD, JR. 1,909,537
DRIVE-IN THEATER
Filed Aug. 6, 1932 3 Sheets-Sheet 1



In 1921, Claud V. Caver arranged with city officials to offer a temporary drive-in movie theater in downtown Comanche, Texas. The silent films were projected onto a building and people watched from their cars. Watching films outside, at least during the summer months, became very popular in the 1920s.

The first permanent, modern-style drive-in movie theater is attributed to Richard Hollingshead of Camden, New Jersey. Believing there was a market for drive-in movie theaters, Hollingshead applied for and was granted a U.S. Patent (left) on May 16, 1933. He opened his drive-in theater on June 6, 1933. Hollingshead advertised, "The whole family is welcomed, regardless of how noisy the children are." The first film shown was the British comedy *Wives Beware* (1932). This first drive-in charged 25 cents per vehicle, plus 25 cents per person. The drive-in theater idea quickly proved popular and other drive-in theaters soon opened around the country.

The oldest operating drive-in theater is Shankweiler's Drive-In, established in 1934, and located in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. Shankweiler's Drive-In was the second drive-in theater ever built and still offers double-feature movies and special events.

On July 5th, 1934, a drive-in theater opened in Galveston, Texas. The first California drive-in was the Pico Drive-In, located in Los Angeles and it opened on September 9, 1934. Most early drive-in theaters had loud speakers mounted on towers near the screen, but to improve sound quality, especially at a distance, the Pico Drive-In was the first to install a row of speakers in front of the cars.

History Bits continued...

By Fred Weisberger



Drive-in movie theaters did not get the iconic individual car speakers until 1941, when RCA started selling in-car speakers with an individual volume control.

By 1941 there were 15 drive-in theaters in America and 9 of them were operated by Philip Smith, who promoted family entertainment with free children admission and playgrounds at drive-ins.

After the war everything changed and drive-in theaters became immensely popular throughout the country. By the 1960s, every state had drive-in theaters and it felt like most towns, big and small, had a drive-in nearby.

The Golden Age of drive-in movie theaters was clearly the 1950s to the 1960s. Many factors led to this success, including: 1) The post-war Baby Boom, which produced millions of young families living in the new suburbs looking for inexpensive family entertainment, where no baby sitters were needed; 2) The rise of "Youth Culture", where young people had new independence and money to spend; 3) The large American cars had bench seats which were perfect for drive-ins; and, not to forget, 4) Drive-in movie theaters allowed couples a degree of privacy, unimaginable before the war.

Hollywood responded by producing films with drive-in audiences in mind: Westerns, action adventure films, horror films, science fiction, monster movies, and many youth-centered films. Especially popular were James Dean's three films, the numerous Elvis musicals, and the countless beach and teen hangout films.

Unfortunately, the world was changing and drive-ins faced new challenges by the late 1960s. The optimism and innocence of the 1950s was gone. Many drive-ins had earned bad reputations. It was reported that television was stealing more and more of the movie-going audiences. The OPEC oil crisis of the early 1970s prompted many Americans to stay home. Cable TV movies became available throughout America. The invention of inexpensive VCRs and video stores kept more people at home. In addition, rapidly increasing film rental prices reduced the profits for drive-in owners. Rising real estate values enticed many owners to sell out. And perhaps the final blow was the required conversion to expensive digital film projectors in the 2010s.



Today drive-in movie theaters are mostly gone, and some states don't have a single drive-in, but there still are around 330 drive-in theaters operating in America. Clever drive-in owners are able to stay in business by appealing to the nostalgia market and by renting out their property during the daylight hours for swap meets and other events. Although most drive-in theaters are gone, their cultural impact was immeasurable.



August Summer Nights Photos

Temecula Model A Club, Rat Rods, Shafter's and Vintage Car Club brought quite a lineup to the August event.



Community Event

Car Club Members get 20% off! That's \$16.00 per ticket!!!!

Use the Mission Theater link below to buy tickets online.

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Prez for more info

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The poster features a night scene of the Mission Theater with its neon signs glowing. A film camera icon is on the left, and a film reel icon is on the right. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

Bonsall Bridge Centennial Celebration – November 8, 2025

BONSALL BRIDGE CENTENNIAL 5K FUN RUN

RUN ACROSS THE HISTORIC
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8, 2025

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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:

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

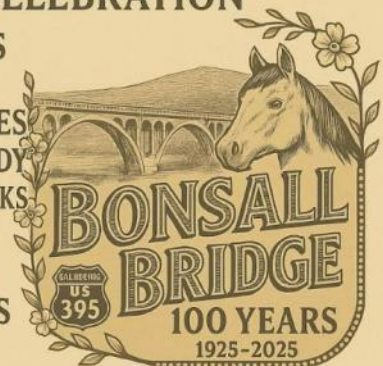
Join us as we honor 100 years of the historic Bonsall Bridge! The Centennial Celebration will be a day full of community pride, history, and family fun. Activities will include a 5K Fun Run, a Family Fun Day with games, entertainment, vendors, and a special bridge ceremony featuring dignitaries, music,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

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