



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

10/4 Fred's Annual Vintage Car Party

10/14 1st Car Show Meeting

10/15 Board Meeting

10/16 Romeo Lunch

10/19 Harvest Faire

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

10/26 Cruisin Fallbrook 444

10/28 General Meeting

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

Save the date: December 11th

Holiday Dinner Party!

The Talepipe

President's Message: Hard to imagine but summer is over and fall is upon us. We are amazingly lucky to live in Fallbrook where the weather will be awesome for a while longer, giving us the chance to drive beautiful back country roads. Speaking of driving our cars, we had 11 members attend the In and Out show and shine. The valve cover racing was a blast. Keep your eye out for a winter activity where we will build some valve cover racers to compete in upcoming events (complements of the 5150 club).

The Veterans Day parade will be on November 11th. Please let me know if you would like to be in the parade and possibly carry dignitaries. Also, Doug and Richard are heading up the 59th annual car show. The first meeting will be at Doug's house (516 Hilbert Drive) on Tuesday October 14 at 11:30. Please come, your input is important to the success of our show.

Safe travels,
Steve

Editor's Note: Be sure to read the History Bits....Fun memories of cars we may have had or ones we have today? I have been writing this newsletter now since 2020 when Covid had us shut down at most venues. Garage tours and drives to In and Out Burger were all we had for activities and meetings. The Talepipe kept us communicating and a fun way to share our love of our cars. Fred Weisberger has been sharing his love of car history in this newsletter for at least three years. I am thankful to him and all those who said, "yes" to answering the questions and writing about their cars in the "Headlight" section.

Now it is time for a change and another member to take on the newsletter. Yes you will do it differently...change is good for a club. Please consider being the newsletter editor for January 2026. My last edition will be the Nov/Dec Talepipe. Smiles, Kathy

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FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

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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!



Fall Meeting Topics: November White Elephant Auction, December Holiday Dinner Party

Donations Requests Approved: Many requests for September: Granted Foundation for Senior Car, Frasier PTA library Books, FHS Soccer, Scarecrow Days

Treasurer's Report: August report submitted and approved

Outside Activities: Roter Museum drive to Ramona and planning Fall activities, winery drive, 444

Publicity: Donation Check Photos?

Website Report: calendar and event reg 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!

October 15th is out next Board Meeting Board Meeting 2:30 Social and 3 pm meeting at Steve and Doris's home. We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!



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October Events



Fred And Karen 's Annual Vintage Car Party

Saturday October 4th 10 am—2 pm 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



Also happening that day/evening...Car Club Members get 20% off! That's \$16.00 per ticket!!!!

Use the Mission Theater link below to buy tickets online.

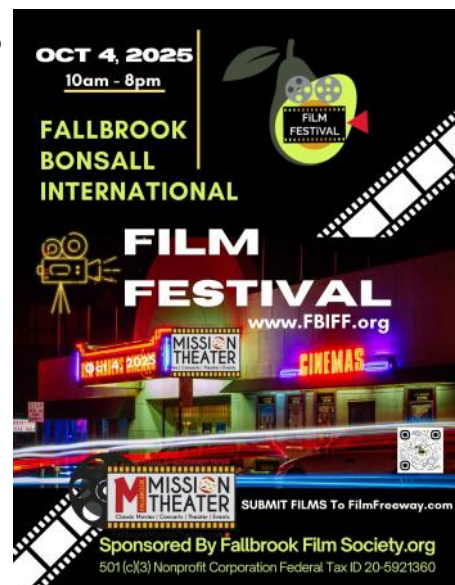
Leo

<https://square.link/u/LkBDq3Jg>

Contact Leo Romero

Prez for more info

760-638-1732



Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

October 28th 2025 General Meeting



Back by popular demand, the VFW will be cooking up a delicious dinner for us!

Social and mini Car show begins at 5:00 pm with No Host Bar. Dinner at 5:45 with Meeting to follow.

VFW cooks will be cooking up Hamburgers with all the fixings

No Host Bar Bring cash for the Tip Jar!!

Cost: \$20 per person

Register for dinner online @ <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/shop/>



Or let Steve know you are attending and pay with cash at the door.

We need your dinner reservation by Oct 24th

Questions? Call Steve Shapiro 760 390-1423

You can just come for the meeting if you do not want to have dinner. Meeting will begin around 6:30 pm. Bring your latest car stories to share!

Location: VFW Hall : 1175 Old Stage Rd



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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



OCTOBER

25

10:00AM



TROPHIES FOR
TOP PICKS

STUDENT
PERFORMANCES
RAFFLES

COSTUME
CONTEST



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

October Outings

Fall drive to Fallbrook Winery

Date: Thursday October 23rd

Time: Leave the Lower Library
Parking Lot at 11 a.m.

We will be taking a drive thru the roads of Fallbrook to the winery. You will receive the “drive directions” for this fun drive before leaving or you can choose to go directly to the winery. Weather permitting we will be outside for our wine and food pairing. You can either purchase a wine tasting or glass of wine at the winery. \$20 for wine tasting or glass of wine is under \$20 depending on the wine. \$5.00 each member for the food pairing payable to Kathy. You can join us even if you don't want to drink wine, just come for the beautiful drive and camaraderie of your fellow members. Please RSVP to Kathy Hesser at kathy.hesser@gmail.com



**FALLBROOK
HARVEST
FAIRE**
Sunday, October 19, 2025
9 am - 4 pm

AN AUTUMN THEMED FAIRE OF
HANDMADE CRAFTS • LOCAL FOODS & TREATS
TRACTORS • VINTAGE TRUCKS & CARS
MILITARY VEHICLES • PONY RIDES
PUMPKIN CONTESTS • COSTUME CONTEST
PIE BAKING CONTEST • FALLBROOK PUMPKIN PATCH
SCARECROWS ON DISPLAY

Live Music in the Beer & Wine Garden
Government Issued ID Required for entry into Beer Garden
All attendees over 21 must wear wristband while in the Beer Garden

19 October	9 am - 4 pm	Main Avenue ~ Downtown Fallbrook
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR VENDOR OPPORTUNITY,
CONTACT THE FALLBROOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
760-728-5845

 fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org 

The Chamber would love for us to bring some cars to display. Cars will be parked from Fig to Elder on Main. Let Steve know if you are interested in having your car or truck at the faire. Should be a great community event!





Romeo and Juliet Lunches

Next Romeo Lunch is October 16th at Z Café Cars always 11:00, Lunch 11:30:



Juliets enjoyed lunch at Trupiano's 12 noon September 25th. Watch for October lunch news!

The beat goes on... Last 2025 Cruise Night is October 26th!

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. How many Scarecrows can you spot while cruzin'?

Then join your friends for dinner after the cruise at one of the downtown restaurants.



The Lovable Orphan Cars

American Automobile Companies that Failed After WW2

By Fred Weisberger

After the war the American public was starving for new cars, since production had stopped in early 1942. Almost anything would sell—that is, until supply caught up to demand in the 1950s. Ultimately the “economy of scale” advantage of The Big Three (GM, Ford and Chrysler) forced most of the smaller “Independents” out of the market. Today these cars are known as “orphans”. All of these orphan cars have interesting histories, and with a few exceptions, are surprisingly inexpensive to buy. You will likely remember many of these orphan cars, some fondly and others not so much.

Here are some of the postwar orphans:

AMC (1954-88)

The result of the merger of Hudson (1909-54) and Nash (1916-54). Sold wide variety of cars: Rambler, Hornet, Gremlin, Pacer, Ambassador, Rebel, Matador, Marlin, Javelin, AMX, Eagle, Jeep, Wagoneer... Production: 1.6+ million.



Allstate (1952-3)

Rebadged version of the Henry J car made by Kaiser and sold through Sears department stores. Production: 2,363

Bricklin SV-1 (1974-76)

Canadian-built, with “gull-wing” doors, a fiberglass body, and a big American V8. Known as the “safety” sports car. Production: <3,000.



Checker (1960-82)

Famous taxi company sold durable, but dated cars to the general public. Production: est. <20,000 non-taxicab cars

Crosley (1939-1952)

Super-salesman, known for auto parts, radios, aircraft, refrigerators and being the Cincinnati Reds team owner, produced a simple subcompact/micro car. It was a tiny car, with a fuel efficient 4 cylinder motor. Crosley adopted disc brakes very early. Production: 84,000



Davis (1947-8)

Los Angeles, CA built aerodynamic 3-wheel, economy car. Production: 13

Del Mar (1949)

San Diego built prototypes of an attractive, low cost, small convertible. Quickly disappeared and forgotten.

Production: < 5



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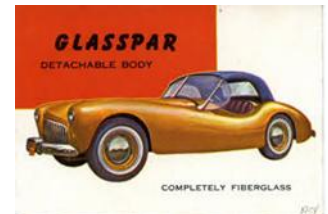


DeLorean (1981-83)

Former GM executive created a sports car with gull-wing doors, a stainless steel skin body, and a rear engine. This Ireland-built sports car is remembered for being a Time Machine in Back to the Future. Over-production, poor build quality and high price doomed it. Production: est. 9,000

Glaspar G2 (1950-53)

Costa Mesa, CA built fiberglass sports car. First American all-fiberglass body car. Sold as a complete car or as a body/chassis kit. Various engines used. Production: est. 100



Hudson (1909-54)

Early, mid-market car company. One of the first to introduced an all-new postwar design, the “step down” cars; had great racing and sales success with the Hornet. By the early 1950s Hudson couldn’t afford new body designs and new engines, chose to merge with Nash. Production: 500,000+

International Harvester (1953-80)

Legendary farm equipment company produced durable early SUVs, wagons and trucks. The Scout and TravelAll were very popular. Production: 500,000+



Kaiser, Kaiser-Frazier (1945-55)

California-based industrialist decided to produce inexpensive stylish cars after the war, culminating in the sexy Kaiser Darrin fiberglass sports car. Production: 760,000

King Midget (1946-70)

Air-cooled, 1 cylinder, 2 speed automatic, convertible micro car. Production: est. 5,000



Muntz Jet (1950-54)

Super-salesman, Earl “Madman” Muntz decided to make a sporty, personal luxury car. Designed by Frank Kurtis, using Lincoln and Cadillac motors. Production: 198

Nash (1916-54)

Originating in 1902 as Jeffery, which produced the Rambler cars. Nash survived the Great Depression and WW2; entered the post-war period strong. In 1949 Nash introduced their first new design, the “Airflyte”, establishing a unique modern style, and offering many special features, including car seats that converted into a “bed”. Nash also offered the first seatbelt option. Merged with Hudson to form AMC.



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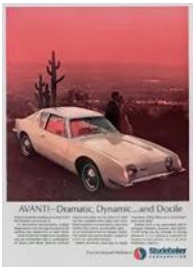
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Packard (1899-1956) One of America's earliest American car companies, established a reputation for high quality engineering and luxury custom bodies. Produced the first production V12 engines. Offered mid-market "junior" cars to survive the Great Depression. After early postwar success, Packard desperately needed new V8 engines—and better styling. Packard was unable to survive alone in the market and merged with Studebaker.

Playboy (1947-51) Packard car dealer decided there is a need for a small convertible. Mostly "assembled" from outsourced driveline components, but it was the first to offer a retractable hardtop as standard. In wake of the Tucker "scandal" headlines, it proved impossible to find investors to expand the company. Production: 98



Studebaker (1902-68)

Former carriage builder sold quality cars at affordable prices. After the war Studebaker offered new body designs, absorbed Packard, introduced clever features, like a sliding roof station wagon and the Avante luxury sports coupe, but was unable to survive the 1960s.

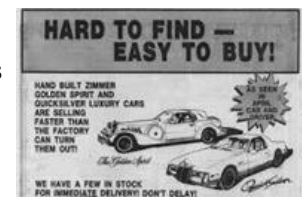
Tucker (1947-8) Successful inventor and salesman tried to radically reshape the American automobile. He quickly ran into technical, political and ultimately legal trouble. Much-hyped when new and famous today because of the Tucker film. Production: 51



Willys-Overland (1908-53) The Overland history went back to 1903. From 1912 to 1918, Willys-Overland was the second largest producer, after Ford. Willys survived the Great Depression, designed the WW2 "Jeep", and was the top builder of Jeeps during the war (362K). Flush with cash after the war, at first Willys chose to sell only civilian Jeeps. Later Jeepsters, Jeep light trucks and wagons. In 1952 Willys offered the compact Willys Aero compact car model. Kaiser bought Willys in 1953, later sold to AMC in 1970. Production: postwar US 400,000+, plus 116,000 made in Brazil.

Zimmer (1980-88)

Florida-built, retro-styled luxury cars. Based on the Ford Mustang or Pontiac Fiero, with fiberglass body panels. Some models loosely resembled prewar Mercedes Benz sports cars. Iconic of the 1980s "Neo-classic" cars. Production: 1,700.



This list does not include all of the postwar orphan cars, but these are some of the better remembered orphans. If you drive one of these cars to your local Cars & Coffee, you are almost assured to have the only one there. Most are inexpensive to buy, and the replacement parts supply is decent for the high volume models, but with the low production cars, it might prove impossible to find parts. If you buy one, your orphan car will likely get more attention than the usual show hot rods, muscle cars, pony cars, classics and modern exotics. Love the orphans!

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)

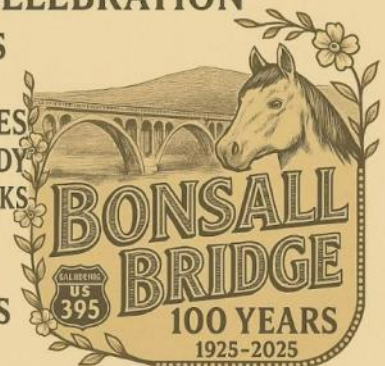
Join us as we honor 100 years of the historic Bonsall Bridge! The Centennial Celebration will be a day full of community pride, history, and family fun. Activities will include a 5K Fun Run, a Family Fun Day with games, entertainment, vendors, and a special bridge ceremony featuring dignitaries, music,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



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