



# Palm Springs Region

## Antique Automobile Club of America



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## President's Message

Frank Wenzel

Members:

We have had a busy two months in our Region and there is a lot of good news to report.

In this newsletter, you will read a bit about our January drive tour to Chino and the Planes of Fame Air Museum. This combined a nice drive, an interesting destination, and a fun place for lunch. Our February drive tour to Carla's Route 62 Diner was very well attended and included a bonus garage tour at a member's home.

Looking forward, our March event to the Whitewater Preserve brings yet again a new venue; a picnic in the park with our cars. How fun is that? I hope you will make plans to join us; details are in this newsletter.

We are well on our way to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual car show, this year on Sunday, April 19 in Palm Springs at Sunrise Park, benefitting SafeHouse of the Desert. We had a great turn out of 42 cars last year and I hope for more this year. Be sure to pre-register; the show flyer and registration form is included.

Our Region received an **Award of Merit for Publications** from AACA National! You will see the award that was earned by the efforts of **Jay D'Angelo**. Congratulations!

I want to announce and introduce our newest Board member, **Kelly Brickey**. Kelly has volunteered for the Secretary position and will be transitioning into the Newsletter Editor position as well. No small amount of work there, so **Thank You Kelly** for volunteering.

If you have not already done so, we need you to renew your AACA and Region dues. January is collection month so we need to get this important matter wrapped up as

### Upcoming Activities

March 18: Monthly dinner; 5:30 pm

March 29: Rally and picnic at Whitewater Preserve

April 15: Monthly dinner; 5:30 pm

April 19: Palm Springs Region AACA 2nd Annual Car Show

May 20: Monthly dinner; 5:30 pm

May 2015: Rally and lunch in Idyllwild (date to be finalized)

June 2015: Pool Party and Potluck (date to be finalized)

June 17: Monthly dinner; 5:30 pm

soon as possible. The AACA National and Region membership forms are included.

Another great honor is that the AACA National Board has solicited our Region to host a national meet in this area in 2016. This speaks volumes for how well our Region is doing. Your Region Board has already started feasibility and preliminary planning work.

Finally, member **Rick Peterson**, the editor of the Antique Studebaker Review, has submitted an article for our newsletter. Thank you Rick for your interesting article. All members are welcome to share stories of interest for publication in our newsletter.

As always, be sure to bring your car enthusiast friends to one of our monthly dinners or drive tours. The monthly dinners are always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Billy Reed's, Palm Springs.



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### **Drive Tour to Chino, CA and Planes of Fame Air Museum**

On Sunday, January 25, 2015, the Region had a drive tour to Chino, CA and a tour of the Planes of Fame Air Museum. We had a good turn out of members and friends: Bob Nost, Mark Christiansen, Iain and Carole McClymont, Rick Peterson and son-in-law Louie Alday, Kent Vandenberg, Frank Wenzel, Drew and Gary visiting from Minnesota, Ken Zander, Tim Taylor, Ron Cressy, Jim Powers (retired Ford Motor Company designer), and Bill Scheffler and friend.

The drive into Chino was perfect “convertible” weather with no problems encountered. The museum was quite impressive and distributed amongst five large hangers. Lots of WWII aircraft, artifacts, memorabilia, military vehicles, and aircraft in queue for restoration. It took about two hours to make the rounds, then we were ready for lunch at Flo’s Airport Diner.

After a small wait for the staff to set up a table for the large group, we were seated and ready to enjoy the ambience of one of the most well-known airport cafés in the southern California area. The automotive conversation blended in with the airplane conversations quite well.

Below are a few pictures to capture the event. Thanks to all who attended and made this a great event!



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## Planes of Fame Air Museum





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### Chino Airport or Bust

Article: Rick Peterson  
Photos: Louie Alday

Living in El Monte, I'm always too far away to join in on many activities with the Region. I was at the first meeting and joined but have not been able to go since. Oh, I did attend trailer my car to the Region's Car Show held last year at Sunrise Park. It was a good time but too many nice cars to win any awards.

When I read in the newsletter that the Region was planning on having a drive tour to Chino airport to visit the Planes of Fame Museum, I said to myself ... they are not going to get any closer so I guess this will be the one to attend. I asked my son-in-law Louie if he would like to go with me to the museum. With Louie, you do not have to ask twice as he was ready to go. I sat down with my computer and checked the different possibilities I had. Now, freeways were out of the question as I would be driving my 1922 Special Six Touring that has been nicknamed "Black Beauty". Since she is all original, her top speed is only about 40 mph. Yes, we would need to find an easy way on back streets. One of the ways would have been through Diamond Bar over Grand Avenue but it looked a little too hilly. So my final choice was just driving out Valley Blvd all the way. I told Louie, it will not be the fastest, and it will have a ton of signals, but let's just enjoy the ride. I had checked with Google maps and it said it would take us about an hour so we planned for that. Oh, well ... it took almost an hour and a half as we arrived a bit late. Most everyone was almost done with the tour of the museum when we went in but we did get to see enough to make us happy.

Frank Wenzel called me and said that it was time to head over to Flo's Airport Cafe. Well, after that long ride and not having had breakfast, Louie and I were ready for some hot food. The restaurant set up an area and all of us got to sit at one long trailer. I thought that the food was excellent and plan to go back sometime soon in the future.

After a few goodbyes, it was time to head back. It was another long ride but that is part of the fun in owning an old Studebaker.



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This is my 1922 Studebaker the morning of the tour all ready to go!



Here's a picture of what it looks like from the driver's seat on Valley Blvd in the City of La Puente.



Yep, that is the Chapter President Frank Wenzel, "Black Beauty" and myself in front of the Planes of Fame Museum.



Here I'm standing with the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress that is undergoing restoration to once again flying condition.



Another view traveling north on Euclid Avenue.



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### Drive Tour to Carla's Route 62 Diner; Yucca Valley, CA

On Sunday, February 8, 2015, the Region had a drive tour to Carla's Route 62 Diner in Yucca Valley, CA. We had a good turn out of members and friends: Bob Nost, Mark Christiansen, Iain and Carole McClymont, Kent Vandenberg, Frank Wenzel, Bill Scheffler, Jay D'Angelo, Dave Schulz, Al Sandin and guest, Scott King and his father, Sandy Edelstein, Kelly Brickey, William Hart, Dave and Denise Peterson, Jeffrey Houston, Ray Gonzales, Derek Paulson, and John Ruttenberg.

It was a pleasant drive up North Indian Avenue to connect with Highway 62, bypassing Interstate 10, through Morongo, and into Yucca Valley. After a little tire kicking, we went for lunch in the diner. Good service and good food was the reward for our venture.

After lunch, Ray Gonzales offered the group to visit his garage at his home in Yucca Valley. Ray has a diverse and interesting collection of cars and collectibles and we thank Ray for the impromptu opening of his home collection to us. We saw but a fraction of the cars that Ray has in other storage facilities in the area.

Below are a few pictures to capture the event. Thanks to all who attended and made this one of our best events!





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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show, April 19

The Palm Springs Region is very excited to announce our 2nd annual car show planned for **Sunday, April 19, 2015**, at Sunrise Park, Palm Springs. This is the same great location we used last year. We will again have meal service on-site from Tony's 360 North.

Our charitable beneficiary for the show is SafeHouse of the Desert. They, with community support, provide emergency shelter, intervention and outreach services to youth in crisis. Please make a cash donation or bring donations items (furniture, household items, art, records, jewelry, gently used clothes and shoes, linens, etc.) to the show that will go to SafeHouse. See <http://safehouseofthedesert.com/> for more information on this worthy charitable organization.

Last year, we had 42 vehicle entrants, which was outstanding for a first year show for a Region that was just two years old. We encourage you all to participate in this event to help our Region grow, attract new members, and most of all, to have a great day displaying and enjoying our classic cars.

Pre-registration really helps in the planning for the show so please submit your registration form and the \$25.00 pre-registration fee as soon as possible. This is a savings of \$10.00 over registering on the day of the show, however, that is acceptable also if you have a late change of plans and can join in the show.

Please send your registration form and \$25.00 fee to our Treasurer:

Palm Springs Region AACA  
Kent Vandenberg, Treasurer  
1475 E. Lobo Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92264

**Let's have a great day showing and enjoying our cars  
at our 2nd annual car show!**



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### March 29 Drive Tour and Picnic at Whitewater Preserve

Our next drive tour is Sunday, March 29 to the Whitewater Preserve in White Water, CA, where we will have a **Bring Your Own picnic lunch**. We will meet up at our usual location, Jack In The Box Restaurant, Gene Autry Trail and Ramon Road, at 10:00 am, with a departure at 10:30 am. It is about a 30 – 45 minute drive to the Preserve.

Whitewater Preserve is 2,851 acres surrounded by the Bureau of Land Management's San Geronio Wilderness, and includes the year-round Whitewater River. Rich riparian habitat hosts the endangered Southwest willow flycatcher and Bell's vireo, and provides opportunity to see migrating summer tanagers and vermilion flycatchers. The canyon has a robust population of bighorn sheep, deer and bear, and is an important wildlife corridor between the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. The Conservancy purchased an additional 3,200 acres in the Whitewater corridor that was donated to the Bureau of Land Management. These donated lands include sand dunes that are home to the endangered fringe-toed lizard at Windy Point, which lies at the confluence of the Whitewater and San Geronio Rivers.

Route and other planning information will be sent to all members by mid March for our 29 March drive tour and picnic.

For more information, visit The Wildlands Conservancy at <http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/index.html>



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## ***Palm Springs Region 2nd Annual Car Show***

*Sunday— April 19th, 2015 in Beautiful Sunrise Park*



**Join us April 19th, 2015 at Sunrise Park for a classic car show under the trees and on the grass. Delight to the display of cars from your past and show everyone your pride and joy. Food and Beverage Catering by Tony from 360 North. Pre-registration is \$25, \$35 on day of show. Peer judging will be used for this event...you decide the top winners. Show hours are from 10AM to 3PM and all show cars must be in place by 9AM. Food and beverage will be available as well as a fine mix of automotive mileposts on display for your pleasure. **Vehicles from 1990, or before, stock condition, per AACA rules.****

**Our charity for this event is SafeHouse of the Desert. Donations will be accepted at the show.**

**Please complete this form and mail it and your entry fee to: AACA Palm Springs Region % Kent Vandenberg  
1475 East Lobo Way, Palm Springs 92264. Email questions to AACAPSREGION@Gmail.com.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_**

**Entry into the park is through the parking lot at the north side of the library off Baristo Rd. Registration is located at the south end of the lot before entering the show field.**

LIABILITY: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate by the undersigned entrant, participants, and/or spectators, the undersigned does by execution of this entry form, hereby release and discharge the AACA Palm Springs Region Car Show, the City of Palm Springs, Ca., and any of their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the AACA Palm Springs Region Car Show of and from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, claims, or liabilities of any kind or character or from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by the undersigned to his person or property. Further, the undersigned expressly agrees to indemnify the AACA Palm Springs Region, the City of Palm Springs, and any of their officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives for any sums of money which may have to be paid to any persons for any loss, damage, costs and expenses including attorney's fees, personal injury, property damage or any other claim resulting from or occasioned by the conduct or act of the undersigned entrant or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant or under the direction or control of entrant. Entrant acknowledges the risk of damage to his person or property by reason of participation in the AACA Palm Springs Region Car Show and expressly agrees to assume all such risk.



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### Palm Springs Region Newsletter Award of Merit

It is with great pleasure that the Palm Springs Region AACA was the recipient of an **Award of Merit for Publications** from AACA National. This is for the newsletter efforts of past Vice President and Editor **Jay D'Angelo** from our Region inception through 2014.

Jay put a lot of effort into each newsletter which always produced a newsletter with very nice presentation. In addition to being the Editor, Jay is also a founding officer of our Region and was a major force in our 1<sup>st</sup> annual car show in April 2014.

Congratulations Jay, and thank you for your hard work leading to our Region receiving this award.



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## *Antique Automobile Club of America*



### *2014 Award of Merit for regional publications*

Bestowed upon

#### *AACA Palm Springs Region Newsletter*

And in recognition of the efforts of

*Frank Wenzel*

Region President

*Jay D'Angelo*

Editor



For superior achievement in publicizing and informing regional members of Local and National Antique Automobile Club of America activities and generating interest, enthusiasm and support for the hobby.

Vice-President of Publications



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### AACA Membership Application

(for new or renewal memberships; due January of each year)

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

## The *Antique Automobile Club of America*

America's Premier Resource for the Collectible Vehicle Community

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New Member Information (Please Print)

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First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse First Name	Spouse M.I.	Spouse Last Name	Date
Address						
City			State/Province		Zip/Postal Code	Country
Signature		Email Address		Telephone #		

(Sponsorship by a current AACA member is *OPTIONAL*)

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Sponsor Name & AACA Membership #	Address
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### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Per Calendar Year

<b>MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES SPOUSE IF APPLICABLE)</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
Enjoys voting privileges, receives the bi-monthly issues of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine, is eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter and is eligible to exhibit cars and compete for national prizes and annual awards. Membership entitles you and your spouse (if joint) to free admission to the AACA Museum. Membership to the AACA Library and Research Center is also included.	
<b>FIRST TIME 1/2 YEAR MEMBERSHIP</b> .....	<b>\$18.00</b>
Available to a FIRST TIME EVER AACA member who joins AFTER May 31st. Enjoys the same privileges as above membership.	
<b>STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (AGES 13-25)</b> .....	<b>\$12.00</b>
Enjoys voting privileges, receives the bi-monthly issues of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine, is eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter and is eligible to exhibit cars and compete for national prizes and annual awards. Applicants must include copy of student identification or proof of enrollment. Free admission to the AACA Museum and membership in the AACA Library and Research center is included.	
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (AGE UP THROUGH 12 YEARS OLD)</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>
Members receive quarterly newsletter, <i>Wheels</i> , button and name badge. <b>Date of Birth</b> _____ required for Juniors.	
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b> .....	<b>\$600.00</b>
Enjoys the same privileges as Annual Membership. Spouse is also included and is entitled to the same privileges. The surviving spouse of a Life Member shall remain a Life Member at no additional cost. A three (3) year payment plan is available. Call us for details.	

#### AACA MERCHANDISE

Item	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Certificate of Membership 8 1/2" x 11"		\$3.00	
Enamel Car Badge 4 1/4" x 3" Gold/Blue		\$20.00	
Bumper Sticker 4 1/4" x 3" — White with AACA Logo in Red		\$1.50	
Bumper Sticker 4 1/4" x 3" — Blue with AACA Logo in Gold		\$1.50	
Package of 8 Emblem Window Decals		\$2.00	
Small Woven Emblem 3" x 2" — Blue with AACA Logo in Gold		\$2.50	
Large Woven Emblem 4 1/4" x 3" — Blue with AACA Logo in Gold		\$3.50	
Antique Automobile Club of America License Plate Frame		\$11.00	
Trailer Hitch Cover — Black with AACA Logo in Gold		\$10.50	
<b>Merchandise Total</b>			
<b>Membership Total</b>			
<b>Total Amount Due</b>			

(Merchandise prices include shipping & handling)

For more merchandise selections visit our website at: [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org)

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**Payment Method:** (All prices Stated in US dollars)

Check or money order enclosed payable to AACA. (US funds only) Any check dishonored by a bank and returned to AACA will be subject to a charge of \$20.00.

**Charge to:**  Visa  MasterCard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CV# \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. 3/12



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### Antique Automobile Club of America Palm Springs Region

### Application for Membership

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Car #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Car #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Car #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Car #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in the Palm Springs Region is \$15.00/year per household.  
The membership period is January through December of the calendar year.  
A concurrent membership in AACA is required.

#### Make checks payable to Palm Springs Region AACA

Mail membership application and check or Money Order to:

Treasurer and Membership Chair; Palm Springs Region AACA  
c/o Kent Vandenberg  
1475 E. Lobo Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92264