

# RIMS 'N' SPOKES



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2020. I hear the weather was beautiful for the drive over to the Oxbow Market and thanks to all that came out. Speaking of tours, thank you for everyone who signed up to host a tour during our January meeting. Tours are an important part of our club, as they are a way for comradery between members, options for us to get our cars out on the road and show them off to the public. If you haven't signed up for hosting a tour, please do so. Picking your favorite spot in Sonoma County (and surrounding areas) and mapping a fun route out is all that is needed. Please contact Gerry Wall if you are willing to lead our club on a tour.

During our February meeting, we will be discussing what the club would like to do for this years' holiday party. As you know, venues are limited, and costs are ever increasing. We would like you to come prepared to the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with ideas for our annual holiday party.

It was suggested during the January meeting that the club make a donation to National for the new building. We will discuss this idea further, and vote on it.

I look forward to seeing you all at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Warmly,  
Lisa Petker on behalf of Linda Bare

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **February Meeting**

**February 25, 2020**

Round Table Pizza

2065 Occidental Road

Santa Rosa, CA

Dinner - 6 pm

Meeting - 7 pm

### **February Tour**

**March 1, 2020**

Surprise Tour

Meet at Sonoma Ave at 9:30 am

Depart at 10:00 am

More details on page 5

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## Our Classic 1963 Ford Galaxie 500

By Linda Hall

The Galaxie was purchased by my grandfather in 1963, when I was 16 years old. She is a three generation Sonoma County car, living all of her life in Petaluma and Santa Rosa. When my grandfather passed away in 1980, she was inherited by my father. When my parents moved to Santa Rosa in 1994, she came with them. When my father passed away in 1996, she came to me.

I have always loved the Galaxie and call her the “cruiser”. She is completely original with only 58,000 original miles. Her Rangoon Red paint has never been repainted and still has luster and her interior makes you think you are back in 1963. There are very few of her left because her body style is called a “boxtop”. Her model was very popular for racing because she was light and fast and as a result, she is kind of rare. Her engine gets you there in a hurry. She can still get up and go when you give the gas to her 390 cubic inches! She gets a lot of looks when we have her out for a drive. She has been used in judging school as an example of what an unrestored, original car should look like. She is truly a family treasure.



## JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**Call to order** – The January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Redwood Empire Region Antique Auto Club of America was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Vice-President Cathy Barndt.

**Cell phone bulletin** – The usual request for cell phones to be extinguished for the duration of the meeting was put forth.

**Scribe duties** – Brian Bond reporting for duty!

**Guests/new member introductions** –

- New member: Jeff Berone

**Approval of previous meeting minutes** – No additions or deletions were request. A unanimous vote of AYE was extracted from the group.

**Treasurer report** – Pam read the treasure's report and it was unanimously approved. New bills were reviewed and also were unanimously approved.

**Old business** –

- Gerry – tour to Oxbow Market. The tour was a success with great weather and easy parking. The Oxbow museum, store and Williams Sonoma museum were big hits.
- 2019 holiday party was a blast and the food was good.
- The group could not contain their excitement about being treated to a December newsletter.

**Sunshine report** – All club members are doing well; nothing to report.

**Website report-** No new items

**Facebook/Newsletter report** – Cathy noted the correct year of their car being 1935, not 1955, per the January newsletter.

**New Business** –

- 2020 Tour planning
  - January – completed
  - February - on March 1 – Ray and Cynthia
  - March – open
  - April – open
  - May – open
  - June – The Chiotti's, **Saturday**, June 20<sup>th</sup>, tour to Studebaker club picnic
  - July – 26th club picnic hosted by the Barndt's, western theme
  - August - Halls & Walls
  - September – Gus, Alan and Ron tour
  - October – Annette and Bill
  - November – no tour
  - December – 6th, holiday party

**Additional new business** –

- Dave Chiotti suggested that the club should make a donation to the AACA new building fund. Decision was left to next meeting.
- 2020 Holiday party – please bring ideas and suggestions to the February meeting for further discussion.

## JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

**Announcement** – Pam asked if any members were interested in buying RERAACA sweatshirts, several indicated interest. Both Pam and Dave and Marilyn Chiotti will return the next meeting with more information from their respective vendors.

**Non-club news and activities** - 20<sup>th</sup> annual Antique Autos in History Park, San Jose, on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Produced by the Model T Club. Only autos before 1946 are eligible. The group discussion was that hotels were too expensive and weren't interested in attending.

**50/50 Drawing** - Pam was the lucky winner for the night!

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Brian Bond  
Scribe, RERAACA



Last month we asked you to guess the make, model and year of this car: this is Barry Power with his 1966 Pontiac Tempest convertible.

Did you guess correctly?

## CELEBRATIONS

### **Birthdays**

Jean Stewart	2/1
Larry Ayers	2/4
Gil DeMeo	2/5
Gus St. Marie	2/15
Margie DeMeo	2/19
Edward Petersen	3/7
Roy Payment	3/8
Patrick Johnston	3/16
Leonard Kania	3/16
Gerry Wall	3/25
Diane Wright	3/26
Cathy Wall	3/27

### **Anniversaries**

Larry Ayers & Donna Dell'Ario	2/5
Tom & JoAnne Miller	2/14
Lynn & Billie Meister	3/24



# HAPPY 85<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, AACA!!

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster editor

Did you know that AACA turns 85 years old this year? It is amazing to me that an idea had by 2 gentlemen in 1935 has turned into the club as we know it today. Without the foresight of Ted Fiala and Frank Abramson, who knows if AACA would even exist today? With a simple concept -- gather folks together for the fun and enjoyment of old cars -- they created this hobby we all love so much.

Did you know that the very first issue of our beloved club magazine was published just 2 years later and was called *The Bulletin of the Antique Automobile*? Guess who the first editor was? Ted, of course! The sole purpose in creating the magazine was to be able to better communicate with all of the members of this new fledgling organization. Today, *Antique Automobile* is regarded as one of the best publications in the hobby.

During the 1940s, the club started having annual "outings" to get members to be more active in club activities. This decade also brought the club a set of official by-laws and governing documents, as well as our official colors: Packard Blue and brass. Local regions/chapters became a thing with the Illinois Region becoming the first one. The concept of touring began with the first Glidden Tour in 1946 and our judging system emerged with a grand total of 11 classes. (Today, we have 133 classes!)

The 1950s brought us "Hershey," which is now considered to be the largest antique car show and flea market in the world. This is also when Hershey, Pennsylvania, became the permanent home of AACA National Headquarters. The '60s brought us Judging Schools. The '80s gave us Grand Nationals.

What started out with 14 founding members has continued to grow to more than 55,000 members. We've gone from one meeting a year to an average of 15 shows and tours yearly that gather our members all over the U.S. AACA is currently considered the largest antique car club in the world. In the world! I bet Ted and Frank could never have imagined how their idea would spread!

While many things have changed over the years, one thing has remained constant... this club exists to bring together anyone and everyone who loves old cars. It is our job as the stewards of this hobby to promote the club as much as possible to keep it going for as long as we can. So, raise your glass or grab a piece of cake and help us wish a very happy 85th birthday to AACA this year!

If you are interested in learning more about the history of AACA and how we became the car club we are today, check out [this page](#) on our website.

## FEBRUARY CAR TOUR

# SURPRISE TOUR

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Meet at Sonoma Ave 9:30 am,  
leave by 10 a.m.

We will be taking the scenic route to an undisclosed location. We promise there will be a February tour on March 1<sup>st</sup>; however, Ray's initial idea of touring to Russian River Brewing in Windsor is not panning out. They are currently booked for the day and cannot handle another group. Ray is going back to the drawing board and we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Please still plan to join us for whatever tour Ray comes up with!

Further information to come!



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## CLUB INFORMATION

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Webmaster	Kris Skold		

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**  
Can you guess the model of this car? For extra points, can you guess who is standing next to the car?

Answer to be revealed in March's Newsletter





# JANUARY CAR TOUR PHOTOS





JANUARY CAR TOUR PHOTOS CONTINUED





## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	GENERAL MEETING	SPECIAL EVENTS	CAR TOURS
January	1/28/20		January 26 Napa Oxbow Market/ CIA Kitchens and Museum The Walls
February	2/25/20		March 1 Russian River Brewing Company The Johnsons
March	3/24/20		
April	4/28/20		
May	5/26/20		
June	6/23/20		June 20 Studebaker Club Picnic The Chiotti's
July	7/28/20	July 26 <sup>th</sup> Club Picnic	<i>Happy Fourth of July</i>
August	8/25/20		Halls and Walls tour
September	9/22/20		St. Marie and Fiori tour
October	10/27/20		Bill Kaslar and Annette Connally
November	11/24/20		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
December	No Meeting	December 6 <sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner	<i>Merry Christmas</i>

Monthly meetings are held at:

***Round Table Pizza,***

**Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting starts at 7 pm**

2065 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa, CA

We look forward to seeing you at the club meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>!

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Can you believe it's already February?? I have a feeling that 2020 is going to fly by in record time! I would truly appreciate hearing from any of you that would like to publish a member vehicle story. They are a great addition to our newsletter, but I need your help in providing them to me; without them we won't know the story of how your car became a part of your family!

If you would like to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to me at [lisapetker@outlook.com](mailto:lisapetker@outlook.com). Please submit items by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month as the newsletter will be published to the group no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> of every month.