To repeat myself - summer has arrived. Ain’t this weather just great?

We had a nice trip to Oxnard and a visit to the Mullin Museum. This is a very nice auto museum and the cars displayed were the Citroen. The Citroen has an advanced car that was undoubtedly designed in an air funnel. They provided a guided tour with good information and discussions regarding the Citroen. Of course, we had lunch in downtown Oxnard making it a fine days trip.

The Ron Mosher (aka Doctor A) seminars concerning how to build a Model A had the second in the series. Ron will provide the next seminar in about 4-5 weeks. When the seminar is scheduled, you will all be informed. If you have not been to any of the seminars, you may want to visit and improve you knowledge on how it was made.

We scheduled a breakfast/brunch trip for May 9th – a Tuesday. The mid-week runs are designed to get old cars out and exercise as we get a good meal. They will not always be on a Tuesday but we kept this date as there is a change we can tour a rather large collection of Model A cars.

Our Friendly Valley Memorial Day parade appears again (May 29th). This is a short parade with a bunch of friendly people watching on. After, we will go to the Route 66 Café for a well-deserved lunch.

Bob Caldwell

Thank you to the members who bring Snacks and Drinks to our General Meetings. At our next General Meeting in May, Ken and Barbara Spencer will be providing snacks and drinks. As always, if you need assistance our Chairperson for refreshments is Marilyn Chase.

Visit our web site!

Go to it now: scvaac.com

Have you visited our web site lately?? Take a look and visit our BLOG. Our web master Jhoe Abejon is doing a fantastic job
General Meetings of the SCVAAC are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bouquet Canyon Church, 27000 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Saugus.

Our club is a region of the Antique Automobile Club of America; Inc. National club membership is required. The national address is: AACA, 501 W. Governor Road, P.O. Box 417, Hershey PA, 17033.

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Board Meetings are held at the call of the club president. Meetings are normally held in odd numbered months on the third Monday. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and all members are invited to attend.

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**CLUB Activities and Tours**

**May 4th (Thursday) General Meeting** – Safe and sane general meeting. Join and put forth your ideas.

**May 9th – (Tuesday) Breakfast run to Aqua Dulce and the Sweetwater Cafe**

On a Tuesday morning, we will gather up and take a nice country trip to Acton to a new café with a good repetition for good food. We want all cars if possible. Meet Placerita Cyn off SR 14 at 9 am as we depart at 9:30 am.

**May 22nd (Monday) Board Meeting 7:30 pm at president Bob’s home.**

**May 29th (Monday) Memorial Day Parade in Friendly Valley** Our annual parade at the friendliest place called Friendly Valley. A short but fun parade with lots of love. We meet at Starbucks at 8 am as the parade will start at 9 am (see page 5)

**Wednesday Burger Night. A CHANGE (May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st) – JACK IN THE BOX**

We have tried others eateries and while our demands are simple, we like to dine in comfort. Must members like good and easy parking, a good menu and good service. We were not getting that at the Wendy’s Burger, so a new location is being tested. “Jack in the Box” restaurant located next to the Home Depot at Rye Cyn (Copper Hill) and Newhall Ranch Road. Enjoy a really and full menu from burgers to salads to ice cream in a peaceful and quiet evening. Starting time is 6 pm.
We met and took a nice trip and visited the Mullin Auto Museum in Oxnard. Mullin Museum has an reputation for excellent as an automotive museum. They are open only on selective dates and they change the display routinely. This time they displayed a very large showing of Citroen automobiles.

The Mullin Auto Museum

From old to new.

Mullin provided a tour of this extensive display.
Ten Places with the Highest Rates of Car Theft in the United States

U.S. News complied data on car thefts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 2014 – the most recent year for complete data from the bureau – in determine which of the 100 largest metro areas in the country has the highest rate of car theft.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, takes the top spot for highest rate of car theft, with a total of 6,131 thefts and a theft rate of 676.9 thefts per 100,000 people. Auto insurance companies not only recommend diligence about locking your car and keeping valuables out of sight to avoid tempting any passerby, but they also offer reduced premium for drivers who park in a secured garage.

Here are the 10 metro areas with the highest rates of car theft in the USA:

#10 – Seattle – 469 thefts per 100,000 people.
#9 - San Jose – 471 thefts per 100,000 people for the wealthy Silicon Valley.
#8 - Spokane, Washington - 472 thefts per 100,000 people.
#7 - Fresno - 491 thefts per 100,000 people (they have high rates of property and violent crimes along with a high rate of unemployment and low annual salary ranking 97th of 100 best cities to live).
#6 - Milwaukee – 539 thefts per 100,000 people (the only metro area not in the western half of the USA).
#5 - Stockton – 599 thefts per 100,000 people (above average property and violent crime rates with high unemployment gave them a rating of 98th of 100 best cities to live).
#4 - Bakersfield – had 5,328 car thefts in 2014 for a rate of 603 thefts per 100,000 people. (They ranked 95th of the 100 best places to live).
#3 - San Francisco has a rate of 631 car thefts per 100,000 people (29,400 car thefts in 2014). San Francisco however, ranked 9th in the best places to live.
#2 - Modesto – the sixth California metro area on the list with a rate of 649 thefts per 100,000 people. (Modesto ranked 99th of the best places to live only beating out San Juan, Puerto Rico).
#1 - Albuquerque, New Mexico has a rate of 676 thefts per 100,000 people. Albuquerque close proximity to the USA border lends to a higher theft rate as criminals can take cars over the border to sell in Mexico.


Editorial: I am so glad. We need more taxes (California is the highest in the country). There are so many potholes – most are in the California legislature.

The fact is there is already a gas tax and high registration fees. If the state would use those existing taxes for roads, the problem would be solved. Revenue from gas taxes and vehicle fees are used elsewhere, rather than reprioritize, they want to raise taxes.

Curtis Grima, chief of staff for Assemblyman James Gallagher, R-Yuba City, states the matter is known. Grima said exactly zero percent of registration fees goes to roads. They currently go to DMV, CHP and Air Resources Board. Gas taxes, we collect about $4 Billion for roads annual) $1 Billion is diverted off for general fund gains. Assemblyman Gallagher stated that over the last six years, the state spending has increased by $36 Billion, yet not a dime of this new revenue was spent to fix our roads.

California does not need a new “scheme” of new taxes, it does need to sop raiding the old funding for different needs.
May 9th - (Tuesday) Breakfast Run to Aqua Dulcy and the Sweetwater Cafe

Once again on a Tuesday morning, we will gather up and take a nice country trip to Aqua Dulcy to a new cafe with a repetition for good food. We want all cars if possible. Meet Placerita Cyn off SR 14 at 9 am as we depart at 9:30 am.

We will take back county roads and the trip should be a pleasant trip for you and your car.

May 29th (Monday) Memorial Day Parade in Friendly Valley

Our annual parade in the friendliest place called Friendly Valley. A short but fun parade with lots of love. The plan is to meet at Starbucks (back end of the shopping area at Sierra Hwy at Placerita Cyn) at 8:00 am and then to travel to the parade start at 8:30 am. At approximately 11 am, we will travel to the Route 66 Cafe for lunch. It always has and should be a very nice day.
Old Town Newhall hosts a car shows on the Second Thursday of each months as follows:

May 11th – Corvettes

July 13th – Hot Rods and Customs

September 14th – American Classic (emphasis on stock vehicles)

June 8th – Classic VW’s

August 10th – European Cars and bikes

October 12th - Mustang

Route 66 Classic Car Show

The cars shows at Route 66 are back for 2017.

All shows are held on the second Saturday monthly from May through October.

Our club likes to made a club visit to one show annually and that will be on September 9th.

More information to follow.

Thunderbird Day

All that is required is for you to drive your THUNDERBIRD car on MAY 21st.

Drive anywhere – go to the store, go visit a friend – just get our and drive your car for the world to appreciate.
Model A Club of San Fernando Valley

A swap meet that applies to all makes of automobiles. This one day event is close and an easy drive. Lots of vendors and a jolly good time.

They even have food.

Rancho San Antonio Boys Home
2100 Plummer Street (at DeSoto)
Chatsworth

$5 a car – load up with friends.

Arrive early, e.g. 6 am as it will close at noon.

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3rd Annual Car Show
Saturday, June 3rd 10 am to 4 pm

Local in our neighborhood.

Free admission and there is food

Want to display your car - $25 entrance fee.

Get an application at our next meeting.
**47th Annual ANTIQUE NATIONALS**

Get time for the family; see some real cars doing their thing!

Auto Club Drag Way
9300 Cherry Ave,
Fontana

Adults $20 – children under 15 are free

Hours: gates open 8 am

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**Informal Car Meet**

On every Saturday morning from 6:30 am to 8:30 am, there is an “open house” car meeting held adjacent the K-Mart (Valencia Blvd at Bouquet Cyn). It just a place to meet and to view others automobiles. Just meet and discuss the love of all cars.

It’s called **Coffee N’ Cars** and it is located in front of the Wester Bagel Shop. No trophies and no entrée fee.
I believe that if you speak with an American Automobile expert, chances are they never heard of the Roosevelt automobile. We actually had a club member who owned this classic car.

There were many automotive companies in the USA in the early 20th century. There were over 900 companies at one time. One such car, an outstanding automobile, remains substantially unfamiliar to today’s general public. I am referring to the Roosevelt built by the Marmon Automobile Company. It is a picturesque and elegant car and it bears the logo of Theodore Roosevelt on the radiator grill.

Known as a luxury carmaker, Marmon produced a low number of cars. The Marmon distinguished itself for innovation in engine and transmission design as well as for the use of lightweight aluminum for strength. Marmon, up to 1927, delivered a large wheel base that sold for $1,895 (a Ford Model T cost about $400). To compete in the car cost, the Roosevelt model was introduced as a lower priced car that sold for $995 – an amazing price for an eight cylinder car.

The Roosevelt was considered well designed in style and advanced in mechanical features. It had a 70 horsepower engine, powerful four wheel self-energizing mechanical brakes, electrical circuit breakers rather than fuses, a water pump that recycled water extremely effectively and a smog device that re-burned the exhaust crankcase fumes. While not equipped with a car radio, it was wired for easy installation, It was designed for passenger convenience with roomy comfortable seats and even dual air vents for improved airflow.

The Roosevelt eight were built in Indianapolis. The very first Roosevelt was shipped to Geneva, Switzerland, to “uphold the Marmon prestige” at the International Automobile Show in March 1929. The Roosevelt increased Marmon sales by 50% as over 22,000 cars were sold in 1929. The advent of the Depression, in late 1929, delivered a terminal blow to any comeback. Marmon sales had fallen to less than 6,000 cars. Marmon ended automobile production in 1933.

Meet the new guy:

Rick Raimondo

Who is in the market and need of an collectible car!!
Marilyn Chase has a birthday to celebrate on May 3rd.
Tom Edgington will celebrate his birthday on May 4th.
Robert and Carole Bennett will celebrate.
Robert - birthday on May 5th
Carole - her birthday on May 22nd

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Each Saturday 6:30 – 8:30 am
Coffee n’ Cars
K-Mart parking