



THE DRIVELINE™

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025

“There were lots of '47 and '48 Ford coupes around with small block Chevys in them, but that's not what I wanted.”
—Richard Scheen

I looked for over a year to find a Ford with a Ford motor. My reasoning was simple. If I drove a Chevy, I wanted a Chevy motor. If I drove a Ford, I wanted a Ford motor.

After friends in Salt Lake convinced me, I settled on a fat fender Ford and almost bought a two-door. I wanted to modify the car, create a street rod, and the two-door was very original. Remarking that it would be a shame to touch such an original car, the owner agreed. So, my friend bought the two-door. After tidying the paint and fuel delivery, it still runs today.

I continued my search and ended up in Longview, Washington, where I found our '46 orange Ford Fordor sedan.

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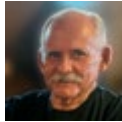
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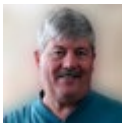
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The ORANGE CRATE

A '46 Ford with a Ford V8 engine.

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 -Michael Fecchino



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President's Message

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Michael Fecchino

Members of the Las Vegas Region AACA,

My congratulations to the duly elected 2026 AACA Las Vegas Region Officers and Board. I'm looking forward to working with you next year.

It has been a fun couple of months starting on November 1st where some of us went to the Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance at the Wynn Hotel. At least one of us won an award, no not me. Bruce Spangrud brought home the glory of an award from the Concours event. He certainly deserved it, with his 1953 Packard Caribbean. Bruce had been working on the Packard for years and he literally finished days before the event. An absolutely beautiful restoration.



Congratulations Bruce!

November was a rough month for Celebrity Cars and Coffee we were partially rained out two weekends but some of us die hards were still there.

There are some photos and an article in this newsletter for the Clark County Museum and for the Christmas Party please take a look at those.

It looks like our kickoff breakfast January 18th will be at the Lake Las Vegas Hilton, be on the watch for an email about that event. The newsletter now has a dedicated page for the Event Schedule – page 5.



Don't forget to register for the Western Spring Nationals. Important for the club for us all to be there. We have to have a minimum number of cars to have this event and we're not there yet, so register now! (please)

For your convenience a blue text link on page 6 will take you there for online forms and registration.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2026!

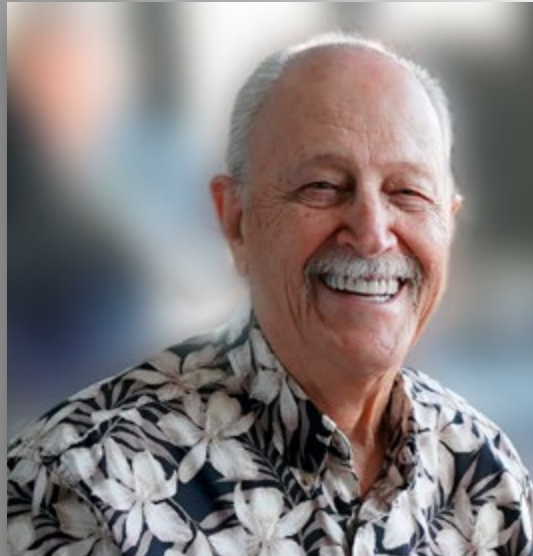
Michael Fecchino, President AACA Las Vegas Region



Secretary • Treasurer

THE DRIVELINE™ HOLIDAY MEMORIES

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John Ragonese

•AACALVR BUDGET INFO•

October 6th – December 8th

Balance Forward:	\$3,369.00
Deposits: 18,650.00.....	22,019.00
Expenses: <3,810.00>.....	3,369.50
Ending Balance:.....	\$18,209.00

NOTES: AACA National loan and The Maloof Trust donation provided financial support for next year's AACA Western Spring and National Car Show at Lake

Thanks to all members who have paid their dues. Check your records, and if your NATIONAL Membership hasn't been renewed yet, it can be done online—click on this link to join or renew: members.aaca.org

Your LOCAL Membership (\$25.00 dues) can be renewed by sending a check to me:

John Ragonese
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At this time of year, we remember all the precious moments of holidays past and present. The gift that you gave, that was the biggest surprise of the day. The gift you received, that you thought you would never get or cherish for a lifetime.

The memories of a white christmas, when you discovered 2 feet of snow on your driveway Christmas morning. Your first Christmas when you discovered that a palm tree was very impressive when decorated with twinkling lights.

Do you remember watching the granddaddy of all parades? The Rose Bowl Parade coming down Colorado Avenue in Pasadena, California. The warm weather and the beautiful flowered floats. The sound of the massive bands, all celebrating the New Year.

I am so fortunate to have these memories with a loving family, relatives and friends. It is also time to remember that the true gift of the season is in the giving not receiving.

Holiday Blessings to All and A Happy Safe New Year.

John Ragonese, Secretary • Treasurer

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The recent 2026 election results. New terms begin January 1st, 2026

OFFICERS:

- President: Michael Fecchino
- Vice President: Neil Labbe
- Secretary / Treasurer: John Ragonese

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Jose Gonzalez
- Joe Oliveira
- Rich Hall
- Larry McCormick
- Danny Barnett
- Don Arnold
- Frank Blaha

Congratulations and thanks for volunteering.



Upcoming Events

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2026 Tour Event Schedule

JANUARY	Kick-Off Brunch	01/18/2026	Club Officers
FEBRUARY	Springs Preserve	02/___/2026	Joe & Laura Ammirato
MARCH	Cadence Picnic	03/___/2026	Don Arnold
APRIL	AACA WESTERN SPRING NATIONALS	04/23, 24, 25/2026	Hosted: Officers, Board & Club Members
	Celebrity Car Show	04/25/2026	Club Officers
MAY	Spring Mountain Ranch	05/17/2026	Michael Fecchino
JUNE	The Mob Museum	06/___/2026	John Ragonese
JULY	McCormick Pinball Collection	07/___/2026	Larry McCormick
AUGUST	Lake Mead Paddleboat Excursion	08/___/2026	Neil Labbe
SEPTEMBER	Dennis Rutkoskie Auto Collection	09/___/2026	Michael Fecchino & John Ragonese
OCTOBER	Pioneer Saloon - Goodsprings, NV	10/___/2026	
NOVEMBER	NV State Railroad Museum-Bolder Hwy	11/___/2026	Neil Labbe & Richard Scheen
DECEMBER	Club Christmas Party-Year in Review	12/___/2026	Club Officers
	The BIG WHEEL RACE-Goldfinger's Grill	12/___/2026	Rich Hall

All Future 2026 Event Details and Dates to be confirmed and announced later.





Membership/Photo Director

Membership Message

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Michael Fecchino

WELCOME ALL MEMBERS!

The Christmas/New Year's Holiday Season is in full swing. It's probably starting to sound redundant but...*Don't forget* to REGISTER FOR THE AACA WESTERN SPRING NATIONALS and/or the LAS VEGAS REGION'S OPEN CLASS "Celebrity Car Show" OR need room reservations at the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Hotel and Spa. Here's all the links you'll need:

You can **Click** on the blue text links below:

2026 AACA Western Spring Nationals event (2-DAYS) registration:

<https://members.aaca.org/login.asp>

AACA Western Spring Nationals event brochure:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/f44be53f-aa24-4728-830e-040b47e17dce>

The Hilton Lake Las Vegas ROOM RESERVATIONS (Now Accepting).

<https://tinyurl.com/2026aacaspringnationals>

Saturday-April 25th-AACA Las Vegas Region (that's us!) Celebrity Car Show flyer and registration form:

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CELEBRITY CARS & COFFEE

Some of you newer members may not know this but AACA Las Vegas Region is a participating supporter for the Celebrity Cars and Coffee on Eastern. Celebrity Cars and Coffee is located at 9500 S. Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89123 and is free every Saturday, 52 weeks a year from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. (when it gets really hot we leave a little early) with an average of about 300 cars per week.

If you haven't been there come on out, they give our club a dedicated space to put our chairs (be sure to bring one) and we have a club sign and table set up to introduce ourselves to the automotive public and sometimes recruit new members.



PLEASE DON'T throw away your old AACA Antique AUTOMOBILE magazines. I will find a new home for them. I will redistribute them to new or potentially new members at the Celebrity Cars and Coffee Saturday morning car shows.



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Richard goes on to say...

The original chassis front end had been replaced with a full-size Ford sedan front end clip welded in place to accommodate the size and weight of a 429 cu. inch engine, and it was 80% complete. After a three-way deal, the car was mine. I had visions of cruising the strip with my two small grandsons in the back (they're much bigger now). Besides, whoever said you couldn't hotrod a Fordor (Ford fat fender speak: 2-door/Tudor and 4-door/Fordor)?

The original 'Orange Crate' is in a museum in Portland, Oregon, and was a two-door Model A with a blown Oldsmobile engine and owned by a fellow named Tindal. It was really fast in its day. Back in my racing days, a second one was an MG MGA that raced in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), F Class-Production class, piloted by a guy named Gary LeMon. So that's why when we had Jeff Dastrup (a very skilled airbrush artist/pinstriper) do the caricature on the trunk lid, we added the numeral III to his drawing.

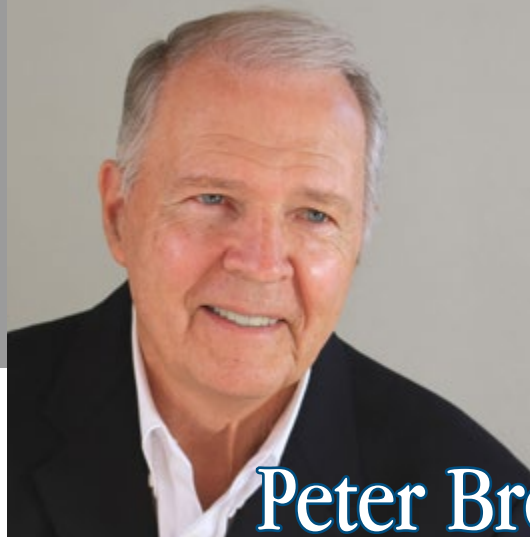
After shipping the car, we spent the next 14 years and a lot of money making it ours. When we first bought the car, orange was an unusual color. Now orange is the new red.

Mike Thaxton at Born Again Restorations did the work. I added headers, intake manifold, and carburetor, but did away with the mechanical fan, added two 12" electric fans and shroud, and balanced the drive shaft. All this to a stock 429. I am sure there is more that I have forgotten. We have won many plaques and trophies with this car, but nothing will replace the great people we have met. But the time has come for us to part with the 'Orange Crate'. The new owner, a member of our club, will carry on the legacy of this great car.





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Peter Brock

will be the esteemed speaker at the AACA Western Spring & Grand Nationals Car Show in Las Vegas 2026.

*Designer
Racer
Flyer
Photographer
Author
Story Teller*

With his fascinating history, Brock has become a popular speaker, sharing his stories and answering questions from enthusiasts that can't get over how much he has accomplished in one lifetime. In an interview with Jay Leno, Leno exclaimed; "Before I met you I knew what you'd done. I thought you were 117 years old!" Brock is a crowd pleaser wherever he goes. The following is a brief biographical profile.

Brock has been involved with competition, racing cars and photography since he went to his first road race at Pebble Beach in 1952. "Phil Hill was driving 2 Jr. a wild MG TC special with a supercharged V8 60 flathead engine and I was hooked for life." It was no surprise then that Brock's first car was an MG TC.

Later in high school he progressed to hot rods and got a chopped and channeled '46 Ford which he put a Cadillac engine into and painted white with two blue stripes as a nod to his hero Briggs Cunningham who was one of the first



Americans to race at LeMans (Briggs Corvettes were white with two blue stripes down the center). Brock won his class at the Oakland Roadster show with his "Fordillac", twice by the age of 18.

After high school Brock went on to the famed Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles to learn more about designing and building cars. After 18 months he left the school to take a design job at GM Styling in January of 1957. He was fortunate enough to work with design giants, Harley Earl and Bill Mitchell. He ultimately sketched what Mitchell chose as the direction of what would become the 1963 split-window Corvette Sting Ray.

Following his desire to become a professional race car driver, Brock left GM in 1959 and returned to his home state of California. There he was involved in the road racing scene and became Carroll Shelby's first paid employee, running Shelby's driving school at Riverside Raceway in 1961.

Shelby American was founded in 1962 and Brock's design background allowed him to create Shelby's brand including various logos, merchandise, advertising and even the paint designs and liveries (blue with white stripes for the Cobras and white with blue stripes for the GT350 Mustangs)..



While his most famous Shelby design was the Cobra Daytona Coupe that allowed the team to win the FIA World Championship for GT cars against Ferrari in 1965, other cars he designed included the Shelby Mustang GT350 and several prototype sports racers like the Can-Am LangCooper, Shelby DeTomaso P70 and the Nethercutt Mirage.



Brock left Shelby at the end of the 1965 race season, and formed Brock Racing Enterprises (BRE) where he did design work for several Japanese manufacturers creating the stunning BRE Hino Samurai and Toyota JP6, as well as England's Triumph with the TR250K. In 1969 BRE also became the Datsun factory race team in the U.S., winning four major national championships in 1970 thru 1972 including two 2.5 Trans-Am Championships with driver John Morton.

As a result of those exploits Japanese imports were suddenly taken seriously. It was, in essence, the very beginning of today's contemporary "tuner culture" that features small but powerful Japanese sedans. Consequently BRE and these early "BRE-Datsun" cars still enjoy a strong cult following.

"I was driving by the beach on the way to the shop one day and saw these crazy guys jumping off a small hill with nothing more than canvas tied to some sticks. All my adult life I'd been focused on how to make things stick to the ground. I saw this and thought 'I've got to get in on this'."

Brock shuttered BRE in '73 and entered the world of hang gliding. Brock founded Ultralite Products (UP), the largest hang gliding company in the world, and developed the sport of long distance hang gliding competition. Brock's, foot-launched, UP flex-wing gliders set numerous cross-country distance and altitude records of 15,000' and more than 300 miles while winning several prestigious national championships in the world of ultra-light flight in Europe, South America and the USA.

After a decade-long stint of successfully managing UP, Brock returned to his first love, racing cars and the automotive industry and returned to Art Center College of Design to teach the history of automotive design.

"I started by writing a book on the history of the Shelby era; 'The Daytona Cobra Coupe'. This book created a series of inquiries from magazine editors to cover upcoming races. After turning down the opportunity to go to Le Mans I decided maybe I didn't have my priorities in order and I jumped in. It just kind of took off then."

Brock says, "Getting a life of its own. It was a way to stay closely involved with cars and racing. I love racers and the art of building fast cars. With all the roles I've had in the industry, I'm first and foremost a designer. I can't look at a design and not evaluate its racing capabilities and esthetics. It doesn't matter what type of racing is involved because I've found that all racers are driven by the same desire to just do something better than the next guy."





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To All AACA Las Vegas Members,
I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful birthday celebration we had on November 20th, a beautiful sunny Friday at Goldfinger's.

It was truly a joyous occasion as we gathered to celebrate the birthdays of our colleagues who were born in October, November, and December. The atmosphere was absolutely perfect and contributed to an unforgettable experience.

From the moment we arrived, the vibrant energy radiated throughout the venue, making it an ideal setting for our celebration. Guests mingled freely, exchanging laughter and stories while enjoying the delightful surroundings.

It was heartwarming to see everyone in a state of pure happiness, which is a testimony to the strong bonds we share as a team.

I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rich Hall for the impeccable service he provided throughout the event. His attention to detail and commitment to creating a friendly ambiance truly enhanced the experience for all of us.

The seamless flow of the celebration allowed us to focus on what truly mattered – spending quality time together and honoring our friends.

As we shared delicious food and warm conversations, it became clear how important these moments are in strengthening our camaraderie. I'm grateful to all who attended and contributed to making this event a success.

I look forward to many more celebrations like this in the future.

Sincerely, Your Birthday Host, Joe Oliveira

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER

- David Guy 10/7
- Tony Vierra 10/12
- Sharon Clyne 10/19

NOVEMBER

- Rich Hall 11/4
- Steve Ciaccio 11/7
- Bruce Snell 11/14
- Carole Renner 11/16
- Christine Ringenbach 11/15

DECEMBER

- Tom Schnitker 12/2
- Ralph Church 12/6
- Dion Stams 12/9
- Jose Gonzalez 12/16
- Robert Lohsen 12/16
- Darlene Church 12/19
- Ron Booker 12/20
- (Santa) Joe Caron 12/24





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Michael Fecchino • *President & Membership-Photo Director*
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The Winner's Circle

I had been looking for my dream car, a 1968-1972 Corvette with a big block and 4 speed, for over two years when I saw a YouTube video from a guy who was showing a beautiful 1972 Corvette Stingray that he recently received from his late father's estate. He spoke about his parents purchasing the car new and how it was garaged and covered every night.

He was not a car guy and really didn't know what he had. He walked around the car, showing its flawless paint and beautiful interior, and stated that it had factory air-conditioning and a four-speed shifter. When he mentioned "...454 on the hood," I immediately booked a flight to see and drive the Vette.

As soon as I saw the car, my heartbeat increased dramatically, and after I checked a few numbers on the engine and original components, I knew I had found my car.

This Corvette is a fully optioned, original LS-5 Big Block with numbers matching throughout. Options include an M-21 4-speed transmission, factory air conditioning, a deluxe leather interior with a telescoping and tilting wheel, power steering, power brakes, and an AM/FM stereo. This is an original car, not a restoration.

After driving and showing the Stingray at several local car and Corvette shows since 2018, I was looking for a car club that emphasized originality. That's when I found the AACA. The local Las Vegas Chapter guys told me about the judging classes, and after seeing the Corvette, they encouraged me to enter the upcoming AACA Grand Nationals/ Spring Nationals in Tucson, AZ.

The show venue was a beautiful Casino and event center that had the judged car shows in a grassy area just behind the majestic pool. I participated in the judging school on Thursday and entered the Stingray in Saturday's Spring National. Five judges spent time all over the car; the result was a National First Place Award. My goal is to eventually win a Grand National First Award, so I'll be writing to the Executive Vice President of Judging to get the areas I need to improve on to reach my final goal.

A big thank you to my wife, Stephanie, for being a crucial part of the event's logistics, as well as all the guys and gals in the AACA Las Vegas Region club.

Jack Snyder





Clark County Railroad Museum Tour



Dick & Gay Scheen with the 46 Ford "Orange Crate"



James Reno III, with his 2001 Jaguar XRS Coupe



Front Row: Paula McCormick, Gay Scheen, John Ragonese, Joe Oliveira, James Reno III, Rick Sladen & Richard Scheen.
Back Row: Larry McCormick, José Gonzalez, Neil Labbe, James Reno III & Carson, Neil Labbe's friend.



Paula McCormick and Neil Labbe while Larry was lost!



Joe Oliveira, and his '59 Impala.



José Gonzalez, with his '73 Chevy Nova SS, on the middle of Main Street USA.



Paula McCormick and John Ragonese while Larry was lost!



There's Larry and Paula McCormick with their beautiful Mercedes





Concours at Wynn's Las Vegas



Greg Wood with his wife Renee, son Royce and their 1960 Rolls Royce.



Michael Fecchino's 1941 Plymouth Business Coupe



Dave Keetch, and his 1963 Pontiac Bonneville that he built himself.



Bruce Spangrud and his 1953 Packard Caribbean.



Jerry Robinson, with the Maloof Collection 1938 Cadillac Convertible



Sara & Joe Oliveira with John Ragonese hanging at the Wynn.

Years spent completing a ground-up restoration. He's getting it ready, before the Concours at Wynn's Las Vegas. During the show this beautiful car earned a Concours' Show Award.

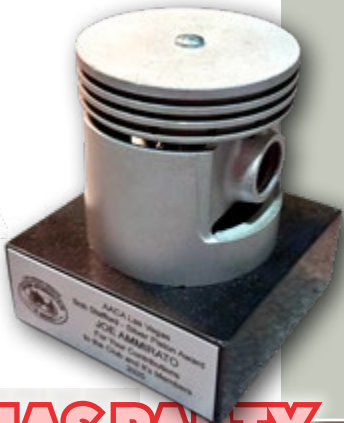


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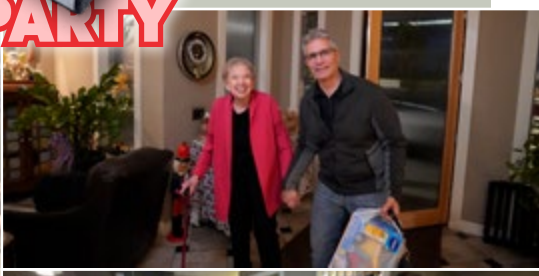


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The
Bob Stafford
2025
Silver Piston
Service Award
Bill Fortier
Joe Ammirato

The CHRISTMAS PARTY





A Christmas Message

Dear Club Members,

We would like to take a moment to reflect on our recent Christmas Party celebrated on December 4th, which truly encapsulated the joyous spirit of the season.

It was heartwarming to see so many members come together to celebrate, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter and camaraderie.

The event was nothing short of spectacular, a beautifully crafted banquet that showcased remarkable quality and finesse.

From the delightful appetizers to the sumptuous main courses and exquisite desserts, our meal was masterfully prepared, a testament to the dedication and hard work of those involved in organizing this event.

As we mingled and shared stories, the event also provided us the opportunity to pay our respects to the members we unexpectedly lost this year. Their memories were honored, reminding us of the close-knit community we have built together.

In these moments of reflection, we recognize the importance of unity and support within our club.

A special Thank You goes out to the Fecchino family; your contributions were invaluable and helped make this year's Christmas celebration so enjoyable. Your efforts ensured that we could gather in joy and remembrance, celebrating the true spirit of Christmas and strengthening our bonds as club members.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended.

The AACA Las Vegas Region Board Of Directors





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The BIG WHEEL Fundraising Event



Well we've completed another VERY successful annual Big Wheel Race at Goldfingers. As predicted, a 14 year old girl won numerous heats against other kids and all the adult racers to be crowned the new Grand Champion!

The Big Wheel Race is held every year to raise funds for the Las Vegas Cruisin' Association toy drive. This year we raised \$4,000.00! The toys will be distributed to students at a local elementary school by Santa himself.

We filmed a video of the race featuring our own Michael Fecchino racing his heart out and placing an amazing second place in his heat, Hal Sheaks also raced. Joe & Sara Oliveira and John Kagonese cheered from the sidelines.

There was a special exhibition race between Santa and Rich Hall which raised an additional \$400.

Thanks to all who showed up and participated.

- Rich Hall



CELEBRITY Cars & Coffee Event



Bill Fortier honored with the AACA Las Vegas Region-2025 "Bob Stafford Silver Piston Award"

