



THE DRIVELINE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026



The “Toad.” It’s what we call it. Because we pull it behind our RV.

I was looking for a Suzuki Sidekick with automatic transmission and air conditioning. This one had those things.

I found it listed on Craigslist and sitting in Pine, Arizona. The odometer read 240,000 miles...perfect.

The driver’s door was sprung and the door jam was rusted through where the hinges were attached, and both front fenders had rust holes in the bottom near the rocker panels.

The radiator was cracked and leaking; and the floorboard inside the car was filled with sand.

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AACA Las Vegas Region Officers

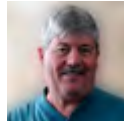
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The Toad

4WD, 16-valve, a daily driver!

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 —Michael Fecchino



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In Memorium

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John Fuller

Packard ownership isn't casual enthusiasm—it reflects an appreciation for engineering excellence, design integrity, and the marque's famous standard: "Ask the Man Who Owns One."

John kept the Packard flame alive for the next generation. Our Club and the automotive hobby is all the better because of his life-long enthusiastic participation and love for his automobile.



President's Message

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Michael Fecchino

**Get your trophy case ready.
The AACA Western Spring Nationals
are coming soon!**



Hello and Happy New Year—Members of the Las Vegas Region AACA

We were saddened to hear of the passing of John Fuller, who graced our pages last year with a great story and interview from him about his '53 Packard, a 'legendary' automobile he owned for about 45 years!

But a very nice start for this year. Our kickoff breakfast at the Lake Las Vegas Hilton where we filled the restaurant. Then our event this month at the Springs Preserve where The Preserve was completely filled up—a Valentine's Day surprise, but we had plenty of room at the restaurant to enjoy our meal with good friends and family.

With only 2 months away from our national show at the Lake Las Vegas Hilton we are busy looking for more attendees to the show, that includes our own members where several of you have not registered for the show yet. If you don't want to bring your car or don't have a car to bring you can register just for the events like the ice cream social and the banquet and the Maloof collection to see the 90 cars.

We are required to have a minimum of 50 cars to have a national show for AACA. Although we were halfway there we're not there yet so please enter your car as soon as possible. If you need any help with that contact a board member or give me a call directly. I'll be happy to help you register. This is a rare opportunity for a National AACA event to be held in Las Vegas. The last time was five years ago. Pages 7 and 8 in this newsletter have many online links and a OR code if you want to register and pay for tickets online.

Looking forward to a nice outdoor picnic next month at the Cornerstone Park. If you're not familiar it's a beautiful Park with a pond, and we have a very nice sheltered patio to have our picnic and play cornhole. Courtesy of Don and Marty Arnold who are our hosts for the picnic.

See you soon!

Michael J. Fecchino, President

Antique Automobile Club of America, Las Vegas Region



CO Tour Director

Vice President's Message

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Neil Labbe

Hello to the membership,

The Las Vegas leadership set the bar quite high with accomplishments in 2025. From formalizing the financial accounting, establishing 501 status, setting up for the upcoming 2026 Spring National car show, a host of memorable outings and events. I must also mention a highlight that we all enjoy receiving "The Driveline" which is our information polished and published by our very own member Joe Ammirato.

We had a great first outing of the year with the kick off breakfast at the Lake Las Vegas Hilton. After a parade from Cadence to the Hotel, the classic cars parked in the rotunda and the daily drivers hid out of sight in the parking garage. After breakfast, those interested were able to preview the event center that will be center stage of the Spring National Show.

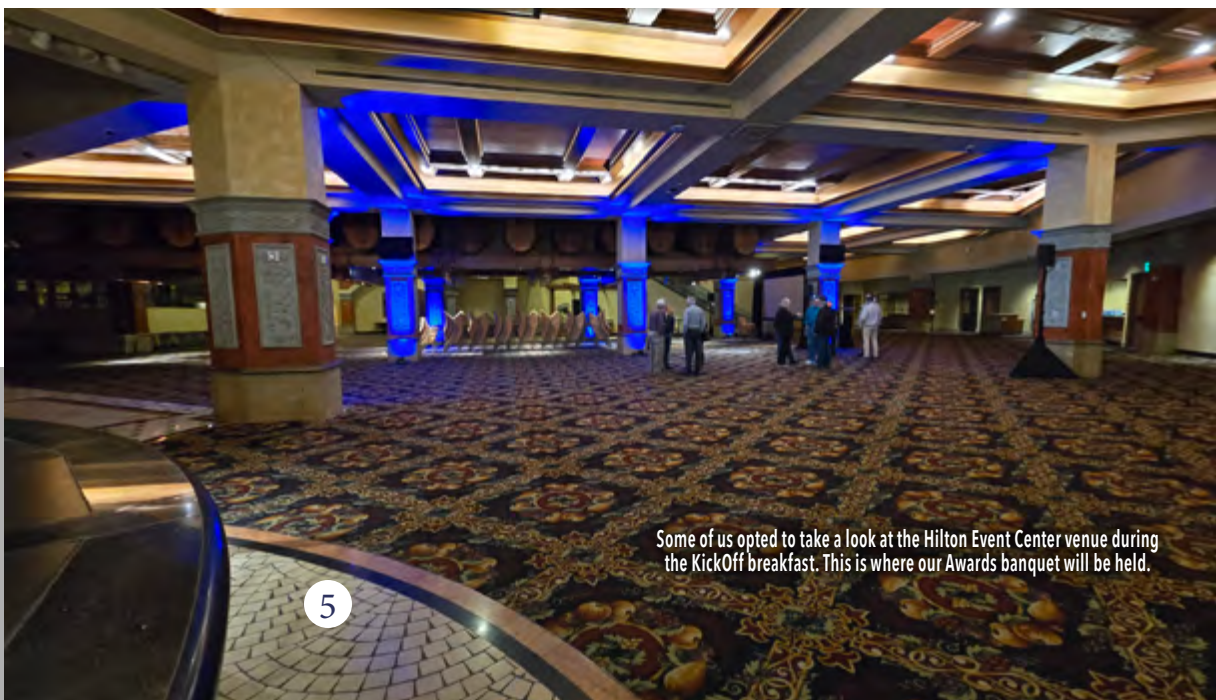
I am looking forward to the upcoming year, please be sure your membership, both local and National are current so that you don't miss any communication.

Also remember that registration is open for entries in the National Show, the Open class show as well as the banquet, ice cream social & Maloof tour. If you have questions Please ask.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the road.

Neil Labbe

2026 Vice President & CO Tour director



Some of us opted to take a look at the Hilton Event Center venue during the KickOff breakfast. This is where our Awards banquet will be held.



Secretary • Treasurer

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John Ragonese

•AACALVR BUDGET INFO•

January 1st – February 10th

Starting Balance:	\$16,916.00
Deposits: 1,197.00.....	18,113.00
Expenses: <5,850.00>.....	12,228.00

Ending Balance:.....\$12,228.00

NOTES: AACA National loan and The Maloof Trust donation provided financial support for this year's AACA Western Spring and Grand National Car Show at Lake Las Vegas.

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
965 Nevada State Drive #4104
Henderson, NV 89002

Please make your check payable to:
AACA Las Vegas Region

The FIRE HORSE

Welcome members to the Chinese 'Year of the Fire Horse', a traditional year-long celebration in the Chinese Calendar / Horoscope. The Fire Horse presents us with a coming year of intense energy, passion, independence and rapid change. All combined with the Horse's natural traits of strength, intelligence and speed.

Is this view representative of the energy and passion we are to see this year, in world events around us? The good and bad news does seem to explode on us daily but, we can't control those events that were never under our control to begin with. On the other hand, our Las Vegas Region organization, your club, has elected to host the very unique AACA Western Spring and Grand Nationals Car Show this year on April 23rd and 24th, and the Celebrity (Open Class) Car Show on Saturday, the 25th at the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort and Spa. I can report that planning is well underway and no doubt you've seen the flyers and information we've been emailing to you.

As the Event Chairperson, I would like to invite all members to consider, if your vehicle qualifies, entering the National AACA shows and the Celebrity Car Show. However, to enter your vehicle in the National AACA shows your National AACA dues must be paid to register. Your President, Michael Fecchino, is handling the AACA show registrations and his email is: chevyfordply@gmail.com

The Celebrity Car Show is 'Open Class' meaning anyone can participate, have their vehicle judged and possibly awarded one of the many category awards to be offered. You might even win the 50/50 raffle. For the Open Class Celebrity Car Show registrations, see page 7 of this newsletter for the link to register and pay for the entry fee. You can scan the EventBrite QR code.

Now for the hard part. The Car Show Committee and myself are calling on all of you to consider volunteering. We need volunteer guides to help visitors around the hotel grounds and Village of Lake Las Vegas. And finally, if you see anyone you think might be interested in these events, give them a shout out! Tell them about the shows and where to register.

Well, I hope to see each of you at Cars & Coffee on Saturday mornings too. If you have any questions I'll be there to answer them.

John Ragonese, Secretary • Treasurer



Upcoming Events

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2026 Tour Event Schedule

JANUARY	Kick-Off Brunch	01/18/2026	Club Officers
FEBRUARY	Springs Preserve	02/14/2026	Joe & Laura Ammirato
MARCH	Cornerstone Park Picnic	03/22/2026	Don Arnold
APRIL	AACA WESTERN SPRING NATIONALS	04/23-24-25/2026	Hosted: Officers, Board & Club Members
	Celebrity Car Show	04/25/2026	Sponsored by: Celebrity Cars & Coffee
MAY	Spring Mountain Ranch	05/17/2026	Michael Fecchino
JUNE	The Mob Museum	06/20/2026	John Ragonese
JULY	McCormick Pinball Collection	07/25/2026	Larry McCormick
AUGUST	Lake Mead Paddleboat Excursion	08/15/2026	Neil Labbe
SEPTEMBER	Dennis Rutkoskie Auto Collection	09/22/2026	Michael Fecchino & John Ragonese
OCTOBER	Pioneer Saloon - Goodsprings, NV	10/17/2026	Marty & Debbie
NOVEMBER	NV State Railroad Museum-Bolder Hwy	11/14/2026	Neil Labbe & Richard Scheen
DECEMBER	Club Christmas Party-Year in Review	12/03/2026	Club Officers
	The BIG WHEEL RACE-Goldfinger's Grill	12/_?_/2026	Rich Hall

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

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

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

AACA Western Spring Nationals tri-fold event brochure:

[Download from The-Driveline.org website](#)

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

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



Click on the [blue hypertext underlined links](#) above to register for the AACA Western Spring Nationals; OR download the Event brochure; OR reserve a room at the Hilton.

Scan the QR Code to register online with EventBrite for the Saturday Open Class Celebrity Car Show OR click on the link below to download and print the flyer to fill-out and mail-in your registration.

[DOWNLOAD Flyer](#)





Membership/Photo Director

Membership Message

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Michael Fecchino

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 the Sponsor of our Celebrity Car Show and 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, our club has 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.



WELCOME ALL MEMBERS!

We have Eleven new memberships with Sixteen new members!

Elizabeth Griffin found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee

Earl & Lois Johnson found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee

Neal & Rory Bedsted found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and own a 1964 Chevy El Camino

Marty & Cindy Greenbaum found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and own a 1961 Pontiac Star Chief & a 1963 Plymouth Sport Fury

Franklin Coloma found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and own a 1963 Ford Ranchero

Gus Hidding found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee

Paras Kalra found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and owns a 2021 BMW X5

Duane Moore found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and owns a 1964 Chevelle SS

Darrin Moore found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and owns a 1966 Nova SS L-79

Lloyd Power & Kathy Atkins found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and own a 1955 Ford Thunderbird

Henry Concepcion & Yuliana Ramirez found us at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and own a 1973 Plymouth Satellite & a 1994 Mitsubishi Evolution 3

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 OR copy the link text and paste into your browser URL space.

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Saturday-April 25th-AACA Las Vegas Region (that's us!)

Celebrity Car Show flyer and registration form:

<https://the-driveline.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CelebrityCarShowFlyer-v3.6QR-HQP.pdf>

Please introduce yourselves at either Celebrity Cars and Coffee or at our next event. We have name badges, club shirts, hats and jackets you can order-see the Club merchandise page.

Help everyone get to know you!



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Don goes on to say...

I removed the whole interior, dumped the sand and beat the carpet.

The transmission, engine and valve seals were leaking, burning oil and smoking. The air conditioning didn't actually work, but all the parts were there. And this Sidekick, a 4 wheel drive (4WD) version, had a bent rear driveshaft.

Luckily.....at the time I was fixing things, Pic-a-Part had four or five different Sidekicks cycle through their inventory, and I was able to get fenders, door hinges, upholstery items, and many of the harder to get small bits and pieces.

One of my most valuable discoveries was the 'fixkick.com' online website, offering ALL the information one needs to fix and maintain the Suzuki Sidekick, or Chevrolet/Geo Tracker, fundamentally a rebadged Suzuki Sidekick.

My Sidekick now has 365,000 miles, it's my daily driver—using less than 1/2 quart of oil every 5000 miles. I could go on....

-Don Arnold





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Suzuki Motor Co.

117 years.

10th Largest Auto Company Today.

From weaving looms
to the terrifyingly fast *Hayabusa*.
World's first production motorcycle
to clock 180+mph.

And the Suzuki Sidekick and
Chevrolet Geo Tracker.

The Suzuki Company was founded in Hamamatsu, Japan in 1909 by Michio Suzuki to manufacture fabric looms. It was very successful, and by the 1930's they were even experimenting with small car prototypes. World War II brought an end to that when, like many companies around the world their governments ordered them to concentrate on military production. When the war ended, Suzuki's factory was destroyed, so they moved to a new location and began making looms again. For the first few years the cotton loom business prospered, but by 1950 the cotton market had collapsed forcing Suzuki to look for other products to keep their business alive.

First off they introduced the "Power Free" 36cc 2 stroke bicycle engine in 1952. That was followed by the 60cc "Diamond Free" bicycle motor in 1952.

In 1955 Suzuki introduced their first car, the Suzulight. It featured a 360cc motor and was very successful. They also started manufacturing motorcycles, and began to establish assembly plants in other countries. They changed their name to the Suzuki Motor Company in 1954. During the 1950's their motorcycles established a reputation of strength and reliability winning many racing championships around the world. In 1990 they changed their name again to Suzuki Motor Corporation to reflect world wide expansion. In 1999, they introduced the Hayabusa (Falcon) GSX-1300R which was the world's fastest production motorcycle.

The expanded vehicle production in India, and China during that time. Currently, Suzuki is the tenth largest vehicle manufacturer in the world. In the 1980's Suzuki entered into a partnership with General Motors Corporation, and began selling cars and SUV's under the Geo name by Chevrolet dealers. Suzuki also sold the same vehicles under their name at their own dealerships in the U.S.

The Suzuki Sidekick was introduced in 1988 in America, and was also sold as the Geo Tracker by Chevrolet. It was a very successful pioneering small SUV.

Sadly, in 2012 Suzuki withdrew from the American market due to low sales, stiff competition, and government regulations.

Both Don Arnold and I own Suzuki vehicles. Don's is a 1995 Suzuki Sidekick, manufactured at a plant in Canada, and I enjoy my 1991 Geo Metro Convertible, which was made in Japan. We often get offers from people wanting to buy them. Suzuki has a long history of building solid, dependable, economic cars.

- Danny Barnett



Board Meeting Minutes

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Antique Automobile Club of America - Las Vegas Region

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Michael Fecchino. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Michael Fecchino, Neil Labbe, John Ragonese, Joe Oliviera, Danny Barnett, and Don Arnold; absent: Rich Hall, Larry McCormick, José Gonzalez and Frank Blaha.

A motion by Don Arnold to accept the October meeting minutes without amendment was seconded by Joe O. and the motion passed unanimously.

The current Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer, John R., included a request to spend \$5,652.50 for a deposit to the Hilton Lake Las Vegas Hotel & Spa, for activities related to the AACA Western Spring and Grand Nationals car show event to be held there with the Las Vegas Region, in April, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2026. A motion by Joe O. and seconded by Don A. was made to both accept the report and fund the deposit request and the motion passed unanimously.

Newly elected Vice President, Neil Labbe reported that generally his duties were to be the liaison individual working with the Officers and Board members, specifically on all projects and events hosted by the Las Vegas Region.

The Membership Report presented by John R. concluded by stating that the current membership count will change to reflect the 2026 mailing list. A motion and vote to accept the report was made by Joe O., seconded by Dan B. and passed unanimously.

Neil L. announced that outgoing VP Ron Verstraeten's duties, caring for all the branded club merchandise ordering and fulfillment will be assumed by José G. and himself.

The Car Show Report presented by John R., the Event

Chairperson, states that there is still much work to be done with planning, marketing, advertising and soliciting sponsors. AACA National has been printing our poster art and Show notice details in their publications like the Speedster, Rummage Box and magazine—"Antique Automobile" and their website. Celebrity Car Show Registration flyers have been purchased and are being passed out at events like Celebrity Cars & Coffee, and they have a QR code on them that directs people to an online registration and payment portal called eventbrite.com. Fees collection is covered by offering "payment by personal check, Zelle or eventbrite" to registrants. And all planning is being coordinated with the City of Henderson and the Hilton. More details are forthcoming. Don A. made a motion, seconded by Dan B., to accept and approve the report which was then voted on and passed unanimously.

A Tour Report by Neil L. proposed that more volunteer 'hosts' and 'fixed dates' were needed to complete the roster of events for 2026. Action taken during the meeting filled the open dates and accepted several new volunteers to complete the 2026 Tour Schedule. Michael F. proposed sending an email to members featuring the Schedule page from the newsletter. A motion to approve the report and subsequent actions was made by John R., seconded by Joe O. and the vote passed unanimously.

Joe Ammirato, our staff editorial designer, stated that as a club, there is a need to better understand the dynamic in attracting new members. After a spirited discussion it was decided to survey our existing members about such things as the relevance of our newsletter; or how to encourage our female membership to be involved more in the administration of our organization—as reflected by our National AACA organization for example. Neil L. made a motion to accept and continue the discussion at our next Board meeting. It was seconded by John R. and the vote passed unanimously.

Old Business Report: Michael F. detailed the need to have more Las Vegas Region members registering for the upcoming car show, ice cream social and awards banquet. He mentioned that AACA National depends upon the local Region to ensure that the prescribed minimum number of local member participants be ensured and maintained. Don A. motioned to accept the report and continue with the flyer distributions to promote registrations. It was seconded by John R. and the vote was unanimously passed by the Board.

With that, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John R., seconded by Dan B. and approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

– John Ragonese, Secretary & Treasurer



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Happy Birthday

JANUARY

Judy Snell 1/4
Pamela Fecchino 1/7
William Fortier 1/24

FEBRUARY

Laura Ammirato 2/2
Heather Booker 2/2
Terry Green Dews 2/2
Nick Bessette 2/8
David Keetch 2/9
Dave Ringenbach 2/10
Betty Rowlett 2/14
Lois Derr 2/15
Karen Farris 2/17
Gay Scheen 2/17
Richie Clyne 2/23
William Fortier 2/24
Betty Stafford 2/26
Larry McCormick 2/27

MARCH

James Tenney 3/4
Tom Rowlett 3/13
Jane Tenney 3/24
Joseph Ammirato 3/26
Susan Hall 3/26





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Now Available
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*Official AACAA
Custom Car Show Signs
Click Here
to Order Online*

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NOW Accepting Reservations!

Hilton Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa
1610 Lake Las Vegas Parkway - Henderson, NV 89011
702-567-4700

Mention Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA)
\$155 per night (includes resort fee) + tax
--see page 7 for links to online pages.

Log into your AACAA membership page and click on 'Travel & Entertainment.'

The screenshot shows several promotional banners and categories:

- Big Thrills, Big Savings:** Get discounts on top theme parks nationwide. [BUY TICKETS](#)
- Explore Can't-Miss Sight:** Save on incredible attractions for the whole family. [BUY TICKETS](#)
- Live Events:** Save on tickets to local and national events.
- Sporting Events:** Score discount tickets to your favorite games.
- Concert Deals:** Score preferred pricing on tickets to the hottest concerts near you.

Amazing Offers This Week:

- Movie Tickets:** Save up to 25% on tickets.
- Zoos & Aquariums:** Save on tickets.
- Broadway:** Save up to 30%.
- Las Vegas Shows:** Save on must-see shows.
- Ski Resorts:** Save on ski resorts and lodging for the season.





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Email this form to José Gonzalez at: joser300@sbcglobal.net

José will call you with your order details and how to pay for your order.

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Print Name: _____
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Signature: _____

Select the item, mark the type, quantity and color on the dash lines next to. Print your name, email address and phone number.
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MENS LADIES

White ___ Black ___ Red ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 2X-Large ___ (\$45.00) 3X-Large ___ (\$46.00)

Tee-SHIRTS \$30.00 each

MENS LADIES

White ___ Black ___ Red ___ Raspberry ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

BUTTON-DOWN COLLAR SHIRTS

SHORT SLEEVE \$40.00 each

White ___ Denim(Light Blue) ___ Khaki(Tan) ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 2X-Large ___ (\$42.00) 3X-Large ___ (\$43.00)

LONG SLEEVE \$47.00 each

White ___ Denim(Light Blue) ___ Khaki(Tan) ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
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BUTTON-DOWN COLLAR DRESS SHIRTS

SHORT SLEEVE \$41.00 each

White ___ Denim(Light Blue) ___ Khaki(Tan) ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 2X-Large ___ (\$43.00) 3X-Large ___ (\$43.00)

LONG SLEEVE \$47.00 each

White ___ Denim(Light Blue) ___ Khaki(Tan) ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 2X-Large ___ (\$42.00) 3X-Large ___ (\$43.00)

JACKET \$106.00 each

Black ___ Midnite Blue ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___
 2X-Large ___ (\$108.00) 3X-Large ___ (\$109.00)

VEST \$104.00 each

Black ___ Midnite Blue ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

HATS & NAME BADGES

BASEBALL CAP \$28.00

Black ___ Navy ___ Grey ___
 Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___

WIDE-BRIM CAMP HAT \$28.00

Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___

AACA NAME BADGE \$13.00 each





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"If you receive an award somewhere for yourself or your car, submit a photo and details about you and the event to me, and we'll consider including it on the special FINISH LINE 'Winners Circle' page."

Michael Fecchino • President & Membership-Photo Director
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Members About Town



Michael's '46 Ford Sittin' Pretty!



(Back Row) Gay Scheen, Jack & Danny Barnett, Bill Fortier, Don Arnold, Jerry Robinson, Team Whipple, Bill Brower, José Gonzalez, and Rick Sladen
(Sitting Down) Michael Fecchino, Dick Scheen, Bob Wilson, (Front) Joe Oliveira & John Ragonese



Bill Brower, John Ragonese and Joe Oliveira enjoy the nice weather on Saturday morning.



This 1960 Silver Cloud II belongs to Greg & Renee Wood.



Bob Wilson in his meticulous T-Bird while the onlookers look on.

Photos Courtesy of Michael Fecchino



Breakfast before Celebrity Cars & Coffee. (Last Row Left) Ron Verstraeten across from Michael Fecchino (Forward) Bill Fortier and Bob Wilson, then Scot Motl and John Ragonese, next, the brothers Bob & Jerry Robinson and the front row Gus Hidding and Joe Oliveira.



Finish Line™

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile CELEBRITY Cars & Coffee Event



Michael Fecchino, Scot Motl, the brothers Bob and Jerry Robinson on each side of the hostess and the 'Wiener Man' himself Bill Fortier.

What is a WIENERMOBILE?
Fransky, here are the Motor and Details on the WIENERMOBILE Vehicle:

(Dog Dimensions):

Weight:	11.6 lbs.	24 1/2" Dog High
Length:	27.8"	43 1/2" Dog Long
Width:	4.6"	11 1/2" Dog Wide
Weight:	14,700 lbs.	170,000 lbs Dog

The Motor:

- 4-cylinder 1600 cc. 4-stroke engine on a highly modified Volkswagen Jetta
- 180-hp 2.0L EA 4-cylinder engine on high velocity induction
- 5-speed automatic transmission, 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel disc
- 4-speed automatic transmission

The Conduiments:

- Hot chili dogs with 100% natural Wisconsin cheddar
- Hot dog topped with cheddar
- 100% Wisconsin cheddar
- 4-cylinder automatic engine, 1600 cc. on highly modified Jetta
- 5-speed automatic transmission
- 4-wheel drive, 4-wheel disc
- 4-wheel disc brakes
- 4-wheel disc brakes
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Wienermobile Fun Facts!

- First Wienermobile was designed by Oscar Mayer, designed the first Wienermobile in 1938, and built the first in 1939.
- The Wienermobile was developed in 1932 in 1938. Most of all, it was built for fun and to be used in parades in packages of OSCAR MAYER products.
- Since the inception of "Wienermobile" in 1938, less than 100 vehicles have been built for promotional purposes.



Joe Oliveira is leaning in, but Michael Fecchino thinks this Wienermobile is the perfect car for any car show. Well, it does have a nice paint job.



The Oscar Mayer caretakers of the Wienermobile, Zo on the left and Bridget on the right. Thank you girls for spending the morning at Celebrity Cars & Coffee and thanks for the whistles!



Hmm, any hot dogs in here. Ron Verstraeten is checking out the kitchen in the Wiener house.

Photos Courtesy of Michael Fecchino



Finish Line™ The KickOff Breakfast



Congratulations Rich!
Rich Hall receiving his AACA Board
Appreciation plaque for 2025.
(Michael must be sitting down)



We filled the restaurant at the Hilton, for a very pleasant breakfast and start to our new year.



Guest, Regina Sladen, Sara Oliviera and Rick Sladen



(CW) Don & Marti Arnold, Neil Labbe and Bill Salviano.



Richard & Mary Bonfond, the owners of that very nice red Citroen in the parking lot.



(CCW) Danny & Jack Barnett with Tom Vannozi.



(CCW) Laura & Joe Ammirato, Mark Johnsen and Ron Verstraeten



(CW) Gay & Richard Scheen and Bob & Julie Wilson at the KickOff breakfast.



Rich Hall, Sara Oliviera and John Ragonese flanked by Rich's two daughters.





Finish Line™



Our Club Mascot, Olivia!



Debbie Labbe, John Ragonese and Sara Oliveira



Jack Barnett happy to join in.



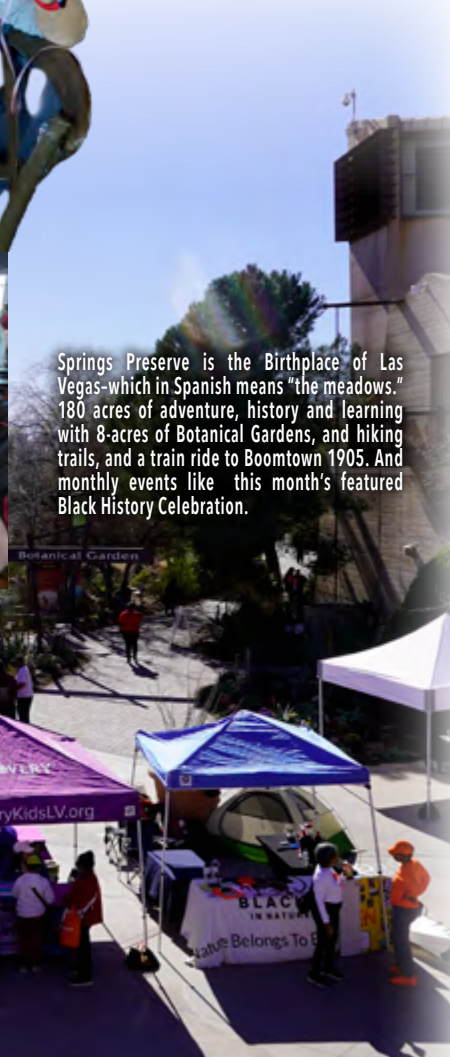
Gus Hidding, Joe Oliveria and Neil Labbe



Scot Motl, Joe Ammirato and his lovely wife Laura.



Joe Oliveria and his lovely wife Sara preparing for Valentine's Day.



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"On a ride to Goodsprings Nevada, in the middle of Summer, here in Las Vegas. It purred like a kitten."