

President's Message

July 2016

Hi All,

June started off right with our annual Wine Cruise led by members Curt Sorweid and Jim Herney. After a scenic drive thru the Temecula/Murrieta area, we ended up at the Mt. Palomar Winery for a great lunch and wine tasting. The afternoon took an interesting turn when I 15 was closed because of a brush fire just south of Temecula. Several of us took the long way home via Warner Springs and Santa Ysabel to avoid the gridlocked traffic. Others toughed it out and took surface streets west of the freeway. Either way, with temperatures in the high 90's, it was quite an adventure! Can't wait until next year!

Our June meeting was held at So Cal Paint Works in Santee. We had a great turnout and enjoyed seeing a number of interesting vintage cars and hot rods in the restoration process. The level of workmanship and attention to detail was very impressive. Thanks again to Bob Lubke and his staff for a great job!

On the Friday after the meeting, about 10 of us attend the annual Blacklist 500 Soap Box Derby at Camp Pendleton. This event is for members of the military and their families, and is a fun worthwhile day. Special thanks to member Les Werling for trailering his vintage race car to display at the event. I thought Benny's car was loud until Les fired up the Merc, yikes! It's amazing what kind of noise a small block Ford with 13:1 compression and racing fuel can make. Keep your eye out for this event next year, it's worth attending.

Not to be out done, Steve Ulmer led a group of 11 members on a Saturday run for burgers and beer in Jamul via Julian; Mt. Laguna; Pine Valley, and then south to Hwy 94. Regretfully I missed this one, but I heard it was the same as all of our events, a Blast!! Thanks Steve.

Check our web site at www.socalsaac.org for upcoming events and come join the fun!

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