Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Hosts Co-Club Barbecue

Classic car aficionados and history buffs gathered Oct. 30 at the Heritage Center for a barbecue hosted by the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club for its members as well as members of the historical society.

“To my knowledge, It’s the first time we hosted a co-club event,” said Car Club President Kathy Hesser. “We felt it was time for us to share our part of the history of the Ford Room, which began with the donation of the three classic cars housed there, and the evolution of our organization. It feels like ‘our’ clubhouse with the cars and all the posters and memorabilia there.”

Kathy was referring to the black 1923 For Model T, donated by Paul Stiles; the red 1930 Ford Model A, donated by Bob Ingold; and the yellow 1930 Ford Model A, donated by Chuck Thomas.

“It was a great event and we all enjoyed touring the different museums and the Pittenger House,” she added. “The historical society docents were very knowledgeable and we are grateful for their efforts.”

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Kathy added that she hopes more co-club events will take place in the future.

“So many of our members belong to both organizations so it seems like a natural match,” she said.

Fallbrook Historical Society President Roy Moosa and about 12 other members of the historical society attended the barbecue, each expressing their thanks and appreciation for the event.
Who’s Who? Board President Roy Moosa

Roy Moosa has many hats and titles, including being first vice-chair of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group, but to the Fallbrook Historical Society, he is the person at the helm of the organization, serving as President since 2014.

His commitment to Fallbrook is evident in every interview he has given, as is his mission to bring the history of our town back to life.

“Understanding the richness of our local history builds pride and changes our perspectives and values,” said Roy. “The more we know, the more we embrace, respect and appreciate our community.”

Future plans for the historical society include continuation of the redesign and enhancement of museum exhibits to “make sure that every display tells a full story.”

Roy also is leading the organization’s partnership with the Fallbrook Village Association to development the Railroad Heritage Park or the corner of Main and Elder. Roy donated the land for the project.

“The second phase of this project will include possible construction of a replica train station and procurement of a dining car – which are very rare,” he said. “In phase three, we are hoping to build a wooden deck around the site and create more educational displays.”

Roy is a man of limitless energy and vision.

“We have many plans for our community,” he said. “It take commitment and energy, but in the end, everyone benefits.”

Calendar of Events

November

• Nov. 2 - Monthly Board Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. in Ford Room

• Nov. 20 - Civil War Remembrance Ceremony from noon to 1 p.m. at the Pittenger House hosted by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

• HAPPY THANKSGIVING! All museums closed Nov. 27-28.

• Mondays - Toastmasters Meeting at 7 p.m. in Ford Room*

• Tuesdays and Thursdays - Hope Lutheran Church from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Ford Room*

• Thursdays - Administrative Meeting at 3 p.m. (Zoom)

• Saturdays and Sundays - Heritage Center open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m.

• Third Saturday of the month (Oct. 16) - Fallbrook Reche Schoolhouse, 1319 S. Live Oak Park Road, open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m.

• Saturdays and Sundays - Hope Lutheran Church from 4:30 to 8 p.m.*

* Events not sponsored by the Fallbrook Historical Society
Whistle Stop Christmas Open House Preparations Underway

The holidays are just around the corner and it’s quite evident with preparations well underway for this year’s Christmas Open House scheduled to take place Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 6 p.m. This year’s theme is “A Whistle Stop Christmas and will feature activities in every building at the Heritage Center, located at the corner of Rocky Crest and Hill Avenue.

One of the highlights will be a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Donald J. Rivers Interpretive Center, also known as “The Barn.” Guests will be welcome to pose with and take “selfies” with the famous pair. In addition, there will be crafts for the kids, and hot cocoa and cookies will be served. The Fallbrook High School Madrigals also will be performing throughout the event.

The open house also will feature docent-guided tours of the Main Museum, the popular Pittenger House, the Ford Room and the Gem and Mineral Museum.

“Pete’s Kitchen, a local catering company, will provide no-host meals in our parking lot,” adds Committee Member Pat Saunders. “And we will be having a fantastic silent auction as well.”

Admission is free, however donations are more than welcome. Donations also are needed for the silent auction. Questions? Please contact Pat Saunders at 442-226-6294.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Christmas Float

Do you have a creative flair and energy to spare? If so, we need you! The four-wheeled Brougham carriage once again will be transformed into a magical vision that will ride atop a flatbed truck in the Fallbrook Christmas Parade on Dec. 4. If you are interested in helping, please call Pat Saunders at 442-226-6294 for more information. Thank you!