

Cactus Chapter Volvo Club of America *NEWSLETTER*

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Spring Member Appreciation Car Show a Success!

On Saturday, March 13, the Club held its first Cactus Chapter Member Appreciation Spring Arizona Volvo Day and Luncheon. Yes, it was an unusually long title for a club event, but the key word was *appreciation*.

Historically, springtime has been host to the annual All Volvo Day (AVD), our big car show, swap meet and awards ceremony. However, this spring the Board decided to hold an event meant just for members to show off their rides and have fun, without the stress of meeting impossible deadlines and spending big bucks emblematic of AVD. Not to worry, plans are in effect for the "big show" in the fall.

Longtime member John Westberg hosted the event at his beautiful Phoenix estate. A professional architect, John renovated the home himself to its present glory. The home is also a car lover's paradise featuring a stand-alone multi-car garage/shop with a lift. John's other automotive passion is Porsche.

Immaculate Volvos of Technicolor hues lined the driveway including several 1800s, a 120, a modified 164, Rooty the 245T, Randy's iconic black 242T, a 944T, XC70 and a brand new XC60. No concours judging was needed here since everyone's cars were an exquisite display.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our spring show a success!



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JUNE

12: CCVCOA Midsommar Pool Party & 240 Tech Session

10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. The Westwood home, 3219 N. Ramada Circle Mesa, AZ. Come over for a cannonball fest for the kids! Umbrellas and misters shade the play pool for relaxing and spirited fun for kids of all ages. Plenty of pool toys, noodles, floaters, squirt guns, and a special inflatable alligator named "Allie." Steve and Joni are cooking up main dish of burgers, hotdogs, and savory chicken. Bring a salad or something fun you want to share with the ravenous appetites of Volvo owners. We will have plenty of cool drinks to keep you hydrated and fresh! In the back garage we will be hosting a tech session on Sam's 1992 245 wagon undergoing restoration. Fresh aftermarket carpet installation techniques and exterior trim painting tips is the topic. We would love to see you all. Please contact Steve to confirm your attendance at 480-830-7235 or sewestwood@cox.net.

18: IKEA Midsommar "All You Can Eat" Buffet

A Swedish buffet hosted by the Ikea Restaurant in Tempe. Tickets are \$9.99 per person, \$2.49 for kids. Visit Ikea in Tempe for tickets and details.

19-20: VCOA Midsommar in Kansas City, KS

Hosted by the Heart of America Chapter. Contact Brad Tally for details, jbradtalleydds@email.msn.com.

JULY

10: CCVCOA Willow Lake Cruise and Picnic

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Heritage Park, 1497 Heritage Park Road, Prescott, AZ. Heritage Park surrounds Willow Lake and features fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking trails, bird watching, full service restrooms, and covered picnic areas. The Club has reserved the Hilltop Ramada for this special day of fun and camaraderie. This will be a great time to get out of the hot climate and play outdoors in the higher elevation, with a great lunch and entertainment for little kids and big kids alike! Special guest Alfred Holzapple from Volvo North America will be our guest speaker. Rory & Marney Madden are our Prescott hosts and coordinators of this event. Parking passes will be provided prior to the event with your confirmation to attend. Only \$5 for adults, kids up to 12 are free! For more information or to offer your assistance contact Steve sewestwood@cox.net.

10: SDVSA West County Tour

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

24: Pre-VCOA East Coast National Meet Tech Party

Members prepare their cars before heading out to the VCOA East Coast National Meet in Kalamazoo, MI. Contact Steve Westwood for details.

AUGUST

14: SDVSA Chapter Summer BBQ and Pool Party

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

14-15: VCOA East Coast National Meet in Kalamazoo, MI

The big east coast meet hosted by the national club. Visit the national site <http://www.vcoa.org> for more details.

SEPTEMBER

11: CCVCOA Service Day and Color Guard

Recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces, Fire and Police Departments.

25: AZVSA Central Avenue Cruise

Cruise down Central Avenue from the north to South Mountain Park. Hosted by the Arizona Volvo Sports America. Contact Ernie Shack for details, eshack143@yahoo.com.

25-26: SDVSA Coronado Classic Speed Festival

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

OCTOBER

9: CCVCOA Fall Arizona Volvo Day

This is our BIG show. Location and details TBA.

9: AZVSA Concours

Held at Los Olivos Park in Phoenix from 8 AM to 1 PM. Hosted by the Arizona Volvo Sports America. Contact Ernie Shack for details, eshack143@yahoo.com.

9: SDVSA Junk Yard Tour

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

NOVEMBER

6-7: CCVCOA Rally on the Old Pueblo

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday with a hosted driving tour on Sunday morning. Volvo of Tucson, 831 W. Wetmore, Tucson, AZ. Caravan in your Volvo (or other car) from all over Arizona to converge upon the Rally on the Old

Pueblo. The first major Cactus Chapter event in Tucson in a coons age! Saturday there will be a car show, raffle prizes, technical sessions, give-a ways, food refreshments, awards for the driver that came the farthest, service specials, camaraderie, and more! Sunday morning there will be a hosted driving tour of one of the many wonderful sights Southern Arizona has to offer. Stay tuned for more information, registration, and hotel specials for Saturday evening. We already have commitments from our friends in California, Colorado, and New Mexico to participate in this monumental event! Additional organizers and spirited Tucsonans are in demand! For more information or to offer your assistance contact Steve sewestwood@cox.net.

13: SDVSA Swap Meet, BBQ and Horse Show Competition

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

20: CCVCOA Oil Change Tech Session

Need any help changing the oil on that new Volvo? Or, just need an excuse to get a little dirty? Location TBD

20-21: AZVSA Tombstone and Bisbee Tour

Hosted by the Arizona Volvo Sports America. Contact Ernie Shack for details, eshack143@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER

5: SDVSA Holiday Party

Hosted by San Diego Volvo Sports America. Contact Jim MacIndoe for details, macvolvo@cox.net.

11: CCVCOA Year in Review Meeting & Lunch

Talk about the highs (and lows) of the year and laugh it up. Includes planning for Spring Arizona Volvo Day. Location TBD.

11: AZVSA Tour of Taliesin West in Scottsdale

Hosted by the Arizona Volvo Sports America. Contact Ernie Shack for details, eshack143@yahoo.com.



Jerome and Cordes Lake Road Trip

Story and photos by Jack Johnson



On May 15th four Cactus Chapter members embarked on road trip through Jerome and Cordes Lake. Ernie showed up in his 1800S, Jon and Kim came in their Volvo-like Scion xB, and I appeared in my 1972 1800E “Bronze Bullet.”

We started about 9:45 AM and drove straight to Jerome where we toured the King Mine Tour. It was great seeing all the old mining equipment, and old trucks, and one lumber motor saw mill. They actually were cutting large logs into slabs while we watched.

Then, we toured several buildings, the Studebaker garage, as well as several huge gas and diesel motors, old flathead engines, and motor cycles. A smattering of chickens and roosters where out walking around, and the old burro that was ringing a bell to be fed! Kim befriended all the animals and we all had favorites to look at and talk about!



I noted the tents set up along the main drag in Jerome and the locals said an “Open House Tour” was going on over the weekend. So, when we got there the town was a mob scene. Since there was special parking and shuttle busses, we first went to the mine tour on the west end of Jerome.

Next, we intended to park and ride the shuttle in. But, because of the Civil War enactment with musket fire and people dropping over dead, we decided that it would be too busy and too long of a wait at the Haunted Hamburger. Rather, we drove down the hill to Cottonwood where we found a nice Mexican Restaurant and had our fill.



Although Ernie had to go back to Phoenix for an appointment, the rest of us continued to Dead Horse Ranch state park. We drove around a bit to see all the sights and walked down to the Verde River. We saw the big trees and high water debris from all the flooding the area earlier this year. We also noted fishermen and kayakers trying to get some R & R.

Since my little 1800E was having some low speed engine heat issues, we cut our slow tour of the park short and drove back to Cordes Junction. We met at the McDonalds, cooled off, regrouped and ran into a friend of Jon's who drove up in a 1974 Dodge Dart "HANG 10" Edition. It was a factory model, designed so the rear seat would fold down to accommodate a surfboard through the trunk. It had a special HANG 10 decal package, red shag carpet, orange/yellow/red basket weave inserts as part of the seating material, Rally wheels, and a 318 V-8. He had just come from the Chrysler show in Prescott. We also saw the Corvette Club out on a drive, the late model GTO club flying down I-17 southbound, and several Mopars on their way to and from the Prescott show.

In all, it was a banner day, and because of the wonderful winding roads and the mystique of Jerome we all decided to do a fall tour. We'll make sure to have more advance notice to make sure everyone gets to enjoy the tour!



Brick Trip: A Visit to Legoland California

Story and photos by Ivan Insua



Why would anyone drive his family nearly 400 miles in a 1995 Volvo with 200K on the odometer? To get a front row parking spot at Legoland California, of course! At least, that was the general rumor.

The plan was to spend a week in Oceanside, where my in-laws had rented a house on the beach. Then, we would visit Legoland.

We left the Phoenix metro area early Saturday evening so that by the time we got on the open Interstate the sky would be dark and my toddler could fall asleep to the 2800 rpm drone of the engine. The mission was accomplished, and I recommend this strategy to anyone planning a road trip with young ones.

A couple hours later we crossed the Colorado River and the car was performing admirably. Halfway through California, though, I noticed an annoying rumble around the upper windshield. I figured it was just another sign of the old brick aging. However, my next observation was counter to this notion. Something was awakening under the hood. As we descended toward sea level, the B230FT became more powerful and responsive, reminding me of what 195 lb-ft of torque felt like. By the time we reached the city of Oceanside, the rear tires were chirping from stoplights and the turbo was sounding like a Boeing. By around 11 o'clock we arrived at the house my in-laws were renting and enjoyed the evening.

The next morning we got back in the Volvo to make the 15-minute trip to neighboring Carlsbad, home of Legoland. I also noticed the origin of yesterday's annoying windshield noise: loose and dried out rubber trim around the top of the glass was catching the air. Fortunately, a quick field repair with black 3M electrical tape solved the problem.

Alas, we reached at the promise land. We were also pleased to discover that the rumor was correct. If you drive a Volvo to Legoland California you get VIP parking

just a few hundred feet from the front door. The perk is a consequence of Volvo's corporate support of the theme park. I happened to park my 940 next to an S70 and XC90, both white in color.



Legoland California opened in 1999 and is currently one of four Lego parks around the world. The 128-acre park features over fifty rides and attractions, including the "Volvo Driving School" where young guests drive autonomous vehicles through a faux cityscape of streets and stoplights. The park seems ideal for families with children. My family especially liked the "Duplo Playtown" and "Swabbies Deck" splash park where my toddler could go crazy without the bigger kids tromping around. Older children and adults can have a good time exploring "Miniland," where world landmarks are reproduced in Legos, and experiencing the various rides, such as the "Technic Coaster."



For those who enjoyed the little plastic bricks in the past, Legoland can be a childhood dream come true. I was happy to have given my little one a place to explore and have fun. I think most visitors would agree that it's a great place to share with the family sans the long lines and overcrowded nature sometimes associated with the bigger, more expensive parks.

We retired that day back to the beach house and spent the remainder of the week with the family.

Our return journey home was mostly uneventful on I-8. While refueling in Yuma I noticed low coolant level in the expansion tank (I always check under the hood during road trips). A full turn on a hose clamp did the trick.

Overall, the vacation was a success. We plan to visit Legoland in the future, likely next year. So, if any Club members are interested, maybe a Club caravan to the park is in order.



The Volvo Historical Archives

Story and photo by Brian Woodbury



Want to get better acquainted with your Volvo? You can request production about your specific vehicle information from the Volvo Historical Archives.

Here is how you do it. Send an e-mail to Ulla Bergwall at Ulla.Bergwall@coor.com and provide some information to identify your car. I sent the following message about my car:

I own a 1970 Volvo 1800. Body number is 31746. ID number is 184451-31744. Paint code is 94 Dark Green. Production date is April 1970.

I received back the following message:

Dear Brian,

*The following information is from the chassis register.
Model: 1800*

*Chassis number: 31744
Type: 184451
Colour: 94
Upholstery: --
Engine: B20E
Engine number: 1750
Gearbox: M41
Gearbox number: 15573
Body number: 31746
Reported OK: see below*
Year: 70
Week: 17
Day: 3 = Wednesday
Distribution: USA*

** According to www.timeanddate.com/calendar for Sweden 1970, this should be April 29, 1970?*

*Kind regards,
Ulla Bergwall Historical Archive
Coor Service Management
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S-405 08 Göteborg
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Now that you have a birthday for your car you can celebrate, mine just had its 40th birthday a few weeks ago.

Or, you can add a Swedish name to your car by using the Swedish Name Day calendar. Here is a link: http://www.wordiq.com/definition/Namesdays_in_Sweden

Since my car's birthdate is April 29th, my Volvo's Swedish name is "Tyko."

Pictures from the Field of Dreams Cruise-In

Photos by Jon Yares

On April 11 several CCVCOA members attended the Field of Dreams Cruise-In held at Tempe Diablo Stadium. The event was conducted jointly with the departure of the 2010 Copperstate 1000 Rally. Attendees were able to view some of the finest cars up close, talk to the drivers and take pictures. Here are a few pictures:





For Sale

"I Love My Volvo" Bumper Stickers



Adorn your Swedish four-wheeled friend, laptop, or office with these "I Love My Volvo" bumper stickers. Get yours at the upcoming CCVCOA pool party, or contact Steve, sewestwood@cox.net. Measures 3 x 7 inches, \$5/each.

1995 850 T-5R



1 of 615 yellow sedans imported to the U.S. Purchased from CJ Yother (Golden Gate Chapter). Factory stock; refinished, powder coated original titan Rims. NA Cams. Repainted cream yellow (original color); burlwood dash in excellent condition; all original badging; correct floor mats and owners manual wallet. Seats in very good condition. 160,000 miles (74K on factory replacement engine). Last 15,000 miles the car has received new

brakes, A/C compressor, clutch, seat back cable, rear upper shock mounts, shocks and struts, coolant hoses, timing belt, air filter, battery, fuel tank recall performed, new fuel pump and motor mounts. Scheduled maintenance performed. \$7,000 car located in Tucson, AZ. Contact Walter Nash, wbnash@msn.com.

About us...

The purpose and mission of the Cactus Chapter of the Volvo Club of America is, "to encourage the ownership, operation, maintenance, and recognition of all Volvo models; to act as a source of information; to promote activities and events that will encourage proper maintenance and operation; to provide for members a camaraderie and a focal point for common interest; to arrange for member discounts on a variety of products, parts, and services; to promote safe driving and the use of safety devices."

This Chapter is intended to be the focal point of activity within the Club. Its purpose is to provide an organization at the local level for the planning and carrying out of activities supporting the objectives of the Club and which can respond to the needs of the Chapter members. Our Chapter will have meetings for the purpose of planning activities and to conduct other such business as may be necessary to the operation of the Chapter. Activities may include, but are not limited to, gathering to promote the restoration, care, safe use, and enjoyment of Volvo automobiles as well as gathering camaraderie and to participate in other such events as may be of interest to the members.

The Cactus Chapter Volvo Club of America Newsletter is published quarterly, or at the whim of the management, whichever comes first. Meetings are held regularly in addition to the event schedule. Contact Steve Westwood at sewestwood@cox.net or by phone at 480-830-7235 if you would like to join us! Please visit our website at <http://www.cactuschapter.org>.

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