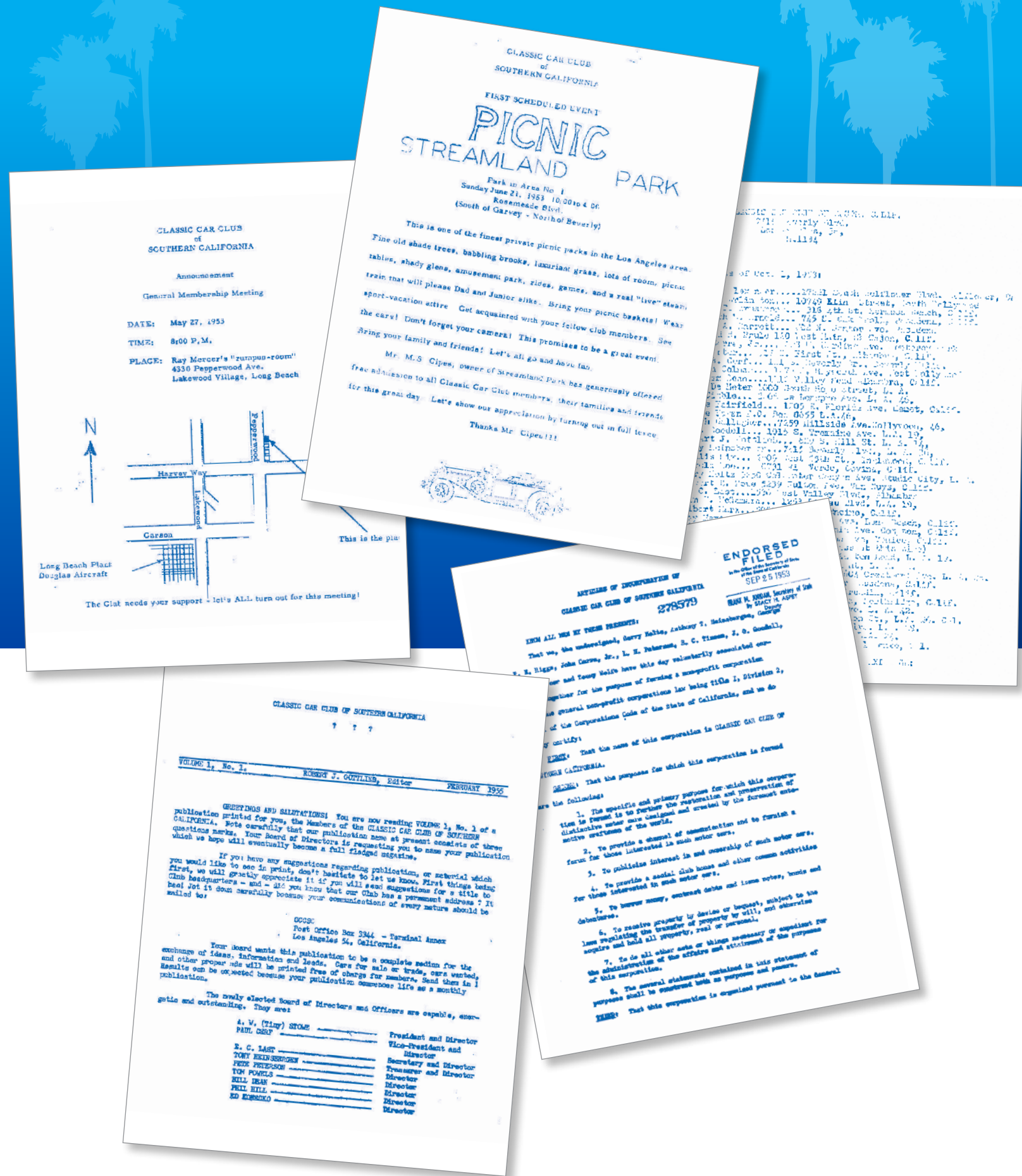


# REGIONAL HISTORY

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY PETER HARTMANN



If you review the list of CCCA Regions in the Roster of Members & Handbook, you will see the Southern California (SCR) was recognized in 1953. Longtime member Peter Hartmann shared some fascinating documents which chronicle the early days of our Region.

One announcement promotes the “General Membership Meeting” scheduled for May 27, 1953 at Ray Mercer’s “rumpus room” in Long Beach.

A few weeks later came the “First Scheduled Event,” a picnic in Steamland Park in Pico Rivera. The Sunday, June 21, 1953 event promised “Fine old shade trees, babbling brooks, luxuriant grass, lots of room, picnic tables, shade glens, amusement park, rides, games and a real “live” steam train that will please Dad and Junior alike.” All of that plus “free admission to all Classic Car Club members.”

Articles of Incorporation of the Classic Car Club of Southern California were filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of California on September 25, 1953. This organization was formed “under the general non-profit corporations law being Title 1, Division 2, Part 1 of the Corporations Code of the State of California.”

The name of this corporation is CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA and some of its stated purposes included:

- 1 The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to further the restoration and preservation of distinctive motor cars designed and created by the foremost automotive craftsmen of the world.
- 2 To provide a channel of communication and to furnish a forum for those interested in such motor cars.

3 To publicize interest in and ownership of such motor cars.

4 To provide a social club house and other common activities for those interested in such motor cars.

The October 1, 1953 roster of members listed 54 names.

And finally, dated February 1955 is Volume 1, Number 1 of our publication which was unnamed at the time. Robert J. Gottlieb served as its editor and asked for topics to be covered, article submissions and of course, suggestions for a name for the publication.

Thank you Pete, for sharing these historical documents with our members. Perhaps someone still has photos of those early SCR events.