



# ACTON COC NEWS

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**Chamber Networking Breakfast:  
Perkin Up , June 25th, 7:30 am  
BBQ Dinner/Dance, July 2nd, Chamber Office 6:00 pm**

## **4th of July Parade Parade Will be held on July 3rd!**

This year, the 48th Annual 4th of July Parade will be held on July 3rd. Prizes will be given in each of the categories: Equestrian, Floats, Vehicles, and Other. Special "Judges Trophies" will be given to the Best of Parade, Best of Theme, and Most Humorous. This year's theme is **Acton: Community with a Heart!** If you or your organization wants to participate in this year's parade, applications can be downloaded from the website and must be turned in no later than Friday, June 25th. Applications can also be picked up at the following locations: JAS Construction & Sales, 33336 Santiago Rd.; Perkin' Up Coffee Shop, 33326 Santiago Rd.; or Agua Dulce/Acton Country Journal, 31900 Crown Valley Rd. Entry fees are \$35.00 for Non-Commercial entries and \$50.00 for Commercial entries. Check in for the parade entries begins at 6:30 am with the line up starting at 7:00 am. Crown Valley Road will be closed to through traffic starting at 7:30 and the parade will begin at 9:00 am.

**The Chamber is in need of volunteers for the parade. If you can help, please contact Ellen at JAS Construction & Sales: (661) 269-8406.**

This year, The Pit Stop BBQ will be "Selling What Your Smelling" down the parade route. In an effort to raise money for next year's parade, The Pit Stop BBQ has offered to cook and sell Baby Back Ribs after the parade in the Chamber Office parking lot. Proceeds from the sale of the ribs will then be donated to the Chamber, ear-marked for next year's parade expenses. Ribs should be pre-ordered to guarantee that you will receive a rack of these ribs. Cost for the rack of ribs, which feeds 3 - 4 people, is \$20.00 and will include a cup of BBQ Sauce with each rack. Payment will be collected when you pick up your ribs. Ribs that are not picked up by 1:00 pm will be available and sold to anyone who did not pre-order a rack. You can pre-order ribs by calling Pam Gram at (661) 269-2866 or by ordering online at [www.thepitstopbbq.com/pre-order\\_form.html](http://www.thepitstopbbq.com/pre-order_form.html). **Pre-order deadline is June 28th!**

## May Business Breakfast Recap

Another successful business breakfast at Sue Bee's Cafe. She always puts together a special menu for the chamber members and has her beautiful flower arrangements for our tables. We are very fortunate to have local business members that always welcome our chamber members. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful group of members and friends that come and share their businesses and network with each other. Our raffles are always fun at the end of the meeting too. Our next business breakfast will be at Perkin Up on June 25th at 7:30 am. I always look forward to seeing everyone and remember invite a friend so we can spread the word and help each other network our businesses. See you there! If you have any questions feel free to call me at 942-2345.

Annette Lane,  
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## 4th of July Parade Fundraiser on July 2nd: BBQ Dinner & Dance!

On July 2nd, the Chamber will be hosting its 2nd Annual BBQ Dinner/Dance at the Chamber office from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Due to the overwhelming response to last year's Dinner and Dance held the night before, the Chamber decided to repeat the fun this year. This is being held to raise funds for the parade's costs. A \$5.00 entrance donation is being asked. The Pit Stop BBQ will feature a menu similar to last year's menu with a portion of the sales being donated to the Chamber. John Spear & The Runaway Train Band will delight us with their music. If you can't attend, consider placing a donation in one of the donation boxes located around town. The money raised pays for the permits, sheriff, toilets and other expenses of putting on the parade.

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## Parade Applications Are Now Available Online!

If you or your organization would like to participate in the 4th of July Parade on July 3rd, you can now download the [Application Packet](#) from the website. Deadline for entry is June 25th!

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## Chamber Members: Participation is the Name of the Game

The Chamber is working hard to increase its membership and get more businesses to participate in our activities. **Your business will be slow to grow if you don't network with fellow businesses!** The best advertising for your business, whether it be a service or goods oriented business, is word of mouth. If fellow chamber members are not aware of your business, they will probably use the phone book to find your offered goods or service. Put your business first in the minds of Chamber Members through our networking opportunities such as mixers and breakfasts.

The Chamber Board is comprised of volunteers. Become active in the Chamber and volunteer to help out at the parade. Unfortunately, the board cannot do it all without your support. Consider giving an hour before the parade. **OR**, volunteer to become a board member. We are actively seeking new people to participate on the upcoming elections for the new board. Contact Ellen Murphy (661) 269-8406 or Pam Gram (661) 269-2866 if you are interested in running for the board.

### Welcome to our Newest Chamber Member!

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## Save These Dates For Upcoming Chamber Events...

**June 25th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Perkin Up

**July 2nd** — 2nd Annual 4th of July Dinner/Dance, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office

**July 3rd** — 4th of July Parade

**July 30th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at 49er Bar & Grill

**August 27th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's

**September 24th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Sue Bee's

**October 2nd** — Fall Festival

**October 29th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Perkin Up

To keep track of everything from Mixers and Networking Breakfasts to our upcoming events, you can now find everything on the website at [www.actoncoc.org/special\\_events.html](http://www.actoncoc.org/special_events.html). As news and applications become available for each event, they will be posted on the website along with additional information, so be sure to check it out! The forms/applications can be downloaded to your computer, filled out using Adobe Reader, and then printed or emailed to the concerning member, saving you time from filling the form in by hand. And of course, we are always looking for volunteers to help us with these events! If you can help, contact the person in charge from the website.

**Now available online are the following flyers and application forms:**

[Back Issues of Chamber Newsletters](#)

[Independence Day Parade Application Packet](#)

## Mixer Hosts Wanted!

Offer to sponsor a chamber mixer! Mixers are a great way to promote your business to other businesses and the Community. Chamber mixers are open to anyone wanting to come and can be structured any way you want, since you are the host. The raffle prizes add to the fun of the mixer and help the Chamber raise money for our various events that the Chamber supports. Raffle prizes are typically donated by businesses that come to the mixer, so you don't have to do anything special to have the raffle. Food and drinks can be anything you choose. If you are worried about the costs, remember several things, you can host a mixer with another business to keep costs down AND the cost of hosting the mixer can be written off as a business expense! When the mixer is over, your business will be the talk of the town! Contact Annette Lane for more information: (661) 942-2345

### June 11th Mixer

The June 11th Chamber Mixer was hosted by Keller-Williams! The turnout for the mixer was great, with around sixty people attending the event. In addition to holding the mixer, Keller-Williams also hosted the "Give Where You Live" blood drive. In appreciation for participants' **Gift of Life**, donors received a t-shirt as a special Thank You for their donation. We have no further mixers scheduled, so if you want to promote your business, schedule a date to hold an upcoming mixer.

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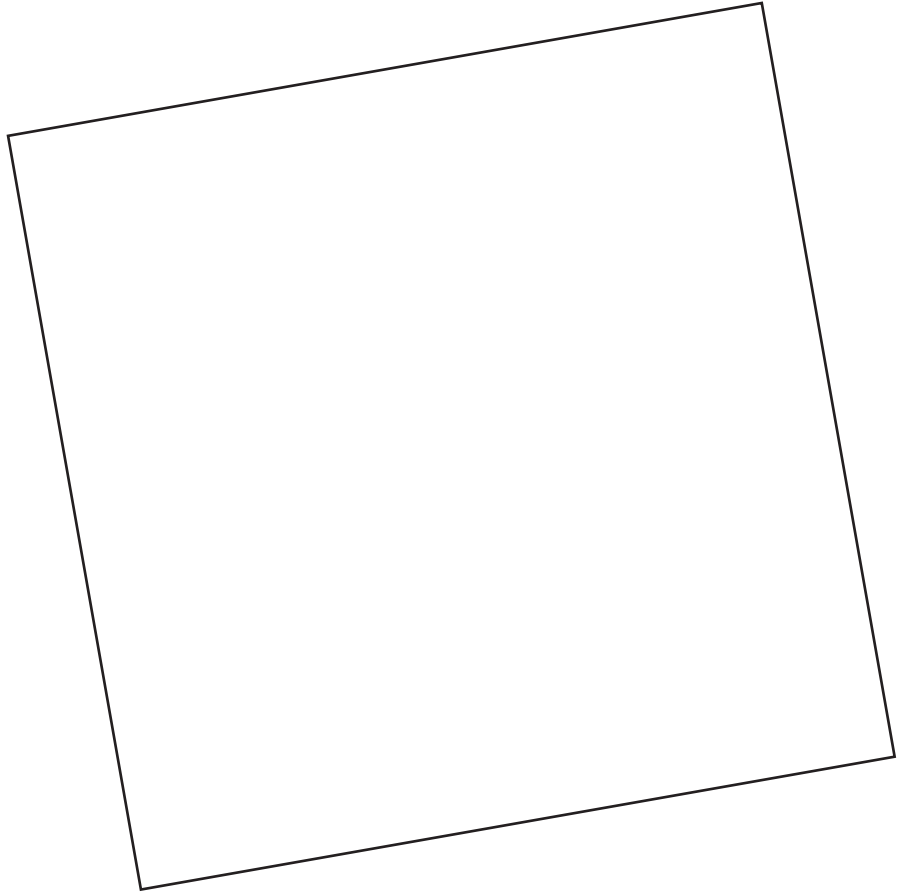
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