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## President's Message

Unfortunately, I have missed our last two ZOOM meetings so I am a little out of the loop. It appears that we will continue to meet in this way at least until November when the virus and the politics surrounding it will hopefully disappear post election.

I think we need to get the old buggy out of the garage and celebrate the summer with a second Pandemic Picnic. Four possible locations have been suggested: Orange Park in South San Francisco, the Presidio, Golden Gate Park, or Coyote Point in San Mateo County.

We have decided to have our second Pandemic Picnic again at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. The date: Friday August 21.

Ironstone Concours is still on. It will be one day rally / tour format, on Saturday September 26, 2020. I believe we still have rooms reserved at Murphys Motel. You must be registered to participate and details on the tour will be available on the Ironstone website this month. For those of us who are reckless, "devil may care" types, the plan will be the same, drive up to Murphys on Friday September 25 and home on Sunday September 27.

The trip to Carlsbad Caverns has been postponed indefinitely. If you still hold a travel voucher for Amtrak or United Airlines, you should try to cancel and get a cash refund. I think both have been understanding and have been accommodating when it comes to refunds or changes in travel plans. Insist on the refund and you should prevail.

I am hoping our first face-to-face meeting will be in November and that our Christmas Party and the holiday season will be virus free and spectacular. I am the eternal optimist.

Here's to your car and my car, and may they never meet.

See you at the next ZOOM monthly meeting on Thursday August 13 at 7:30 pm.

*Barry Kinney*

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## Virtual Meeting Minutes

The July ZOOM meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Walter Caplan in the absence of our perpetual president Barry Kinney. We had eight ZOOMers.

John Bettencort reported from Saint Petersburg, Florida. He said that he had done some bird watching.

Carmela took a trip with the Diablo A's as they drove the back roads of the Delta.

Gary Koll went on a picnic in Golden Gate Park where he noted that many people weren't social distancing.

Don Barnes took a day trip to Sonoma and said the only thing open was an ice cream parlor.

Gary Barrango has been working at his boat shop but was in Shasta over the 4th of July - there were tons of people with no masks to be observed. He reported that the Monte Cristo Club put out three hundred eleven to go dinners and was gearing up to do it a second time.

A second Pandemic picnic is in the works. There will be more details later.

Nell is still at the Coventry Place and Bob Farina is still at St. Ann's Home. No visitors are allowed at either place. Both are reported to be in good health and being well cared for.

There was nothing else to report and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Peterson*, Secretary