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President's Message

We had a nice Pandemic Picnic at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park on Friday August 21. We had the regular group of old and collector cars but the highlight was seeing Joe and Kathy Higgins together for what I believe is their second outing in their Model A Roadster. It is a classy little car. It is nice to see it out and on the road.

The picnic was enjoyable. We did our best to observe the protocols. I think we all felt comfortable and as usual we discussed our displeasure with the hardships the Covid-19 virus has imposed on all of us. If you have been watching the news then you know that things should be improving over time. The experts tell us that we will eventually win the battle against this virus yet the economic recovery will take even longer.

I haven't planned another get together for September. It looks like our next Pandemic Picnic will be sometime in October. We will continue our ZOOM meetings through October. With a little luck we will get back to meeting as a group in the near future.

So, Here's to the future – and to hell with the past. Health be with you and joy to the last.

See you at the September ZOOM meeting on Thursday September 10 – at 7:30 pm. You will receive an e-mail providing you with the link so you can ZOOM in and join us.

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Walter opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and Club President Barry Kinney called it to order at 7:40 pm. We had 9 ZOOMers. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

President's report: Ironstone this year consists only of a one day drive tour. It is a long way to go for just that so there wasn't much interest from the group. Walter will cancel all reservations for this year and reserve them for next year. ♦ The second pandemic picnic will be Friday August 21 at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. Barry will get there at 10:30 am to reserve a spot by the picnic table. Picnic starts at 11:00 am. Bring your own food and drink. Look for Barry's black T-bird. ♦ If you were planning on going on the Carlsbad trip you should get your money back from both the train and airlines.

People reports: John Bettencourt is still in Florida. He's been bird watching. ♦ Gary Koll has been working on a project at Paramount Ranch in southern California They are redoing buildings that were destroyed by a fire. The property is owned by the National Park Service. ♦ Ralph is putting a magazine together. ♦ Joan is introducing a new cat to her household, which is a war zone at the moment. ♦ Carmella is working from home. She is starting work at a new division at Adobe. She also took her Model A for a drive with a group through neighborhoods in Concord. ♦ Jeanine has been sewing, reading, and taking care of a new grand dog. ♦ Gunard has been back and forth to his airplane hangar. ♦ Walter gets up very early, walks Hanna and naps. ♦ Barry has been doing carpentry work and painting his house.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary