

# The Choke Rod

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## President's Message

It has been some time since we have had an opportunity to visit friends and family without feeling some degree of apprehension. You can't help feeling overwhelmed especially when our health care experts tell us that this will be the new normal for a good while longer. Even so I think we all need to start looking forward to better happier times in the months ahead in 2021.

Bill Truesdell, MAFCA President, writes in the January Issue of **The Restorer**: "Model A adventures await. Local and regional events will be taking place as soon as state and local governments give their blessings to our moving around again." I hope he is correct and that we will sometime soon begin to see lifting of restrictions on travel and outside dining, some of those things we most enjoy. I am optimistic. I think we are just now beginning to see light at the end of a very long tunnel.

To celebrate, I have planned the President's "Beginning of the End" Pandemic lunch:

The date: Tuesday February 23, 2021.

The time, 1 pm

The place: The Canyon Inn at 587 Canyon Road, Redwood City.

We will be located in a covered outside area protected from the elements. Seating will be spaced. Masks will be required. Understandably, some of our members who are apprehensive and/or who have not been vaccinated and are at high risk for Covid-19 Infection will consider staying home and not attending this event.

However, if you do plan to come, **PLEASE RSVP Barry Kinney by calling or texting me at 415.990.2974.**

See you virtually at the February Zoom meeting on Thursday February 11 at 7:30 pm.

You will receive an e-mail notice of the February Zoom meeting along with the link so you can join the meeting by computer or smart phone.

*Barry Kinney*

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## Virtual Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Walter Caplan.

We had nine Zoomers. Gary Barrango had the most news to report. He is expecting a new grandchild in April. Gary's son Ryan will be the proud father. Gary has been very busy at work, but has had problems getting parts. He reported that crab fishing is slow, not too many crabs in the pots. The Monte Cristo Club is still doing take out meals. The next one is for Valentine's Day. Gary said John Zuffi is doing well, has lost a few restaurant accounts, but still has grocery stores. Bertolucci's in South City is closed forever.

Gary Kohl is still working from home.

John Bettencourt is still birdwatching in Florida. The ospreys are nesting now.

Carmella isn't doing much. She changed the oil in her Model A and is trying to think of tours her club can go on.

The rest of us didn't have much to add.

The group talked about restaurant closures. John Bettencourt does Uber eats in Florida. Delis in San Francisco are doing well. There wasn't much else to report, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Peterson*, Secretary