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President's Message

By the time you read this we will be looking at year 2020 in the rear view mirror. The virus has put a damper on all of our Club activities. We did however manage to have several outings, Pandemic Picnics, in Golden Gate Park that were well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Fortunately for all of us, the vaccine is here and I am looking forward to my inoculation. The vaccine will protect from COVID-19 infection and relieve the anxiety we all have suffered this year. In the meantime, like you, I wear my mask and distance when I can.

I am planning a President's Brunch hopefully for late in February. It will be at a restaurant on the peninsula with an open but covered patio area. The day will be midweek and at a time when the restaurant is not busy. It will be similar to our Pandemic Picnics but we will enjoy ordering from a menu. Of course, plans may change due to lockdowns or closure due to bankruptcy.

I will be in Oklahoma a good deal of time this coming year so the President's job will fall on the shoulders of my Vice-President and the Board of Directors. Year 2021 will probably be my last year to serve as President for several reasons: I will be out of town for weeks and possibly months at a time, and I have spent a good deal of time in this office and it is an appropriate time for someone new to take command. However, if you don't mind an old senile absentee President I am willing to continue to serve for the foreseeable future.

I wish you all the very best of holiday celebrations and may this virus last as short a time as your New Year's Resolution!

Happy New Year,

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Walter Caplan. There were ten Zoomers in attendance.

Most of us haven't been doing too much. Gary Koll traveled to Texas for business. He said it was a stressful trip as the Denver airport was very crowded. He decided not to travel for work anymore. He was able to visit his Model A's that he has in storage in the Denver area. ♦ John Bettencourt is still bird watching in Florida. ♦ Mike Cunneen was at his house in South Lake Tahoe this last week and said there was very little snow. ♦ Camellia took her A out Thanksgiving weekend with her local club. She was nominated to be their tour director and is looking for fun places to drive the cars. ♦ The group discussed the various Model A's they have and some their parents had. ♦ Walter reported that he purchased a Santa suit from the rental place that was closing. Hopefully we will be able to use it next year.

Then the conversation literally took a crappy turn as the group discussed outhouses in freezing weather, and some possible experiences one could encounter.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary