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President's Message

I never foresaw the day I would be writing this message but I think some of the comments made by our members at the last Club meeting pointed out the obvious: our Club is getting older. We have no members under the age of fifty and most of us are over the age of seventy and have given up driving the old car due to health problems associated with age. As a matter of fact, many of us no longer own a Model A Ford.

We, in our younger days, could not wait to get out on the road to far away places. We traveled to British Columbia and Ensenada Mexico and most of the western States. Now we drive them occasionally, usually in a parade, Club meeting, or a local car show. We drive our newer old cars to Club events further from home simply because they are comfortable and trouble free. Although the Model A Ford will always be our focus, we are slowly changing into a social club whose members just happen to own a variety of collectible cars other than a Model A Ford.

The future of our Club is dim unless we can attract younger more energetic members. My suggestion would be to relax our standards a little and invite younger people who have modified or customized their "A" to join our Club. After all, our Club bylaws say the only qualification for Club membership is an interest in the Model A Ford. Almost anyone who owns an old car can meet this standard.

To start we might want to prepare a business card that welcomes new members, a card we can hand out at car shows, local get-togethers, and swap meets. I also think we should form a small committee to help, when needed, individuals who are in the process of restoring an "A" or who just need a little help with a repair.

Let me know what you think at our next regular monthly meeting, which will be held at Stern Grove on Thursday August 11, the second Thursday of the month, at 1 pm.

Directions to Stern Grove: From 19 Avenue - turn west (toward the ocean) onto Sloat Blvd. In about 150 yards turn right onto Vale Street. Cross Crestlake Drive and continue on Vale into right into Stern Grove. Park in the lot and walk about 50 yards into Stern Grove to the picnic tables. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink.

See you at the monthly meeting on Thursday August 11 at 1 pm at Stern Grove.

Barry Kinney

Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:24 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were nine members in attendance. The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Barry thought we should hold our next meeting as a picnic. He also said the club should check out Treasure Island for the future.

Barry brought a flyer for the Ironstone Concours on Saturday September 24. Everyone will be on their own. No hotel reservations have been made.

Sunday October 9 will be the annual Columbus Day Parade. We will participate.

There are car shows on the third Sunday of the month at Ocean Beach, sort of like Jimmy's Picnic.

The first Saturday of the month there is a Cars and Coffee gathering in Sausalito.

Joe brought up that we need to attract new members. He asked for ideas how to promote our club, maybe open it up to different kinds of cars.

James is having carburetor problems and asked the group for help, or mechanic recommendations.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Gunard Mahl	August 2
Gary Barrango	August 4
Nick Craig	August 7
Bob Craig, Jr.	August 8
Maria Asuncion Young	August 15
Bev Kling	August 16
Tom Machado	August 27
Jack Green	August 31
Barry Kinney & Coragine Savio	August 9
Scott Williams & Tom Mullins	August 22
Gary & Cheryl Barrango	August 26