

The Choke Rod

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President's Message

There is a silver lining in this latest wave of infection. As it turns out, infections caused by the Omicron Variant cause only mild symptoms and provide natural immunity to COVID-19 and the Delta Variant. Certainly, if you feel uncomfortable or have second thoughts about attending the January meeting / President's Lunch we will all understand. However, if we observe the standard protocols the risk of developing a serious COVID infection is quite small. Unless you hear differently, the Annual Meeting / President's lunch will be on Thursday January 27, 2022. Look for details in **The Choke Rod**. or better yet, check your e-mail for time and directions.

Annual Meeting / President's Lunch

When: Thursday January 27, 2022 — at 11:30 am

Where: Marvin Gardens
1160 Old Country Road
Belmont, CA 94002

The Place is Marvin Gardens on Old Country Road in Belmont. Marvin Gardens does ask you to wear a mask and they may ask about your vaccination status although they don't rigorously enforce this rule. We will be in an outside area behind the main part of the restaurant. It is covered and heated with plenty of room for distancing.

This will be our Annual Meeting and we will do a little club business, nothing special. We missed our Christmas Party so the President's Brunch / Lunch will be our first opportunity to meet together, share some stories, discuss the future of our Club, and generally make up for lost time.

I have resurrected the Carlsbad Caverns Tour. The date is Friday May 6 – 12, 2022. Look for an outline attached to **The Choke Rod**. If you plan to go, schedule the train to El Paso as soon as possible. The train will fill up quickly after the first of the year. Call Amtrak in Emeryville at 800-872-7245 or visit the station at 5885 Horton Street in Emeryville. Another option, and one that works best for some of us, is to fly down to El Paso and meet the train.

Ticket information:

If you plan to come on the train, you will want a one way ticket leaving Emeryville on Friday May 6, 2022 at 8:39 am for Los Angeles (Train # 11). Then a transfer to Train # 2 leaving Los Angeles on Friday May 6, 2022 at 10 pm for El Paso.

You will want a coach seat to Los Angeles and a roomette for the overnight trip from Los Angeles to El Paso.

Stir the egg nog, lift the toddy, Happy New Year everybody.

Renew your annual San Francisco Model A Ford Club membership for 2022 now – see the attached renewal form if you have not already sent in your dues to our treasurer Jeanine Mahl.

See you at the January meeting: Thursday January 27 at 11:30 am at Marvin Gardens in Belmont.

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Barry Kinney. Six members attended.

- Our President's Brunch will be held Thursday January 27 at Marvin Gardens in Belmont. More information to follow by separate e-mail.
- It was noted that in order to fly later next year a real ID from the DMV will be needed.
- John will be visiting his daughter in Germany soon and has been taking sailing lessons.
- Ralph knows a person with a boat and suggested that our group could plan an outing some time.
- Gary is in White Sands, New Mexico working on a project. Because of COVID he eats in his room, as a lot of people don't wear masks there.
- The group discussed nuclear tests and radiation.
- John mentioned that property taxes are very high in Florida.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Janelle Barrango Frueh	January 5
Matthew Sullivan	January 7
Terrence McGinnis	January 9
Terry Machado	January 16
Coragene Savio	January 20
John Bettencourt	January 23
Bob Craig, Sr.	January 30
Gunard & Jeanine Mahl	January 24