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President's Message

September was a busy month. We had our monthly meeting at the Canyon Inn, followed by a birthday celebration for Victoria, and ending with the Mahls' annual Block Party. I don't think we have had three club events in the same month since before the pandemic.

This month, October, our meeting will be held at the Alpine Inn in Portola Valley on Thursday October 20, the THIRD Thursday of the month, at 1 pm.

Unfortunately we are unable to field enough cars to make a meaningful contribution to the Columbus Day Parade this year. The Club dynamics have changed considerably in just one year. Some of us no longer own a Model A and those that do have committed to other activities, or have cars that don't run, or are stored some distance away from San Francisco. In short, for whatever reason, we won't be participating visibly as a Club in the parade this year. However, if you are available and want to participate in the parade, please contact Bob Fiorito, (YMI Council 30) at 650.867.6702.

By the time you read this message the Ironstone Concours will be history. This year the Concours format will be much like the pre-pandemic Concours. Our Club, because of our concerns triggered by the pandemic, did not plan to make the Concours a club event. As a consequence we did not reserve rooms at the Murphys Inn. Hopefully this will change next year. Several of us, Don Barnes, Joan Peterson, Cynthia Torres, and I were able to arrange lodging and plan to go. Ironstone is the first major fall event and a good opportunity to get out of Dodge and kick around the Gold Country before the holidays begin.

I'll see you at the October monthly meeting on Thursday October 20 at the Alpine Inn in Portola Valley,

Barry Kinney

Meeting Minutes — September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:28 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were seven members and one guest present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Bob Fiorito has asked for one open car for the Columbus Day Parade. We are not sure if we can come up with one at this point, or how many club members will be attending.

Bob Faber also knows a guy with a Chevy who is interested in joining our club.

Walter and Barry attended Bob Farina's memorial service. It was held in Magalia, which is near Paradise.

Saturday September 17th is the Mahl's annual 28th Avenue Block Party. They live on 28th Avenue near Lincoln. Bring a dish to share.

The group wished Victoria Acosta a happy 80th birthday. We will have a lunch in her honor on Thursday September 15th at 1:00 pm at the Delancey Street Restaurant on the Embarcadero.

The Ironstone Concours is the weekend of September 24. This is not a planned club event.

The next monthly meeting will be the THIRD Thursday of October, Thursday October 20, at the Alpine Inn in Portola Valley. Walter will send more details later.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Joan Peterson, Secretary

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