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President's Message

We are coming into Fall and things are beginning to heat up. We have our regular monthly meeting at The Canyon Inn on Thursday September 8, the Mahls 28th Avenue Block Party on Saturday September 17, the Ironstone Concours on Saturday September 24, and the Columbus Day Parade on Sunday October 9.

I'm concerned that we will not have enough cars to make Columbus Day worthwhile. We only have three vehicles we can count on, Tom Escher's truck, the City Bus. and Gary's Roadster. Some of us no longer own a Model A and those who do will be out of town in October. The Parade is on Sunday October 9, 2022. If you plan to attend please let me know immediately.

Ironstone has recovered its stride and will be much like the pre-pandemic show we remember in past years. This is a show worth attending for the quality and variety of cars on display and the pleasant restful nature of the venue. Of course, the little town of Murphys has that Gold Country charm, some wonderful restaurants, and Bocci behind the old Murphys Hotel. This is a not an organized official Club tour but I would encourage anyone who would like to spend a weekend in the Gold Country to consider going. I will see you there.

Don't forget the Mahls 28th Avenue Block Party. Bring something for the buffet table, a salad, a dessert, or your special dish. Your old car will guarantee parking on the street. Bring a modern car and you are on your own for parking. The date and time are Saturday September 17 from 9 am to 8 pm – from Lincoln to Irving Street.

Our next meeting is at 1 pm on Thursday September 8 at the Canyon Inn at 587 Canyon Road in Redwood City, somewhere we have visited in the past. It's a friendly little place known for its burgers and beer.

I hope to see you at the September meeting on Thursday September 8.

Barry Kinney

Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were ten members in attendance. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as written.

Barry thought we should hold our next monthly meeting at the Canyon Inn in Redwood City. We will meet there on Thursday September 8 at 1 pm.

The annual 28th Avenue Block Party will be Saturday September 17 - 9 am to 8 pm - potluck - bring something to share - bring a chair - free parking for old cars.

The Ironstone Concours is 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.

Our Club Holiday Dinner will be Saturday December 10 at the Monte Cristo Club.

The Carlsbad trip has now been rescheduled for October 2023.

Reminder: 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Caplan, for Joan Peterson, Secretary

Robert John Farina (October 31, 1929 - August 19, 2021)

On August 19, 2022, one year following his passing, our friend Bob Farina was laid to rest next to his wife Dee in the Old Megalia Cemetery near his home in Magalia, California. A small gathering of relatives and close friends attended the ceremony.

Bob was the father of three daughters and a son, Judy, Carole, Becky, and Patrick, all of whom eulogized their father, outlining his likes and dislikes, his travels, his personal habits and parenting style in a loving and humorous way. Bob, as it turns out, was a strong believer in order, everything in its place. He left specific written instructions about the preparation of the gravesite and some personal items that were to be interred with him, including a pair of men's shorts. Bob had a habit of taking an extra pair everywhere he went, claiming that after seventy you never know when you might need a clean pair.

Following the grave side ceremony honoring their father, the Farina family hosted a lunch at the Sicilian Cafe in Chico. There they shared more stories of life with their father, his accomplishments, his parenting style, his career decisions, and his life long commitment to church and family. Bob had a strong moral compass and when confronted with a difficult problem he could be counted on to make the right decision for his family, his friends, and for his community.

Bob was an Engineering Geologist, one of a small number licensed by the State. California had completed plans to build the Auburn Dam. Contracts had been awarded to several construction companies and work had begun. Following a small earthquake the coffer dam designed to divert the river failed. Further examination of the site by Bob and others revealed several faults that made the site unsafe. Bob's report to the State Water Resources Control Board and other State agencies was instrumental in stopping construction on the dam whose failure could have resulted in the loss of an estimated 250,000 lives and submerged the City of Sacramento below 40 feet of water.

Bob and Dee's concern for the welfare of others motivated them to contact our San Francisco Model A Ford Club with a proposal to celebrate Fathers Day at St. Anne's Home with a car show. Since then Fathers Day at St. Anne's has become an annual tradition. Had it not been for the interruption caused by the Covid pandemic, this year would have been our eighteenth consecutive year of Fathers Day at St. Anne's. Hopefully, next year we can continue to entertain the residents who live at St. Anne's and honor the memory of Bob and Dee, whose efforts began the Fathers Day tradition so many years ago.



Barry Kinney



Photos: Becky Farina



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin Richardson	September 11
Judy O'Brien	September 13
Victoria Acosta	September 15
Vincent Ryan Frueh	September 15
Ken Kling	September 22

James & Daisy Young	September 18
Robert & Nina Petersen	September 28