



Next event:

**Scottish
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September 2-3



September 2017

The President Speaks!



Here we are 3/4 of the way through the year and we have been on a roll. So many good outings and adventures have been experienced and now our wonderful fall weather will soon be here.

August was our annual Tune and Spoon, held this year at Don and Maris Cowgill's home. But first I led a group of fine looking MGers to the Mission San Jose in Fremont for a tour. Then onto The Niles district for a short stroll along the streets Charlie Chaplin used to roam, Into antique stores

where a few people found treasures from long ago and then off through Niles Canyon for a beautiful drive. The weather was cool and the drive was free from traffic (read bicycles). We arrived at our destination and our hosts had cold beverages awaiting. The food was delicious from appetizers to hots and hams that Nelson barbecued. And dessertschocolate and lemon and did I say chocolate?

Don took us out to his shop and we talked cars and their problems. Rod Schweiger gave an informational talk about using a multi-meter on charging systems. The August business meeting was held during dinner. It was a short meeting. The membership voted on approving the purchase of a portable battery charger for the club. It will go with us on all our car outings, just in case it is needed. I want to apologize to the members who showed up at the Englander for a meeting the following Tuesday. My fault for not changing the calendar to read that the meeting would take place at the Tune and Spoon. I look forward to seeing our club members at the Scottish Games September 2 & 3 in Pleasanton. Our next SSTS meeting at the Englander will be held Tuesday, September 19.

So remember, it's not how far or fast you go, it's how much fun we have!!
The Prez



SIERRA TOUR 2017!

SPECIAL ROOM RATE ENDS SEPTEMBER 6TH!





upcoming **EVENTS**

Bacon Fest, Sat. Sept 9th

Lynn Bryant coordinating, details pg 3.

Danville D'Elegance, Sun. Sept 17th

A fundraiser benefiting Parkinson's Disease.

For info: <http://www.danville-delegance.org/events/concours-delegance/>

Mt. Hamilton Poker Run, Sat. Sept 23rd

Ken Gittings coordinating, details pg 4.

Pebble Beach Tour, Fri Sept 30 - Sat October 1st

Steve & Vicky Kellogg coordinating. Pg 5 for details.

Sierra Tour, Auburn, CA Oct 6-8th

Kirk & Amy Prentiss, Info pg 7.

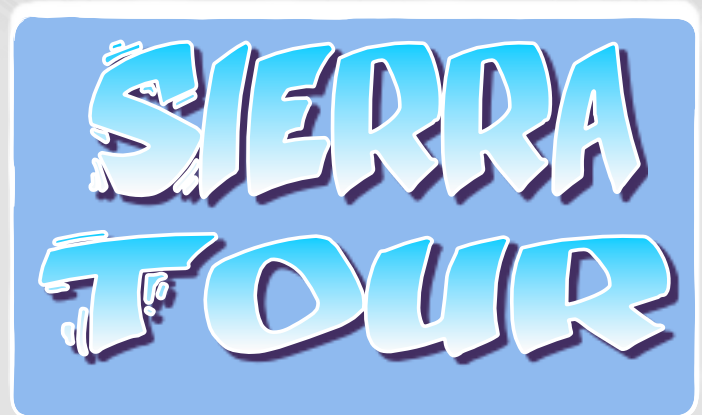
British Fall Classic, Sun. Oct 15th

Chabot Space & Science Center Tour, Sat. November 4th

Jerry Caufield, tour leader, pg 8.

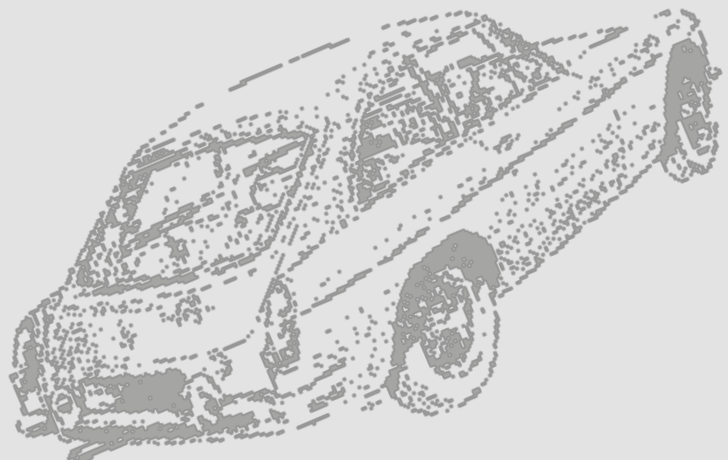
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Saturday, Sept 23 2017

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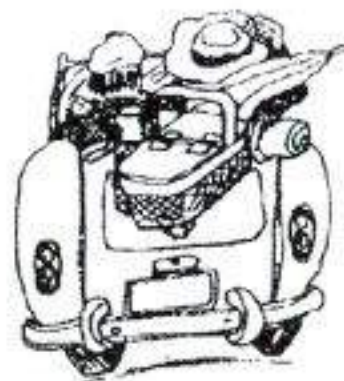
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Stop: Atop Mt. Hamilton, at the Observatory

Then Continue: Down "the back side" of the mountain
with a second stop at "The Junction"

Finally: Reward yourself at the finish

Finish: Livermore, CA



Everyone Welcome!

You'll need: A full tank of gas!!

A snack (if desired) for mid-route.

A warm jacket and sunscreen



The Poker Run: You will be given a playing card at the start and at each stop along the way. The car with the winning hand will get a special prize and the joy of winning. (Ken says that second is "first loser.") No betting or stripping allowed.

This is a fun tour and a wonderful sports car route with reportedly 365 turns to the top. The road was built for the horse-drawn wagons that carried the building materials and telescope lenses to the observatory. The observatory from 1889 has a "Jules-Verné-was-here" feel to it. There are other interesting displays and a gift shop at the observatory.





Come to Pebble Beach in an MG!



Friday – Sunday
September 30 – October 1, 2018

They say that once Labor Day is over and all the tourists have gone, the Monterey Peninsula's weather is glorious. So make it a weekend trip to the home of the AT&T Golf Pro Am, Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Laguna Seca, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row, Carmel by the Sea, Monterey Jazz Festival and the home of your hosts, Steve and Vicky Kellogg.

Our Weekend will start Friday evening at the Crown and Anchor British Pub in downtown Monterey.

The following morning, we'll all meet up at the Kellogg's house in the Monterey Pebble Beach Forest and take a leisurely drive along the breathtaking World Famous 17 Mile Drive and include a trip around the SCCA Road Race Course used in the early 50s. Then we'll head out to Carmel Valley via Carmel's Scenic Drive and points east, loop north stopping at the Mission Soledad and then heading north through the Salinas Valley fields. The afternoon is yours to enjoy however you like in Monterey, Pacific Grove or Carmel Village.

In the evening, Vicky and I would like to invite you to our house for a reception with guest speakers in attendance.

On Sunday, you're welcome to come back over for a little nosh before you leave for home.





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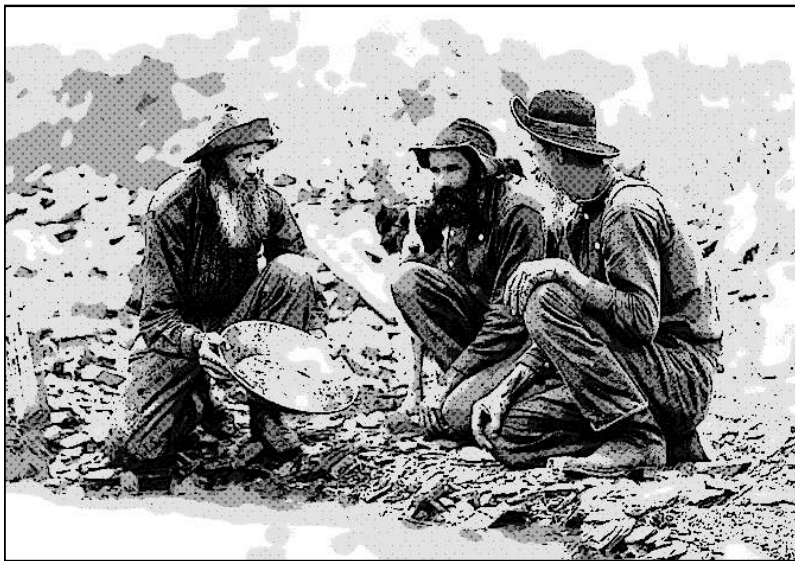


The Gold Miner News

Gold fever strikes the Sorry Safari Touring Society

Friday - Sunday, October 6th - 8th, 2017

SSTS Sierra Tour



“Strike it rich” and sign up for the 2017 Sierra Tour! Fun, fun, fun! The wagon train will depart Concord on Friday October 6th and travel along the back roads of the Sacramento Delta.

First stop will be a museum in the “Old Town” area of Sacramento. After visiting the museum we’ll eat lunch there.

From there we’ll take the Pony Express route to the small town of Rocklin where we’ll park our wagons. Early that evening we’ll have hors d’ouvres at the motel then you are free for dinner. Several restaurants are nearby as well as in the gold rush town of Auburn.

Saturday

Up early to take a back roads drive through several Sierra foothills gold rush towns. A visit to a massive gold mine with beautiful gardens, then lunch in a quaint town. The day includes some time to explore and shop on your own.

Our evening festivities will be at the Mt. Vernon Winery in Auburn, with a wine tasting and tasty BBQ for dinner.

Sunday

Hitch up the wagons, explore the local area or head back to the Bay Area at your own pace.

The Details

Tickets for the weekend activities are \$55.00 per person. Make checks **payable to SSTS**. Send your checks to:
Kirk & Amy Prentiss

Activities payment deadline is FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd!

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Friday museum entrance, lunch, & Friday evening reception, Saturday Winery BBQ dinner.

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CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER TOUR

Destination: Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland
Date: Saturday November 4, 2017
Meeting Place: Safeway parking lot, 20629 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Meet Time: 10:00 AM
Departure Time: 10:30 AM
Tour Leader: Gerald Caufield





KITCHEN MECHANIC



Jan Lenci



Creamy Garlic Parmesan Mac N Cheese

Chef Jan Lenci

1 lb	Elbow Macaroni
1 1/2 Tbsp	Butter
2/3 C	Panko bread crumbs
1/4 C	Butter
4	Cloves garlic, crushed
1/4 C	Flour
4 1/2 C	Milk
1 Tbsp	Cornstarch
3/4 C	Grated cheddar cheese
1 C	Grated parmesan cheese
6 oz	Grated mozzarella cheese

Boil pasta in salted water according to directions (do not over boil). Drain and rinse well with cold water. Set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Crispy Topping: Melt 2 Tbsp butter in a large oven proof pan or skillet over medium high heat. Add the Panko breadcrumbs; stir to coat & cook until golden brown. Transfer to bowl.

Sauce: Melt the 1/4 cup of butter in the same pan/skillet. Add the garlic & sauté until fragrant. Whisk in the flour, continue to cook while whisking or stirring for at least 2 mins. Reduce heat down to low; gradually whisk in 4 cups of the milk, about 1/4 cup at a time, whisking between each addition to combine. Bring to a boil until beginning to thicken. In a measuring cup, combine the cornstarch and remaining 1/2 cup of milk; whisk until lump free & stir through the white sauce to thicken completely. Season with salt & pepper, and stir in the bouillon powder. Remove from heat & add cheddar, 3/4 cup of parmesan cheese and the grated mozzarella. Stir though until all of the cheese has melted. Toss the pasta through the sauce until completely coated. Top with the Panko and remaining parmesan cheese. Broil in oven for 10-15

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the club, please send it to me to be published in The Wind Machine.
Thanks! Jan





TUNE & SPOON

Judy Guidry



The Tune n' Spoon Event for the SSTS took place August 5th. Many of the club members attending met at McDonald's in Fremont. A back road tour was led by Lynn Bryant. He led the group through the back roads to beautiful Downtown Niles. From there, they drove to Livermore via the back roads to Don and Maris' home. It was a great gathering of those who drove the tour and for those who met everyone at the Cowgill's. As always, there was plenty of fantastic and tasty food for all. Oh yes, plenty of adult beverages and not so adult beverages. Nelson BBQ'ed hamburger and hot dogs. Good job Nelson. Marci helped Maris getting the table set up and making sure that there was enough ice, glasses, water and wine for all.

Rod did a wonderful presentation on Trouble Shooting car batteries and car alternators. Those who attended this workshop really appreciated Rod's information and continued to talk with one another after. GREAT JOB Rod! What would we do without Rod and all of his knowledge? Thank you!

In conclusion, Tune N' Spoon was a fun filled day and I do believe everyone there had a wonderful time sharing and catching up with one another. A HUGE thank you to Don and Maris for opening up their home to all of us. You two ROCK!

Peace and Love,
Judy and Herb

Please keep those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey in your prayers and thoughts.





LITTLE CAR SHOW

By: Amy Prentiss

Pacific Grove, CA. August 16, 2017



A good day was had by all who attend the annual Little Car Show in Pacific Grove during the annual "Car Week" in Monterey. SSTS attendees were, Bob and Susan Engelhart from San Leandro, showing their 1952 MG TD, Steve and Vicky Kellogg from Pebble Beach, showing their 1955 MG TF and Marja van den Hende from Boulder Creek, showing her 1954 MG TF. I attended solo as an observer this year. The show began at 11:00am and ended at 4:00pm with awards presented by local businesses, politicians and the participating car owners who were allowed to vote.

This car show accepts micro, mini "arcane" and alternative fuel

powered cars at least 25 years old. One hundred car entries was the limit. To enter, cars have to be 1600cc or smaller. Cars were parked on Lighthouse, the main street in PG, over a six block area. It was free to the general public. Hoards of observers walked the streets, taking photos and asking car owners for pertinent information about their cars on display. I overheard one such inquiry: "Excuse me, what does MG stand for?" A patient and informative explanation was kindly given. The young man asking this question was enthralled by the "history and dates" of MGs and walked away all the wiser. There were several customized caricature cars present this year, such as the "push me pull me" car that had 2 steering wheels and drivers in opposite directions and could spin in a circle while moving forward.

After the awards ceremony, there was a 20-minute coastal tour from PG to Asilomar and back. Police halted local traffic so we were able to breeze through the crowds of spectators lining the streets. Marja invited me to ride with her and it was wonderful. Steve and Vicky Kellogg's car won the Mayors Award and also an award from RaboBank. In the evening, the Kelloggs hosted a lovely and delicious cocktail party in their gorgeous home in Pebble Beach.



LITTLE CAR SHOW

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Photos: Marja van den Hende

'31 American Austin 142 Roadster [750cc]



...A push me pull you Honda with dual axle steering... very odd to see it travelling 4-ways... notice front and rear wheels...





LITTLE CAR SHOW

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Photos: Marja van den Hende

Bob & Susan Englehart's '52 MG TD



Steve & Vicky Kellogg's "Black Pearl" - a '53 MG TF with a 1500cc engine took the Mayor's Choice Award. It has brand new upre story and had attended the PG concourse the day before, so white gold clean and sparkly...

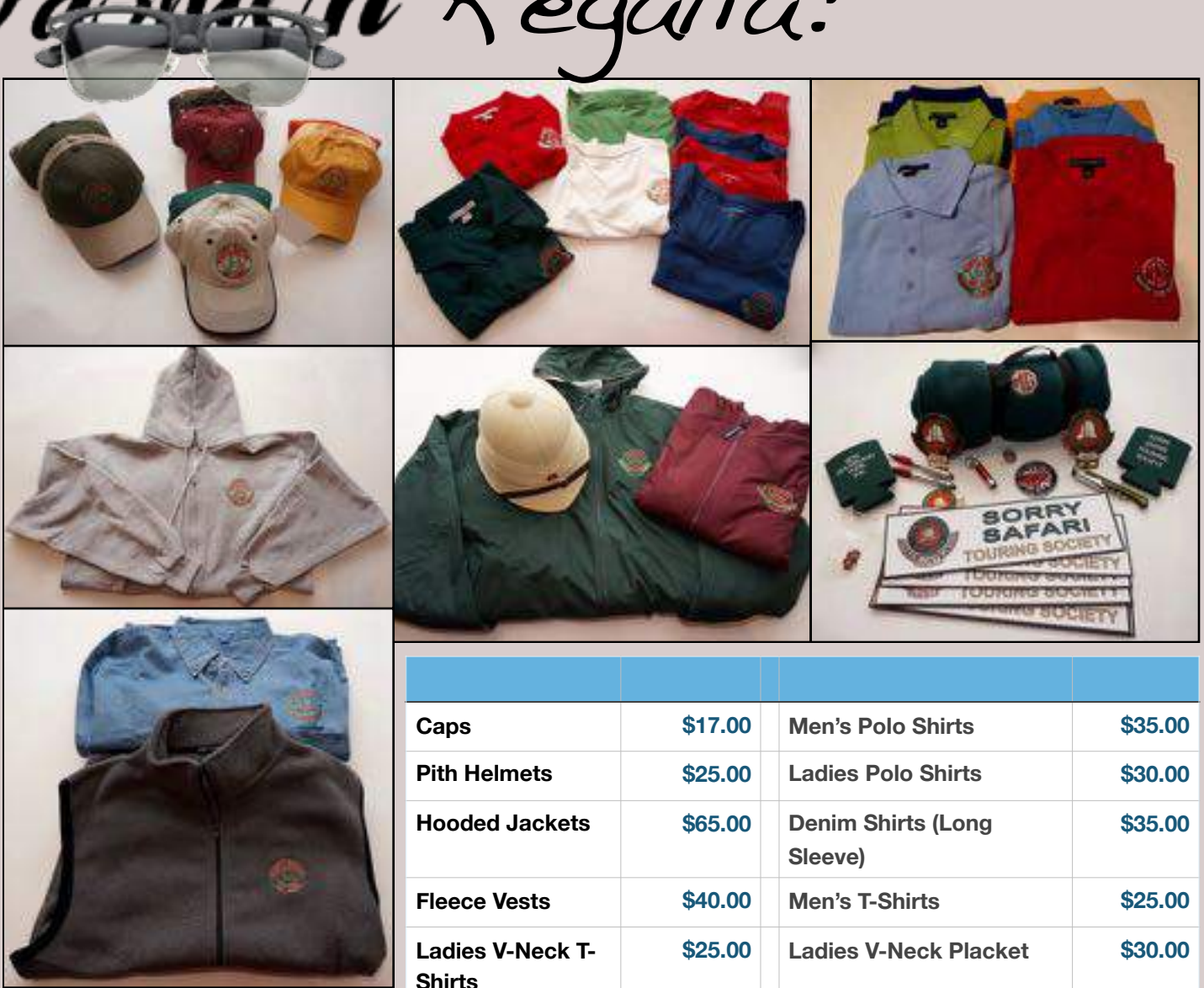


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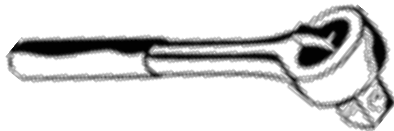
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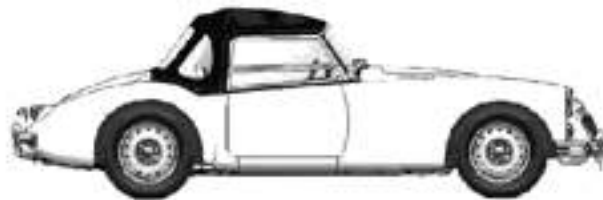
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Meeting Minutes - August 5th 2017



The following represents the Minutes, and *my recollections*, of the Club's June meeting at The Tune and Spoon.

PRESIDENT – The P Lynn guided the impressive procession of polished brit beauties off of North Livermore Ave. onto Cromwell – *the Lane*, **not** Oliver Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland – and led the motorcade left then into a right turn onto Westminster – *the Way*, not the Abbey - then right again and left onto Farnsworth – *Way* that is, **not** Philo T. an American inventor and Father of Electronic Television. A self-taught physicist born near Beaver, Utah in a log cabin Philo would later move to San Francisco into a house on Green St. There is no indication that he ever visited England or the Commonwealth although he may have frequented The Black Horse London Pub or Edinburgh Castle to sip Guinness ale now and again. *However*, - Lynn and the parade of M.G.s are now in the straightaway to conclude the backroads drive that would christen the 2017 Sorry Safari Touring Society Tune and Spoon meeting event at the home of Don and Maris Cowgill. Don was standing in the driveway to welcome the caravan. He had positioned a large handmade sign on a table beneath a shade umbrella there that read, “TUNING,” indicating that we had the correct address. All was gOOd and we commenced to “Carry On.” Safari style socializing soon took place at Don’s “*Rocket Science*” wine bar, at the beer and soda coolers, around the appetizer table in the dining room, in the kitchen, in the family room, outside in the shade – you name the spot sport, this group made everywhere an instant HaPPInInG. Don was happy to demonstrate his newly rebuilt super charger to be installed on “Whiskers.” He had it mounted for testing on a piece of tabletop equipment that had at one time been a treadmill. More Rocket Science! Rod Schweiger announced that he had come prepared with equipment, charts and diagrams for a presentation on automotive charging systems. We gathered around and listened and watched. It was an informative session but before Rod could move onto the advanced graduate studies portion of spark scholarship someone came into the shop to let us know that Nelson was transferring the paleo portion the afternoon from the grill to the serving table. Study adjourned. The P Lynn saw an opportunity to call the meeting to order in the shade of the backyard and he received cooperation from the paper plate, knife & fork, and goblet balancing membership happy to again, “Carry On.” Since Lynn was not at the July meeting he started by heaping kudos onto VP Ben for the FaBaLus job he did in putting together the FuNaSportSaKaNa at GoF. We would have applauded Ben’s FiNe efforts but our hands were occupied with the outdoor dining process. YuM! Those between bites however offered a few cautious style Yips and Yahoos. “Herb. You got a punchline?” He did! Herb did indeed. “A buck an ear,” followed by, “Dinners are under a buck.” Whoa! Bucket-a- paleo balls Herb. Moving the meeting forward, Lynn then tossed our attention to our...



Meeting Minutes - con't

VICE PRESIDENT- Ben. Yea! We were very pleased that The VP gnawing a burger when he started talking. Ben noted that he has come to realize that all new autos come equipped with driving lights that illuminate as soon as the vehicle is cranked. He said there is a good reason for that... "It is so that they can be seen by other drivers." Then Ben added, we have to purposefully turn our car's lights on if we want that element of safety – and we should. We are sittin' ducks driving around out there. However, Ben went on, if we turn our lights on we have to remember to turn them off when we make stops on a tour. If we don't do that, we have a dead battery. All this is leading to a suggestion that The Club purchase a small jump charger to have on hand on tours so that we can jump a car if needed. That way it might encourage illumination of our cars when driving. Ben opened the idea for discussion. Rod said he has one that he travels with but the "jury is still out" on the reliability of the little units. Someone suggested that we save the money and just push start the car and then have a good round of laughs and jabs at the expense of the driver for leaving the lights on. No, that isn't good. We're getting too old to be pushing cars. Yep, you might be right. Rod reminded us that he has a schematic for installing a buzzer to warn of the lights being on. A simple install if you would like it. As you would expect, someone asked, "How much those things cost Ben?" Ben had anticipated that inquiry and came forth with his research. A motion was made to accept the idea and approval of about a hundred bucks went through. Speaking of bucks, how rich are we Bob?

TREASURER – Not very, was Treasurer Bob's response before returning attention back to his food plate. We showed appreciation for Bob's sense of humor and kept chewing as well and the meeting moved on to...

SECRETARY- CB may have been exploring the delights of the desert table. Or checking the lights on the car. No comment.

INFORMED SOURCE- Aaron was seeking information at an undisclosed offsite local.

MEMBERSHIP – J-Girl G came clean with an admission that she didn't come prepared for the meeting today in her role as Membership Secretary. She didn't have a membership count but doesn't think it has changed since the July report. YiP! YiP! You go G!

The WIND MACHINE – Kirk relayed a missive that the Scottish Games are nearing, request passes if you wish to attend. Kilts are optional to which Ben added that underwear is optional as well. Kirk may extend an invite to MGOc to join with us if anyone there would like to take part in the gathering.

REGALIA- Maris was quick to mention that she has regalia, lots of regalia for purchase. See Maris for all your SSTS Summer touring fashion needs. Consultations are free. A BiG ThAnKs Went out to Don and Maris for hosting the Club today and to Nelson at the grill.

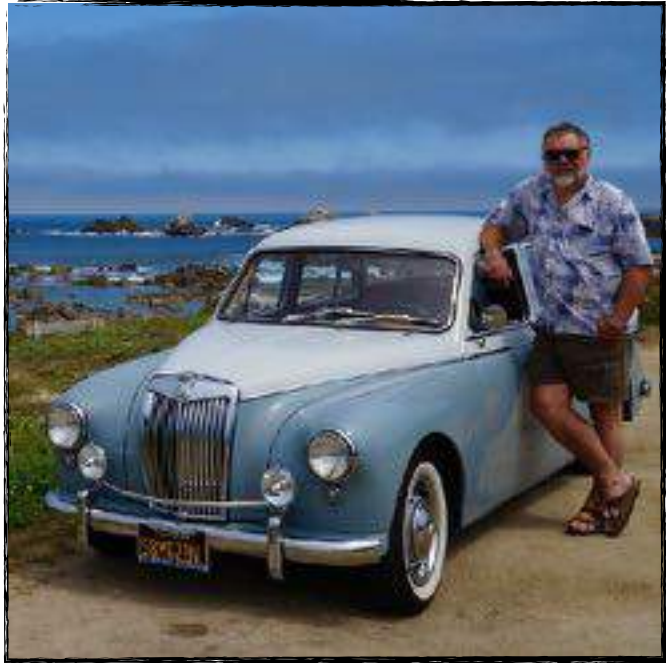
OLD BUSINESS – Move along folks, move on please. Go back to your plates, the serving table or the wine bar. There is nothing to see here. You might take the opportunity to check the lights on your car. Move on please, adjournment is near.

NEW BUSINESS – Hooray for New Business, New business is now what we've got. We got we got we got the New Business. (Whoa! Too much time at the wine bar) Lynn gave a Sierra Tour reminder. The Club is off to Auburn this year with a visit and dinner at the Mount Vernon Winery a drive around the Grass Valley area. Bacon Fest is coming up. Adjournment, anyone? Yes, count me in.

Don't just read the Minutes, be part of the fun. Join us for the next meeting at The Englander September 19th.

.... *And that's the way I think it was.* Respectfully, submitted by Carl Brown.





Planning and coordinating a group event is a lot of work. At first it seems like it will be easy. You have an idea about where to go. Check. You've already established when. Check. So how hard can it be, right? WRONG. The idea it is simple rapidly is replaced with countless details you discover as you go about documenting the plan. Where to stay, how to get there, what to do when you are there, and food. Places to eat, drink and be merry.

It's imperative to document your routes well in advance of starting out on your tour. Sure, the first wrong turn or two is a laugh, but the humor of that turns to stress if you are leading the way, and well, don't get there as planned. Trusting Google Maps is folly. It's as if you put an advertisement in a celestial newspaper: "Wanted - Unexpected challenges from erroneous information!" Drive the route several times. You'll be happy you did and your stress level will be a point or two lower as a result. Check for notifications of upcoming road work, and by all means, have an alternate route already planned. Doing all of this before your tour will help you relax and actually have some fun on your tour.

Did I mention, **don't trust on-line photos or reviews about places to stay?** Yeah, go and **STAY THERE BEFORE** you decide to have that hotel/motel be the tour lodging choice. Who knows when the posted photos were taken? The photos of the facility look fresh and great, but if they were taken many years before, the condition may not be the same as those deceptive photos suggest. Hmmmm. Again, trust me on this point. By actually visiting and staying at the facility you can avoid the analysis paralysis of reading to many reviews. Not all reviews are based in reality and what may be a lovely place to stay as rated by the Beverly Hillbillies, it is likely that you'll other opinions to validate. If you stay there YOU know.

Then there are the activities. What you end up accepting as a good list of things to do is most likely not the list of things you put on the first list. Again, check them out way before you decide what is your final plan. My first plans turned out to be more like a marathon rather than a pleasing stroll. The point here is "K.I.S.S." This acronym is an important one to plan your tour by. Especially if you want to stay out of divorce court.

Now one might think that my reflections on planning a long tour are discouraging. No, not at all. I recommend that YOU take on this tour at least once. Why? Well, for me it has been a revelation on the amount of work it takes to pull an event together. I have a deeper appreciation for the efforts made by those who have carried the torch and coordinated many event in the past. Don't forget that January is the club annual planning meeting. Think now about how you can take on the Sierra Tour, or any tour for that matter, next year when volunteers are being requested.

Oh yeah, and for those of you who are planning on attending the Sierra Tour this year and have not yet registered... HURRY UP! The special room rate expires on September 6th and all payment for the activities needs to be in by September 22nd!