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MAY DINNER MEETING CANCELLED BUT...BUT...BUT  
**MOTHER'S DAY HAS NOT...HAPPY MUM'S DAY**

## PREZ KEN'S MESSAGE

These are trying times. The freedoms that we have enjoyed our entire lives have suddenly screeched to a halt. Our new "normal" is certainly beyond our wildest imagination. I think that the lack of personal relationships has affected many of us the most. The fact that we can't come together with family and friends to share a visit, a meal, a hug...cuts us "to the core". We social creatures need to endure and look forward to the day, hopefully soon, when we can once again come together as we have been accustomed to in our "normal" life and activities.

With that being said, we, our club officers are cancelling club meetings and activities until further notice. We hope that our favorite restaurants will survive and their safety protocols will be such that following local, state, and federal guidelines we can once again come together as a group around our shared interest of antique automobiles and personal fellowship.

In the meantime, let us keep our vehicles operating so we can share them with each other and the general public as soon as practical and possible.

If members need assistance that we as a club or as individuals can render, please contact us. In the meantime, stay safe and secure; look out for your family and us your car family....KEN

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## WOODYISMS

May brings with it several holidays, Today May 1<sup>st</sup> is May Day. May Day is a celebration with a long and varied history, dating back millennia. Throughout the years, there have been many different events and festivities worldwide, most with the express purpose of welcoming in a change of season (spring in the Northern Hemisphere). In the late 19th century, May Day was chosen as the date for International Workers' Day by the Socialists and Communists of the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago. Because of its association with the Socialist and Communist movement, May Day has been largely ignored and not celebrated in the United States.

On the second Sunday of May we celebrate Mother's Day. The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day, and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

<b>MARK BECKER</b>	<b>5/09</b>	<b>MARY ANN WITCZAK</b>	<b>5/18</b>	<b>AND.....WOODY 5/31</b>
<b>ELLIS ULRICH</b>	<b>5/23</b>	<b>JANICE BENDETTI</b>	<b>5/25</b>	

### ANNIVERSARIES

**NONE TO REPORT**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL...."May " you enjoy your day !!!!!!!**

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST...GAS BUGGY GOSSIP FEB. 2001

YOUR EDITOR FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT MANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF YEARS AGO CONTINUE TO REPEAT WITH TODAY'S CLUB.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

GREETINGS CAR BUFFS. WE KICKED OFF OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR WITH 40 MEMBERS, 2 GUESTS AND ADDED 3 NEW MEMBERS. APPARENTLY YOU ARE GETTING OUT THE WORD ABOUT THE FUN WE HAVE IN THIS FAMILY ORIENTED ORGANIZATION AND HOW WE RETURN YOUR INVESTMENT WITH SUBSIDIZED CLUB FUNCTIONS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S PROPOSALS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES WERE SMOOTHED BY MEMBER DISCUSSION AND IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR IS PLANNED. WE ARE NOW ON THE CUTTING EDGE WITH OUR OWN CLUB WEBSITE. THANKS TO LARRY GAYNOR. DON'T FORGET PICTURES OF YOUR CARS FOR HIM TO PUT ON THE CLUB WEBSITE. IT WAS SUGGESTED BY SOME THAT WE HAVE SPEAKERS OR VIDEOS TO LIVE UP OUR MEETINGS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE OR HAVE INFO THE CLUB WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SO WE CAN ADD THEM TO OUR AGENDA. THANKS TO THE CLUB OFFICERS WHO STAYED ON TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S TRANSITION AN EASY ONE AND WELCOME BACK GAIL GAYNOR AS OUR V.P. AND BOB TOWERS AS SECRETARY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE "POT LUCK" IN MARCH AT KAYE'S AND OUR BIG SHOW IN MAY. WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER CONTACTING MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO TOUR ALONG TO ONE OF THE MANY OTHER OLD CAR EVENTS IN OUR AREA. TILL NEXT MONTH—KEEP 'EM ROLLING. CORDIALLY MIKE CHALLUT

### JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT, MIKE CHALLUT AT 7:06 PM. MIKE THANKED THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND INTEREST DURING THE PAST YEAR AND INTRODUCED THE NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2001. SECRETARY BOB TOWERS MOVED WAIVING READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PAST MEETING, APPROVED.

SUNSHINE CHAR ANNE KURTZ REPORTED 42 MEMBERS AND 5 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE. GUESTS WERE ASKED TO TELL MEMBERS ABOUT THEIR ANTIQUE CARS OF WHICH THERE WERE AN EXCITING VARIETY. ANNE STATED THAT RUBY BEAN WAS 91 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH. RUBY RECEIVED A ROUSING RECOGNITION BY THE MEMBERS.

V.P. GAIL GAYNOR GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MOST RECENT BOARD MEETING. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RECOMMENDED ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP TO FORMER MEMBERS, URGED US TO PHONE OLDER NON DRIVING MEMBERS TO DETERMINE IF THEY NEEDED TRANSPORTATION TO MEETINGS, DISCUSSED DEVELOPING A NEW MEMBER PACKET WITH INFO ABOUT THE CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDED GUEST SPEAKERS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS, RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHING A SMALL FUND FOR GIFTS TO MEMBERS AT MEETINGS, AND DISCUSSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2001.

SOCIAL CHAIR, GLENNA KAYE REPORTED THAT BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT 12/15/01 BE DESIGNATED AS THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT GIGI'S. THE CLUB APPROVED BY VOTE TO INCLUDE AN INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$100. SHE ALSO SUGGESTED AN OVERNIGHT TRIP TO MT. DORA ON THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 27-28. DETAILS TO BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER. ELINOR SNOW HAS AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR MEMBERS TO WRITE UP THEIR CARS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER.

REPORT ON ANNUAL CAR SHOW 1. CHANGES TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OLDER CARS. 2. CHARLIE DOWNIE TO ORGANIZE THE FLEA MARKET. 3. CLASSES ADJUSTED SOMEWHAT TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION. 4. PRE-WAR CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED. 5. NEWER CLASSES TO BE PARTICIPANT JUDGING.

GAIL GAYNOR WON THE 50/50. **ELINOR SNOW WAS AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION BY NATIONAL FOR HER STEWARDSHIP OF THE NEWSLETTER IN HER FIRST YEAR AS EDITOR. CERTIFICATE ON NEXT PAGE ( THIS INFO IN BOLD IS BY YOUR CURRENT EDITOR, CONGRATS 20 YEARS LATER !!!!)**



### WILLIE MILLIE AND ME !! R.BENDETTI

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, RICHARD LENTINELLO IN HIS CLASSIC CAR COLUMN WROTE "NEVER USE YOUR CAR AS A WORK BENCH." WELL MY RAMBLER HAD A WONDERFUL FLAT HOOD AND TRUNK LID AND SURE ENOUGH IT BECAME MY WORK BENCH. THIS WAS IN SPITE OF A 25 BY 33 FOOT GARAGE. WELL I DID HAVE THE RAMBLER THE MGB WOODWORKING TOOLS AND AUTO SHOP TOOLS AS WELL AS 3 MOTORCYCLES AND 30 YEARS WORTH OF JUNK...SO THE RAMBLER WAS MY GO TO BENCH. I REMEMBERED THE MOVIE "FREE WILLIE" SO I WOULD TELL CLUB MEMBERS THAT I WAS GOING IN THE GARAGE TO "FREE WILLIE" WHICH I WOULD DO AND THEN GO RIGHT BACK TO USING IT AS A WORKBENCH...WELL I THOUGHT ABOUT THE MGB. MY MINI STORAGE SHED. SHE WAS BEING LEFT OUT SO IN THE SPIRIT OF ALL THINGS BRITISH I NAMED HER "MILLIE" THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.

I FREED WILLIE FIRST OF APRIL AND TOOK HER TO A FRIENDS HOUSE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE SO I COULD CLEAN THAT SIDE OF THE GARAGE. AND THIS WEEK I FINALLY FREED MILLIE AFTER A YEAR IN HIBERNATION. A COUPLE OF TAPS OF THE HAMMER ON HER FUEL PUMP AND MILLIE ROARED TO LIFE. I HAVE MY 93 HARLEY RUNNING FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS, NEXT UP IS MY 71 HONDA AND THEN MY ORPHAN 78 HONDA...LAST BUT NOT LEAST HAVE THE BICYCLE GOING. I THOUGHT I WAS STILL IN GOOD SHAPE BUT 15 MINUTES PEDALING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDS ME THAT I AM INDEED A "SENIOR CITIZEN"