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### <u>April 2020</u> APRIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Life as we have known it for most of you has evolved into something we never expected to have to deal with in our lives. I am not going to lie and say that everything will be fine when the preponderance of evidence tells us otherwise. We need to all give it our best to minimize the risks to ourselves and our community. For those reasons and government advisories, I AM CANCELLING OUR APRIL MEETING. I feel it is unlikely that we will be able to meet in May either.

I have gone through stages in dealing with this Covid-19 Pandemic. At first, I was angry that all my fun events that I had planned, about every other weekend through April, May and June, were being cancelled or postponed indefinitely event by event. Since my cancer episode, I have been trying to live life to the fullest by including many events that I had thought it would be fun to attend and they were disappearing.

Once that the reality of the deaths and health care shortages became clear, I quit my pity party. The magnitude of the problem became reality in our county, state, and began to appear in our local communities. I accepted that I had to limit my exposure and adapted. I now watch Church online each week, submit my grocery orders online and drive up to the store and press the button to open the rear door for the attendant to load my groceries with no direct contact. We are still working but with quite limited public contact.

Granted this is scary stuff our country faces, but we have dealt with scary situations before and come out the other side as stronger more determined people. It is good to watch the news some to keep current with the status of the situation but not to dwell on it non-stop until we are miserable. We must create some enjoyable diversions to occupy our new-found time at home. Here are a few suggestions:

- Do maintenance and detailing on your old car or even your daily driver. We will get them out to enjoy at some point in the future.
- Search online or in Hemmings for that part you have been wanting that would make your car just a bit better. For me it was chrome exhaust tips for my 1972 Mercedes 280SEL.
- On a nice weather day, go for a drive in an old car but do not stop and get out where exposure could be risky.
- Watch previous episodes of Jay Leno's garage on NBC.com
- The Petersen Museum in Los Angeles is offering free livestreamed tours of the Vault. These offer in depth tours of very interesting cars giving much more detail than you would get in a live tour.
- Watch old car movies on youtube.com I recently watched the 1961 movie "Come September" starring Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida, Bobby Darrin, and Sandra Dee. This movie made a huge impression on me as an almost 7 year-old. In the opening scene an airplane lands at the airport in Milan, Italy the cargo doors open, a ramp is pushed up to the cargo bay and a handsome Rolls Royce convertible drives out of the plane. As a 6 year old I thought it was about the neatest thing that I had ever seen – I still do!
- An article in Hemmings suggested these car moves: Tucker, Ford vs. Ferrari, It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad world. Gumball Rally, Guinevere, Smokey and the Bandit, Bullitt, Two Lane Blacktop, Grand Prix, The Art of Racing in the Rain, Days of Thunder, The Italian Job, The French Connection, Gone in 60 Seconds, Christine, Rendezvous, American Graffiti, White Lightning, The Racers, Speedway, Winning, Greased Lightning, The World's Fastest Indian, Vanishing Point, or Gran Torino.
- Call or e-mail some of your friends from our club. A revised club roster is in the newsletter to facilitate that.

Ladies and Gentleman, It is time to rise to the occasion and make the best of unfortunate times. Even when times are bad we have to have some fun and levity to stay sane. I wish you all the best. Wash your hands and avoid close contact as best you can and we will get through this!

Best Wishes that you can find some enjoyment! Randy

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# Sending Sunshine



Last Father's Day my son gave me something I always wanted: the keys to my car.



Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car when I'm driving.

I just got fired from my job as a taxi driver. Turns out people don't like it when you go the extra mile for them.

