

## Presidents Message

December 2020

Hello all, What a year. We started the year with some nice runs in January and February. Then came the covid which cancelled our March run. Our April run was a bit different. We were at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel and some of us went North towards Lake Henshaw and some of us went up the hill to Julian. Those of us that went to Julian were met right outside of town by a couple of young Sherriff's that were very angry with us for being out. They scolded us and actually turned us around and wouldn't let us go through town. In spite of the virus we continued to have our monthly runs and then some impromptu ones as well. The run to Idyllwild for lunch was a bit different as we took our food from the restaurant and setup our chairs in the parking lot and had lunch. Great ride none the less.

We did have some long time members leave us this year. Benny Stafford moved to Tennessee. Curt Sorweid moved to Utah, Steve Ulmer left the club and Glenn Rodgers moved to Arizona as well. Glenn was a big part of our club for many years and did an awful lot in front of and behind the scenes not only for our club but for the car

community in general here in San Diego. Whether in his Rancho or his Cobra he was always around and always a pleasure. All these guys are surely missed.

We did get some new members though and had some members come on a few of the runs that we hadn't seen for a bit so that was great. Our Christmas party was quite different as was many things this year. We setup tables outside for a lunch and had a socially distant gift exchange.

Ed Melvin was presented the Tim Crain award for 2020 so congratulations to Ed.

Unfortunately, we couldn't put on our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show this year but it wasn't for a lack of trying. The plan right now is for May of 2021.

I learned how important the rest of the board members are this year. Everything that we were able to do this year was definitely a group effort. Our Vice President Mark Coulter was the anchor this year. His emails about doing runs throughout the year just kept coming. We did discover his favorite road of all time is Highland Valley as most of the runs started or finished on it! It is a great road. When Glenn left Mark's wife Julie Coulter stepped up to take on Glenn's duties as Treasurer and we all

found out there was quite a bit more he did that Julie jumped into. Eric Zucker is our website guru and was able to work through some technical issues this year and maintain at best as he could and put together the virtual meetings as well. Mark Miller kept things organized with his meeting reports and keeping us on the right path on a few of the runs.... Our Past President Ron Lawrence was always at the meetings and ready to help. Our Facebook guy Jerry Bennet had a slow year as the car show scene never took off and laying low was his theme this year.

I feel like I have to mention that we lost Saul Sotello this year. He was such an enthusiastic car guy and such a good time to hang out with. He would have been our Vice President for 2021 I'm sure.

We will start the year without a Vice President. Probably due to the uncertainty of what's coming our way in 2021. If anyone decides they would like to help please contact our New President Mark Coulter. The rest of the Board members have stayed on for 2021 so for that we can be grateful.

For me I need to thank my wife Joanne for being there for me and I want to give a big shout out to the Board for everything they do and to all the members for being a

part of the club. It was an honor to be able to be a part of the Board and the Club for these 2 years and will finish my stint this year as Past President. Looking forward to 2021 regardless of what happens. Something about being out in the cars with a group of folks that enjoy it as much as you do just makes everything okay for awhile.  
Thanks Eric