

# *Sonora A's Vintage Voice*



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

The Hard Times Dinner went well this month with lots of good food and some interesting era clothing being worn by club members. I think we had 3 sets of coveralls being worn along with high water pants, no shoes, worn out shirts, dresses and some hair styles we have not seen in a while. The Pumpkin Carving contest had 8 pumpkins entered with some interesting designs. I know a lot of time went into the selection of the pumpkin and design along with the actual carving or decorating. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event, it will only get more challenging next year.

The Holiday season is here and we have our registration for the Annual Sonora Christmas Parade held the day after Thanksgiving in downtown Sonora. We hope to have 8-10 cars from our club in participation this year. It is a great way to kick off the Christmas Season and Washington Street is lined up 5-6 people deep with lots of kids giving the signal for the famous AHOOGAH horn. Hope you all can make this event.

See you on the road or at the meeting.  
Ed

## **MINUTES:**

President Ed Anderson welcomed everyone to the annual Hard Times dinner meeting which began at 6:00 PM at the Library.

At the conclusion of dinner, Ed announced the winners of the pumpkin carving contest. First place was awarded to Pam and Dave Smith with an award of \$50.00. Second place was awarded to Judy Winters with a prize of \$30.00 and third place went to Patti Stetson with a \$20.00 prize. A motion was made to award a prize of \$10.00 for all other club members who had brought a carved pumpkin. Five such awards were made.

Ed reminded the group that a "Trunk or Treat" event will take place at the Sierra Bible Church

on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, wherein children will be dressed in Halloween costumes and engage in trick or treat activities. Members are encouraged to bring their cars with appropriate decorations and distribution of candy. If attending this event, we will meet at the entrance and drive in as a group. This will allow us to park together as a group. Everyone should be there no later than 3:30pm. The event starts at 4pm.

Ed provided an update on Larry Sidmore who is now home after surgery on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He is much improved. Ed also told the group that Dave Pilkington had experienced chest pains about two weeks ago and as a result, had two stents inserted. He is home, feeling better and would appreciate phone calls.

Ed indicated that Jim Costello has submitted our application for the Sonora Christmas parade. Meet at the high school parking lot near the pool on or before 4:00. We can decorate our cars and visit prior to the beginning of the parade.

The next club meeting will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of November which is the 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday since that day is Thanksgiving. Since the Library is unavailable on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Pam Costello have graciously offered to hold the meeting at their home.

With regard to meetings at the Library, Ed had encountered a few challenges in renewing our reservations at the library via the internet. Ed kept receiving a message indicating that our account was locked. In researching the issue, he was told that a \$50 deposit would be required and an \$8.00 per hour fee would be also charged since we are not a non-profit organization. Ed explained to the person with whom he was able to speak, that we are affiliated with MAFCA, a non-profit company and she agreed to accept this, but would require a letter from MAFCA to that effect. Alex Janke, from MAFCA, has mailed the letter and we should be good to go for the next two years with monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday beginning at 6 PM.

John Guzzetta reported on behalf of the Christmas Banquet Committee, consisting of Judy Winters, John & Judy Guzzetta and Paul Shinn. The banquet will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a happy hour beginning at 5:00 and dinner a 6:00. It will be held at the Pine Tree with menu selections of Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala and Salmon. A motion was made by Jim Costello that the banquet would be a two for one this year. So instead of \$21.50 per person, it will be \$21.50 per couple and half price per individual. We can bring our own wine. In addition, we will have a gift exchange consisting of wrapped gifts designated male or female. **NOTE:** We will need your dinner selection at our November 16<sup>th</sup>, held at the Costello home.

Ed Anderson and Bob Taylor comprised this year's Nominating Committee for new officers. The current nominees are Paul Shinn, President; John Guzzetta, Vice-President; Pam Smith, Treasurer. The position of Secretary remains unfilled as of this writing. Volunteers are being requested for this position. Voting on the new roster will take place at the November meeting. UPDATE: Judy Winters has agreed to be the Club Secretary.

Under the heading of Old Business, Ed discussed the Placerville tour. The manifold cooking adventure went well with a variety of dishes including sausage, beef stew, cheesy potatoes, chicken. Weather was good and the cars had a few problems: Distributor-Paul Shinn, Brakes-

John Guzzetta, Center Main Bearing-Bob Guimarin, Second Gear popping out-Jim Costello. With all these problems, we still made it home without a tow truck. It was very crowded this year at the apple farms. Those on the run included, the Shinns, Guimarins, Guzzettas, Costellos and Andersons.

Mike Sardella told a joke to close out the meeting.

Minutes taken by Davina Lane.

Ed thanked everyone for all the fine food at the dinner and adjourned the meeting at 7:30.