

President's Message

Fellow Imperialist,

The summer in the desert is over and we desert rats again are emerging from our self imposed isolation due to the heat. This is for us the start of a new season, and it is for the Imperial Club a start of the winter season. The Sweltering heat, even in the entire Southern California region, is now subsiding, and all of us well be able to dust off our Imperials, and attend events planned by the board of officers of the SCIOI. But, sadly this year we start out the winter season with one less member.

Richard Mayes has left this world this summer. I know I can speak for the Board and all members in this case, when I give my regrets and sympathy to Bill McNamara his life long partner. This season will be missing lots of original members due to the passing of time and their passing on to the other side. I know for me I am, and will continue, to value their friendships. They always participated with great love for these wonderful Imperial automobiles, and they are all sorely missed.



The economy has not pick up just yet and I know it is a bit of a hard ship on some members to get in their lovely Imperials and crawl along car-choked highways, but if you can't bring your Imperial, then how about your daily driver?! WE, the board, plan events to help with the camaraderie of the club and helping new members to meet existing members, and visa versa. I am pleased to announce we are picking up some new club members. I do appreciate all the members that attend our club events and invite others that have taken a back seat to attend these occasions as well. I think you will enjoy seeing old friends with like minds – all are Imperialists with a general love of classic cars.

Every September we hold our Annual Picnic in Laguna Niguel. This is a great location and central to most of the members in Southern California. A fun time was had by all and what an event to explore any issues you may be having with your Imperials, for there is always someone there with the experience of having some of the same problems and most likely have fixed them already.

Our Annual BBQ, hosted by me in Palm Springs, was a fantastic success this year, an excess of 100 guests were in attendance. The assortment of Imperials and classic automobiles is always very impressive. The food and drink are an added pleasure to the day, and an entrance fee of only \$10 dollars gives you all the food and drink you can partake of.

The Northern California Club will host the Statewide Meet in Pacific Grove, California next year. This will be a great time for both clubs, so I am looking forward to seeing an enthusiastic participation by the SCIOI. The Northern club attended this year's Statewide Meet (hosted by us in Palm Springs) in great numbers. My thanks goes out to all of them for making the effort and the long journey so they could be participants of this years event. In closing, our club's secretary, June Reinhardt has to step down from her position due to heath issues. Our member Syd Mead has had some health issues as well. In speaking for the board and the club, I am giving the best of wishes to both members, and a speedy return to great health.

So for now, I hope to see all of you soon. Your President, Marc.

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