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Model A Ford Club of America

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I would like to start this month's President's Letter off by congratulating Greg and Casey Martinez on the birth of their new baby daughter, Victoria Amber. I look forward to meeting this newest member of our Club.

It's hard to believe the year is half over already. The first part of the year saw a substantial growth in membership and some pretty good tours with excellent participation. Let's try to duplicate this for the second half of the year.

As many of you know, John Zuffi has been building a show boat for approximately 12 years - my Roadster hasn't run in approximately 20 years! It's always been a joke between us to see whose project will be running first. Well, now with the help of Bob Craig and his son, I hope to be bringing my Roadster to their shop this month and maybe even have the car running for the summer. John says this isn't a fair way to go about this, but I told him that's what he gets for getting involved with an Italian!

June is a full month of tours for our club - so let's all try to participate in the tours and make the tour leaders feel like all of their efforts were not in vain.

Hope to see all of you at our June 8th meeting.

Gary Barrango



The San Francisco Model "A" Ford Club encourages membership in MAFCA, the National Model "A" Ford Club. Benefits include an excellent bi-monthly publication, *The Restorer*, providing technical information and free liability insurance when participating in Club Events.



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## Bigger & Better! 2007 Classic Car Show

Our next show will be on February 16 - 18, 2007. The 2006 show was our best show to date. The Mayor's Parade and side tours were great and the banquet and other events were well attended.

At our recent planning committee meeting we focused on ways to improve and embellish next year's show. The Show/Planning committee will work to improve promotion, advertising and sponsorship next year.

Following the Car Show, T-shirts were given to the S.F.P.D. officers who helped with the parade. We moved to fund our charity with a \$1,000.00 donation. We are working on a final profit & loss statement. In June we will arrange rooms at the Tuscan Inn and the Holiday Inn. In addition, we will reserve space at the restaurants on Fisherman Wharf; plan show events at the museums in Golden Gate Park; and arrange for transportation to and from show events.

All this takes a tremendous amount of time and dedication. Thanks to all Club members and committee members who work so hard to make our Car Show a success.

We will continue to devote a portion of each regular meeting to the discussion of Car Show planning and committee activities. If you would like to be a part of the planning, please join the committee. We would like to see all of our members participate. Beginning in July, the date, time, and place of each planning committee meeting will be printed in the Choke Rod.

*Chair, Show/Planning Committee*

## Law Enforcement Torch Run Thursday, June 8, Union Square

Press Release

The San Francisco Police Department participates every year in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a charity fundraiser benefiting Special Olympics. Police Officers from the entire City & County of San Francisco join the SFPD and participate in variety of fund-raisers for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. On Thursday June 8th, we will be holding our annual Torch Run wherein teams of police officers run 13 miles through the streets and neighborhoods of San Francisco carrying the Special Olympics Torch in an effort to raise funds for Special Olympic Athletes. Runners are escorted by San Francisco's finest the Solo Motorcycle Unit. Runner support is provided by Motorized Cable Cars provided by Bauers' Transportation. We are also joined and sponsored by a variety of neighborhood groups and businesses.

The SF Model A Club is invited to join us in the Torch Run support group. Hopefully 4-6 antiques vehicles will be able to join the Torch Run Parade of Vehicles escorting the runners. The event will start in Union Square in San Francisco with the runners departing at 9 am and will return by 11:30 am for a noontime rally and torch exchange with the Alameda Sheriff's Office featuring live music and lunch. MC for this rally will be Tom Sinkovitz from KRON TV and Cammy Blackstone from KFRC Radio. **Sgt. Bob Guinan, San Francisco Police Department**

**Contact Walter Caplan for details 415-753-3280**



Left to Right:

Our Club canopy  
and booth

Steve Owsley  
Arturo Ramirez  
Barry Kinney  
Walter Caplan  
Richard Webster  
Jack Green

## It's Not All About Cars

This year, the Car Show Committee elected to donate to the Lions Club Project, Canine Companions for Independence.

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is the oldest and largest nonprofit provider of assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Established in 1975, CCI is recognized world wide for the excellence of dogs and for the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people.

CCI is supported entirely by the generosity of donors who want to help carry out its mission. As a result of this generosity, CCI is able to provide highly trained canines free of charge to people who seek increased independence that a canine can offer.

If you would like to make a contribution or learn more about Canine Companions, or know someone who may be interested in an assistance dog, please contact CCI National Headquarters in Santa Rosa, CA by calling **707-577-1700**.



### July Tour Saturday, July 8 La Honda & Tour of Aries Ltd.

Meet 9am at Stonestown near McDonald's for a Running Board coffee and pastries. Greg Martinez will lead us down to La Honda and Aries Ltd. for a tour of the facility. Aries makes reproduction stock and high performance mufflers for the Model A. We will have a fun tour and stop for lunch in La Honda. For more information, Contact Greg at 415-725-2449.

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## The Miracle of Canine Companions

Whether it's turning on a light switch for a wheelchair-user or alerting a person who is deaf to the sound of a fire alarm, CCI assistance dogs help make self-sufficient living a reality. By helping the overcome physical and social barriers, the dogs enable CCI graduates to lead more independent, satisfying lives. With their Canine Companions, hundreds of people with disabilities are now experiencing freedom and true independence - a lifestyle that many only dreamed of before.

A canine's innate desire to please, willingness to learn, and instinct to become an everlasting partner are its foundation for work as an assistance dog. This natural phenomenon, combined with the dedication of CCI's staff and volunteers such as Lions Clubs, are the ingredients for each successful Canine Companion.

Fore some CCI graduates, having an assistance dog means the ability to live without a full-time attendant for the first time.

Fore others, it's a chance to regain independence lost through illness or accident. But for all, the unconditional love and companionship of a Canine Companion gives a disabled person the confidence to pursue dreams at one time thought unattainable. It was early graduate teams who inspired the motto for CCI -

**"Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People."**

As CCI's program continues, one single mission remains strong - to provide loyal canine partners for people with disabilities, helping them achieve a greater independence and live happier and more fulfilling lives.



## Friendship Day ~ Cañada College



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Walter Caplan - Birthday 6/2  
Joyce Maxwell - Birthday 6/14  
Veronica Tempone - Birthday 6/18  
Adam Rosenblatt - Birthday 6/26  
Rose Craig - Birthday 6/29  
Steve & Mary Karr - Anniversary 6/10  
Greg & Casey Martinez - Anniversary 6/17  
Marshall & Lois Storz - Anniversary 6/17



## June Tours

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home  
Saturday, June 17

Pride Parade & Picnic Lunch at Crissy Field  
Sunday, June 25

Saturday, June 17 Fourth Annual Father's Day Gathering at St. Anne's Home with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Be a part of our celebration with the residents and staff of St. Anne's home.

Assemble at the home at 1:30 for the event. Located at 300 Lake Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.

**Please contact Barry Kinney to confirm your planned attendance at this event: 415-282-2789**

Sunday, June 25 Have a San Francisco experience and drive your "A" in the Pride Parade, then immediately on to Crissy Field for a picnic lunch with club members. This has always been a fun event with lots of smiles. Come join the club! Contact Walter Caplan 415-753-3280 for more information. If you are less "adventurous" but want to help with the picnic lunch, volunteers are welcome! As in past years, Walter is sure to be at Crissy field before sunrise reserving our picnic table and grill. Whether you participate in the parade or not, come join your clubmembers for a great picnic at Crissy Field. Our tables will be marked reserved for our club, so you can come early and welcome us in.



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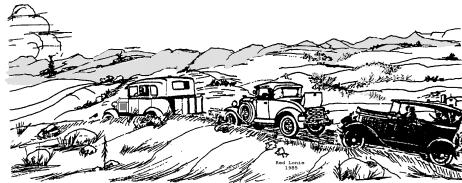
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## 2006 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

### IT'S THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!



MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	29	GARY BARRANGO	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - HARDING PARK
FEB	17,18,19	CLUB FUNDRAISER	ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF
MAR	18	THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR - LUBRICATING THE "A"
APRIL	9	CAPLAN / KINNEY	NILES CANYON
APRIL	16	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
MAY	21	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CANADA COLLEGE
JUNE	17	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	25	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH AT CRISSYFIELD
JULY	8	GREG MARTINEZ	LAHONDA & TOUR OF ARIES LTD (MUFFLERS)
AUG	27	GREG MARTINEZ	SWAP MEET AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPT	22-24	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONECONCOURS
OCT	15	GREG AND CASEY MARTINEZ	JIMMY'S PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV		KINNEY / CAPLAN	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	9	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET

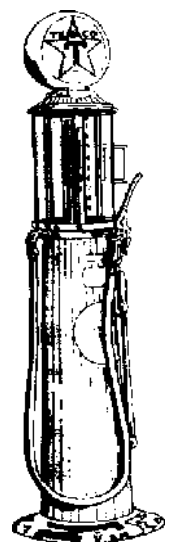
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Barry Kinney**. (415) 282-2789.

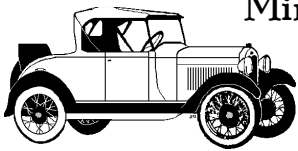
### Overnighter to Murphys for Ironstone Concours d'Elegance September Tour -- Friday thru Sunday Sept 22 thru 24

Our hosts will be Tom and Terry Machado. Plan to attend the pre-event buffet dinner on Friday, September 22. We will visit the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys as well as travel to other wineries and neighboring towns, including Columbia, Sonora and Angels Camp. For hotel reservations and tour details, contact Barry Kinney at 415-282-2789. Motel Rooms in the area are scarce, so if you plan to attend, you should make reservations NOW.

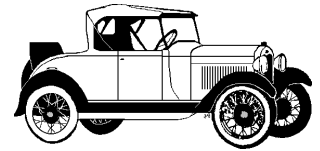
### 2006 Schedule of Events

<b>January 28-29</b>	Turlock Swap Meet: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Sponsors: Modesto Area A's; Sat 7 am to 5 pm, Sun: 7 am to 3pm; \$5 admission
<b>March 18</b>	Model A Crab and Steak Feed, Livermore, Info: Bill Rose (925) 216-9920
<b>March 31-Apr 2</b>	CCRG Meeting, Paso Robles, Paso Robles Oak A's
<b>April 30</b>	Dream Machines - Half Moon Bay - 10 am - 4 pm
<b>May 5-7</b>	Lake County A's Spring Opener at Konocti Vista Casino in Lakeport
<b>May 7</b>	Car Parts Exchange Meet; Tulare, Charter Oaks A's
<b>May 14</b>	Capitol A's Swap Meet. Consumnes River College
<b>June 1-4</b>	NCRG Roundup, Turlock Fairgrounds, Sponsored by Modesto Area A's
<b>July 16-20</b>	NWRG Round-up, Kennewick, WA: Columbia Basin Chapter
<b>July 16-22</b>	MAFCA National Convention, Mansfield, MA
<b>July 16-20</b>	Northwest Regional Meet, Tri-Cities, Washington, sponsored by Columbia Basin A's
<b>Sept 1-4</b>	Apple Hill Meet: Host - Hangtown A's
<b>Sept 8-9</b>	Feather River A's 2nd Annual Get Together.
<b>Oct 1</b>	Placerville Jazz Jubilee, Car Display





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America  
May 11, 2006



President, Gary Barrango, called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and new club member, Gene Herson, was introduced.

Reports of Officers:

**President:** Gary Barrango asked John Zuffi to arrange a dinner for the principal planners of the 2006 and the 2007 Classic Car Show. A motion to pay for the meeting with proceeds from the Classic Car Show was made and approved by Club members present.

**Treasurer:** The Club continues to maintain sufficient funds in the account to pay outstanding debt. Treasurer, Steve Owsley, moved that the Club donate \$1,000.00 to our designated Car Show Charity, the Lions Project, Canine Companions for Independence. The motion passed.

The secretary was asked to prepare a cover letter to CCI and an article about CCI for the Choke Rod.

The Treasurer will prepare a Car Show profit and loss statement for distribution to Club members.

**Secretary/Tour Chair:** Rooms have been reserved in Murphys for the September Tour. An information packet regarding this tour will be mailed to members by June 1, 2006. A separate report regarding the car show will be prepared for publication in the Choke Rod.

**Editor:** Walter Caplan announced that there had been a new addition to the Martinez family, Victoria Amber. Victoria was born Wednesday, May 10, 2006. Congratulations to the Martinez family.

For the Good of the Order: Franz Von Uckerman is representing the Club at the ACCC meeting in Sacramento May 11-13, 2006.

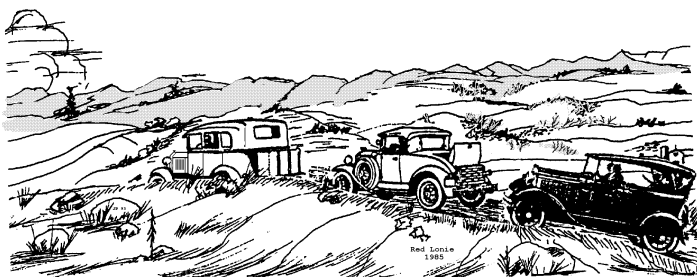
The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2006.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Barry Kinney, Secretary

**SF Model A Club Monthly Meetings:** The meetings continue to be held monthly, the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. The location is the Monte Cristo Club at 136 Missouri Street in San Francisco. The meeting place is located in safe neighborhood and parking is convenient. If you have questions or need directions, call Gary at (415) 821-2628 (daytime)

**The next scheduled meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 8, 2006**  
**A number of club members gather for dinner before the monthly meetings at 6 pm at Cafe Cozzolino, 300 Precita Avenue at Folsom, Bernal Heights (across from Precita Park). Please feel free to join us.**



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**JUNE MEETING**  
**Thursday June 8, 2006**  
**7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club**  
**136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)**  
**San Francisco**