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President's Message

As many of you know, 2006 is the 50th Year Anniversary for our Club. At the start of the year, it was mentioned that we would hope to have a 50 family membership by the end of the year. Well, I'm happy to say that as of last month, we've reach and surpassed that goal. We are seeing new members join us from other clubs as well as people who have heard about the Club but have never been joiners. All positive feedback from a very positive Club, great people and great tours.



Speaking of tours, our tour this month should be another good one - our annual San Francisco tour followed by lunch. If you were on the San Francisco tour that was held last year, you know what I am talking about. If you weren't on the tour, plan on attending this year's and you'll see what I mean!

Plans are in full swing for the Car Show - bigger and better than in the past. If the weather cooperates with us, it should be a huge success. But with this success, comes an even bigger commitment from our club members. So please remember this when the first of the year comes around and we are asking for volunteers.

Our annual Christmas banquet will be held on December 9th and should be very well-attended. Please get your reservations in early and ask a friend to join us so they can enjoy our club and its members.

I just heard of Marshal Storz's passing away. I am truly saddened this morning. Marshall was a very kind and gentle man. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife Lois, and to his children Paul and Elizabeth. Not only will he be missed by his family -- the club will miss him -- and I personally will miss seeing his kind ways at club functions. He will always remain in our memories!

See you at the November meeting.

Gary Barrango

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MARSHALL STORZ 1937 - 2006

Our friend Marshall Storz died last month. Marshall and his wife Lois have been members of the San Francisco Model A Club for many years. The pick-up truck he loved had been in Marshall's family since his childhood. Marshall inherited the truck and restored it slowly and carefully over several years. The truck became a form of physical therapy. Restoring the truck helped Marshall overcome a physical disability and was a source of great personal satisfaction.

Over the past several years, Marshall and Lois have become active club members. They toured with the Club to Healdsburg and the Stokes Ranch. Marshall and Lois attended many of our Car Shows on Fisherman's Wharf, the Father's Day event at St. Anne's Home, Club Christmas parties and many of our regular meetings.

Marshall was a kind and generous man and always a gentleman. We will cherish his memory. - Barry Kinney



*A native San Franciscan, Marshall was born on March 31, 1937. He died on October 10, 2006, ending a life marked by humor, limitless kindness and uncommon ingenuity. Marshall leaves a family that loves him deeply still and forever: Lois, his wife of 45 years; his son Paul, daughter-in-law, Juana and granddaughter, Samantha; his daughter Elizabeth Andrews and son-in-law, Bryan and his beloved dog Lila. Marshall spent his childhood in Woodland, CA and went to Woodland High. Marshall graduated from U.C. Berkeley and UCSF, where he earned his Pharm D. A gifted instrumentalist, Marshall played trombone in the Cal's Marching Band and the Straw Hat Band. During the 60's, he was part owner of Bowerman's Pharmacy in the Golden Gateway. In the early 1970, Marshall and Lois owned Foley Drug Company in Berkeley, where Marshall was known and appreciated up and down Telegraph Avenue. Marshall loved to work on his 1930 Model A Ford pickup. He also took joy in hanging out and tinkering on his farmland in Winters, CA. Marshall brought a bright and friendly presence to the little block in San Francisco where he and Lois raised their kids and lived for years. Here's to you, Marshall!
A private Memorial was held. Donations in Marshall's honor may be given to Hospice by the Bay, 1540 Market Street, Suite #350, San Francisco, CA 94102.*



Style Your Hair In The 1930's

Clothes in the 1930's took on a subtle sensuality that evoked a slightly longer hairstyle with some curl added. The forehead was exposed after a decade of cover from fringe, hats, and turbans. Hairstyles were more textural and sculpted with waves and grooves that suited the clothing of the time and the lighting of photography.

The color of the time was definitely platinum blonde, for it caught the movie lights, and had sheen and luster that complimented oyster and cream colors of evening wear. Diamond and crystal decorations were to create a fantasy feeling. Film stars Anny Ondra, Anna May Wong and English actress Jill Esmond, wife of Laurence Olivier, helped popularize these short, sculptural styles.



burns, and even how to calculate different voltages for travel abroad.

Marlene Dietrich was one of the most charismatic and stunning looking stars of the silver screen. She understood perfectly how to be photographed with the correct lighting and, she wore clips around her hairline to lift her face. She also enjoyed the personal touch of Max Factor himself, who put gold dust in her hair to make it look truly lustrous. At \$60 an ounce, she added at least half an ounce a day, and he would stay behind after the star had left to sweep up any excess off the floor.

- Submitted by **Rachelle Marquez**

There were many names to the minor changes in each style. The Eton crop, where the hair was given a virtual short back and sides, was forsaken for the shingle, where the hair was tapered into a V-shape at the nape of the neck with either waves or spit curls at the sides, which led to the bingle, a blend of the bob and the shingle, and finally the mingle. When the bob evolved it was a simple shape that moved into the page boy, hair that is shoulder-length except for a fringe in the front, and ultimately the peek-a-boo style characterized by Veronica Lake toward the 1940's.

The Marcel Wave (perms) made a popular comeback for its effect was easily achievable. The alternatives for permanent waving included using steam and vapor with Pelleray irons, made by L. Pelleray of Paris, water waving pin curls, the Eugene steaming method, the McDonnell, and the Nestle vapor. The postiche, hairpieces for styled curls or chignons (soft bun), were useful to women growing out their hair, but became more elaborate and wildly colored due to the increasing trend of dressing up in costume. Matching the hair to the clothes was all the rage.

Hairdressers began offering various treatments as dyes became popular. Henna and bleaching were the most common choice. An authoritative hairdressers' manual of the period provided information on how to carry out perms and cuts, but also gave advice on items such nutrition, blood disorders, using electric reducers, steam cabinets, light treatments, movie makeup and singeing. It also contained advice on hygiene, how to treat chemical

Jeanine Mahl's Cheesecake Recipe

CRUST:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Stir together until all crumbs are moistened with butter. Press evenly over the bottom of a 8" or 9" spring form pan. Set aside. (I line my pan bottom with two layers of parchment paper. It is easier to get it off of the pan bottom. I never take the bottom of my pan out of the house. I've lost them that way!)

FILLING:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 16 oz real sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 pound real cream cheese, cut into small pieces
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter

--Blend the first 4 ingredients for 1 minute. Add the cream cheese a chunk at a time. Blend until smooth.

--While the mixture is blending, take the center out of the lid and pour in the 2 tbsp of melted butter. Allow to blend.

--Carefully pour the mixture onto the crust.

--Bake in the lower third of a 325° oven for 45 minutes.

(The top should look slightly dry and the center should be firm.) Try to remove it from oven before the cake cracks.

--Remove from oven and turn the oven to broil. Broil the cheesecake just until the top begins to show attractive spots of brown.

--Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Overnight is better.

This can be made up 4 or 5 days in advance. The longer it refrigerates the better it tastes.

Annual San Francisco City Tour

Sunday, November 12

We will assemble in the Stonestown parking lot near McDonald's at 9am for a running board breakfast. At 9:30 am we will motor to interesting sites in the Western part of San Francisco, then on to a surprise eatery for a wonderful 50th Anniversary luncheon, celebrating the founding of our Club.

Touring together with other club members provides the perfect opportunity to stay in touch with your friends. We want to encourage our fellow members to get their Model A's out of their garages to be enjoyed and seen by others in the community. Please make every effort to attend, and please RSVP to Walter Caplan at 415-753-3280 no later than November 9th.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



November Birthdays

November 1	Casey Martinez
November 2	Tim Taylor
November 5	Greg Martinez
November 6	Franz von Uckermann
November 17	Juanita Tempone
November 18	Joseph Martinez
November 18	Lois Storz
November 26	Nick Calabrese

Battery

reprinted from the Marin A's *Radiator*, February 2005 Issue

Your A won't start? Battery seems to be down sometimes after a long period of driving inactivity? Well, I keep mine on constant, very low, stand-by trickle charge.

I purchased a very inexpensive 6-volt motorcycle battery charger from the local cycle accessory shop. It comes with wiring, quick disconnect plug and AC cord for around \$10.00. No soldering or fancy hook-ups are required. I just attach the negative lead to the battery side of the cut-out and positive lead to one of the screws that hold the cut-out in place on the generator. Once that is done, just plug the two inch square charger into any 110 volt AC outlet. When I want to go for a spin I just unplug the cord at the generator, close the hood and hit the starter.

Usually the car chargers sold on the market today are available only as low as 1 amp, and may over-charge your battery, but this isn't the case with the cycle battery charger. It is convenient to use and it doesn't modify any of the electrical system of the Model A.

editor's note: Bratton's Antique Auto Parts sells a very nice quick disconnect trickle charger (Battery Maintainer) for use on the Model A in their catalog. Price \$53.00 Part # 05150M.

Christmas Tree Tour

Joint Tour with El Camino A's

Saturday, December 2

The El Camino A's have invited the SF Model A Club to join them on their Annual Christmas Tree Tour to Half Moon Bay. Meet at Stonestown, near McDonald's at 8:30 am, or at Boral Square, off El Camino at 9:30 am. (Boral Square is off El Camino one block north of Hwy 92). Lunch will be in Pescadero.


Please confirm: Barry Kinney at 415-647-7077 or leave message at 415-282-2789.

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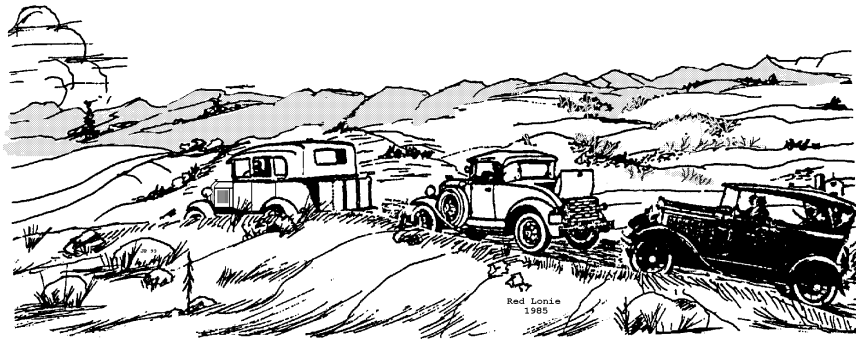
Christmas Banquet

Saturday, December 9
Basque Cultural Center
6 pm Cocktails -- 7 pm Dinner

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RSVP by November 29th

2006 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

IT'S THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

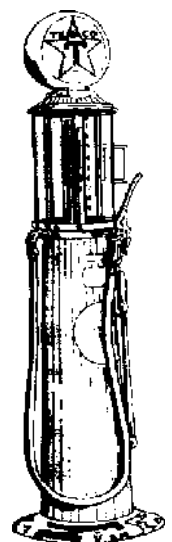


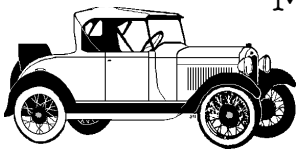
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	29	GARY BARRANGO	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - HARDING PARK
FEB	17,18,19	CLUB FUNDRAISER	ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF
MAR	18	THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR - LUBRICATING THE "A"
APRIL	16	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
MAY	21	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CANADA 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	20	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	SAN FRANCISCO MYSTERY TOUR
AUG	27	GREG MARTINEZ	SWAP MEET AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPT	10	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	22-24	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONECONCOURS
OCT	15	GREG AND CASEY MARTINEZ	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV	12	KINNEY / CAPLAN	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	2	KINNEY	CHRISTMAS TREE TOUR W/ EL CAMINO A'S
DEC	9	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET

If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Jeanine Mahl 415-664-2056**

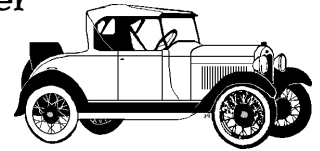
2006 Schedule of Events

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





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
October 12, 2006



The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Barrango, at 7:45 P.M.

Introduction of new members and guests: Greg Martinez introduced friends from Australia, Kerry and Carol Fehlberg. Kerry is starting an automobile restoration business in San Francisco. We welcome new members Tony Hobbs and David Boragno.

Minutes of the September 14, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: (Gary Barrango)

The Club nominated the following members for office for year 2007.

Greg Martinez - President
Vice-Presidents - Gary Barrango, Tom Escher
Secretary - Barry Kinney
Treasurer - Steve Owsley
Newsletter Editor - Walter Caplan
Tour Chair - Jeanine Mahl
Immediate Past President - Gary Barrango

Election of Officers for 2007 will take place at the November Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and vote.
The Christmas party will be on December 9 at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

Vice-president: (Greg Martinez)

Jimmy's Old Car Picnic is a go for Sunday, October 15, 2006. Entry fee is twenty dollars per car.

Secretary/Tour Chair: (Barry Kinney)

A motion was made by Barry Kinney and seconded by Walter Caplan, and others to send the Linden A's a thank you note and flowers for their help with the Murphys Tour. A second motion was made and seconded that Tom and Terry Machado not be charged an entry fee for our Car Show in February 2007. Both motions passed.

The Club has been invited to attend the El Camino A's Christmas Tree Tour. on Saturday December 2nd. Look for details in The Choke Rod.

Next Tour will be on October 28 - Open House at the Model Yacht Club of San Francisco in Golden Gate Park. Look for details in The Choke Rod.

Treasurer: (Steve Owsley) The Treasury continues to maintain sufficient balances in our accounts to pay outstanding obligations. We have 49 paid members.

Editor: (Walter Caplan) The Club has been notified that the Editor has been awarded an Outstanding Newsletter Award by MAFCA. Presentation will be in Las Vegas at the MAFCA annual meeting in December.

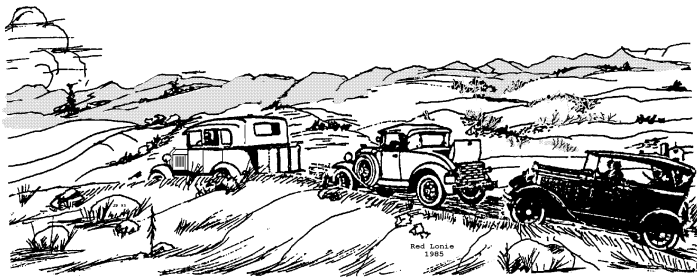
Entertainment: Slide show of September 2006 trip to Murphys and Ironstone.

Adjourn: 9:30 P.M. - Next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, 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, November 9, 2006
A number of club members gather for dinner before the monthly meetings at 6 pm
Please feel free to join us -- November dinner location will be The Connecticut Yankee, corner of 17th St. & Connecticut.



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NOVEMBER MEETING
Election of 2007 Officers
Thursday November 9, 2006
7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco

JIMMY'S (Old Car) PICNIC

Golden Gate Park
October 15, 2006

Eighteen years ago Jimmy invited a few of his friends to join him for a birthday celebration in Golden Gate Park. The following year a few more friends came to celebrate Jimmy's birthday. Over the years, primarily through word-of-mouth, the event has grown into what it is today. Every year, for over ten years, Jimmy's friends and old car owners know to reserve the first weekend in October for Jimmy. What started as a few friends celebrating a birthday has grown into a car event that hosts hundreds of cars and car buffs too numerous to count.

Jimmy, himself an old car buff, has morphed the event into a grand get-together with no rules, no formal registration, and no limit on kind and type of car. The only request he makes is that entrants make a small cash contribution to a charity for disabled kids.

The event has a warm comfortable feeling. It's like a family reunion or a sixties happening. It is an opportunity to kick back, visit friends, renew acquaintances and share our love of the old cars.

This year we had ten old cars in our group. Greg Martinez and family organized the event for the San Francisco Model A Club and Greg did most of the heavy lifting. I arrived around 6:00 A.M. Greg and Company had the tables set, the fire burning, and the coffee ready. Great day, great tour, great food, great steaks.

Great job Greg!



