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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Model A Ford Club of America

Sunday, September 10  
**Antique Autos  
in History Park**  
- San Jose  
see Tours insert



Friday thru Sunday  
September 22 - 24  
**Ironstone Concours d'Elegance**  
**Overnighter to Murphys**  
**in the Sierra Foothills**  
see Tours insert

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## Upcoming Tours

Sunday, **October 15** - Jimmy's Old Car Picnic in Golden Gate Park  
Sunday, **November 5** - Annual San Francisco City Tour & 50th Anniversary luncheon  
Saturday, **December 9** - Christmas Banquet

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## President's Message

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Once again I received my reminder call that it was the end of the month and time for my President's Letter. First, let me say that last month's general meeting had an all-time high for members present both at dinner and even more members present at the meeting (over 25!). This was a large turnout considering it is summer time and many members are out of town.

Although I was unable to attend either tour in August, it's my understanding that they both were very successful. The San Francisco tour was very well-attended, and if it was anything like our past San Francisco tours, I can only imagine how great it was. Sorry to have missed it!

Also, from all reports, the Swap Meet was a great success. Much thanks needs to go to Greg Martinez for all his efforts and time he put into this to make it successful as well as bringing back a Swap Meet to San Francisco. Many thanks to Gunard and Jeanine Mahl for securing the Pacific Rod & Gun Club site and providing an excellent food concession consisting of grilled burgers and chili. We will be discussing these two events further at the September meeting - so plan on attending and hearing all the particulars! Also, in September we will be having two tours as well. (Details in this issue of the Choke Rod.) So mark your calendars and plan on attending one or both of these tours.

As I mentioned in the past, September and October are very busy months for us in the wedding department! We have six weddings in seven weekends — one of which is my daughter Janelle's. So I probably won't be able to attend any tours for the next couple of months, but I'll be seeing you at the meetings.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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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Dues are \$30 per year. Dues for new members may be paid at any time. Dues paid between November 1 and December 31 are valid for the remainder of the year paid plus the following year. With your check send in your name, spouse's name and complete address. An optional \$10 initiation fee includes a club pin, decal, badge, windsheild card and a back issue of "The Restorer" magazine. If you use Mastercard or Visa include the expiration date and your signature. Membership includes a subscription to *The Restorer*.



# Swap Meet at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club at Lake Merced, Sunday, August 27, 2006

Darryl Coe of the El Camino A's e-mail: I went to the first Bay Area Chapter Model A Club San Francisco Swap Meet. It was held at Lake Merced. I found a bell housing, and two rear inner backing plates, total cost \$7 !!! My friend Larry got 5 Model A generators for \$15. I think I will go back next year. Here are some photos. Check out the Packard 120, barn fresh.



About 40,000 miles on this car



One long row.



I saw a few club members



Packard for sale, fresh out of the barn

Thank you, Darryl!





# 1930's Fashion Houses

contributed by **Rachelle Marquez**



## Schiaparelli

Elsa Schiaparelli founded a fashion house that was noteworthy for its connections with the avant-garde artists of the day. Schiap, as she called herself, made the most of her friendships with various surrealists (including Jean Cocteau) and based many of her witty ideas on their principles and images. The "shoe" hat, the inkpot complete with feather quill, and even the mutton chop, the *trompe l'oeil* bow sweater dress with the full length lobster evening gown and "vegetable" costume jewelry, always made light of fashion, always pushed the jokey aspect of things to the limit. Her "desk suit" had drawer pulls on the pocket flaps. She invented "shocking pink," her perfume Shocking being the most outrageous of aromatics, said to smell like a woman's sexual odor, and in a bottle made according to dress measurements sent to her by Mae West. She used diamanté on lapels and tailoring details, and enjoyed great success among sophisticated, intellectual clients. She had collections *pour la ville*, *pour le nuit* and *pour le sport*. "Never fit the dress to the body, but train the body to fit the dress" she said in *Shocking Life*, her autobiography.



above: Elegant 1930s fashions for sailing.

## Mainbocher

Mainbocher was the favorite designer of Wallis Simpson, his slim, streamlined designs perfectly showed off her main asset, her slim figure. The first US designer in Paris, born Main Rousseau Bocher, he used the device of the bolero, often to highlight the 30s flatness and curve of the body. He also adored using the bias cut. He moved to New York and opened a house there in 1940. His mentors were Vionnet, Louise Boulanger and Augusta Bernard. He designed the uniform for the American Red Cross and discovered Hoyningen-Heune and Eric when he was the editor of French *Vogue*. He successfully reestablished himself in America during the Second World War.

## Grès

Madame Alix Grès had a very strong personal style. She had wanted to be a sculptor, but, due to lack of funds, she ended up making toiles for fashion houses before establishing her own house as Alix Barton. Her simple, pleated dresses were like Fortuny, but timeless. She reopened during the Occupation, now calling herself Grès. Her dresses, made of jersey, fitted straight onto the body with no pattern and little cutting, just like sculpture. Cabochard is her signature scent—meaning obstinate.



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## When Was The Last Time You?

- 1. Greased your throw-out bearings?**  
To do this job remove the floor mat, floor board and inspection plate. Grease bearings through fitting on throw-out collar.
- 2. Packed your wheel bearings?**  
Remove wheels and drums; wash the bearings and races thoroughly. Pack bearings with wheel bearing grease and reassemble. Don't forget the cotter pin.
- 3. Greased your speedometer cable?**  
Remove dash panel and disconnect speedometer cable. Pull out the small inside cable and wash thoroughly. Pack with light cup grease and reinstall. Wipe off excess grease and reinstall panel.
- 4. Oiled your gas pedal linkage?**  
There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shaft supports there are holes drilled for oiling. Also where the rod connects to the carburetor.
- 5. Tightened your lug nuts?**  
Use firm even pressure on all lug nuts. Be sure to see whether nuts are pressing wheels to the drum or just bottoming on the studs. A wheel that is not properly bolted to the drum can be ruined.
- 6. Checked oil in transmission and differential?**  
Keep level up to the filler plug, use 600W in both.
- 7. Cleaned and flushed the cooling system?**  
The cheapest and best product for this is Arm & Hammer Washing Soda. Pour contents of box of washing soda into your radiator and fill with water; run hot for a half-hour and then drain. Flush system out several times with clean water.
- 8. Tightened the fan belt?**  
Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten bolt, then check again.
- 9. Rotated your tires?**  
Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow same pattern in each rotation.
- 10. Checked your radiator hoses and clamps?**  
Feel hose. If soft and gummy, replace them. Same with split or rotten ones. Check clamps for tightness and watch for broken ones.
- 11. Spent an hour tightening nuts and bolts all over the car?**  
Self-explanatory.

**Courtesy of Hangtown A's, The Sparton, Santa Clara Valley Chapter Ford Script, Gerties Gossip, Tacoma, Washington, and also Ohio Valley Region of MARC-MAFCA's The AAAOOOGAH!**



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### September Birthdays

September 11 Kevin Richardson  
September 22 Ken Kling  
September 28 Robert Marquez

### September Anniversaries

September 18 James & Daisy Young  
September 21 Bob & Angela Craig Jr.  
September 26 Franz & Ingeburg von Uckeremann

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## Important Seat Belt Information

The CHP has made an interpretation regarding the seat belt laws affecting minors relating to seat belt exempt vehicles.

The law regarding children six years old and under stands regardless of what are vehicle they are riding in, so seat belts would have to be installed on an exempt vehicle if your passengers are age six and under.

The law regarding children under the age of 16 but over the age of 6 only applies to vehicles that came with seat belts.

So per the CHP your legal obligation is to provide seat belts in pre-1966 vehicles for passengers aged 6 and under.

*reprinted from Marin "A's" Radiator, September 2004 issue.*

### Rachelle Marquez

Personal Trainer/Instructor

### Personal Fitness Training

Strength & Conditioning

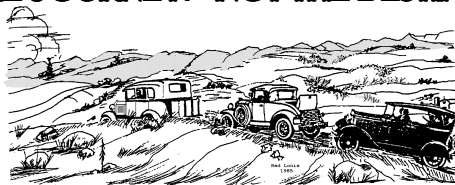
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## 2006 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

### 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	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	ANTIQUÉ AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	22-24	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	15	GREG AND CASEY MARTINEZ	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV	5	KINNEY / CAPLAN	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	9	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET

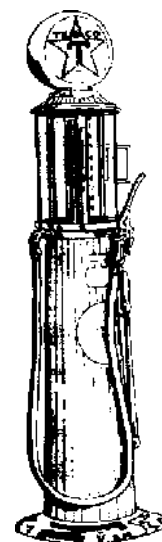
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Barry Kinney** 415-282-2789

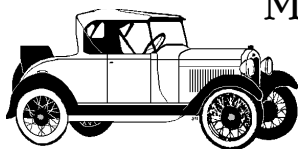
### Overnighter to Murphys for Ironstone Concours d'Elegance September Tour -- Friday thru Sunday Sept 22 thru 24

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.

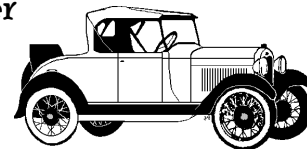
### 2006 Schedule of Events

<b>January 28-29</b>	Turlock Swap Meet: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Sponsors: Modesto Area A's;
<b>March 18</b>	Sat 7 am to 5 pm, Sun: 7 am to 3pm; \$5 admission
<b>March 31-Apr 2</b>	Model A Crab and Steak Feed, Livermore, Info: Bill Rose (925) 216-9920
<b>April 30</b>	CCRG Meeting, Paso Robles, Paso Robles Oak A's
<b>May 5-7</b>	Dream Machines - Half Moon Bay - 10 am - 4 pm
<b>May 7</b>	Lake County A's Spring Opener at Konocti Vista Casino in Lakeport
<b>May 14</b>	Car Parts Exchange Meet; Tulare, Charter Oaks A's
<b>June 1-4</b>	Capitol A's Swap Meet. Consumnes River College
<b>June 16-20</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  
August 9, 2006



The meeting was called to order by President Gary Barrango, at 7:30 P.M. The Minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting were approved as written. Guests and new members present: Tony Hobbs, Mike Cunneen, and Gene Herson.

**Reports of Officers**

**President:** The Car Show Committee will meet on the Monday preceeding the Thursday monthly meeting at the Monte Cristo club at 6:00 P.M. Club members are invited to attend. The September Car Show Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 11th. (We will also critique the success of the Swap Meet and discuss plans for next year's event.)

A proposal to require all Club members to be members of MAFCA was tabled. However, all Club officers must be members of MAFCA.

MAFCA will continue to provide liability insurance at no cost to the Club for activities including car shows and swap meets. To clarify: the cost will be born directly by MAFCA and indirectly from dues paid by members of MAFCA. Without member support (dues payments), MAFCA may not be able to continue to cover the cost of insurance for Club activities. All San Francisco Club members are encouraged to join and support MAFCA.

**Vice-president:** The Swap Meet is a go for Sunday, August 27, 2006. The San Francisco Swap Meet has been advertised in several car related publications and on-line calendar services. Over 3000 flyers have been mailed to car enthusiasts or handed out at car related events.

**Secretary/Tour Chair:** The Club received no correspondence. Members should look for an insert page in the **Choke Rod** with details about upcoming tours and events.

**Treasurer:** Dues for the 2007 year will remain at \$25.00. The Club has more than 40 paid members, twelve of whom are also members of MAFCA.

**Editor/Membership Chair:** The Club mails approximately 90 newsletters each month, many by e-mail. The **Choke Rod** is an award winning publication that is doing an excellent job of keeping members interested and informed.

For the Good of the Order: On September 14, 2006, the pre-meeting dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. at the *Connecticut Yankee*, corner of 17th Street and Connecticut.

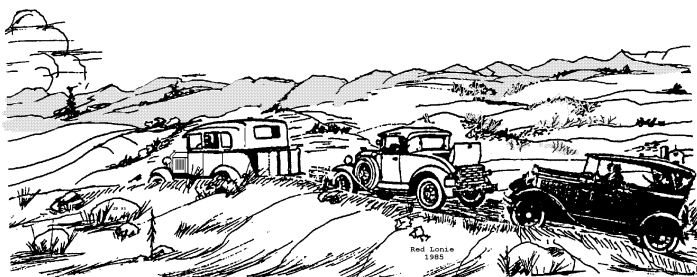
August refreshments were provided by Bruce Baird and Gary Barrango. Walter Caplan will bring refreshments to the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. The next meeting will be on September 14, 2006, at the Monte Cristo Club at 136 Missouri Street in San Francisco.

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, September 14, 2006**  
*A number of club members gather for dinner before the monthly meetings at 6 pm*  
**Please feel free to join us -- September dinner location will be The Connecticut Yankee, corner of 17th St. & Connecticut, due to a kitchen fire at Cafe Cozzolino.**



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**Choke Rod**

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**SEPTEMBER MEETING**  
**Thursday September 14, 2006**  
**7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club**  
**136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)**  
**San Francisco**