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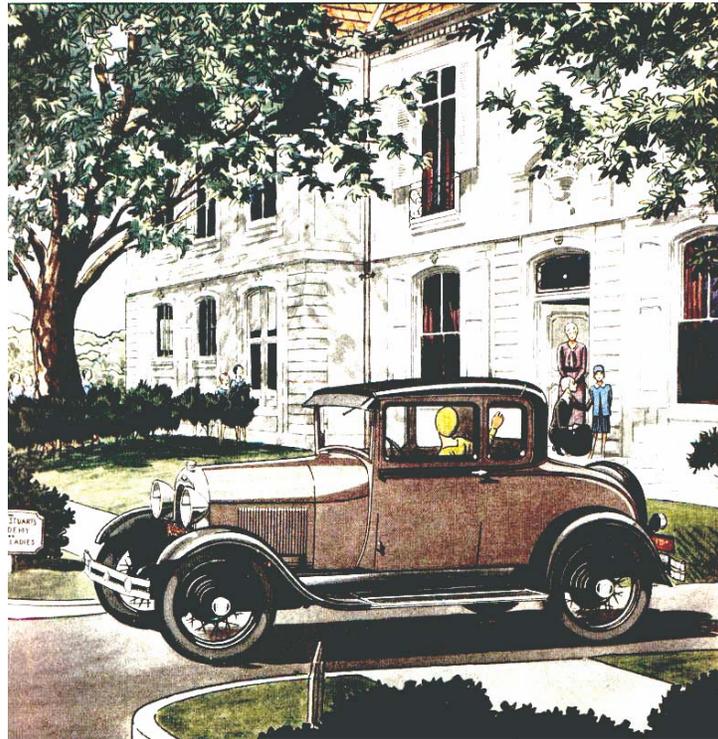
MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE

A splendid car for the busy mother

The Ford is a splendid choice for the busy mother not only because of its comfort and reliability, but because it is such an easy car to operate and control under all conditions. Somehow, it seems as if everything has been planned and arranged for the particular convenience of the woman motorist.

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Upcoming Tours

Sunday, May 12 - Cruise to Santa Cruz

Saturday, May 19 - "A" Day at the Ranch - Campo Seco, CA

Sunday, May 20 - All Ford Picnic - Lodi, CA

Sunday, May 20 - Friendship Day at Canada College

Thursday, June 7 - Law Enforcement Torch Run

Saturday, June 16 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

Sunday, June 24 - Pride Parade & Picnic at Crissy Field

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President's Message

Hello fellow 4 bangers,

Recently I have had the privilege of attending a F.A.S.T. event held in Hilmar CA. with my son. First of all, I would like to say what a great old bunch of guys they are -- the kind that kids with hot rod brains dream of. They were there in the beginning and if not for them and their type, coolness wouldn't exist in the car world. The event was stellar, they had great seminars, a BBQ that makes me hungry just thinkin' about it, and a 2-day event watchin' some of the hottest 4 bangers on the planet. The aura of speed in this room was overflowing. What a class act. The only thing I was disappointed with was learning that MAFCA was trying to oust these guys and their club from the roster because of a simple word technicality in the purist thought of a long time ago that was put into the bylaws. Laws are made to be changed according to the ruling class of democracy for the good of the cause. Now I don't know about you, but, I don't think there as many pure bred model "A"s out there with red fan belts, correct spark plugs, 6 volt system, and mechanical brakes - they are slightly changed, modified, tweaked, over driven or made to one's liking. Now don't get me wrong, I have cars that have placed on a national level of judging to stock ones that are daily drivers to ones that will make her tits fly up around her ears while you're bangin' through the gears. My problem with this dilemma is that everybody's taste is different and it's all good. Just cause one person does not approve there are 2 others that do and majority rules in a democracy. Even if it's just slightly modified, that's modified, which opens up the door. Purists are great, they make it just like Henry did, EXACTLY like Henry, no thought, just copy. These guys put something more into it, thought, more thought after a couple of beers and several garage meetings, love, imagination and then soul and personality into these cars end product. There is nothing more pure than going to Bonneville with something you created. You love your 4 banger, against all odds and the clock. Praise the Rod God. Now let's not lose track. Here we are all car enthusiasts, stock or rod we all propagate the species and hopefully pass it on to the younger ones. What gives one person the right to say that the other person's version isn't OK. We also must keep in mind most of us belong to more than one club and we don't want any bad feelings or to lose members because of the attitude of a few. Not to mention a lot of board members of MAFCA have cars that are not exactly stock, shall we say. So write to your MAFCA board and let them know that this is not OK - for the good of the order, because it's not about them, it's about the cars.

Greg Martinez



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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MAFCA 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. Along with your check send in your name, spouse's name and complete address. An optional \$10 initiation fee includes a club pin, decal, badge, windshield 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*.

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday, June 16 2 pm

The Fifth 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.

The residents at St. Anne's Home are eagerly anticipating our arrival on June 16th. This annual event has become a tradition at the Home. It gives them great enjoyment to see and ride in our old cars. There will be an afternoon social with refreshments following the driving tours through the Presidio.

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney, RSVP 415-282-2789

Law Enforcement Torch Run Thursday June 7, Union Square

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 7th, 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 again in the Torch Run support group. Hopefully 6 or more antique 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. Emcees for this rally will be local radio and television personalities.

This tour is lots of fun. Our club participation supports the Special Olympics as well as the SFPD Solo Motorcycle Unit. Remember, the SFPD Motorcycle Unit provides the escort for our Classic Car Show Mayor's Parade each year. Contact Richard Webster for details.

Tour Leader: Richard Webster, RSVP 415-264-2176

Pride Parade & Picnic Lunch at Crissy Field Sunday, June 24

Sunday, June 24 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.

Tour Leader: Walter Caplan, RSVP 415-753-3280



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THE QUEEN MOTHER

Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon was born in London in 1900 and died in 2002 as Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. She married the Duke of York on January 13, 1923. Upon marriage she became the Duchess of York and fulfilled her first marital duty by bearing him two girls. When her husband was crowned George VI in 1937, after Edward VIII renounced his throne, she became his crowned Queen Consort.

The fashions of 1923 were straight and shapeless without the frills, fabrics and bows of previous eras. Chanel produced classic, simple designs that did not suit the rounded, curvy figure of the duchess. She looked far better in softer more feminine clothes than the boyish fashions of the day. Motherhood rounded out her figure even more creating a different look from the naturally glamorous chic women of the era.



The Queen's new style in evening gowns was first seen in public in November 1937. The style brought an elongated look to the Queen's shorter body type. Norman Hartnell, her designer, reproduced a new wardrobe based on over 30 designs prepared in a range of colors. The new



order was made up completely in white, an alternative royal mourning color. Queen Elizabeth was charming with her fresh, perfect complexion and her layered, white flowing dresses in styles that suited her in looking to be the picture of assured confidence.

During wartime the Queen decided to pare down fussiness in her clothing and follow government guidelines for dressing, which included making do with clothing coupons, regulated cloth, seams and trimmings. She toured bomb-damaged sites in coordinating yet simple outfits, usually of dress and matching coat and hat. Her clothing resembled those of any woman of higher standing. She wore clean lines for daytime clothes instead of the designs of clothing for women with a slender figure, as those in many films.

Queen Elizabeth's new clothes for day were in lighter colors and were embellished in a less ornate way. They were subtle and stylish in a classic cut taking on the consideration of the wartime struggles. After the war she favored matching coats and dresses. She almost always had a V neckline to elongate her neck and compliment her famous pearl jewelry.



As she aged her usual features included soft pleats or gathers from the shoulder that suit a more matronly silhouette. Sleeves were often three quarter or elbow length and designed to draw attention to attractive edge finishes. Feathers, swathes of chiffon and beautiful artificial flowers topped her hats and marked her style until her death at 101 years of age on March 30, 2002.

To the ultimate Mother of all Mothers on this Mother's Day Month.—Happy Mother's Day!

Rachelle Marquez

It Hurts To Pull Your "A" Up On That Flatbed



If you have to go home on a flatbed, here is some food for thought. If you hook the winch onto the front axle, all the pulling force gets reacted at the bottom of the flywheel housing where the wishbone hooks on. It is not unheard of for that connection to fail, ask George Fontaine. The other consideration is whether or not you have float-a-motors installed, which are flexible compared to the original motor mounts. With float-a-motors, the whole drive train wants to move forward under the frame and body while being winched up that steep ramp. If you have a 4 row radiator, you run the risk of the water pump touching the core. I proved that to myself recently after a trip home on the flatbed. I had some misgivings as the operator was hooking the winch to the axle, but I did not insist hard enough that he hook to the frame. When I checked on the radiator at home, I found that the water pump shaft had indeed touched the core, but fortunately, no tubes were broken, only bruised. I don't know about you, but I will insist on frame hookup from now on.

*Thanks to Bob Meneely and the Santa Clara Valley A's
The Ford Script*



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



May Birthdays

Mel Patsell	May 1
Jean Kling	May 7
Fred Grafelman	May 9
Victoria Amber Martinez	May 10
Pauline Marquez	May 12
Maria Rosario Young	May 13
Maria Victoria Young	May 14
Lester Kling	May 19
Leonard Paul Young	May 29
Bryan Friehe	May 30

May Tours

"A" Day at the Ranch

Saturday May 19 Campo Seco

at Doug Hardy's Gold Country Ranch Campo Seco
(see page 5, March 2007 **Choke Rod**)
www.adayattheranch.com or 209-772-2334
Model A's, Classics, Hot Rods, Race Cars
Party, BBQ, and all FREE

Overnighter option:

Sunday May 20, All-Ford Picnic hosted by Big Valley Ford V8 Club at Micke Regional Park in Lodi - Lots of games for kids and adults.

Linden A's (Tom and Terry Machado) will provide lunch for all club members at the Sunday picnic.
Lodging available in Lodi at the Comfort Inn.

Tour Leader: Steve Owsley, RSVP 415-563-7130

Friendship Day 2007

Sunday May 20

at Cañada College in Redwood City
Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

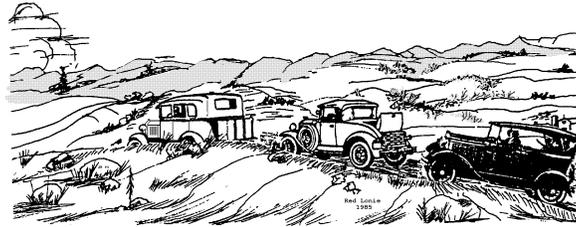
Always a popular event, "Friendship Day" is sponsored by Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. This collector car show has been held for 44 years and is one of Northern California's biggest and friendliest events. It is mainly aimed at hobbyists who bring their collector vehicles to show and includes all kinds of collectible cars and trucks. No judging, no awards, no vendors, no pre-registration! Just pay at the gate, park your car, and walk and talk. Great BBQ lunch is available. **Bob Craig, Sr.** is volunteering at this event collecting gate fees, so be sure to say hello to him.

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney, RSVP 415-282-2789

The event is at the Canada College parking lot #3, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd, Redwood City: **8 am - 2 pm**. The site is just East of I-280 at the Farm Hill exit. Spectator fee: \$10/car (unlimited people), registration fee: \$10/car (unlimited people) for this event. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch if you wish as well as lawn chairs, but **don't forget to RSVP Barry Kinney.**

2007 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

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MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	28	GREG MARTINEZ	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - HARDING PARK
FEB	16,17,18	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF
MAR	10	THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR AT CRAIG'S AUTO
MAR	17	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	BILL ROSE'S MODEL A CRAB & STEAK FEED
APRIL	8	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
APRIL	29	BARRY KINNEY	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY AIRPORT
MAY	12	WALTER CAPLAN	CRUISE TO SANTA CRUZ
MAY	19	OWSLEY/CAPLAN	"A" DAY AT THE RANCH - CAMPO SECO, CA
MAY	20	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CANADA COLLEGE
JUNE	7	RICHARD C. WEBSTER	LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
JUNE	16	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	24	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH AT CRISSYFIELD
JULY	15-21	KINNEY	NO. CALIFORNIA / SOUTHERN OREGON TOUR
AUG	12	GREG MARTINEZ	SWAP MEET AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPT	9	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	21-23	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONECONCOURS
OCT		GREG AND CASEY MARTINEZ	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV		KINNEY / CAPLAN	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	8	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET

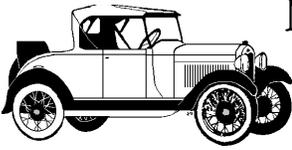
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Jeanine Mahl 415-664-2056**
We encourage Club Members to plan additional **driving tours** throughout the year.

There is room for more than one activity or tour per month.
If you plan to attend a tour, please RSVP the tour leader.

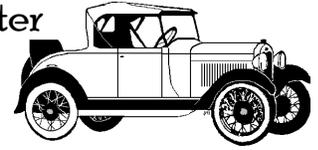
2007 Schedule of Events

May 4-6	Lake County A's Annual Spring Opener, Lakeport, CA Info: Peggy Choate 707-998-1496
May 31-June 3	NCRG Roundup, Sacramento, Sponsored by Modesto Area A's Call Holiday Inn (Madison & I-80) 916-338-5800 for reservations, www.ncrgmafca.com
June 24	Palo Alto Concours d' Elegance at Stanford, 7 am - 4:30 pm
July 24-29	NWRG Round-up, Pendleton, OR. Host: Blue Mountain A's Info: Pat Kennedy 800-863-9358
Sept 1-3	Stuck in Lodi, Labor Day 2007, Host Tokay A's
Sept 30	Placerville Jazz Jubilee, Car Display
Dec 5-9	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting, Southern California. Host: SCRG





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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April 12, 2007



Reports of Officers

President: The President asked that Franz Von Uckerman report on recent legislation affecting the automobile hobby. Franz reported on legislation being followed by the Association of California Car Clubs including AB1295.

Shawn Hobbs suggested that AB1295 will allow municipalities to confiscate and destroy automobiles that are 80% complete or an unfinished restoration. Shawn encouraged everyone to join in resisting passage by going online at www.semasan.com.

Vice-president: The Club is actively investigating the cost of liability insurance for Club officers and directors. The Club has been in contact with Dave Vestal, Chairman of MAFCA Insurance Committee, for advice.

Treasurer: The Treasurer presented a car show profit and loss statement. There are adequate funds in the Club bank accounts to pay outstanding debts. The Club has 53 paid members.

Secretary: Applications have been submitted to J.C. Taylor and Hagerty Insurance Co's for Directors and Officers Insurance.

Editor: The Editor has been asked to prepare a letter outlining Model A Ford Club activities at the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club (including pictures) for presentation to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Tour Chair: The Club celebrated Easter with the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club at the Clubhouse on Lake Merced.

If you plan to attend any of the Club Tours, please RSVP the Tour Chairperson or Tour Leader. Beginning May 1, 2007, all tours originating in San Francisco, will meet and leave from the parking lot near the Shell House at the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club.

For the good of the order: The President appointed Bob Faber to the position of Club Public Relations Officer. Bob was also awarded the Bent Rod. Congratulations Bob!

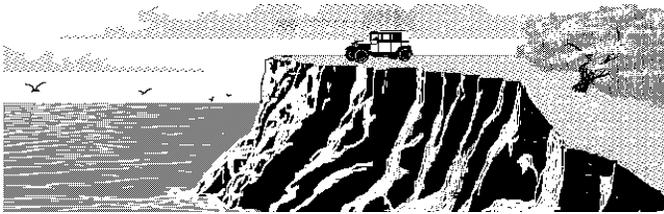
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**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 8 pm. 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 8 pm on Thursday, June 14, 2007
A number of club members gather for dinner before the monthly meetings at 6 pm
Please feel free to join us -- June dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.



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JUNE MEETING
Thursday June 14, 2007
8 PM - Monte Cristo Club
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San Francisco