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Spring Is Here - It's Time to Tour



Club member Paul DeMartini at Jimmy's Picnic October 2007

Upcoming Tours

April 10 - "Thank You" Dinner at Monte Cristo Club prior to April Meeting - 6:30 pm

April 19 - SCVMTFC Tour to the Portola Valley Tank Museum: Mark Edwards 650-576-1481 for details

April 27 - Dream Machines - Half Moon Bay

May 2, 3, 4 - 14th Annual Lake County A's Spring Opener

May 18 - Friendship Day at Cañada College

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio

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President's Message

As we begin the fourth month of the year our club continues to grow --- we had four new members join our club as a result of this year's Car Show alone. At our March meeting we discussed the future plans for the 2009 Car Show and all members in attendance were in agreement to start making plans for the 2009 Show now. Everybody said they really enjoy the show -- work and all -- and they feel the rewards are worth all the efforts. So with that response, we will send Walter off to start dealing with the Port of San Francisco and meeting with the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association to see how they can possibly help us to reduce some of the costs. We will keep you posted on our progress at the monthly meetings.



At our April meeting we are planning on hosting a dinner of spaghetti, pizza, and salad as a way of saying Thank You to all the members who helped make the Show a success. We would like to start at 6:30 so we can begin the meeting at our regular time of 7:30 ish. We will also need a head count so please RSVP to me at work 415-821-2628 or at home 650-572-1142 no later then Wednesday April 9th.

I would like to thank the Bob Craigs for hosting our annual March Tech Seminar. Bob Sr. pointed out some areas on my sedan that needed attention so as to make sure my car continues to be trouble free. We also took part in the Irish and Greek Parades in San Francisco: both of these events bring a great deal of exposure to our Club, and although I can only speak of the Irish Parade, which Cheryl and I attended and drove the minister of Ireland, it was alot of fun. The only problem was my horn wasnt working, but that is now on my TO DO list of things that need to be repaired on my car.

We also have some other fun events planned for this year so check our calender of events and mark your calenders at home and plan on attending.

I'm sure I will see many of you at the April meeting, so remember to call me so we have plenty of food. Once again, thanks for participating in the Club's activities.

See you on Thursday April 10th.

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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SHOW ME THE MONEY !

For many years the Club maintained a bank balance of no more than \$400. Now in 2008, the Club is locked-in to some hefty fixed costs. This year the Club will need to generate enough income to pay for insurance and other costs associated with Club activities. Four Hundred dollars won't get it done. Year 2007/08 cost the Club about \$8000 and I'm not counting the money Club members have donated or loaned the Club to keep things running.

If we keep Club activities at the current levels, we will need to sponsor activities that produce considerable income or we will need to find sponsors to pay our costs or both. Got any ideas?

Club members have suggested that we consider cutting the length of our annual Car Show from five days to three, and/or we sponsor a Crab Feed at the Italian Club, and/or we ask the Fishermans Wharf Merchants and others to help sponsor our Car Show.

These are all good ideas and I'm sure we can make some of them work. The alternative is to raise dues. How does \$200 a year sound?

Barry Kinney



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



April Birthdays

April 11	Steve Owsley
April 13	Jeanine Mahl
April 15	Kevin Enderby
April 27	Gene Herson
April 30	Paul Storz

April Anniversary

April 10	Kathy & Steve Pedone
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Refreshments
at the March meeting
were provided by
John Zuffi

Gary Barrango
will provide refreshments
at the April meeting



Half Moon Bay

Sunday April 27 - 10 am - 4 pm

It's the world's largest and most whimsical gathering of motorized marvels from throughout the twentieth century... a remarkable exhibit of 2000 driving, flying, and working machines, running the gamut of exotic automobiles, US Army tanks, and antique motorcycles to restored military aircraft, Model T fire engines, massive steam tractors, and tons more. Live music, kids amusements and food booths run by local non-profits round out the festivities.

Friendship Day 2008 - Sunday May 18 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 34 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: \$15/car (unlimited people), registration fee: \$15/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.**

Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio Monday, May 26

The Mayor's 2008 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 140th Memorial Day observance. The traditional event will be held at the Presidio National Cemetery. We have been asked to display our pre-WWII vehicles at the Main Post at 9 am. The Parade will begin at 10:30 am, followed by the Formal Ceremony from 11 am to 12 noon.

We will honor and remember the over 1 million Americans killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces, with special focus on those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. On this 90th anniversary of the ending of WWI, we will also pay special tribute to those veterans who served and died in that war.

Suitable Men

The men of the 1930's saw various styles. Money was the determining factor in what styles were designed. Times were hard and gentlemen wore what the family could afford. During the early thirties many suits were worn to give the impression of a large torso with squared shoulder pads or wadding. A peaked lapel framed the v-shaped chest and added additional breadth to the shoulders. The double-breasted suit was also popular and was modeled before the modern business suit. Elegant men desired jackets with long, broad lapels, with two to eight buttons, squared shoulders, and a ventless tail with nicely cut long trousers. The colors included speckled gray, midnight blue, charcoal, navy, steel, and slate.



The lapel also displayed a roll instead of a flat style. The shoulder pads brought the tip of the shoulders in line with the triceps and additional fabric filled the armholes, making a drape in the shoulder area. This feature termed the phrase "draped cut" suit and the "London drape." Another version of this suit had four buttons instead of six. It also had a longer hem and sloping lapels. The new version was the Windsor double-breasted and the Kent double-breasted, named after the Duke of Kent and the Prince of Wales.

The "Palm Beach" suit, also popular, had a similar style to the single-breasted jacket. It could be made from cotton, seersucker, linen, gabardine, or silk shantung. This suit became the American summer suit and was named the Wall Street Businessman's outfit for hot summer days. During the 1930's blazers became a popular summertime item. Blazers descended from coats worn by tennis and rowing teams of the Universities in England. These suits were popular in blue, tobacco brown, buff, bottle green, and cream. They were paired with linen or cotton slacks and shorts.

I dare ask men of 2008 what their suits look like now, when it is a rare day for a man, other than a businessman, to wear a suit. How our ladies do miss those days.

Rachelle Marquez

Stripes and plaids were popular at this time with stripes placed in a vertical or diagonal format, or in a v-shape. In the winter the color was brown cheviot. Spring brought out blues, reds, and white silk woven into a light soft wool. Many different kinds of plaids were available. Glen plaid checks were one of the most popular. This design was first woven into saxony wool and later into tweed, plied, worsted, and cheviot cloth.

In 1935, due to President Roosevelt's New Deal to help get the country out of the depression, some signs of good fortune were restored. The economy demanded a redesign in the business suit. A London tailor, Fredrick Scholt, fulfilled that demand with the "London Cut." It featured a slight taper of the sleeves from the shoulder to the wrist, high buttons and pockets with a wide, pointed lapel originating from the top instead of the middle buttons.

On the Famous Boulevards
\$4.45

On a College Campus
\$3.45

At the Drake Hotel
\$3.45

Wide Widths \$2.45
Narrow Widths \$2.45

Style Broadcast

Today's Value of the Shoes on this Page \$4.00
Sale Price \$3.45

Chern Tie Style
\$3.45

Wide Widths
\$2.45

Wide Widths
\$2.45

Dress Parade Model Officer's Shoe
\$3.45

If in Doubt About SIZE, Give ALL NUMBERS in Old Shoe

Model A's of Greater Orlando Tour Checklist

Bring the following spare items: (just in case you earn the "Honor of the Pig")

Points	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Fan Belt	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>
Condensers	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Tools	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>
Fuses	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Jack & Lug Wrench	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>
Extra Water	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire extinguisher	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Pump	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Coil	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>
Spark Plugs	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>	Service Manual	On Hand <input type="checkbox"/>	Need <input type="checkbox"/>

Items to check before tour:

All Fluids:		Cell phone – Charged	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>
Engine Oil	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>	AAA Card	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>
Transmission	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Radios & Batteries	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>
Rear End	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>	Steering Gear Box	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>
Battery	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>	Tires - 34 lbs.	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>
Radiator	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lug Nuts - 64 Ft. Lbs.	Checked <input type="checkbox"/>

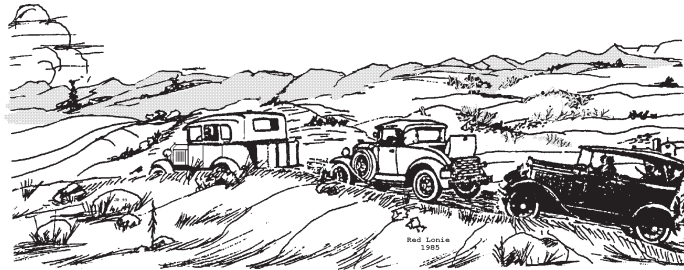
Additional items to consider before a long road trip:

- Front wheel bearing - lube every 5,000 miles
- Brake adjustment
- Oil change and full chassis lubrication - every 500 miles
- Check that tie-rods and drag link are not loose
- Check all lights- high and low beam, tail lights and brake lights (turn signals if you have them)
- Check water pump packing
- Check fan and hub for looseness or cracked belt.
- Check fan blades for cracks
- Check for water or dirt in sediment bulb
- Oil distributor shaft
- Oil generator
- Check points and adjust gap (.016-.018)
- Check timing
- Clean battery posts and clamps and battery ground
- Check radiator hoses and clamps
- Check horn (Important)
- Model A's of Greater Orlando Membership Roster
- Maps and Gazetteer
- **DON'T FORGET TO BRING A TOW ROPE OR CHAIN!**

Now after all that preparation, you are ready for a really fun tour with great friends!

2008 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

IT'S THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!



MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	13	GREG MARTINEZ	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - CAESAR'S
FEB	15,16,17	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF
MAR	15	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	BILL ROSE'S MODEL A CRAB & STEAK FEED
MAR	22	THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR
MARCH	23	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
APRIL	27	BOB MARQUEZ	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	18	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CANADA COLLEGE
MAY	26	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	14	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE		RICHARD C. WEBSTER	LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
JUNE	29	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH
JULY		OPEN	OPEN
AUG		OPEN	OPEN
SEPT	7	BRUCE BAIRD	GATSBY AFTERNOON - DUNSMUIR ESTATE OAKLAND
SEPT	14	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	26-28	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	12	CAPLAN/OWSLEY	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV		CAPLAN/OWSLEY	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC		SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET

2008 Schedule of Events

Jan 26-27

Turlock Swap Meet - Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. Sponsors Modesto A's. Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 7am-3pm, \$5 admission CCRG Jamboree; Yosemite, CA - Host Blossom Trail A's

April 25-27

May 2-4

Lake County's Spring Opener - Lake County A's

May 23-25

NCRG Round-up - Hosts Auburn A's & Gra-Neva A's

June 15-21 & 28-July 5

Model A Times Route 66 Summer Tour

June 22-27

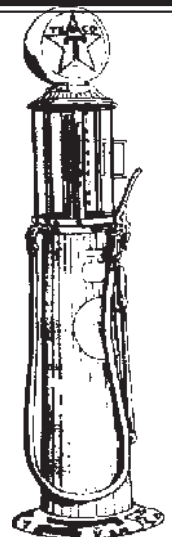
3rd MARC / MAFCA World Model "A" Ford Meet

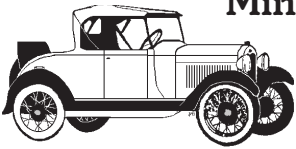
Aug 4-8

Northwest Regional Meet, Medford, OR, Host - Rogue Valley A's

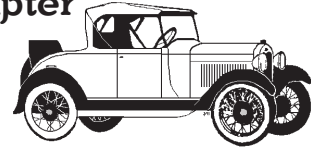
Sept 7-12

Nevada Grand Tour II - Minden NV - Host Sagebrush Chapter





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Model A Ford Club of America March 13, 2008



The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Barrango at 7:50 pm. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. New members present: Jenny Jump, Eve Patton, Cathy Pedone, Steve Pedone, Joan Peterson, and Al Thomas were introduced.

Reports of Officers

President: The Car Show Committee, John Zuffi, Gary Barrango, Barry Kinney, and Walter Caplan, met at the Red and White Fleet offices of Tom Escher to discuss the future of the Classic Car Show. The committee agreed that the Show was a benefit to the Club and that the Show Committee would encourage the S F Model A Ford Club to continue to conduct an annual car event on Fisherman's Wharf. A motion was made and passed authorizing the Club to begin planning a Car Show for February of 2009. Mention was made of all the concessions and contributions supporting the Car Show by the Cable Car Charters, Boudin's Bakery and by Club members, notably Cathy Pedone, Steve Pedone, Walter Caplan, Joan Peterson, Jeanine Mahl, and John Zuffi and Steve Owsley.

Treasurer: The Treasurer presented a written statement showing a reasonable profit resulting from Car Show fees and activities. However, the cost were excessive compared to previous years.

Secretary: The Greek Cultural Association has invited the Club to participate in their annual parade and festival on March 29, 2008. Mike Cunneen, Barry Kinney, Greg and Casey Martinez, and Gary Barrango volunteered to attend.

The Secretary suggested that the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association or the Fisherman's Wharf Improvement Association be asked for a "Rainy Day Guarantee" to insure the Club against any financial loss due to Port rental fees. A motion was made that the Club secure show permits from the Port of San Francisco and a cash contribution, "Rainy Day Guarantee", from the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants and/or some other sponsoring organization by July 31, 2008, and that failing in this, the Club should not proceed with the 2009 Classic Car Show. This motion failed to pass.

Editor: The Editor reviewed the problems associated with securing Show Permits from the Port of San Francisco and an attempt by the Club to secure an exemption from excessively high rental fees.

For the Good of the Order: John Zuffi suggested that planning for the 2009 Classic Car Show should begin early, no later than May of 2008, and that fees, permits, hotel arrangements, etc., should be determined months prior to the event. Other Club members suggested that the Show be tightened-up to 3 1/2 days, with fewer events and music via an adequate speaker system. In addition, several members asked that the Club obtain serious sponsors and better promotions.

Refreshments: Gary Barrango will bring refreshments to the April meeting.

The April meeting will include a "Thank You Dinner" for the Club at the Monte Cristo Club. Skip the usual dinner at Goat Hill Pizza. Dinner will include Pizza, Salad, Pasta and something to drink. John Zuffi is putting it together so you know it's going to be good. Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Please call Gary Barrango to confirm at 415.821.2628

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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 7:30 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 on Thursday, April 10, 2008

******Dinner will be provided at the Club this month. Dinner will include Pizza, Salad, Pasta and beverages. "Thank You Dinner" begins at 6:30 pm. Please read meeting minutes for details and RSVP. ******



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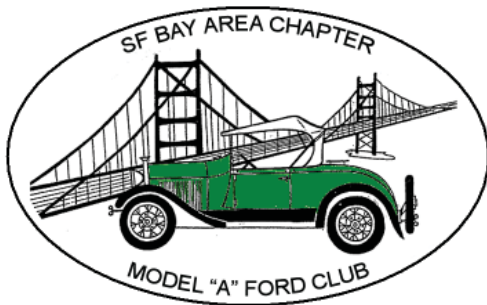
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Thursday April 10
6:30 pm
Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street
San Francisco



APRIL MEETING
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7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club
"Thank You" Dinner 6:30
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco