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Peninsula Mystery Tour



Victoria Amber Martinez enjoying
Dennis Varni's private car collection

Photo by Casey Martinez

Upcoming Tours

August Overnighter to Santa Cruz - TO BE RESCHEDULED

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President's Message

If you missed our July tour led by Kathy and Steve Pedone and Joan Peterson you really missed out on a fantastic tour! One knew it was going to be a great tour when we started out at the meeting place just off highway 280 and were served home made coffee cake and given goodie bags containing water and other surprises. We also had some members of the El Camino A's join us for our tour. It was really nice to have them come along and enjoy the day with our group. I'm sorry to say that I didn't realize that Bob and Carol Costa had joined us. Back when I first joined the club Secundo Costa (Bob's father) was one of the first members my father and I met. I hope we see more of them on our upcoming tours.



We were then treated to an open house at Dennis Varni's private collection of cars and other memorabilia in his San Jose warehouse. What a treat it was because it is not generally open to the public. We then were treated to some very scenic views of the south bay and the peninsula before we met for lunch at the Alpine Inn in Portola Valley. After lunch it was off to Joan Peterson's home where she opened her house to us for desserts, fresh fruit, and soft drinks. Then a quick quiz of the day's events -- and even prizes were awarded for the winners! My hat goes off to Kathy, Joan, and Steve for leading such a fantastic tour.

I've noticed lately that some of our members feel they can say whatever they feel like without giving any thought to what they're saying, the language they're using, who's standing by them, or who they may be offending or causing hurt feelings towards. I've been a member of this club for over 35 years and haven't seen too much of this type of behavior in the past --- but it sure is popping up more frequently now. I'm asking that we all think before we say something that may offend somebody! Enough said on this subject, but if you want to discuss it more at the general meeting I'm open for that discussion.

Although I volunteered to help lead a tour in August to Santa Cruz I'm afraid I will be unable to lead the tour because the only weekend we have open is Cheryl and my 35th wedding anniversary -- and as you've probably said to yourself many times -- how patient is she to deal with him, so I feel that I need to do something special for her and take her away on that weekend. I'm sure you will all understand. We will reschedule the overnigher to Santa Cruz in the near future. In its place will be a 'Circle the City' tour, led by Barry Kinney. See page 3 of **The Choke Rod** for particulars.

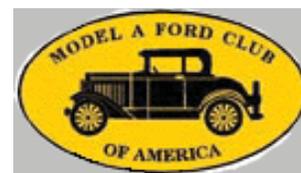
We were unable to have our spaghetti dinner in June, however we will reschedule it possibly in September. I hope to see all of you at our August meeting where we can once again thank Kathy, Joan, and Steve for all of their efforts.

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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Overnighter to Murphys Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

Friday - Sunday, September 26 - 28

By popular demand, for a third year the Club is planning another weekend tour to the gold country with stops along the way, group dinners, and a fantastic car show on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Ironstone Winery in Murphys. A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved by Barry Kinney for club members.

Accommodations are limited and will be on a "first come - first served" basis. Call Barry at 415-282-2789 to reserve a room.

See Insert for Concours information and registration form.

If you plan on attending the Concours, you should register your vehicle NOW. The Concours will limit the number of entrants and cut off the registration soon, due to space considerations - get your registration form filled out and send it in now.

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

8th Annual Antique Autos in Kelley Park, San Jose Sunday, September 14th

This event features Antique Exhibits, a Dixieland Band, Food from Peggy Sue's, Antique Motorcycles, Glass Sculpturing, Ceramics, Quilting, Beading, Wood Carving, Fly Tying, a Working Blacksmith Shop, a Working Trolley and much more.

The event is free to all participants. To bring a vehicle on the grounds it must have been in use from 1945 and earlier.

Meet at Pacific Rod & Gun Club at 7:30 am. Leave at 8 am. We will stop again at the junction of 92 and 280 and again at Woodside Road at 8:30 to pick up anyone who lives South of SF and would like to join the tour.

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney

Circle the City Tour Sunday August 24

We will start at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club on Lake Merced. From there we will circle the City: exploring McLaren Park, the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, the Southern Waterfront, Mission Bay, then along the Embarcadero, past AT&T Park, passing under the Bay Bridge, past the Ferry Building and Fisherman's Wharf, past the Marina Green, through the Presidio, past the Golden Gate, through Sea Cliff, then through Lincoln Park, past the Cliff House, then south on the Great Highway along the Pacific Ocean, past the Zoo, and ultimately arriving at Harding Park, where we will enjoy cocktails and lunch in the Clubhouse at the Harding Park Restaurant.

Meet 8:30 am at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club.
Depart 9 am.

Please RSVP Tour Leader: Barry Kinney 415 282-2789

Gatsby Summer Afternoon Dunsmuir Estate, Oakland Sunday September 14

A Gala Celebration Featuring Your Vintage Automobiles !
If you own a vintage auto built between 1919 and 1942, you should take part in one of the most exciting and memorable events around. The Gatsby Summer Afternoon on September 14. For the past 24 years the Art Deco Society of California has been entertaining art deco enthusiasts with this extravaganza of a picnic in the secluded grounds of the Dunsmuir Historic Estate in the Oakland Hills, **where everyone dresses in period style.** For further information and application and registration form see Insert and/or contact the Tour Leader.

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Tiny Tech Tip

Stopping Filter Bowl Fuel Leaks - Contributed by David J. Goodman (From the Northern Ohio Model "A" Club newsletter, Crankcase Fumes)
A common source of gasoline leakage in the engine compartment of the Model "A" is the cast iron fuel filter bowl, either firewall-mounted or carburetor-mounted, in the case of the late 1931 style. These bowls use needle valves of either brass or steel at the cleanout ports and generally do not seal, due to scoring (or sloppy machine work in the case of reproductions). A simple and effective fix for this leakage is to build up the contact surfaces of the needle with solder. Clean the needle with fine emery cloth and flow solder evenly around the conical portion of the needle. This is best done with a soldering iron since there is insufficient mass for the use of flame and damage to the part could result. When cool, screw the needle back into the bowl and tighten securely. This technique accommodates a considerable amount of misfit between seat and needle.

Art Deco

In the early art deco period from 1911 to 1929 was a period of immense social upheaval, especially for women. This was the decade of World War I, which shook apart social order, and called upon women to take on roles never before filled by women. After the war style became more youthful as the Jazz Age, prohibition, and the idealization of college men and coeds was emphasized. The dress form moved from a narrow, relaxed, semi-fitted silhouette reminiscent of the Directorire and Empire period during 1911 through 1919. Hemlines moved from ankle length to mid-calf, all the way up to the knee by 1925. The waistline was just below the bustline before 1919 and settled at the hips by 1920, but altogether disappeared following this time.

This was a time designers had to experiment with a truly different silhouette. The silhouette had taken the form of a tubular shape, and designers became creative with seaming, draping, gauzy fabrics, beads, and feathers. The love of surface embellishments and abstract, graphic design is a general characteristic of art deco fashion. Men's sportswear came about and the sweater was a large calling for men. Knits, leather, and rayon became important materials during this time. Paul Poiret and Mariano Fortuny were two of the most well known designers before World War I. Coco Chanel and Jean Patou became trendsetters during the 1920's.

As the late art deco period arrived, 1930 to 1946, hemlines dropped back down to the ankles and longer dresses were worn for evening wear. The tricks of draping and intricate seaming learned in the 1920's were now applied to dresses that clung to the body. Soft crepe, chiffon, and satin were used. The bare back of women replaced the legs as the new erotic zone. This was the time when Marlene Dietrich and Katherine Hepburn made it acceptable for women to wear trousers. With wartime shortages dresses were kept narrow and short, without extra draping and excessive material.

Following the war, 1946 to 1955, with years of deprivation and rationing French designer Christian Dior introduced a new look featuring long hemlines, narrow shoulders, closely fitted bodices, and full, crinolined skirts. This look resembled the early Victorian era which also focused on domesticity. The new look required a kind of corseting, in the form of the two-way stretch "merry widow" and matching girdle. Charles James was another designer with innovative ideas during this period. Marilyn Monroe and Doris Day were the ideals of feminine beauty and style.

In 1955 Dior suddenly passed away leaving his empire to a 21 year old assistant, Yves St. Laurent. Laurent introduced

a series of innovations in silhouettes, and experimented with less closely fitted styles with materials that permitted him to sculpt shapes that stood away from the body. The silhouette became even more tubular than it had ever been, but he went on to become a trendsetter for many years. Other influential designers included Hubert de Givenchy, Claire McCardell, and Bonnie Cashin. Among the fashionable idols were Audrey Hepburn and Jacqueline Kennedy.

It is amazing to see the transformations designers have produced over the years from 1911 through to 1963. It is also very interesting to note how styles come back in fashion following years of nonexistence due to current events during the time. The war allowed for less material to be used and shorter styles to be displayed. Today we have more resources and material available to us to create any design from the past. Looking at athletic wear from the 1930's to today will tell you a lot about the resources we have available. We must be grateful for all the designers and fashion icons who made these styles available to us and who paved the way for fashion industry professionals to take us to where we are with everything we have available.

Thank you,
Rachelle Marquez



Marlene Dietrich



Katherine Hepburn

Peninsula Mystery Tour

Thanks to all who attended our First Event – ‘Mystery Tour Down the Peninsula’. We feel that we are now ‘Official’ members of the SF Bay Area Chapter of the Model A Ford Club.

We think we had a great day. The group met at Edgewood Rest Stop off of Hwy 280. We traveled the back roads on our way to Dennis Varni’s private car collection in San Jose. IT IS AMAZING. There was something for everyone to enjoy. We presented Dennis with a stuffed bear wearing wearing a letterman jacket and t-shirt with his Speed Nymph logo on it. The bear and its logo art was provided by Jenny Jump.

The next leg of our tour turned out to be quite an adventure. We headed back north to Portola Valley, got slightly side tracked. Some people thought we were going to Canada. At about 1,000 ft. elevation Steve thought he took the A’s as far as they could go before people needed oxygen. We then made a U-turn and ended up at the Alpine Inn for lunch. Decorated picnic tables were set up in their beer garden. We feasted on hamburgers and beer while being entertained by local musicians.

The day ended at Joan’s house for dessert and quizzes. The winners were Cheryl Barrango (she won a Model A Club logo bear) and Jim Hutton (who won a car care kit).

The pictures that were taken are thanks to Darryl Coe (left) and Casey Martinez (right).

Plans are already in the works for our next event, and next time we will have maps. We hope everyone who attended the tour had fun.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

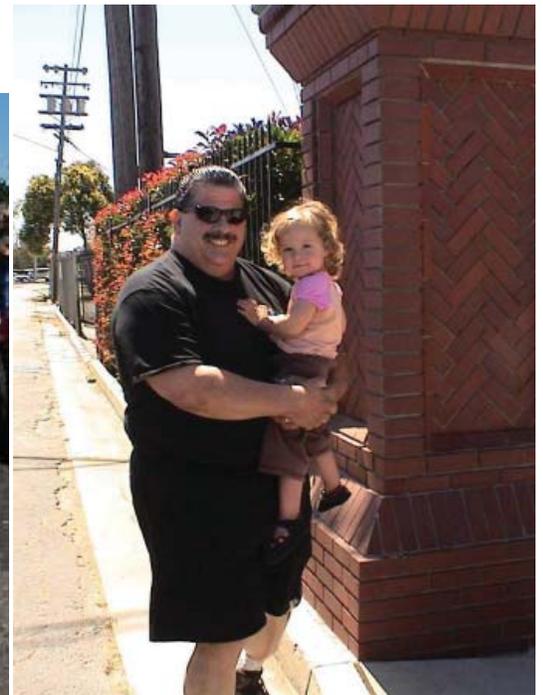


Gunard Mahl	August 2
Gary Barrango	August 4
Nick Craig	August 7
Howard Teich	August 7
Bob Craig Jr.	August 8
Jack Hart	August 14
Maria Asuncion Young	August 15
Bev Kling	August 16
Colleen Rosenblatt	August 16
Zach Rosenblatt	August 24
Angela Barrango	August 26
Jack Green	August 31
Barry Kinney & Coragene Savio	August 9
Gary & Cheryl Barrango	August 26

Refreshments

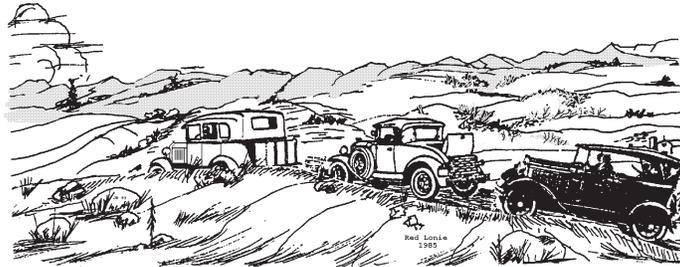
at the July meeting
were provided by
Gary Barrango

Gary Barrango
will provide refreshments
at the August meeting



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 - CAÑADA COLLEGE
MAY	26	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	14	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	29	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH
JULY	27	PEDONE / PETERSON	TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA
AUG	24	BARRY KINNEY	CIRCLE THE CITY TOUR
SEPT	14	SPRINGER TEICH	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	11	GREG MARTINEZ	VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
NOV	TBA	CAPLAN/OWSLEY	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	6	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - SHARP PARK CLUBHOUSE

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

April 25-27

CCRG Jamboree; Yosemite, CA - Host Blossom Trail A's

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

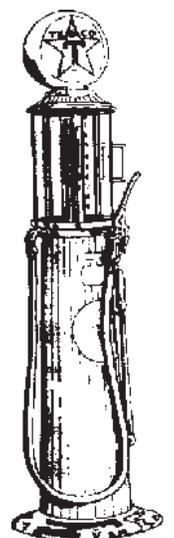
3rd MARC / MAFCA World Model "A" Ford Meet

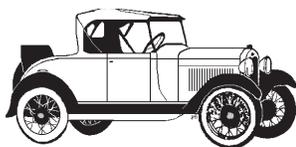
Aug 4-8

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

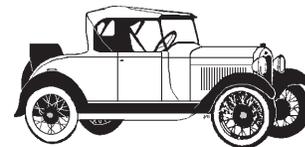
Sept 7-12

Nevada Grand Tour II - Minden NV - Host Sagebrush Chapter





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Model A Ford Club of America June 12, 2008



The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Barrango at 7:50 P.M. New member, Jack Hart, was introduced. Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: (Christmas Party - Crab Feed - 2009 Car Show)

The 2008 Christmas Party will be at the Sharps Park Clubhouse on Saturday December 6, 2008.

The Club has been offered an alternative sight for the 2009 Car Show. The new site would be the Pier 39 Parking Garage at a cost of approximately \$21,000/three days. Club members suggested alternate sites including: The San Francisco Rod and Gun Club, UC Mission Bay Campus, Fort Mason, the Presidio, and Civic Center Plaza. Club members expressed an interest in continuing the car show tradition at an alternate site. There was also a strong feeling that the show should be reduced to one or two days.

The Club may also plan a Crab Feed at the Monte Christo Club sometime during crab season.

The **Vice-President, Editor, and Treasurer** are on vacation.

Secretary: (MAFCA insurance)

The Club officers and directors are now covered by a MAFCA Insurance Policy. However, MAFCA has asked that component clubs wishing to review the documents come to MAFCA headquarters in La Mesa California. San Francisco Club members agreed that it would be prudent to supplement MAFCA coverage with a policy purchases for the Club from an alternate insurer.

Tour Chair: (Peninsula Mystery Tour)

Cathy and Steve Pedroni and Joan Peterson will host a Mystery Tour on July 27. It is extremely important that Club members who plan to attend RSVP. The Secretary will mail a flyer to all Club members not present at the meeting.

For the Good of the Order: (San Francisco Rod and Gun Club - T-Shirts - ACCC)

Jeanine Mahl explained that the San Francisco Rod and Gun Club may not have a future at Lake Merced. The Public Utilities Commission is trying to eliminate the R&G Club from the Lake Improvement Master Plan. If the R&G Club is closed, the Model A Club will be forced to find another location for swap meets and car shows. Jeanine has asked several Model A Ford Club members to serve on the Lake Merced Task Force, a group with input to the PUC.

The Club is selling T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts the proceeds of which go to the Club - support your club, buy a shirt.

Franz Von Uckerman has asked that the Club join ACCC or encourage individual members to join.

Refreshments for the August Meeting: Gary Barrango will bring refreshments.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 P.M. The next meeting will be on August 14, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

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 on Thursday, August 14, 2008

A number of club members gather together for dinner before the monthly meeting, at 6 pm. Please feel free to join us - - August dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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Ironstone Concours -- Sept 26 - 27



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T-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags from
the Classic Car Shows are available for sale
at the meetings - proceeds benefit the Club

We will be taking orders for
our blue Club jackets (with Club patch)
at the Club meetings

AUGUST MEETING
Thursday August 14, 2008
8 PM - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco