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President's Brunch Drive Tour to Cesar's Italian Restaurant Sunday January 13



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Upcoming Tours

February 15, 16, 17 - Classic Car Show - Fisherman's Wharf

March - Tech Seminar with the Bob Craigs

March 15 - Bill Rose's Model A Crab & Steak Feed - Livermore

March 23 - Easter at Pacific Rod & Gun Club

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday season. My family and I did - - a little hectic but very nice !

Well, as you can see, I'm back again. I surely would have thought you would have had enough of my President's letters but I guess I was wrong.

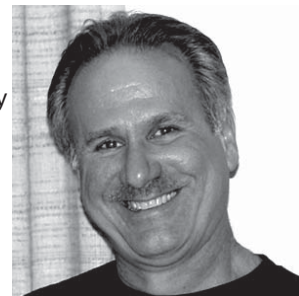
First I want to thank Greg for taking over as President for the past year. But I suppose I really should be thanking Casey and their children for sharing Greg with us on all of those nights we had board and monthly meetings. I remember what it was like when my children were that age and how hard it is to find any free time with homework, sports, and just everyday life. So a big Thank You to the Martinez family for their sharing and caring !

Our 2008 Classic Car Show is in full swing and I'm sure you have all received your registration packets by now. You can see that we have a full weekend of events planned. As in the past, it takes a tremendous amount of help and volunteers to pull off an event of this size. The Show continues to grow, so please mark your calendars and plan on helping us out on Presidents Day weekend. We will be having two regular meetings before the Show (the January monthly meeting on Thursday Jan 10th, and the February monthly meeting ONE WEEK EARLY on February 7th, the first Thursday in February). Both of these meetings are very important, as they will be filled with information about the upcoming Show - - and we will be looking to you to help staff the Show. Please try to attend these two very important meetings.

Also, as Club members please remember to fill out and return your Registration Form. We have already begun to receive so many registrations. Remember, some of our planned events are limited in size, so sign up early -- even if you normally put off filling out forms and registrations until the very last minute.

Well, that's enough from me for now. Hopefully I'll see you at the Past President's Brunch on Sunday January 13th, and/or at the monthly meetings on Thursday January 10th and Thursday February 7th.

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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Ford Transmission and Clutch

Taken from March 2, 1931 "Facts Which Every Ford Salesman Should Know"

reprint from Modesto Area A's "The Vibrator"

The new Ford car has the standard selective sliding gear shift, with three speeds forward and one reverse, and a single dry plate clutch. The Ford transmission and clutch are of excellent design, quality and workmanship.

The transmission gears and shafts are of chrome alloy steel. The countershaft is on roller bearings, and roller bearings also are used in the connection where the drive shaft joins the spline shaft. The drive and spline shaft rotate on ball bearings.

The clutch has a cover-plate assembly, which consists of an iron outer driving-plate and a cover-plate in which are mounted twelve pressure springs and six release levers. The springs are in direct action against the pressure-plate and automatically compensate for all wear of the friction facings.

The driven member is composed of a flat steel disc and two friction facings of the moulded type, used because of their long wearing qualities. The outer and inner edges of the clutch disc facing starts to engage first. As the clutch engages when the pedal is released, the spring pressure in the clutch lining surface picks up the load evenly.

Seven ball and roller bearings are used in the Ford transmission and clutch assembly. These anti-friction bearings are much more expensive than the bushings ordinarily used, but they add greatly to noiselessness, smoothness and permanence. Because of Ford volume and production, they can be given in the Ford without increase in price.

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The Choke Rod Wins Again

The Choke Rod was again given the Certificate of Merit Award by the Model A Ford Club of America at their December 2007 meeting.



President's Brunch & driving tour to Cesar's Sunday January 13

The annual President's Brunch will be held Sunday January 13 at Cesar's Italian Restaurant, Bay & Powell Streets.

We will assemble at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club (Lake Merced) at 10:15 am. We will then depart at 10:30 for a tour to be led by past president Greg Martinez, who will guide us through the streets of San Francisco to Cesar's for a noon luncheon.

The meal will consist of mixed green salad, pasta of the day, choice of main course (chicken piccata, New York steak, grilled salmon, or vegetarian plate) spumoni ice cream & coffee. Price is \$37 per person, which includes tax and gratuity.

Come and join with us in honoring Greg for his year of service to the Club. For more information call Greg Martinez at 415- 725-2449



Dick Francis Richardson, Jr.

October 6, 1931 - November 15, 2007

Words cannot describe his selfless dedication to his family and friends. The beloved husband of Margaret (Peg) Richardson, married 55 years. A native of San Francisco, Dick is a retired firefighter from the San Francisco Fire Department, graduated from Sacred Heart High School (Class of 1949), served in the Army during the Korean War, and was a member of the San Francisco Koplring Society. He shared with his wife and children his love of art and music, architecture, travel and foreign languages, and math and science, and for that they are eternally grateful. He shared with all his passion for cars - working as a mechanic, midget racecar driving, and collecting and restoring classic cars. In his final moments he was surrounded by the loving support and presence of his family.



2008 Classic Car Show

San Francisco – Fisherman's Wharf
Fri, Sat, & Sun February 15, 16 & 17



Events in History

1930-1939

- The rise of fascism and nazism
- Outbreak of World War II
- First jet engine invented by British inventor Sir Frank Whittle
- The world's first television service is broadcast by the BBC in London
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- The abdication of Edward VIII
- Amy Johnson's solo flight from the UK to Australia
- Discovery of the (planet ?) Pluto
- The Great Depression hits America
- Hunger marches occur in Britain
- Olympics held in Berlin, Germany
- The Golden Gate Bridge opens in San Francisco

article and photo provided by Rachel Marquez



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



January Birthdays

January 5	Janelle Barrango
January 9	Terence McGinnis
January 10	Shirley Fioresi
January 14	Lonnie Maxwell
January 20	Coragene Savio (Kinney)
January 26	Tony Hobbs

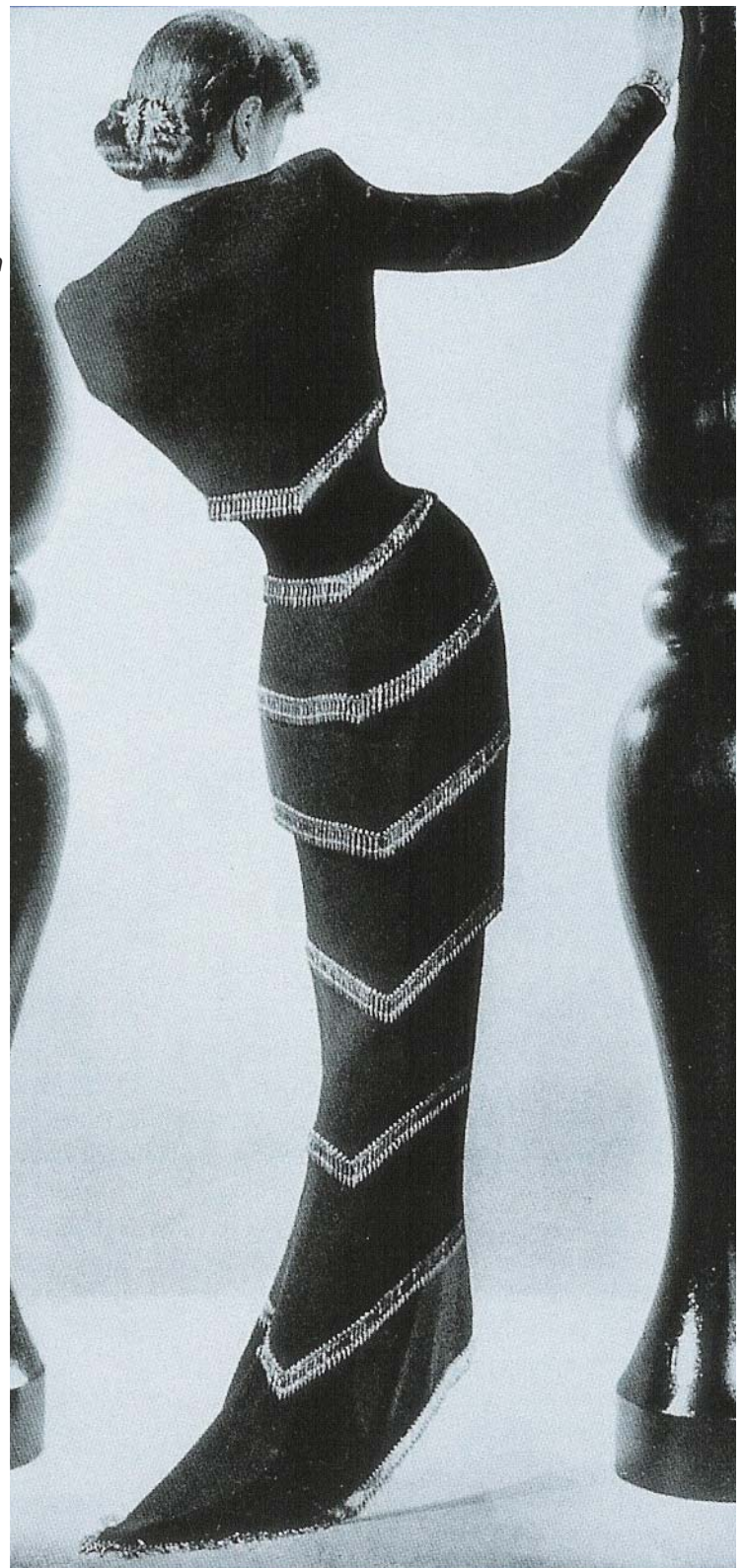
January Anniversaries

January 24	Gunard & Jeanine Mahl
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Refreshments

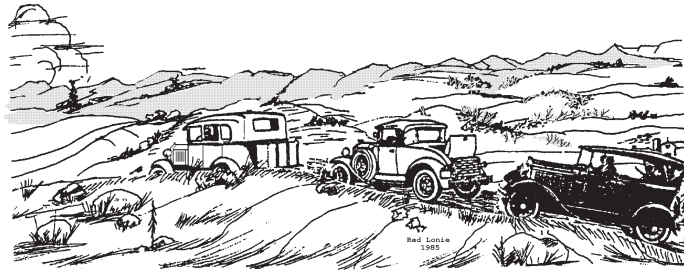
Dessert at the Christmas Banquet was provided by **Shirley Fioresi**

Franz von Uckermann will provide refreshments at the January 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 - CESAR'S
FEB	15,16,17	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF
MAR		THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR
MAR	15	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	BILL ROSE'S MODEL A CRAB & STEAK FEED
MARCH	23	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
APRIL	27	BOB MARQUEZ	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY		KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CANADA COLLEGE
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		GREG MARTINEZ	SWAP MEET AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPT	7	BRUCE BAIRD	GATSBY AFTERNOON - DUNSMUIR ESTATE OAKLAND
SEPT		KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	26-28	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT		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

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

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 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

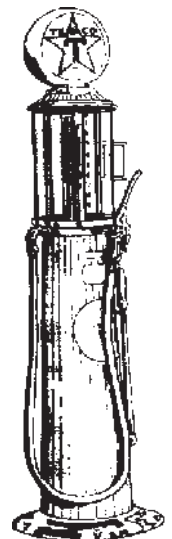
3rd MARC / MAFCA World Model "A" Ford Meet

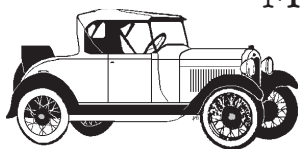
Aug 4-8

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

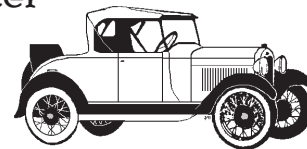
Sept 7-12

Nevada Grand Tour II - Minden NV - Host Sagebrush Chapter





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
December 8, 2007
(Christmas Banquet)



The December meeting was held at Sharp Park Golf Course Restaurant in Pacifica. The meeting was called to order following the Club Annual Christmas Banquet at 8:00 P.M.

Ceremonies following the Banquet included an introduction of the new Club Board of Directors for year 2008, and recognition of the dedication and good work of the 2007 Board. In addition, the Tour Leaders and Board Members were each awarded a small gift in appreciation for their individual contributions during the year.

Outgoing President Greg Martinez was recognized for his year of service as President. Greg will continue to serve the Club as a Vice-President and as a member of the Car Show Committee.

Walter Caplan and Steve Owsley were honored for again winning an outstanding Editors award from MAFCA and for their contributions to the Club's annual Classic Car Show on Fisherman's Wharf.

The banquet room was decorated with photographs taken at Club activities throughout the year. In addition, Classic Car Show posters and 2007 Choke Rod cover pages produced by Steve and Walter were displayed throughout the room. The banquet was well attended.

The Club thanks Gunard & Jeanine Mahl for arranging the Christmas Banquet. Once again Shirley Fioresi provided dessert in the form of a large Christmas cake. Many thanks to Shirley for her kind and considerate contribution.

For the Good of the Order: The Club in year 2007 again increased in size, sponsored two major annual events, contributed substantially to charity, and provided its members with enjoyable tours and monthly meetings. This could not have been possible without the dedication and support of all the members of the San Francisco Model A Club family.

Happy New Year !

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, January 10, 2008
A number of club members gather for dinner before the monthly meetings at 6 pm
Please feel free to join us - January dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.



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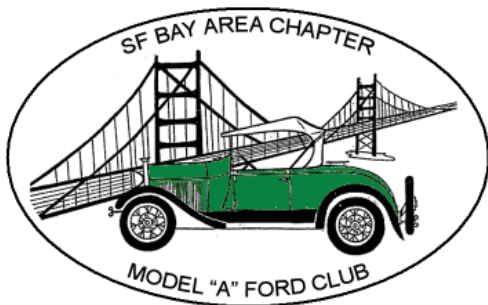
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JANUARY MEETING
Thursday January 10, 2008
7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco