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Father's Day at St. Anne's Home



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Upcoming Tours

Sunday July 27 - Tour of San Francisco Peninsula

August Overnighter - BBQ at the Barrangos in Santa Cruz

Sunday September 7 - Gatsby Afternoon - Dunsmuir Estate Oakland

Sunday September 14 Antique Autos History Park, San Jose

Friday - Sunday September 26-28 - Murphys Ironstone Concours

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President's Message

I was happy to see at our June meeting so many of our members' wives in attendance! I would like to see the number of members continue to grow at our meetings because the club is all about the members and their families.

While on the subject of meetings remember that our July meeting we will be having the second meeting of the year in which we will be serving spaghetti, pizza, salad, and garlic bread. The cost is only \$12 per person --- last time we had dinner at the club we had close to 40 people in attendance!!! Please RSVP to me by Tuesday July 8th, either by e-mail @ parkpresidio@sbcglobal.net or to my home phone 650-572-1142 and leave a message.



As was discussed at our June meeting we are running into a couple of hurrles regarding the 2009 Car Show. We should have it all finalized by the July meeting -- one way or another.

I was able to attend the June tour to St. Anne's Home, and what a special experience that was. It truly makes you feel good to take some of their residents for a ride and hear their stories; and as for the residents who were unable to go for a ride just seeing a smile on their faces when they saw the cars was well worth the experience!

July will also be a busy month for us. Steve and Kathy Pedone and Joan Peterson will be leading a mystery tour on the peninsula which should be quite interesting. These are some of our newest members as well as very active members, so let's give them the support that they've been giving us with all their help at the Car Show.

The Pride Parade is on June 29th, which we will be taking an active part in so if you've never attended you should plan on attending and join in on all the fun and festivities and join us for the picnic lunch afterwards! That's enough said from me this month so I hope to see you at the July 10th meeting, and remember your money for our pre-meeting dinner at 6:30 pm !!!!

Gary Barrango

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



James Young	July 6
Leonel Jones Young	July 6
Ryan Barrango	July 14
Cheryl Barrango	July 16
Will Tempone	July 16
Rachelle Marquez	July 17
Nick Karr	July 20
Jennifer Karr	July 24
Ken Zander	July 25
Ken Zander & Tim Taylor	July 10
Bob & Pauline Marquez	July 24

Refreshments

at the June meeting
were provided by
The Mahls

*Desserts following the
July Club Dinner are
Pot Luck - So please
bring something to
share!*



For Sale

Restorer Magazines

Restorer Magazines: 283 issues. Volumes 1-50.
Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are reprints. Only 17 missing issues.
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Contact **Dee Farina, 530-873-9090**.

Model A Sedan Delivery For Sale

For more information, contact **Jerry, 510-262-9549**.
Steve Owsley, sowsley@pacbell.net, has additional photos.



Peninsula Tour Sunday July 27

We will be heading south on 280 to view a wonderful private car collection. We will spend about 2 hours looking at the cars, then we will head back up the peninsula for lunch, and end the day at another location for dessert.

There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting-July 10. And for those folks not at the meeting, you can e-mail or mail your confirmation. The owner of the car collection as well as the lunch spot both need to know the head count by July 19th. We will be able to take a few late comers, but both venues need to know the number of people attending.

We would love to have everyone drive their old cars, but for those who can't, we still want you to come.

Meet 10 AM at the Edgewood Rest Stop off of HWY 280.
Depart 10:15 am.

Please RSVP:

Steve & Kathy Pedone, 408 749-0469,
pedoneschrysler@aol.com - or -
Joan Peterson, 650 326-1013,
joan.peterson1035@comcast.net

Charging Your Battery

If you are unlucky enough to find your battery discharged, for whatever reason, you'll need to recharge the battery. This means pulling up the floor mat or carpet and removing the floorboard to get to the battery terminals in order to hook up the battery charger.

There is an easier way without having to pull up floor mats and floorboards. Simply raise the left side of the hood and connect the charger clamp to the terminal on the starter switch and the other clamp onto any engine head bolt nut. Be mindful of the proper polarity. **Positive ground gets the charger's black clamp on the starter switch terminal and the red clamp on the engine.** Reverse the hookup for negative ground. *For those using an electric solenoid as a battery disconnect, connect the charger clamp on the battery side of the solenoid instead of the starter switch.* Note: use care to avoid shorting out the starter switch when attaching the charger clip.



From the Hangtown A's
The Sparton, text by **Bob Hess**, originally printed in **Kansas City News 'A' Letter**

You Can Look Lovely in a Model A Outfit

Yes, YOU can look lovely in a Model A dress! Yes, you can!!! I have had several of you ask me if there are any fashions of our era that they can really look pretty wearing. Admitted, some of the styles of our early years do not make a lot of us look too attractive.

What type of dress do we look for today if we really want to look glamorous? We look for that perfect evening gown! So let's look at the evening gowns of our era. Which are the most attractive by today's standards? Those lovely beaded evening dresses of 1928 and 1929 are gorgeous. Do not think that these are only for the slim ones. Remember, the drop waist and/or straight lines can camouflage a slightly chunky figure! So, maybe a beaded dress would be a good choice for you! The length is at the knees, however, so if you want a long dress let's look further. The other evening dresses of 1929 are longer in the back but the front is still at the knees.

So let's look at the long, flowing evening dresses worn in 1930-31. As we know, 1930 was the year of transition. The styles of the early part of the year were still much like 1929. The styles coming from Paris however featured the natural waist and the longer hemline as well as more revealing necklines. By the middle of 1930 these innovations were gradually being accepted by the general public, although some would inevitably cling to the old styles.

Our illustrations are from Butterick quarterly, Summer 1931. Notice the lower front necklines and the very low backs. Some of these can be found at the better vintage clothing stores and at the vintage clothing shows put on periodically in the larger cities. Patterns can also be gotten from Pat Watson if you wish to make your own or have one made for you. Notice that all are sleeveless.

Look at the other illustration, the so-called "Sunday Night Frocks." These styles still show the more conservative hold-over of 1930 being more conservative, having slightly higher necklines and some bosom camouflage.



Of course do not limit yourself to an evening gown. With the extreme variety of styles in our era, I'm sure you can find a style that is "just right for you." So, explore all the possibilities and plan to have one dress, whatever the style, to wear to the National Banquet in Orange County in December or just to your own Chapter's Christmas Banquet. Now is the time to plan and make it happen! You'll look good, you'll feel good and you'll really have a great time!!!

From THE RESTORER – MAR/APR 1997

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

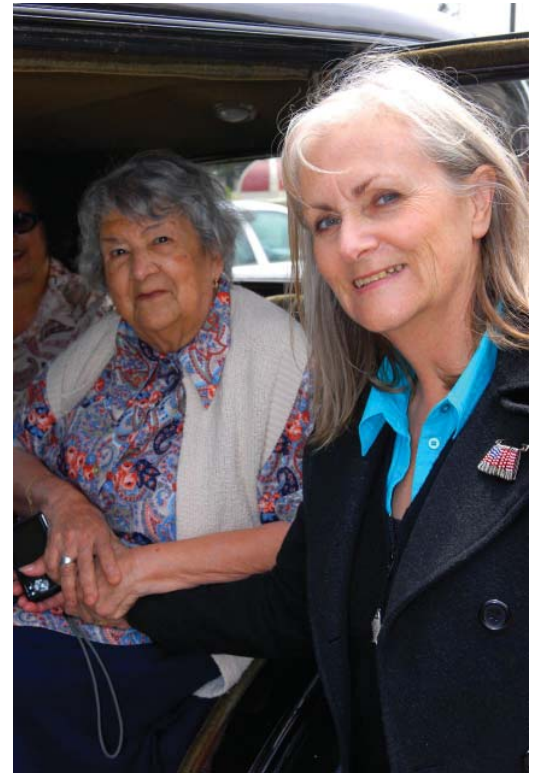
The Club's annual Father's Day visit to St. Anne's Home was once again a great success. A fun time was had by all, most especially by the Home's residents, their families and their guests.

When we arrived shortly before 2 pm, we were greeted by residents, Sisters, staff, and the aroma of fresh popcorn popping right before our eyes. Cars and drivers included Bruce Baird's 1929 Lincoln, the Barrangos with John Zuffi in their two Model A's, Richard Webster, Terence McGinnis, and Sean Lail in the 1928 Pick-up, Walter Caplan in his sedan, Mike Cunneen and his beautiful 1932 Phaeton, Bob Faber and Thelma Chun in their coupe, and our Photo Editor Kerry Fehlberg and his lovely wife Carol. After touring residents through the Presidio Main Post and swinging around the lovely homes in Presidio Terrace we returned to St. Anne's, where we were served Root Beer floats and a lovely assortment of dessert pastries on the front terrace of the Home.

With our visit at an end, we were hugged, kissed, and thanked by a happy smiling group of residents who made us promise to come again next year.

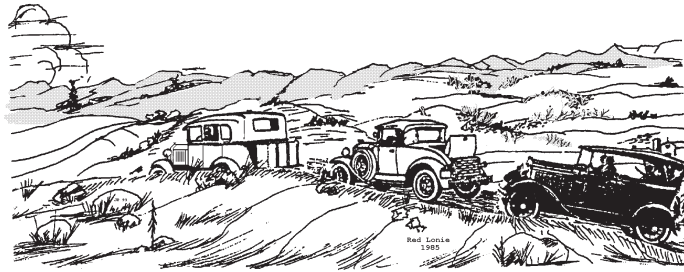
--- *Walter Caplan*

Photos by Kerry Fehlberg



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	1-11	BARRY KINNEY	TOUR TO NW REGIONAL MEET MEDFORD, OR
AUG	TBA	GARY & CHERYL BARRANGO	OVERNIGHTER TO SANTA CRUZ / BBQ
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	11	GREG MARTINEZ	VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
NOV	TBA	CAPLAN/OWSLEY	THE ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO CITY TOUR
DEC	TBA	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

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

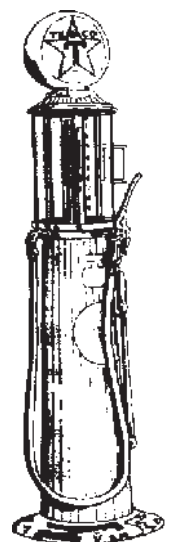
3rd MARC / MAFCA World Model "A" Ford Meet

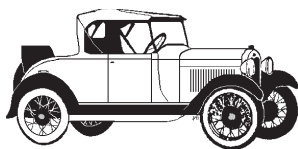
Aug 4-8

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

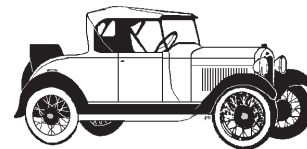
Sept 7-12

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 at 8:02 pm. No guests were present. The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: The President suggested that Club meetings, other than dinner meetings, should start at 8 pm rather than 7:30 pm. No vote was taken but some members present felt that moving the start time to 8 pm is a good idea.

T-shirts with the Car Show Logo are for sale at monthly meetings. All proceeds from sales go to the Club.

Treasurer: The Club continues to have adequate funds in all accounts to pay outstanding debts.

Secretary: An informal poll indicates that there is not enough interest in the regional meet in August to support a tour. In place of the Northwest Regional meeting at Medford, **Gary Barrango** will arrange an August overnight tour to Santa Cruz.

Editor/Show Coordinator: The Port Commission has refused the use of Pier 45 for our Car Show in February due to the reconstruction of Taylor Street outside of Pier 45 for a three-month period beginning January 5, 2009. The Club was proposed an alternative location, the 5th floor of the Pier 39 Parking Garage. Unless the Port has a change of heart, and/or is able to accommodate us at Pier 45, there will be no Car Show Presidents Day weekend February 2009.

Tour Chair: John Zuffi will talk with the Sharp Park Clubhouse and the Basque Cultural Center and confirm a date and cost for the Club Christmas Party. The July Tour will be on Sunday July 27th - details in the July **CHOKEROD**. The August Tour will be to Santa Cruz, and the Pride Parade will be on Sunday June 29th.

For the Good of the Order: The July meeting will be a dinner meeting. The cost will be \$12 per person. Guests are welcome. The start time for dinner will be 6:30 pm. Members who plan to attend **must RSVP**. Call Gary and let him know you are coming! Dessert will be Pot Luck - bring something sweet to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next meeting will be at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm on Thursday July 10th, preceded by dinner at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetite and \$12.

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, July 10, 2008

***** **Dinner will be provided at the Club this month. Dinner will include Pizza, Salad, Pasta and Beverages. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12 per person. Please RSVP Gary Barrango at 415-821-2628 no later than Tuesday, July 8. ***** See back cover for details of the JULY dinner location.**

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Law Enforcement Appreciation Night -
AT&T Park - Wednesday July 23

Step Back in Time in 2009
Lake Tahoe, May 22-25, 2009



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T-shirts, sweatshirts, and tote bags from
the Classic Car Show 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

JULY MEETING
Thursday July 10, 2008
7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco
RSVP Gary Barrango by July 8th

July Dinner
for Club Members & Guests
Thursday July 10
6:30 pm
Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street
San Francisco
\$ 12