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Upcoming Tours

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

Sunday, May 18 - Friendship Day at Cañada College

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

Saturday, June 14 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

Sunday, June 29 - Pride Parade & Picnic at Crissy Field

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President's Message

As I sit down to write this months letter it saddens me to inform you that Ingeburg Maier von Uckermann (Inge), wife for over 50 years of one of our long time members Franz von Uckermann, passed away on April 8th after battling lung cancer. It's always hard when someone passes, but to make it even harder Inge never smoked a day in her life. I will miss seeing her kind ways at the Christmas banquet and at the various other events she and Franz would attend. May she rest in peace.



On a happier note, I was glad to see so many of you at our April "Thank You" dinner. The dinner was a way of saying thank you to all who helped at the Car Show. Everybody really seemed to enjoy the food and company, it was even suggested that we have 3 or 4 of these dinners throughout the year, and that members would be willing to pay a nominal sum for the dinner. Once again a big thank you to all that helped make our Car Show a success - - and for a small club as we are this is a huge accomplishment for which every member should be proud.

While I'm on the subject of food, we will bring some suggestions for our annual Christmas banquet to the May meeting. We really need to arrive at a decision soon because restaurants always fill up at this time of year.

I understand Walter has already been meeting with various people in preparation for the 2009 Car Show. He will provide details for us at the May meeting.

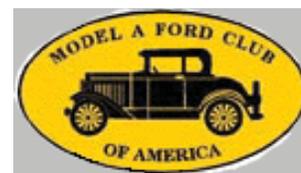
I hope to see many of you at our May meeting and/or on an upcoming tour.

Gary Barrango

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Eleven Tips on Getting More Efficiency Out of Women

The following is an excerpt from the July 1943 issue of *Transportation Magazine*. This was written for male supervisors of women in the work force during World War II.

Eleven Tips on Getting More Efficiency Out of Women Employees: There's no longer any question whether transit companies should hire women for jobs formerly held by men. The draft and manpower shortage has settled that point. The important things now are to select the most efficient women available and how to use them to the best advantage.

Here are eleven helpful tips on the subject from Western Properties:

1. Pick young married women. They usually have more of a sense of responsibility than their unmarried sisters, they're less likely to be flirtatious, they need the work or they wouldn't be doing it, they still have the pep and interest to work hard and to deal with the public efficiently.
2. When you have to use older women, try to get ones who have worked outside the home at some time in their lives. Older women who have never contacted the public have a hard time adapting themselves and are inclined to be cantankerous and fussy. It's always well to impress upon older women the importance of friendliness and courtesy.
3. General experience indicates that "husky" girls – those who are just a little on the heavy side – are more even-tempered and efficient than their underweight sisters.
4. Retain a physician to give each woman you hire a special physical examination – one covering female conditions. This step not only protects the property against the possibilities of lawsuit, but reveals whether the employee-to-be has any female weaknesses which would make her mentally or physically unfit for the job.
5. Stress at the outset the importance of time the fact that a minute or two lost here and there makes serious inroads on schedules. Until this point is gotten across, service is likely to be slowed up.
6. Give the female employee a definite day-long schedule of duties so that they'll keep busy without bothering the management for instructions every few minutes. Numerous properties say that women make excellent workers when they have their jobs cut out for them, but that they lack initiative in finding work themselves.
7. Whenever possible, let the inside employee change from one job to another at some time during the day. Women are inclined to be less nervous and happier with change.
8. Give every girl an adequate number of rest periods during the day. You have to make some allowances for feminine psychology. A girl has more confidence and is more efficient if she can keep her hair tidied, apply fresh lipstick and wash her hands several times a day.
9. Be tactful when issuing instructions or in making criticisms. Women are often sensitive; they can't shrug off harsh words the way men do. Never ridicule a woman – it breaks her spirit and cuts off her efficiency.
10. Be reasonably considerate about using strong language around women. Even though a girl's husband or father may swear vociferously, she'll grow to dislike a place of business where she hears too much of this.
11. Get enough size variety in operator's uniforms so that each girl can have a proper fit. This point can't be stressed too much in keeping women happy.



Ladies we have come a long way and have proved our abilities in the workforce, but it is all due to the women who started our legacy and endured such criticism as this article has displayed. Thank you ladies for paving the way to greater success for generations to come.

Rachelle Marquez



Celebrating Steve Owsley's birthday, Kathy & Steve Pedone's anniversary at April's "Thank You" Dinner



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



April Birthdays

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



Refreshments
at the April meeting
were provided by
Gary Barrango

Barry Kinney
will provide refreshments
at the May meeting

April Anniversary

April 10 Kathy & Steve Pedone



Ingeburg Maier Von Uckerman passed away on April 8, 2008. She was a member of our Model A Ford Club for more than thirty years. Inge and Franz attended most of our local tours, Christmas Parties, President's Brunches and Car Show Banquets. Over the years, Inge and Franz hosted several tours. One of the most memorable was the tour to Alameda and the U.S.S. Hornet. Franz and Inge treated everyone to a wonderful tour after first treating everyone to breakfast. In the year that Franz served as president Inge hosted a "Garage Tour" at their warehouse on York Street. She treated everyone like a guest and served coffee and doughnuts to all who came. Inge was a gracious, kind woman who will be missed by our club and all who knew her.

Ingeburg Maier von Uckermann

* 5 July 1933
Karlsruhe

† 8 April 2008
San Francisco

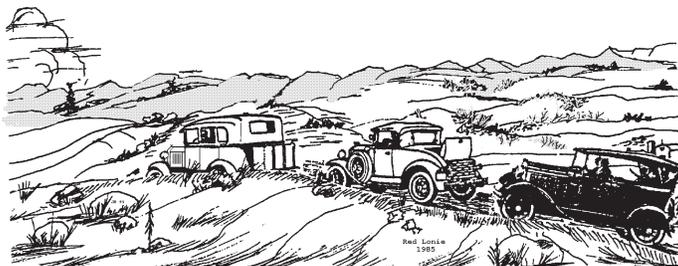
As a young woman she followed my call and crossed an ocean by ship and a continent by rail, though she had never been farther than 20 miles from home. In 50 years she helped to build a new life for us in a foreign country, with fulltime work and generosity, while battling her autoimmune disease for 30 years. Now she rests for ever in her garden which she lovingly tended for 40 years, among animals that adored her.

Thank you, Ingeburg, for 55 years

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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		OPEN	OPEN
JULY	TBA	RICHARD C. WEBSTER	LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
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

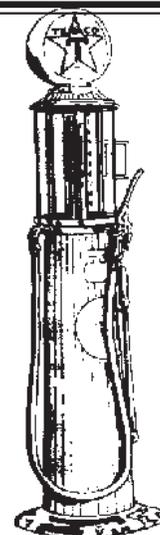
3rd MARC / MAFCA World Model "A" Ford Meet

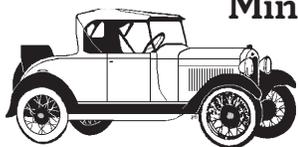
Aug 4-8

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

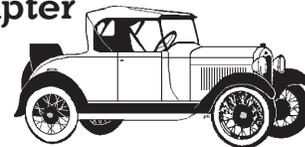
Sept 7-12

Nevada Grand Tour II - Minden NV - Host Sagebrush Chapter





Minutes of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Model A Ford Club of America April 10, 2008



The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Barrango, at 9:50 pm following dinner at the Monte Cristo Club. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: Recently, the Club has been asked to provide antique automobiles to help support activities by individuals and groups unrelated to the Club. Since the Club is looking for ways to increase the size of the treasury, the Club should consider charging a small fee when invited to participate in promotional activities sponsored by individuals or groups with no affiliation to MAFCA or the SF Bay Area Chapter.

Bob Faber moved that an individual or organization requesting the use of Club members' cars for weddings, displays or other promotional events be charged a fee and the fee be determined on a case by case basis, the events of a charitable nature could be exempted, and that funds generated would become the property of the Club. This motion was seconded by Walter Caplan and was approved by a vote of members present.

Christmas Banquet: John Zuffi is reviewing several possible locations and will have a full report at the May meeting that will include locations, available parking, menus, and prices.

Vice-president: Tom Escher has agreed to continue to serve along with Greg Martinez as Club VPs

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported that the Club is solvent and continues to hold adequate funds in Club accounts to pay any outstanding debts.

Secretary: The parent club, MAFCA, has purchased Officers and Directors Insurance for all of the component chapters. The Secretary has been directed to review our coverage and if indicated cancel our current Club coverage with the insurance firm, Marovich, O'Shea and Coglin.

Editor: Club members are encouraged to send items of interest to the Editor for publication in the **Choke Rod**.

Tour Chair: In order to avoid confusion regarding tour start times and places, all tours (unless otherwise noted) will begin at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club, and all tour notices in the **Choke Rod** will include an RSVP phone number.

For the Good of the Order: A Motion was made and approved by members present and voting to host four Club dinner meetings quarterly at an initial cost of \$12 per member to be held at the Monte Cristo Club in each year in January, April, July and October.

Barry Kinney will bring refreshments to the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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, May 8, 2008

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



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MAY MEETING

Thursday May 8, 2008

7:30 PM - Monte Cristo Club

136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)

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