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## Passing the Gavel



at the President's Brunch  
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## Upcoming Tours

Saturday, February 20 - Annual benefit Crab Feed at the Monte Cristo Club

March - Tech Seminar with the Bob Craigs - date to be announced

Sunday, March 14 - Bill Rose Model A Crab & Steak Feed - Livermore

Saturday, April 10 - Greek Cultural Celebration Parade & Festival - SF

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## President's Message

Last year was a good year for the Club. We had some great tours and our first annual Crab Feed was a tremendous success. We are on track to do it again on Saturday February 20, 2010.



**The Crab Feed – We can use your help!** John Zuffi will be prepping the crab on Friday February 19. Come down to the Monte Cristo Club and lend a hand. Call Gary or John for the start time.

You are also welcome to come a little early on Saturday and help with set-up and don't forget about clean-up. Last year the clean-up crew didn't finish until after 2: A.M. If we had a little more help, everyone could have gone home early.

**March 2010** – The Craig's have offered to do a Tech Seminar in March. Before setting a date I would like to know how many Club members are interested and what topics you would like to see covered.

The 2006 Tech Seminar was a big success (see page 5). Only two people attended the last seminar. It's a little discouraging when you throw a party and no one shows. So, this year, the party won't happen unless you call. Pick up the phone and call any Club officer: Kinney, Caplan, Mahl, Martinez, Peterson or Barrango.

Tech Seminar or not, at our February meeting we will have a display/discussion of common and not so common tools used to restore and repair the Model A Ford. If you have an old Ford tool, bring it to the meeting for show and tell.

A belated Happy New Year! See you at the meeting.

*Barry Kinney*

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## Tech Seminar Safety Check

Touring season is almost upon us again.

Bring your "A" to this tech seminar.

Hosted by the Bob Craigs.

### Coming in March

Date yet to be determined

**Location: Craig's Auto Repair  
801 Phelps Street, San Francisco  
415-431-1472**

Please read the President's Letter on page 2 of this month's Choke Rod. If you want this seminar to occur, we need know the level of interest. Call Barry Kinney at 415-282-2789 or any other club officer NOW.

Refreshments at the January meeting were provided by **Kathy Pedone**.

**John Bettencourt** will provide refreshments at the February meeting.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Charles Neil Kascal	February 3
Elizabeth Storz	February 4
Louie John Young	February 6
Annalina Martinez	February 14
Daisy Young	February 14
Lisa Tempone	February 16
Mary Karr	February 17
Dominic Reyes	February 23
Matteo Reyes	February 23
David Boragno	February 24
Linda Parsons	February 24
Ben Rosenblatt	February 24
Jason Fiorese	February 26

## Crab Feed

at the Monte Cristo Club  
**Saturday February 20**

Doors open at 5 pm  
Dinner Service begins 6:30 pm

Raffle - 50/50 Raffle - No Host Bar  
LIVE MUSIC

antipasto, salad, pasta, crab, French bread & butter,  
dessert

see insert for Reservation Form

*benefiting*



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### 7th Annual Bill Rose Crab & Steak Feed Sunday March 14

Mark your calendar and save this date. On March 14, Bill Rose will host his famous Crab and Steak feed. There will be Steak, Crab, Prawns, Oysters, and all the trimmings, including homemade ice cream. The cost is \$47.50 per person. Make your check out to Bill Rose.

Payment is due by March 1st. See insert for details.

You can book a room at the nearby La Quinta Inn, Livermore. 925-373-9600. Special room rates for Crab Feed Event until March 1st.

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### Santa Cruz California Hub Tour September 20-25, 2010

MAFCA and MARC members are invited to this fun filled event. Each day will be an adventure touring roads perfect for Model "A" tours. The weather in September is very nice. Meals have been planned and there will be time for you to explore and have time on your own. Special metal license plates and name tags will be made for each participant. We will visit Missions, Agriculture, Steinbeck museum, Roaring Camp train ride, Monterey "A" Day, and more. Hotels range from \$55-\$150 per night special pricing for the tour. The Wharf and Beach Boardwalk are one block from the hotels. Please consider joining us for a fun filled week with other "A" enthusiasts. Log on to [www.svmarc.com](http://www.svmarc.com) for application and additional information or contact Bill Rose at (925) 784-5977.

## Before the Corset

Before the corset was introduced women used various types of supporting material. In 3500 BC during the Bronze Age, early Germanic tribes tied bands of cloth or animal skins around their chests while working. In Egypt a kalasiris, made of a simple tube of cloth was worn at the waist and held by two suspenders of fabric that lay against the breasts. In 2500 BC women of Crete wore an early bra-corset device. This garment was fitted from under the breasts to the waist. In 1500 BC during Vedic times, the breast band was used as support for Indian women. Over this they wore a cholika, which was originally a square piece of cloth with a slit for the neck. The cholika developed into a bra-like garment with the addition of string that was attached to make it backless and fold beneath the breasts. In 1000 BC female Mongolian warriors bound their breasts with criss-crossing fabric strips. In 360 AD women in France wore a band of cloth called a bandeau across their breasts. In 1200 AD in Circassia, an area on the Black Sea north of Caucasus Mountain, girls were tightly bound in elaborate but painful corsets designed to keep their breasts, ribcages and waists from growing. These corsets, which ran from collar to waist, were worn during bathing and sleeping, and featured two wooden planks across the chest held by leather binding.

Early medieval fashions looked dreary with long, shapeless tunics and smocks. Colors were dull browns and greens, and wool was the textile of choice. If you were a wealthy noble person during the 13th century the arrival of tailors made garments more fashionable. Tailors were learning techniques to make more shapely garments creating a demand for laced-up bodices. Women began showing off their waists and flattening their breasts with short, trim bodices that were worn over a cloth blouse and above a full skirt. These bodices weren't underwear; they were corsets, worn on the outside. Fashions of the 1400's saw lower, off-the-shoulder necklines, leading wealthier women to wear corsets for the first time. The silhouette at the start of the 14th century was flat. Fashion designs pulled the gaze away from the bustline because the Catholic Church found the outline of a woman's curves indecent. Design features focused on long, tubular bodices, wide full skirts and high ruffled collars. At the close of the 14th century the medieval period gave way to the Renaissance allowing the bodice's neckline to creep lower.

During the 15th century, the Renaissance, busts became more eroticized with necklines dipping low enough for partial or full exposure of the breasts. When fully exposed they lay on a shelf created by the top of the woman's bodice. Many wealthy women donned the new style of the corset as well. These were made of muslin or linen that had been stiffened with a gluey paste and employed lacing to tighten or loosen them.

*Rachelle Marquez*

### Letter to the Editor

I want you to know how pleased I am that you chose Make-A-Wish as your charity of choice.

My granddaughter, Hilary, was chosen to be a Make-A-Wish child in 2008. At age 17 she contracted Leukemia and had a two year battle with it. She was nearing the end of her chemo by the time she was able to get her wish...a Caribbean cruise!

The local representatives for MAW held a Bon Voyage party for her at a local pizza parlor with wonderful tropical table decorations, a great cake, balloons and tee shirts. Mom was given the itinerary and a generous \$1,300 check for "incidentals".

Hilary was able to take her Mom and her 10 year old brother, Hunter on the trip

The night before they were put up at a hotel near the airport, so they could leave their car for the week. The next day they flew to Miami and were put up again at a hotel for the night so Hilary would be rested from the flight. Meals and cab fares were to come out of the cash they had been given. Norwegian Cruise Lines gave them 1st class accommodations, including a cabin with a balcony, and flew the MAW flag in her honor. They were given vouchers for shipboard photographs and soft drinks (unlimited!). The incidental money included \$300.00 for Hilary to use for souvenirs. There was also an amount earmarked for them to do an excursion at one of the ports. They chose to zip-line in Haiti. The only bummer about the whole trip was that Hurricane Ike was chasing them. On their return they were once again put up at the airport hotel because they arrived late and there was concern that Hilary might be too tired for the 2 hr. drive from the airport to home.

The hotels, the airlines and the cruise line were all wonderful to my family. Thank you Make-A-Wish for making my granddaughter so happy after her long ordeal and thanks to all of you for helping to make it happen for other sick children.

*Pat Sullivan*

Reprinted from the April 2006 **Choke Rod**

## Tech Seminar with the Craigs

Our March 18, 2006 Tech Tour, hosted by the Craig family, was the best tire-kicking, story-swapping, get-together we have had for some time. It was the only day in March with sunshine and no rain. We had a nice group of cars including two Lincolns, an early V-8, and about six Model A Fords; this doesn't even include some of the old stuff Bob has in his shop for maintenance and repair.

We spent the first hour visiting over doughnuts and coffee generously provided by John Zuffi and Gary Barrango, and then — up they went. Some were raised on jack stands and others on the lift. People clustered around various cars discussing overdrives, rear end ratios, comparing notes and asking questions.

The Craigs are the go-to-guys in the Bay Area for anyone who needs help with an antique vehicle. Tech Seminars like this one are an excellent opportunity for club members to learn a little from each other and the experts about how to keep the "Pride and Joy" running smoothly.

Many thanks to the Craig family, Donna and Bob, and Angela and Bob, Jr., for their generous and warm hospitality.



**Above:** Bruce Baird & Jeanine Mahl



**Above:** Barry Kinney - Armed and Dangerous



**Above:** Just a little problem with the fuel system attended to by the Bob Craigs.



**Above:** Bruce Baird (with Bob Craig Jr.) once again behind the wheel of his 1929 Lincoln Phaeton, which he purchased while a student at Duke University in 1950, a mere 56 years ago. ***Look for the story of this car in a future issue of*** The Choke Rod.

**Left:** Stan Coccoles's Lincoln 1929 Town Sedan



Photo by Glenn Mullin

## President's Brunch January 2010 ~ San Francisco Model A Ford Club Doelger Art Center at the Westlake School for the Performing Arts, Daly City

## Mohair

The history of mohair and angora goats is an ancient one. It is probably one of the most ancient fiber sources known to man. In primitive villages it superseded the killing of animals strictly for their skin for the purpose of clothing. Biblical references to goat hair date to approximately 3,500 years ago during the time of Moses.

As the time line of history progresses forward the clarity of the history of mohair and its use also becomes more reliable. Originally the product of Himalayan regions of the near east, the angora goats were supposedly derived from the species *Capra aegagrus* (the wild Persian goat, Bezoar goat) and then to the subspecies *Capra hircus*, the domestic goat.

Mohair is a silky fiber and is distinct from wool in that it does not have the proliferation microscopic scales that wool is noted for and is therefore much less prone to be a scratchy irritant. In fact mohair very closely approximates human hair on the surface, being very smooth. There are grades of mohair so fine and that they present virtually no ill effect on bare skin.

The word mohair is derived from the Arabic *mukhayyar* ("goat's hair"), which became *mockaire* in medieval times and had morphed to today's mohair.



"Old Style" angora goat-Champion Aztec  
circa 1902 Iowa State

Mohair is durable, warm, insulating, and light. It also has moisture wicking properties that carry moisture away from the skin of the wearer.

Europeans imported mohair to there regions beginning in the sixteenth century. Several importations of angoras into the nations west of Asia Minor were met with failure because of the delicacy of the animals. Charles V first brought angora goats to Europe, although the delicacy of the species made mohair difficult to obtain and prohibitively expensive for many. It was introduced into Spain by the Moors, and thence brought into Germany. Only the aristocrat and landlord of that era sported items made of the fiber mohair as a status symbol.

The first imports to the United States took place in 1849. The then Sultan of Turkey bestowed upon the then President Polk, 9 of the finest angora goats of his domain. A second importation took place several years later. By the early 1900's angora goats began to proliferate in the United States until the US became the third largest exporter of mohair in the world. The State of Texas was the biggest producer but the West Coast in general had quite a population of angora goats.



Natural Colored Mohair Locks

The functional durability of mohair was one of its big selling points. It was able to maintain its brilliant characteristics under adverse conditions. Every train and carriage seat in the world was made of mohair cloth. Seat covers were commonly covered with mohair upholstery. Because mohair took and held dye so easily brilliant colors were applied and the reflective quality of mohair only enhanced it. Vast quantities of mohair were shipped to textile mills around the world. And angora goats multiplied profusely up until the time of the great depression. Following the collapse of the economy the main geographic focus of mohair production in the US was the State of Texas. Vestiges of the angora goat herds remain to this day. The production of synthetic fibers sounded the death knell for many of the large herds in other parts of the US.

In the western United States mohair has played a prominent role in history. Because mohair was warm, durable and aesthetically appealing it was commonly used among the cowboys to protect them from the elements of nature as they rode the range. It was very common to see these rugged and rustic cattlemen saddled on their horses wearing "hairy chaps" (pronounced shaps). Here we have an image of western garb that inculcated the use of mohair.



Old timer with chaps by his log cabin

Anyone who has had an penchant for equestrian interests knows that an essential component to horse tack is the mohair cinch. This item was made of hand-spun mohair and girted that under part of the horse to hold the saddle in place. Very rarely is the mohair cinch made of actual mohair in our time. Nylon has

taken the place of mohair because it is strong and cheap to produce compared to mohair. But in its time this particular item could not be surpassed by any other fiber for its strength and functionality.

During World War II, U.S. soldiers wore uniforms made of wool. Worried that domestic producers could not supply enough for future wars, Congress enacted loan and price support programs for wool and mohair in the National Wool Act of 1954 as part of the 1954 Farm Bill. Despite these subsidies, wool and mohair production declined. The strategic importance declined as well; the US Military adopted uniforms made of synthetic fibers, such as dacron, and officially removed wool from the list of strategic materials in 1960. Nevertheless, the U.S. government continued to provide subsidies to mohair producers until 1995, when the subsidies were "eliminated effective with the marketing year ending December 31, 1995." In *The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad* Fareed Zakaria points out that the subsidies were reinstated a few years later, due in large part to the lobbying on behalf of the special interests of the subsidy recipients. By 2000, Congress had appropriated \$20 million for goat and sheep producers. As of 2002, mohair producers were still able to receive special assistance loans from the U.S. Government, after an amendment to eliminate the subsidy was defeated.

sources: Singing Falls Website <http://www.singingfalls.com/mohair.html> and Wikipedia

*Steve Owsley*

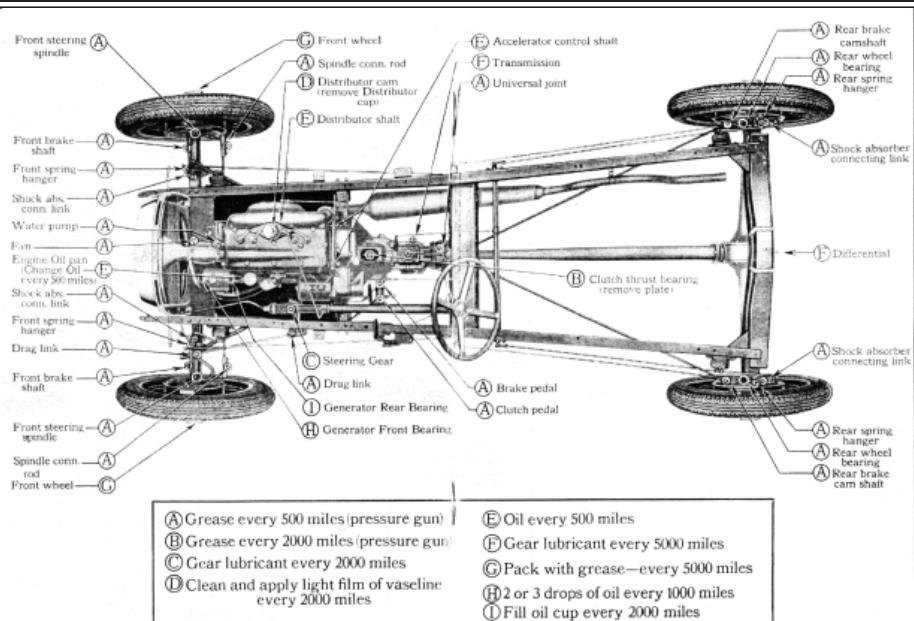
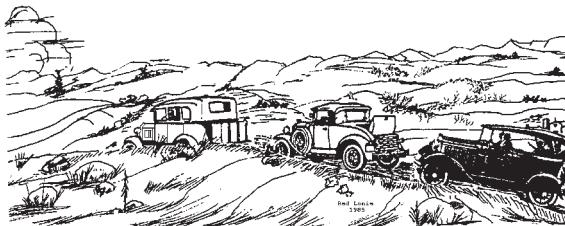


Figure 15 - Model A Lubrication Chart

## 2010 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

**IT'S THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!**



MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	31	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEB	20	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	14	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	BILL ROSE'S MODEL A CRAB & STEAK FEED
MARCH	TBA	THE BOB CRAIGS	TECH SEMINAR
APRIL	4	JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL	EASTER AT PACIFIC ROD & GUN CLUB
APRIL	10	KINNEY	GREEK CULTURAL PARADE & CELEBRATION
APRIL	25	BOB MARQUEZ	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
APRIL-MAY	30-2	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
MAY	16	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CAÑADA COLLEGE
MAY	31	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	19	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	27	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH
JUNE	27	PEDONE / PETERSON	PALO ALTO CONCOURS AT STANFORD
JULY	TBA	PEDONE/ PETERSON	DRIVE TOUR
AUG	TBA	KINNEY / CAPLAN	DRIVE TOUR
SEPT	TBA	SF MODEL A CLUB	GATSBY AFTERNOON - DUNSMUIR ESTATE OAKLAND
SEPT	12	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	24-26	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	TBA	CAPLAN/Owsley	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV	7	GREG MARTINEZ	VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
DEC	TBA	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - BASQUE CULTURAL CTR.

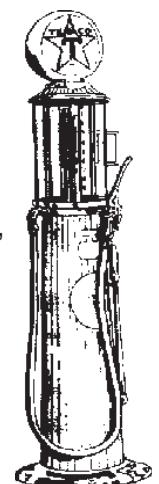
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Steve Pedone** at **408-749-0469**  
We encourage Club Members to plan additional **driving tours** throughout the year.

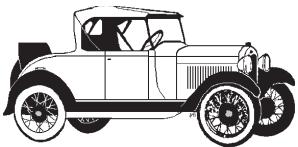
There is room for more than one activity or tour per month.

## 2010 Schedule of Events

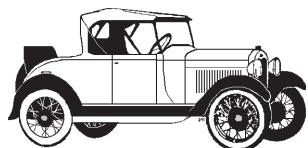
**Jan 30-31**  
**May 2**  
**May 21-23**  
**Aug 1-6**  
**Sep 20-26**  
**Dec 8-11**

Turlock Swap Meet  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "A Golden Day for our Model A's"  
NCRG Round-Up in Sutter Hill, CA [www.ncrgmafca.com](http://www.ncrgmafca.com)  
MAFCA National Convention, Vancouver British Columbia, International Meet  
Silicon Valley MARC-MAFCA Hub Tour - Santa Cruz - [www.svmarc.com](http://www.svmarc.com)  
MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO





**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of America  
January 14, 2010**



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by immediate past President Gary Barrango. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

**Reports of Officers**

**President:** The President's brunch will be at the Harding Park Club House. There will be a drive through Daly City before lunch. We will meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 9:45 am. Lunch will be at 11:00.

The second annual crab feed will be Feb. 20 at the Monte Cristo Club. We already have reservations coming in. We will have 12 kids to help set up and serve. Fliers will be mailed out to the car show list this weekend. A band will play from 5:00-6:30 pm.

The tours are listed on the back of last months Choke Rod. We still need people to lead tours. We need people to set things up for July and August.

The Christmas Banquet will be Sunday December 12 at The Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco.

Tee -shirts, sweat shirts and tote bags are still available for sale. Help make money for the club. Gary will bring them to the next meeting.

**Vice President:** No Report

**Treasurer:** There are adequate funds in the Club accounts. Membership dollars are coming in. Walter will have a tally next month.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Editor:** The 2009 **Choke Rod** won the MAFCA certificate of merit. There is information on our web-site about the Crab feed. There will be photo postings and articles from our members on the web-site soon. There will be new Televisions and a DVD player at the Monte Cristo Club next month.

**For The Good Of The Order:** Kerry and Carol Fehlberg will be coming back on January 23. John Bettencourt will provide refreshments for the next meeting.

The next monthly Meeting will be Thursday February 11, 2010 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

*Joan Peterson, Secretary*

**SF Model A Club Monthly Meetings:** The meetings continue to be held monthly, the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm (please note that we are back to our fall/winter meeting time).

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, February 11, 2010

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

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