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## Kerry Fehlberg

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Our friend Kerry passed away back home in Australia in mid-May. He will be remembered in an upcoming special issue of the Choke Rod.

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### Upcoming Tours

Saturday June 19 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home - San Francisco

Sunday June 27 - 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Parade - San Francisco

Sunday June 27 - Palo Alto Concours at Stanford

Sunday July 18 - Firehouse Tour - San Francisco

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## President's Message



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This message is more or less a recap of what transpired at the May meeting. I will try to keep it neat.

**The Long Ride:** The Club is planning a long (eight or more day) for next year, 2011. The Options were South Coast or West over the Lincoln Highway, or North Coast. North Coast was the preferred direction of travel. I will present an itinerary for consideration by members at the July meeting.

**The Cost of Doing Business:** The Club is prospering. Membership and income are up thanks to our hard working members. However, we need to plan for the future more carefully than we have in the past. To that end, I have asked the Audit Committee, John Zuffi, Garry Barrango, and Steve Pedoni to meet with the Treasurer, Steve Owsley to draft a budget for year 2011.

**Fire House Tour:** John Bettencourt has planned a very special tour for July. We will tour most of San Francisco's historic fire houses and the Firefighters Museum followed by a Fire House BBQ at the Rod and Gun Club. There will be a cost/person and you will be required to buy a ticket in advance.

No Ticket – No Tour – No BBQ

**Memorial Day:** Monday May 31 – Meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 9 am or go directly to the Presidio Parade Grounds. Be there by 10 am. Put some flags on your car and let Walter Caplan know you are coming. 415-753-3280. I will miss this one. I will be on the Reservation.

**Fathers Day at Saint Anne's:** Saturday June 19. Meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 12:30 or assemble at the home at 1:30 P.M. Please RSVP. 415-282-2789.

We have some great events coming up. I'll see you all at the July meeting.

*Barry Kinney*

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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## Palo Alto Concours D'Elegance at Stanford University Sunday June 27

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual fund-raising event of the Palo Alto Host Lions Club and the Palo Alto Lions Charities, Inc. Club members Steve and Kathy Pedone and Joan Peterson are actively involved in producing this charitable affair.

See insert in the May issue of the **Choke Rod** for more information.

## Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday June 19 – 2 pm

The eighth Annual Father's Day Gathering at St. Anne's Home with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Be a part of our celebration with the residents and staff of St. Anne's home. Assemble at the home at 1:30 pm for the event. Located at 300 Lake Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. The residents at St. Anne's Home are eagerly anticipating our arrival on June 19th. It gives them great enjoyment to see and ride in our old cars. There will be an afternoon social with refreshments following the driving tours through the Presidio.

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

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Parade Sunday June 27

It the 40th anniversary of this distinctly San Francisco experience. If interested in driving your "A" in the Pride Parade, then contact Walter Caplan for more information.

Tour Leader: **Walter Caplan**, RSVP 415-753-3280

## San Francisco Firehouse Tour Sunday July 18

John Bettencourt has planned a very special tour. We will tour most of San Francisco's historic fire houses and the Firefighters Museum. This will be followed by a firehouse BBQ at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club at Lake Merced. There will be a cost per person (to be determined).

**You will be required to buy a ticket in advance. You must RSVP John to participate in this tour.**

If you fail to purchase an advance ticket you will not be permitted on the tour nor will you be able to participate in the BBQ at Rod and Gun Club.

Tour Leader: **John Bettencourt**  
RSVP 415-585-8163



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Walter Caplan        | June 2  |
| John Fioresi         | June 7  |
| Paul DeMartini Jr.   | June 12 |
| Joyce Maxwell        | June 14 |
| Kenneth Wayne Patsel | June 19 |
| Michael Yuhas        | June 19 |
| Adam Rosenblatt M.D. | June 26 |
| Rose Craig Jr.       | June 29 |
| Steve Pedone         | June 29 |
| Kevin Blaine Patsel  | June 30 |

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Adam & Colleen Rosenblatt  | June 2  |
| Steve & Mary Karr          | June 10 |
| Greg & Casey Martinez      | June 17 |
| Bob & Carol Costa          | June 19 |
| Paul & Maria DeMartini Jr. | June 25 |
| Frank & Judy O'Brien       | June 27 |
| Donald & Linda Parsons     | June 30 |

### Refreshments

at the May meeting  
were provided by

**Gary Barrango** and **John Zufi**

### **Nell Richmond**

will provide refreshments  
at the June meeting.



## Andrea Mead Lawrence Oslo 1952 United States

Andrea Mead Lawrence was already a gold medal winner at the Oslo Games when she stood at the top of the hill awaiting her turn in the women's slalom –an event that consists of two runs down a course of 38 gates.



Earlier in the week she amazed the skiing world by winning the giant slalom by more than two seconds over her nearest competitor. In an event that is usually won by infinitesimal parts of a second, her overwhelming victory had many experts believing the timing watches had malfunctioned.

A few days later Lawrence started down the course in the downhill event. At the various check points she

was far in the lead but inexplicably she fell and was out of contention. With one event left, the slalom, Lawrence still had a good chance of winning her second gold medal. Lawrence was the fifth skier scheduled to go down the course. The winner is decided by the combined lowest time of the two runs.



On the upper part of the hill, as in the giant slalom and downhill, Lawrence was the fastest of all. But in the middle of the course her ski caught a gate and before she could stop herself she had gone ten meters past the gate. Fortunately she kept her balance and did not fall.

After quickly backtracking to the gate, Lawrence continued down the course. Amazingly, when the first round was over Lawrence was in fourth place, 1.2 seconds behind the first round leader. Most experts would have counted her out, for the time she would have to make up was considerable. But there was not a spectator there who didn't remember her victory earlier in the giant slalom.

On her second run Lawrence was spectacular, fast and flawless. When the final skier finished the run, Andrea Mead Lawrence was in front by eight-tenths of a second over the second place finisher. It was estimated that if she did not clip the gate in her first run, Lawrence would have won by at least five seconds. Andrea Mead Lawrence had done the impossible, and with it she became the first American ever to win two alpine skiing gold medals.

*Rachelle Marquez*

# Helpful Hints for Parade Driving

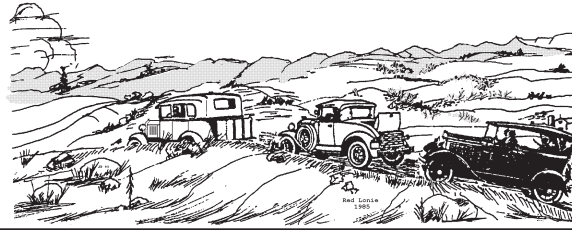
- Make sure your radiator is in excellent shape! Crawling along at a snail's pace is a sure way to overheat. – J. Appleton
- Set up your idle speed. Not much water circulates at slow idle. – FL&WVMIKE
- Run it a little rich rather than a little lean. Same with timing a little retarded rather than a little advanced. I've run in parades here in south Florida with temps in the 90's and routes 2-3 miles long without overheating. – Mike V. Florida
- I do a lot of parades. My thing is I do not keep it in gear/clutch in when it stops. I don't like to sit on the throw-out bearing all the time. when there are long delays, I shut it off. Just my thing! – Steve norcal
- Wave at the old ladies and the kids. Blow the horn occasionally, or toot your wolf whistle. If it is the Memorial Day parade, and you are a veteran, wear your veterans cap. – 2manycars
- Usually I stay in first for decent periods of time by adjusting the cruise control at the proper rpm's – Mitch//pa
- On a more serious note, keep an eye on what's going on. A Model A in my club was so busy waving at the people that he ran into the back of my Cabriolet. – Elrod
- I'll be bringing a small cooler with plenty of bottled water for me and my passengers. One of the ice packs in the cooler is one of those things that you keep in the freezer as an ice pack for injuries, just in case. There will be a couple of umbrellas for the rumble seat drivers if the sun gets too hot. I'll have flags for everyone. – SteveM
- Be aware of your surroundings. Don't get parade-itis. Throw no candy and watch out for kids and photographers running everywhere. Stay toward the center of the road and away from the kids and dogs on the curbs. Take plenty of sun lotion. Here is a goodie: if you don't have a heatshield over your muffler, freeze some water bottles and let your wife put her bare feet on the bottles for cooling big time. Check the other cars around you for dribbling. – Clem Clement
- I've sat for 9 parades in my town and driven in three. The most fun I ever had was when I had three WWII vets in the car. The guys in the rumble seat were 84 years old and got in by themselves. The fellow in the car was 86. One of the guys in the rumble seat was an Army combat engineer that landed at Normandy a couple of days after the invasion and fought at the battle of St. Lo in France. The other was on a ship in the Navy, and the fellow inside was a Navy mechanic/machinist who repaired airplanes. They were all school buddies that enlisted together. I've NEVER had a better time at a parade in my life! – Steve M

Edited Fordbarn Forum responses to the thread “ Any helpful tips for parade driving?”  
<http://www.fordbarn.com/forum/>

*Steve Owsley*

## 2010 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

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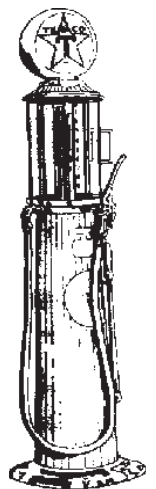


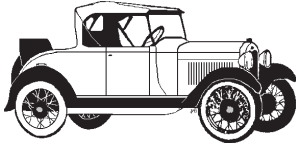
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| JAN       | 31          | BARRY KINNEY              | PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH                         |
| FEB       | 20          | SF MODEL A FORD CLUB      | CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB              |
| MARCH     | 14          | JEANINE & GUNARD MAHL     | BILL ROSE'S MODEL A CRAB & STEAK FEED      |
| 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      | 18          | BETTENCOURT               | FIREHOUSE TOUR - SAN FRANCISCO             |
| 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       | 12 (SUNDAY) | 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.

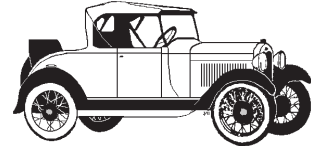
## 2010 Schedule of Events

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| Jan 30-31 | Turlock Swap Meet  |
| May 2     | Santa Clara Valley Chapter's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary "A Golden Day for our Model A's"           |
| May 21-23 | NCRG Round-Up in Jackson, CA <a href="http://www.ncrgmafca.com">www.ncrgmafca.com</a>                |
| Aug 1-6   | MAFCA National Convention, Vancouver British Columbia, International Meet                            |
| Sep 20-26 | Silicon Valley MARC-MAFCA Hub Tour - Santa Cruz - <a href="http://www.svmarc.com">www.svmarc.com</a> |
| Dec 8-11  | MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO  |





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May 13, 2010**



The meeting was called to order at 8 pm by President Barry Kinney. Franz von Uckermann introduced his sister Pat, our only guest. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

**Reports of Officers**

**President:** Barry estimates that the Club operating costs are about \$275 per month. The audit committee, consisting of Gary Barrango, Steve Pedone and John Zuffi, will review the expenses. The committee will meet quarterly.

**Vice President Greg Martinez:** No report.

**Vice President Gunard Mahl:** No report.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Editor:** No report.

**Tour Chair:** The Firehouse Tour will be Sunday July 18th. John Bettencourt will be the tour leader. The cost is still to be arranged. The St. Anne's Father's Day Tour will be Saturday June 19th.

**Entertainment:** No report.

The next meeting will be Thursday June 10, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Monte Cristo Club.

Gary Barrango and John Zuffi provided refreshments for the meeting.  
Nell Richmond will bring refreshments to the June meeting.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

After the meeting was adjourned Barry showed a video of the Lincoln Highway.

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.

The location is the Monte Cristo Club at 136 Missouri Street in San Francisco.

The meeting place is located in a 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, June 10, 2010**

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

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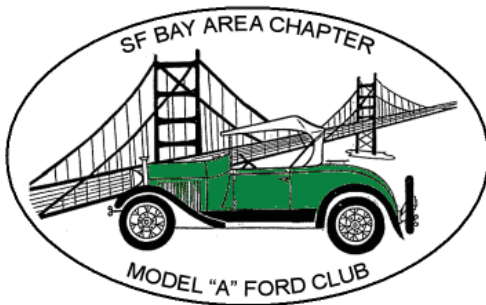
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### JUNE MEETING

Thursday June 10, 2010

7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club

136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)

San Francisco