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Why is Wyatt Earp's tombstone pictured on the cover of the Choke Rod?

You'll find out in the March issue

Upcoming Tour

Saturday March 5 ~ annual benefit Crab Feed at the Monte Cristo Club

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President's Message

We are into another year. Our January meeting was mostly about business and short on entertainment. I hope to change that in the coming months.

The Crab Feed is now our biggest event of the year. We used this first meeting to review in detail our plans for the Crab Feed. Most of our members do not attend this event although they should. However Club volunteers help in the day prior to the event with set-up and decoration. Members contribute generously to the raffle and help with registration. For this reason we needed to spend time discussing the event with everyone.

We need your help again this year. Give Gary or John a call and ask how you can help. If you have something for the raffle, bring it to the February meeting. Raffle items can be anything from that unwanted Christmas gift to Giants tickets.

At the February meeting we will have a video tape of the MAFCA National Convention held in San Francisco and a display of marbles from the marbles we played with as kids through present day art glass marbles.

Thanks to everyone who came to the President's Brunch. We had a very enjoyable tour to a very unlikely place. There is a lot of history here in San Francisco. We take most of it for granted. Thanks to Kristine and Walter for bringing a bit of it to life.

See you at the February 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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Northern California Regional Group Roundup

May 27-29, 2011

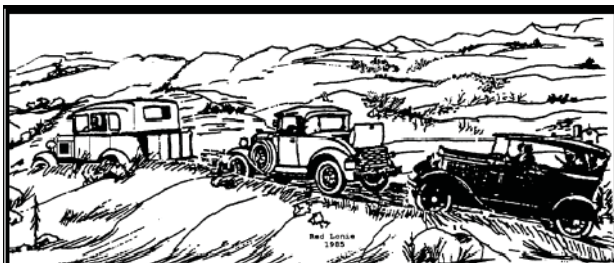
A Bit of Heaven in 2011
www.diabloas.com

The Diablo A's would like to invite you to join us for the 49th annual NCRG Roundup. It will be held in Vallejo, CA at Dan Foley Park: a site that is perfect for a Roundup. Dan Foley Park offers a beautiful setting with full wheelchair accessible facilities. This Roundup will be an easy drive to attend, with several routes that avoid the I-80 freeway.

Foley Park is located close to the host hotel: The Courtyard by Marriott, which is adjacent to the Solano County Fairgrounds and the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom amusement park. Our theme is "A Bit Of Heaven In 2011" and we look forward to being your host at this heavenly Roundup in 2011.



Please check the Diablo A's website at www.diabloas.com for Roundup information.



In 2011, all roads lead to Vallejo, California!

Crab Feed

at the Monte Cristo Club
Saturday March 5

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 in this month's **Choke Rod** for more information and to make reservations.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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|---------------------|-------------|
| 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 |

Refreshments at the
January meeting
were provided by
Kathy Pedone

Thelma Chun
will provide refreshments
at the February meeting.



War!

Head of the National Socialist (Nazi) party, Adolph Hitler had ruled Germany since 1933. He told the German people that he would build Germany into a mighty empire. He told his soliders, "Close your eyes to pity! Act brutally!" In March 1938 Hitler's troops crossed the Austrian border and took over Austria. In September 1938 they took over Sudetenland, a part of Czechoslovakia. By March 1939, they had taken over the rest of Czechoslovakia. "Conquest is not only a right but a duty," Hilter said.

Some people spoke out against Hilter, but they were not strong enough to stop him. Hilter's secret police, the Gestapo, destroyed anyone who opposed him. In 1933 the first concentration camp was built at Dachau, Germany. Others were built as Hilter escalated his efforts to eliminate anyone he considered undesirable. Gypsies, communists, gay men, lesbians, people with mental or physical disabilities, and millions of Jews were sent to concentration camps.

Outside of Germany the leaders of France and Great Britain thought they could appease Hitler by letting him take some territory, hoping that would satisfy him. Leaders of other countries, such as Benito Mussolini, the dictator of Italy, signed treaties of friendship with Hitler. The military leaders of Japan did as well. On August 24, 1939 Russia signed a nonaggression treaty with Germany that shocked the world. The two countries agreed to "refrain from every act of force, every aggressive action, and every attack against each one another."

At dawn on September 1, 1939, German troops, tanks, and aircraft attacked Poland, the country that lay between Russia and Germany. Great Britain and France warned Hitler that they would go to war if he didn't withdraw his troops. Hitler ignored them and Great Britain and France declared war on Germany on September 3, officially starting the World War II.

America was determined to stay out of the fighting. World War I had left most Americans disillusioned about war. They had fought that war believing it was the war to end all wars, but now another one was raging. Americans had also been disillusioned when they found out a Senate investigation revealed that many businessmen had made huge sums of money off the war. These people were labeled "merchants of death."

The United States was still recovering from the Great Depression, which had left millions of Americans

struggling to find jobs, food, and housing. War news was everywhere, in newsreels at the movies theaters, photographs in magazines (like Life), and on the radio with bombs whistling in the background.

In 1940 Hitler added more countries to his list-Norway, Denmark, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, and France. German bombers blasted Britain, and German submarines sank huge numbers of ships. Italy and Japan invaded more countries and on June 22, 1941 Germany violated its nonaggression agreement and invaded Russia.

As the war spread the Unites States responded in various ways. In 1940, Congress voted to spend more money for national defense. It also passed the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up a system for drafting men into the armed forces. In March 1941, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, which gave the president authority to send weapons, food, and equipment to Great Britain.

On Sunday, December 7, 1941 Japanese dive bombers, torpedo planes, and fighters attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor. Caught by surprise, the U.S. fleet was devastated with 2,403 Americans dead, five battleships sank, others severely damaged, and 200 planes destroyed.

The next day congress voted to declare war on Japan. Several days later Germany and Italy declared war on the United States and the United States declared war on Germany and Italy. The United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, and 45 other countries joined together and became known as the Allies. Germany, Japan, Italy, and three other countries became known as the Axis.



Rachelle Marquez

Early Ford Wire Wheels

All of these wheels had 5 on 5.5 bolt pattern and about the only other thing they had in common was that they all have a space for a flange inside the bolt pattern circle. This flange or two plane bolt pattern pad was only on mechanical brakes so when using 40-48 or any other brake setup a spacer should be used to give the 1928-35 wheel support on the inside of the bolt pattern, but many people don't and they usually seem to be OK. But you should definitely not use newer Ford wheels on mechanical brakes.



28-29s are 21"x3" wheels with welded spokes. As you can see the top spokes are straight lace and the bottom spokes are single-cross. They have a rolled bead rim and are prone to cracking on the hub from one of the bottom spokes to the bottom or back of the hub.

30-31s are pretty much the same thing as 28-29s except for they are a 19"x3" wheel with a normal bead rim called knife edge. Same pattern for spokes, cracks in the same place and welded. These are 18"x3 1/4" wheels with welded spokes. The spokes are single cross on top and bottom. Hubcap hole size is 5 3/4, as is the rest of the wheels mentioned here forward. Unlike the two Model A wheels the lugnuts on these are covered by the hubcap.



32s are 18"x3-1/4" wheels with welded spokes. The spokes are single cross on top and bottom. Hubcap hole size is 5 3/4, as is the rest of the wheels mentioned here forward. Unlike the two Model A wheels the lugnuts on these are covered by the hubcap.

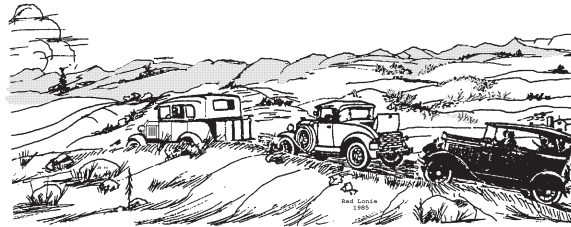
This 34 is a 17"x3 1/4" rim that is pretty much the same as 32s.



Same as 32-34 wheels but they're 16"x4" These are by far the most plentiful because back in the war years, when a car needed new tires, a set of these wheels with new tires could be had for less than a set of 17" or 18" tires because of the price of rubber if you could find them. A good way to tell these apart from 17s and 18s without measuring is the valve stem hole. The 16" has a normal hole in the flat part of the rim, while 17" and 18" have the hole in a humped up area. (see pictures of the 17" and 18")

2011 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

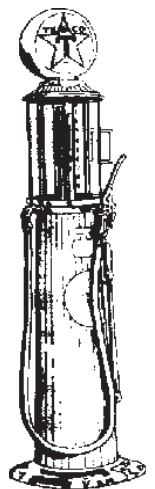


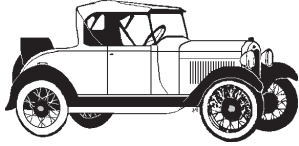
| MONTH | DAY | TOUR LEADER | TOUR |
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| JAN | 30 | BARRY KINNEY | PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH |
| MARCH | 5 SATURDAY | SF MODEL A FORD CLUB | CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB |
| APRIL | TBA | KINNEY | GREEK CULTURAL PARADE & CELEBRATION |
| MAY | 1 | SF MODEL A FORD CLUB | DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY |
| APRIL-MAY | 29-1 | KINNEY | SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA |
| MAY | TBA | KINNEY | FRIENDSHIP DAY - CAÑADA COLLEGE |
| MAY | 30 MONDAY | CAPLAN | MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO |
| JUNE | 18 SATURDAY | CAPLAN / OWSLEY | ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND |
| JUNE | 26 | CAPLAN / OWSLEY | PRIDE PARADE & PICNIC LUNCH |
| JUNE | 26 | PETERSON / JUMP / THOMAS | PALO ALTO CONCOURS AT STANFORD |
| JULY | TBA | BETTENCOURT | FIREHOUSE TOUR - SAN FRANCISCO |
| SEPT | 11 | KINNEY | ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE |
| SEPT | 22-25 | CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO | OVERNIGHTER-MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS |
| OCT | TBA | CAPLAN / OWSLEY | JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK |
| NOV | 13 | GREG MARTINEZ | VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET |
| DEC | 10 SATURDAY | 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.

2011 Schedule of Events

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| Jan 29-30 | Turlock Swap Meet |
| May 27-29 | NCRG Round-Up in Dan Foley Pary, Vallejo, CA www.ncrgmafca.com |
| Aug 1-6 | Northwest Regional Group Meet. |
| Dec 1-4 | MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet Santa Rosa, CA - Host Sonoma A's |





**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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January 13, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Barry Kinney. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written. Franz Von Ukermann brought his friend Pat.

Reports of Officers

President: The President's brunch will be held Sunday January 30th at Harding Park. There will be a short mystery tour before hand. Everyone will meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 9:45 am.

The Christmas party was a success. Everyone had a great time. The cake was wonderful. The next one will be at the same place Saturday December 11th.

The annual crab feed will be Saturday March 5th at the Monte Cristo Club.

Vice President: Vice President Mahl reported that a cheaper and better dinner could be had at Sharp Park.

Treasurer: Seventeen people have paid their dues so far.

Bob Craig Sr's 75th birthday is the same day as the President's brunch.

John Bettencourt's birthday is January 23rd.

Jeanine Mahl's Model A is back together and running.

Secretary: No report.

Editor: Walter wants articles for the **Choke Rod**.

For The Good Of The Order: Al Thomas reported on the Palo Alto Concours. The American mark will be Model T's, Model A's and flatheads. The show will be Sunday June 26th. They are looking for judges and car parkers.

Kathy brought the snacks this time and Thelma will bring them in Feb.

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

The next monthly Meeting will be Thursday February 10, 2011 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 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.

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, February 10, 2011

A number of club members gather together for dinner before the monthly meeting at 6 pm.

Please feel free to join us -- February dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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is available online in color
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Crab Feed - Saturday March 5

Benefiting
MAKE-A-WISH

FEBRUARY MEETING
Thursday February 10, 2011
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco

RENEW NOW

see Insert for
2011 Membership Form