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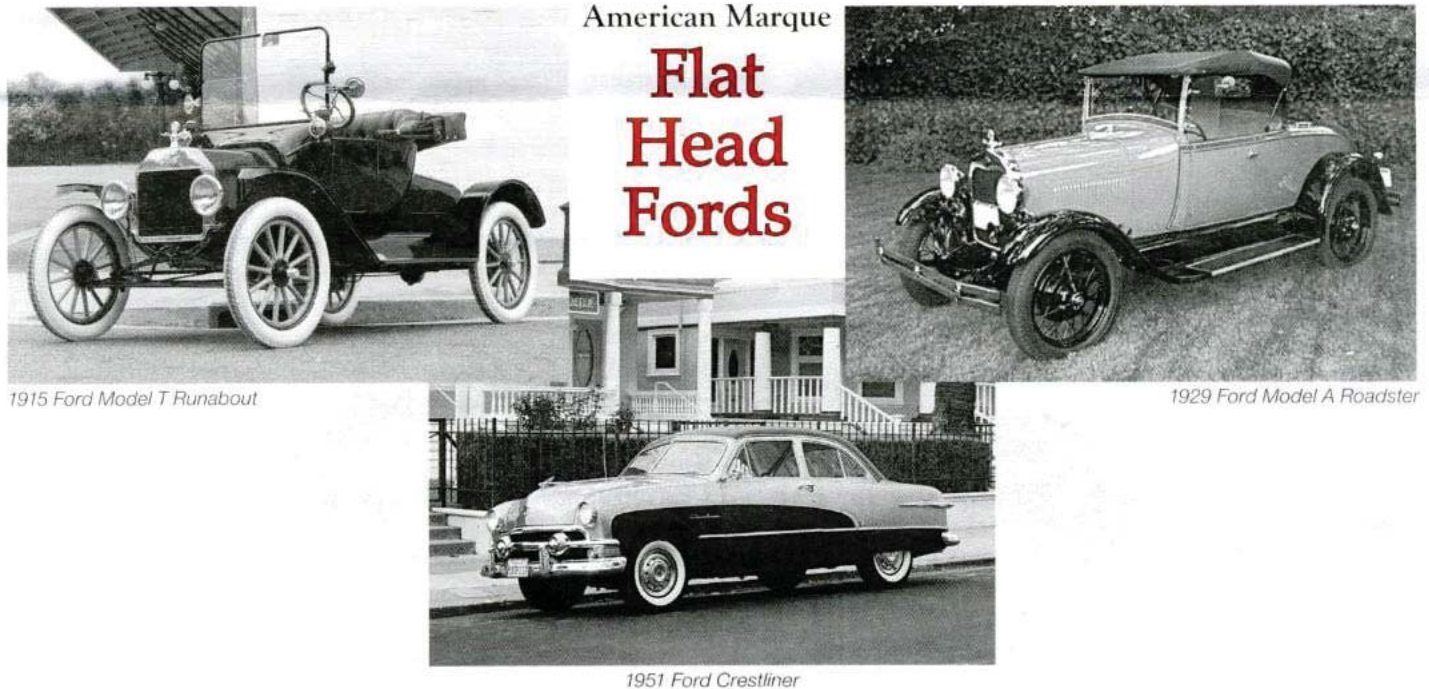
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This month we finished crunching the numbers and after all is said and done our Club, for the first time in our history, will not rely on dues to cover Club expenses. The Crab Feed was a resounding success. Our Club owes Garry Barrango, John Zuffi, and their families a sincere and heartfelt thank you.

Our increased income will allow the Club to make a respectful contribution to our charity, Make A Wish Foundation. The Club will be able to maintain an award winning quality newsletter and support other club activities. Gary has suggested that the Club have an all expense paid, all you can eat, club members only, dinner at the Monte Cristo Club in September. Look for the invitation in our next newsletter.

I want to thank Jeanine Mahl for stepping up to help the Club. She has agreed to perform the task of Treasurer for the remainder of this year. Steve Owsley has been serving the Club as Treasurer and was longtime Editor of the **Choke Rod** assisted by Walter Caplan. Walter has assumed co-editor responsibility for the **Choke Rod** with Scott Williams and he will continue as Membership Chairman. We thank Steve for all his efforts on behalf of the club. Behind the scenes Walter coordinates a number of tours each year and writes a short article for the Club Activities section of our national magazine, **The Restorer**.

Walter performs a number of tasks without complaint but it is unfair to ask so much of any one member. Steve and Scott pitch in to help and we would not have a newsletter or a balance sheet without them. However, Jeanine will be a welcome addition to our small hard working executive committee.

See you at the meeting,

Barry Kinney



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Palo Alto Concours D'Elegance Stanford University - Sunday June 26

The 45th annual fund-raising event of the Palo Alto Host Lions Club and the Palo Alto Lions Charities, Inc. Club members Jenny Jump, Al Thomas and Joan Peterson are actively involved in producing this charitable affair.

This year we will be touring to this event. We'll meet at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club at 8 am and leave at 8:30 am. Everyone who wishes to attend will need to fill out an application. We will display our cars in a reserved picnic grove. **If interested in joining us on this tour contact Barry Kinney ASAP at 415-282-2789.**

See the insert in this issue of the **Choke Rod** for more information or www.paconcours.com.

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

Palace of Fine Arts Tour Sunday August 21

We are fortunate to be able to tour the recently renovated Palace of Fine Arts with Barbara from San Francisco City Guides (you may recognize her from Barry's office). Look for details in the July **Choke Rod**.

Refreshments at the
May meeting
were provided by
Walter Caplan & Stuart Fong

Jeanine Mahl
will provide refreshments
at the June meeting.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

Saturday June 18 - 2 pm

The ninth 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 18th. 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

Marin A's Octoberfest

Saturday September 10

Marin Rod & Gun Club - San Rafael

The Marin A's have invited the Napa A's, the Sonoma A's, and the SF Bay Area Chapter to their 2011 Octoberfest to be held on Saturday September 10th beginning at 11 am at the Marin Rod and Gun Club in San Rafael.

The Marin A's request you bring your Model A (if possible), hat, sunscreen, sweater (could be warm, could be foggy), camera, and any adult drinks you may want. Food and drink (water and soda) provided by the Marin A's. There is no cost - we are guests of the Marin A's.

Last year we all had a great time.

Details to follow in upcoming **Choke Rods**.

Overnighter to Murphys

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

Friday - Sunday, September 23 - 25

By popular demand, for a fifth year the Club is planning another weekend tour to the gold country with stops along the way, group dinners, and a fantastic car show on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Ironstone Winery in Murphys. A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved by Barry Kinney for club members.

Accommodations are limited and will be on a "first come - first served" basis. Call Barry at 415-282-2789 to reserve a room.

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney

The Sixties

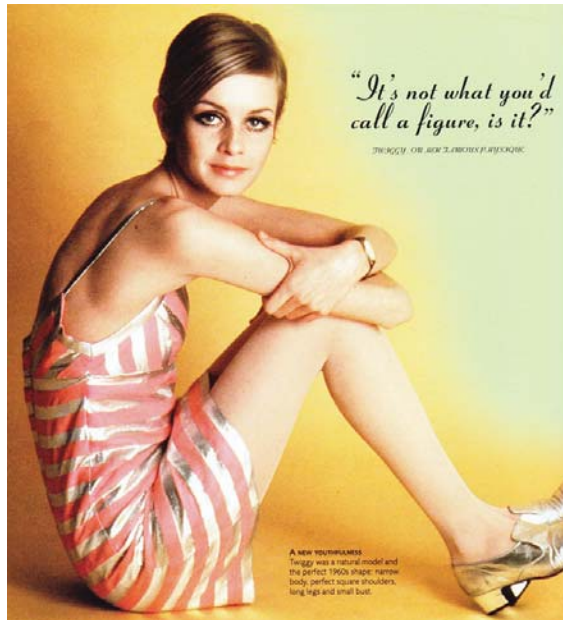
1966

In March 1965 Leslie Hornby met Nigel Davis, a popular mod working in a hair salon. Nigel became her boyfriend, manager, and agent changing his name to Justin de Villeneuve. He renamed Leslie "Twiggy", referring to her waif-like figure (she measured at 5'4", 90 lbs. and 32-22-32). Two weeks into her career Twiggy was booked solid and went on to become the world's highest paid model of the 1960's.

Twiggy, a childlike British with doe eyes and gamine-crop hairdo has been labeled the original waif. The exaggerated clown make-up and skeletal figure was a ground breaking aesthetic for the times. She was the first model to become a celebrity overnight with her boyish looks and figure. This look was a bold departure from the curvy female forms of the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's. Twiggy's flat-chested figure was the ideal role model for women about to go braless in the 1960's. Her 32" breasts needed no support under her trademark shift dresses and became an icon of the 1960's cultural revolution.

Twiggy was 15 when she started modeling but retired four years later from burn out. Shortly following her career in modeling she branched out to singing and acting and played alongside Ken Russell in the hit movie *The Boyfriend*. She won two Golden Globes in 1971 for Best Actress and Most Promising Newcomer.

In 1967 Mattel released a Twiggy Barbie doll in response to the huge popularity of the icon who elemental in creating the lanky, flat silhouette that was popular in the 1960's. Originating from the German 1950's comic strip, Barbie is the best selling doll in the world, sold in 140 countries at a rate of two dolls every second. Some say Barbie made girls comfortable with the idea of puberty, growing into a woman, and getting breasts. Others say the doll was a powerful catalyst for eating disorders and poor body image amount teenagers and young women. The same criticism has been shifted to Twiggy, Kate Moss, and waifs of the 1990's. The pressure to be thin is still very much present.



1968

Popular lore has Atlantic City women removing their bras in public, tossing them into a trash can and igniting them. Historians believe this never happened. Unable to get a fire permit women went ahead with their protest but could only make the gesture of throwing the bras into a trash can. Subsequently, there may have been bra bonfires in towns across the U.S. What were burned were draft cards and flags in protest of the Vietnam War. Some experts suggest the bras in the trash can and the burning of the draft cards may have merged to create the mind's eye image of a flaming brassiere. For many women bra burners had turned the bra into a visual symbol of gender oppression, while introducing the idea of going braless as a way to enjoy physical comfort above meeting social expectations.

In the 1960's going against the bra was as radical as wearing one just a few decades earlier. Discarding the bra was an important step in allowing women to put their own physical comfort over society's collective discomfort. Bralessness was a gradual process that started with

the hippies to the bra burners to the breast feeding movement. Once Americans were used to seeing natural breasts people became more accepting of seeing them unbound and moving freely under clothing.

Braless women gave women a choice to wear one or not. The braless trend encouraged lingerie companies to lure braless females back to the underwear wearing fold by creating more comfortable bras, with more natural silhouettes.

Jane Fonda played the sexy sci-fi character Barbarella in the 1968 classic film. Fonda's character wears many intriguing bra-like garments, celebrating the female form and naturally loses at least one piece of her outfit per scene in the process.

Rachelle Marquez

Getting Ready For War (part one)

The story of women workers in World War II begins with the story of America's extraordinary industrial mobilization. According to Donald Nelson, head of the War Production Board, "This is the record: For nine years before Pearl Harbor, Germany, Italy, and Japan prepared intensively for war, while as late as 1940 the war production of peaceful America was virtually nothing. Yet two years later the output of our war factories equaled that of the three Axis nations combined."

Anticipating America's involvement in the war, FDR called in May 1940 for an increase in production of material (equipment, apparatus, and supplies)-more than a year and a half before Pearl Harbor. "I believe that this nation should plan at this time a program that would provide us with fifty thousand military and naval planes," he said in a speech to Congress. In December, FDR announced that the United States "must be the great arsenal for democracy."

Throughout 1940, U.S. industry increased its production of war material. As new jobs were created, the number of unemployed people dropped, finally signaling the end of the Great Depression. Men were the first people hired, but as the need for workers increased, employers slowly began hiring women. In early 1941, Vultee Aircraft Company in Los Angeles, California hired twenty-five women. In East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, the Springfield Armory hired fourteen women.

Many employees still refused to hire women. According to the men in charge, women did not have the physical strength, mechanical ability, and emotional stability to do high-paying, skilled factory jobs. In addition,

employers said, the presence of women would distract men.

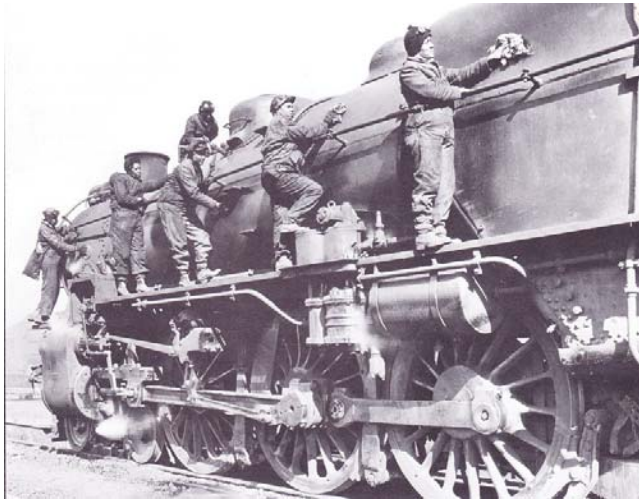
Discrimination in the workplace was nothing new for women. It had existed throughout American history. With few exceptions, women had been barred from jobs or professions that paid well or had status.

The barriers against women workers had been heightened by the Great Depression, when jobs were very scarce. Married women bore the brunt of the prejudice because many people thought that one salary should be enough to support any family. Laws were passed that prohibited married women from getting jobs in local government.

During the 1930-31 school year, a survey of fifteen hundred school districts reported that 77 percent of the districts refused to hire married women and 63 percent of them fired women teachers if they married. In 1936, 82 percent of all Americans said that wives should not work if their husbands had a job. In 1939, 84 percent of insurance companies and 65 percent of banks put limits on married women working.

In early 1941, anticipating the need to hire at least some women workers to fill the increasing number of defense jobs, the U.S. government made efforts to encourage the employment

of women. A federal agency produced a ten-minute film, "Women in Defense." It was written by FDR's wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, and narrated by a popular actress, Katherine Hepburn. The film showed women in a variety of roles- including a scientist, a factory worker, and a Red Cross volunteer. "This woman is a modern Pioneer" was one of the lines that Hepburn repeated many times in the film.



Rachelle Marquez

Tours, Their Planning and Execution

First, let me say that occasionally no one will come to your party/tour. So plan your tour for yourself. Make it something you would like to do regardless of whether or not you have company.

Come to the Club meeting with a plan. Present your plan by saying, "I'm going to Fresno in August would anyone like to come with me." Don't offer the plan and then expect someone else to lead the tour. If you simply say, "I think a tour to Fresno would be cool," it will never happen.

Try to get a commitment or head count. Have a contact number available. Never count on the count. Consider it an estimate. You will know who is coming when you arrive at the starting point, usually the Pacific Rod and Gun Club. Once you know who is coming you can make adjustments in your planning for meals and lodging.

Detail the Tour. Prepare an outline/map that includes where you are starting, the location of rest stops, lunch, dinner, and approximate time of each. If you plan an over-nighter provide lodging information. For help with lodging arrangements, get advice from an experienced Club member.

Have a short discussion with your group before you start. Find out who is having car trouble. Assign someone to drive the "drag" (usually the best mechanic). Remind the modern cars, rods, and faster A's that they should

go ahead to the rest stop or destination. The slower cars will catch-up. Review the route. Make sure everyone is on the same page. Share cell phone numbers.

Make your first rest stop less than one hour after the tour begins. Make a mental note of how many children and old timers you have on the tour. Old folks and children have small urinary bladders and will need that first stop before you reach the thirty mile marker.

Go rain or shine. Never abort the tour prematurely because the weather man predicts rain. The sissy open top show cars won't show up but that is no reason to cancel your tour. On a bad weather day go to the start point and wait. Keep your cell phone on. You will get a few cancellation calls. However, the tour is always a go. If no one shows, go it alone or go home.

Never loose your cool. Unexpected things are going to happen. Old cars break. People do dumb things. Restaurants and motels don't always consider a bunch of car people important. Roll with the punches. Consider it an adventure.

Lastly, NEVER leave a car behind. Get the wounded car home even if it means an extra night on the road. Rent a U Haul trailer, do whatever it takes, but don't leave anyone stranded.

Now, where did you say you wanted to go?

Barry Kinney

Tire Rotation on the Model A

Tire rotation extends the life of a tire by helping all the tires wear at the same rate. The Model A is heavier in the front so the front tires wear more quickly. The right front tire tends to wear out more quickly than the left front because out traffic patterns are designed with more left-hand turns (which load the right front tire) at higher speeds. So our tires wear at different rates.

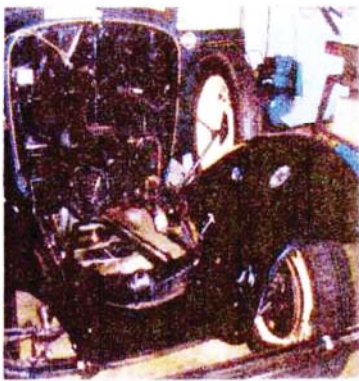
Rotation makes the entire set wear at the same rate, by equalizing the wear. You can rotate them easily and it should be part of your annual tune-up for the car. Of course, how many miles you put on your A makes a difference. Our tires are softer material than found on your modern car so rotation is recommended every 3,000 miles.

In rotation, the front tires will be moved to the opposite sides of the rear, right-front to left-rear, left-front to right-rear, and the rears moved straight forward. This "cross-rotation" pattern will keep our little cars on the road longer. Don't forget to check toe-in after rotating them. And most importantly, keep your tires properly inflated to 32 lbs.

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER



Mike Cunneen



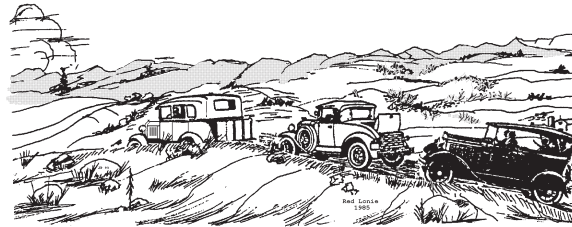
Mike Cunneen bought his phaeton from a guy who owned a warehouse in Vallejo. It was a "basket case". It was originally in Ohio when this guy's dad found it. He trailored it to California. The dad had it for ten years and then the son sold the car. His 1932 Ford Model 18 (V8)--Got it as a standard and restoration converted it to Delux. Mike drives the car every weekend. Picks up Don Hineman and they go to Mary's Place for breakfast. Mike got the car 12 years ago. Took 5 years to restore. He has shown the car at Mare Island Concourse and the Palo Alto Lions where it took 2nd in both events. Driven 14,000 miles since 2003. Restoration was started with Don Hineman in 1998.



Mike also runs the Rubicon Jeep Trail with his son every year. He drives a 1977 CJ5 Jeep--stock with a Ford truck transmission with a granny gear. The first year he burned the clutch out. The second year he put in a new transmission. Mike joined the Club through Don Hineman in 1994. Among their accomplishments, Don and Mike have restored a '29 roadster. Mike and Don's friendship goes back to when Mike worked for Don. In 1959, a Mazatlan trip was planned in Don's 1958 Porsche Convertible D. They were going so fast that they went by a Mexican cop on a Harley and he couldn't catch them.

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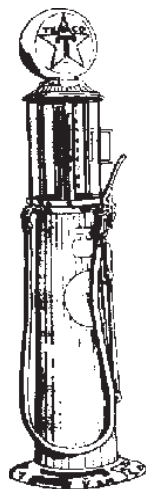
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	30	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
MARCH	5 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
APRIL	TBA	KINNEY	GREEK CULTURAL PARADE & CELEBRATION
APRIL-MAY	29-1	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
MAY	1	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	15	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
AUG	21	KINNEY	PALACE OF FINE ARTS TOUR - SAN FRANCISCO
SEPT	10 SATURDAY	MARIN A'S	ANNUAL "OCTOBERFEST" CELEBRATION
SEPT	11	KINNEY	ANTIQUÉ 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.

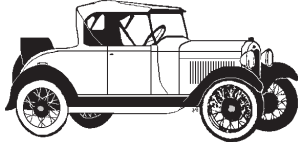
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Steve Pedone** at **408-749-0469**
We encourage Club Members to plan additional **driving tours** throughout the year.
There is room for more than one activity or tour per month.

2011 Schedule of Events

Jan 29-30
May 27-29
Aug 1-6
Dec 1-4

Turlock Swap Meet
NCRG Round-Up in Dan Foley Pary, Vallejo, CA www.ncrgmafca.com
Northwest Regional Group Meet.
MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet
Santa Rosa, CA - Host Sonoma A's





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May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were no guests. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: Barry asked that members volunteer to do tours or to be a contact person on a tour. Jenny Jump reported that she is heading up a tour on July 17th in San Jose. It will be a car show that benefits cancer. She will get the info to the editor. Jeanine Mahl suggested having breakfast at the Half Moon Bay airport. Friendship Day will be Sunday May 15th. Everyone will be on their own for this one. The Memorial Day parade will be Monday May 30th. We will meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 8:00. Father's Day at St. Anne's will be June 18th at 2:00 pm. The Palo Alto Concours will be Sunday June 26th.

Barry suggested that we should help out Walter a little, since he's been acting as bookkeeper and is producing the newsletter every month. As of July 1st Jeanine Mahl will take over as treasurer. We need to go through our **Choke Rod** mailing list and eliminate anyone who has not paid dues in a long time.

Vice President: Gunard suggested that we do a tour of the vine country in Pope Valley. He also suggested a trip on the Niles Canyon railroad and/or Roaring Camp. Also Barry suggested we take one of the walking tours of San Francisco. It would be in July or August.

Treasurer: Walter did not have the complete information on the crab feed but will report in June. He wants to look at our expenses, compare them with last year, and find out where we spent more money than last year, and where we can save money. He will have a report at the next meeting.

Secretary: No report.

Editor: No Report

Tour Director: No Report

For The Good Of The Order: Gary Barrango suggested we have a dinner at the Monte Cristo Club. It would be free to members whose dues are current. Walter will include information on tours from other clubs in the **Choke Rod**. Walter read an article on Mike Cunneen from the El Camino A's.

Walter brought the refreshments and Stuart Fong brought watermelon. Jeanine Mahl will bring refreshments to the June meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next monthly Meeting will be Thursday June 9, 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, June 9, 2011

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

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