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President's Message

If you don't mind the occasional tornado, Oklahoma is beautiful this time of year. I should be back in time for our next meeting. We celebrate Memorial Day this month. So, put a few flags on your car and come out to the Presidio. We will meet at the Rod and Gun Club and caravan out the Presidio. Look for the announcement in **The Choke Rod**.



I want to thank Nell Richmond for her contributions to the Club "Tool Box". We have a socket set, several nice wrenches, some miscellaneous screw drivers and a small tool box. We now have enough wrenches. We need a few additional items to make the collection complete. If you would like to donate something to the tool box, make it a screw driver or a set of manifold gaskets, some clevis pins or set of plugs.

We have plans to put our award winning publication, **The Choke Rod**, on CD's. I know it can be done. It sounds simple. But to make this dream come true it will take a considerable amount of time, a religious dedication, and an unwavering commitment by the Club. So, lets get-er-done!

I will miss Dream Machines, Auburn and the Round-Up, but I will catch up with the news at the next 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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Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio Monday, May 28

The Mayor's 2012 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 144th Memorial Day observance. The traditional event will be held at the Presidio National Cemetery. We have been asked to display our pre-WWII vehicles at the Main Post at 9 am. The Parade will begin at 10:30 am, followed by the Formal Ceremony from 11 am to 12 noon. **The committee has set aside a special location at the ceremony site to park and exhibit our cars.** We will assemble at the Rod & Gun Club at 8 am and depart at 8:30 for the Presidio. We will gather after the ceremony for lunch at the Presidio Golf Course Cafe.

Tour Leaders: Barry Kinney, RSVP 415-282-2789
Walter Caplan, RSVP 415-753-3280

Palo Alto Concours D'Elegance Stanford University - Sunday June 24

The 46th 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.**

Go to www.paconcours.com for more information.

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Mel Patsel	May 1
Jean Kling	May 7
Fred Grafelman	May 9
Victoria Amber Martinez	May 10
Maria Rosario Young	May 13
Maria Victoria Young	May 14
Lester Kling	May 19
Leonard Paul Young	May 29
Brian Frieh	May 30

Friendship Day 2012 - Sunday May 20 at 1400 Seaport Blvd. Redwood City Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

Always a popular event, "Friendship Day" is sponsored by Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. This collector car show has been held for 38 years and is one of Northern California's biggest and friendliest events. It is mainly aimed at hobbyists who bring their collector vehicles to show and includes all kinds of collectible cars and trucks. No judging, no awards, no vendors, no pre-registration! Just pay at the gate, park your car, and walk and talk. Great BBQ lunch is available. Bob Craig, Sr. is volunteering at this event collecting gate fees, so be sure to say hello to him.

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

The event is being held at 1400 Seaport Blvd, Redwood City from **8 am - 3 pm.**

Entry/registration fee: \$15/car (unlimited people)

Seaport Blvd. is the eastern extension of Woodside Road at highway 101.

Feel free to bring a picnic lunch as well as lawn chairs. **Don't forget to RSVP Barry Kinney at 415-282-2789.**

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"A" Rush to the Gold 50th NCRG Roundup 2012 Sonora, CA Friday - Sunday May 25 - 27

Hosted by the Sonora A's, the Roundup consists of registration beginning at noon on Friday followed by a weekend of events culminating in a banquet Sunday at 6 PM. Banquet seating is limited and there are fewer than 40 seats remaining. Registration is \$60 and is due by April 1st with a late registration fee of \$75 after that date.

See NCRG Roundup 2012 insert in this month's **Choke Rod**.

Tom and Terry Machado and the Linden A's will be hosting one or more special events at their home in Twain Harte over the course of the weekend.

www.ncrgmafca.com

Refreshments at the April meeting were provided by **Jeanine Mahl**

Paul De Martini will provide refreshments at the May meeting.





A 1930 Station Wagon is just the car to greet out of town guests at the train station and for this occasion the hostess wears a lovely wool coat accented with a full fur collar. She completes her outfit with a felt cloche hat. The host has removed his Fedora to greet the guests and offer a ride in the rear seat of his new four door Station Wagon to their country estate. The arriving lady is wearing a wool clutch coat featuring a full fox collar, she too has donned a cloche and completes her ensemble with kid gloves and leather pumps. Both gentlemen are wearing full business suits while the arriving gentleman has draped his top coat over his arm and completes this winter scene with a black Homburg.

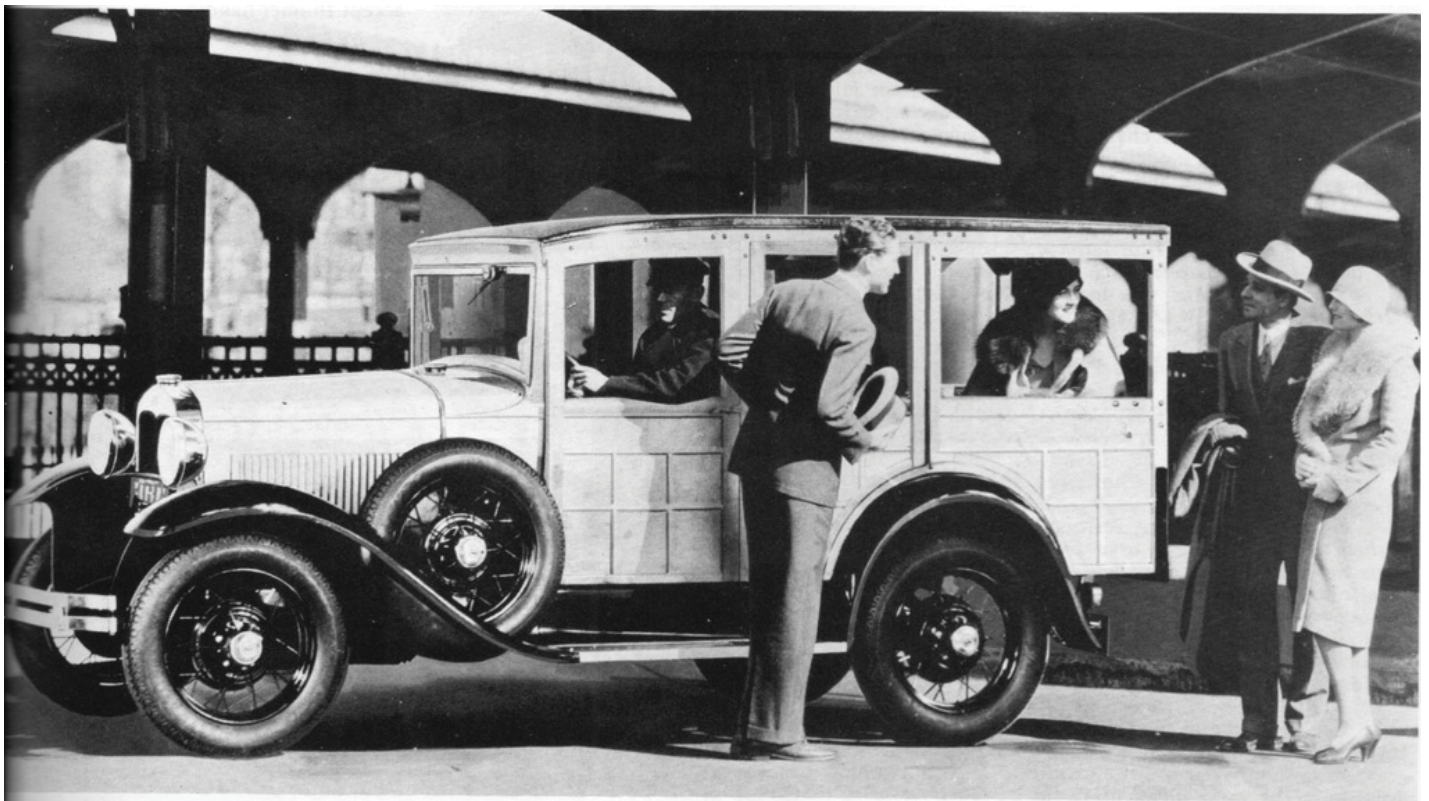
This is a nice photograph that provides an outstanding example of era hats. Even though light-weight hats have

been illustrated in an earlier issue of this column it is important to point out the winter wardrobe in the chapeau line. Soft felts with wide brims are a must in every man's world. The Homburg and Fedora are displayed by the well-dressed business executive. A derby or bowler is reserved for the dark suits and top coats as well as the more formal occasion when a tuxedo is called for. Of course top hats, both silk and Beaver fur, are exclusively worn with the full morning suit or the high fashion swallow tail suits.

Ladies felt hats are deep crowned, some with very narrow brims and usually of the cloche style as illustrated. After some research we find felt used for hats comes from both fur and wool. The finest hats consist of felt made from Beaver fur. The pelts are soaked in a chemical and then the fur is shaved from the skins. The wet fur is pressed into appropriate-sized pieces and then molded into various styles. The derby is stiffened with a shellac and alcohol solution.



We cannot leave this picture without bringing to your attention the wool uniform and matching cap worn by the sophisticated chauffeur ready to drive this beautiful Station Wagon and its occupants home to the country estate.



1930 MODEL A FORD STATION WAGON

Photo courtesy of the Ford Archives, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich.

Common Carburetor Problems

Many so-called "Carburetor Symptoms" can also be caused by other sources.

False Carburetor Symptoms

- Ignition not properly timed
- Distributor points are adjusted incorrectly or they are defective
- Spark plugs are defective, worn, or dirty
- Condenser is defective
- Ignition coil or high voltage coil wire is defective
- Valves are not properly adjusted or they have excessive carbon deposits
- Fuel line is clogged, dirty, or leaking
- Air filter is restricting flow causing carburetor to run rich
- So, don't be too quick to assume that the problem is the carburetor
- Try putting a "Known Good" carburetor on the engine and see how the symptoms are effected

To aid in troubleshooting, common symptoms are noted and their most common causes are identified.

Problems when driving over 30 to 35 MPH

- Float is set too low.
- Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Main Jet & Drain Plug.
- Main Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Upper Casting Fuel Line Passage is restricted to Float Valve via Filter Strainer.

Problems when driving 5-35 MPH

- Gas Adjusting Valve is open too much or seat is not honed to let needle seal.
- Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Secondary Well via GAV Seat Hole.
- Compensator Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Compensator Jet Orifice is too large.
- Gas Adjusting Valve Brass Seat is missing from carburetors built through 1929.
- Lower Casting Comp. Jet Passage is restricted to Cap Jet via Secondary Well.

Engine won't idle smoothly at 350 to 450 RPM

- Vacuum leaks at manifold gaskets, wiper line, or throttle shaft.
- Idling Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Idle Air Adjust Screw is misadjusted or too short, collapsing spring before it seats.
- Idling Jet Orifice is too large.
- Throttle Idle Adjustment Screw is misadjusted.
- Upper Casting Idle Jet Passage is restricted to Idle throat port.
- Upper Casting Air Adjust Screw Passage is restricted to vent hole.

Engine dies when vehicle comes to a stop

- Float is set too high or a pin hole absorbs gasoline into float.

- Compensator Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Idling Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Idle Air Adjust Screw is misadjusted or too short, collapsing spring before it seats.
- Throttle Idle Adjustment Screw is misadjusted.
- Upper Casting Idle Jet Passage is restricted to Idle throat port.

Gas Leaks from Carburetor

- Float Valve does not seat properly due to dirt, rust or material failure.
- Float is set too high or a pin hole absorbs gasoline into float.
- Main Jet or Cap Jet Tip is not "dished" / "indented".
- Loose fuel line fitting, drain plug, filter strainer, GAV, Passage plugs, etc..
- Gaskets are not sealing properly.
- Gasket at Main Jet is too thick or multiples are used, resulting in tip being too low.

Low mileage / Sooty plugs / Mixture rich / Smell gas

- Gas Adjusting Valve is open too much or seat is not honed to let needle seal.
- Compensator Jet Orifice is too large.
- Gas Adjusting Valve Brass Seat is missing from carburetors built through 1929.
- Air Filter is restricting air flow.

Mixture lean and over heating

- Float is set too low.
- Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Main Jet & Drain Plug.
- Compensator Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Gasket at Main Jet is too thick or multiples are used, resulting in tip being too low.
- Main Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Upper Casting Fuel Line Passage is restricted to Float Valve via Filter Strainer.
- Lower Casting Comp. Jet Passage is restricted to Cap Jet via Secondary Well.

Back fires at high speeds

- Float is set too low.
- Main Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.

Miss and jerks on hard pulls at low speeds

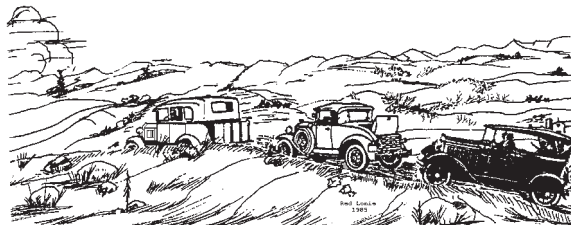
- Compensator Jet Orifice contains dirt or rust, or is too small.
- Lower Casting Comp. Jet Passage is restricted to Cap Jet via Secondary Well.

Opening GAV does not provide extra fuel at low speeds
Common Causes

- Gas Adjusting Valve Seat is blocked with dirt or rust.
- Lower Casting Bowl Passage is restricted to Secondary Well via GAV Seat Hole.

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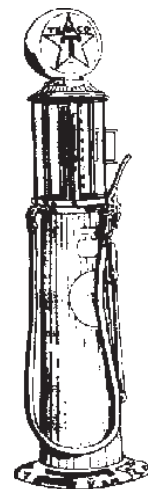


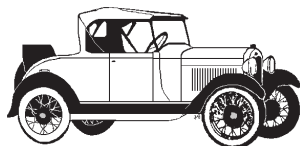
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	29	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
MARCH	3 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	17 SATURDAY	THUNDERBIRD CLUBS	A DAY AT THE RACES
MARCH	24 SATURDAY	KINNEY	GREEK CULTURAL FESTIVAL
APRIL	27-29	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
APRIL	28-29	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	19 SATURDAY	THUNDERBIRD CLUBS	ANNUAL T'BIRD MIGRATION - RICHMOND
MAY	20	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - CAÑADA COLLEGE
MAY	28 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	16 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	24	PETERSON / JUMP / THOMAS	PALO ALTO CONCOURS AT STANFORD
JULY	TBA	TBA	TBA
AUG	TBA	TBA	TBA
SEPT	TBA	MARIN A'S	ANNUAL "OKTOBERFEST" CELEBRATION
SEPT	9	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	21-23	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	7	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
OCT	TBA	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV	TBA	GREG MARTINEZ	VETERAN'S DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
DEC	8 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - TBA

If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Gary Barrango** at **415-821-2628**
We encourage Club Members to plan additional **driving tours** throughout the year.
There is room for more than one activity or tour per month.

Schedule of Events 2012

Jan 28-29	Turlock Swap Meet
Mar 22-25	Model A's are Swell in 2012 - Laughlin NV, Pomona Valley Model A Club
May 25-27	NCRG Roundup hosted by the Sonora A's - www.ncrgmafca.com
Jun 14-19	Northwest Regional Group Meet - Boise Idaho
Dec 9-12	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet Charleston, SC - Host Palmetto A's





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April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were two guests. Ron Bowman, who is actually a member but has not been to a meeting, and Ron Burton, a friend of Gunard. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: Nell contributed some tools to the tool kit, which is 99% of what we have so far. We need screw drivers, cutters, vice grips, and wire. Barry thought he would pass around a sign-up sheet next time. • Barry is going through the slides and will bring some next time. Nell donated some extra carousels.

Vice President: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine reported that all of the expenses from the crab feed have been paid. The event was a success. At the next meeting we will vote on how much money to give to charity.

Secretary: No report

Editor: Dream machines will be a two day event this year, April 28 and 29. • The Alameda County Fair will be 100 years old this year. The Centennial parade will be June 23. • The celebration for the 100th year of the CA state highway system will be Tuesday August 7. The parade will go from South San Francisco to Burlingame. Following that there will be a picnic at Washington Park. Walter will put the info into **The Choke Rod**. • We received a thank you from the Model A Museum for our two bricks. • We joined the Association of California Car Clubs. • We are looking into scanning 56 years worth of old **Choke Rods** and putting them on discs. • Rachele Marquez sent a thank you note for the article on her in the last **Choke Rod**. • A thank you note has been sent to Ital Foods and Dean's Foods.

Tour Chair: Memorial Day Parade will be Monday May 28. • The visit to St. Anne's Home will be Saturday June 16.

For The Good Of The Order: John reported on the Day at the races. Everyone had a good time. • May 19 is migration, a caravan to the victory ship in Richmond. The T-Bird club welcomes other clubs. Walter will put info in **The Choke Rod**. • Jenny will host a trip to the Peninsula for a car show benefitting the Cancer Society. It will be July 7. She will send info to Walter. She needs someone to coordinate on the San Francisco end.

Jeanine Mahl brought the refreshments this time. Paul De Martini will bring them next time

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next monthly Meeting will be Thursday May 10 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm.

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, May 10, 2012

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.

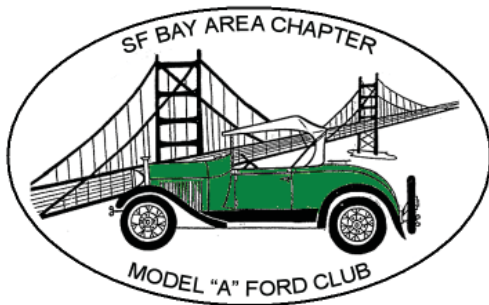
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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

MAY MEETING
Thursday May 10, 2012
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco