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Last month Franz VonUckermann attended the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC) meeting in Sacramento. ACCC is our source for information on legislation that might influence our ability to keep and drive antique and collector cars. I am sure Franz will have something to add to the comments I make here.

I reported in one of my President's Messages that in December of 2012 the National Highway Safety Administration proposed regulations requiring auto manufacturers to install "event data recorders" in all new cars and trucks by September 2014. In addition, last July President Obama signed into law the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act".

This law and the proposed regulations will require vehicles to have on board "Infrastructure Communications Systems". These systems will enable the government to tax drivers by the mile; provide information about the vehicle's speed; how many passengers are in the vehicle; and if all of them are wearing seat belts; the route traveled; etc. As more drivers turn to electric cars the less gasoline tax will be collected by the State and this is one method to keep the cash coming in. I wonder if the State intends to share information about our driving habits with insurance companies?

The good news is that our collector cars are key to preserving our personal privacy on the road. If you don't own a pre-2010 car, go get one before the next Cash For Clunkers program takes them off the road.

The ACCC works to inform our legislators on our positions regarding legislation that effects our hobby. For this the ACCC deserves our support.

Thanks Franz for being our eyes and ears in Sacramento.



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 27

The Mayor's 2013 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 145th 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

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Saturday-Sunday April 27-28

It's the world's largest and most whimsical gathering of motorized marvels from throughout the twentieth century....a remarkable exhibit of 2000 driving, flying, and working machines, running the gamut of exotic automobiles, US Army tanks, and antique motorcycles to restored military aircraft, Model T fire engines, massive steam tractors, and tons more. Live music, kids amusements and food booths run by local non-profits round out the festivities.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Mel Patsel	May 1
Dan Sullivan	May 6
Jean Kling	May 7
Fred Grafelman	May 9
Victoria Amber Martinez	May 10
Maria Rosario Young	May 14
Maria Victoria Young	May 19
Leonard Paul Young	May 29
Brian Frueh	May 30

Friendship Day 2013 - Sunday May 19 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 39 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. Food will be available from "Flaimin' Dogs". 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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Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday June 15 - 2 pm

This year marks our eleventh 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 15th. 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

Refreshments at the
April meeting
were provided by
Gary Barrango

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
for the May meeting



The Nike SF88L Site Tour

Saturday April 6th was a cold, damp, foggy morning in San Francisco. Shortly after 9 am Model A's began assembling at the Pacific Rod and Gun Club alongside Lake Merced. The SF Bay Area Chapter was joined by Bill Rose, Kevin Enderby and other members of the Silicon Valley chapter of MARC, members of the Delta A's, and our very own Tom and Terry Machado also of the Linden A's. After a running board breakfast we proceeded single file up the Great Highway and into Lincoln Park where we regrouped in front of the Palace of the Legion of Honor. From there we proceeded through Seacliff unfortunately unable to see the spectacular views of the Golden Gate due to the heavy fog and followed Lincoln Boulevard through the Presidio to the Golden Gate Bridge.

Once across the bridge, we immediately exited the highway and entered the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We drove through the tunnel and wound our way through the Marin Headlands up to Nike Missile Site SF88L high on the coastal hills of Marin County overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Our group of forty plus was met at the missile site entrance by Ranger Al Blank who opened the gate and escorted us in for our private tour of the site. Ranger Al and his group of volunteers took us on a fascinating trip through the history of the tense years of the Cold War and the role this site and almost three hundred others played in maintaining the peace. Our guided tour included an amazing trip down into the underground missile storage area as well as a guided walk through the testing and assembly building and a tour of the radar vans, the fueling area, and missile magazine.

Once our tour was completed, we motored back along the coastal ridge and then drove under highway 101 to downtown Sausalito where we parked our Model A's and dined at the Poggio Trattoria, an award-winning restaurant that makes you feel like you're dining in Italy. Judging by comments from member of our tour group, everyone had a wonderful meal which prepared them for a leisurely afternoon of shopping in the stores that line Bridgeway as the fog lifted and the sun began to shine. Then we each found our way safely home, with members of the Silicon Valley MARC chapter driving down Highway 1 and through the new Devil's Slide Tom Lantos tunnel.

Walter Caplan



Photos by Dave & Marilyn Chioti





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Photos by
Kevin Enderby





Era Fashions



REPRODUCTION

1st Place: MRS. DELORES GENCSI, Mid Tenn. Model A Ford Club, Tennessee, wearing her own creation of a long evening frock of crepe de chine, featuring a graceful swinging cape and flowing skirt scalloped at the hem & hipline. The waist is tucked. She wears seamed stocking with green satin and silver leather T-straps. She carries a silver beaded bag to hold her perfume vial, compact with silver metallic brocade cover and a 1930 Daily Reminder leather bound and stamped in gold. Her pince nez spectacles with chain attached around the neck compliments her blue marquise shaped necklace and bracelet with diamonds & sapphires of gold filigree.



COUPLES

1st Place: MR. & MRS. KENT SHOULTS, "A" Fords of London, Ontario, Canada; she wears a green velvet evening coat with embossed white leaves and pale green ostrich down lining. The 1931 dress of net material is adorned with mini at ure sequins and yellow beads. Silver beads hang from the net. Her earrings are rhinestones set in pot metal with necklace accented with rhinestone headband. The shoes are purple straps worn with white stockings with seams and pattern on side. Black garter with rhinestones, multi-colored beaded purse, black elbow length rayon gloves, and long cigarette holder complete the ensemble.

He wears a cream colored double-breasted suit with black tie and blue striped shirt, cotton striped vest. The pocket holds a 1931 silver watch with fully numbered dial. His shoes are black leather with grey spats, white gloves, silver cigarette case; deep leather coin purse with Liberty head 1923 silver dollar. Folding opera hat and gold handled walking stick complete his evening attire.

Zinc in oil and its effects on older engines

There has been a lot of confusion in the last few years about the lowering of zinc and phosphorus levels in modern oils and how these lower levels relate to classic and performance engines using standard flat tappet lifters – that is, just about every car built before the Eighties. The concern involves the use of the new lower zinc/phosphorus-content ILSAC (multi-viscosity) oils, readily available on shelves at auto parts stores everywhere, and how compatible they are with these older engines.

When anyone mentions zinc, they are actually referring to zinc dialkyldithiophosphate, a compound invented by Castrol for use in mineral-based oils or zinc di-thiophosphate (ZDTP), which is normally used in synthetic oils. Both have been used as an anti-wear ingredient in engine oil for many years. The zinc and phosphorus ingredients appear to be most effective when they are used together. ZDDP/ZDTP is one of many additives that are put into conventional motor oil to improve its lubrication qualities. Other ingredients such as boron and molybdenum are also added as lubricant enhancers.

What was discovered through oil testing by several engine component manufacturers is that many older engines experience a short period of time during engine start-up where critical lubrication is insufficient between metal-to-metal lubrication points when using modern oils with reduced amounts of ZDDP/ZDTP. These same enhancers unfortunately have their downside: The phosphorus in this compound creates carbon buildup in engine bores and valvetrains, and both compounds can also lead to the early demise of catalytic converters. For this reason, the industry has been phasing out zinc and phosphorus levels since 1994, when the American Petroleum Institute's SH designation became the industry standard, and levels have been further reduced in each subsequent API rating for engine oils. Manufacturers have tried adding more boron to offset the effects of the reduced zinc and phosphorus levels; however, the dry start protection does not measure up to those using more ZDDP/ZDTP. This has opened up a whole new market for zinc/phosphorus additives for oil and many camshaft and engine manufacturers now recommend that an additive be used in initial break-in and for regular use.

All engine oils are rated for viscosity by the SAE as well as additive content by the API; passenger car ratings are two-letter designations that start with "S." Heavy-duty or off-road equipment ratings start with "C." The current API oil rating for passenger cars (gasoline engines) is SM and for trucks (diesel engines) CJ-4. Within these designations, you can determine how much zinc and how many other chemicals are present in the ILSAC (multi-viscosity) oils. These levels do not apply to straight-weight oils. If levels in the ILSAC oils are

too high for the API specification, they cannot be rated for the current specification unless the container specifies "for racing or off-road use only" or "for use in classic cars." This has caused oil companies to reduce levels of many additives, including zinc and phosphorus, to the required maximum in order to meet the current specification. Listed here are the current specifications for maximum amounts of additives to achieve the API ratings. P is phosphorus, Zn is zinc, and B is boron. Each figure is total parts per million of additives. These can also be roughly expressed in percentages by multiplying by .0001 (1301 PPM = .13 percent, 994 PPM = .099 percent)

API	P	Zn	B
SJ	1301	1280	151
CI-4	1150	1374	83
SL	994	1182	133
CJ-4	819	1014	26
SM	770	939	127

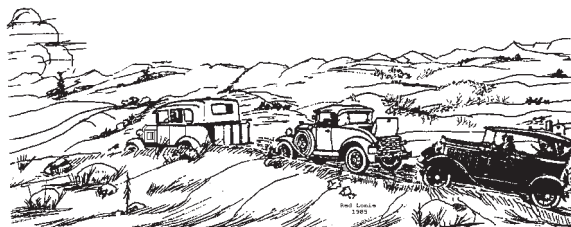
Most engine and engine component manufacturers recommend zinc and phosphorus content of more than 1,200 PPM for break-in; in fact, many will void warranties on camshafts or crate engines if this minimum is not found in the oil sample you supply when returning broken parts for warranty. For this reason, many manufacturers produce their own zinc additives or oils with supplementary zinc included; GM even offers its own break-in oil with additional ZDDP. With respect to readily available oil, you can see from the chart that, if you can find oil still on the shelf rated SJ or SL, you can use them, but you are right on the cusp of voiding a warranty. New SM oils are just not going to cut it unless they have a zinc additive to boost the rating and one of the zinc supplements should be used with these oils or oils containing additional ZDDP additives are recommended. Some enthusiasts have recommended using commercially rated CI-4 15W40 diesel oil to meet the zinc and phosphorus additive requirement; however, CI-4 is an old specification and hard to locate. You can see that the CJ-4 specification that now supersedes it is well below acceptable levels. Our best recommendation is that you contact your oil supplier for exact additive contents. Many straight-weight oils do not have to meet the ILSAC API specifications to be sold as SM or CJ-4, so this may be an alternative. Classic car oils with elevated levels of ZDDP/ZDTP are also being offered by many suppliers. Regardless, if you are purchasing off-the-shelf oil for your classic car, ILSAC multi-viscosity oils rated SM or CJ-4 should have stated zinc and phosphorus additive supplements for use in older engines or an additional separate additive should be purchased and used with the new oil. As the new API rating SN becomes available in the next year, even more caution should be taken as the levels will be reduced even further.



Steve Owsley

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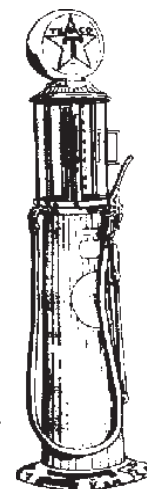


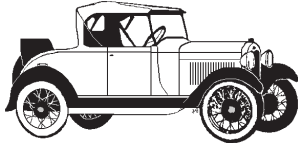
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	27	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEBRUARY	2 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
APRIL	6 SATURDAY	CAPLAN	NIKE MISSILE SITE - MARIN COUNTY
APRIL	7	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	GREEK CULTURAL & FESTIVAL - CIVIC CTR, SF
APRIL	27-28	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	3-5	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
MAY	13 MONDAY	KINNEY	WEINGARTEN SCHOOL TOUR - REDWOOD CITY
MAY	19	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - REDWOOD CITY
MAY	27 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	15 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	23-24	KINNEY	LINCOLN HIGHWAY CENTENNIAL TOUR
JUNE	30	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
JULY	TBA	TBA	TBA
AUG	TBA	TBA	TBA
SEPT	8	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	27-29	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
SEPT	TBA	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
OCT	13	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
OCT	TBA	MAHL	38 TH ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
NOV	11	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
DEC	TBA	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD ANNUAL CABLE CAR PULL - AQUATIC PARK
DEC	14 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - BASQUE CULTURAL CTR.

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 2013

Jan 26-27	Turlock Swap Meet
Jan 27	SF Model A Club President's Brunch
Feb 2	SF Model A Club Annual Crab Feed
Mar 21-24	Model A's are to be Seen in 2013 - Laughlin NV, Pomona Valley Model A Club
Apr-May TBA	SF Model A Club Hosted Regional Picnic for area clubs
May 3-5	Lake County A's - "Back to our Teens in 2013" 19th Annual Spring Opener
May 24-27	NCRG Roundup hosted by the Acorn A's in Pleasanton - www.ncrgmafca.com
Sep 3-8	Northwest Regional Group Meet - Bend Oregon Idaho
Dec TBA	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet





San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Model A Ford Club of America April 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice President Gunard Mahl. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. There were two guests: Jack Green and Jeff Cook.

Reports of Officers

President: No report

Vice President: The Nike missile site tour was excellent All the guides were very knowledgeable and had lots to talk about. The Silicon Valley A's and the Delta A's joined our group. After the tour we had a great lunch at Poggio's in Sausalito. • Dream Machines will be April 27-28th. The applications need to be in soon. • Mike Cunneen went to an all British motorcycle show at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. Maybe we could do a club event there next year. • The Jean Weingarten School Tour will be Monday May 13th. Information will be posted in the May **Choke Rod**. • An air show will be at the Hayward Airport May 10-12th. There will be a B-17 there. Mike Cunneen will be a docent. • The 145th Memorial Day Observance at the Presidio will be on Monday May 27th. There will be more information in the May Choke Rod. • Sunday June 30th will be the Palo Alto Concours. It will be held at the San Mateo Event Center. • The Pride Parade will also be on June 30th. Following the parade there will be a picnic lunch at the UCSF Mission Bay campus. • The Lincoln Highway Tour will start Sunday June 23 at Lincoln Park. Those from our group will leave with the tour and proceed to Sacramento and spend the night. From there they go to Auburn. That will be as far as we go. On Saturday evening June 22 there is a pre-tour dinner in Burlingame. To go you must register. We will only go with the tour as far as Auburn. • In May Walter is going to take the Amtrak California Zephyr to the Model A Museum grand opening in Hickory Corners, Michigan. • The Thunderbird International Convention will be July 31-Aug 4th. It will be in San Jose. There will be more information later. • We are planning to have an Oktoberfest at the Rod and Gun Club in September. We would host it. We will discuss plans at the next meeting. Jeanine will check on available dates.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: No report

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: No report

It was Steve Owsley's birthday and we had a wonderful cake and Gary Barrango brought other refreshments as well. John Zuffi will bring refreshments for the May meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday May 9 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 9, 2013

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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MAY MEETING
Thursday May 9, 2013
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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