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Our Club activity in April will be a Mystery Tour on Sunday April 13 so mark your calendar. There will be a running board breakfast at the Pacific Rod and Gun club at 9 am. We will depart on the Mystery Tour at 9:30 and there will be a lunch to follow at a mystery location.



The Lincoln Highway Association is planning a week long Conference in Tooele, Utah on June 17-21. The events include two bus tours into Utah's desert through Fish Springs and Dugway Military Reservation to the west and the Wasatch Mountains to the east. The tours include lunch in rustic far away places. My plan would be to leave on Monday June 16 and travel to Windover, Utah. Tuesday we would travel on to Tooele and have dinner with the group. Wednesday and Thursday would be tour days and Friday would be our travel home day. The conference registration (which includes dinners, lunches, and tours) will be \$250 per person or \$300 if you are not a Lincoln Highway Association member. Plan to spend another \$500 for gas and lodging for a grand total of \$800. This will be a modern car tour. If we car pool and share expenses, the cost will be much less. Does anyone want to go with me? I need to know by May 1. Group motel reservations near the event will be hard to find after the first of May.

See you at the April 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 26

The Mayor's 2014 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 146th 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. See page 7.

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

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday June 14 – 2 pm

This year marks our twelfth 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 14th. 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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Steve Owsley	April 11
Jeanine Mahl	April 13
Kevin Enderby	April 15
Paul Storz	April 30

Refreshments at the March meeting were provided by **Victoria Acosta**

Jenny Jump
will provide refreshments at the April meeting



Mystery Tour Sunday April 13

Are you the curious type? Do you like surprises? If so, then join us on the Mystery Tour, Sunday April 13. There will be a running board breakfast at the Pacific Rod and Gun club at 9 am after which the Mystery Tour destination will be revealed. We will depart on the Mystery Tour at 9:30 and there will be a lunch to follow at a mystery location.

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

Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Sunday April 27

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. See page 6 for more information.

Friendship Day 2014 - Sunday May 18 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 40 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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Once again we devote this column to those members active in Model A era fashion competition, the winners at the 1978 MAFCA International Meet. With the exception of reproductions, these outfits and accessories are original – actually made in the late 1920's and early 1930's. Thus it is not surprising that the competition is often typified by formal wear.



First Ladies Evening – Dorothy Curry accepts the trophy for her beige, beaded evening dress with beaded slip, silver shoes, and fur wrap.



Specialty – Bill Jones wears a Blue velvet smoking jacket, black velvet lounging trousers, and maroon slippers of the Model A era.



First Children – Heather Johnson wears a white Batiste party dress with yellow crocheted accents and hat, long knit stockings and black shoes.



First Ladies Daytime – This sheer, cream colored dress with green crocheted trim is set off with pale green gloves, hat, and shoes. A double fox boa and beaded purse complete the outfit of Sharon Johnson



Reproduction – Nina Westerholt made this blue daytime dress with bias cut lines, lace cuffs and collar, and completed with an era hat and hat box.



Julie Peace was second in Children's clothing with this ruffled white flower girl's dress with floral headpiece.

Model A Tip: How to Avoid Paying Weight Fees for your Model A Pickup, Delivery Van, or AA Truck

An obscure California vehicle code that exempts motor vehicles manufactured in or prior to 1936 from having to pay weight fees or have commercial plates provided for in Section 9400.

It seems most DMV clerks are not aware of the vehicle code and will insist that a Model A pick up (delivery van or AA truck) must be weighed and issued commercial plates. This can result in higher fees.

If for whatever reason you wanted to have commercial plates section (b) indicates the DMV will oblige you. But you will be required to pay any the weight fees. It is advised that you attach a copy of California vehicle code 9401 to your registration of any Model A pick up, delivery van or AA truck registered with passenger vehicle license plates.

http://www.lawserver.com/law/state/california/codes/california_vehicle_code_9401

Reprint of California Vehicle Code §9401

California Vehicle Code §9401 - (a) Motor vehicles manufactured in or prior to 1936, are...

(a) Motor vehicles manufactured in or prior to 1936, are exempted from the payment of the weight fees provided for in Section 9400.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), any person who owns and operates a commercial vehicle manufactured in or prior to 1936 which is registered to such person, may pay the appropriate weight fees, and the department shall issue license plates of the same type as are issued to vehicles which are required to pay weight fees for such vehicles.



Photos by Scott Williams



**PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES SHOW COMING UP
ONE-DAY MEGA SHOW — SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2014
HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA**

ALL YEARS, MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME TO BE SHOWN

The World's Coolest Cars, Fantastic Flying Machines, Custom Motorcycles, Quirky Contraptions Headline

HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA — For a remarkable and singular experience, there's nothing that matches up to the Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show — Half Moon Bay's massive celebration of mechanical ingenuity, power and style known as the "Coolest Show on Earth".

It's a whimsical, fascinating, amusing, curious and absolutely unique show and tell spectacle featuring 2,000 magnificent driving, flying and working machines from the 20th and 21st centuries. The world's coolest cars of every era and style, model-T fire engines, vintage busses, custom motorcycles, tricked out trucks, sleek streamliners, one-of-a-kind antique engines and tractors and historic military aircraft will be among the mesmerizing displays.



The spectacular 24th annual show will return to a single-day mega-show format, April 27, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Half Moon Bay Airport, located in the picturesque seaside town of Half Moon Bay, CA about 20 miles south of San Francisco.

It's one of the west coast's biggest, baddest gatherings of the world's coolest cars. Every automotive style and era will be represented among the mesmerizing displays — tricked-out hot rods, customs, muscle cars, street machines, low riders, modified imports, sporty compacts, kit cars, touring, luxury and sports cars — complete with rumbling engines, impeccable detail work, and sparkling chrome.

Motorcycles will include everything from antique turn-of-the-century models, high-performance sport, racing and off-road bikes to the hottest custom bikes of the modern era.

All vehicles are welcome to be shown.

Additional displays include exceptional vintage warbirds, classics from the 40's and 50's and home-built aircraft, Model T fire engines, vintage busses, antique engines and tractors, helicopter and biplane rides, kinetic art and rolling sculptures.

To show a car or motorcycle, the registration fee is \$30 (\$40 for entries postmarked after April 15) and includes a dash plaque and admission for two people.

To show a car, the registration fee is \$30 (\$40 for entries postmarked after April 15) and includes a dash plaque and admission for two people.

Spectator admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 11-17 and 65+, and \$5 for kids age 10 and under. Tickets are available at the gate only.

Half Moon Bay Airport, at 9850 N. Cabrillo Highway, is located on Highway 1, about 20 miles south of San Francisco and 5 miles north of Highway 92.

Register on-line at <http://miramarevents.com/dreammachines/register/>

The show is the major annual benefit event for the Coastside Adult Day Health Center.

For information, call 650-726-2328 or visit <http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines>

Please note: If your club or group wishes to park together at the show, please meet off-site and arrive together. We will do our best to accommodate you.

ADMISSION: \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 11-17 and 65+, \$5 for kids age 10 and under.

WHEN: April 27, 2014. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

WHERE: At Half Moon Bay Airport (9850 N. Cabrillo Hwy) on Hwy. 1, 5 miles north of Hwy. 92.

INFO-LINE: 650-726-2328

WEBSITE: <http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines>

FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pacific-Coast-Dream-Machines-Show/58603493859>

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/#!/miramarevents>



Presidio
Trust



March 14, 2014

Mr. Walter Caplan
157 Warren Drive
San Francisco, CA 94131

Dear Mr. Caplan:

The Presidio Trust and the Veterans of Foreign Wars invite you to be a part of the official San Francisco 146th Memorial Day Observance. The traditional event will be held at the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio on Monday, May 26, 2014. The Presidio ceremony is one of the largest Memorial Day events in the nation.

The ceremony will begin with a grand march from the Presidio's Main Post (at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Sheridan Avenue) at 10:30 am. You are welcome to join the walk, which will include veterans and distinguished guests. The formal program begins at 11 am and ends at noon.

We will honor and remember the more than one million Americans killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

We would appreciate your support of this important ceremony and hope that you will be able to join us. In order to make the proper arrangements, please confirm your participation as soon as possible by contacting: Andrea Parker, Presidio Trust Program Co-chair, at (415) 561-5095 or aparker@presidiotrust.gov. For additional program information, contact Wallace Levin, VFW Ceremony Coordinator, at (415) 710-5293 or wallace.levin@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

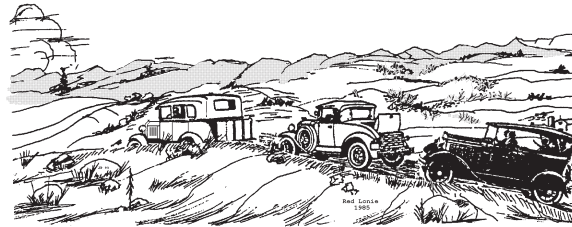
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City and County of San Francisco

Rich Brugger
Commander District 14
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

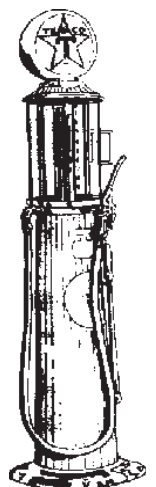


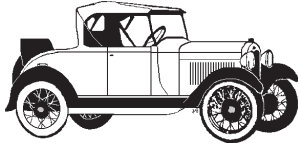
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	12	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEB	8 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	15 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	13	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	MYSTERY TOUR - MYSTERY LOCATION
APRIL	27	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	4-5	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
MAY	18	KINNEY	FRIENDSHIP DAY - REDWOOD CITY
MAY	26 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	14 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	17-21	KINNEY	LINCOLN HIGHWAY TOUR
JUNE	29	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
SEPT	1-7	KINNEY	GREAT MICHIGAN FORD TRAIN TOUR
SEPT	14	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	26-28	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
TBD	TBD	MAHL	38 TH ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
OCT	13	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
OCT	TBD	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
NOV	10	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
DEC	TBD	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD ANNUAL CABLE CAR PULL - AQUATIC PARK
DEC	13 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - VAL'S - DALY CITY

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.

2014 Schedule of Events

Jan 12	SF Model A Club President's Brunch
Jan 25-26	Turlock Swap Meet
Feb 8	SF Model A Club Annual Crab Feed
March 9-14	MAFCA National Tour, Texas Hill Country, host Alamo A's
Mar 23-25	NCRG Roundup hosted by the Santa Clara Valley A's - www.ncrgmafca.com
July 14-18	MAFCA National Convention, Puyallop, Washington, hosted by Gallopin' Gerties of Tacoma





San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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March 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were no guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: There was no interest in doing the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 15. ♦ The Christmas party will be Saturday December 13th at Val's. We need a minimum of 40 people to attend. ♦ The Oregon swap meet will be April 4-6. The Eugene Air Museum is nearby. Let Barry know if you are interested. ♦ May 23-25 is the NCRG Round-up in Milpitas. ♦ June 17-21 is the Lincoln Highway Association conference in Tooele, Utah. It is \$320 per person and \$45 to join the Association. ♦ The MAFCA convention will be July 14-18 in Tacoma, WA. There will be information in the **Choke Rod**. ♦ There is a guy selling Model A parts. Barry will pass around the parts sheet.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: The information on the Michigan tour will be in the **Choke Rod**. ♦ Walter would like articles for the **Choke Rod**. ♦ The Greek Cultural Parade is April 27th. They need cars.

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: The Littlefield tank collection is being auctioned off on July 12 and 15.

Victoria Acosta brought refreshments. Jenny Jump will bring refreshments for the April meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday April 10 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Joan Peterson, Secretary

Great Michigan Ford
Extravaganza Train Tour
Saturday August 30 - Sunday September 7
For complete tour details in the March **Choke Rod**.
Pre-register now to assure
your accommodations on this tour.

Contact Barry Kinney at:
415-647-7077 or 415-282-2789.

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, April 10, 2014

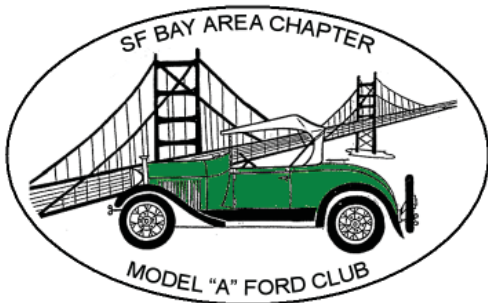
A number of club members gather together for dinner before the monthly meeting at 6 pm.
Please feel free to join us – dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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APRIL MEETING
Thursday April 10, 2014
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco