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Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

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Upcoming Tours

Saturday June 14 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home - San Francisco

Sunday June 29 - Pride Parade - San Francisco

Sunday September 14 - Antique Autos History Part - San Jose

Friday - Sunday September 26 - 28 - Ironstone Concours Overnighter - Murphys CA

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There are two events in May and June that all of us need to support: the Memorial Day Celebration and Father's Day at Saint Anne's Home. On Memorial Day we honor those brave Americans who gave their lives for our country. We should not forget their sacrifice. Don't let your personal politics distort the meaning of the day. Put some red, white and blue on the car and meet us on the parade grounds in the Presidio on Monday May 26.



This will be the twelfth year of our Father's Day Celebration at Saint Anne's Home. This is an eagerly anticipated event by the residents of Saint Anne's. It gives great enjoyment to them and their families to see, touch, and ride in our old cars. Many of them have a little twinkle in their eye when they tell stories of their youth and relate experiences they had racing, riding, and playing in cars like ours. Don't let the residents of Saint Anne's Home down. Bring your car out to 300 Lake Street on Saturday June 14.

We will be participating in the Pride Parade again this year. The date is Sunday June 29. Mark this day on your events calendar and let Walter know you will be there. Look for details in this issue of the Choke Rod.

They say that people are more likely to read your letter if you keep it short. So this is the end. See you on Memorial Day, at the June meeting, at Saint Anne's Home and at the Pride Parade.

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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44th Annual Pride Parade Sunday June 29

It is the 44th anniversary of this distinctly San Francisco experience. Our contingent will be near the front of the parade and afterwards we will proceed UCSF Mission Bay for a picnic lunch provided by the club. If interested in driving your "A" in the Pride Parade, then contact Walter Caplan for more information at whcaplan@comcast.net or call 415-621-0500

Tour Leader: **Walter Caplan**

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.

Overnighter to Murphys Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Friday - Sunday, September 26 - 28

By popular demand, for a eighth 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. If you reserve one of the Club rooms, you will be obligated for two nights. No exceptions.

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

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



Walter Caplan	June 2
John Fiorese	June 7
Paul DeMartini Jr.	June 12
Mariyn Chiotti	June 18
Kenneth Wayne Patsel	June 19
Adam Rosenblat	June 26
Sean Sullivan	June 27
Rose Craig Jr.	June 29
Kevin Blaine Patsel	June 30
Adam & Colleen Rosenblat	June 2
Steve & Mary Karr	June 10
Greg & Casey Martinez	June 17
Daniel & Juanita Sullivan	June 19
Bob & Carol Costa	June 19
Paul & Maria DeMartini Jr.	June 25
Frank & Judy O'Brien	June 27
Donald & Linda Parsons	June 30

Refreshments at the June meeting
were provided by **Walter Caplan**

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
at the June meeting





Since June is the month of Brides we thought it appropriate to feature this lovely creature and bring into focus some of the many details that go into a bridal ensemble.

The "Gown" itself may be found in various fabrics, the most popular is slipper satin with it's lovely flowing lines and fullness of texture . Silk may also be selected, especially for a ruffled gown, or one with flounces. Lace has always been favored for trim as well as the gown. Tulle is most often chosen for the veil because of it's sheerness and frothy effect. A lighter more delicate choice might be organdy, lawn, batiste or dotted swiss, especially for a garden wedding. Cotton lace and voile may be selected for trim on these types of material.

While the style of the gown varies with each individual so does the length. A long flowing satin creation may be found with the front just touching the floor while the "train" may be up to four yards in length. On the other hand the long gown may be at knee length in front and barely sweep the floor in back. In either case the veil is gathered at the front of the forehead in an ornate head-piece and flows back over the shoulders in a very long long train. Even when the dress is mid-calf of ankle length with an even hem-line the veil still swoops over the shoulders and continues in the same long train.

Simplicity is the keynote of high fashion and especially in a formal wedding ceremony. Special attention goes into making the entire ensemble rich, picturesque, yet soft and lovely. Down to the very last flower bud each minute detail emphasizes the over-all effect.

This brings our attention to the attendants and the choice of color as well as their gowns. All this is the privilege of the bride. Many times their ensemble are features from the details of the bridal gown, in order to carry out the same theme.

White satin slippers are the most popular foot apparel with either white or beige tones selected for the hosiery. If jewelry is worn it will usually be a single strand of pearls, often a gift of the groom.



Model A Cowl Gas Tank Construction



These pictures show the internal baffle construction found inside of Model A cowl gas tanks. Note that it is near impossible to effectively reach all areas of the tank for cleaning through the openings. It would also be difficult to insure coverage of all the surfaces with a tank sealing compound.

Sometimes the spot welds on the baffles break due to fatigue from fuel sloshing, and this can cause an annoying rattle inside the gas tank.

Also seen is the shape of the gas tank in the areas behind the external brackets.



Steve Owsley

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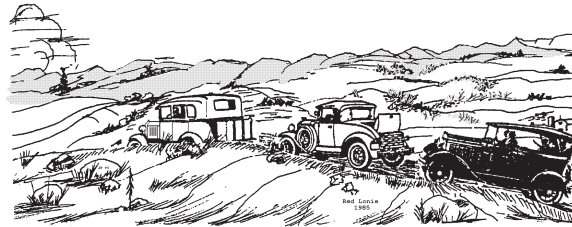
Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Dream Machines has no match. There are so many different working machines of all kinds, classes, and conditions that you never get tired of looking. Your feet might get a little tired of walking but the eyes and ears soak in the sights and sounds without fatigue or hesitation. This year the weather was a little damp in the morning but warmed up in the afternoon. The event was well attended in spite of the threat of rain. I ventured down with Bob Pardini and his family and several other car guys who keep their cars in Pardini's garage in Daly City. I saw only two Model A Fords at Dream Machines and only a small contingent of Club Members. Charlie and Victoria were there with Don Barnes. The Buick Skylark is running well and Charlie plans to take it up to Ironstone again this year. After viewing the show and sampling the BBQ we left for home. I still have the Bent Rod. It looks good on my trophy shelf but I am hoping to trade it to another worthy recipient this summer.

Barry Kinney

2014 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

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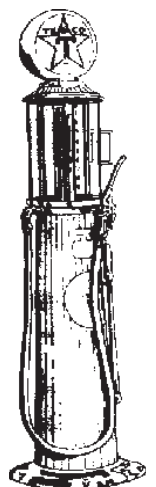


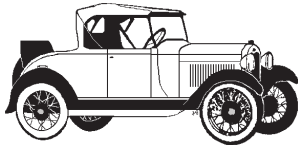
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	12	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEB	8 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	15 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	13	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	MYSTERY TOUR - MYSTERY LOCATION
APRIL	27	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - 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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May 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Barry Kinney. There were no guests. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: The Mystery Tour was good fun. We went through the new Highway 1 tunnel, saw the Montara lighthouse, had a great brunch at the brewing company, and visited a winery. ♦ Barry was the only one who went to Dream Machines. ♦ Al reported on the All Ford Show at Knott's Berry Farm. It was a good show. The group also saw the Nethercutt Auto Museum. ♦ There is a request for one or more Model A's at Jessica Bull's wedding. They want one for a prop. She is Les Cling's granddaughter. The date is Saturday August 9th. Walter wrote her that we would provide cars. There will be more information later. ♦ There is still one room left for the Lincoln Highway Tour. ♦ May 17th is the Sunnyview Car show in Cupertino. This will be the event for May. There will be food and trophies. You need to be there by 11:00 am. The address is 22445 Cupertino Road. It is at the corner of Foothill Expressway and Stevens Creek Boulevard. ♦ Monday May 26th is the Memorial Day ceremony at the Presidio. Meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 8 am and depart at 8:30 am. ♦ The Weingarten School is willing to do another tour. Barry will get more details. ♦ Father's Day at St. Anne's Home will be Saturday June 14th. ♦ The Pride parade will be Sunday June 29th.

Vice President: Gunard sent wishes from Cabo.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: There are no outstanding bills. ♦ We need to do a budget. We will donate \$4,000. Walter moved and Al seconded the motion that we give \$500 to the National Model A Ford Museum, \$1,000 to Make-A-Wish Foundation and \$2,000 to Jean Weingarten School for the Deaf. Jeanine will look into Dogs for Diabetics.

Editor: Walter is working on the Michigan tour. ♦ We might do a tour of Al Engel's place in Richmond, possibly the 12th or 19th of July.

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: No report

Walter Caplan brought refreshments. John Zuffi will bring refreshments for 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 12 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, June 12, 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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JUNE MEETING
Thursday June 12, 2014
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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