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Take a look at your date book, smart phone, or Blackberry and reserve Monday May 26 and Saturday June 14. Monday May 26 is Memorial Day in the Presidio and Saturday June 14 is Fathers Day at St. Anne's Home. Last year we had too few cars at St. Anne's Home. This year we would like to see a much larger turn out. The residents and their families look forward to and enjoy seeing and riding in our cars and we get a great deal of satisfaction from bringing a little fun into their lives. If you know someone who would like to bring their car out to St. Anne's, please invite them along.



On Memorial Day, Monday May 26, we will meet at the Rod and Gun Club for coffee and doughnuts and then caravan over to the Presidio. If you live near the Presidio, we will meet you on the Parade Grounds. This is the day we have chosen to honor Americans killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. So, put some red white and blue on your car and meet us at the Rod and Gun Club Monday morning May 26. After the formal parade and ceremonies conclude we will reassemble at the Presidio Golf Course Cafe for our traditional Memorial Day lunch.

In mid June we will be traveling up the Lincoln Highway to Tooele, Utah. The plan is to go up Highway 80 to Reno and then follow the Old Lincoln Highway route through Nevada to Tooele. We will be able to visit some of the sites and places we missed on the 2013 Tour to Kearney, Nebraska. We will travel to Ely, Nevada where we will spend the first night and then on to Tooele on Tuesday. This is a modern car tour and it is not too late to sign-up. And we have a spare room at the Inn if anyone is interested in joining us.

Friendship Day is on the horizon. This year it is on Sunday May 18, 2014. I had planned to lead but this is my Sister-in-Law's Birthday. I will be at the party. So, if you plan to go, step up and lead. All you need is a meeting place, a car that runs and the rest is done for you. I will accept nominations for Tour Leader at the May Meeting. Bob Craig Sr. is always at the entrance gate looking for us to appear. We don't want to disappoint him this year.

See you there.

Barry Kinney

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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.

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

Refreshments at the April meeting were provided by **Jenny Jump**

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
at the May meeting



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.

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

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 UC 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**



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



Evening Wraps



The evening wrap is an interesting fashion accent. Usually shown in velvet, it may be any color. Black silk velvet has proven to be the most popular. Various trims are used for the special effect the designer wished to convey. Fur, of various origins, is definitely one of the more often used for finishing touches, especially for collars. Soft pastel colors, either matching the gown or a few tones darker to contrast the lovely evening creation, seems to be most in demand. Other fabrics that may be found are lame in any color, heavy satin or stunning crepe, usually satin backed to give it more body for the lovely flowing affects created by the cut of evening capes. The length is important to consider from a fashion conscious 1929 stand point. Take special note of the several models shown to get the full impact of what the designer is trying to imply. A straight knee length worn with the uneven hemline frock of 1928 shows simple lines yet is accented with soft flowing draped ties attached at the shoulders. Raglan sleeves are featured with the untrimmed black velvet wrap, while the accompanying number is shown in pastel velvet.

Our 1929 model also features a knee length coat wrapped snugly about the hips, which gives a smart silhouette above the fluttery, trailing hemline. The stand-up collar of white fur is exceptionally becoming. For a perfect ensemble the dress should match the lining of the coat. The companion duo shows a circular flounce that follows the skirt almost to the ground – gracefully too. A bow at the back of the neck and soft fullness at the shoulders are flattering.

Mystery Tour



Photo by Scott Williams

You call it a Mystery Tour when you don't know where the heck you're going. The day was warm and clear; ideal for a drive down the coast. So, south we went, through the new tunnel at Devil's Slide to the Point Montara Lighthouse. The buildings around the lighthouse date from the turn of the century and have been restored and now serve as a Hostel. There is a secluded cove beach and hiking in the nearby Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. We visited the cove but passed on the hiking. We stopped at Half Moon Bay for lunch at the Half Moon Bay Brewery. This is a great little place popular with locals. The menu is varied, appropriately priced, and each dish has a beer recommendation. Our last stop was the La Nebbia Winery for a little something to drink and a glassblowing demonstration. The winery has Bocci Ball Courts. My plan was to play a game or two but no one would accept my challenge. Mystery Tours are always an unpredictable adventure and this one was no exception.

Barry Kinney





Photos by Scott Williams except where noted



Photos in this column by Samuel Granger

Model A Fuel System

You hop in your car and drive a few blocks and the sputters and dies. You were smart enough to use the original carb so you can pop the one bolt off and find no gas in the bowl and little fuel comes out when you turn the valve on inside the car.

The usual suspect is crud in the tank. What happens is you drive the car and shake up the stuff in the tank. You park it and the stuff settles to the lowest point, the fuel valve. You go to drive it and after a short while the engine gets fuel starved and dies. You pop the line off and blow back in to the tank and all is well for a while.

You could put a filter in the tank, but that does not help you get rid of the problem. You really want to take the cap off and the fire screen out of the tank and use a flashlight to see how bad is your crud problem. Shake the car a bit while looking in the tank. You need to be sure the tank is not very rusted and on the verge of problems. You then consider draining the tank and pulling the shut off valve out and putting in a ball valve and some pipe. Then put gas or kerosene in the tank, slosh it around real good and open the ball valve. Do this several times to get the worst out.

Then if you feel you got most of the stuff out then just put the valve back in as it was. If you want to be sure just put a short length of 1.4" copper tubing into the shut off valve so that the valve will not take from the very bottom of the tank. This requires that you have a good original filter screen on the filter bowl and the carb. You see the A was designed to eat dirt and Ford made the filters such that they will only pass crap that the carb could eat. Then he made the carb easy to take apart and dump the crap out of the bowl. By putting a tube up in the gas tank instead of a filter, you are allowing the junk through to be filtered out and removed. You will find the sediment filter on the firewall gets lots of stuff at first and after a few tanks and lots of driving you will find much less. Then you take out the little tube and now you tank is clean and you did not spend some extra money for a tank filter.

Here is is important to understand the design of the system. In 1930 they expected you to take in dirt so Ford made the system easy cleaning. The if you have a good operating firewall filter and the filter in the carb than you will catch everything you need to catch most of the time. Adding in a modern filter is not really all that necessary and may cause you more problems.

Vapor Lock

Here is a touchy subject.

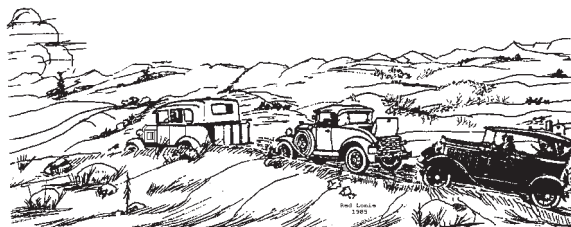
A gravity system can not vapor lock!!!! The fuel will always flow downhill and the vapor bubbles will always flow up hill, that is if the gas were to get hot enough to vaporize which I doubt could ever happen. Vapor lock is a condition where a fuel pump is unable pump through a vapor area in a line. This usually occurs when the fuel pump has problems. Back to gravity and vapor lock. Try this one. Siphon some gas in a clear tube with a loop in it and explain to me how the fuel always manages to get past the air bubbles in the high spots or if you straighten out the line notice how the air bubbles go up but the gas flow does not stop.

Keep in mind gasoline needs to be up around 300 degrees to boil most of the what makes up gas. That is pretty darn hot.

Vapor lock is what people like to think is wrong with their car when they can not find the real problem. The last vapor lock I fixed was a loose screw that locks the movable point. Most vapor lock problems are usually fixed when the electrical problem is fixed.

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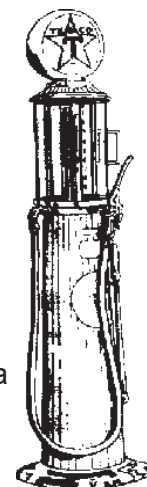


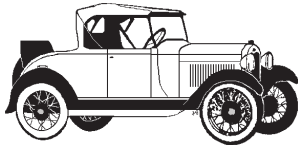
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	12	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEB	8 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	15 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	13	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	MYSTERY TOUR - MYSTERY LOCATION
APRIL	27	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES -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





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April 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 will be Sunday April 13th. We will meet at the Rod and Gun Club at 9 am and leave by 9:30. There is an 11 am brunch at The Half Moon Bay Brewing Co. We will travel home on Highway 92. ♦ Sunday April 27th is Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay. There is no tour leader. ♦ The Lincoln Highway Tour is June 17th-20th. We have reserved rooms at Tooele Comfort Inn. ♦ The tour scheduled for May is Memorial Day at the Presidio on Monday May 26. ♦ The Sunnyview Retirement Home Car Show in Cupertino is Saturday May 17th. They have a Best In Show and People's Choice Awards. There is also an award for the oldest car. There will be food provided. The show is from 12 noon - 3 pm. ♦ Sunday April 13th there is a casting exposition at Gunard's fly casting club. See Gunard for details.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine will look in the checkbook and try to figure out a budget for the club. Barry put together an estimate, so we can figure how much we want to donate to charity. ♦ Jeanine reported on deposits and the bills she paid.

Editor: Walter attended the Lincoln Highway Tour meeting in Applegate. ♦ Memorial Day observance will be Monday May 26th.

Tour Chair: We will limit size of next year's Crab Feed to 260 people. The ones who pay first will get in. If you have a table reserved you are responsible for collecting the money. ♦ A second event was suggested. Maybe a BBQ.

For The Good Of The Order: No report

Jenny Jump brought refreshments. John Zuffi will bring refreshments for the May meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday May 8 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 8, 2014

A number of club members gather together for dinner before the monthly meeting at 6 pm.

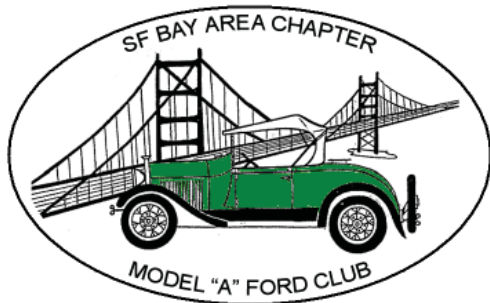
Please feel free to join us – dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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Extravaganza Train Tour

Saturday August 30 - Sunday September 7

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Pre-register now to assure
your accommodations on this tour.

Contact Barry Kinney at:
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HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY

MAY MEETING
Thursday May 8, 2014
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco