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Sunday September 14 - Antique Autos History Park - San Jose

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

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Fifty-two hours on the California Zephyr and we will be in Chicago and a couple of hours from Kalamazoo, home of the National Model A Ford Museum. This is only the second time I can remember that we have toured as a club without our Model A's.



The first was a quick Modern-Car-Tour down to LA to visit the Queen Mary and Catalina Island. It was on this trip that Bill Venizia and several other club members formed the Knights of Cyucas, an unofficial offshoot Model A Club. We distinguished ourselves by wearing large women's sash belts from the fifties. They were made of plastic and decorated with rhinestones. The Club dissolved at the end of the tour - but it was fun while it lasted.

Of course we could have done the Chicago Tour in our Model A's, but it would have taken a month or more and none of us could spare the time. This tour is best done in Trains, Planes, and rental Automobiles.

We have a small group of nine people so logistics will be relatively simple. We have the trains, rental cars, lodging, and museums figured out -- but if you have ever toured for some distance by car or train, then you know to expect a hick-up in the plan someplace along the way. So we will keep our fingers crossed and hope that the weather cooperates and the trains run on time and like the movie (Trains, Planes, and Automobiles) the ending is a happy one.

We will be back in time for the September meeting with stories, pictures, and possibly a CD showing the history and development of the Model A Ford and the Model A Ford Museum.

See you at the 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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**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.

**Columbus Day Celebration
2014 Italian Heritage Parade**
Sunday October 12

San Francisco's 146th Annual Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday, October 12, as the City's oldest civic event and the nation's oldest Italian-American parade and community celebration, will wind its way from Fisherman's Wharf to North Beach. A San Francisco institution since it was established in 1868

Highlights include dozens of handcrafted parade floats featuring Bay Area businesses, community groups, and Italian organizations; local high school Italian clubs and marching bands; special appearances by "Christopher Columbus" and Queen Isabella and Her Court; festive open-air dining and Italian wine and food specials at North Beach restaurants lining the Parade route; performances by a variety of traditional Italian musicians and performance artists; and special appearances by Bay Area and Italian-American celebrities. The Columbus Day celebration is local, lots of fun, and puts a few dollars in our treasury. If you are interested in being part of our contingent, contact Gary Barrango at 415-821-2628 or 650-572-1142.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday December 13
Our Annual Christmas Banquet

Santa Claus will be there
with presents for all the good little
Model A Club members in attendance.

**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



**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**



Kevin Richardson	September 11
Judy O'Brien	September 13
Victoria A. Costa	September 15
Vincent Ryan Frueh	September 15
Jenny Jump	September 16
Dan Bowermaster	September 17
Christina DeMartini Reyes	September 22
Ken Kling	September 22

James & Daisy Young	September 18
Robert & Nina Petersen	September 28

Refreshments at the August meeting were provided by **Barry Kinney**

Joan Peterson
will provide refreshments
at the September meeting



2014 LINCOLN HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

SUMMIT TO SALT FLATS ~ part 2

Day 2: The Twenty-Second Annual Conference of the Lincoln Highway Association

The notice on the conference headquarters door read: Busses will leave from the Deseret Peak Complex promptly at 7 A.M. Please Note: This tour is going to take about eleven hours. If for any reason you think you might not be able to tolerate being on a bus for this length of time, you might want to reconsider signing up for it.

I understand the reason for the warning. There might be someone with a medical problem or a disability that might limit mobility but come on, give me a break. Back in the day they traveled the Lincoln on horseback, stagecoach, and unreliable automobiles. We are on an air conditioned bus with plenty of food and water and an on-board potty. Under these conditions any dedicated Lincoln Highway enthusiast can do eleven hours standing on his or her head. So, at 7 AM a bunch of crazy people, maps in hand, lined up for a seat on the bus to someplace in the middle of nowhere south of Salt Lake City, Utah.

We left Tooele promptly at 7 am and headed Southwest. The entire day our route would be on or near the 1913, 1919, or 1927 Alignment of the Old Lincoln Highway. Most of it dirt. We skirted around some low marsh country, then around the Northern point of Stansbury Mountains, and through Skull Valley on the same route taken by the Donner-Reed party in 1848. At the north end of the valley we entered Dugway Proving Ground.

Dugway is a military reservation shared by the Army and Air Force. It is on Dugway Proving Ground that the military tests equipment, uniforms, tanks, etc. for resistance to chemical or biological agents that may come our way during a terrorist attack or an all out war. In addition, newly developed secret systems are also tested here. A representative of the Army came onboard our bus at the Dugway Gate and asked that we not take pictures on base. Anyone taking pictures would be asked to surrender their camera or cell phone. We put our cameras away.

Our destination on Dugway was the Government Creek Bridge, used by Lincoln Highway travelers from 1913 to 1919. It is estimated that one thousand cars traveled over this bridge in 1915, some on their way to the World's Fair in San Francisco. The bridge is today a weathered plank roadway supported by cement abutments and bordered by a railing made of tree limbs. It is graced with a large historical monument and Lincoln Highway Marker. We passed out of Dugway through the Callao Gate as Predator Drones circled overhead like vultures.



Callao is a small farming community. I would estimate the population to be no larger than forty people. This number may vary depending on the season. Callao is on the Overland Stage/Pony Express route. Samuel Clemons is rumored to have stayed in a small hotel in Callao on his trip west to California. We stopped for lunch at the Willow Springs Ranch. The owners graciously treated us to lunch served buffet style under the shade of giant



Cottonwoods. Following lunch we explored the ranch and posed for pictures with the Lincoln Highway Association President Kay Shelton.

Our next stop, the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. This is an oasis in the desert. Springs at the base of the mountains flow year-round. The area serves as sanctuary and breeding habitat for waterfowl. It is a bird watcher's paradise. It is also home to John Thomas, famous for pulling Lincoln Highway motorists out of the mud. His sign posted on the Highway read (as it appeared in the 1918 Lincoln Highway Guide):

Ranch meals and lodging. Hot sulphur springs close to ranch.

If trouble is experienced, build a sage brush fire. Proprietor will come with a team.

He can see you 20 miles off.

Fair to poor dirt. Bad in wet weather.

It was getting late – time to go. The buses turned for home. Now we were on the 1919-to-1927 route. We headed north toward the snow-capped Oquirrh Mountains. We stopped briefly at the Orr's Ranch in Skull Valley. The ranch house, a three room log cabin, once served as a bunkhouse, cookhouse, and home for the ranch hands and a rest stop for travelers on the Lincoln Highway.

From Orr's Ranch we headed up Johnson's Pass to view the Carl Fisher Monument. Carl Fisher developed the Prest-O-Lite Company and made a fortune. He sold the company to Union Carbide Co. in 1913. Together with his partner Allison he would fund the idea of a coast-to-coast rock or cement highway, The Lincoln Highway. The Lincoln Highway Association was born and the rest is history.

We finished off the day with a cold one at the Bonneville Brew Pub and then to bed. It had been an enjoyable adventure filled day.



Barry Kinney



Sport Fashions

Sport Fashions is an area that has had little recognition in the past, however, there were many enthusiastic participants. In the next few issues we will cover some of the more popular sports attire.

Since golf is enjoyed by both men and women we will focus our attention in that direction for this article. Ladies for the most part chose simple pleated frocks to give freedom of movement. Some featured set-in-gores as 'well. They were also usually collarless and featured many styles of neck lines. These two distinctions prompted comfort and created less bulk on the links. Many of these dresses were made of cotton, linen or silk.

The examples shown indicate a variety of styles. The 1928-29 creations boast the belt falling far below the waist including the number with the matching jacket. It is interesting to note all models are wearing cloche hats, some with wider brims than others.



Tech Tips

Not everyone in the Model A hobby is restoring to original. This is for the hot rodders who prefer a matte finish, such as Plastidip, flat paint or a wrapped surface.

More finish options are available today than ever before, said Ron Fausnight, research and development manager for Houston-based ITW Global Brands – the parent company of several brands that include Rain X and Black Magic. The base coat/clear coat, which was new 20 to 30 years ago, has become the traditional finish. Conversely, consumers with a lower-gloss, matte-type paint should understand that waxing transforms it into a high-gloss finish. A good-quality car wash will work on any finish, but avoid the low-gloss paint areas when waxing and use a detailer to touch it up, Fausnight suggested.

According to Robert Dipede, global business development sales and marketing manager for Los Angeles-based Shining Monkey, wraps and matte-finish paints are all the rage. Plasti dip – a spray-on rubber coating that changes the color of the car – is another surface covering that people are using. But there are few products on the market specifically formulated to clean matte-finish paint, matte vinyls and even printed vinyls.

The matte-finish trend has made a comeback from the old rat-rod days of the '50s and '60s, but it has spread to luxury vehicles this time, as inspired by Ken Block's '06 Mercedes-Benz CLS, according to Dipede. "It makes the car look more stealth," he said. "People customize their cars to make them different. That's part of what the whole matte look is about."

The look also creates new opportunities for customizers, and new problems for detailers.

"We've developed products that help maintain, clean and protect all of those surfaces without causing the matte finish to look shiny or change color," Dipede said. "It makes the surface look original by leaving an invisible barrier without adding shine. You can't see the protective barrier, but you can feel it with your hand."

Andy Marocco, owner of Route 66 Speed Shop, suggested that manufacturers keep it simple. The company recently developed Rat Wax, which Marocco says is the first product on the market specifically designed to clean and protect rods and custom cars with flat, matte and satin paints.

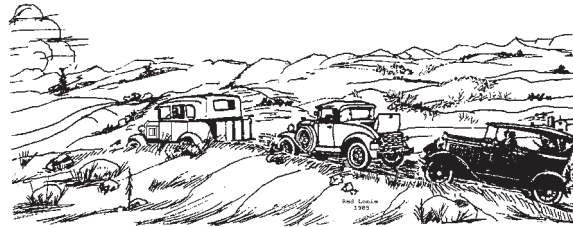


Matte care is slightly different, but always be critical with washing and drying, wax and protection, Pennington suggested. Don't use cleaners (compounds and clay) or polish, because they are designed to take out swirls and scratches by leveling a little bit of paint. Never use an abrasive, and do all the work by hand. For protection, a non-abrasive spray wax works best. For maintenance, quick detailers can be used.

Steve Owsley

2014 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

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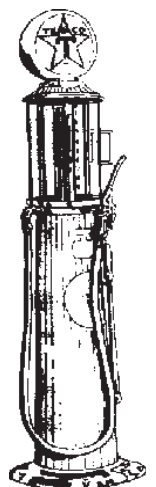


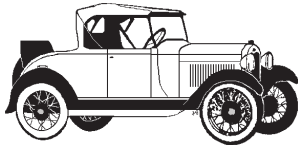
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	12	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH
FEB	8 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	15 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	13	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	MYSTERY TOUR - MYSTERY LOCATION
APRIL	27	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - 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
AUG - SEPT	30-7	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	12	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
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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August 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Barry Kinney. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be amended to state that we would not advertise the crab feed as a charity event. The minutes passed as amended. There were no guests.

Reports of Officers

President: Walter took his car to Jessica Bull's wedding in Pleasanton. Pictures were taken with the car. ♦ There will be a meeting for those going to Chicago. It will be 5:30 pm Thursday August 21 at Barry's office. The address is 3969 24th Street. (415-647-7077). They will discuss all the particulars of the trip. ♦ Jimmy's picnic is no more, after 25 years. ♦ Barry read a letter from a veteran who praised us for our participation at the Presidio Memorial Day ceremonies. ♦ We have rooms that are not spoken for at Ironstone. The dates are September 26-28th. They will be released soon. There was not a lot of interest. ♦ The 28th Avenue block party will be September 20th on the Mahl's street. ♦ Barry and Gunard went to the Weingarten School to deliver our donation check.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: No report1

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: Charlie reported on Hot August Nights. He saw Model A's for sale at Barrett Jackson. The swap meet was smaller and not as good. He also went to Carmel where 150 cars go on tour. There were no Model A's. ♦ Al brought a DVD of Bonneville, The Model A Convention in Washington, and a Mustang show. We watched it after the meeting.

Barry Kinney brought refreshments. Joan Peterson will bring refreshments for the September meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday September 11 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, September 11, 2014

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

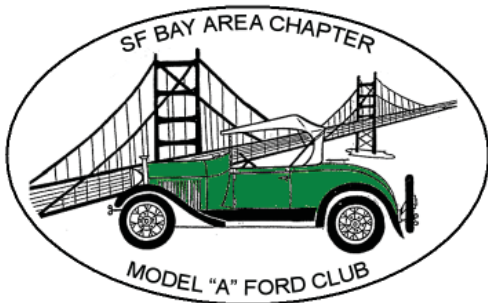
Please feel free to join us – dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING
Thursday September 11, 2014
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco