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Sunday August 16 - Barry's Famous San Francisco Peninsula Mystery Tour
Friday-Sunday September 25-27 - Ironstone Concours - Murphy's CA
Sunday October 11 - Columbus Day Parade - North Beach, San Francisco

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President's Message

A summer cold kept me away from our July meeting. If I had to miss a meeting July would be the one. July is a sleepy month with no tour or Club activity and no business requiring a quorum. We can pick it up in August without missing a step. I am working on a short tour that will take us down the peninsula. I read the blog in the newsletter and it sounds great. Now I am under pressure to live up to the billing. Save the date, Sunday August 16.



I want to compliment our editors Walter, Scott and Steve for the great job they did on our July Newsletter. The printed or mailed version looked great but the online version is in color and outstanding. Thanks for a job well done. I am still working on up-dating our roster. Progress is slow. I think I might get it together for 2016.

See you at the August meeting. I will bring dessert.

Barry Kinney

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Barry's Famous San Francisco Peninsula Mystery Tour Sunday August 16

We will meet at a time and place yet to be determined. Dr. Barry has promised to lead us on an exciting tour down the Peninsula to places yet undisclosed. Complete details will follow in the August **Choke Rod**.

If you tend to believe what Barry says, then this will be a tour unlike any you've yet experienced. If not, well

Save the date. This is one you don't want to miss.

Overnighter to Murphys Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Friday - Sunday September 25 - 27

By popular demand, for a ninth year the Club is planning another fabulous 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

Refreshments
at the July meeting
were provided by
The Monte Cristo Club

Barry Kinney
will provide refreshments
at the August meeting



Columbus Day Celebration 2015 Italian Heritage Parade Sunday October 11

San Francisco's 147th Annual Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday, October 11, 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 650-572-1142 or 415-821-2628.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Gunard Mahl	August 2
Gary Barrango	August 4
Nick Craig	August 7
Bob Craig, Jr.	August 8
Susan Bettencourt	August 8
Darryl Coe	August 14
Jack Hart	August 14
Maria Asuncion Young	August 15
Bev Kling	August 16
Colleen Rosenblat	August 16
Zack Rosenblat	August 24
Tom Machado	August 27
Jack Green	August 31
Barry Kinney & Coragine Savio	August 9
Scott Williams & Tom Mullins	August 22
Gary & Cheryl Barrango	August 26
Dan & Tracy Bowermaster	August 27



To give a little further insight to children's fashions a few select illustrations are shown along with the trophy winners. Much like their modern counterparts, the children's apparel followed a similar line to the adult's. Especially the little girls' collars, both cape and the more conservative rounded lace and pique affair. As Mother's dropped waist appeared in the late 1928 and '29 period, so followed the little Miss in the same charming way. The full dress flows from a collar, some with tucks and gathers, while others with pleats present a charming appearance. Ruffles and flounces were especially popular in the years of 1930 and 1931. Gathered skirts and panels were an accenting feature.

The most common material used for children's apparel was various kinds of cotton. Not only was it cool in the summer, it laundered well and withstood the constant activity of growing children. Silk was reserved for the special occasions and yet was easily cared for.

These descriptions cover, for the most part little girl's clothing. Not to be forgotten are the little boys. Most boys, especially in the summer, wore short boxer type pants, usually with a matching shirt. In some cases they were detailed with contrasting colors. Knickers as well as long trousers were featured, especially in linen and corduroy. Cotton shirts, and occasionally pongee, are usually the material most often shown.

When searching for children's clothing be aware of condition more than size. There is always the possibility of trading with one another to accomplish a completed ensemble since children grow so rapidly.

As mentioned before, children's clothes are at a premium and very difficult to find in good condition. One way to enter a Fashion Show would be in the Reproduction Category. Many patterns are available through this column.



The Four Stages of Model-A Problem Analysis and Resolution

by Marvin Mellage

Have you ever experienced strange or new noises coming from your Model-A? And if so, how quickly one goes into stages of problem analysis and resolution? The first stage is, hopefully it will go away and never return again. The second stage is, will doing something a little different reduce or eliminate it? The third stage is, if the noise is here to stay will self diagnosis and repair solve it? And the fourth stage is, who and how many to bring in for problem identification and elimination?

All these phases happened to me not too long ago. I'd been working on someone's Model-A trying to get it running after eight plus years of barn storage. After doing all the necessary corrections to the fluids, fuel, electrical systems, etc. it was ready. A step on the starter, a pull of the choke, a little gas and the engine came back to life. It sounded real good considering it had been neglected for so long. Then the noises started. There were noticeable cling, bang, clang, ding, etc. noises coming from the motor compartment. I immediately shut it off and got out for a visual engine compartment inspection. Everything seemed okay. Once again I started the engine. Much to my dismay the noises were not only still there, but getting louder and more frequent. A quick acceleration only worsened the problem. Once again I shut the engine off and did another inspection, only to find everything as it should be. I'm standing there in deep thought wondering what's broken, what needs to come off, can I fix it?

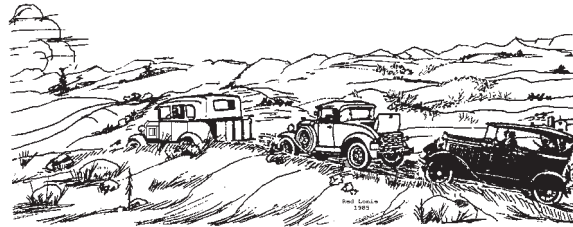
As I was trying to determine what to do next, my wife Linda came into the shop. Now I was faced with concurrent Model-A problem determination and spouse conversation. A tough act for me. Her first words were "what are you doing" and "did you notice". I nicely stopped her to get focused back on the engine problem. Next after watching me for a minute or so, she interrupted to ask me about the things on the shop floor behind the car. I had not noticed them during my problem determination. Upon further inspection, the little blackish, oblong things turned out to be pecans in the shell. She had identified and helped solve the problem. These pecans were coming out of the exhaust and the cling, clang, bang, ding noises was their hitting the muffler and exhaust pipe on the way out. After running the engine at different speeds for awhile the noise problem went away. Out of curiosity we picked up the pecans and had two sandwich bags full. Some pack rat had really been busy during the Model-A's long storage stay.

Through this experience I realized I had successfully gone through the four stages of Model-A problem analysis and resolution.

Steve Owsley

2015 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

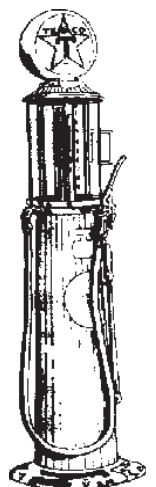


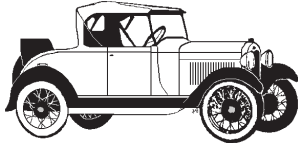
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	11	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - SF PRESIDIO
FEB	21 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	14 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	19	JOHN BETTENCOURT	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT, CA
APRIL	26	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	TBA	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
MAY	25 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	20 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE-JULY	27-8	KINNEY	LINCOLN HIGHWAY TOUR - DETROIT TO SF
JUNE	28	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
AUG	16	SF MODEL CLUB	BARRY'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR - PENINSULA
SEPT	13	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	TBA	MAHL	39 TH ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
SEPT	25-27	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	11	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
OCT	TBA SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
Nov	8	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE ON MARKET STREET
DEC	5 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DEC	12 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.

2015 Schedule of Events

Jan 11	SF Model A Club President's Brunch - San Francisco Presidio
Jan 24-25	Turlock Swap Meet
Feb 21	SF Model A Club Annual Crab Feed
May 22-25	NCRG Roundup Sacramento hosted by the Capitol A's - www.ncrgmafca.com
June 7-12	MAFCA National Tour, Lobsters and Lighthouses of Maine, host Pine Tree A's
June 19-24	MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, CO, hosted by Model A Ford Club of Colorado





**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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July 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Vice President Gunard Mahl. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests.

Reports of Officers

President: No report.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: No report

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: Mike reported on the Pride Parade. We had six cars in the parade. The Parade was well attended and very organized. Our cars went 5th. Everyone in our group had a nice time. After the Parade we had a picnic lunch in a park. Walter had arranged for sandwiches and goodies from Mollie Stone's. ♦ Gunard reported that this weekend is the races at El Mirage and August 8-14 is Bonneville Speed Week. ♦ Gunard also reported that there might be a possibility of a small group touring what is left of Jacques Littlefield's collection of tanks and such. ♦ Charlie reported we had seven cars go to St. Anne's Home this year. Charlie said he got his passengers lost, and the more lost they got the more fun they had. Mike had a nun who wanted to go to a long ago bar, but they couldn't find it. Afterwards there were nice treats for everyone who attended Mike reported on the car problems he has had. He was towed 3 times off of 280. He finally found the problem to be that the fuel pump pins had fallen out. He also found a neat tool from Snap-on that takes studs out easily. He also had a flat tire the day before the Pride Parade. He patched the tube with a bicycle repair kit and the tire worked fine. ♦ Gunard reported that Tony Hobbs passed away about 6-8 weeks ago. His service was well attended. Gunard purchased one of his cars.

The Monte Cristo Club provided refreshments in Barry's absence. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday August 13 at the Monte Cristo Club at 8:05 pm. Barry Kinney will provide refreshments for the meeting.

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, August 13, 2015

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

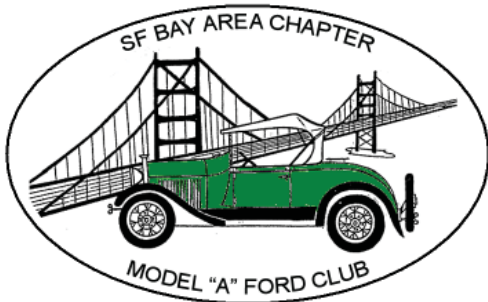
Please feel free to join us – dinner location will be at Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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AUGUST MEETING
Thursday August 13, 2015
Monte Cristo Club
7:30 pm meeting
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco