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Saturday December 5 - Brave the Bay - Aquatic Park, San Francisco

Saturday December 12 - Christmas Banquet - Val's Restaurant, Daly City

Saturday February 20, 2016 - Annual Crab Feed - Monte Cristo Club, San Francisco

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President's Message

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This year the Columbus Day Parade went off without a hitch. We were up front this year, positioned near to front at number 31. The result was that no one had to leave the parade with a hot car or a mechanical problem. We owe our club members, Gary Barrango and Nick Calabrese, and our sponsors, Bob and Paula Fiorito and The Young Men's Institute (YMI), a big "shout out" for their efforts on our behalf. The Club has participated in a number of Columbus Day Parades and they are always fun but I think this one was the best. We had seven cars and all performed flawlessly. The weather was perfect. And the crowd, the food, and the wine were wonderful. If invited we will definitely be there again next year.

Our next big event will be the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party. We have expanded the size of the room to accommodate more people. This is one event that is always a joy and open to non-members – so bring your friends and family. Look for details in this issue of the **Choke Rod**.

See you at the meeting,

Barry Kinney

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Mayor's Veterans Day Parade Sunday November 8

The club has been invited once again to participate in the traditional Veterans Day Parade being held this year on Sunday November 8. The parade will start at Market and 2nd Streets at 11 am, and will proceed up Market Street to City Hall where it will pass a reviewing stand.

The Veterans Day Parade traditionally honors and remembers the veterans of our armed forces. If you are interested in being part of our contingent, contact Walter Caplan at 415-621-0500 or whcaplan@comcast.net.

Brave The Bay Saturday December 5 Aquatic Park

On Saturday December 5 we will join Brave the Bay (formerly known as the SFPD Cable Car Pull) at Aquatic Park, benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jeanine Mahl will be there to present our club donation to Make-A-Wish. Club members should bring their Model A's, breakfast at the Buena Vista Cafe, and join the morning activities.

<http://sf.wish.org/news-and-events/calendar-of-events/internal-events/sfpd-challenge>

Christmas Banquet

Our Christmas Banquet will be full of fun and excitement. There will be a gift exchange and a raffle you won't want to miss. Jenny promises to provide fancy table decorations as well as party favors. Along with your unwrapped children's gift for Toys for Tots, bring a fun, funky, or fabulous wrapped gift. Bring a gift to get a gift. Use your imagination: what kind of treasure can you find for \$10 or less?

The Christmas Banquet will be Saturday, December 12 at Val's Restaurant in Daly City.
For details see the insert in this month's **Choke Rod**.

Refreshments
at the October meeting
were provided by
Jenny Jump

Joan Peterson
will provide refreshments
at the November meeting



Election of 2016 Officers

Elections for the 2016 officers will be held at the November Meeting on Thursday November 13.

To date the following nominations have been received:

President:	Barry Kinney
Vice Presidents:	Tom Escher Gunard Mahl Greg Martinez
Secretary:	Joan Peterson
Treasurer:	Jeanine Mahl
Tour Chair:	Gary Barrango
Editors:	Walter Caplan Scott Williams
Membership:	Walter Caplan

Prior to voting in November, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Crab Feed

at the Monte Cristo Club
Saturday February 20, 2016

Doors open at 5 pm

Dinner Service begins 6:30 pm

Raffle - 50/50 Raffle - No Host Bar

antipasto, salad, pasta, crab,
French bread & butter, dessert
\$60 per person

Look for the reservation form
in this issue of the **Choke Rod**.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Casey Martinez	November 1
Greg Martinez	November 5
Franz von Uckermann	November 6
Maria DeMartini	November 15
Joseph Martinez	November 18
Lois Storz	November 18
Nick Calabrese	November 26
Irma Nicholson	November 27
Tom & Terry Machado	November 4



Hair styles in the years 1928 through 1931 was basically worn in a natural mode. Lucky was the lady with naturally wavy hair for then a simple finger wave would put her in fashion with the time. For the woman who had basically straight hair the Wind Blown look and Bob were the styles most worn. There was also the popular Marcel created with a hot curling iron. For the more formal occasions a bun at the nap of the neck with a soft drawn back effect was also in fashion.

We found the following information of interest and felt the ladies who are truly research conscious will enjoy the procedure maintained by a beloved motion picture star of the day. This secret was gleaned from a 1939 edition of Individuality and Clothes by Margaret Story.

No one questions the fact that hair must be kept polished and clean if it is to be woman's crowning glory. People do disagree as to the proper frequency of shampoos, so in this, as in many other things, each one must be a law unto herself. The necessary articles for the shampoo are two bath towels and one thin face towel; also Castile soap, one fresh egg, and a lemon. Apply hot towels over the thin one, to the scalp. Wrap them around the back of the head and neck until the pores of the skin are opened and the scalp is stimulated. By this time the scalp should be sufficiently wet to enable you to apply the egg, which has been mixed with a fork but not beaten. Apply it to the scalp slowly, all the time massaging briskly until the egg is spread over the entire head. The egg not only cleanses but has a tonic effect on the scalp. The rubbing with the tips of the fingers should continue until the egg disappears. Again use an application of hot towels to drive in the egg, follow it with the soap which by this time is melted. Wipe off the first lather and apply the solution again. Wash the ends of the hair thoroughly. For the third time use the soap, then rinse thoroughly with water containing the lemon, if you do not mind a mild bleach. Rinse again and again gradually lowering the temperature. Put ten drops of oil of lavender in the last rinse water and the hair will be elusively fragrant for several days.

The hair should never be dried with artificial heat, but out-of-doors if at all possible. If a curl is desired, the naturally curly or permanently waved hair should be allowed to dry without rubbing. When it is completely dry, it should be combed with a very coarse comb.

Ordinarily the hair should not be washed oftener than twice a month and if it is not subjected to dust, once a month, would be much better.

We will no doubt, take this advice with tongue in cheek. Can't you just imagine a hair dresser today going to all the above mentioned procedure to care for your hair? With all the modern preparations on the market we are able to take short cuts and yet have good healthy hair. This type of information is of interest and helps point out how far we have come in yet another area of fashion.



LONGER VERSION OF THE SOFT FINGERWAVE



MARCEL



SOFT FINGERWAVE



BOB



THE BUN AT THE NAPE OF THE NECK



WINDBLOWN



YET ANOTHER VERSION

Are your Model A Bolts Tight?

Everyone knows the Model A has a tendency to vibrate which can cause bolts and nuts to lose their tension. Ford knew this was a problem so every nut and bolt on the Model A had either a cotter pin or some type of lock washer. Some of the cotter pins today are made of very stiff steel and nearly impossible to spread the legs especially if they are in a small area. Unless you are building a show car, today you have other options that work just as well and are easier to use. The following are examples of what is available.

1. The most common is the old fashion lock washer. It is an incomplete circle that has a twist that is flattened when tightened. They are used on most of the nuts and bolts on the frame.
2. A spring washer is made from spring steel with a slight crown or twist. When tightened the crown is flattened and this pressure holds the fastener tight. A spring washer is used between the brake and clutch pedal and also under the windshield knob used to hold the windshield open.
3. Star washers have little fingers that dig into the surface to hold tight. They are made in internal and external styles. These were used under the flat head machine screws holding the door hinge to the body pillar on the some models. Also used under the machine screws holding the gas tank to the firewall on the 30-31 models.
4. Self-locking nuts have a nylon insert to keep the nut from loosening. Remember they can only be used one time. Not originally used on the Model A, however they are useful holding the spring tension on the radiator mounting bolts and springs.
5. A spring clip can be used in place of cotter pins and are easy to remove and can be used several times. They are especially useful on the brake clevis pins.
6. A liquid thread lock can be applied to the threads. Loctite is a popular brand. Loctite makes several different strengths. Most can be broken free with a big enough wrench, however the high strength requires heat to break the bond. This can be used on the camshaft nut and the crank pulley nut. These are two examples of parts that have a tendency to work loose.

Hopefully this information will help you when working on your Model A.

Arlyn Bieber



Columbus Day Parade

Columbus day began in 1934. It was President Roosevelt who proposed that the second Monday in October be designated Christopher Columbus Day in honor of the man who discovered the New World. Congress enacted the proposal and in 1970 the second Monday was declared a national holiday. Since 1934 Columbus Day has taken on several meanings. In San Francisco the day has been chosen to honor American citizens of Italian heritage and to celebrate their loyalty to a Nation and social progress.

This year, as in most years, Columbus Day is celebrated in conjunction with Fleet Week. Why? Because the founding of the United States Navy was on October 13, 1775. So, we get a two-for-one weekend.

The Columbus Day Parade is where we join in. Our Club helps promote the Young Men's Institute (YMI). The Young Men's Institute is a fraternal organization founded in 1883 at St. Joseph's Hall near 10th and Howard Streets here in San Francisco. Their mission is to promote mutual aid loyalty to the country.

Each year we field four to eight Model A's and several additional collector cars. We start the celebration in the staging area with fresh foccacia, prosciutto and melon, and several great wines provided by Paula and Bob Fiorito. Each car is decorated with balloons in Italian colors, (red, green, and white), Italian Flags and magnetic signs promoting YMI. We are happy and we are colorful.

The parade starts at noon and winds its way up Columbus to Washington Square. A crowd lines the streets and linen covered tables extend across the sidewalks and into the streets. The atmosphere is electric and all Italian. Some of the dignitaries present included Christopher Columbus, Emperor Norton, and I think I saw Queen Isabella.

I will finish with a toast: Here is to the people who made the day - the Angels overhead.
Here is to the people who lined the route - with flags of green and red. Here is to Christopher Columbus he sailed the ocean blue - and discover America in 1492.

Barry Kinney



Photos by Ralph Hoffschilt

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

This year the group traveling to Ironstone was smaller but no less enthusiastic than in previous years. Don Barnes, Charlie and Victoria, and Roadster Ralph and I toured up on Friday. We met the Machados, Walter, Jeff Koch from Hemmings, Chris Thompson, John Zuffi, and Gary Barrango and family at the show on Saturday. Tom and Terry Machado hosted a pre-dinner party in their suite on Friday and Saturday nights. The Chiotti and Tempone families attended the pre-dinner parties and met us on Saturday night at the Murphys Hotel for our traditional Saturday Night Dinner.

The show was a mix of military, commercial, marine, classic and collectable cars, trailers, and boats. This year you entered through a gauntlet of 4-H Exhibits. There were goats, rabbits, and all types of exotic chickens. The 4-H kids were more than happy to explain their exhibits. It was an interesting and entertaining way to begin the car show. This is one show that has something for everyone. This show is one of the great ones. We always have a good time. Thanks to Tom and Terry for once again hosting this event for the Club.

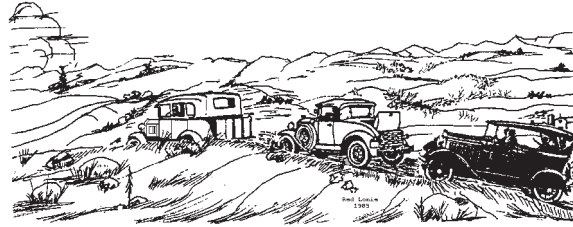
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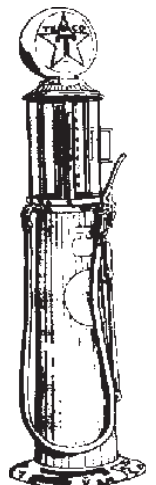


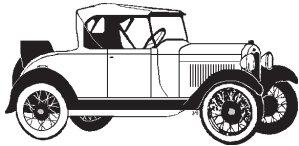
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	11	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - SF PRESIDIO
FEB	21 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	14 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	19	JOHN BETTENCOURT	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT, CA
APRIL	26	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	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	26	MAHL	40 TH ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
SEPT	25-27	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	11	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCT	17 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
Nov	8	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE - FISHERMAN'S WHARF
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





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September 10, 2015**

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

Reports of Officers

President: We will meet at 10:30 am at Northpoint and Powell for the Columbus Day Parade. The parade starts at 12 noon or 12:30 pm. We will be number 30 in the parade. ♦ Since the treasurer is absent, it is unknown whether she has written any charity checks. ♦ The Ironstone event was nice. They had a good 4H exhibit that one had to pass by as you entered the show. The show cars were arranged by type and year.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: No report

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

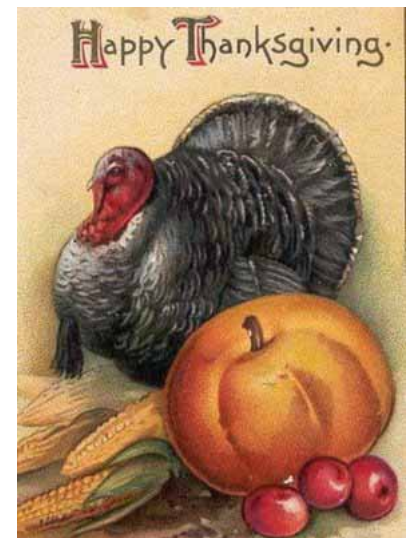
Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: There was not much interest in the Sonoma Airport show. ♦ Jimmy's Picnic is on the 17th. ♦ Greg Martinez holds all records for the vintage Class Model A. He went 185 mph. Al will write an article for the **Choke Rod** about Bonneville and El Mirage.

Jenny Jump provided refreshments for the meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday November 12 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm. Joan Peterson will provide refreshments for the next 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, November 12, 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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NOVEMBER MEETING
◆◆ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** ◆◆
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Holiday Party

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