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Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

Look for the tour report in the next issue of The Choke Rod

Upcoming Tours

Saturday October 10 - Pistons, Pin Ups, and Pinot - Sonoma Valley Airport

Sunday October 11 - Columbus Day Parade - North Beach, San Francisco

Saturday October 17 - San Francisco Old Car Picnic - Golden Gate Park

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Ironstone: Tom and Terry Machado introduced the club to Ironstone many years ago. The Ironstone Concours is staged on the grounds of the Ironstone Winery just outside the Gold Rush town of Murphys. The venue is a beautiful blend of grassy fields, clustered pine trees, and small streams. The cars are displayed in groups by make and year. The collection includes boats, farm equipment, emergency vehicles, military vehicles, classic cars, and even a 4H petting zoo. This year our group was small but we had a wonderful time. Thanks to Tom and Terry for hosting our pre-dinner reception each evening. These friendly gatherings were the frosting on the cake.



Crab Feed: We may or may not have the Crab Feed next year. If it doesn't come to pass, we should count our blessings and congratulate the two principal players who made the Crab Feed possible. Each of us should use our powers of persuasion on Gary and John Zuffi - they made it happen in the past and with some luck they will be the ones to make it happen again in the future. Keep your fingers crossed.

Columbus Day Parade: This year the Parade will be on Sunday October 11, 2015. This is the 147th Italian Heritage Celebration and Parade. Look for details in this issue of the Choke Rod. Be sure to check your email for last minute information. This is one San Francisco event you do not want to miss.

Note: When everything is coming your way - you are probably in the wrong lane.

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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Pistons, Pin Ups, and Pinot on the Runway Saturday October 10 Sonoma Valley Airport

Join us for a day of vintage aircraft, classic cars, beautiful pin ups, delicious food and the finest beer and wine Sonoma has to offer! Gates open at 11am, event ends promptly at 4pm. Pistons, Pin Ups and Pinot on the Runway is a family friendly show. For the kids we proudly offer several exciting attractions including: rides in a model train car, inflatable bounce houses, a marvelous magician and balloon animals!

The event is generously hosted at the Sonoma Valley Airport.

Live Music Provided by Heartstrings Bridge.

Registration is \$35 per vehicle.

See the registration form in this month's **Choke Rod**. Registrations must be received by October 1.

Event website: www.planefunsonoma.com

San Francisco Old Car Picnic Golden Gate Park Saturday October 17, 7am ~ 4pm

Formerly known as Jimmy's Old Car Picnic, the annual San Francisco Old Car Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 17 in Golden Gate Park.

Park your vehicle on beautiful Hellman Hollow (aka Speedway Meadow) for a donation to benefit the developmentally disabled. Cars & trucks \$40, motorcycles \$20, bicycles \$10.

1987 or older year limit for vehicles. No vehicles larger than 3/4 ton pickup. No other vehicles allowed on meadow. No exceptions. No in & outs.

No vendors or amplified music. Please respect the Park and its neighbors. The SFPD will be on duty and issue citations for traffic and parking violations.

San Francisco Old Car Picnic benefits programs for the developmentally disabled.

For more information visit their website: www.sfcarpicnic.com

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



Mike Cuneen	October 3
Scott Williams	October 11
Tom Mullins	October 15
Dave Chiotti	October 16
Bob Costa	October 18
Carol Costa	October 27

Refreshments
at the September meeting
were provided by
Victoria Acosta

Jenny Jump
will provide refreshments
at the October meeting





When one speaks of "an ensemble," what does this really mean? After doing some in depth research through various publications we came up with several excellent examples. Even though we are presenting illustrations, perhaps a more detailed explanation would be helpful. Especially for those new members working on your first Fashion Show appearance.

Of course the main garment, (dress or suit) should be selected with great care. A becoming color is important as well as good fit and detailing. Next would be the accessories, a hat to match the main garment or coat, if one is worn. Gloves can match the dress or be of a contrasting color. In summer, white is quite acceptable as well as in winter, if they are white kid. In winter a dark color to match your shoes may be selected.

Speaking of shoes, they will differ with the season and occasion. For example; daytime shoes are usually kid or leather of some type, unless it is a late afternoon affair and satin pumps or T-straps would be more appropriate. Handbags and purses may be the same color as the shoes or the garment or in some cases a contrasting color would be striking.

Jewelry is a delicate subject as far as completing "an ensemble." There are as many different ideas on jewelry coordination as there are ladies interested in fashion. The most important point of view is to wear it tastefully. Never "over dress" with too much jewelry. Simplicity is the key to high fashion and what else are we striving for? Since most fashions in our era were dictated by designers in Paris and they were definitely "high fashion" oriented, let us also strive for the same "high fashion" as we prepare for that all important Fashion Show.



In 1928 the "ensemble" has an impressive appearance with the fox fur draped over one shoulder revealing the white accenting trim. The hat and shoes compliment the dress while the purse is of a contrasting color.



This 1929 creation is a smashing example of an outstanding "ensemble." The cloche has that certain something that makes it "high fashion" while the neck scarf says, class. Her dark purse no doubt picks up one of the colors in the jacket, while the shoes may pick up yet another color. The gloves are undoubtedly white cotton.



This model depicts still another effect with a hat that matches the jacket while her shoes match the dress. The envelope purse has picked up both colors while the white fabric gloves match the dress.



Let us not forget the "younger set." They too have an eye for "high fashion." This young Miss features a complete ensemble with her matching coat with hat, shoes and purse in the same color. Her white gloves complete the picture.

Model A Facts and Figures

MODEL A ENGINE NUMBERS

Month	First No.	Last No.
1927		
October 20, 1927	1	137
November	138	971
December	972	5275
1928		
January	5276	17251
February	17252	36016
March	36017	67700
April	67701	109740
May	109741	165726
June	165727	224276
July	224277	295707
August	295708	384867
September	384868	473012
October	473013	585696
November	585697	697829
December	697830	810122
1929		
January	810123	983136
February	983137	1127171
March	1127172	1298827
April	1298828	1478647
May	1478648	1663401
June	1663402	1854831
July	1854832	2045422
August	2045423	2243920
September	2243921	2396932
October	2396933	2571781
November	2571782	2678140
December	2678141	2742695
1930		
January	2742696	2828649
February	2828650	2940776
March	2940777	3114465
April	3114466	3304703
May	3304704	3509306
June	3509307	3702547
July	3702548	3771362
August	3771363	3883888
September	3883889	4005973
October	4005974	4093995
November	4093996	4177733
December	4177734	4237500
1931		
January	4237501	4310300
February	4310301	4393627
March	4393628	4520831
April	4520832	4611921
May	4611922	4695999
June	4696000	4746730
July	4746731	4777282
August	—	—
September	4777283	4824809
October	4824810	4826746
November	4826747	4830806
December	—	—
1932		
January	4830807	4842983
February	4842984	4846691
March	4846692	4849340

FORD MODEL "A" SPECIFICATIONS

Point Gap.....	18-22
Plug Gap.....	35
Rotor to Body Gap.....	25
Tire Pressure.....	35 lbs.
Gas Tank Capacity	
1928/1929.....	10 Gal
1930/1931.....	11 Gal
Cooling System.....	3 Gal
Oil Capacity Empty.....	5 Qts
Oil Change.....	4.5 Qts
Generator Charging Rate	
Summer.....	8 Amps
Winter.....	10 Amps
Type of Engine.....	4 Cyl
Cylinder Bore.....	3 7/8"
Piston Stroke.....	4 1/4"
Displacement.....	200.5 Cu In
Firing Order.....	1-2-4-3
Horsepower SAE.....	24.03
At 2200 RPMs.....	40.00
Wheel Base.....	103.5"
Tire Size 28/29.....	21x4.50
Tire Size 30/31.....	19x4.75

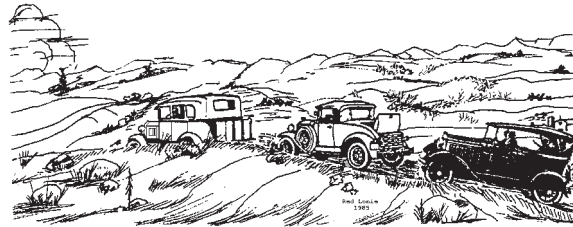


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It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

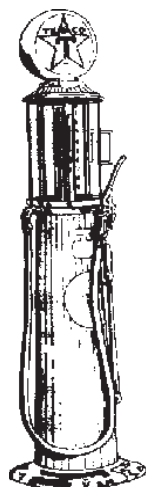


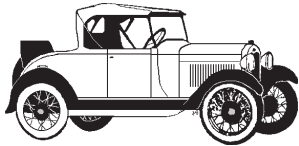
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	11	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - SF PRESIDIO
FEB	21 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	14 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	19	JOHN BETTENCOURT	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT, CA
APRIL	26	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	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	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 7:35 pm by President Barry Kinney. We had two guests: the Reverend Ron Smith and Greg Zak. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers

President: Ironstone Concours will be Friday - Sunday September 25 - 27. Everyone who is going has a room. The club is going on Friday and will meet at Don Barnes' house at 10 am. The club will be hosting Jeff Koch, from Hemmings Magazine. He will be covering the event and writing an article on the show. Walter is in charge of hosting Jeff. ♦ The Columbus Day Parade will be Sunday October 11. Walter will send an e-mail to everyone with the details. We have 11 cars that want to participate. ♦ The Bent Rod Award, currently held by Barry, will be going to Gary. He lost an exhaust gasket on the last tour. ♦ We may not have a crab feed next year - but then again there is still the possibility that it may happen — keep speaking with Gary and John Zuffi and show your enthusiasm. ♦ The 2015 charitable donations will be as follows: Jeanine moved and Barry seconded the motion that we donate \$500 to Make-a-Wish, \$500 to the National Model A Ford Museum, and \$1000 to Weingarten School for the Deaf. The motion passed. ♦ The annual Christmas party will be Saturday December 12 at Val's in Daly City. We will have more room this year. We need about 50 people. We will have a raffle, gift exchange, and Santa Claus will be there.

Vice President: On Saturday October 10 there will be a car show at the Sonoma Valley Airport. It's Pistons, Pin-ups, and Pinot. The show will be held on the runway. Walter will place an article in **The Choke Rod**.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine has written no checks since her last report and there are none outstanding. ♦ The annual 28th Avenue block party will be on Saturday September 26.

Editor: he Veteran's Day Parade will be at Fisherman's Wharf this year. It will be Sunday November 8. Walter will send in an application.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: Charlie reported that there are two car shows this weekend. One in Benicia and one at College of San Mateo. ♦ Sunday September 13 is the Early Ford V8 Club swap meet. ♦ The San Francisco Old Car Picnic, formerly known as Jimmy's Picnic, will be held on Saturday October 17 from 7 am to 4 pm at historic Speedway Meadow (Hellman Hollow) in Golden Gate Park.

There was no entertainment tonight. Victoria Acosta provided refreshments for the meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday October 8 at the Monte Cristo Club at 7:30 pm. Jenny Jump 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, October 8, 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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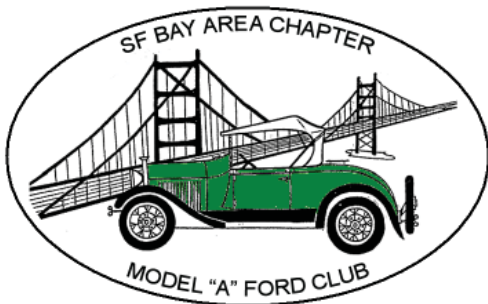


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OCTOBER MEETING
Thursday October 8, 2015
Monte Cristo Club
7:30 pm meeting
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco