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This year is going to be a very busy and active year for our Club. The Club activity level says a lot about the vitality of the Club and the dedication of its members.

If you were not able to make the trip to Dearborn last year, you will have the opportunity to do it this year. We are planning our second train, plane, automobile trip to the Henry Ford Museum in September.

In March we plan to visit Los Angeles. Included in the L.A. Tour will be the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, the Peterson in downtown L.A., and the Getty in Malibu.

The Crab Feed is a go in February in spite of the slow start to the Crab Season. This is one of our most popular events, reserve early. The second outing in February is the Grand Island Valentine's Day Tour. Look for details in the **Choke Rod**.

Some of our members who fly or have a keen interest in Antique Autos and all things mechanical will be visiting "Air Venture" in Oshkosh Wisconsin in August.

Along the way there will be "Birds on the Wharf" in Santa Cruz, Swap Meets, and record breaking cars at the Salt Flats in Utah.

We will kick off this very busy active year at the President's Brunch on January 31 at the Basque Cultural Center.

See you at the January meeting – see you at the President's Brunch.

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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President's Brunch

Sunday January 31, 2016

Club perpetual president Barry Kinney is planning our annual President's Brunch on Sunday January 31st. We will meet at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco for brunch and an opportunity to thank our president for another year of service to the club. The time for the gathering will be announced at the meeting on January 14th and additionally members will be notified by e-mail.

Pacific Coast Dream Machines

Half Moon Bay

Sunday April 24

It's the world's largest and most whimsical gathering of motorized marvels from throughout the twentieth century – a remarkable exhibit of 2000 driving, flying, and working machines, running the gamut of exotic automobiles, US Army tanks, and antique motorcycles to restored military aircraft, Model T fire engines, massive steam tractors, and tons more. Live music, kids amusements and food booths run by local non-profits round out the festivities.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Sabrina Mei Bowermaster	January 2
Janelle Barrango Frueh	January 5
Matthew Sullivan	January 7
Terrence McGinnis	January 9
Terry Machado	January 16
John Bettencourt	January 23
Bob Craig, Sr.	January 30
Coragene Savio	January 30
Gunard & Jeanine Mahl	January 24

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**.

Valentine's Day Brunch

Grand Island Mansion

Sunday February 14

The Silicon Valley Model A Restorers Club has scheduled a Valentine's Day brunch on Sunday February 14th at the Grand Island Mansion on Grand Island in the Delta – and they have invited members of the other Bay Area Model A Clubs to join them. The SF Model A Club will discuss our possible participation at the January meeting on Thursday January 14.

The cost of the brunch will be \$44 prepaid, which includes tax and tip for the champagne brunch. Should we participate we would plan to arrive at the Mansion at 12:30 pm. Lunch is scheduled for 1 pm.

Please remit \$44 payable to Bill Rose, and mail to Bill Rose, P.O. Box 2045, Livermore, CA. 94551 if you are interested and plan to attend. Bill will need to receive your payment by February 1st to secure the reservations. Seating is limited and we cannot secure additional seating once the event is sold out.

Log onto Grand Island Mansion website for additional information regarding the brunch and mansion:
www.grandislandmansion.com/sunday-brunch.html

Please contact Bill Rose if you need additional information at (925) 784-5977 or e-mail barose@sbcglobal.net.

Dessert
at the Christmas Banquet
was provided by
The SF Model A Club

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
at the January meeting



Christmas Banquet

Christmas at Val's once again was our biggest Club meeting of the year in terms of attendance. It was also one of the warmest and most cheerful. Room and fabulous table decorations by Jenny and Joan brightened the room and set the tone.

Jenny and Joan amazingly came up with an array of great raffle prizes and individual gifts to club members. Our thanks to Joan Peterson, Jenny Jump, Nel Richmond, and Al Thomas and John Bettencourt for their raffle and gift contributions. Needless to say, no one went home empty handed.

Our Santa, Victor Garcia in real life, neatly trimmed hand and foot in his traditional red suit, distributed the gifts with the help of his elves, Jenny and Joan. Santa's first gift presentation was to little Ethan Mahl, a charming two year old, our youngest Club member. Ethan is the son of Jonathan and Gabriella Mahl and grandson of Gunard and Jeanine Mahl.

Our friend Jill Schwab from the Santa Clara Valley T-Bird Club was a guest of the Club. Jill and her husband Jerry have been active volunteers helping with the Annual Crab Feed in February each year.

The party concluded with the raffle and then we all headed home with family and friends, our gifts, and our memories of the 2015 Christmas Banquet at Val's. "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Walter Caplan



Photos by Steve Owsley





Happy New Year!



With the new Fashion Judging Standards becoming available for the meet in July in Minneapolis-St. Paul, the National Fashion Judging Standards Committee felt the timing was right for a Fashion Judging School. Therefore, one has been scheduled from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 1982. This is the opening day of the Convention and seemed like a good time, before the actual Fashion Judging.

One might wonder why such a large time slot has been allotted? Following the first Judging School in March, the Committee feels six hours are needed to cover all the areas. The first three hours will be devoted to a seminar, introducing different styles as per time of day, type of fabric, putting the proper accessories with the proper garments, emphasizing the difference in the four specific years, as well as covering the Reproduction Category. This will cover Children's, Ladies' and Men's fashions. There will be an hour break for lunch and when we return in the afternoon, each student will be given a judging sheet and asked to judge different ensembles. Following this, the models will be "re-judged" by the entire class; a critique, if you will. We found this most helpful and well received. It really puts the pressure on all the potential judges and, after all, that's what the school is designed for. Following this segment there will be a Question and Answer session.

There is a fee of \$5.00, which includes the use of a "textbook" (that is returned at the end of the class), as well as the opportunity to take the qualifying examination to become a National Certified Fashion Judge, plus the actual certificate.

The following procedure has been established by the National Board of Directors to qualify for certification for the National Fashion Judges:

- The MAFCA Fashion Judging Committee will qualify all fashion judges.
- According to qualifications, the Committee will establish the classification of each judge. All applicants must be members of MAFCA.
- It is essential that potential judges attend a MAFCA-sponsored Fashion Judging School.
- A written examination will be submitted to all applicants. Upon satisfactory scoring, they will be certified as a junior or senior judge according to their experience. Tests will be available through the committee or through established Chapter Fashion Representatives.
- There shall be three categories of Judges: Apprentice, Junior and Senior.

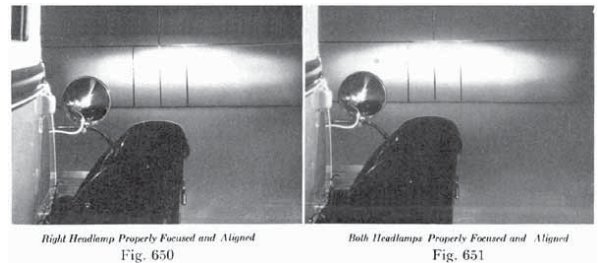
- ◆ Apprentice Judge: This applicant may sit in on National and Local Meet judging and observe the procedure (according to space available at each meet).
- ◆ Junior Judge: This applicant will participate with a Senior Judge in scoring, in the same category. A Junior Judge must take part in no less than three national or local meets before applying for a Senior Judge classification.
- ◆ Senior Judge: A Senior Judge must have served as a Junior Judge in no less than five national or local meets and be certified by MAFCA Fashion Judging Standard Committee.
- The "Grandfather Clause" will cover all experienced Junior and Senior Judges until the final certification takes place of up-coming judges.

The Judging School is open to any member of MAFCA interested in Model A fashions. You may not want to become a judge immediately but the information you receive will enable you to prepare for future fashion shows as a competitive participant. Some of the comments received from the first school indicated it gave the member a more knowledgeable background when purchasing era fashions.

Ford Model 'A' Headlamp Adjustment – Twolite Type

General

The Twolite headlamps were introduced in February 1929 (later on foreign models) and phased in on passenger models first. Most passenger models had the new lamps by late March. The Twolite headlamps are distinguished by the prism lenses and larger diameter wiring plug. The reflectors, light sockets, and lenses are also unique to these headlamps. If any of these items are incorrect, proper focus can not be obtained.



The following information is adapted from the Ford Service Bulletin for February 1929. Although the method for adjustment is similar to the early "H" headlamps, the grid used to position the lights is quite different.

The new design Ford Twolite headlamps were supplied in two types- a two bulb type for cars without cowl lamps and a single bulb type for cars with cowl lamps. These lamps were nickel plated in 1929, stainless steel thereafter. Black enamel headlamps were furnished for trucks and commercial jobs.

The new lamps were supplied with 6-8 volt double filament double contact gas filled bulbs. Both of the filaments were 21 candle power. The lower filament provided a beam which gives exceptionally brilliant road illumination for high speed driving. The upper filament provided a downward tilting beam which illuminates the entire road surface close to the car.

The two bulb headlamp had a separate 2 candle power bulb mounted in the upper part of the reflector for parking purposes.

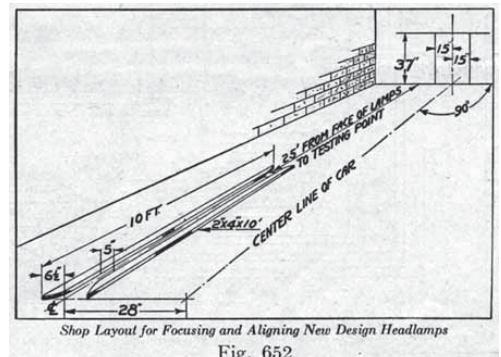
In addition to the standard 21 candle power Twolite bulbs Ford also released through service (in those States in which the law permitted) a 32-21 candle power bulb A-13007-D. This bulb gave a driving light of greater beam intensity than the standard bulb.

Headlamps – Focusing and Aligning

Align and focus headlamps with empty car standing on a level surface in front of a white wall or screen 25 feet from the front of the headlamps. This wall must be in semi-darkness or sufficiently shielded from direct light so that the light spots upon it from the headlamps can be clearly seen, and must be marked off with black lines as shown in Fig. 652.

Focus

- It is important that lens be installed in door with the word "top" at top of door and with all lettering reading properly from front.
- Turn on upper beam.
- Focus by means of screw at back of lamps, first one lamp and then the other, adjusting the bulb filament at the focal center of the reflector to obtain an elongated elliptical spot of light on the wall, with its long axis horizontal (see Fig. 650). In focusing, adjust the bulb to obtain as good contrast and as well defined cut-off across the top of the spot of light as possible.



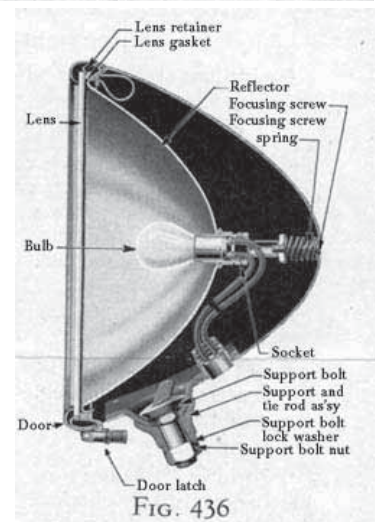
With lamps thus focused for the upper beam the lower beam will be in satisfactory position. No adjustment is necessary for the small bulb for parking light.

Alignment

- Headlamps are aligned by moving lamps after nut at bottom of bracket has been slightly loosened.
- The tops of the bright spots on the 25-foot wall are to be set at a line 37 inches above level of surface on which car stands. (See Fig. 652.) With tops of bright spots thus set for empty car, the headlamps comply, under all conditions of loading, with the requirements of the various states.
- The beam of light from each headlamp is to extend straight forward; that is, the centers of the elliptical spots of light must be 30 inches apart.

Summary

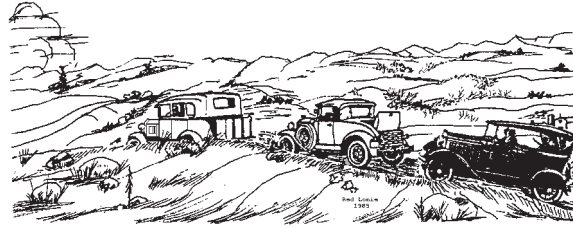
Original Twolite headlamps when properly restored, focused, and adjusted, are extremely effective. However, there are distinct differences in the components that make up the different headlamps. If the components are mismatched the headlamps cannot produce the proper lighting.



Steve Owsley

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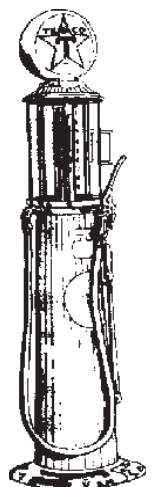


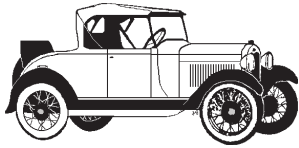
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	31	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - BASQUE CULTURAL CTR.
FEB	20 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	12 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
MARCH	16-20	BARRY KINNEY	LOS ANGELES MUSEUM TOUR
APRIL	TBA	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT, CA
APRIL	23	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - AUBURN, CA
APRIL	24	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	30 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	18 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	26	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
AUG	TBA	TBA	BARRY'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR
SEPT	TBA	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	TBA	MAHL	41 ST ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
SEPT	6-16	BARRY KINNEY	GREAT MICHIGAN/MIDWEST TRAIN TOUR
SEPT	23-25	CAPLAN / OWSLEY / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCT	9	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCT	TBA	CAPLAN / OWSLEY	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
Nov	13	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE - FISHERMAN'S WHARF
DEC	3	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DEC	10	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.

2016 Schedule of Events

Jan 30	Turlock Swap Meet
Jan 31	SF Model A Club President's Brunch - San Francisco Presidio
Feb 20	SF Model A Club Annual Crab Feed
May 27-29	NCRG Roundup Modesto hosted by the Modesto A's - www.ncrgmafca.com
June 19-24	MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, CO, hosted by Model A Ford Club of Colorado
Dec 5-8	MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno NV, hosted by the Sagebrush Chapter





**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
December 12, 2015**

The December meeting was held at Val's Restaurant in Daly City. The meeting was called to order following the Club Annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday December 13 at 8 pm by Vice President Gunard Mahl, in the absence of President Barry Kinney.

Ceremonies following the Banquet included a visit by Santa Claus and acknowledgment of the Board of Directors for the year 2015. Recognition of the dedication and good work of the 2015 Board, all of whom agreed to continue in office for the 2016 year, will occur at the President's Brunch on January 31, 2016, when our President Barry Kinney will preside and be appropriately honored for all his hard work sustaining our club over many years and decades. In addition, the Tour Leaders, Board Members, and **The Choke Rod** editors each will be acknowledged for their individual contributions during the past year. Additionally, a number of other club members will be recognized for their help in furthering the activities of the club and presented with a gift from the club.

Club members brought a large number of children's toys that the club transported to the San Francisco Fire Fighters Toy Program for distribution to disadvantaged children.

The Club again thanks John Bettencourt and Nell Richmond for seeking out Val's for our Christmas Banquet, for Barry Kinney securing the date, and Jeanine Mahl for handling reservations.

Many thanks to Jenny Jump, Al Thomas, and Joan Peterson for all their hard work and for their considerable contributions, all of which resulted in the success of the event.

And a special thanks to Victor Garcia, aka Santa Claus, without whom our banquet would not have been complete. In fact, Santa had so much fun that he promises to be with us again for Christmas in the coming years.

For The Good Of The Order: The Club in year 2015 again increased in size, sponsored major annual events, contributed substantially to charity, and provided its members with enjoyable tours and monthly meetings. This could not have been possible without the dedication and support of all the members of the San Francisco Model A Club family.

Happy New Year!

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, January 14, 2016

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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RENEW NOW

see Insert for
2016 Membership Form
Deadline: January 31

JANUARY MEETING
Thursday January 14, 2016
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco