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They fly for the same reasons the Model A Ford is still on the road today.

Boeing Aircraft built 744 B-52's between 1952 and 1962. Seventy six remain in active service. The Air Force expects them to keep flying through the 2040's. This is the equivalent of sending the Model A Troup Transport into combat today.

Ford made more than twenty million Model A's between 1928 and 1931. I would guess that 10% of them are still around today. Some have gone to hot rods, others to museums, but many – like the B-52 – are still in service.

The reason this plane and the Model A will continue to survive is because Boeing and Ford designs were forward thinking, and they placed emphasis on the best materials and engineering available at the time.

When in 2040 I am driving down I-5 in my Model A, dodging all those driverless electric cars, I will be comforted to know that they are still landing B-52's at Edwards.

Memorial Day and Father's Day are coming. Get the old A ready.

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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Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio Monday, May 30

The Mayor's 2016 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 148th Memorial Day observance. The traditional event will be held at the Presidio National Cemetery. We have been asked to display our pre-WWII vehicles at the Main Post at 9 am. The Parade will begin at 10:30 am, followed by the Formal Ceremony from 11 am to 12 noon. **The committee has set aside a special location at the ceremony site to park and exhibit our cars.** We will assemble at the Presidio Main Post for a running board breakfast at 9 am.

We will gather after the ceremony for lunch at the Presidio Golf Course Cafe. If you plan to join us for lunch, you must RSVP Walter so that there's seating for all.

Tour Leaders: Walter Caplan, RSVP 415-621-0500
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Barry Kinney, RSVP 415-282-2789

Overnighter to Murphys Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Friday - Sunday, September 23 - 25

By popular demand, for a tenth 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



Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

Saturday June 20 - 2 pm

This year marks our fourteenth Annual Father's Day Gathering at St. Anne's Home with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Be a part of our celebration with the residents and staff of St. Anne's Home. Assemble at the Home at 1:30 pm for the event. Located at 300 Lake Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. The residents at St. Anne's Home are eagerly anticipating our arrival on June 21st. It gives them great enjoyment to see and ride in our old cars. There will be an afternoon social with refreshments following the driving tours through the Presidio.

Tour Leader: **Barry Kinney**, RSVP 415-282-2789

46th Annual Pride Parade Sunday June 26

It is the 46th anniversary of this distinctly San Francisco experience. Our contingent will be near the front of the parade and afterwards we will proceed UC Mission Bay for a picnic lunch provided by the club. If interested in driving your "A" in the Pride Parade, then contact Walter Caplan for more information at whcaplan@comcast.net or call 415-621-0500

Tour Leader: **Walter Caplan**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Dan Sullivan	May 6
Jean Kling	May 7
Fred Grafelman	May 9
Victoria Amber Martinez	May 10
Maria Rosario Young	May 14
Maria Victoria Young	May 19

Refreshments
at the April meeting
were provided by **Victoria Acosta**

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
at the May meeting





Entering in the "Speciality" Class is probably one of the most difficult because of having all the accessories as well as the competition of other participants. Through the years of major fashion shows, this class has proven to be one of the more challenging due to the availability of items to give the participant the "complete" look. For example, swim wear offers nothing more then the major garment, the swim suit, perhaps a beach ball or towel.

When competing with a wedding party it is difficult to build up enough points to expect to win a trophy. A wedding party has no limits as to the possibilities, even if only a bride should enter. She will have the major garment, a veil, a bouquet (real or artificial),

of course shoes and hose and usually some type of jewelry. Then if the complete wedding party competes, with a groom in his complete regalia along with brides maids, flower girls, ring bearer, etc. a large number of points could be garnered. One can see the enormous competition that comes with this particular "Specialty" entry.

Lingerie is always fun to model, especially if one has many interesting accessories, such as beautiful mules, hand mirror, a perfume bottle, hair equipment along with the major garment of either a gown, or pajamas and matching robe (even a robe of a coordinated color) can be a superior entry.

Sport clothes always makes a fascinating contestant.

Along with the major garment one can carry a tennis racket, sun shade, often a piece of appropriate jewelry and wear the correct shoes and hose. Jodhpur trousers with the waistcoat makes for a most appealing ensemble. These can be emphasized with knee high leather boots, leather crop, a soft felt hat with a brim that is not too wide, along with a simple tailored shirt and tie. Gloves also are very appropriate to complete such an outfit.

The ideas illustrated will hopefully stimulate your imagination as to the many possibilities of the "Specialty" class.



Powder Coating and Model A's

I'm sure anyone who has taken a wrench to a lug nut on a painted Model A wheel has thought "there's got to be a better way." Even a great paint job on a wheel does not hold up to impact or compression. The paint separates from the wheel and you have chips. The other problem I ran into with painted wheels is over time the paint rubs off the rim. The exposed metal then begins to corrode and the combination of paint and rust dust floating around inside the wheel can result in frequent flat tires. I first learned about this in Blackshear, Georgia on the way to St. Augustine, Florida in 2001. I had no problem changing the tire (I must have had the advice of six seasoned Model A'ers – supervising me), but wrestling off the tire to replace the tube in hotel parking lot was definitely not as fun as going on a tour. Unfortunately, this was just the first of many dust induced flats that I endured. So after about a half a dozen flats I started looking for solutions and that is when I learned about powder coating.

Powder coating is a process of applying a thermoplastic or thermoset polymer to metal. Thermoplastic polymers will melt once heat is reapplied after curing. Thermoset polymers will not melt again when heat is applied after curing. The powder coating is made of finely ground particle of resin and pigment (I'll come back to this later). While there are different methods of applying powder coat, the most common that we in the Shade Tree A's have run across is process where the polymer or resin is electrostatically charged and applied with a spray gun to an electrostatically charge metal. In other words the resin beads are charged as they leave the sprayer and the wheel has an electric lead on it and an electrostatic charge. The beads are drawn to the metal like bugs to light. Prior to coating the metal has to be free of dust, dirt, oil and corrosion. Some powder coating processes require a multi-step preparation process. The most common form of preparation we run into is a good bead blasting. Once the powder has been applied the resin is cured in an oven. This takes anywhere from 1 to 30 minutes at 280°F to 430°F depending on the type of resin and the type of oven used. This allows the powder to fuse into a continuous film. This continuous film hardens as it cures into a coating that is significantly tougher than paint. It's been six year and nearly 20,000 miles since I had the wheels of my Coupe powder coated and I haven't had another dust induced flat.

When I had the Coupe wheel powder coated I went with gloss black. That's one of the most common powder coat colors. But while most Model A wheels came from the factory in black, we all know there are a host of Ford authorized colors for Model A wheels. And that is where the challenge begins. Remember I said that powder coat is made up of finely ground particles of resin and pigment. Well because of this different powder coat colors can not be obtained by mixing like we do with paint. When a powder coat color comes from the manufacturer it is what it is. So finding the right wheel color can be a challenge.

Fortunately, others in our hobby have already done a lot of the research. Ken Miller from East Tennessee started looking into this some time ago and found Tiger Drylac®, powder coating manufacturer. Ken worked with Tiger Drylac® who supplied Ken with a color chart and metal samples powder coated in various colors. Ken supplied me with the table below that compares different Tiger Drylac® powder coat colors (these are identified by their RAL number) with Model A wheel colors.

TIGER DRYLAC® COLORS vs. MODEL A COLORS



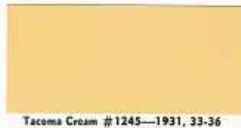




















Tiger Drylac® Color	Model A Color	Comparison to MAFCA Chip
RAL 1002	Tacoma Cream	Very Close
RAL 5009	Hessian Blue	Much Darker; Closer to Duchess Blue
RAL 2010	Orange	Very Close
RAL 6025	Apple Green	Close; Chip Has Slightly More Olive
RAL 3004	Aurora Red	Darker; Closer to Rubelite Red
RAL 3001	English Coach Vermilion	Very Close

Also it is important to remember that powder coating is not just for wheels. I've had oil pans, oil filler tube caps, transmission inspection plates and engine pans powder coated. And other club members have had whole frames powder coated.

Since I've thinking about powder coat the wheels on Dotti's '31 Fordor, I was looking for a powder coating that matched the Straw color. So I obtained a copy of the Antique Ford Repaint Manual by PPG and MAFCA's Model A Ford Paint & Finish Guide. I also contacted Tiger Drylac® and they sent me a color chart of their RAL Colors, Exterior Powder Coatings. Then

I employed my “secret weapon.” I turned my lovely bride and resident interior decorator loose with the two Model A color charts, the Tiger Drylac® color chart and wheel Richard Dunevent had powder coated in the RAL 1002 color. Dotti believes the Tiger Drylac® RAL 1002 color is actually closer to the Straw color in the two Model A color charts than Tacoma cream. I have included all the above color chips from both Model A color charts and the corresponding chips from Tiger Drylac® for your own evaluation. Unfortunately, these colors will vary depending on the printer used to print the news letter and even the monitor you may be using to view this article online. What we found is whatever you want to call the RAL 1002 color, we like it and I guess that is what really counts.

Steve Owsley

		
RAL 1002	MAFCA Tacoma Cream	PPG Tacoma Cream
		
RAL 1002	MAFCA Straw	PPG Straw
		
RAL 5009	MAFCA Hessian Blue	
		
RAL 5009	MAFCA Duchess Blue	PPG Duchess Blue
		
RAL 2010	MAFCA Orange	PPG Orange
		
RAL 6025	MAFCA Apple Green	PPG Apple Green
		PPG Not Available
RAL 3004	MAFCA Aurora Red	
		PPG Not Available
RAL 3004	MAFCA Rubylite	
		PPG Not Available
RAL 3001	MAFCA English Coach Vermilion	

Now, This is a Teacher

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said. 'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still, no desks were in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her classroom.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Armed Services Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedoms you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, and to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Do you think this story is worth passing along so others won't forget either, that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans?

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.

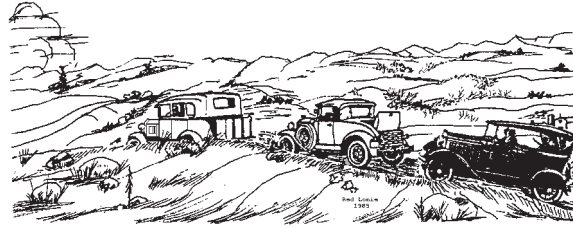


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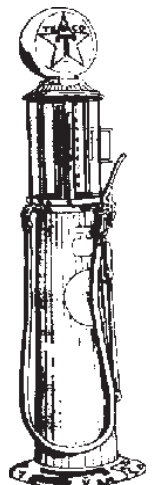


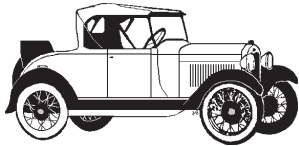
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JAN	31	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - BASQUE CULTURAL CTR.
FEB	20 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB
MARCH	12 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
MARCH	16-21	BARRY KINNEY	LOS ANGELES MUSEUM TOUR
APRIL	23	KINNEY	SPRING SPEED WEEKEND - 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	11 SUNDAY	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPT	TBA	MAHL	41 ST ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
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 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DEC	10 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.

2016 Schedule of Events

Jan 30	Turlock Swap Meet
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





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April 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm by President Barry Kinney. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests.

Reports of Officers

President: . The club took a show of hands, and no one wanted to attend the AL Smith Day at the Swanton Railroad. ♦ The trip to Dearborn will be in September 2017. We will fly to Seattle and take the train to Dearborn. We will do a few of the same things as last time (Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Old Car Festival, the Gilmore Car Museum and the National Model A Ford Museum) plus some other new and exciting things. Walter will scout things out next month. ♦ Everyone had a great time on the LA tour. We saw a little bit of everything, had some good meals, and good company. Favorites included the Tar Pits, where Gunard bought a real Saber Toothed Cat skull, Langor's Deli, and the pipe organ at the Nethercutt Museum.

♦ Memorial Day at the Presidio will be Monday May 30. We have reservations for lunch at the Presidio golf course cafe afterwards for 20 people. ♦ The Sunnyview Car Show in Cupertino will be Saturday May 21. There are no fees, special trophies, and a free lunch and ice cream. There is room for 50 cars. Contact Al if you are interested. ♦ The Easter Parade was attended by Walter, Ralph, and some of their friends. There were lots of kids and every one had a good time.

Vice President: Gunard said that he thought that Walter and Barry put on good trips.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine transferred the balance from the second checking account to the crab feed account. She closed the other account. She deposited some checks and there were no bills to pay. ♦ They are still looking into a 501(c)(3) status.

Editor: Walter was out of town, but Barry noted that he and Scott do a great job on the **Choke Rod**.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair:

For The Good Of The Order:

Victoria Acosta brought refreshments for the meeting. John Zuffi will provide refreshments for the next meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 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, May 12, 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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MAY MEETING
Thursday May 12, 2016
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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