

The Choke Rod

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Celebrating the Model A for Sixty Years

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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Model A Ford Club of America

26th Annual San Francisco
Union Street
Easter Parade & Spring Celebration
Sunday, April 16th 10am - 5pm
Union Street Gough to Fillmore

- Live Music
- Entertainers
- Petting Zoo
- Outdoor Dining
- Pony Rides
- Activities

Parade begins at 2 pm

Hat Contest Judging
11:15 - 1:30
@ Buchanan & Union

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Upcoming Tours

Sunday April 16 - Easter Parade & Celebration - San Francisco

Saturday April 29 - F.A.S.T Spring Hillclimb - Auburn, CA

Sunday April 30 - Pacific Coast Dream Machines - Half Moon Bay

Monday May 29 - Memorial Day Observance - Presidio, San Francisco

Sunday June 18 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home - San Francisco

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President's Message

The San Francisco Model A Club, The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of MAFCA, through the efforts of our dedicated members has become larger and more financially sound. It wasn't long ago that our paid membership totaled to less than ten. Today we have thirty or more paid members and sufficient funds to support an award winning newsletter and a great Club website www.sfmodelaclub.org. In addition, the Club has sponsored a first class car show and a regularly sold-out spectacular crab feed.



We have been blessed to have a comfortable safe location for our regular monthly meetings. A few years ago we were forced out of the AAA Building on Van Ness Avenue. And again, our members came to the rescue.

Last year about this time we traveled to Los Angeles to see the new Peterson Museum, the Getty, and several other sites in and around Los Angeles. Later this year we will go to Seattle, then travel on the AMTRAK Empire Builder to Chicago, going on to visiting the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, The National Model A Ford Museum, and a number of other great museums and sites in the midwest.

None of this would be possible without the efforts off our members. We all share in the success of the Club. There is not a single Club member who has not contributed in some way to our success. However, we should never take the contributions made by our members for granted.

Our Club history over more than sixty years has been outstanding. I am sure our members will continue to support the Club into the future. Our 2016 year was a good year and I am sure 2017 will be just as rewarding.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

See you at the meeting on Thursday April 13.

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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27th Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Sunday April 30

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.

Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio Monday May 29

The Mayor's 2017 Memorial Day Citizen's Committee has invited the SF Model A Club to be part of the official City & County's 149th 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

Refreshments
at the March meeting
were provided by
Jeanine Mahl

John Zuffi
will provide refreshments
at the April meeting



Easter Parade & Celebration Sunday April 16

Union Street's 26th Annual Easter Parade and Celebration will be held on Sunday April 16, under the leadership of Ralph Hoffschildt and his wife Rita in their lovely 1930 Roadster. We will make our way along Union Street past a surprisingly huge throng of spectators. Several thousand families, mothers, fathers, grandparents, multitudes of children, and assorted others will line the parade route from Laguna Street to Fillmore Street.

The celebration runs from 10 am to 5 pm along Union Street between Gough and Fillmore. The Parade begins at 2 pm. Cars will assemble on Green Street between Franklin and Gough – and there will be an Antique Car Display area set aside for us to park our cars and show them off to the celebrants.

If you were concerned that San Francisco was losing its ability to retain families, the Union Street Parade and Celebration will show you otherwise - young families are alive and well in San Francisco, and gathering together on Easter Sunday for a joyous outdoor experience with their fellow San Franciscans, dressing up, wearing silly hats, playing, snacking, and parade watching. Come join the fun.

For more information contact Ralph Hoffschildt at tripnickeltaxi@comcast.net or 415.550.0285.

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday June 18 – 2 pm

This year marks our fifteenth 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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Steve Owsley	April 11
Jeanine Mahl	April 13
Kevin Enderby	April 15

Women's Daytime Wear - 1928



1928 was the year of the short, straight skirts. The length was not mini, of course, but at the knee. Many day dresses had pleats, drapes, and flounces. A dress could give the appearance of having two skirts, one longer than the other. The waistline was dropped and defined at the hip. The top was loose, with interesting necklines, jabots and other lovely details flattering to almost any figure. The sleeves were mostly long; having buttons, snaps, or cuffs. Popular hats were snug fitting cloches. Often these hats had small brims pulled down to the eyebrow level. Wide brim hats were also popular.

A. A circular cape hangs at the back between the shoulders. A metal link belt marks the hipline. Designs of applied trimmings create an appealing look.

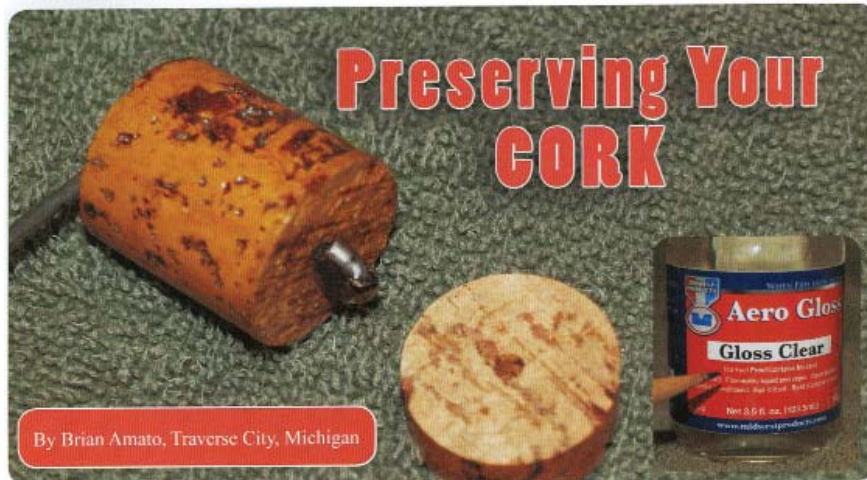
B. A very smart high neck finish, with a bow at the back accentuates the attractive styling of this dress. There are small ties at the wrists, and a soft drape at the hip.

Reprinted from *A Book of Fashion Facts*, MAFCA

For Sale: 1928 Model A Rolling Chassis

Professional restoration, complete rolling chassis, \$6K invested, asking \$4K firm. Contact Scott 320-293-9603





I recently restored the fuel gauge in my 1931 Tudor. The cork was shot from floating around in all sorts of gasoline for the past 86 years. The gaskets needed replacing too; so a complete rebuild kit was ordered from one of our Model A parts advertisers.

The cork that came in the kit was longer than the original attached to the end of the wire on my unit, so I had to cut it) off enough to slip it over the wire and still leave enough of the wire protruding through to re-fasten the little metal keeper. This exposed new, uncoated cork. That got me thinking about what to coat it with to protect it.

It turns out the standard of the industry for years had been to coat the cork with shellac. That would keep the cork from becoming saturated over time and also to keep bits of cork from flaking away and finding their way into the jets and small orifices of our carburetors. That was all fine back in the 1930's before the Federal Government mandated the addition of ethanol (alcohol) in our gasoline as we have today. Alcohol, I discovered, will attack shellac and dissolve it. In fact, alcohol is what woodworkers use to dissolve shellac flakes to make a working, brushable shellac solution. Not what we want floating around in our gas tanks. So ... what do we do?

The answer actually comes from the model airplane hobby. Modelers have known for years that model airplane fuels can and will attack their lovely paint schemes and soak into the wood. Their model airplane "dope," no matter what color, is called

"hot fuel proof." I used the Aero Gloss product. It is not affected by hot model airplane fuel , even those mixed with nitro or alcohol. That's the stuff we want to coat our corks with!

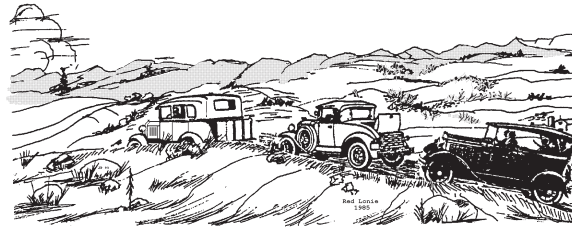
I checked this out by calling a couple of our parts suppliers and they agreed. I made a trip to my local model airplane store and bought a small bottle of "clear" and brushed it all over the cork - even letting some run down inside the hole where the wire comes through.

I still have enough hot fuel proof clear model airplane dope to last the rest of my life and probably all the members of our local chapter too. But at least now, I don't have to worry about shellac dissolving in my gas tank, stranding me on the side of a Michigan road some night.



2017 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

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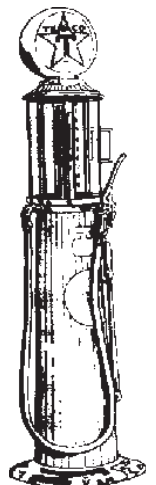


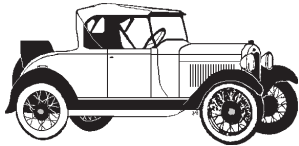
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	22	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - REDWOOD CITY
MARCH	11 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	16	RALPH HOFFSCHILD	EASTER PARADE - SF
APRIL	23	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT CA
APRIL	29 SATURDAY	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING HILLCLIMB - AUBURN, CA
APRIL	30	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	29 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	17 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	25	CAPLAN	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
AUGUST	TBA	KINNEY	BARRY'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR
SEPTEMBER	9 SATURDAY	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPTEMBER	TBA	MAHL	42 ND ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
SEPTEMBER	4-19	BARRY KINNEY	GREAT MICHIGAN/MIDWEST TRAIN TOUR
SEPTEMBER	22-24	CAPLAN / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
OCTOBER	8	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCTOBER	TBA	CAPLAN	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
November	12 FRIDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE - FISHERMAN'S WHARF
DECEMBER	2 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DECEMBER	9 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.

2017 Schedule of Events

Jan 22	SF Model A Club President's Brunch – Redwood City
Jan 28-29	Turlock Swap Meet
May 16-20	NCRG Roundup Modesto hosted by the Hub Tour – Lodi CA – www.ncrgmafca.com
Oct 1-6	MAFCA National Tour – Pacific Coast Hwy – Paso Robles to Napa Valley hosted by the Bakersfield Chapter
Dec 5-8	MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, OK hosted by Sooner Model A Club of Oklahoma City





San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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March 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Barry Kinney. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There was one guest, Bob Fiarino, who presented the club a check for our participation in the Columbus Day Parade. Our group, representing the Young Mens Institute, won first place.

Reports of Officers

President: Scott is working on the club roster. ♦ The Easter Parade will be Sunday April 16. Ralph is organizing it. It will be a short parade. There will be more information in the next **Choke Rod**.

Vice President:

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine gave the treasurers report. She made some deposits and reimbursed people for their Christmas party expenses. We have 29 paid members. ♦ She also gave a report on our expenses for the year. She detailed our regular expenses, unusual expenses, and Christmas party expenses so we could get a better picture for the annual budget. It was decided that we also had to outline our income. Jeanine will work on this for next month and we can make decisions seeing both incoming and outgoing.

Editor: Walter is working on getting the hotels lined up for the 2017 Grand Tour. He will have details at the next meeting. ♦ Walter is making arrangements to get the old **Choke Rods** that were stored in Franz Von Uckermann's warehouse.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

New Business: ACCC newsletter was forwarded to club members by Walter. We will donate \$100 in Franz's memory. Jeanine will write a check and Walter will send it along with a nice letter.

For The Good Of The Order: Mike reported that a friend of his has a 1929 Model A rolling chassis for sale. He has 4k in it, but might take less. If interested, see Mike. Walter will put the info in the **Choke Rod**.

We had no entertainment. Jeanine Mahl provided refreshments for the meeting. John Zuffi will provide refreshments for the next meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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, April 13, 2017

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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FAST Spring Hillclimb



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APRIL MEETING
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7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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