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## Veterans Day Parade

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### Upcoming Tours

Saturday December 2 - Brave the Bay - Aquatic Park, SF

Saturday December 9 - Christmas Banquet - Val's Restaurant, Daly City

Sunday January 14, 2018 - President's Brunch - Cameron's Restaurant and Inn, Half Moon Bay

Saturday February 3, 2018 - Crab Feed - Monte Cristo Club, San Francisco

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## President's Message



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Gary Barrango

We have come to the end of another year and what a year it was. We participated in several parades and memorial celebrations including Veterans Day, Memorial Day, the Columbus Day Parade, and the Pride Parade. But the highlight of the year was our Midwest Tour to Chicago, the Gilmore Collection, the Model A National Museum, and the Henry Ford Museum and the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. It was a great year and I hope we can make year 2018 just as exciting. Thanks everyone who participated and everyone who made these things happen.

Our Board of Directors did an outstanding job and I am thankful that they have all agreed to soldier on for another year. We have an excellent group of leaders and their time and effort are appreciated.

This year the President's Brunch will be at Cameron's Restaurant and Inn in Half Moon Bay. Look for details in this issue of the **Choke Rod**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

*Barry Kinney*

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MAFCA dues are \$40 per year. Dues for new members may be paid at any time. Dues paid between November 1 and December 31 are valid for the remainder of the year paid plus the following year. Along with your check send in your name, spouse's name and complete address. An optional \$10 initiation fee includes a club pin, decal, badge, windshield card and a back issue of "The Restorer" magazine. If you use Mastercard or Visa, include the expiration date and your signature. Membership includes a subscription to *The Restorer*.

## Brave The Bay Saturday December 2 Aquatic Park

On Saturday December 2 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. [www.bravethebay.com](http://www.bravethebay.com)

## President's Brunch

Sunday January 14, 2018 - Half Moon Bay

This year the President's Brunch will be at Cameron's Restaurant and Inn in Half Moon Bay. The inn was built over 100 years ago and has at one time or another been home to bootleggers, hijackers, ladies of the night, the U.S. Army, and other blood letters and bad men. There have been at least two murders in the Inn and host of shots fired. However, today the Inn is family and dog friendly and known for its British Pub decor and its moderately priced menu. They have over 52 bottled varieties of beer and 19 beers on draft. There are 24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case. Coincidence ... maybe.

We will meet at Crystal Springs Reservoir at the usual meeting place, a dirt turn out adjacent to the reservoir. Coming from either direction on Highway 280 take the Highway 92 Exit to Half Moon Bay. Look for us near the last intersection (signal light) before you cross the reservoir. There will be a running board breakfast beginning at 9:30 am.

At 10 am we will travel on to Half Moon Bay. It will be a slow ride with some short little diversions down Main Street in Half Moon Bay and then onto Highway 1 and then a short sprint to Cameron's for Brunch at 11 am.

Please RSVP Barry Kinney at 415.647.7077 or 415.282.2789.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Donald Parsons	December 2
Melanie Marie Patsel	December 9
Steve Karr	December 14
Frank O'Brien	December 18
Bob Faber	December 24
Paul DeMartini	December 30
John FB Zuffi	December 31

Dave & Marilyn Chiotti	December 2
Steve Owsley & Jack Green	December 17

## Christmas Banquet Saturday December 9

**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 9 at Val's Restaurant in Daly City.**

See the inserts in the November for **Choke Rod** for details.

## Crab Feed

at the Monte Cristo Club

Saturday February 3, 2018

Doors open at 5 pm

Dinner Service begins at 6:30 pm

Raffle - 50/50 Raffle - No Host Bar  
antipasto, salad, pasta, crab,  
French bread & butter, dessert

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

## Club Officers for 2018

Elections for the 2018 officers will be held at the December Meeting. The proposed officers for 2018 are:

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

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

**The Club**  
will provide dessert  
at the Christmas Banquet



## Ladies' Fur Garments Of The Model A Era

By Joni Morgan

Fur was a popular item for clothing during the years of the era, used most often for women's garments. Fur coats and scarves and fur trims conveyed a great sense of elegance and in many cases were truly affordable "little luxuries".

Some of the more popular furs for frequently worn daytime coats were beaver, Persian or krimmer lamb, and the more economical rabbit (usually dyed, sheared, and listed under a variety of trade names such as Alaskan seal). Sport coats were often made of hardier raccoon, muskrat, or opossum. Broadtail and caracul were more delicate furs best suited for dress wear. Various forms of rabbit were also used for dress coats, as were expensive furs such as mink. Many furs, both delicate (chinchilla, hamster) and sturdy (mink, opossum), were also used as collar and cuff trim on fabric coats for both sport and dress wear, and occasionally as trim on dresses, suits and leisure garments.

One interesting observation in *Woman's Home Companion*, November 1930, was that a matron with money for two coats usually chose a sport coat in tweed, and a dressy coat in fur. A college student, on the other hand, often chose her sport coat in fur and her dressy coat in cloth. Also noted was that thin women looked best in long-haired furs such as mink, rabbit, goat or muskrat, while flat furs such as caracul, pony, or broadtail were better choices for large women.

Capes or stoles of fur did not appear very often in catalogs or advertisements during this era. Capes, whether of fur or of fabric, were described as being just below knee-length. Stoles were of a back length to reach the woman's elbow. These were both reserved for formal or semi-formal wear.

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**Illustrations: Top** - Genuine Platinum wolf fur collar and cuffs; silk satin crepe lining. Animal-style scarf collar which you can wear flung over one shoulder. Coat available in grey, sandrift tan, or black.

**Bottom** - Soft, glossy Mink Coney fur, striped and dyed to resemble genuine mink. The cuffs are finished with fur tails. Available in gracklehead blue, sandrift tan, midy blue, or black. Coat has a silk satin lining. Both coats from National Bellas Hess Fall/Winter 1928.



## Technical Q & A - Part 4

By Jim Cannon

**Q: Pin Stripe:** I am restoring a mid-1930 Tudor Sedan (55-B) and I am trying to make it as authentically correct as possible. I plan to paint it Andalusite Blue on the lower body and reveals, and Black on the upper body, belt, and moulding. What color should the pin stripe be? What should the width of the stripe be? I plan to install a Gray Check interior. What color do I paint the inside window frames?

Dan Zolnier, Albuquerque, AZ

**A:** These are great questions, and I commend you for wanting to do a careful, authentic restoration. To do it right the first time, and to reduce your frustration, I recommend you get the following three publications from the MAFCA office:

- The Complete Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards (Rev. 3 & Rev. 4).
- The Paint & Finish Guide.
- The Standard Hardware book.

They will help you with all of the details you need. Now to answer your questions, from the above references: On a mid-1930 Tudor, you should use an Aurora Red stripe color. It should be 1/8" wide, but since it's done by hand, it is common to see it running a bit larger than that (about 5/32"). That's a very sharp color combination.

The interior window frames are all painted Maroon, regardless of the interior trim color selected. Use the color chips in the Paint & Finish Guide to see what that Maroon looks like.

**Q: Paint:** I am restoring a January, 1929, Special Coupe (49-A) that I have owned for about 20 years. I bought it in pieces from a guy that took it all apart to restore it and never put anything back together. The parts were in a huge pile and in boxes. Because I didn't get to see it when it was together, assembly has been like a big 3-D puzzle.

I plan to paint the car Bonnie Gray and Chelsea Blue. I need to know what color to paint the drip rail and the metal trim pieces that go along the edge of the artificial leather top. Should it be body color or belt/reveal color? Also, do you know how many of these Special Coupes were made in 1929? I've been told they are rare.

George Johnson, Magnolia, TX

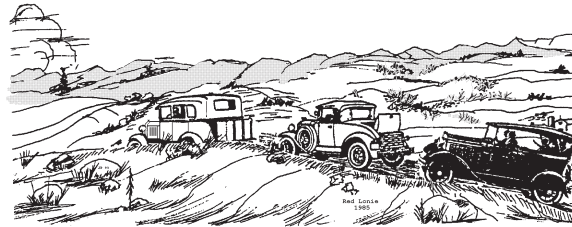
**A:** It sounds like quite a challenge, George. Many of us have seen the "I took it apart to restore it" car sitting in a pile.

The drip rails and the metal trim that runs along the edge of the artificial leather top should be painted black, to blend with the top and give it a nice finished edge.

I don't know of any production numbers for the Special Coupe. As I understand it, those bodies were lumped together with the Standard Coupe when production was tallied.

## 2017 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

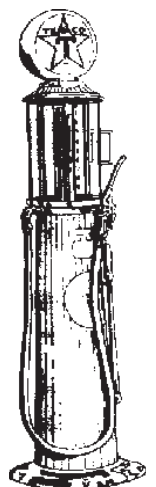


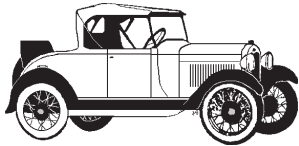
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	22	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - REDWOOD CITY
MARCH	11 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	16	RALPH HOFFSCHILD	EASTER PARADE - SF
APRIL	23	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT CA
APRIL	29 SATURDAY	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING 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
JULY	22 SATURDAY	KINNEY	RADIO DAY BY THE BAY - ALAMEDA
SEPTEMBER	9 SATURDAY	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPTEMBER	4-19	BARRY KINNEY	GREAT MICHIGAN/MIDWEST TRAIN TOUR
SEPTEMBER	17	MARIN A'S	OKTOBERFEST - MARIN ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPTEMBER	22-24	CAPLAN / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
SEPTEMBER	23 SATURDAY	MAHL	42 <sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL 28 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
OCTOBER	8	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCTOBER	21 SATURDAY	CAPLAN	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
November	12 SUNDAY	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

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





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November 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Barry Kinney. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests.

**Reports of Officers**

**President:** The Veterans Day Parade will be Sunday November 12. It will be a short parade. We will meet on Grant Avenue between North Point and Embarcadero at 9:45 am. Lunch will be at Burger Shack at 2237 Powell Street. The parade starts at 11 am. ♦ Brave the Bay with the SFPD for Make-A-Wish will be Saturday December 2 at Aquatic Park. We will make a \$ 500 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Breakfast will be at the Buena Vista Cafe. It opens at 8 am. Free parking for our Model A's directly in front of the Buena Vista on Beach Street. Come early. ♦ The Christmas party will be Saturday December 9 at Val's in Daly City. ♦ The Crab Feed will be on Saturday February 3 at the Monte Cristo Club. ♦ The President's Brunch will be Sunday January 14 at Cameron's Restaurant and Inn at 1410 South Carrillo Highway in Half Moon Bay. Good pub and grub.

**Vice President:** No report

**Secretary:** Gift bag preparation for vets will be Thursday December 7 at the Boy Scout Offices at 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. Jill and Joan will be there early.

**Treasurer:** No checks were written. She received a couple of dues and party checks. Jeanine needs the Christmas Banquet checks by Friday December 1.

**Editor:** The Model A '31 coupe is still for sale. Solid, basic car, between 8-10 grand. Make offer. See Walter. ♦ There are car parts left from Franz's warehouse. We need to retrieve our charter. ♦ We are still researching a portable recorder so we can watch DVDs when we are downstairs.

**Food and Beverage Chair:** No report

**Tour Chair:** No report

**For The Good Of The Order:** No report

Victoria Acosta provided refreshments for the meeting. The Club will provide dessert for the Christmas Banquet. Barry has a video for us to watch tonight. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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, January 11, 2018**

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 the Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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- 2018 Crab Feed Reservation Form



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**JANUARY MEETING**  
**Thursday January 11, 2018**  
**7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club**  
**136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)**  
**San Francisco**

### **Holiday Party-**

Along with your unwrapped children's gift,  
bring a fun, funky or fabulous wrapped  
gift. Bring a gift to get a gift. Use  
your imagination! What kind of a  
treasure can you find for \$10 or less?

