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Upcoming Tours

Saturday June 17 - Father's Day at St. Anne's Home - San Francisco

Sunday June 25 - 47th Annual Pride Parade - San Francisco

August - Barry's Magical Mystery Tour - Shhh! It's a Secret.

September 4-19 - Great Michigan /Midwest Train Tour

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Summer is here and we are seeing a pick up in car related activities. You don't have to look far to find a swap or a weekend show like the American Graffiti Days in Petaluma or just an informal gathering of car buffs at the local Burger King. The only activities we have planned for the month of June are our annual Father's Day driving tour at St. Anne's Home and we'll gather again at the end of June on Sunday June 25 for the Pride Parade. So, if you see or hear of an event you would like to attend, let me or Gary Barrango know and we will put together an outing.

On Monday May 29, we celebrated Memorial Day. It was a remarkable day, a day we honored our heroes, those who sacrificed so much for our country. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Save the date! On Saturday June 17 we will gather at St. Anne's Home to share Father's Day with the residents. There will be an afternoon social with refreshments following the driving tours through the Presidio. The residents at St. Anne's Home always look forward to this event. We don't want to disappoint them. Please put this date on your calendar and meet us there on Lake Street at 1:30 pm.

See you at the meeting on Thursday June 8.

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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Marin A's Oktoberfest Sunday, September 17 Marin Rod & Gun Club - San Rafael

The Marin A's have invited the Napa A's, the Sonoma A's, and the SF Bay Area Chapter to their 2017 Oktoberfest at the Marin Rod and Gun Club in San Rafael.

The Marin A's request you bring your Model A (if possible), hat, sunscreen, sweater (could be warm, could be foggy), camera, and any adult drinks you may want. Food and drink (water and soda) provided by the Marin A's. There is no cost - we are guests of the Marin A's.

We will meet for a running board breakfast, before we depart for San Rafael and Oktoberfest.

Last time we all had a great time.

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home Saturday June 17 - 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 17th. 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

47th Annual Pride Parade Sunday June 25

It is the 47th 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. If interested in driving your "A" in the Pride Parade, contact Walter Caplan for more information at whcaplan@comcast.net or call 415-621-0500

Tour Leader: **Walter Caplan**

Overnighter to Murphys Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Friday - Sunday, September 22 - 24

By popular demand, for a eleventh 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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Walter Caplan	June 2
John Fioresi	June 7
Paul DeMartini Jr.	June 12
Marilyn Chiotti	June 18
Kenneth Wayne Patsel	June 19
Adam Rosenblat	June 26
Sean Sullivan	June 27
Rose Craig Jr.	June 29
Kevin Blaine Patsel	June 30

Adam & Colleen Rosenblat	June 2
Steve & Mary Karr	June 10
Greg & Casey Martinez	June 17
Daniel & Juanita Sullivan	June 19
Bob & Carol Costa	June 19
Paul & Maria DeMartini Jr.	June 25
Frank & Judy O'Brien	June 27
Donald & Linda Parsons	June 30

Refreshments
at the May meeting
were provided by
Victoria Acosta

Gary Barrango
will provide refreshments
at the June meeting



Women's Daytime Wear ~ 1929

A. The frock is tucked on the bodice and hip yoke; the skirt is pleated all around, a graceful jabot finishes the V neckline.

B. A surplice accented bodice and a tiered skirt with a shirred drapery panel are featured on this dress. Both sides of the fabric are used.

C. A cape collar with side drapery vies for smartness with a handkerchief drape trimmed skirt. The hipline is accented with folds and bows.



D. This frock has a ruffle trimmed lapel, fitted hip yoke, and a tunic draped pleated skirt

E. A two-piece ensemble, with a swagger cut coat and pleated skirt.

F. A surplice treated bodice and lower border of plain flat crepe with a pleated skirt complement this frock.

Another Zenith Problem

By Tom Endy, Westminster, California



Model A Ford Zenith carburetors can be very troublesome. This is why I make it a practice to thoroughly road test any Zenith I restore before it ever leaves the shop. I install them on my Victoria which is a very good running car. If the car does not run well with the test Zenith, I immediately know it is the brass carburetor and not the car. I usually put at least 20-30 miles on it over a period of a number of days of daily driving before it is pronounced a good functional Zenith.

A recent restoration gave me some difficulty. When I bolted it onto the Victoria, it started right up, idled well, did not stall at a stop, and when I could get it up to high speed, it ran fine. The problem was getting it up to high speed.

It would hesitate when accelerated, cough and sputter and carry on. Once it was warmed up, it ran much better, but it was still not right. Opening and closing the Gas Adjusting Valve (GAV) control to different positions did not help any.

I took the Zenith back off and blew all the jets out, separated the castings, and checked it over and could not find anything obviously wrong. I reinstalled it back on the car, and it functioned the same.

The Zenith had been gone through extensively. The throttle bosses had been drilled out, new bushings installed and reamed to accept a new throttle shaft. Both castings had been bead blasted and painted. All the passageways had been run through with a paperclip. The four jets had been flow tested and re-sized. One thing I did note was that the Zenith was an early version that has the brass GAV seat that screws into the base of the GAV tunnel. I had made a note of it and replaced it with a new reproduction one during the assembly process.

When installed back on the car, it performed the same. My thinking was that the problem has to be in the secondary circuit. This involves the comp jet, the cap jet, and the GAV circuit. Something must be plugging somewhere, either in a passageway or a jet. The resolve was to once again remove it and completely disassemble it and check everything.

When I removed the GAV assembly from the GAV tunnel, the GAV seat came out with it stuck onto the end of the needle valve. See above photo.

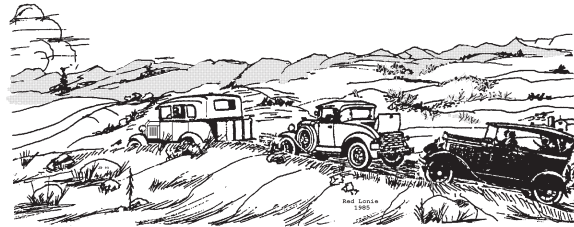
Over the years, I have heard the story that Ford instructed Zenith to discontinue the removable brass GAV seat in favor of the seat being cast into the housing. The reason given was that some Model A owners were turning the GAV control down tight and when they backed it off, instead of the valve opening, the brass GAV seat unscrewed because the two brass parts had seized together.

And that is exactly what happened. Only in my case, I had not screwed it down tight, all I did was bottom the needle in the valve slightly, and then backed it out. Apparently, the reproduction GAV seat I installed had a burr on it. I have worked on many Zeniths of the early version with the brass GAV seat, but this is the first I have seen of the needle valve seizing and the brass GAV seat backing out. The brass GAV seat had seized very tightly onto the end of the brass needle valve. It would screw out and screw in each time the GAV control was adjusted without actually opening the valve and porting fuel into the secondary circuit.

I replaced the brass GAV seat with an original one and the entire GAV assembly as well. Once back on the Victoria and out on the road, the Zenith performed perfectly, just as Henry ordered.

2017 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

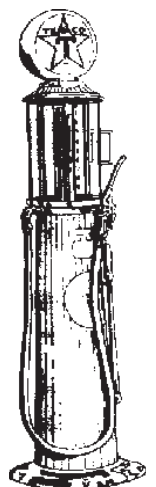


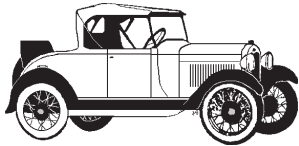
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	22	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - REDWOOD CITY
MARCH	11 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	16	RALPH HOFFSCHILD	EASTER PARADE - SF
APRIL	23	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT CA
APRIL	29 SATURDAY	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING 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
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	17	MARIN A'S	OKTOBERFEST - MARIN ROD & GUN CLUB
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





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May 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Barry Kinney. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests.

Reports of Officers

President: Walter is working on the club roster, he said it should be complete by July 1st. ♦ The Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday May 29th at the Presidio. We will meet at 9 am at the Main Post. There will be a running board breakfast. Walter has made reservations at the Presidio Golf Course cafe for 20 people. Everyone will pay \$20 for their lunch. The club will absorb any additional costs. ♦ Friendship Day will be Sunday May 21st. Walter will send an e-mail with more info. ♦ Father's Day at St. Anne's Home will be Saturday June 17th. ♦ The Pride Parade will be Sunday June 25th. We will have a picnic afterwards. Again, people attending will pay \$20 for their lunches, and the club will absorb any additional costs.

Past President: Gary reported that upon driving his Model A home from the repair shop one of his wheels came off and passed him by.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: Walter reported that on Friday May 19 Franz's ashes will be scattered at Treasure Island. ♦ John, Charlie, and Walter went to Franz's warehouse to look at his car collection, most of which was in boxes. ♦ Walter is working on reservations for flights and hotels for the Grand Tour. He will have more information next month.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

Old Business: By-Law change will be tabled until the June meeting, due to no treasurer in attendance.

For The Good Of The Order: Al reported that Bob Marquez is selling his Model A. He wants \$16,000.

We had no entertainment. Victoria Acosta provided refreshments for the meeting. Gary Barrango will provide refreshments for the next meeting. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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, June 8, 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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JUNE MEETING
Thursday June 8, 2017
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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