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

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We are heading into the Holiday Season. Halloween is upon us Christmas will be here in the blink of an eye. Our Christmas Banquet will be on Saturday December 9 at Val's in Daly City. You will get details about the location, time, and menu options in the mail and in this issue of the Choke Rod.

Next up is the Veterans Day Parade. The date is Sunday November 12. We start on North Point and proceed down Jefferson through Fisherman's Wharf. This is a short parade. No problem for the car that overheats. Please let me know if you plan to attend. We plan to gather for lunch after the parade at Burger House on Powell near Bay.

Columbus Day was spectacular. Friendly people, beautiful weather, great food and drink, the Angels overhead -- it doesn't get any better. My car troubles made the day a little more of an adventure than I counted on but everything considered it was a great day.

I am taking good care of the Bent Rod Award.

See you at the meeting on Thursday November 9,

Barry Kinney

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Mayor's Veterans Day Parade Sunday November 12 Fisherman's Wharf

The club has been invited once again to participate in the traditional Veterans Day Parade being held this year on Sunday November 12. The parade will start on the Embarcadero at North Point Street and proceed west along Jefferson Street, past the reviewing stand on Jefferson Street, near Leavenworth Street, and then disband.

The Veterans Day Parade traditionally honors and remembers the veterans of our armed forces. If you are interested in being part of our contingent, contact Barry Kinney at 415-282-2789..

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 this month's **Choke Rod** for details.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Casey Martinez	November 1
Greg Martinez	November 5
Maria DeMartini	November 15
Joseph Martinez	November 18
Lois Storz	November 18
Nick Calabrese	November 26
Tom & Terry Machado (celebrating 45 years)	November 4

Election of 2018 Officers

Elections for the 2018 officers will be held at the November Meeting on Thursday November 9.

To date the following nominations have been received:

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

Prior to voting in November, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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

Crab Feed

at the Monte Cristo Club

Coming soon

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

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

Refreshments
at the October meeting
were provided by
Jenny Jump

Victoria Acosta
will provide refreshments
at the November meeting

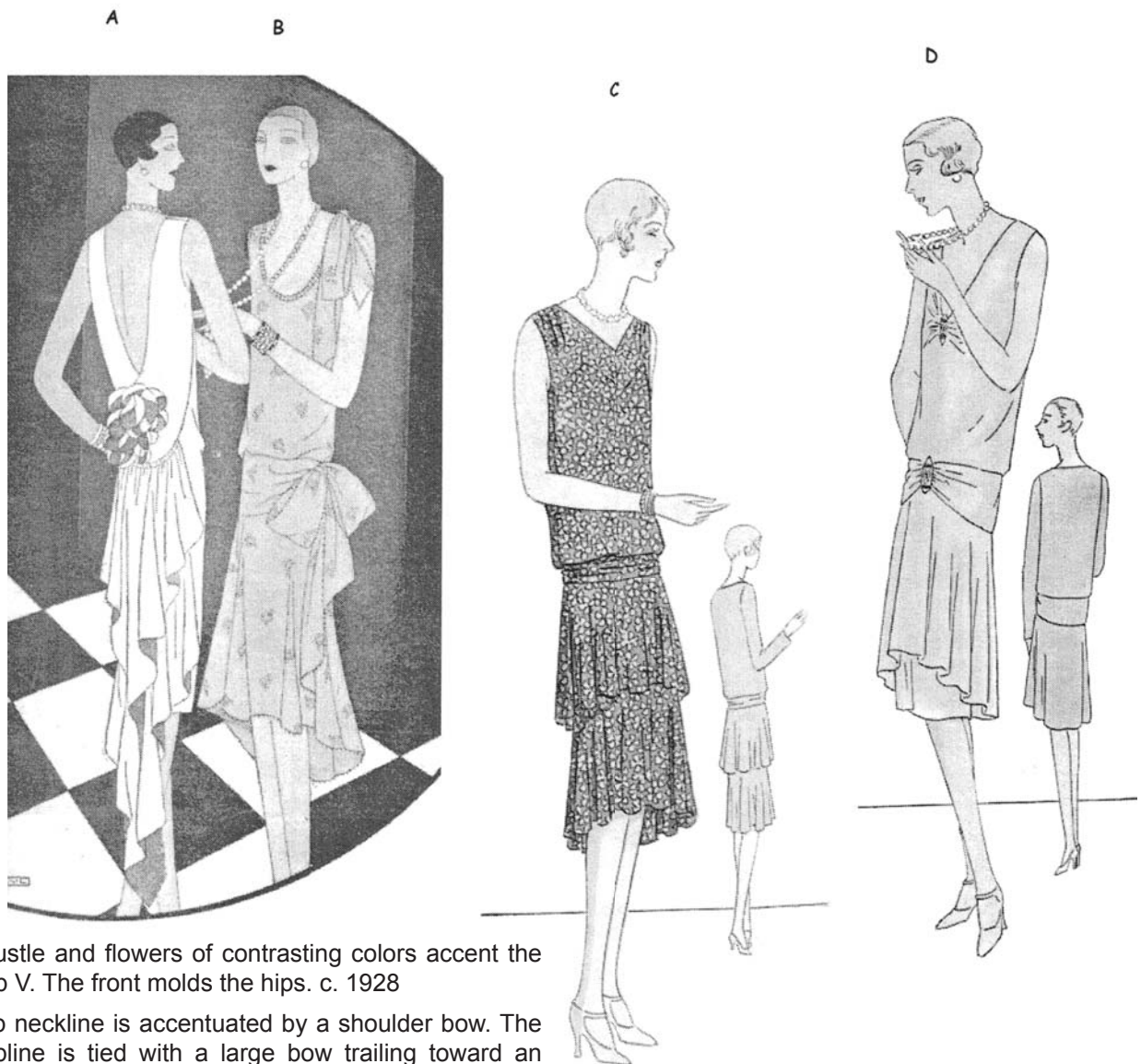


Ladies Evening and Formal Wear

From the opera to the nightclubs, to the theater and country club, men, women and children all dressed in their finest. The latest of fashions were on display. Whether of wealth or modest means, when going out, the appropriate attire was worn.

There was a distinct difference in the fabric and accessories for the formal dress required for those occasions. It was the time to show off your best and don the new fashions as the seasons changed,

For the women, the style replicated what was seen during the day, but the fabrics were softer and lighter. The elegance of lace was fashioned into an exquisite gown. Beads and metallic threads were used to adorn the silks and velvets. The length of the skirts often skimmed the floor with scallops and uneven hemlines. Shoes that peaked out from beneath the skirt were of elegantly trimmed materials. Wraps such as velvet opera coats and silk scarves with fringe were stylish. Fur trimmed, the collars and sleeves and kept out the chill of a cool night. If a hat was worn it was fancy and stylish. If no, the hair was styled in the latest fashion, with hair adornments of rhinestones or beads.



A. A stunning bustle and flowers of contrasting colors accent the back with a deep V. The front molds the hips. c. 1928

B. A deep scoop neckline is accentuated by a shoulder bow. The girdle at the hipline is tied with a large bow trailing toward an uneven hemline. c. 1928

C. This dinner frock has two circular flounces with a lower back hemline. A V neck line tops off a blouse bodice. The addition of sleeves would be for afternoon. c. 1928

D. An upward line in front is affected by the circular tunic of the skirt section in this two-piece afternoon or dinner frock. The overblouse fits snugly at the hips with a wide buckled girdle. c. 1928

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

The Ironstone Concours is the best car show that the Club attends each year. It is unique because it includes American and European Classics along with Vintage Commercial, Motorcycles, and Trailers. It includes the race cars and the ramblers. And, unseen at other cars shows, are the 4-H animal displays.

The Concours is a benefit for the 4-H Clubs in the area and they are out in force. A series of tents at the show entrance cover the animal displays. Immediately after buying a ticket spectators must run the gauntlet of animal displays. There are designer chickens, miniature goats, and pigs. Several breeds of dog are on display along with sheep, cows, and other animals of interest. If you fail to move through the gauntlet quickly, you will be hooked into a demonstration of the features, care, and maintenance of the animals on display. You might be treated to a sheep shearing demonstration or an explanation of how to properly milk a cow.

Eventually you emerge onto the terraced grassy show area. A live band playing tunes from the thirties and forties performed on stage; beer and wine kiosks dot the grassy manicured lawn and cars of all kinds littered the field. For the car enthusiast this is about as good as it gets.

This year the Concours featured the Moal Coachworks, Mr. Bojangles' 1935 Duesenberg, Donna Reed's Edsel, cars built by Charlie W. Nash, and the Mid-Century Icons, the '55, '56, and '57 Chevy.

This year my favorite was the Amphicar 770. They were made to travel on water and on the highway. Their production years were 1964 through 1967. There were four featured in the show and two were busy giving rides on the small lake at the far end of the venue.

Our group was small. We enjoyed an informal get-together in the Machados' room on Friday. Victoria Acosta and Charlie Kascal, Dan and Juanita Sullivan, and Dave and Marilyn Chiotti spent time together with us over breakfast and dinner sharing stores and telling tales. It was a very enjoyable weekend in the Gold Country.

Barry Kinney



Photos by Barry Kinney

Columbus Day Parade and Celebration

The annual Columbus Day Parade is a celebration of Italian Heritage here in San Francisco and around the country. Italian immigrants helped make San Francisco the great city that it is. A. P. Gianinni built a small loan company into Bank of America. Others pioneered chocolate factories and fisheries. Italians played a large role in the history of San Francisco and it is for them that we celebrate Columbus Day.

We assembled around 10 am on Powell Street near Bay for what amounts to a tailgate party. We began with coffee and pastry and slowly transitioned into foccacia, wine, grapes and cheese, and other assorted snacks. We spent part of this time decorating our cars with the Italian colors, balloons, and flags in red, white, and green.

The parade begins around noon. We traveled down Jefferson surrounded by crowds of people. We turned onto Columbus Street and traveled up to Washington Square. The entire route is always lined with hundreds of people waving their Italian flags and celebrating the day.

At Washington Square the street narrows to one line. The street is filled to the center with tables of partygoers enjoying wine and lunch with friends and family.

The parade slowed to a crawl in front of the Italian Athletic Club. The Blue Angels flew overhead just as we passed before the reviewing stand in front of Saints Peter and Paul Church.

We heard the announcer call out the name of the San Francisco Model A Club and give a little background/history of the Ford cars passing by. We got a thumbs up and a cheer or two from the crowd as we passed by.

From there we reassembled at Boudin's at Fisherman's Wharf for cocktails and a wonderful meal, all the while viewing the Blue Angels as they performed their acrobatics above the bay just outside Boudin's expansive picture windows overlooking Alcatraz and Angel Island.

It is a great day and one of the annual events we look forward to each year. Thanks to Gary Barrango and Bob Fiorito of the Young Men's Institute, St John Bosco Council #613, San Francisco, for organizing this event and inviting the Club to participate. Thanks to everyone who participated. We will certainly do it again next year.



Photos this row by Earl Hibler



Photos above and left by Ralph Hoffschilt

Photo above by Cynthia Torres

Technical Q & A - Part 3

By Jim Cannon

Q: I have a late 1929 Model A closed cab Pickup. What should be the color of the radiator fins?

Dan Storms, Franklin, New Jersey

A: "The finish on radiators in all years was satin black." - from Restoration Guidelines, Area 3 (Cooling System). You do not want to sand the radiator fins. Do not prime them. Just clean and paint.

There is a special radiator paint that you need to use, because regular paint is a thermal insulator and reduces the efficiency of your radiator. No one with a Model A needs that!

Where to get it? Good question! I usually have my local radiator shop clean, leak test and paint my radiators for me. I know that Eastwood sells a satin black radiator paint. There may be others. You want to give it a light coat!

Q: I am busy refurbishing my 1929 Phaeton. There seems to be some sort of storage box that was under the rear floor board which I believe may be for the side curtains. There is a remnant of a smallish bolt there. My car is a right hand drive Canadian built car.

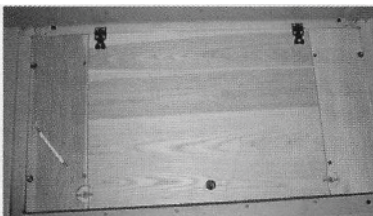
If there is supposed to be a side curtain storage box under the back floor board, could you give me the size of the storage box and how it fastens underneath the car and also how it is constructed, i.e. wood or steel or a combination of both.

Richard Edkins, South Africa

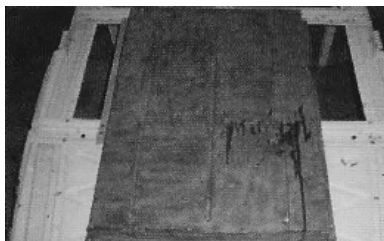
A: Yes, there was side curtain storage under the rear floor in 1928. It was phased out in 1929, when they started putting them under the front seat with a pan (same as on a roadster) that extends back under the rear floorboard.

Design changes in Canada tended to appear a few months after they were introduced in the USA, so I could see an early 1929 Canadian built car still having the pan under the rear floor board.

Your storage pan is metal, the lid is three pieces of wood. See the photos included of a recently constructed wooden top, before staining with wood preservative, and an original metal pan placed underneath. Note how it extends forward under the front seat.



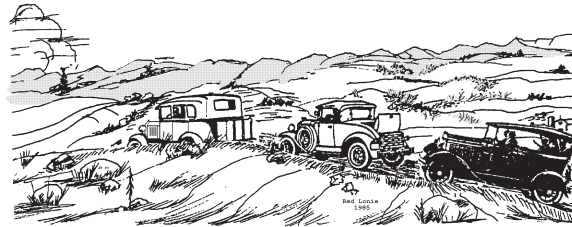
The wooden "door" part that opens is 24-7/16" inches wide and uses special scallop edged hinges and two twist-type latches to keep it closed. The other dimensions are set by the floorboard opening.



You can buy a new reproduction metal curtain tray from Antique Auto Sheetmetal (same place as Brookville Roadster in Ohio), but it is likely that the shape of the 3 stiffening ribs will be incorrect (V-shaped instead of U-shaped). If you are going for an authentic restoration, ask them to send the tray to you without ribs and then you work with a metal worker to put the correct ribs in.

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It's THE JOURNEY! NOT THE DESTINATION!

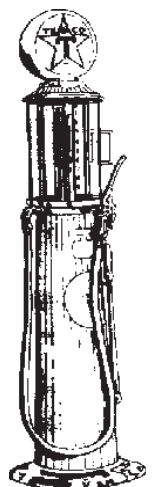


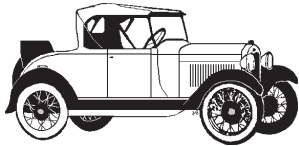
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	22	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - REDWOOD CITY
MARCH	11 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SF
APRIL	16	RALPH HOFFSCHILD	EASTER PARADE - SF
APRIL	23	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	SWANTON PACIFIC RR TOUR - DAVENPORT CA
APRIL	29 SATURDAY	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING 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 ND ANNUAL 28 TH 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

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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October 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Editor Walter Caplan for President Barry Kinney who was out of town on business. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests.

Reports of Officers

President: We will reserve 4 to 6 rooms for the Ironstone Concours next year. ♦ The Columbus Day Parade was fun. We had nine or ten cars. Three cars broke down. Two belonged to Barry, which gave him, once again, the Bent Rod Award. ♦ The Veteran's Day Parade will be Sunday November 12. It will be a short parade. It is at Fisherman's Wharf. Afterwards lunch will be at a burger place on Powell Street near Bay Street. Walter sent the paperwork in for our entry. ♦ Jimmy's Old Car Picnic will be Saturday October 21 in Golden Gate Park. ♦ The Christmas party will be Saturday December 9 at Val's in Daly City. We have a menu picked out, which includes four choices. ♦ We need to pick a date for the Crab Feed next year. John Zuffi will check his schedule.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: Gift bag stuffing for seniors and vets will be Thursday December 7. It will take place at the Boy Scout Offices in Palo Alto. The address is 1305 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. If you have any toiletries and stuff please bring them to the November meeting. See Joan for details.

Treasurer: Jeanine deposited \$220 In late membership dues. We now have 38 paid members.

Editor: There is a '31 Model A coupe for sale. It is a solid car worth between eight and ten grand. Make an offer. ♦ In Franz's warehouse Barry and Walter found our club charter and some Model A parts. ♦ We should have the device to play DVDs at meetings held in the dining area of the Monte Cristo Club by January.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: Barry argued that Gunard should receive the Bent Rod Award, however he was shot down. A nice try though. Gunard said it was HMS (home made shit).

Jenny Jump provided refreshments for the meeting. Victoria Acosta will provide refreshments for the next meeting. There was no entertainment. 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, November 9, 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 the Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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2018 Membership Renewal Form



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Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER MEETING

◆◆ ELECTION OF OFFICERS ◆◆

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7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club

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San Francisco

Holiday Party

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