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Sunday June 24 - Pride Parade - San Francisco

Sunday June 24 - Friday June 29 - MAFCA National Convention - Sparks, NV

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The planning is well underway for our Oregon Tour in August. The deadline for signing on is the May meeting. If you plan to come, let me know between now and then. We will be staying at the historic School House Hotel for two nights, August 30 and 31. Please reserve a room as soon as possible. Call the hotel at 888-249-3983. Reserve now while rooms are still available. If you decide not to go you can cancel, but if you fail to reserve a room today you may not be able to reserve one tomorrow. So make your reservation now!



Ralph led the Easter Parade Celebration. Thank you for gathering our club members for this joyous experience with our fellow San Franciscans.

Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay and Friendship Day are on the horizon. This year we will not participate as a club but I encourage everyone who can to attend. These are very enjoyable traditional car shows with a little something for everyone.

On Monday May 28 we will meet again for the historic San Francisco Memorial Day Observance at the Presidio. Put it on your calendar and let us know you are planning to attend.

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 bimonthly publication, *The Restorer*, providing technical information and free liability insurance when participating in Club Events.

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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*.

28th Pacific Coast Dream Machines Half Moon Bay Sunday April 29

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.

Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

Saturday June 16 – 2 pm

This year marks our sixteenth 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 16th. 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



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

Refreshments at the April meeting were provided by
Victoria Acosta

Mike Cunneen
will provide refreshments
at the May meeting



Memorial Day Observance at historic San Francisco Presidio Monday, May 28

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 150th 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

43rd Friendship Day Sunday May 20

This year Friendship Day will be held at #3 Lagoon Dr. At Redwood Shores, between Oracle and The Pullman Hotel East of Hwy 101 at the Marine Parkway.

Take Belmont (Ralston Ave. exit) or San Carlos (Holly St. exit). Parking for 400+ cars, trucks, trailers & motorcycles plus a lawn area with shade trees for picnicking. Walkways go along the lagoon. Complimentary coffee and donuts for early arrivals.

Food & drinks will be available, catered by "The Canyon Inn". Enjoy the Informational booths, Goodie bags and Door prizes!

Gates open at 8 AM with the usual \$15. fee. (includes the goodie bag with dash plaque and door prize ticket For the 1st 400 entries)

Sponsored by: Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. Check us out at MPOTAC.com.

New This Year! Pre-War Alley: Limited Parking for Pre-1945 Vehicles [Original or Restored to Original]

Easter Parade



On Sunday April 1 members of our club participated in Union Street's 26th Annual Easter Parade and Celebration. Following the leadership of Ralph Hoffschilt in his lovely 1930 Roadster, Walter in his 1930 Sedan, and John Bettencourt in his bright red hot rod accompanied by Nell Richmond wearing a lovely Easter bonnet, made their way along Union Street past a surprisingly huge throng of spectators. Several thousand families, mothers, fathers, grandparents, multitudes of children, and assorted others lined the parade route from Laguna Street to Fillmore Street. The four of us arrived early, positioned our cars, and then began the day with a lovely brunch at a nearby cafe.

The celebration organizers assembled a fantastic assortment of activities, food booths, and commercial vendors positioned all along the parade route for the enjoyment of the thousands of people who were drawn to Union Street and the Easter Sunday festivities. There were a number of varied amusements for the children and an Easter Bonnet garden surrounded with a white picket fence and green grass where you could be photographed wearing any number of unique Easter Bonnets. Prior to the 2 pm start of the parade we exhibited our cars in a special area specifically set aside for the public's viewing, and strolled past a wide range of

food booths, each emitting the most wonderful and distinct aromas of regional and ethnic cuisine. And of course, we stopped more than once to sample the edibles.

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.

If you missed the fun this year, then remember to mark your calendar, and join us again next year on Union Street on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Hopefully we will see you there.

Walter Caplan



Photos by Ralph Hoffschilt

Portland Tour August 30 ~ September 2

EVERGREEN AIR MUSEUM ~ McMinnville Oregon

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE ~ WESTERN AIRPLANE AND CAR MUSEUM

DAY 1 – August 30 (Thursday) Travel Day – San Francisco to Portland Oregon by Air. Complete the tour in Rental Cars.

Sleep: (McMenamins) Kennedy School Hotel - 5736 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland Oregon. (503.249.3983 - 888.249.3983)

Built in 1915 - Off beat restored school 4.5 miles from Portland International Airport.

Amenities include a theater, brewery, pool tables, swimming pool and restaurant.

DAY 2 – August 31 (Friday) – Explore the Columbia River Gorge - Visit the Western Airplane and Automobile Museum. 1600 Air Museum Rd. Hood River Oregon. The Museum is located 63 miles from the Portland International Airport up the Columbia River George in Hood River.

The Western Airplane Museum has over 140 antique automobiles and a large collection of vintage aircraft in flying condition. We might go for a ride in a vintage airplane?

Columbia River Gorge Highway is 75 miles long scenic highway built through the Columbia River Gorge in 1913 and 1922. It is Americas first scenic highway. Every twist and turn brings a new treasure, from majestic waterfalls to astounding views from cliffs 900 feet above the Columbia River.

Sleep: Kennedy School Hotel in Portland Oregon (two nights)

DAY 3 – September 1 (Saturday) – Visit the Lafayette School House Antique Mall. 748 3rd Street, Lafayette Oregon.

The Mall is in a one block long three story school house. It was built in 1912 and houses 100 antique dealers. The Antique Mall is located 5 Min. Drive from the Oregon Hotel in McMinnville.

Visit the Evergreen Air and Space Museum. Located in McMinnville Oregon. This is the number one destination in Oregon. It houses the Spruce Goose and an extensive collection of aircraft. In addition the museum has a military section on a campus that is approximately ten acres is size. The Museum is located 3 miles from the Oregon Hotel.

Sleep: (McMenamins) Oregon Hotel in McMinnville Oregon (one night) - 310 NE Evans Street, McMinnville OR. 97128. (503.472.8427 - 888.472.8427)

DAY 4 – September 2 (Sunday) – Travel Day

Return the rental cars and catch a mid-morning flight home to San Francisco.

NOTE: This proposal is not in stone. If there is something you would like to include like a visit to the Rose Garden, the Zoo, or Museums in Downtown Portland we can add one more day.

If downtown Oregon is included, we would stay at the centrally located Paramount Hotel. I can arrange for a Museum Tour and dinner at Jakes Restaurant. All within walking distance of the Hotel. Our travel day home to San Francisco would fall on Monday September 3, 2018.

IN SUMMARY: We will be gone four days Thursday August 30, 2018 through Sunday September 2, 2018.

We will visit:

1. The Kennedy Schoolhouse Hotel - We will spend two nights at this Hotel.
2. The Columbia River Gorge
3. The Western Airplane Museum in Hood River Oregon.
4. The Lafayette School House Antique Mall
5. The Oregon Hotel in McMinnville Oregon - We will spend one night at this Hotel.
6. The Evergreen Air and Space Museum

Two additional transportation modes exist:

1. Car. The drive to Portland is about 13 hours.
2. Train. Train takes twenty four hours to get to Portland.

Model A Era Wedding Attire ~ 1928

The styles of weddings were as varied as the bride and groom. From the very formal to the more casual, the bride and groom dressed in their finest attire. Though the more formal wedding dictated a lavish gown and veil for the bride and tails for the groom the more modest wedding featured many of the same elements but to a lesser degree. In the following months you will see examples of each year and the style that was in vogue.

The individual taste of the bride decided the fabric and color of the wedding gown. The traditional satin, for it's soft draping appearance, transparent velvet, silk, taffeta, tulle, lace, chiffon, and organdy were some of the materials used in making the dress..



- A. This fine lace and georgette chiffon bridesmaid dress is appropriate for a daytime wedding. A wide satin ribbon is tied just below the normal waistline.
- B. This variation on the Robe de Style is made of different shades of taffeta. Scallops are formed at the bottom of the bodice and skirt.
- C. A dress suitable for a maid or matron of honor is made of satin and georgette. The close-fitting hip line is achieved by the girdle of shirred satin edged with bands of crystal and rhinestone embroidery.
- D. The silk chiffon and lace dress for this bride features a straight skirt with vest-like bodice that fastens at the hip in front. A long veil completes the ensemble.

Technical Q & A - Part 1

Excerpts of question to and answers by MAFCA's Technical Director Chuck Christensen

Q: I am installing an interior kit in my 1931 Tudor and would like to know - does the rear window and interior trim ring for the window get installed before the headliner and rear panels? As I trial fit the rear window and rubber gasket for the window the rubber seal puckers and does not lay flat against the glass on the comers like it does against the straight portions of the window. Do I need to cut out some of the gasket material (small wedge shaped slices) in the comers and seal it with some sort of weather proofing material? Also do I use a sealing material on the rubber where it contacts the body to keep out water?
MarkPlulskaten

A: Didn't you receive a set of installation instructions with your interior kit? They are usually included. The interior panels above the doors and around the rear windows should be temporarily installed and a line drawn indicating the top edge before installing the headliner. After removing these panels you can install the headliner and tack the edges just below this line so that the tacks are hidden and the panels will have a nice clean fit with the headliner.

On the rear window seal, I usually stretch the gasket a little while installing it and this helps the fit against the glass around the corners. It is recommended that a small amount of clear sealant be use between the glass and the gasket and also between the gasket and the body.

The rear window and interior trim ring should be installed before the headliner so that the trim ring can be used to help position the interior trip panels for marking prior to installing the headliner.

Q: My 1931 Coupe is leaning toward the left. Can I remove the springs and turn them around so that the driver sitting on the left will bring the car back into an upright position?
HarleyJohnson

A: You can certainly turn the springs around, but in the process of removing and reattaching them you may find the problem such as broken leaves, rusty leaves not shifting properly as they flex, stuck or frozen shock absorbers, etc. The springs have a center bolt which holds the leaves together during assembly. The square head of this bolts fits into a hole in the frame member. If the u-bolts holding the springs tightly in place loosened, the spring could have shifted and would only need to be repositioned and the nuts tightened. This center bolt could also have been broken causing the leaves to shift.

Q: I have a 1929 Tudor that has had some restoration, but is basically original. Four years ago I converted to a 12-volt system. I drive it about every 10 days or so. Yesterday, when I went to start it, it cranked, but wouldn't fire up and the starter motor keeps running even for a minute after turning off the ignition. The starter motor was rebuilt less than a year ago. Any suggestions as to what's wrong?
Robert Singdahlsen

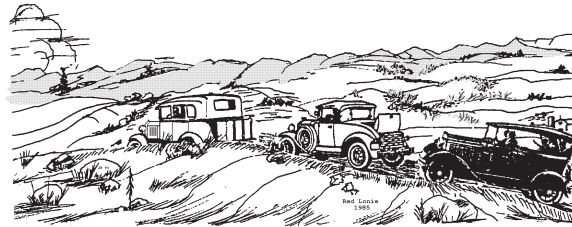
A: You say you have done a 12-volt conversion. Did that include the use of a starter relay and key start or push button start and not the original floor mounted push rod? Normally, the starter has no connection to the ignition system. If it continues to spin then there is a mechanical fault somewhere with the starter switch mounted on the starter, or the starter drive is not disengaging properly. I guess I need more information on your electrical conversion before I can give more ideas. Have you checked for fuel in the carburetor and for a spark at the plugs when the engine will not start?

Q: Upon purchasing my Model A, the engine ran rough and gas leaked out of the carburetor air intake. I recently rebuilt my carburetor using a kit from Snyder's and I used one of the ball style float valves. The car runs well, however, if I do not shut off the fuel shutoff inside the car when the engine is off, gas will begin to come out of the carburetor air intake after a few minutes. Is this normal for a Model A, or do I still have a problem? Am I supposed to always turn off the shutoff when the engine is off?
Philip Brennan

A: Either you have a problem with the ball and seat leaking (not seating properly), the float is set too high, or there is an internal leak somewhere else. It is not normal for the Model A to drip gasoline, and you should not have to turn off the gas when the engine is off. However, since the gasoline feed to the carburetor is by gravity, it's always a good idea to shut off the gas though, just in case.

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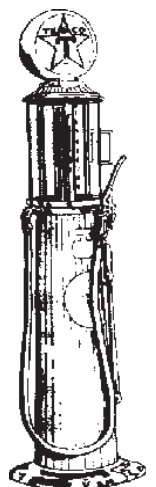


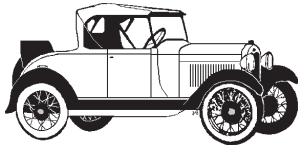
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	14	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - HALF MOON BAY
FEBRUARY	3 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	CRAB FEED - MONTE CRISTO CLUB, SF
MARCH	17 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL - SF
APRIL	1	RALPH HOFFSCHILDT	EASTER PARADE - UNION STREET, SF
APRIL	28	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING HILLCLIMB - AUBURN, CA
APRIL	29	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
MAY	20	MPOT FORD CLUB	FRIENDSHIP DAY - REDWOOD SHORES
MAY	28 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	16 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JUNE	24	CAPLAN	PRIDE PARADE - SAN FRANCISCO
JULY	21 SATURDAY	KINNEY	RADIO DAY BY THE BAY - ALAMEDA
SEPTEMBER	15 SATURDAY	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPTEMBER	TBA	MARIN A'S	OKTOBERFEST - MARIN ROD & GUN CLUB
SEPTEMBER	21-23	CAPLAN / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
SEPTEMBER	TBA	MAHL	43 RD ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
OCTOBER	7	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCTOBER	TBA	CAPLAN	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
November	11 SUNDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE - FISHERMAN'S WHARF
DECEMBER	1 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DECEMBER	8 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.

2018 Schedule of Events

Jan 14 SF Model A Club President's Brunch – Half Moon Bay
Jan 27-28 Turlock Swap Meet
Jun 24-29 2018 MAFCA National Convention – Sparks, NV
 Hosted by the Northern California Regional Group - NCRG
www.ncrgmafca.com





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April 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Barry Kinney at 7:45 pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. Two new members were present.

Reports of Officers

President: Barry had the latest information on the Portland tour. He had a show of hands for those interested. The cutoff date will be the middle of May - final details at the May meeting. ♦ Barry further discussed a bocce ball outing. ♦ The Easter parade was held on Sunday April 1 on Union Street. Ralph made the arrangements and secured a viewing area for our cars. ♦ Pacific Coast Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay will be on Sunday April 29. ♦ The Hill Climb in Auburn, CA will be Saturday April 28.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Jeanine gave the Treasurer's Report. We are solvent and financially sound.

Editor: Friendship Day will be Sunday May 20 at Redwood Shores. ♦ The club will host a dinner at the Monte Cristo Club in June. It will take the place of the usual meeting at Goat Hill Pizza. ♦ The MAFCA convention will take place June 24-29 in Sparks, Nevada at the Nugget. The club might attend after the Pride Parade. ♦ The Modesto A's are doing a raffle at the convention, and requested donations. ♦ The National Model A Museum is looking for donations for their endowment fund.

Food and Beverage Chair: No report

Tour Chair: No report

For The Good Of The Order: Barry still has the Bent Rod Award.

Victoria Acosta brought refreshments to the April meeting. Mike Cunneen will provide refreshments for the May meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Walter Caplan, Editor

for Secretary Joan Peterson

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 10, 2018

A number of club members gather together for dinner before the monthly meeting at 6 pm.

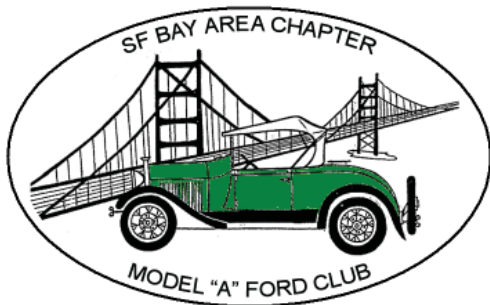
Please feel free to join us – dinner location will be at the Goat Hill Pizza at 18th & Connecticut.

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MAY MEETING
Thursday May 10, 2018
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
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