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Friday - Sunday September 27-29 - Overnighter to Murphys - Murphys, CA

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President's Message

The June meeting was short. We spent most of the meeting watching the Golden State Warriors lose the NBA Championship to the Toronto Raptors.

The discussion included events past and future including a trip to Carlsbad Caverns in October of 2020. The plan is to take the AMTRAK Super Chief to El Paso and then motor up to Carlsbad, about 160 miles. Included in the plan is a side trip to the Alien Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico.

We will not be doing the Pride Parade this year. Walter will be in Rapid City, South Dakota with Terry and Tom Machado attending an international meet of the Professional Car Society. The Machados have entered one of their vehicles, their Lehman Peterson 8 inch stretch 1967 Lincoln Continental limousine. Walter will fill us in regarding the results of the show at the July meeting. Good luck to the Machados.

I see that I am scheduled to lead a Mystery Tour in August. I need a little help with this one. I am accepting suggestions. Bring your ideas to the July meeting.

See you at the meeting on Thursday, July 11.



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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Radio Day by the Bay

Saturday July 20 - 9 am to 3 pm
Downtown Alameda

Meet at 8 am at the Monte Cristo Club for an 8:30 am departure to downtown Alameda

The program includes:

- Live concert by the Royal Jazz Society Orchestra
- Live Radio Play: "Sam Spade - The Blood & Money Caper"
- Silent Auction - Sale of Vintage Electronics
- Tour of the California Historical Radio Society Museum
- Food: CHRS Doggie Diner

Bring a car that you are comfortable parking on the street. There is a small lot but it fills quickly.

The event benefits the California Historical Radio Society
<https://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/radio-day-july-20th-2019/>

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney 415-282-2789

Columbus Day Celebration

2019 Italian Heritage Parade

Sunday October 13

San Francisco's 151st Annual Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday, October 13, as the City's oldest civic event and the nation's oldest Italian-American parade and community celebration, will wind its way from Fisherman's Wharf to North Beach - a San Francisco institution since it was established in 1868.

Highlights include dozens of handcrafted parade floats featuring Bay Area businesses, community groups, and Italian organizations; local high school Italian clubs and marching bands; special appearances by "Christopher Columbus" and Queen Isabella and Her Court; festive open-air dining and Italian wine and food specials at North Beach restaurants lining the Parade route; performances by a variety of traditional Italian musicians and performance artists; and special appearances by Bay Area and Italian-American celebrities. The Columbus Day celebration is local, lots of fun, and puts a few dollars in our treasury. If you are interested in being part of our contingent, contact Gary Barrango at 650-572-1142 or 415-821-2628.

Bocce Ball

Friday August TBA - 11 am
Orange Park, South San Francisco

We hope to arrange for instructor Eduardo Mordales (Taco) to once again explain the game and to demonstrate how to play Bocce. So, come and join John Bettencourt, Barry Kinney, and Walter Caplan for a picnic and a relaxed game of Bocce.

Tour Leader: Barry Kinney 415-282-2789

Overnighter to Murphys

Ironstone Concours d'Elegance

Friday - Sunday, September 27 - 29

By popular demand, for a thirteenth 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 on a "first come, first served" basis. If you reserve one of the Club rooms, you will be obligated for two nights. No exceptions.

Call Barry at 415-282-2789 to reserve a room.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



James Young	July 6
Leonel Jones Young	July 6
Jonathan Mahl	July 9
Ursula Mahl	July 9
Ryan Barrango	July 14
Cheryl Barrango	July 16

Refreshments at the June meeting were provided by
Walter Caplan

Jeanine and Gunard Mahl will provide refreshments at the July meeting



Father's Day at St. Anne's Home

This year Bob Farina and his daughter Becky were present for our annual celebration of Father's Day at St. Anne's Home. Bob and his wife Dee were the moving force behind our involvement with St. Anne's at least sixteen years ago. Bob invited our club to come out on Father's Day to display our old cars and give rides to the residents of St. Anne's Home. From that day to this we have enjoyed Father's Day at St. Anne's. This year we had six outstanding vehicles: three Model A Fords driven by Dodge Riedy, Ralph Hoffschildt, and Walter Caplan, along with Barry Kinney in his 57 T-Bird, Mike Cunneen who brought his '34 Phaeton to the party, and Becky Farina who provided a peek at the future with her bright red Tesla Model 3.

We had a great time. The residents and nuns at St. Anne's truly enjoy riding in the old cars. Our route takes us through the Arguello Gate, past the overlook and down to the Parade Ground in the Presidio. Then it's on to the Presidio National Cemetery, which has spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz and the Marin Headlands.

Following the drive St. Anne's hosted a very nice picnic lunch for everyone who participated. We heard some great stories and shared memories of some of our past Father's Day events. Thanks to everyone who participated. This is one of the most satisfying activities we participate in each year. We are looking forward to Father's Day 2020 – and it's now less than a year away.

Barry Kinney

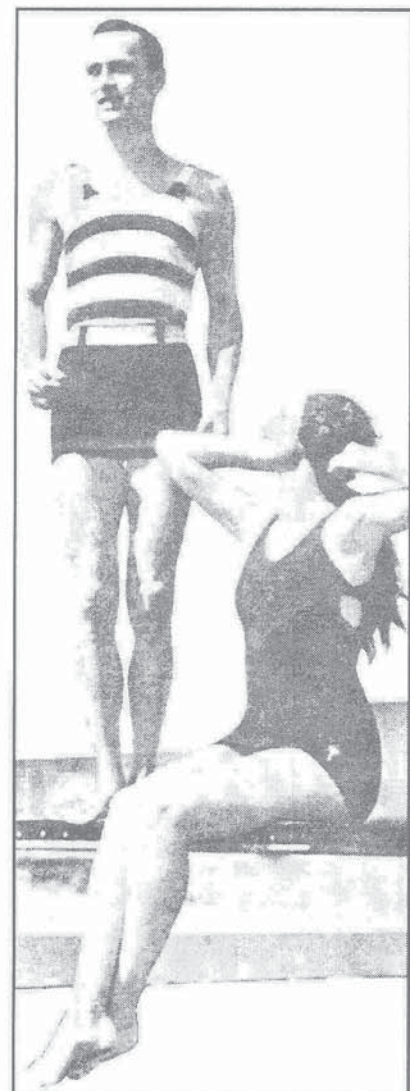


Photos by Cynthia Torres





Swimsuits



Men's bathing suits were knitted of wool worsted, jersey worsted and elastic rib cotton. Cotton colors were navy, red, black, white and oxford gray. Suits could be plain, striped, or with geometric designs. Two piece suits had separate belts. One piece suits often had a belt knitted into the material.

Service Hints ~ Part 3

Improvements for the Touring Model A Ford by MAFCA's Technical Director Les Andrews

Staying Original

With all the comments about some of the aftermarket improvements for touring, I should also mention why some components can be left original and still provide excellent touring results.

The standard size tires for the Model A will provide excellent results for Model A touring and maintain the original look of the Model A. Wider radial tires, and 16", 17", and 18" rims have been used on the Model A, but will detract from the original appearance of the Model A.

The Model A's original mechanical brakes will provide adequate and excellent braking if correctly rebuilt. The problem with many mechanical brakes is the entire brake system has not been fully restored back to original specifications and working order. The Model A mechanical brakes can stop the car as easily as hydraulic brakes when proper attention is given the braking system. An improvement can be made to the operation of the mechanical brakes by installing new cast iron drums and installing brake floaters to the front brakes and adjusting for 60% braking at the front wheels. Having the brake shoes arced to the drums also greatly improves braking power.

The original 3.78 differential (ring & pinion) is a good ratio for Model A touring. Changing the rear end gear ratio has the least affect on Model A performance over any of the other performance enhancements.

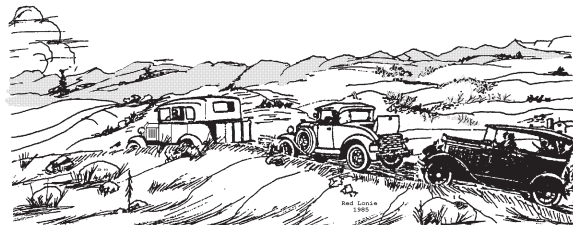
The Model A's original 3-speed transmission is a very dependable and reliable transmission. Driving a Model A is not the same without the Model A 3-speed transmission. Double clutching is synonymous with Model A driving. Adding the Model B camshaft and a high compression head will make up for any shortcomings of the Model A 3-speed transmission.

The original Model A Zenith carburetor is a very reliable and efficient carburetor for the Model A. When restored correctly it will provide trouble free operation for many years while providing 18 to 20 mpg under normal driving conditions.

If your objective is to drive an original Model A with minimal improvements that add safety, dependability, and improved performance for touring on today's high ways, the improvements described in bold type will make a difference. The Model A has not changed over the years, except that it is 70 years old. The traffic and our roads have however changed. They are more congested and faster than our Model A's were designed for. A few improvements to the Model A may be necessary for safe and dependable touring. There are many more modifications that are available for the Model A. Individual needs will determine which, if any, modifications might be needed on your Model A for your safe and dependable touring without destroying the appearance, sound, and integrity of the Model A.

2019 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA MAFCA TOURS

IT'S THE JOURNEY — NOT THE DESTINATION



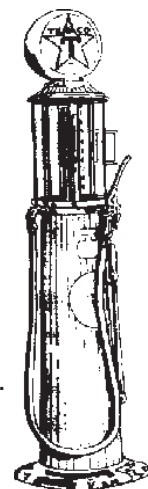
MONTH	DAY	TOUR LEADER	TOUR
JANUARY	13	BARRY KINNEY	PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH - SF PRESIDIO
FEBRUARY	24	BARRY KINNEY	PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE - PESCADERO, CA
MARCH	16 SATURDAY	BARRY KINNEY	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL - SF
APRIL	12-14	PETERSON/SCHWAB	OVERNIGHTER TO THE GOLD COUNTRY
APRIL	21	RALPH HOFFSCHILDT	EASTER PARADE - UNION STREET, SF
APRIL	27 SATURDAY	KINNEY	F. A. S. T. SPRING HILLCLIMB - AUBURN, CA
APRIL	28	SF MODEL A FORD CLUB	DREAM MACHINES - HALF MOON BAY
TBA	TBA	BARRY KINNEY	MILITARY ANTIQUES & MUSEUM, PETALUMA, CA
MAY	19	MPOT FORD CLUB	FRIENDSHIP DAY - REDWOOD SHORES
MAY	27 MONDAY	CAPLAN	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - PRESIDIO
JUNE	15 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	ST. ANNE'S HOME - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND
JULY	20 SATURDAY	KINNEY	RADIO DAY BY THE BAY - ALAMEDA
AUGUST	TBA	KINNEY	BOCCE BALL - ORANGE PARK, SSF
SEPTEMBER	16 MONDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	LINCOLN HIGHWAY MILITARY CONVOY CENTENNIAL
SEPTEMBER	22	KINNEY	ANTIQUE AUTOS HISTORY PARK - SAN JOSE
SEPTEMBER	27-29	CAPLAN / MACHADO	OVERNIGHTER MURPHYS-IRONSTONE CONCOURS
SEPTEMBER	TBA	MAHL	44 TH ANNUAL 28 TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
OCTOBER	13	BARRANGO	COLUMBUS DAY PARADE - NORTH BEACH, SF
OCTOBER	TBA	CAPLAN	SF OLD CAR PICNIC - GOLDEN GATE PARK
November	10 SUNDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	VETERANS DAY PARADE - FISHERMAN'S WHARF
DECEMBER	7 SATURDAY	CAPLAN / KINNEY	SFPD BRAVE THE BAY - AQUATIC PARK
DECEMBER	7 SATURDAY	SF MODEL A CLUB	CHRISTMAS BANQUET - VAL'S - DALY CITY

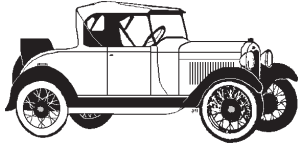
If you would like to lead a tour, please call **Gary Barrango** at 415-821-2628
We encourage Club Members to plan additional **driving tours** throughout the year.
There is room for more than one activity or tour per month.

2019 Schedule of Events

January 13
January 26-27
May 27-30

SF Model A Club President's Brunch – SF Presidio Social Club
Turlock Swap Meet
2019 NCRG Roundup
The Sonoma A's will be hosting the 2019 NCRG Roundup at the Flamingo Conference Resort in Santa Rosa, CA. This will be a four-day event beginning on Monday May 27 ending with the awards banquet on Thursday May 30, 2019.
Contact Steve Lewis: 707-829-9007
December 5-8
National Awards Banquet – Claremont, CA
Hosts: Pomona Valley Chapter





**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
June 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Barry Kinney. The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written. There were no guests. Meeting attendees spent the bulk of our time watching the Golden State Warriors lose the NBA Championship to the Toronto Raptors.

Reports of Officers

President: Ironstone will be Friday - Sunday September 27 -29. We reserved 9 rooms, there are still a few rooms left. ♦ The Lincoln Highway Military Cross-Country Tour will be September 15 - 16. We can join the tour in Folsom on Sunday and arrive home on Monday or spend two nights on the road - Saturday and Sunday – and travel home Monday. Specifics should be decided upon at the next meeting. ♦ Barry discussed events past and future including a trip to Carlsbad Caverns in the planning for October of 2020. We would take the AMTRAK Super Chief to El Paso and then motor up to Carlsbad, about 160 miles. Included in the plan is a side trip to the Alien Research Center in Roswell, New Mexico. ♦ Fathers Day at St. Anne's Home with the Little Sisters will be on Saturday June 15.

Vice President: No report

Past President: Gary reported a donation of \$250 for our participation in last year's Columbus Day Parade.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Editor: We will not be participating in the Pride Parade this year. Walter will be in Rapid City, South Dakota with club members Tom and Terry Machado attending an international meeting of the Professional Car Society.

For the Good of the Order: Barry encouraged each of us to seriously contemplate joining the Carlsbad Tour next October, and attempt to plan their October schedule accordingly.

Walter Caplan provided refreshments to the June meeting. Jeanine and Gunard Mahl will provide refreshments for the July meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Walter Caplan

for 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, July 11, 2019

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

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

Please Note: Goat Hill Pizza has a NO SPLIT CHECK POLICY.

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JULY MEETING
Thursday July 11, 2019
7:30 pm - Monte Cristo Club
136 Missouri Street (Potrero Hill)
San Francisco