

Have you signed your kids or grandkids up for A-World yet? It helps keep our young members interested in Model A's, hopefully for a lifetime. Even better, it's a deal as it is *free*. Any MAFCA member may request subscriptions for any school age child who is interested in Model A's. Our webmaster, Rick Black has now just made the process easier. The subscription form is on the web site and can be filled out on your computer, making it easier for members to apply for A World subscriptions. You can also call MAFCA at 562-697-2712 or write to MAFCA in La Habra for details.

I was reading an article in the **Northwest Missouri** newsletter by **Sherry Winkinhofer**, who is also the editor of *A World* magazine. Her comments stated how when Model A'ers are out with their cars, they are representatives for the Model A hobby. She's so right. She went on to say that when taking a few minutes to respond to people who stop to look, open the hood, or encourage them to check out the interior, we're sharing our love of this unique vehicle. Sherry also said that every time we let a little boy honk the horn or show a teenager what a 3X sparkplug looks like, we "spark" interest. When that little boy grows up, maybe when he hears that Ahooga horn, it will bring back memories. So every time someone comes up to admire your Model A, don't be afraid to share that passion you feel about this hobby. It just might be contagious. Thanks Sherry, well said.

MAFCA's **Skyline Chapter** was "sparking" interest in Model A's when they visited 5th graders at a local school that was studying transportation. Eighty students from three classes viewed and asked questions about their cars. Some of these students just might be future Model A enthusiasts.

In a newsletter from **Henry A's**, there was an article by member **Dave McArthur** titled "Why Did I Buy A Model A?" What I liked about the article is that his interest in Model A's started in his school age years and it was 60 years later that he bought his first running Model A. After a recap of his childhood experiences in a Model A, Dave gave his answer to the question. He stated, "...they are a challenge that is fun to try to stay on top of. They satisfy a desire to fix something and have it work, for a while at least. But most of all they are just plain fun, and people become friendly everywhere you go in one." Great answer!

An article appeared in the **Old 96** newsletter (South Carolina) that talked about a special Model A called Blue Baby. It is too lengthy to give you all the details of the article, but it was truly a very heart warming article about growing up with Blue Baby. The writer's father was the second owner and in 1999, after her dad passed away, she then inherited Blue Baby, who had been part of her life for over 60 years. At the end, the writer gives one small detail that is so cool. It seems there was a certain young man that caught her eye when she was nine years old and he became very interested in old cars, especially Model A's. He is now part owner of Blue Baby. Warren and Sue Reynolds are now chapter members of MAFCA's **Old 96** chapter having great experiences, have a lot of new friends and Blue Baby is very special to both of them...and it all started in their youth.

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Watch for the movie "Kansas City" in the future. This movie was filmed in Kansas City and a number of local Model A club members were personally in the film along with their Model A's. I understand that *The Restorers* editor Jim Spawn's car had top billing and Jim also made a number of appearances.

Are you planning on attending Hershey in October? If so, keep in mind that seminars will be presented in the MAFCA booth. This year President, Alex Janke will be the presenter and his topic is **Model A Shocks**. The seminars have been very well attended the past two years and I'm sure this year will be the same. Stop in, say hello to the MAFCA representatives, and check out the merchandise for sale and stay for the seminar. Hope to see you there.

One of the top items for sale from MAFCA at this time is Revision 3 of the *Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards*. With the 2012 MAFCA National Convention just a year away, you want to make sure your Model A is set to go and also be judged. Keep in mind that there is Blue Ribbon class that are judged at the convention but also the Touring Class and Modified Class. There is plenty of room in the facility to be used for judging so lets try to fill it up with Model A's to be judged.

Are you planning on attending the 2012 MAFCA Convention in Marquette, Michigan? I'll be there. It's even close to home for me. Just a few hours north to a beautiful area in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that is filled with lots of Model A and Henry Ford history. The host chapter, **Superior A's**, is asking chapters that have a Hubley track to contact them to answer questions and/or help with the derby. They are also asking members to let them know if they are planning to be a vendor at the swap meet. They have ample room but would like to have an idea of how many vendors to plan for.

In *USA Today*, I read that Ford has announced they have a car seat with sensors that can monitor a driver's heart. If such a car seat is brought to market it could help heart patients monitor their health and provide an early warning of a heart attack. Ford is also working on in-car systems that would let motorists keep track of other health issues such as glucose levels for diabetics or pollen levels for asthmatics from displays on the car's dashboard. With the aging population and the interest in health and wellness, there could be an interest in this type of technology. Leave it to Ford to be on top of this kind of research.

USA Today also had another interesting article. It seems that some states have enacted a Yellow Dot Program. Connecticut was the first state in 2002 and many states are following. It's a free program that alerts emergency workers to crash victims' vital information. The first 60 minutes after a serious crash can make the difference between life and death for the critically injured. With this program, a yellow dot is placed on the vehicle's rear window altering emergency personnel to look for a corresponding yellow folder in the glove box. The program alerts medical personal to medications and medical conditions. It is very nice to see innovative programs to address the unique risks associated with individuals in car crashes.

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