

You should have already received your Renewal Form to continue your MAFCA membership for another year. Years add up quickly. I presented a number of longevity pins to members reaching various milestones in membership longevity. Did you know you can renew your membership at our web site? Just go to [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) and click on **MAFCA Store**. Along the top of the page are headings for renewing your membership, MAFCA merchandise and even an application for new members. It's quick and easy. Renew your membership and tell anyone interested in becoming a MAFCA member to check out the web site to join this great organization.

As you fill in your MAFCA Renewal Form, you might want to check the box to pre-order a 2012 Roster. The roster is a deal at \$10 and a must whenever you leave home. It makes no difference what you are driving, a Model A or otherwise. What is important is that you can contact a MAFCA member if you need assistance. I don't know of anyone better to call than a fellow Model A'er.



Have you sent in your MAFCA ballots for your choice of candidates to serve on the board of directors? In the same envelope, you received voting ballots and a description of those running for board positions. Take the time to read about the candidates and cast your votes. Remember, there are only four members elected this year and if you vote for more than four,

your ballot will be discarded. You can vote for four or fewer but not more than the amount of candidates that are to be elected.

Also included with your Registration Form and ballots was a number of things that MAFCA has available for purchase. I understand that the Model A Shop Drawings Book is flying off the shelves. There is also the new Revision 3 of the *Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards* and much, much more. Christmas isn't far away. In fact, I am writing this in the middle of August and we have just set the date for our office Christmas Party. That must mean it is also time to start shopping for those Model A'ers in your family.

Have you heard of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Model A Day to be held at the Gilmore Auto Museum, the site where the Model A Museum will be built? It is to be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in Hickory Corners, Michigan. I encourage anyone that lives or is traveling near the area to attend. MAFFI trustees will be there as well as the MAFCA Board of Directors. We have scheduled our September board meeting for the day following the event, giving all the directors a chance to visit this wonderful museum. I am lucky to be living in Wisconsin as I have been able to visit the museum often. I feel all in the Model A hobby will be impressed and happy with this beautiful location.

An item of discussion at the MAFCA board meeting in July was regarding what MAFCA can do as an organization to attract young people. We decided that I would ask chapters what ideas they use in their chapters. I read in chapter newsletters that are submitted to MAFCA what some chapters are doing, but only slightly over half of the chapters send in their newsletters. That leaves a lot of chapters left that could be doing something to encourage young people to join in our hobby that could be shared with all of MAFCA. So, please contact any board member or me and let us know what you are doing. As an example, I read in a number of newsletters that they work with scout groups. I encouraged my own chapter to do the same. We are now working with a local scout group in my hometown. I wouldn't have known this if I wasn't able to read chapter newsletters from around the country. I encourage any ideas that work for your chapter to be shared.

The **Colonial Virginia Model A Club** is one of the MAFCA chapters that has a Youth Coordinator. I like to see chapters that are actively soliciting and working with youth to insure a future for our hobby. This chapter actually has a Youth Program that is presented at schools in their area. They have a detailed program and script that can be followed. The program is developed so the only thing volunteers need to do is present the information and interact with the students. This is the exact thing I was talking about above. This idea and program would be great to be shared among MAFCA chapters.

Have you signed your kids or grandkids up for A-World yet? I have. It helps keep our young members interested in Model A's, hopefully for a lifetime. Getting our youth involved is important for our hobby. Any MAFCA member may request subscriptions for any school age child who is interested in Model A's. Even better it's a deal as it is *free*. Webmaster Rick Black has now just made the process easier. The subscription form 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.

This is also the time of the year when chapters start thinking about the MAFCA Service Award and if someone in their chapter is eligible for this honor. The purpose of the MAFCA Service Award is to provide recognition to individuals within the Chapters, Special Interest Groups and Regional Groups who have demonstrated a continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby. Check out the policy on the MAFCA website for the criteria chapters should use to determine if someone within your chapter is eligible for this honor. If you have any questions or need a form, feel free to contact me at [chapters@mafca.com](mailto:chapters@mafca.com).

Are you planning on attending Hershey in October? If so, keep in mind that seminars are now 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 hell-o to the MAFCA representatives, and check out the merchandise for sale and stay for the seminar. Hope to see you there.

**Sonoma A's** will be the hosts for this year's MAFCA Awards Banquet. They are located in Santa Rosa California, just 50 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge. I am anxious to visit towering Redwoods and the rugged Pacific Ocean. There will be wine tasting, shopping and much more. I just booked my flight and filled out my Registration Form. All that is left is to pack! Check out [http://www.sonomamodela.com/mafca\\_2011](http://www.sonomamodela.com/mafca_2011).

Are you planning to attend the 2012 MAFCA National Convention in Marquette Michigan? All the facts and information is available if you are undecided. You can check out their web site at [www.superiorclub.com](http://www.superiorclub.com). They have a Video and Slide Show, the accommodations available, and information for the Early Bird Newsletter, the convention schedule and registration form. Superior A's also has a Facebook page: **Superior A's Model A Ford Chapter**.

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