

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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Chapter Registration Forms are now in the mail. Please make sure your chapter watches for this important letter from MAFCA. Annual Chapter registration enables MAFCA to have up-to-date Chapter information. This will provide accurate Chapter membership counts for the liability insurance provided by MAFCA, help in communications to the Chapters and provide accurate information for potential new Chapter members.

If your chapter does not return the Chapter Registration Form and becomes inactive, you will need to submit an Annual MAFCA Chapter Registration Renewal Form within 2 years of inactive status. After the 2-year period, a New Chapter Charter Petition application must be filed and your chapter loses its longevity status.

You will also receive a notice to contribute to the Directors and Officers Insurance. MAFCA does not ask for contributions every year for this necessary but costly insurance. However, this fiscal year's budget makes it necessary.

If all of these reasons aren't enough to make sure your chapter's registration is returned, starting in 2012, there will be a Late Fee of \$10 charged to chapters failing to return their registration by February 28th. It pays to renew early to retain your chapter insurance and save the registration fee.

Nothing is as constant as change. Changes can be good or bad but usually necessary. You will notice that the Chapter Listing will no longer be in every issue of *The Restorer Magazine*. Starting in 2012, the complete listing will only be published once yearly in the April/May issue. This will give *The Restorer* editor more room for technical articles, human interest, member articles and other Model A related items. The complete chapter list can always be found on the MAFCA website – click on CHAPTERS and then CHAPTER LIST.

Your MAFCA dues notices were sent out a couple of months ago. I hope you have all sent in your 2012 dues. If not, please get this in the mail before the Christmas shopping season eats up your funds. You wouldn't want to miss out on any issues of *The Restorer Magazine*. Speaking about Christmas, check out the MAFCA Store on the website. There are a number of items that will make wonderful gifts for Christmas. There is a new MAFCA water bottle, perfect for traveling and you won't fill up landfills with plastic bottles. There is also a MAFCA blanket that I am going to order too. Besides, shopping is easy on the MAFCA website.

If your chapter is planning on awarding someone the MAFCA Service Award, e-mail me the forms as soon as possible. I need to have the forms in my hands by November 1st in order to have them ready for signatures at the December board meeting. E-mail them directly to me or get them in the mail directly to my home as soon as possible to avoid delays. If the office receives them, they then need to forward them on to me which all takes time.

Awards have been finalized for MAFCA Newsletter Awards and MAFCA Website Awards for 2011. It has become necessary to revise the website award policy for future years. Due to the fact that chapters submit their requests but fail to send in changes to their web addresses, the job has become very intensive. Starting with 2012, chapters must submit a request each year for award consideration. With each request, the chapter

must submit the web site address, Webmaster name, and Webmaster email address. The reason for having the Webmaster name and his/her email address is to provide a means of feedback to the Webmaster. This year, many broken links were found and bad CONTACT US pages that wouldn't allow a contact to the chapter for verification. E-mail your request for website award consideration to chapters@mafca.com.

MAFCA has approved and is finalizing another driving award. Watch for information in the near future for the **Chapter Driving Award**. Members within a chapter can work together to accumulate miles during the year to earn this award. We all know that it is more fun to drive a Model A than it is to just look at it sitting in the garage.

In fact, now that I am on the subject of driving a Model A, I recently purchased a Manifold Cookbook from the **Phoenix Model A Club** and have ordered a Manifold Cooker from Snyder's. I'm set for next summer. My grand-girls love riding in the rumble seat. Michael and I can throw them in the A, put on the cooker and have a picnic down the road.

The MAFCA website will soon have the addition of a Model A Games book. It will be added with the hopes that you and your Model A can have some fun together. These are games that are in accordance with MAFCA's insurance guidelines. Now you can go out and play with your Model A safely while still having lots of fun.

I had Webmaster **Rick Black** add two handouts on the Youth Links Page, a Short History of the Model A and a Short History of Henry Ford. A chapter recently asked for an MAFCA informational flyer they could include with a new member packet given out to their new chapter members. I put together a MAFCA flyer but also suggested they use the flyers about the Model A and Henry Ford in their New Member Packet. You can download them from the Youth Links Page of the MAFCA website.



Wichita A's recently enjoyed an Educational Tour which sounded like a lot of fun to the St. John Science and Lucille M. Hall museums in Kansas. They filled the town square with Model A's. The ninety year old science teacher had a Wichita A's member present who was one of his students. It sounded like a great day but a little bit of a drive for me to take my local chapter. It could be a great long weekend event.

I recently was the victim, of having my e-mail account hacked. I know it happens to lots of people, but I have been very upset. My entire contact folder was emptied and my contacts were sent a e-mail asking for money to be sent in my behalf to England. I hope you all realized it was a scam and I am sorry for any problems.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Annual Membership Meeting in Santa Rosa. See www.mafca.com for complete details.

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