

Chapter Chatter – March/April 2003

This is my first column as your Chapter Coordinator for 2003. I have enjoyed reading the newsletters your editors have been sending to Headquarters, and I can see that most of you are busy organizing your chapter tours and events for the year. For those chapters whose events involve other members and chapters, please remember to send your calendar to **The Restorer** and to the MAFCA Web Site (www.mafca.com). Make sure you get the word out.

For you that have attended only your own chapter events, check out other chapter's activities. Every region hosts meets that resemble mini-national conventions. Look for them on the web site's Calendar Page or in **The Restorer**. Each one has a personality all its own but usually includes the Model A activities we have all come to cherish. Make sure you plan well in advance if you want to attend, as these events (and hotels) fill up quickly.

In the January/February issue of **The Restorer**, you should have located your 2003 Membership Card near the front of the magazine. Take at least one card out, remove your mailing label from the cover of **The Restorer**, and stick it to the back of your card. There are many times when you'll need to know your membership number, so having your card and your address label with you will come in handy.

If you're restoring your Model A, remember that our web site's Classified Ads page lists dozens of "for sale" and "parts wanted" listings. Many times the item you're looking for is right there for you. And as a member of MAFCA, you may post any classified ad at no charge. You'll find an ad form right at the web site; just fill it out and within a day or two, your ad is there for the world to see. You can also advertise in **The Restorer**, but remember that there's "lead time" for publication. Check the ad deadlines in **The Restorer**, and get your ad copy in early. Don't forget to include your MAFCA membership number.

It is not too soon to mark your calendars and start some planning for the 2004 MAFCA National Convention in Portland Oregon from July 11 through 17. You can keep abreast of all the latest news regarding this meet by subscribing to the **Early Bird Newsletter**. Just send \$10 payable to MAFCA 2004 National Convention to **Dick Mace, 4305 Dark Hollow Road, Medford OR 97501**.

Finally a quick note for Chapter Editors: if you exchange newsletters with other chapters, some of your readers may need to call telephone numbers listed in your newsletter. Remember to add area codes for those "out of towners". And if you send a copy of your newsletter to MAFCA, the label should read: **MAFCA Chapter Coordinator, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5515**. Please don't mention the name of the current Chapter Coordinator. This will allow you to use the same mailing address from year to year.

That's it for this column. Please feel free to keep in touch with me by e-mail at RickBlack@sbcglobal.net - or by phone at 915-845-2625 evenings or weekends.