

CHAPTER COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER

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by Stephanie Grundman: Chapter Coordinator

Welcome - MAFCA's newest chapter - Lex-Tex Model A Ford Club Along with all the MAFCA directors, I would like to welcome a new chapter. The Lex-Tex Model A Ford Club from Lexington, Texas had their charter approved on April 24th at the meeting of the Board of Directors. Congratulations on becoming the newest chapter of MAFCA!

On June 10, 2004 a father / son team will be driving their Model A from Toronto, Ontario to Vancouver BC and back in an effort to duplicate a similar trip made in 1932. The gentleman making that trip drove 3,217 miles one way in 95-1/4 hours. Norm Grant and his 23-year-old son, James, will attempt to make the same trip. James has been driving the Model A for over five years and is anxious to share the driving with his father.

There is a website set up and it will be updated as they travel. The address is www.modelA.ca. The site gives details on the original trip, the drivers, the original news article and information from Norm on how the trip was planned. One addition planned for the website is a map with the route marked. A few local car clubs along the way are planning on joining them for a few miles, so by following them on the website they will know exactly when to expect them to pass through their area.

This is an experience not many would be willing to try. Consider sharing this experience with Norm and James. You can do so by watching their progress via the web and by sharing this information with the rest of your chapter. With MAFCA's support, duplicating this trip will become a reality for Norm and James.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, my husband and myself participated in an event held in Kansas City. The Heart of America Chapter of Kansas City sponsors Model A Appreciation Day. It is held in the city of Parkville with Main Street restricted for Model A parking only. After an all-you-can eat pancake and sausage breakfast there was a Poker Run through the back roads of Platte County. The event "adopts" the Parkville Animal Shelter for the day raising money and collecting needed supplies for the shelter. There was a Farmer's Market to enjoy as well as many Model A's and fellow Model A'ers. Perhaps your chapter would like to consider participating in an event near your area. It's always fun making new friends in nearby areas.

The MAFCA Roster is an extremely valuable tool while touring whether it's close to home or longer distances. The 2004 Roster includes an alphabetical listing of all MAFCA members by state. There is also a cross-reference section so if you are on the road you can find a member if you need help. There is a Membership Application just in case you meet someone along your travels that would like to join our great organization. The cost of the Roster is \$8.50 postage paid. If you get a group of fellow members to order together, you can save on the total cost of postage. Contact MAFCA headquarters at 562-697-2712 for ordering information.

Why not talk to your chapter (and other chapters in your area) about planning a regional event? MAFCA encourages regional meets, mini conventions that enable Model A enthusiasts to attend a nationally sponsored event within one to two days drive from their home. The Host Group can be a Chapter, a Special Interest Group, two or more Chapters, or a sanctioned Regional Group. Remember that these events take time to plan and they should not interfere with a National Convention. Many A'ers who cannot attend a national event because of distance or time constraints would love to have the opportunity to enjoy a regional event.

MAFCA carries an Antique and Classic Automobile Club Insurance Policy through J. C. Taylor. Any Chapter, Group, or Association anticipating holding such an event may apply for and receive a certificate of coverage for the event. This coverage will not include coverage of members' cars. Youth activities are a must for any

MAFCA event.....local, divisional or national. Our youth are our future and need to be encouraged and welcomed warmly. However, insurance guidelines dictate that children under the age of eight need to be supervised by an adult.

There are many ways youth can be encouraged to participate in MAFCA. This year, MAFCA has approved X-Cup applications for three groups who will be participating in the X-Cup Division of the Great Race in a Model A Ford.

Another area of interest for our youth is a Youth Driving Award, the Youth Restoration Award and finally, there is the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund. Donating to this fund as well as encouraging youth participation is making a contribution to the future of MAFCA and the Model A hobby.

I would like to thank the many members that sent in the response card regarding the use of a polybag for sending The Restorer. I never expected the response MAFCA received. The membership has spoken and their response is an overwhelming NO for using a polybag for mailing. MAFCA is an organization for you, the membership. Your vote on any and all issues is important and I'm pleased that so many members participated.

The response cards also included favorable comments regarding The Restorer. MAFCA's magazine is reaching a milestone of 50 years in publication. Editor, Jim Spawn is already planning a special anniversary issue that will include many features and additional photos.

Chapters will have the opportunity to participate in a special section called "Salute from the Chapters." This section will contain business card sized congratulatory ads from chapters using their chapter logo and contact information. Plan to make your chapter part of MAFCA history by including your chapter in this special section. I hope your enjoying summer.....and your Model A.

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