

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter
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Many chapters are busy organizing chapter activities and tours for the year. Chapters that plan events that involve other members and chapters in their area should remember to send your calendar to **The Restorer**. Also, send your calendar to be posted on the MAFCA web site either to the office in care of the webmaster or via e-mail at webmaster@mafca.com.

Without a national convention in 2005, consider attending a regional event. Every region hosts meets that resemble mini-national conventions. Look for them on the website's calendar page or in The Restorer. For those that have attended only your own chapter's events, you are missing a lot of fun. You won't be disappointed.

Thanks to a wonderful idea by Evergreen A's member and co-editor of A World, Frank Rosin, after each chapter listing in the Chapter Listings in The Restorer, the year they were first awarded a MAFCA charter is included. Members can now see how long the various chapters have been with MAFCA on a continuing basis as well as a useful tool.

Do your children (or grandchildren) receive A World? If not they are missing a wonderful youth newsletter with stories, Ford facts, and so much more. There are even trading cards included, which is the only way these cards are available. As a chapter, you have an opportunity to sponsor trading cards. The cost for three (enough for three issues or a half year of A World) trading cards is \$250.00. Contact A World editors, Frank Rosin or Archie Cress for information.

Archie and Frank are also looking for someone to carry on the publication of A World. They would like to work with someone now who will take over in the future. The ideal candidate understands children and/or works with children. If you think you could be that person, write an article or story geared for a child around 8 to 10 years old and send it to Frank or Archie. Have questions, feel free to contact them. Send your stories or questions to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Street, LaHabra, CA 90631 and mark the envelope to the attention of A World editors or e-mail Archie at joanarchie@comcast.net or Frank at frankr@eskimo.com.

How do you like the centerfold calendar? Jim Spawn, editor of The Restorer, is never at a loss of wonderful ideas. Would you like an extra copy...or two? There are a limited number of extra copies available at \$4.95 each, plus shipping. I'm sure they will go fast so contact the MAFCA office quickly if you are interested. On the subject of The Restorer... it will be larger. The Restorer will grow from 48 pages to the 52 pages. This great publication now will now have room for even more information, stories and photos for everyone to enjoy.

Have you purchased your new MAFCA Roster yet? I was really excited to see in a recent issue of Old Cars Weekly, a feature story entitled Alice and her Model A retrace History. The story relates a 100th Anniversary drive to St. Louis, commemorating the first long-distance tour sponsored by AAA, by Alice Megaro. In the article, Alice states that the three indispensable items for the trip were: her AAA map, a cell phone and her membership roster of the Model A Ford Club of America. Need I say more?

Chapter newsletter editors are able to order the MAFCA Clip Art CD at no charge with hundreds of images that can be used in your monthly newsletters. Webmaster Rick Black has recently produced an index of the files so the images can be viewed without opening each image separately. This index will be included with all new Clip Art CDs. For those chapters who already have a CD and would like the index, write to Rick at rickblack@sbcglobal.net and Rick will e-mail the index to you. For those chapters who have never ordered a Clip Art CD, contact MAFCA headquarters and they will be happy to send one out.

The Era Fashion Committee would like to request each chapter order a dozen Era Fashion Pins from MAFCA to sell and promote era fashions to their members. The pins are only \$5 each and are very good looking to include on your vest or shirt. Recently while in Augusta, I saw first-hand how the Shade Tree A's includes era fashions within their chapter in a fun manner. Consider including fashions within your chapter.

Each chapter will soon receive information regarding sponsoring youth through the Great Race X-Cup program. This program is a great way to promote interest in MAFCA and the Model A Ford by encouraging high school students to participate in the X-Cup. The grant helps cover the cost of fuel, lodging and transportation and not the restoration of the entry vehicle. Please consider this cause either as a chapter or individually as a MAFCA member so MAFCA can continue to support this worthwhile activity. Send your donation to the MAFCA office or call with any questions.

Completed X-Cup applications must be received at the MAFCA office by February 15th for the Great Race of this year. For a team to be considered for a grant, there are a number of requirements necessary. If you know of a team that is interested in a grant, encourage them to get their paperwork submitted as soon as possible.

In a recent follow-up article about an event in a chapter newsletter, it mentioned a young man as a guest speaker at their July meeting named George Smolenyak, Jr. who attends McPherson College in Kansas. This is the only accredited four-year college in the United States that offers a degree in automotive restoration technology. He presented a few of his adventures at McPherson College and his "finds" of Kansas antique field-fresh cars.

Farther down my stack of newsletters I found another article about McPherson College from the George Washington Chapter. One-week summer courses in the restoration of old cars are offered at McPherson and the article told of two of their chapter's couples that attended courses in upholstery and welding. The week was filled with lots of fun along with gaining knowledge and experience. In fact, the couple is thinking about attending next year to take additional courses. Want to learn more about the program? E-mail restoration@mcpherson.edu or go to "<http://www.mcpherson.edu>". Their web site is very interesting relating facts as to sponsors, the founder and the schools car club.

I read with interest information in newsletters from other chapters regarding their youth programs. The Shade Tree A's, had an article updating members on their Youth Program. They not only encourage involvement of their young people, they help them both monetarily and with a mentor. The requirements are that they are club members (either individually or with their parents), are actively involved in a restoration of an antique vehicle, help with at least two club projects and submit reports to be included in their chapter's newsletter. What a great program. This type of program helps the youth with their restoration and encourages their chapter participation in order to keep them as active chapter and MAFCA members for years to come.

This reminded me of another tidbit I had read months earlier. I looked through my notes and found information regarding a young member from the Twin Cities Model A Club named Sam Nelson. Sam presented a clinic on the Hubley models explaining the various models, many of which are Ford products. Sam showed models that he raced at National Model A Meets. What a great way to include youth to participate in their chapters by having the youth teaching the youth.

This same article mentioned the Henry Ford Trade School at the Highland Park Plant. Young students attend classes in the morning and work in the plant during the afternoon. If you know of a young member who would like to pursue a technical curriculum in school, this would be wonderful place to consider.

If I can help you in anyway, feel free to contact me. I enjoy hearing from you...and I love Model A's.