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There has been a wonderful summer of events local and regional to enjoy and summer isn't over yet. This is not a MAFCA convention year but that doesn't mean there is a lack of things to do with the love of your life...and Henry's Lady too. The MAFCA calendar has had a wide variety of places to go to make new friends and reminisce with old friends. Send in your chapter events for the MAFCA calendar that is printed in each issue of *The Restorer*. While you're at it, send webmaster Rick Black an e-mail to have your events included on the MAFCA website.

If some of you are anything like me, reminiscing while viewing photos from a past event makes the second time around almost as enjoyable as the first. MAFCA member, Bob Johnson suggested that the website could offer some space for past events. This would include all national events as well as regional and divisional events. Space would also be available for local events. There is never a shortage of A'ers taking pictures in order to capture all the fun and enjoyment of attendees. Space is limited so send a short description of the event with your photo(s) to Rick Black, MAFCA's webmaster at [webmaster@mafca.com](mailto:webmaster@mafca.com).

My favorite event each year is the Annual Membership Meeting, held every December. This year's meeting is in Sacramento, California. Enjoy a Golden State Get-A-Way. The Gold Team of the Northern California Regional Group has planned events for attendees to enjoy the entire weekend. While you're at it, mark your calendars for July 16-21, 2006 in order to attend the 2006 MAFCA National Convention. The Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts (M.A.R.C.O.M.) will be our hosts. They are busy making plans for 500 to 600 guests from all order the world to enjoy their stay in Massachusetts.

The *2005 Great Race* had an overnight stop in Gurnee, Illinois, just one hour from my home in Wisconsin. My husband and I drove down and visited the X-Cup Team. The team couldn't have been more courteous, respectful and very appreciative of the contribution from MAFCA giving them the opportunity to participate in this great event. We had a wonderful visit for about an hour and a half. This year *The Wildcats* from Ponco City, Oklahoma Boy Scouts Post 69 came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division. These young men are wonderful spokesmen for the Model A hobby as well as their team leader, J. D. Hanks. He is an amazing man who gives up his time and energy to work with these young men and the interaction between the team and J. D. was impressive.

MAFCA continues to grow with membership totals rising. Each year new chapters are also formed. Recently, inquiries to form chapters in four areas around the country have been received. All this is wonderful news for MAFCA as some organizations are losing members. *MAFCA's future is our youth and need to be continuously cultivated.* There is the MAFCA Youth Restoration Award and Youth Scholarship. Your young members are eligible to apply for both awards as long as they meet the requirements for each award. Check out [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) for information so deserving youth do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

The Town Sedan Club has developed a ***Youth Connection***. This Special Interest Group sponsors youth using the following guidelines:

1. This person must be actively involved with Model A Town Sedan performing activities such as: restoration, maintenance and/or research. Additional participation in Model A activities National, Regional and Local would be a plus.
2. This person does not need to own a Model A Ford Town Sedan, but could be assisting the parent or a friend.
3. The age cut off would be at their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
4. The person would provide periodic updates to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the newsletter 2 times per year and/or address the members at a national meet.

If you know someone who meets these guidelines and is interested in participating in the program, please contact Werner Langenbach of the Town Sedan Club.

Reading many chapter newsletters each month, I take special notice of those chapter who work to encourage younger members to participate. As members of MAFCA chapters and special interest groups, do you have an idea that could generate youth participation...to cultivate that resource so the Model A hobby is alive and well fifty years down the road? Talk to members of your chapters and perhaps come up with an idea. Feel free to contact me with questions or to talk about possibilities you're considering.

*A-World* is the MAFCA Youth Newsletter and a wonderful tool for young A'ers. A Trading Card is included in each issue and the only way to get this card is by subscribing to *A-World*. Their current issue (May-June 2005) has a chart with suggested activities to accomplish in order to qualify for The *MAFCA Youth Achievement Award*. The object is to accumulate points, set for your grade, in order to receive the embroidered patch. Points are kept for one school year, July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

Please encourage younger Model A enthusiasts to sign up for the wonderful newsletter *A-World*. It is written for the youth of our club, our kids and grandkids from beginning readers to teen-agers. On a recent outing with my local chapter, a couple had their grandchild with them. I inquired if they had signed him up for *A-World*. They had thought about it but had not done so. Two of our young members told them how much they enjoy *A-World* and encouraged them to sign up their grandchild. Make sure not to forget to sign up your children and grandchildren for this wonderful publication.

By the way, there are only a handful of chapters that still need to fill out and return the *Chapter Registration Form*. This is a very important task required each year in order to maintain your chapter in good standing. There is no fee involved, just a listing of your chapter officers. The office staff will then check to make sure they are also members of MAFCA. If you need a form, give me a call and I can forward one to you or contact MAFCA headquarters to have them send you a duplicate.

One last item of importance...MAFCA Service Award Nominations are due. Is there a member of your chapter that you would like to nominate for this award? Don't delay. Contact the MAFCA office or check out the website at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) to get the paperwork. . Paperwork is due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the remainder of summer...in your Model "A".

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