

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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Have you made your plans to attend the MAFCA National Convention in Mansfield, MA? The time is *now* to register, make your accommodations, check out your Model A and get ready to hit the road. There's nothing like attending a national convention. There are the Model A's, the era fashions, tours, seminars and attractions. But the best of all is the many wonderful members of the MAFCA family from all over the country to meet or renew friendships. I can hardly wait. Plan to look me up, as I'd love to meet you all. That is my greatest joy as a director of MAFCA.

Each chapter President receives an invitation to a special event held at each national convention. The Chapter Presidents Reception is by invitation only, an honor bestowed on those members who serve as President of their local chapter. I encourage as many presidents as possible to attend I'd like to meet you all.

By the time you read this newsletter the Great Race will soon be underway. The race starts on June 24th in Philadelphia making its final stop on July 8th in San Rafael, CA. Grants were given to two X-Cup teams by MAFCA. One team is from Ponca City, OK and one from Walla Walla, WA. My husband and I will be taking a "road trip" to meet up with the team and visit with them. Check out the race website at www.greatrace.com. If the team is making a stop or spending the night at a city near you, take the time to meet the teams and view all the cars. It is an experience you won't want to miss.

The young adults who have the opportunity to participate in this event are all perspective MAFCA members of the future. This is an expensive undertaking. The teams raise funds throughout their community but it is never enough. Do you have a few dollars to donate to a good cause? Consider helping out the MAFCA X-Cup teams by sending in your donation to MAFCA headquarters. Indicate your donation is for the X-Cup and they will be put aside and added to the grant(s) given by MAFCA for next year's team(s).

I was pleased to learn that the Town Sedan Special Interest Group has awarded another *Youth Connection* to Sam Nelson. He has worked with his dad doing odd jobs important in the restoration and maintenance of Town Sedans. Sam has been actively involved in the installation of tops of at least 2 Town Sedans, enjoys Hubley cars and has worked in fine point judging. Congratulations to Sam. If you know of a young person actively involved in the restoration, maintenance, research and support of the Town Sedan, contact the Town Sedan Club at my29townsedan@usfamily.net or at 763-544-0097.

Safety is always a primary concern when driving our A's. With safety in mind, there have been a number of requests for information on installing seat belts in our Model A's. The May/June issue of *The Restorer* contained information and information also appears in Volume 6 of the *How to Restore Your Model A* series. Our Webmaster, Rick Black has also scanned the article making it available on the website (www.mafca.com) from the *Downloads* section.

The 2006 MAFCA Roster is now available from the headquarters office in LaHabra, CA. I couldn't be without this handy tool while touring near or far from home. It's also valuable to have the address and phone number of your fellow A'ers all over the world to contact. My 2004 copy is well used. As in 2004, the 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 easily find a member if you need help by what city you are near. The cost of the Roster is \$6.50 (it will be available at the National Convention) or \$9.00 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.

Model A'ers will be gathering from all corners of the country as well as outside the United States for the MAFCA National Convention. There are so many members that I have corresponded that I am anxious to meet. Serving as a MAFCA director is extremely rewarding and my greatest pleasure, as a director, is the many members that I have met in person and through phone, letter and e-mail contact. Many I will stay in touch with long after my term ends.

One member I met back in the eighties when MAFCA gave out the very first Newsletter Award. I was honored to receive the Award of Excellence from Ann Canziani. Ann is a wonderful person and representative for MAFCA. She spent six years as a MAFCA director, serving all as the Chapter Coordinator. Even though there is a fair amount of work as a director, the reward of serving all the MAFCA chapters and their members makes up for the work involved.

Reading newsletters is part of my responsibilities. This task never loses its interest. There are so many great publications and interesting items. Of course, my husband likes to read the Classified Ads but there is so much more. Within the past several months, I noticed the cover of the Alamo A's newsletter, The Distributor, was featuring drawings from issues back in the seventies. At that time the artist was in high school and college. The notation under the art is "Another Mark Wolf classic". I hope he comes out of retirement because his work is great.

The editor of the Alamo A's, Jackie Freeman and I have corresponded on numerous occasions. Recently Jackie told me about a theme in the city school's "Driven to Succeed". She was planning to drive her 1929 Cabriolet to display, between a Harley and a mini Cooper. Jackie planned to include information about Henry Ford and his success as an automaker to tie into the theme. What a great idea to share with your children and grandchildren.

That's it for now. Please feel free to keep in touch by e-mail at sgrundie@sbcglobal.net or telephone me at 262-513-0447 (CST) evenings or weekends.

Enjoy that Model A!
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