

The **Great Race** started 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. This is an expensive undertaking. 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). A third team, the Charleston Area Youth X-Cup Team enjoyed their first year in the X-Cup Division and will be candidates for a grant next year. These teams can use all the financial help they can get. It was a pleasure to meet all these teams and visit with them in Durango, Colorado.

Last year's champion, Greg Cunningham started as a X-Cup participant from Ponco City, Oklahoma. Greg and his partner had a number of difficulties this year. Greg was quoted as saying, "*This year I have learned that there is a lot of truth in the saying, 'to finish is to win'.*" These are words of a great champion. X-Cups teams had their own disappointments. To watch Greg as he struggled this year, see him work through his problems, hear him say those words and finish the race is a great learning experience.

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. 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. Contact MAFCA headquarters at 562-697-2712 for ordering information.

Did you know that the creation of the **Interstate Highway System** celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year? To celebrate, an Interstate Convey departed from San Francisco on June 16th from the exact point where the 1919 convey to create the interstate started. The group, led by then Lieutenant Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower, drove on the famed Lincoln Highway in a 60-day journey. They had 19 stops which is now I-80 for public events, parades, with the 20-vehicle convey arriving at the Zero Milepost in Washington D.C. on June 29th. That day is the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Federal and Highway Act of 1956 by President Eisenhower.

The **MAFCA National Convention** is now history. The tours and events were great. Our hosts from M.A.R.C.O.M. did a fantastic job. Their entire team worked hard for attendees and also had a smile. I enjoyed all tours, dinners seeing the wonderful historic places I learned about in school, old cemeteries, homes, churches and buildings dating back to the 1600's, the beautiful ocean coastline and all the seafood. In two years we will all meet again in Texas for a joint MAFCA-MARC convention.

At the convention, I was pleased to present a seminar on what makes a good chapter newsletter. I was amazed at the turnout. The hotel's amphitheater made me even more nervous. The seminar went well with lots of input from attendees. I would like to thank all those that attended. The feedback was outstanding. For those editors who did not attend, I would be happy to send you the printout of the presentation and examples. If you would like a copy, please contact me.

What do I enjoy when reading chapter newsletters? I enjoy reading what chapters are doing to encourage youth. The Mohican Model A Ford Club's newest and youngest member is 15-year-old Matthew Ager. Their club is going to help Matt with his project of restoring an old Ford. He is also eligible for a grant of up to \$500 that the chapter gives to assist young people who are restoring or refurbishing an antique vehicle.

Piney Wood A's members Ken and Priscilla Owens participated in an Antique Car Restoration Presentation at a middle school in Texas. They held nine sessions throughout the day on Antique Car Restoration. The 25 students per session were interested and loved their 1931 Tudor on display. One student said that it is his dream to buy a Model A and he is saving all his money to buy one. His dad promised to match whatever he saved to help him in the restoration.

Paul Gauthier talked to his oldest grandson's Social Studies class about Henry Ford's involvement in the Industrial Revolution. Greg ended up staying for 5 hours and talking to five classes. His grandson Kyle impressed his classmates by pointing out all the major engine components under the hood. Kyle could correctly identify these components at the age of six.

Ted and Laura Iverson of Temeaula Valley Model A Club announced both the wedding of their son Joshua but also the MAFCA scholarship that Joshua had applied for and was successful awarded. This will help as he heads to school in Arkansas.

MAFCA recently presented a number of Youth Restoration Awards. The Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund also presented scholarships. The fund assists children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA member in their undergraduate education, at a state university, college or technical school for up to four years. The funds come from financial contributions and fundraising efforts from MAFCA members and chapters.

In the Milepost there was an article by an anonymous author. It is titled "*I Like Being Old*". I enjoyed the entire article and I will share a couple of highlights with you. *Old age is a gift... I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, and my loving family... As you get older, it is easier to be positive...* I could have written those words. Life is wonderful. It is such a gift from God.

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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