

## Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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At the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MAFCA Board of Directors, a policy to recognize hard working chapter webmasters was approved, the Model A Website Award. I feel that chapter webmasters need the same recognition that chapter newsletter editors enjoy. Newsletter editors send in their newsletters to MAFCA for consideration. Not all chapter editors feel they want to do so. With that in mind, please let your chapter and/or webmaster know about this award.

The complete policy that outlines the requirements used for judging is posted on [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). Check it out. Then send an e-mail to the MAFCA office at [info@mafca.com](mailto:info@mafca.com) or to me at [sgrundie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgrundie@sbcglobal.net) to have your website considered for judging. With many chapter websites and more developed each month, the only requirement for consideration is a simple e-mail request.

If your chapter does not have a website, MAFCA member Andy Wiedeman and MAFCA Webmaster Rick Black will be working together on a project to help chapters wishing to start a website as well as to improve a current website. It will be sort of a step-by-step method on how to build a chapter website, independent on which computer platform is used, MAC or PC. The information will be available on the MAFCA website to download in the near future.

Also, send your newsletter directly to the MAFCA office via e-mail and they will forward it on to me or send it directly to me at [sgrundie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgrundie@sbcglobal.net). It's a great way to save on rising production and mailing costs.

MAFCA will start the use of poly bags when mailing your copy of the *Restorer* magazine. The poly bag will be used as a vehicle to deliver the Annual Membership Renewal form as well as election materials for nominees for the MAFCA Board of Directors. You will find your renewal form, election bios and ballots delivered in the poly bag with your September/October issue of the *Restorer*.

When you receive your renewal form, make sure you send it in as soon as possible. The cut-off to have your name included in the *2008 MAFCA Roster* is January 1, 2008. MAFCA would like to have the new *Roster* available early enough for those members who will be traveling to the National Convention in June. This joint meet of MAFCA and MARC, being held in Dallas, will draw lots of members traveling many miles. The *2008 MAFCA Roster* is as important to pack for the trip as spare parts and tools.

I am extremely pleased to see how many chapters take their Model A's to schools. It is not only a history lesson for the kids but it also gives them a chance to see the cars from that era, get interested in them and the Model A hobby. Recently the Cape Henry Model A Club and the Shade Tree A's spent quality time in school. Members of the Shade Tree A's were even dressed in era fashions for the students as they learned about the Depression Thirties.

The Minuteman Model A Club had an update on a young member, Matt Johnson age 15, as he works on his Model A Coupe. He has been working endlessly on the chassis and from the Model A Club of Long Island comes the youngest Model A enthusiast. Colin,

the three year old grandson of Roger Yackel, knows all the external parts of the Model A engine. He also knows parts under the car like the brake drums, exhaust, transmission and front axles. Perhaps Colin will be restoring a Model A by the time he's fifteen.

The cover of the newsletter of the Mohican Model A Ford Club, *Oddities* from the March 1933 Ford News, a publication of the Ford Motor Company, is a real attention grabber but what's inside was even better. The chapter President, DeVerne Breed is a youth counselor and one of the programs he will be doing is called *Motor Madness*. Boys and girls will be restoring an old vehicle. What a great idea for planting interest in our hobby.

Another interesting item that I recently found in the Southern Colorado A's newsletter touched me deeply. Members of the chapter make blankets for members who are sick. What a great way to let their members know, that when they are ill, they are in the thoughts and prayers of fellow chapter members.

The Henry's Lady Chapter from Oregon recently planted a tree in memory of a chapter member now deceased. It is such a wonderful gesture that deserved mentioning.

Various MAFCA chapters have been kept busy. MAFCA members, and especially their cars, were important parts of a movie entitled "Kings of the Evening." It is a depression era movie set in 1936. In fact, at the end of the movie the credits stated, "Cars provided by the Lone Star Model A Ford Club, Georgetown, Texas.

Happy Honker A's member, Betty Fessett, has written a great book entitled, "Oh Goodie, We're Gonna Shoot Betty." There are sixty plus short stories that capture the essence of her everyday life experiences. Not only is this book humorous, it has great cartoons illustrated her husband Tom, a noted artist. If you like to laugh you will love the book. I ordered the book, read it and enjoyed it. It's great.

The cover of the Sis-Q A's newsletter for May 2007 featured a great photo by member Linda Ellison. The chapter was on a tour driving in a remote county. Linda's picture was shot through the windshield. A great shot showing the fun the chapter was having on rural back roads on a wonderful spring day. It makes me want to go for a drive in our Model A.

The Model A Club of Arizona recently had an article entitled, "The Art of Automobile Driving by John Chapman Hilder and submitted by member Norma Reece. Originally the article appeared in the July 1920 Home Journal. In part it reads, "No one is more graceful or attractive to watch than a woman who has acquired 'form' in driving an automobile." It goes on to say, "The expert women driver, moreover, is not alone pleasant to see, but she gets more fun out of driving and better service out of her car then does the woman who drives in a slop shod bungling manner." How cool for the 20's.

That's it for now. I only wish I could share more interesting items found in chapter newsletters. Please feel free to keep in touch by e-mail at [sgrundie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgrundie@sbcglobal.net) or telephone me at 262-513-0447 (CST) evenings or weekends. Enjoy that Model A!

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