

MAFCA

CHAPTER COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTIONS



Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Garth Shreading and I will be serving as Chapter Coordinator for 2009. I joined MAFCA in 1997 after fulfilling a lifelong dream of owning a Model A Coupe. Soon after joining the national club, I realized the importance of finding a local chapter to experience all that a Model A has to offer. Since that time I have served as President and Vice President of two chapters, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Tour Director and chaired the Central California Jamboree. Now living in Southeast Texas, I've been able to meet, work with and fellowship with the greatest people on earth - **MODEL A FORD PEOPLE**. Together with my wife, Janet, I look forward to meeting and working with more of the Greatest People on Earth.

Speaking of introductions, let me introduce you to the 2009 Board of Directors. The following people will be serving as:

President - Brian Freestone

Vice President - Arlyn Bieber

Secretary - Les Andrews

Treasurer - Jerry Wilhelm

Technical Director - Dick Przywitowski

Chapter Coordinator - Garth Shreading

Publications Director - Terry Heselton

Advertising Director - Jill Sullins

Membership Director - Dave Jones

2008 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2008 MAFCA National Membership meeting has come and gone. If you were not able to make it out to Mesa, AZ you missed a great event hosted by the Model A Restorers Club of Arizona. They are to be

congratulated for being such wonderful hosts and offering so many fun activities.

At the Annual Meeting there were many key points and discussions raised throughout the meeting. Clearly, 2009 offers to be both rewarding and challenging for MAFCA. You can't turn a television on without hearing the dire predictions for our economy. This, too, has impacted MAFCA as Treasurer Jerry Wilhelm announced that 2009 will see challenges to the budget like we have never seen before. Already the board is looking at ways and taking steps to reduce spending and increase revenue. Terry Heselton, our Director of Membership (for 2008), announced that over the past few years our membership has been declining but now appears to have leveled off. In 2008 MAFCA had 306 chapters and a membership of 13,711.

While facing both budget problems and a declining membership it is important to emphasize that **MAFCA remains strong and viable, ready to meet the challenges ahead.** *This can and will be accomplished* with our many chapters, regions and special interest groups around the world. The Board of Directors is looking at 2009 as an opportunity to welcome new members and is taking these challenges head on. If you have an idea that will help reach new members please feel free to contact us.

If you have not heard, the insurance problems that faced us over the past couple of years are now behind us. In fact, we have been able to expand coverage to now include Directors and Officers Liability (D&O) and increase our General Liability coverage. With threats of lawsuits around every corner, this coverage should go a long way in bringing peace of mind to the local chapters. Hopefully those people hesitant to serve in the past

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because of legal concerns will be able to cultivate a new willingness to be involved in their local chapter.

Another idea discussed is bringing board meetings to different areas allowing attendance by those who don't normally get the opportunity to see how the process works. Hopefully this can encourage greater participation in MAFCA. If your chapter would like to host a board meeting let us know. If we can accommodate the request maybe we will be visiting your area.

WEB SITE CONTINUES IMPORTANCE



Rick Black, our Web- master, along with his wife, Dana, presented the Board with features of our current website and what the immediate future brings; to say the least it's exciting. Rick and Dana provide an outstanding service to MAFCA. With more and more of our services being handled over the computer the results are amazing. Did you know that you can both sign up for MAFCA and renew your membership online? Our new shopping cart offers a secure avenue to browse and purchase the many items offered. If you haven't taken a look do so at mafca.com.

COLORADO HOSTS JUNE BOARD MEETING

If you have never had the opportunity to participate in a Board Meeting this would be a good place to start. You are invited not only to the meeting but to a fantastic week of Model A Ford fun -- all for the same price of admission. The event will be held the week of June 14-19, 2009. The Colorado High Country Tour offers exciting activities, great tours, enjoyable people and cooler weather as well as the June Board of Directors Meeting. The event will be held at beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado and registration is now starting. For more information visit www.coloradohighcountrytour.com.

CHAPTER REGISTRATION

By now you should have received a Chapter Registration Form in. All chapters, regions and special interest groups are required to complete it and return it to MAFCA Headquarters. There is no cost and among the benefits are general liability insurance, D&O Insurance and a chapter copy of the Restorer Magazine. Be sure to list the chapter officers along with their MAFCA membership numbers. *We are also asking the chapters to help by completing a CHAPTER SURVEY and returning it with your registration. The information you provide will help the Board of Directors make future decisions.* Please return both to the home office by January 15, 2009.

SHARE AN IDEA

Think your chapter has come up with something new and unique? Why not share it with other chapters so they too can experience the fun. Send me an email and I'll be happy to pass it on.

The Model A Ford Club Bakersfield Chapter has a friend



named **Henry A. Bear** who loves to travel in Model A's. Henry has been everywhere from MAFCA Headquarters in California to New Zealand. If your chapter is going on a unique outing and would like to invite Henry along contact Sharon Davis at

modelagal@aol.com. You can follow Henry around the world at www.bakersfield-mafca.com/Henry-A-Bear.htm.

CONTACTING ME

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions and, yes, even complaints. I may be contacted at chapters@mafca.com.