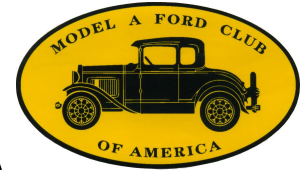


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CHAPTER COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER



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International Model A Day



Last year thousands of Model A's around the world took to the road on the First International Model A Day. This year's is scheduled for September 26. Each chapter is encouraged to involve themselves in this great opportunity. Why not use it to invite former or inactive chapter members or prospective new members?

Hitting the Highway

In the last issue, I mentioned that the Board of Directors was looking into moving the board meetings around the country to meet the members. On April 25 the Board met in Dallas, hosted by the Dallas Chapter.

In June, the Board of Directors will be meeting at the High Country Tour in Breckenridge, Colorado. If your chapter would like to host a Directors Meeting in your area, please let us know.

Annual Chapter Registrations

One of the benefits offered by MAFCA to its chapters is general liability and Directors & Officers Liability insurance. In order to insure that your chapter is protected, please make sure that your annual

chapter registration is current. If you have not sent your Chapter Registration in, I will be contacting you in the next few weeks.

Free Membership Program

As you may know, MAFCA is offering a year's free membership to Model A enthusiasts who are not MAFCA members. This program has been met with excitement throughout the world and so far has been very successful in introducing MAFCA to new members. But, there is some small confusion. This is being offered to people who have not been MAFCA members before. It is designed to encourage people interested in the Model A hobby to join our family. It is not meant to be used for renewals. The Board of Directors encourages the chapters to continue to provide these free applications to prospective members.

Exciting Plans for MAFCA

The Board of Directors is looking at ways to better serve the interests of our members. Currently we are working to establish annual national activities and events. Our Technical Director, Dick Przywitowski, and his wife Lois are working on the Million Mile Challenge. This activity will be open to all MAFCA members with a goal of jointly driving our cars 1,000,000 miles in a given year. Rewards will be given to those participating. Watch for future information on MAFCA's Web site and in The Restorer.

2010 International Convention

Exciting news keeps coming from the Lionsgate Chapter as they prepare to host the 2010 International Convention in beautiful Vancouver, B.C. They have recently renegotiated the hotel contract at reduced room rates. This, coupled with the exchange rate difference, may offer substantial savings for those traveling from the U.S. It is important to remember that a passport is now required to travel

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to Canada. Now is the time to start the paperwork for your passport, so don't delay. For more information on the 2010 International Convention, go to www.lionsgatemodelclub.com or contact Brian Carlson at seeburgjuke@shaw.ca

Helping Me to Help You

As Chapter Coordinator, part of my responsibilities is to keep the chapters, web masters and editors informed and up to date. We regularly use the web site as well as The Restorer to reach the membership. I am currently putting a data base of email addresses for the chapter presidents and editors of the newsletters and websites. If you have not received any emails from me, it's probably because I still don't have your email. Please shoot me an email listing your name, chapter, responsibility and email so that I can add it to the list. This list will be restricted and confidential and only available to MAFCA National home office and national directors in need of the information. Email me at chapters@mafca.com

Technically More Technical



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Recently we have heard from a number of members desiring to see more technical articles in The Restorer magazine. I am often amazed at the number of great articles that appear in chapter newsletters from around the world. If you write or run across an article and think is worthy of The Restorer, you are encouraged to contact Jim Morris, at publications@mafca.com.

Provide him with the author's contact information and, if able, others around the world may also benefit.

Heading to Waukesha, Wisconsin

Former Chapter Coordinator, Stephanie Grundman, assures me balmy weather for this year's Annual Membership Meeting being held December 2-5 in Waukesha. Not that I don't believe her, but I am planning on bringing a coat and you should, too, as we head out to meet our friends up north. This is hosted by the Great Lake A's. For more information, contact Gary Zehern at 414/764-0976.

In Need of a Few Good Men or Women

Have you ever thought what it would be like to serve on MAFCA's Board of Directors? Well, it's fun, challenging and rewarding. You meet and work with the greatest people on earth, your fellow Model A'ers. I have been asked a number of questions regarding serving on the board and thought you might be interested in some of the questions and responses.

1. How much time does it take? *There are 9 directors each serving a specific area of responsibility. Some take a number of hours per week while others may only take a few hours per month. Technical Director Dick Przywitowski has researched and answered around 300 questions in the latest 4 months, the majority of these by email. Obviously, Dick has one of the most demanding jobs.*
2. How much do Directors get paid? *The Directors work for free. They are reimbursed for the majority of their expenses but as so often happens there is some out of pocket expense. For example, reimbursement for board meetings includes travel and two nights' lodging. In an event like a National Convention where a Directors Meeting is held, the director would have to pay for all but two nights. There are some incidentals that are not normally paid such as travel to and from the airport and airport parking.*
3. What about the threats of lawsuits in our litigious society? *No doubt this has to be a concern for any person desiring to serve, whether it's at the chapter or national level. MAFCA has some protection being a corporation and as a non-profit corporation the protection is broader. MAFCA also provides substantial insurance protection for both chapter and national directors.*
4. Opinions are like belly buttons, everyone has one. Why is yours more valuable? *Everyone's opinion is valuable and most of the time there is no right or wrong but what's better. The Board of Directors work together, freely expressing thoughts and, hopefully, concluding with smart decisions. It is important for directors to keep an open mind and listen to others. Recently the Board made a policy decision, only to resend it two months later because we had not thought of all of the ramifications.*

If you are considering running for MAFCA's Board, I encourage you to contact Dave Jones at membership@mafca.com