

It is such a pleasure and honor to be back as a MAFCA director again serving as Chapter Coordinator. Thank you all for your votes, support and e-mails of congratulations. I will continue to serve in the best interests of all chapters and members during my term.

The **MAFCA 2010 Million Mile Challenge** runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The basic idea is if members can accumulate 1,000,000 driven miles in Model A's throughout this time period. This is not a competition between chapters or members but a challenge. MAFCA is asking chapters to keep the totals of miles driven for their members that are participating in this challenge. Each member that participates will receive a window decal noting that they participated in the MAFCA Million Mile Challenge. Perhaps some of you are reading this on line and don't belong to a local chapter. You can still participate by sending in your starting and ending mileage to the MAFCA office at [info@mafca.com](mailto:info@mafca.com).

2010 promises to be a busy year for MAFCA. Planning your summer vacation? Why not consider one or all of the events that is sponsored by MAFCA.

- MAFCA's First National Tour, which runs June 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, marks the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pony Express**. Teams will leave St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California meeting in Casper, Wyoming for a special celebration. The tour is structured so you have the choice of going all the way, part of the way or just for the day. Lead cars from both ends will be equipped with live GPS sending units and the teams will be able to be tracked via a unique Web site. Visitors will know where the lead cars are within five minutes. Watch the *Restorer* and [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) for more details.
- The **MAFCA 2010 International Convention** will be held in the beautiful city of Vancouver, Canada on August 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to get a taste for the city by watching the winter Olympics in February. The Grand Tour offers a full day of scenic driving as you head to Burnaby Village Museum. The museum recreates a 1920's village that would have been a tram stop on one of the interurban lines that serviced rural areas outside Vancouver during the Model A era. The Grouse Mountain Tour offers a ride on the Skyride, the largest aerial tramway with breathtaking views of 3,700 feet above Vancouver. There is information on the MAFCA website or the website of the host chapter at [www.lionsgatemodelclub.com](http://www.lionsgatemodelclub.com).
- Finally, in December the **MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting** will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Our hosts, Pike's Peak A's promises to give all attending an old fashioned Rocky Mountain High Christmas Party, with the host hotel located at the base of Pike's Peak. They have planned tours, events, seminars as well as a delicious banquet. It should be a great kick-off to the Christmas season

Perhaps you're interested in attending a rally. The Vintage Car Rally Association has organized the **Ruffneck Rally** April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I heard about this from J. D. Hanks and Mel Mallory from FS Ignitions in Ponca City, Oklahoma, which is the host city for the rally. Model A's are making a difference in 2010 as this rally benefits the fight against autism. For all the details, go to [www.vintagecarrally.com](http://www.vintagecarrally.com).

While we are on the subject of touring, I found an interesting article, in poem form for touring. It appears to have started with the *Cape Henry Model A Ford Club of Virginia Beach, VA* and this poem has made the rounds of various other chapters.

***Rules for Touring  
by Dick Eberle***

Now, these are some rules for touring;  
common sense most people would say,  
But they would be wise to observe them,  
when venturing out in their old Model A.

Is the air in the tires sufficient?  
Have the lug nuts been torqued down real tight?  
Did you measure the crankcase oil level?  
Did you check that tiny stoplight?

Is the radiator topped off with water?  
Do you carry a gallon for spare?  
Are your brakes tight and safely adjusted?  
Or do they need some additional care?

Have you had the flivver out lately?  
Does it seem to be running OK?  
A problem caught prior to leaving  
Can prevent a disastrous day.

Do you carry a cell phone with you?  
Power on; charged up and all?  
cause it ain't worth much tucked in your pocket  
with no way to give you a call.

When touring in line with the others,  
Are you careful to keep up your speed?  
Do you signal upcoming turns clearly,  
for the driver behind you to heed?

And while we speak of that fellow behind you  
Do you keep him clearly in sight?  
If he disappears from your review mirror,  
Slow down to determine his plight.

We're all in this tour together  
Our goal is to have some fun  
Be patient with those who have problems,  
You just might be the next one.

If everything's not to your liking  
Accept it and button your lip,  
If you think you can do the job better,  
by all means plan the next trip.

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Now that you have the touring rules and places to go, make sure you have MAFCA attire. There are a number of items my favorite is the new MAFCA zip up Hoodie Sweat Shirt. I also like the black Canvas Tote Bag. It holds all the essentials plus tour information, maps, snacks and even souvenirs. You can even order items directly from the MAFCA website.

Have you ever worried about driving your car wondering if other drivers will spot you in time? Colonial "A" News recently featured an article about reflective emblems that can be placed anywhere on your vehicle. They are offered from Visible Vintage Autos in Connecticut. Check out their website at [www.visiblevintageautos.com](http://www.visiblevintageautos.com). Safety is a major consideration so anything that improves visibility is a plus, especially when these decals provide visibility over one mile away. Be Seen...Be Safe.

On the subject of safety, don't forget to pack a fire extinguisher. Shade Tree A's member, Eric Shogren is a Safety Engineer with a national firm and wrote a wonderful article titled Fire Extinguishers and your Model A. It is a safety bulletin prepared for Model A'ers. It offers lots of information and the correct procedure when operating a fire extinguisher. Eric also lets users know *when* to use one and highly stresses safety. The article may be found on the chapter website at [www.shadetreeas.org](http://www.shadetreeas.org).

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