

MAFCA's Million Mile Challenge ended at the end of September. My local chapter had half of our members contributing miles for the challenge. I have found out 50% is better than average. MAFCA members reached one million miles by the end of August. What do you think, would it be a good idea to try to get even more participation next year and try for 2 million miles? Congratulations to all who members who helped to make the Million Mile Challenge a success. It was fun!

Don't forget to acknowledge one of your chapter members for the MAFCA Chapter Service Award. You can download the policy with form to nominate your deserving chapter member from our web site. You can find the information at: [http://www.mafca.com/policies/P2S05-I\\_Service\\_Award.pdf](http://www.mafca.com/policies/P2S05-I_Service_Award.pdf).

Have you returned you MAFCA membership renewal for another year? Your renewal can be mailed into the MAFCA office or you can pay by credit card on our web site in the MAFCA STORE. As a MAFCA member you are able to participate in national and regional events (such as the Million Mile Challenge and the MAFCA National Tour), have access to technical advice, enjoy the *Restorer* magazine and enjoy friendship with other members from around the country.

The Pikes Peak A's are hosting the MAFCA Membership Meeting December 8 to 11<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs. I hope to see many of you for the weekend. This event is my favorite event of the year and a great way to kick-off the holiday season. There are information and reservation forms at <http://pikespeakmodelaclub.org/resources/Registration.pdf>.

In reading many chapter newsletters throughout the year, I have found that a lot of chapters have had a Ladies Drive a Model A event to encourage the women in their chapter to enjoy driving Henry's Lady. I drive our Model A's and encourage all women to consider learning. It's not difficult and it's lots of fun.

Speaking of fun, it sounds like father and son Ken and Matt Davis have lots of fun. They took a special trip celebrating Matt's high school graduation in their Model A to Alaska. They even made a stop at the MAFCA National Convention in Vancouver. The Dallas Model A Ford Club ran a two-page article about their trip but I needed to see more so I went to their blog. If you would like to see photos and posts along the way, visit their blog at: <http://www.modelamaniac.blogspot.com>

I recently found out the membership total for MAFFI members and was amazed. In all of MAFCA (around 14,000 members) and MARC, there are only 650 members who have also decided to join and support MAFFI. The Model A Ford Foundation is instrumental in preserving the history of the Model A and the Model A era. Not only did the Model A make it possible for America to afford and enjoy owning and driving an automobile, it was also an interesting era in American history. I encourage members to support the history of our beloved Model A's by supporting MAFFI. The Model A Ford Museum will be built shortly. Join MAFFI and/or participate in fund raising projects to fund the museum. There is the raffle to win a 1930 Tudor as well as other projects in the works. The Model A was the working man's automobile, so lets all work to support MAFFI and The Model A Ford Museum.

The Beaver Chapter's recent newsletter featured an article from the *Ford Times* of September 1951 titled "Custom Conversions." It seems there was no access road to a beach used by commercial fisherman. In order to haul equipment, fisherman needed a car small enough to fit on a rowboat, because that was the only way to get across the Nestucca River. Two fishermen whittled a Model A down to the basic essentials. They narrowed the axles, shortened the frame until the little automobile fit snugly on the stern of a rowboat. It could then be used to carry equipment and also launching the boats and pulling them up above the high-water mark. The photographs were amazing.

In a recent issue of *Old Cars Weekly*, I read about a new automobile museum. The "American on Wheels Museum" is on the riverfront in Allentown, PA. The new transportation museum bills itself as "A Museum of Over the Road Transportation." This new museum is more than a car museum. There are all types of motorized and non-motorized wheeled transportation, from high-wheeled bicycles to classic cars, heavy trucks, electric vehicles and amore. There is a full-size Mack truck that kids can sit in and "drive" as they watch the road go by on a video screen dashboard. Vehicles range from Nadig (one of America's earliest automobiles) to a tiny late 1970's electric Citicar. The museum also has hand-on educational exhibits for kids making it a family experience. Visit their website at: <http://www.americaonwheels.org>

I would like to close with a poem I found in the Northwest Missouri newsletter. The poem was from Volume 1, issue 3 of **The Restorer**, Sept-Oct 1956.

With dirty jaw  
And knuckles raw,  
That's the home mechanic today –  
  
He'll fret and swear  
And pull his hair,  
He vows to junk that Model A –  
  
It keeps him broke  
And that's no joke,  
It takes installments on his pay –  
  
For little wife  
A lonely life,  
Just because of that Model A –  
  
But when it's done  
The battle's won,  
Then both can be heard to say –  
  
"Save us a seat  
At the Annual Meet;  
One for Ruth, one for Ray  
And one for the Model A!"

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