

Another month has gone by and I have more chapter news to share. Friend and MAFCA member **Doug Skinner** of South Carolina mailed me an article about the final resting place of Bailey Carpenter's barbershop. Doug introduced me to Bailey Carpenter a number of years ago. I even have a photo in my office of Doug getting his hair cut by Bailey Carpenter. Bailey was Richmond Hill's barber for well over 50 years. Why is his barbershop significant? Not only was the barbershop a major thread in the community but Henry Ford had his hair cut there. For the past year and a half since Bailey died, the Historical Society has worked to have the old barbershop moved to the grounds where the Richmond Hills Museum sits. It is their way of protecting the buildings in their area that represent the history of the people who came before them. For the entire story about Bailey, check out <http://www.richmondhillreflections.com/2010/09/the-final-resting-place-bailey-carpenters-barbershop> - it was an interesting story.

As I have mentioned in the past, I don't just skim the 100+ newsletters I receive each month, I read them...cover-to-cover. I don't want to miss anything. In a recent issue of the **San Francisco Bay Area's** newsletter, I found photos of interesting cars and tours but what interested me the most was the President's Message. The speakers at a recent social event spoke about the contribution the chapter has made over the years to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the SF Police Department and how appreciative the parents of the children and the police officers were. I am so proud of the MAFCA chapters when I read about all the good they do within their communities.

The front page of a recent **Napa Valley A's** newsletter had a bold heading "Fund Raiser for the Victims of the San Bruno Fire". The article told how the Marin A's worked hard to put on this event attended not only by the Napa Valley A's but also the Marin A's, Sonoma A's and San Francisco Bay Area chapters in the "shadow of San Quentin". They had lunch and a raffle that earned over \$1,000 for the victims of the fire. A chapter member, Marty presented five Model A watercolors for the raffle. This is another example of how great Model A'ers are.

The **George Washington Chapter's** newsletter included a paragraph about a family outing where there were a number of young children. The author took them for a short spin in his Model A Victoria and then asked some questions. There is the radio? Why is the gas tank not in the back? Where is the trunk? Where is the power jack for the iPod, etc? Later the author overheard one of the children telling a parent some of the car features. But what was most interesting was the fact that the windows rolled up using a crank.

Similar questions were asked by kindergarteners of Anna DeGraff. Anna volunteers in a kindergartner classroom and shared pictures of various Model A body styles. She then asked them to share their thoughts about the cars. Anna found it interesting that no one mentioned that they were old cars. They did ask questions like Does it go fast? What goes here (the running board)? Why do the tires have those white stripes? Where is the top, what happens when it rains, and how come it only has half a windshield? Perhaps one of these youngsters will own a Model A one day in the future.

**Colonial Virginia Model A Club** has a “Guess Who This Model A Member Is” picture in their latest newsletter. It is of Lily Wright who was recently selected for the Williamsburg Fife & Drum Corps and is a straight A student. Most important is that Lily is sitting behind the wheel of a Model A Ford.

Do you have a teenager in your neighborhood that likes your Model A? Perhaps you know a son or daughter of a friend or co-worker that shows some interest in your Model A. **Jim Gregory** of the **Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club** has a 14 year-old neighborhood kid named Joe who enjoys a ride in his Model A. Jim picked him up recently and reports that they had a great time. Joe was the official “recognition greeter”, responding to every “thumbs-up” or beep they got. Jim stated that “There is just not much that’s better than Model A windshield time shared with family and friends”. I wonder if there will be a Model A in Joe’s future.

**Shade Tree A’s** member **Tony Gazette** and his Model A are in the movie and trailer for “The Candy Shop”. The movie opened mid-November and you can see the movie trailer at [www.stopthecandyshop.com](http://www.stopthecandyshop.com) and see Tony and his car several times.

The **Western Carolina Model A Club** had a great time at the Spindale Hill Climb. It was a hill climb like you’ve never seen before. The pictures tell the story. Without the pictures, the article naming the winners and their times would make you think it was...well, a hill climb. However, Model A’s were used to get to the hill but the vehicle used to climb the hill was a motorized chair, similar to the ones I see at the assisted living facility where my mother lives. The winning time was 11.72 and the nearest competitor clocked in at 13.06. I liked Jeannine...she was in a class all her own. Her time was not available because it was getting dark and everyone had gone home and she was still trying to get up the hill. This is my idea of a good time.

Let’s now go to a speed a little faster. **Tom Martin**, president of **Southern Tier Model A’s** of New York, reported on a web story titled “The World’s Fastest Model A”. The story comes from Finland based Makela Auto Tuning Company restored a one-of-a-kind Model A. The elegant appearing Model A Ford can go from zero to 62 mph in 5 seconds and can attain a top speed of 124 mph. If you doubt it, as Tom did, you can go to the YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFSGSL3Nr4mc>. They restored the A to its original condition but installed a 250 HP, 2-0-liter, 4-cylinder power train from a Ford escort BDA Cosworth Group 4 Rally car.

I have a granddaughter that strikes a pose and puts on a big smile when someone brings out a camera. She can be such a ham, but Model A’s also enjoy the limelight. **George Pope** of the **Charter Oak A’s** reported on an event the chapter participated in. It was the 100 Year Celebration of the Three Rivers Kaweah Post Office. The celebration committee roped off the front of the parking area for the Model A’s. The Model A’s lined up and turned on their charm. The crowd attending the celebration took many pictures of the cars with the old Post Office building in the background. The Model A’s were the main focus of the celebration. The Model A’s enjoyed the attention while their drivers toured the Post Office and learned its history. Perhaps one of those admirers will get the Model A “bug”.

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