

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter – July 2004

by Stephanie Grundman, Chapter Coordinator

Welcome – MAFCA's newest chapters. It is a pleasure to welcome three new chapters to MAFCA. They are the *Lone Pine A's* from Oregon, the *Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club* from Texas and *Whidbey Island* from the state of Washington. Their charters were approved on July 13th at the Board of Directors meeting in Portland. Congratulations and welcome to MAFCA!

It's time for chapters to prepare your ad for participation in *Salute from the Chapters* as part of *The Restorer's* anniversary issue. Plan your business card sized congratulatory ad using your chapter's logo and contact information. Make your chapter part of MAFCA history by including your chapter in this special section. If you have not received this information, please let me know. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

MAFCA headquarters would like to know the 2004 membership count of their chapters. It will be interesting to see who has the largest and smallest chapter as well as the average chapter membership. Take a few moments and e-mail the office at info@mafca.com or you can contact me at sgrundie@execpc.com. If you prefer, telephone me at 262-513-0447 or headquarters at 562-697-2712 with your current membership count. I will announce the results in an upcoming *Chapter Coordinator Newsletter*.

Also, when your MAFCA dues renewal comes in the mail, be sure to check the appropriate box regarding the question of internet use. The Board of Directors will be looking into the website and what changes might be necessary. Knowing how many members use the internet would be extremely helpful in determining which direction the MAFCA website takes.

This is your last reminder to send in your 2004 Chapter Renewal Form. There are twenty-eight chapters that have not yet sent in the yearly form which lists chapter officers and verifies they are members of MAFCA. If you have not renewed for 2004, please do so as soon as possible.

It was an honor to personally award chapters their Longevity Awards in Portland and share in their achievement. Recently, I attended an event in the Illinois area where I was able to award two chapter longevity awards as well as member longevity awards. If your chapter has reached a milestone in longevity, perhaps arrangements can be made to present your certificate in person. Another option would be to present your certificate at the December *MAFCA Membership Meeting*. This annual event will be held in Augusta Georgia this year, hosted by the Shade Tree A's.

In a previous issue of *The Restorer*, I asked chapters to send in their newsletters for consideration for judging. I am very pleased with your response and am now receiving newsletters from 15 additional chapters. An important item in reading newsletters is seeing what other chapters do to encourage youth participation.

As Chapter Coordinator, it is extremely rewarding to see what chapters are doing for our youth. I recently talked to The *Mohican Model A Ford Club* after reading that they offer a youth membership at \$5 per year. This is a great incentive when a young adult is interested in our hobby but the parents are not. The *Orange County Model A Ford Club* has created a Scholarship for children and grandchildren of members within their own chapter. The *Ohio Valley Region MARC-MAFCA* has a Youth Coordinator as one of

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their director positions. They make visits to schools to show and talk about Model A's as another way to promote interest in the hobby.

Evergreen A's has a 12-year-old member. He enjoys seminars and participating in Hubley races. I was pleased to meet him in Portland at the National Convention. *Little Rhody Model A Club* has an 11 year old with her own membership. She actively participates in the chapter and serves as their videographer.

It was an honor meeting MAFCA's chapter presidents at the President's Reception in Portland. I enjoyed conversations with many of you and am pleased I can answer questions regarding your chapter. Reading newsletters from all over the country offers suggestions for tours. One chapter wanted ideas to boost participation within their chapter. I am currently sending them ideas that hopefully will be helpful.

The *MAFCA Youth Restoration Award* was presented to five youth at the National Convention in Portland. They each received \$1,100. Youth who are actively involved in the restoration of a Model A or AA Ford are eligible. It is important that MAFCA chapters pass along this information to qualifying children within their chapters.

You will be receiving information to include your chapter as a *sponsor* of the *MAFCA Youth Restoration Award*. This is a wonderful way to help our youth and the Model A Ford hobby. I encourage chapters to consider this option as our youth are our future.

It is rewarding to see MAFCA members contributing to the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund. Keep in mind that this fund is not run by MAFCA. It is made up of volunteers from the Victoria Association and is administered by the Scholarship Board of Directors. The form may be printed off the MAFCA website or contact Jill Sullins at jsullins@flash.net for complete information.

The Great American Race started on June 19th and ended on July 4th. MAFCA helped X-Cup teams participate in this year's race. You can check the website (www.greatrace.com) to meet the teams as well as see their results. The teams are car # 101, the Wildcats from Ponca City, Oklahoma and car #102, the Wa-Hi's from Walla Walla, Washington. It was a great experience for these young adults. Watch the Nov/Dec issue of the Restorer for a recap of their trip.

The question recently came up regarding Divisional Meets and Regional Meets. There is a difference. Divisional Meets are sponsored by MAFCA and must meet certain requirements outlined in the policy. Chapters can get together and organize a Regional Meet. It takes five chapters sending in their request to MAFCA to qualify as a region. Regional Meets do not have to meet the requirements of a Divisional Meet and in some cases it would be difficult to meet all the requirements. Chapters...get together and have fun with neighboring chapters. Form a region in your area and plan an event.

I am currently working on the issue of MAFCA's club liability insurance and what is and isn't covered. There are many issues that have recently come to light. The club vs. the individual, the liquor issue, chauffeuring (weddings, etc.), hosting a meet, insurance limits, etc. Watch *The Restorer's* Nov/Dec issue and your next Chapter Coordinator Newsletter for insurance information.

Enjoy Model A'ing and keep up the good work promoting our youth.