

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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This is also a good time to remind all chapter secretaries that if your chapter hasn't filled out and returned the *Chapter Registration Form*, please get that sent in as soon as possible. This is a very important task required each year. To maintain a MAFCA chapter in good standing, you must list your officers. The office staff then checks that all listed officers are also members of MAFCA. If you can't find the form, give me a call and I can forward one to you or contact MAFCA headquarters and ask them to send you a duplicate.

Webmaster, Rick Black, with the able assistance of Tony Sillman of Menomonee Falls Wisconsin, has recently produced an index of the files on the MAFCA Clip Art CD. The images can be viewed without opening each image separately. If a chapter would like to have an updated CD which includes the index, you can order one for a low price from the MAFCA office. New chapters will receive the updated CD with their New Chapter Packet.

Today's world is full of litigation unlike any other time in history. As questions regarding MAFCA's insurance arise they are checked out and addressed. That usually brings out another question, "What if?????" In an upcoming issue of *The Restorer*, I will be attempting to answer more of your insurance questions in order to help clarify MAFCA's coverage as well as those areas of exception.

Please encourage younger Model A enthusiasts to sign up for the wonderful newsletter *A-World*. It is written for the youth of our club, our kids and grandkids from beginning readers to teenagers. My two children will soon be giving me two grandbabies within two weeks of each other. I can hardly wait to be able to sign them up for *A-World*. There are articles on the Model A history, fashions, technical information, X-cup and Great Race news, cartoons, quizzes and other interesting articles. *A-World* is sent FREE, courtesy of MAFCA, to youths in grades 1-12. Bigger people can subscribe for \$10 per year. If you haven't already asked for a subscription for your little ones, just contact MAFCA headquarters and give them the youngster's name, age, school year (if you know it) and address. Perhaps your children or grandchild will share their copy with you.

Recently, I talked with a wonderful gentleman from the UP of Michigan. My home state of Wisconsin is a neighboring state to Michigan. During our conversation we talked about Model A's and events in our areas. He told me about his Model A that he uses for snow removal and promised me a photo. Then I mentioned the lack of MAFCA chapters in the state of Michigan. It wasn't long before the question arose as to how to form a chapter. That same evening I put together a packet of information and dropped it in the mail the next day. Hopefully, you will see a new chapter approved from Michigan in the near future. That's what this hobby is all about. My local chapter is planning a joint event with another Wisconsin chapter from northern Wisconsin in August. If a new chapter is formed in upper Michigan, I plan on inviting them to this event. That's what this hobby is all about. We enjoy our cars, make new friends and share memories that can last a lifetime.

When a new MAFCA chapter is formed, their chapter longevity also begins. This chapter has tours, attends car shows, and other events and before long they have reached a milestone in chapter longevity with MAFCA. A number of chapters will be receiving *Chapter Longevity*

Awards this year for 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years as a MAFCA Chapter. Last year awards were presented by me or one of the other MAFCA directors to a great many of the chapters receiving a *Chapter Longevity Award* at a local or regional meet and at the National Convention in Portland. Please, if your chapter is scheduled to receive a *Chapter Longevity Award* this year, let me know. I would love to present the award in person to your chapter representative. I will be at the Pikes Peak Regional Meet in Colorado Springs in June or can make arrangements with chapters in my area to present your award. Directors in other areas will also be delighted to present your award at an event in your area.

I fortunately have the privilege of reading lots of newsletters with interesting articles about Model A's and Model A'ers, along with many other automobile publications. A recent article in *Old Cars Weekly* featured Clyde "Ross" Morgan and his sculpture of a 1931 Ford Model A Coupe. You might remember that the *Directors' Literary Award* was awarded to Ross for his article that appeared in *The Restorer's* Sept/Oct 2004 issue. There are stories about Model A's in many publications. Carl Syburg who belongs to my local chapter, Great Lake A's, submitted an article he found in one of his fishing magazines, *North American Fisherman*. The article relates the story from back in 1947 when a Monster sturgeon was caught in the Snake River in Idaho. The fisherman hoisted the 10 _ foot fish onto the back of his Model A Coupe. The photo included with the article is amazing. There are as many stories about Model A's as there are Model A'ers, probably many more. They are amusing, touching and always interesting. Our Model A hobby has been making memories for almost 50 years and with the encouragement of our youth, it will be around for another 50 years.

Chapters, please let the youth know that there is still time to apply for a *Youth Scholarship*. However, time is quickly running out. The 2005 scholarships will be awarded at the Regional Meet in Colorado Springs, June 12-16, 2005. Check out the information provided on the MAFCA website (www.mafca.com) soon so deserving youth do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

The *MAFCA Youth Restoration Award* will not be awarded until the 2006 National Convention in Mansfield, MA but please remind the young members in your chapter who are restoring a Model A to apply for this award. Your young members are eligible to apply for both awards as long as they meet the requirements for each award. There are currently ten (10) sponsor chapters of the *Youth Restoration Award* and ten (10) more chapters will be accepted. To get information on this sponsorship please again check out the MAFCA website (www.mafca.com), contact Charlie Viosca by e-mail at CJVIOSCA@AOL.COM or write to Charlie at his home address.

If I can help you in anyway, feel free to contact me by e-mail at sgrundie@execpc.com or telephone me at 262-513-0447 (CST) evenings or weekends. I enjoy hearing from you...and I love the Model A hobby!

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