

**Welcome MAFCA's newest Chapter  
Superior A's of Michigan's Upper Peninsula**

In the organization stages, Don Gaffney is organizing a special interest group tentatively known as *A's Down on the Farm*. The group is looking for charter members interested in the formation of this group dedicated to Model A based tractors and other farm or rural implements. Welcomed also is anyone with an interest in the ingenious ways A's have been harnessed and put to work. This includes power units for generators or pulleys, air compressors, etc. Interested? Contact Don by e-mail at [dgaffney@mac.com](mailto:dgaffney@mac.com) or by phone at 724-843-4691.

***It's Service Award time!*** The purpose of the MAFCA Service Award is to provide national recognition to those Model A'ers who have demonstrated service within their Chapters, Special Interest Groups and Regional Groups. Service, not just for a year but continued service to their chapter and the Model A hobby. It is the willingness of members to go the extra mile as they volunteer and help the enjoyment of Model A'ing within their chapter that MAFCA developed the Service Award.

The MAFCA website ([www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)), has the file with all the information as well as the nominations form. If you would rather have a hard copy of the form, just let me know and I will mail one to you.

The *Nominations Form* needs to be submitted in writing, signed by at least three members (including one Officer) of the Chapter, Special Interest Group, or Region and sent to MAFCA, 250 South Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631. After receiving the form, I'll make sure the nominee meets all the requirements, which includes that the nominee be a member of MAFCA, before the nomination papers can be approved. The year is quickly coming to an end so get your nominations papers submitted quickly.

There is a wonderful way to serve not only your chapter but also MAFCA and the entire hobby. Work with the younger members of your chapter. One way is by working with a team for the Great Race. If five X-Cup teams are not entered for the 2006 Great Race, the X-Cup Division will be discontinued. The past two years there have only been three teams entered, two that have driven Model A's. If your chapter wants more information, give me a call and I'll put you in touch with those individuals that can answer all your questions.

There was an interesting article in one of the many newsletters that I read each month. In May of this year, there was an annual car show (the 19<sup>th</sup>) that is put on by the Auto Shop students of Montgomery High School in San Diego. Nine Model A's attended from MAFCA of San Diego. That is a perfect example of a young adult who could be interested in a Model A that he saw at their car show. Would a local high school in your area be interested in sponsoring just such an event? Check it out. It could lead to something good. Perhaps in the future that same high school would sponsor an X-Cup car for the Great Race. *The future of the Model A hobby is made by many little steps.*

The youth are extremely important to the Model A hobby. If *you* get their interest when they're young, the Model A hobby will last for a lifetime. There is a thirteen-year-old girl in my local chapter who helps her dad work on their Model A and contributes to the newsletter. She is already hooked for life. There could be a young adult in a local high school, a friend's child or grandchild that likes your Model A. Give them a ride, teach them some basics and go from there.

Insurance issues are an ongoing issue and MAFCA is continuing to look into many specific areas pertaining to coverage provided. As members, remember that **each member must maintain adequate Personal Auto liability and Physical Damage Coverage on all their Model A's** (it's the law in most states). Understand that MAFCA's insurance does not cover anything and everything that might happen and that reimbursement will be made only for losses covered when MAFCA is legally at fault.

I have talked to numerous insurance carriers regarding personal auto insurance coverage, group coverage and special event coverage at various activities. There are some members and chapters that engage in activities that are not insured by MAFCA's insurance and in most cases not your personal auto insurance. Chapters must be cautious not to sponsor such activities. If MAFCA members want to organize such activities it should be understood that it is on your own. Also, special event coverage for some activities does not always give coverage you might think. Ask questions and check into each scenario before you pay for something that does not give you the coverage and piece of mind you expect.

A question that arises every once in awhile to the Technical Chairman has to do with how many Model As are still on the road today. This is a question, which probably cannot be answered except by educated, or uneducated, guessing. Most local chapters list cars in their local roster, but even then there are cars that are not listed for various reasons. MAFFI is working on just such a project. Once the format is set up, they will begin accepting engine numbers and enough information that Model A's will be able to tell where their unit came from or went to.

An survey by each chapter to poll their members for the total number of "complete" Model As they own (restored, part restored, un-restored, but complete cars) would be a start. Then there will be an established "cars per member" value for every chapter that responds. By tabulating the results of this (and of course, all chapters won't respond), we can do some extrapolation based on the sample. We can estimate the number of complete cars owned by MAFCA members that belong to chapters.

That would only be the beginning. If our response is good, perhaps through MARC, *The Restorer* and *MARC News* we could get the message to most of the MAFCA and MARC members, with or without Chapter affiliation. Sounds like a long-term project, but with an outcome that would be pretty interesting to Model A fans.

So chapters...start your survey of members. Send your results to Chuck Christensen at [Chuck95ret@aol.com](mailto:Chuck95ret@aol.com) or me at [sgrundie@execpc.com](mailto:sgrundie@execpc.com). The results could be interesting.

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