## Welcome MAFCA"A newest Chapter Argonaut A's of Jackson, CA

It's amazing how fast the years seem to fly by. My first term as a MAFCA director is already over. I'm very gratefully for all the members of MAFCA who have chosen to reward me with another two-year term to represent MAFCA as a director. I'm extremely thankful for your support and honored to have the opportunity to serve another two years.

Although I spent quite a lot of time reading newsletters from MAFCA chapters, I do also find time to read for pleasure. Ordering books on-line, my favorite site not only remembers who I am, but also remembers other books I have ordered and suggests other books that I might enjoy. There is a new book written about Henry Ford titled *The People's Tycoon* by Steven Watts. It is an excellent book...so far. As of this writing, I am about half way through the book and find it difficult to put down. I would recommend the book as a "must read."

Hopefully, many of you have *The Legendary Model A Ford* by Peter Winnewisser. This is a book that is not tucked away on a bookshelf but is close at hand and picked up often. What I didn't know until May of this year is that Peter is one of the founders of a MAFCA chapter, The Mohican Model A Ford Club and is editor of their newsletter. He also is a columnist for *Old Cars Weekly*. The column he writes is titled *Watching the Fords Go By*. Peter not only writes about Model A's, he is part of the hobby and owns and drives a Model A.

Hot off the presses is the second edition of *The Legendary Model A Ford*. The second edition features 200 new color photos and an additional chapter of Model A memories and updated information. It is hardbound and ready for shipment. It arrived just in time to give to my husband as a New Year's gift.

Chapters were sent Chapter Registration Forms for 2006 and many chapters have already submitted them to the office. The registration form is required in order to keep MAFCA's records up to date and your chapter in good standing. **There is one thing to remember:** there must be five MAFCA members listed on the Registration Form but they cannot be from the same family (Example: husband and wife).

Membership renewals in MAFCA are also due. Please note that we are asking that chapters encourage all their members to also be members of MAFCA. This is to comply with insurance company requirements. MAFCA would also like to have a copy of each chapter's 2006 Roster (when complied) for their records.

Chapters are busy organizing their activities for 2006. My local chapter already has a full calendar of activities in the planning stages. MAFCA's Webmaster Rick Black is in the process of updating the 2006 Calendar of Activities on the website. He is requesting that chapters send in any activities to be listed. Many A'ers like to start planning their summer schedule. I have four weeks of vacation and five personal days that I can use to attend as many events as possible. It's never too early to plan. In fact, MAFCA's National Convention in Mansfield, MA is fast approaching and I have my plans already finalized.

As if I have asked chapters to do enough by submitting your Registration Form and Calendar of Events, I have another task. MAFCA's website's main **Chapters** page www.mafca.com/chapters.html has a link at the bottom of the page to a form where each Chapter's representative can submit changes. Look for the Logo NEW:



Below the logo you will see: <u>CLICK HERE</u> to update your chapter information. This is an easy and convenient way to update your chapter's information. One step will send the information to the Webmaster who will forward to MAFCA headquarters and Restorer Editor Jim Spawn.

Who likes to drive their Model A? Another question is "Where can I drive my Model A? Archie Cress has come up with a wonderful idea. He has suggested that MAFCA develop a Historical Highway Touring Award. The object is to encourage chapters and their members to travel the historic highways that were in use when the Model A Ford was in its prime. Examples are roads like Route 66 and the Lincoln Highway that go cross-country, as well as state and regional roads in numerous areas. If you have a historic highway that goes through your area and would be interested in helping MAFCA with this project, contact a MAFCA director.

How much do you love your Model A? An interesting website was brought to MAFCA's attention. It is <a href="www.zazzle.com">www.zazzle.com</a>. I checked it out and enjoyed the many options available. In this site, you can design and print out a postage stamp with your Model A on it. They cost more than the normal stamp but can be fun. I wouldn't use it to pay my energy bill, but it would be great to promote the Model A hobby...or a great vanity item. Thanks to Mike Ryan for passing this information on.

MAFCA recently received a request for help. A museum exhibit will be featuring a dealership from the mid 1900's. The location of the dealership was Crowley, LA and James "Scotty" Boggs originally owned it. Perhaps there is a MAFCA member that can help in this research project. If anyone in your chapter lived in Louisiana or has relatives in this area and knows of this dealership, contact Chuck Christenson, Technical Director or me.

Welcome to the year 2006 and another wonderful year of Model A'ing.

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