

## Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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*Welcome, Kings River Model A's of Kingsburg, California, the newest MAFCA Chapter.*

Chapters continue to impress me, both new and established chapters. I recently received correspondence from a chapter that recently celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary. **The New Hampshire Lakes Region** sent me a newspaper article from their area and copies of their chapter newsletter from the past year. It was an extremely detailed article about the chapter, their members and the Model A. The newsletters were both informative and entertaining. I can see why their chapter has grown from 8 core members to 39 memberships reflecting a total of 74 participating members. As Chapter Coordinator, I am so proud of their success. Some members will be attending the National Convention in Mansfield and I can hardly wait to meet them.

**The Model A Restorers Club of Arizona's** newsletter, *The Desert A* is an outstanding publication and their members are equally outstanding. In December of 2004 they started a Model A Youth Scholarship Chili Dinner. It was the idea of a dedicated member. Since then the member passed away and their members unanimously decided to carry on the tradition for him and name this event in his honor, *The Fred Laurita Memorial Model A Youth Scholarship Chili Dinner*. The newsletter's account of this event was touching, expressing the feelings of their membership.

There are many great chapters, doing great things with outstanding newsletters. I wish I could mention them all but space doesn't allow me that luxury. One other chapter I would like to mention is **The Mohican Model A Ford Club**. A recent newsletter had a feature on their *Youth Program*. It's the program's three years it has provided assistance to three young people. The Youth Committee is currently working on the best plan to administer funds receiving from the sale of a 1931 Model A Coupe, left to the chapter by a member to fund a college or technical school scholarship.

Any MAFCA member may request a subscription to *A World* for any school age (1-12) children, grandchildren, neighbor's children or other school youth interested in Model A's. If you are a member of MAFCA and know of a youngster that is interested in your Model A, even if his/her parents are not, consider signing them up for *A World*. This could perhaps be a new MAFCA member a few years down the road. **Chapters might want to consider offering membership to their local chapter and/or MAFCA to these students when they reach driving or college age to keep them in the hobby, hopefully for a lifetime.**

2006 is the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Race. The race starts June 24<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia and arrives in San Rafael, California on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The race has room for ten high school X-Cup teams. There are currently four teams and three other possible entries. Even if there is not a team from your area, plan to follow the teams at [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com). You can meet the teams and follow their progress daily. The route is given and you can visit the team if they stop near your location. I had the honor of visiting the team last year and am hoping to again this year.

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 MAFCA director George Sage who will be working with Archie on this new project.

**Does your chapter have a MAFCA representative?** There is a wide variety of information sent to chapters throughout the year such as The Restorer, Presidents Pins, Highlights from Board of Director meetings, Chapter Coordinator Newsletters, a Roster and more. These items are sent to the chapter address as listed on the yearly Registration Form. Having a MAFCA representative would insure that these items are not just placed in chapter records but shared with the entire membership. Consider making a representative part of one of the director positions or an appointed position.

There have recently been a number of inquiries concerning **Insurance** coverage for chapters. MAFCA will be continuing insurance coverage through J. C. Taylor that will continue to include the one million dollar umbrella. Chapters will be notified of any changes that arise. This is General Liability Insurance coverage for events and it continues to be the responsibility of members to provide their own automobile insurance.

The February 2006 issue of a British publication titled *Octane* features a Buying Guide for a Model A Ford. It is written across 4 pages. Barnes and Nobel carry this publication and I found it to be very interesting and very well done. If anyone was not able to find the magazine in their area, I would be happy to copy the pages and send them to you.

Did you know that Hemming's offers services to chapters? Chapters can list their chapter and contact information at [www.hemmings.com](http://www.hemmings.com). Non-MAFCA members looking for a local chapter can search the site for Ford, Model A, and State and come up with a list of chapters to find one nearest to them. What a neat idea. Why not add your chapter to their chapter list?

Editor, **Jim Spawn** has produced *Restorer Guidelines* for articles and pictures submitted for publication. Please take a look at these guidelines to help insure your articles and pictures can be used for publication. They are on the MAFCA website making them available whenever you need to refer to them.

Chapters were sent *Chapter Registration Forms* for 2006 and there have been many chapters that have already submitted the completed forms to the office. The Registration Form is required in order to keep MAFCA's records up to date and your chapter in good standing. Continue to send in your forms but **there is one important item 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).

Recently, I sent a letter to chapters reaching a milestone year of longevity with MAFCA in 2006. There have been a number of responses from chapters that will have representatives attending the MAFCA National Convention in Mansfield. It will be my honor to present their longevity certificates at the convention.

MAFCA members from around the world will be attending the Convention. I am looking forward to meeting many of you there.

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