

The **2006 MAFCA Roster** is now available from the headquarters office in La Habra, CA. I couldn't be without this handy tool while touring near or far from home. It's also valuable to have the address and phone number of your fellow A'ers all over the world to contact. As in 2004, the Roster includes an alphabetical listing of all MAFCA members by State. There is also a cross-reference section so if you are on the road you can easily find a member if you need help by what city you are near. Other items that are now available are the **Fashion Facts Book**, **How to Restorer Your Model A Volume 7**, and a hardcopy of the **Restorer Index** for those not wanting to download the entire indexes themselves. Keep these items in mind when you are looking for great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers.

Nominations for the **MAFCA Service Award** are due. This award provides national recognition to individuals within Chapters, Special Interest Groups and Regional Groups who have demonstrated a continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby. Check out the criteria and requirements, and if you have a member in your chapter you would like to nominate, send me your paperwork no later than November 1st for recognition for 2006.

Did you know there is a website www.TakeAKidtoACarShow.com? I didn't, but thanks to Jim Timbers, President of River Cities Model A Ford Club in Georgia, I do now. In his monthly newsletter column he wrote, "Those hands stay small for such a short time. Now's the time to lead a child down a path that could expand into a lifetime of Model A enjoyment. Going to a car show is a history lesson, a social event and story time all wrapped up in one! Show a child your appreciation for old cars. Your passion for collector cars today may even nurture a shared interest for years to come...when those little hands are now as big as your own."

Jim has a wonderful idea. It's not just your own child or grandchild you can share your appreciation of old cars. Is there a kid in your neighborhood, from your church or a child of a friend who likes your Model A? Take him to a car show. Sign him up for *A World*. Perhaps some day he may grow up to be a talented restorer, a member of MAFCA and you will be able to watch the development of that young, wide-eyed interest in the hobby you have enjoyed for years. Why not find a car show in your area this weekend and **take a kid to a car show?**

The MAFCA insurance policy is a mandated policy, which means the policy cannot be changed in any way. This does not mean that MAFCA doesn't want to protect its chapters and members in high liability areas. MAFCA and J. T. Taylor both want to encourage **safety** measures in high liability areas. As the underwriters are currently looking into the amount of MAFCA members, chapters and events covered under the current policy, it is beneficial to avoid high-risk events or acquire additional insurance for these events in order to keep both the insurance premiums and dues reasonable.

One area that MAFCA is currently working on is updating its book of car games. The current book is being revised; taking out risky games or games where the driver's vision is impaired. Does your chapter have a game to share? MAFCA is finding that there are numerous games to be enjoyed that are safer. Contact Les Andrews at lesmoda@jps.net if you have a game you would like to share.

I'm already looking forward to December (not the cold and snow of the Midwest) but the Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas. Our hosts have a wonderful weekend planned in a fabulous city. I hope to see many of you there. It is such a delight talking to members from different areas of the country as well as putting faces to those names I have corresponded with via phone, letter or e-mail.

One member that I'd like to share with you is **Alex Costenuch** of Alliston, Ontario. Through our correspondence, I feel exceptionally close to Alex. He is a wonderful man who has been making hand-made teddy bears for sixty years. He developed the pattern, uses a double locked stitch that can keep your *one-of-a-kind* bear with you for 100 years. Each bear is unique and is truly an heirloom to be handed down within your family. As Alex says, "Nothing satisfies like a bear hug". Many MAFCA members have interesting talents and hobbies, which makes us all special and unique. I am honored to be able to meet many interesting members throughout MAFCA.

I will be notifying *Newsletter Award* winners by mid-October. Those that will be receiving plaques or certificates will have plenty of time to make arrangements to have their award presented to them at the Annual Membership Meeting in Las Vegas. Feedback following the newsletter seminar at the National Convention was to have a meeting in order for editors to brain storm techniques. What better way to learn new things and get ideas than from each other? Any editors attending the Annual Membership Meeting who would like to take the opportunity to meet for this purpose, please let me know and I will make the arrangements. Also, chapters can continue to request the handouts from the Newsletter Seminar held at the MAFCA National Convention by sending me a quick note via mail or e-mail or give me a phone call.

Chapter Registration Forms for 2007 will be mailed at the end of December. Please watch for this form to be delivered to your chapter's mailing address. MAFCA requires this form to be updated each year to keep your chapter in good standing and mailing records current. Also, keep in mind that as a chapter of MAFCA, you are required to hold at least one Membership Meeting each year, complete with minutes recorded from that meeting and kept on file within your chapter. This is a requirement stated in the MAFCA by-laws and required to continue as a "chapter in good standing".

That's it for now. Please feel free to keep in touch by e-mail at sgrundie@sbcglobal.net or telephone me at 262-513-0447 (CST) evenings or weekends. Enjoy that Model A!

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