

Chapter Registration Forms for 2007 have now been mailed and 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."

I found out recently that the Great Race will not be offering the X-Cup Division this year. This news came as a surprise, which caused disappointment to those teams who have enjoyed the experience. However, J. D. Hanks found an alternative. The **Vintage Car Rally** has agreed to offer a division, called the Tin Cup Division, for high school / youth group / vo-tech teams, with adult team captains. Drivers must be of legal age to operate a motor vehicle in any state, and both driver and navigator must be under age 24. The rally is a cloverleaf style, time-speed-distance rally for cars manufactured 1948 and before. The host hotel is the Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing, MO, and parking every night is inside a secure parking garage. This is a great opportunity for teams to continue to enjoy navigation and driving in a rally event and also offers the opportunity to more teams, as the expenses are now more affordable. Check out their website at <http://www.vintagecarrally.com> and watch for information from MAFCA on grants to qualifying teams. I recently read in the Chapter News from **Auburn A's** that a local high school's Auto Shop students have acquired a flatbed AA truck. Do I see another Tin Cup team in the future?

With MAFCA's youth a top priority, I am always pleased to read of local chapters offering scholarships. **Humboldt Bay A's** is offering a scholarship to a senior from a Humboldt County High School who intends to enroll in an automotive technical school. The **Sagebrush Chapter** recently offering a scholarship at their local Western Nevada Community College to encourage and support young people going into the automotive field. These are great ways to support our young people with automotive interests.

MAFCA recently received a request for plans for the construction of a Hubley track. For those chapters who have built your own track...how about sharing your project with other chapters who are interested in building one? Send your plans to MAFCA's webmaster Rick Black at webmaster@mafca.com and Rick will post the plans on the website for all those interested in constructing a Hubley Track.

MAFCA has always had an unwritten rule regarding the privacy of members' personal information. However, MAFCA established a Privacy Policy in 2005 to formally safeguard members' personal information. MAFCA does not disclose or sell any personal information obtained from any of its members to any other member or third party. Some MAFCA chapters have received solicitations from credit card companies who are offering chapters business credit cards. MAFCA wants all the chapters to know that your information has been kept completely confidential. These solicitations come from many sources. If your chapter is listed or linked from sites such as Hemmings, Old

Cars Weekly, or numerous other similar sites that offer listings of antique and collector car groups, you could have received these type of solicitations. MAFCA recommends you tear up the information and do not respond to these types of solicitations.

MAFCA is currently compiling an updated book of car games. If your chapter has a game that is enjoyed, please send photos or sketches along with directions on how the game is run to the MAFCA office. Games of interest should be car related (with or without the use of a Model A) and having low liability. MAFCA is looking for fun games for all to enjoy and without the possibility of injury to participants.

In **Rogue Valley A's** Manifold News, I read an interesting article. It was about a recording made in Florida, probably distributed to local radio stations by Lefty Nicks titled *Model A Ford Blues*. This is an extremely rare recording by an unknown artist. A copy showed up on E-bay and went for \$153.81. One of their members found a website with the lyrics. Press the little speaker button at the following link: <http://rcs.law.emory.edu/rcs/comps/b/bar908.htm>. It is a very interesting and fun article.

I recently had the honor to present a number of awards at the National Meeting in Las Vegas. Afterward, I had a conversation with a member of **Tokay A's**. I learned that their editors, husband and wife team **Lance and Char Selkirk**, have an amazing story of determination. Char, whose vision makes her legally blind, proofreads the newsletter using a large magnifying lens projected on the TV. The Grapevine is an award winning newsletter and I can see why.

Appearing in the **San Fernando Valley's** newsletter recently was a picture of an 8-passenger Classic Model A Ford Stretch Limo. This limo is available from Stardust Cruises Limo Service. Check out <http://www.stardustcruises.com> and link on Model A.

Reading all the newsletters submitted to MAFCA from chapters offers so many interesting articles. In the past couple of months, I have read of *A Promise Kept*, a heartwarming story about a chapter that worked together to help a member keep his promise to his father. I also read an *Exciting Model A Story* written by Jacob Knapp, age 15 about his Grandpa and a number of other helpers who helped him get a Model A back on the road again. Then there was the story *870 Miles: Just Father and Son* written by John Knox recounting their trip. The final line is: Remember. "They don't break if you don't drive them!" And, that wouldn't be any fun! Another story is *T.H.E. Someday Tour* about 21 Model A's and 6 modern cars with a total of 48 people and their adventures. Great reading! There was also a story about a *1931 Ford Model A Double Door Delivery*, a truck that was owned by the same company, Economy Plumbing, used as a service truck, retired, restored and used for an advertising display for the same company. It's a great story about Henry's *Working Lady*. I wish these stories could be shared and read by all of you.

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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