

Greetings from sunny San Diego!! Let me introduce myself. I am Arlyn Bieber, your 2008 Chapter Coordinator. This is the beginning of my third year on the MAFCA Board of Directors. This is also my 45th year as a MAFCA member. I joined MAFCA in 1963 right after I acquired a 1930 roadster and needed restoration information. I found help by reading *The Restorer* and talking with members of the local Chapter. I worked for a major petroleum company and during my 33-year career, our family moved 9 times. With each move we became active members of the local Model A Chapter. Through the years our interest grew as we attended Regional and National meets with the members of these Chapters, our Model A family. I have seen many changes take place in our hobby. The one thing that has not changed is my love for the Model A Ford and great appreciation for all the friendships gained through the years making our experience memorable in so many ways.

ANNOUNCEMENT – MAFCA will soon have a “**Shopping Cart**” on our website www.mafca.com. When purchasing MAFCA merchandise such as shirts, caps, books etc. as well as renewing your membership, you will feel confident when using your credit card on this “**secure**” website. Watch for the launch soon.

Last November, Chapters were sent Chapter Registration Forms for 2008 and many Chapters have returned them to the MAFCA office. The registration form is required EACH year in order to keep MAFCA’s records up to date and your Chapter in good standing. All information must be completed profiling five MAFCA members on the Registration Form. Any form with fewer than five will be returned. If you haven’t returned your completed Chapter Registration Form, please do so ASAP.

We encourage your Chapter newsletter editor to email your newsletter to chapters@mafca.com or mail a copy to the MAFCA office. Posted on www.mafca.com are guidelines and suggestions to help the Chapter newsletter editors make their publications better looking and more interesting. The link to those guidelines can be found on the [Chapter Page](#) - then click on CHAPTER AIDS.

Running For The MAFCA Board – This is the time to start seriously thinking about running for the 2009 MAFCA Board of Directors. We need candidates who enjoy meeting people, are natural leaders, enjoy making new friends, and want to give something back to the MAFCA organization. If you have the ability and enthusiasm to help the MAFCA Board continue to build a better and stronger organization, please toss your hat in the ring. Check out the MAFCA website at www.mafca.com if you have questions about running for the Board. Click on MAFCA Info, then “Running for the Board, then Frequently Asked Questions. If you are still not ready to run for the Board this term, perhaps there is someone in your Chapter who would make an excellent candidate. If so, please encourage them to run, or send me their name and I will make a contact. This year there are five positions open. To be a nominee for the two-year term on the Board, complete the nomination form available on the MAFCA website or the nomination form printed in the March/April issue of *The Restorer*.

Have you seen an issue of A-World? This is a wonderful newsletter for our younger Model A enthusiasts. Do you know what ..- --- .- .-.. means? That is FORD in Morse code. It is explained in the Nov/Dec 2007 issue of A-World. Editors Archie Cress and Frank Rosin do a wonderful job creating this newsletter for our Model A youth's enjoyment. My grandkids really love reading each issue. There is also something for the adults. The Nov Dec issue has a very unusual picture of AA Trucks being assembled on an English assembly line. When is the last time you saw a double A truck with fender lights? This is a great picture, one that I have not seen in my 45 years of Model Aing. The best thing about this newsletter is, it's FREE. This is not a typo; you can check our MAFCA Web site for details. Sign up and receive a free subscription for your children, grandkids or great-grandkids. This is the best deal you will ever find!!

What is on the schedule for your Chapter the week of June 22?? Hopefully you are making plans to attend the Greatest Model A Show on Earth!! Yes, I'm talking about the 3rd MARC/MAFCA World Model A Ford Meet in Addison, Texas, hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club. This should be the biggest Meet ever! With both National Model A Clubs attending and the location being in the middle of the country, there should be more Model As assembled in one place than ever before except when they rolled off the assembly line when new. You know the reputation of Texas; everything is always bigger in Texas, and from what I have heard this will be the "Granddaddy" of all Model A Conventions. I hope your Chapter is planning to tour to this big event. If touring is out of the question, plan to drive your modern or fly the airways. Addison is only 17 miles from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. If you haven't attended a National Convention before, you are in for a real treat. You will have the opportunity to see just about every Model A body style assembled and you will see hundreds, yes hundreds, of Model As on tour!! Also, if you want to see Model A Fashions, Addison is the place to be. You will see people dressed to the "nines" in 1928-1931 fashions!!! You will see fashions that will knock your eyes out!!! How about the new fashion category "Model A Era Image"? This is your opportunity to buy new fashions that project the Model A Era look and compete in Fashion Judging. I've only scratched the surface of events planned. All the details and registration form is available in your January/February issue of *The Restorer* or check out www.mafca.com for general information – don't miss the Video Preview. Bottom line, make your reservations now, don't miss this chance of a lifetime, people will be talking about this Convention for years to come!!!

See you in Addison!

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