

## Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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Please share the following information at your next Chapter meeting and/or print highlights of this information in your next Chapter newsletter:

The September/October issue of *The Restorer* will be arriving soon. When it arrives, **remember to retain the papers found inside the polybag.** These papers are the **MAFCA Membership Renewal** and the **Board of Directors election material.** There are 8 people running for 5 vacancies for the Board of Directors. Please take the time to read about each candidate and vote for the people of your choice. It is very important that you exercise your right to vote! This is your chance to have a voice in selecting members for your Board of Directors. Don't put these items in a stack of "to be handled later" -- I've done this and then I seem to forget about it. Instead, mark both of your ballots (there are two ballots per membership), include payment with your membership renewal, insert all in the envelope provided and mail right away. Thank you.

Is everyone in your chapter a member of MAFCA? If not, please encourage members to join the national organization. There are many reasons for members to have both membership in their local chapter and the national. There are many benefits of joining – such as receiving *The Restorer* magazine, voting privileges, and being able to attend the national events. I encourage all chapter officers to have MAFCA applications available at chapter meetings as well as provide information in your chapter newsletter and on your chapter website.

I've just returned home after attending the Northwest Regional Model A Meet in Medford, Oregon. Wow, what a fantastic week of events including Model A related games, Model A and fashion judging, seminars, Hubley races, jet boat ride, and topped off with a great Grand Tour and Awards Banquet! My guess is there were well over 200 Model A's driving the streets of Medford. The Chapters that host these Regional Meets go to a lot of work to present a quality program and it is my hope that each member that is within driving distance will take advantage of the opportunity to attend. Take a look at the MAFCA Calendar in *The Restorer* or on the MAFCA website for a listing of similar events planned for your area. Then make plans for your chapter members to tour together to attend.

I also hope to see many of you at the **2008 Annual MAFCA Membership Meeting** hosted by the Model A Restorers Club of Arizona, **December 3-6** in Mesa, Arizona. All details and the registration form are in the July/August issue of *The Restorer*.

Fall is here and that means a trip to the Hershey Swap Meet for Model A enthusiasts. Plan to stop by the MAFCA tent (look for the MAFCA balloon at space RCH 8-12) to chat and view the new items for purchase.

The new **Model A Ford Paint & Finish Guide 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition - Revised** is now available and is a must for every Model A owner. This new book is a big improvement from the old Revision 2. There are 18 NEW factory or original vehicle photos, more paint colors, illustrations etc. The color chips are much more realistic than in the past. For example, if you want to know what the color Madras Carbuncle looks like, that chip is in this book. You can take this book to your

automotive paint store, show them a color chip and they should be able to match their paint to the chip. Be sure to view the chips and paint in direct sunlight when making a comparison.

The first 10 years of *The Restorer* is now available on DVD. That's right, all the articles and pictures of those first 10 years are on this DVD plus an index so you can look up a particular subject. And for those interested in Model A Era jewelry, there is a new DVD produced by Sandy Patterson.

MAFCA is offering a secure **Shopping Cart** feature on the MAFCA website that makes it easier and more efficient to order all MAFCA items (perfect for birthdays and holiday presents), join MAFCA, and even pay your membership renewal using a VISA or MasterCard. The **SHOP** button on the left of the screen on the MAFCA Home Page, [www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com), can access this feature.

While you're on the website, click on CHAPTERS and view the criteria for the **MAFCA Service Award**. This is a way for your chapter to honor an outstanding MAFCA member of your chapter who gives long-term, continuing and selfless service to others in the Model A hobby, by sharing of information and knowledge, along with a willingness to volunteer and help perpetuate the enjoyment of Model A'ing for others.

Also, under Chapter Aids, a new **"Sparking Guide"** written to "spark the interest" of MAFCA members to get involved with Model A era fashions.

**Chapter websites** are being judged for awards during September and October. It's not too late, if you act immediately, to have your website entered in this competition – all it takes is a request sent by email to [chapters@mafca.com](mailto:chapters@mafca.com).

It's a pleasure to read all the chapter newsletters I receive each month. I'm especially enjoying the articles from the 37 chapters celebrating their 2008 Chapter Longevity Award. Events such as picnics, a swim party, and many beautifully decorated cakes are related. There are four chapters celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Model A Club of Bakersfield, CA celebrated with BBQ'd hot dogs and potluck dinner (not a Model A event without food). For dessert Sharon Davis decorated a beautiful and delicious cake and they also made homemade ice cream. The Evergreen Chapter of WA celebrated on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. They created a special anniversary patch and compiled a booklet of memories of the past 50 years. The Wisconsin Chapter President acknowledged receipt of the award and was honored to present it to their membership. The Model A Ford Club of New Jersey celebrated with a turnout of 35 Model As and food consisting of barbecue ribs, pizza, burgers, dogs, brats with beans, and salads of all types. Dessert was a "Congratulation on 50 years" Birthday cake. One of their members even volunteered to run their 100<sup>th</sup> Club anniversary, now that is planning ahead!!!

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