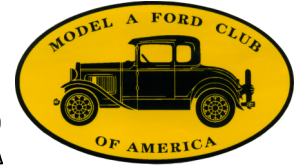


# MAFCA

## CHAPTER COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER



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### Directors Hit the Road

Last month I mentioned that the Board of Directors was looking into moving the board meetings around the country. At the director's meeting held January 31, it was decided to move the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to the Dallas area. This will be followed up with the June Meeting in Colorado to coincide with the Mile High Tour.

Hopefully this will permit more participation by members unable to attend meetings that are normally held in La Habra. Those wishing to attend, check our web site for updated information as to the time and location.

Additionally, in order to allow greater participation at a reduced cost, the board is looking at replacing some meetings with web based meetings. While the logistics are yet to be worked out, meetings such as these can create greater opportunity and participation, all at a lesser expense.

### Annual Chapter Requirements

As of the end of January, almost 100 chapters still have not returned their annual registration. All chapters are required to annually fill out and return their chapter registration. At least five directors must be listed, all being MAFCA members and from five different families. Each person's membership number must be included, which can be found on the address label of the Restorer Magazine or on the annual membership card.

Please, if your chapter has not returned the registration form, do so at once.

[Print the Chapter Registration Form](#)

### Keeping Costs To a Minimum

With today's economy affecting virtually everything and everyone, both MAFCA and chapters need to look at ways of reducing costs. MAFCA's Board of Directors is asking for your help by some simple tasks. First, instead of mailing your newsletter to the home office, we are requesting that you email them in a PDF format to [chapters@mafca.com](mailto:chapters@mafca.com). PDF is a simple and cost-effective way of sending the entire document via the web. There are a number of free PDF programs available on the web. Two that are reported to work well are DoPDF and CutePDF. They can be found and down loaded at [www.dopdf.com/download.php](http://www.dopdf.com/download.php)

or

[www.cutepdf.com/products/cutepdf/writer.asp](http://www.cutepdf.com/products/cutepdf/writer.asp).

After installing either one, to create a PDF, you open your document (newsletter) in whatever program it was written and select "print" (just as if you were going to print it). In the list of available printers, you will now have a new printer option, either CutePDF or DoPDF (which-ever PDF program you chose). When you select that as printer, a dialog box will open asking what you want to name the new file and where you want to file it. After filing it, you may simply email your newsletter as an attachment.

Many chapters are asking their membership to forego printing and mailing the newsletter, receiving it through the internet instead. I've even heard one chapter is considering reduced membership fees to members who choose the web instead of the postal system.

### **Keeping Costs to a Minimum (continued)**

From this point forward, the Chapter Coordinator Newsletter will no longer be mailed but will be posted on the web site. Again, this is to keep operating costs to a minimum. Chapters are still encouraged to include the Chapter Coordinator Newsletter in their newsletters.

### **Your Help Requested**

Over the last few years we have seen our membership drop by around 2,000 members. As we prepare the 2010 budget, we are faced with some difficult choices, all the while wanting to provide the local chapters the best quality services and programs in the car club world. Hearing from chapters around the country, the board felt it necessary to provide Directors and Officers Insurance to the local chapters. The threat of law suits can be daunting. This benefit goes a long way to insure that individuals serving at the local level can have some peace of mind. Another highlight of this benefit is the fact that no chapter membership fees are charged to the local chapters.

However, the Board of Directors, after much deliberation, is asking each chapter to *voluntarily* donate to MAFCA at least \$50 to help defray the cost of this insurance. Please understand this is completely voluntary.

### **International Model A Day**



What a great opportunity to get thousands of Model A's on the road for the world to see. This year's

International Model A Day is scheduled for September 26.

Each chapter should plan an activity. What an opportunity to invite Model A owners not belonging

to a local chapter into yours. You might also team up with a neighboring chapter.

### **Certificate of Insurance**

Jerry Wilhelm, MAFCA Treasurer, reported that some chapters requesting Certificates of Insurance are not utilizing or filling out the form completely. It is important to understand that all requests must be made on the form provided and it must be filled out completely. Failing to do so may cause a delay in receiving the certificate in the timeframe needed. These forms are required in order to adequately answer the insurance company's questions and insure that the requested coverage is in place.

The explanation, instructions and application form may be found and downloaded at [www.mafca.com/policies/P2S03\\_Insurance.pdf](http://www.mafca.com/policies/P2S03_Insurance.pdf).

### **The Gift of Membership**

MAFCA is offering one year free membership to people who are not members of MAFCA. Your chapter should have already received ten "special" applications last fall. If for some reason you did not receive them or would like additional ones, please contact the home office. It is important to note these are not for renewing existing membership; it is an effort to bring MAFCA to new members around the world.

### **Article of the Month**

As Chapter Coordinator, I have the privilege of reading over 100 newsletters each month. To say that I am encouraged by the talent in the local chapters would be an understatement. Beginning in March, I would like to publish on the web one of the articles I found to be most interesting or helpful. So keep an eye out. Who knows, maybe you'll find your article up for all to read and enjoy. GS.

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