

Chapter Coordinator Newsletter – February 2010

The **MAFCA 2010 Million Mile Challenge** is well underway...at least for those warm climates. Wisconsin has snow and cold temperatures. The program runs from January 1st to September 30th. MAFCA is asking chapters to keep the totals of miles driven for their members that are participating in this challenge. Each member and each Model A that participates will receive a window decal noting they participated in the MAFCA Million Mile Challenge. Perhaps some of you are reading this from the MAFCA website but are not members of a local chapter. You can still participate by sending in your starting and ending mileage to millionmiles@mafca.com. Chapters can also send in their chapter mileage each month to the same e-mail address. Remember, it is better to drive your Model A than leave it in a garage. Let's make this a Model A Driving Year.

Wisconsin's cold and snowy weather makes me anxious for summer and MAFCA's first national tour, which runs June 19th to 27th, marks the **150th Anniversary of the Pony Express**. Teams will leave St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California meeting in Casper, Wyoming for a special celebration. The tour is structured so you have the choice of going all the way, part of the way or just for the day. Watch *The Restorer* and www.mafca.com for more details and register for this unique event and join in the fun with other Model A'ers.

The **MAFCA 2010 International Convention** in Vancouver, Canada August 1st to 6th is loaded with exciting activities. I have visited websites checking some of the sites that I will see. I have never been in Vancouver, which looks beautiful. I can hardly wait. There is information on the MAFCA website or the website of the host chapter at www.lionsgatemodelclub.com. My plans are made and I am anxiously waiting for August.

Make sure someone in your chapter checks out the MAFCA website regularly and click the WHATS NEW button. Webmaster, Rick Black lets members know when new items have been posted such as the Highlights from Board of Director meetings, Chapter Coordinator Newsletter as well as other important notices. The site index is also a good place to track down those areas you are looking for. Feel free to contact the MAFCA webmaster at webmaster@mafca.com if you have any questions navigating the site. Chapters might want to check out their chapter's information and have it updated as necessary. Send updates to the webmaster at the same e-mail address as above.

Another good idea for chapters that change their mailing address each year when new officers are elected is to have a post office box. In that way, when MAFCA sends items to chapters, the material is getting to the right location.

One month of the New Year has already slipped by. Amazing how quickly time passes. Please take the time to make sure that your Chapter Registration form has been sent back as well as your personal MAFCA membership renewal. Chapters could also encourage their members to join MAFCA if they are not already members. One question that comes up from time-to-time is "What does MAFCA do for me?" Everyone knows that the award winning *Restorer* magazine is included with MAFCA membership. There are other advantages as well. Members can contact the technical director with restoration

questions. MAFCA has obtained a 10% discount with Motel 6 and Brass Works for its members and is working to get other suppliers to do the same.

The new MAFCA Roster will be out soon. MAFCA is selling the Roster to members at a cost of \$10 when the cost to produce is \$16. As a MAFCA Chapter, D & O insurance is provided for chapter directors and officers. In the past, chapters were asked to contribute to the cost of this insurance. This year, MAFCA will be absorbing the cost for its chapters. MAFCA chapter membership also includes General Liability Insurance for chapter events. As MAFCA members you also have the opportunity to attend national events, such as the National Tour and National Convention coming up this summer.

A World is the creation of two MAFCA members and former school teachers, **Archie Cress** and **Frank Rosin** from Washington State. This newsletter is published 4 times a year and is written for school age children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Any MAFCA member may request subscriptions for grandchildren, children, neighbor's children or other school youth interested in Model A's. At the present time the subscription is free. If you were receiving A-World and it has stopped, you may have to re-register. Cards were placed inside a recent issue and if they were not returned your subscription stopped. There is information at www.mafca.com or www.aworld.org.

Speaking of young people, I have noticed in reading newsletters from MAFCA chapters that young people are interested in our beloved Model A's. The Model A Ford Club of New Jersey received an e-mail from an 18 year old looking to join their chapter and has a 1930 Model A Ford. Young people come from everywhere. Model A's on the road are seen and enjoyed by young and old alike. Plan a day at a local school. Palmetto A's will be going to a local orphanage to not only show their cars but to perhaps get a young person interested in antique cars. These are kids with no parents, grandparents or direction. Something like this could change the life of an interested young person.

Late last year, Old Cars Weekly had an article that talked about the Minuteman Model A Ford Club that actively support involving young people in the hobby. They currently have three young members in their teens and early twenties who are actively involved. The Model A Ford Club of Great Britain had a photo shoot with young people performing in a production of a local drama group. They also feel that youngsters can take an interest in older cars from many sources.

Keep in mind that there is the Model A Youth Restoration Award Program designed to help young people in the restoration of a Model A Ford. The Grant amount awarded to each applicant is determined by the amount of money in the Restoration Award bank account (divided equally among all the applicants). This includes items donated by the participating Model A Ford vendors. It is presented bi-yearly at the MAFCA National Convention.

There is also the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund program. Get young members in your chapter interested. The fund is there to help the youth. All scholarship winners receive \$1,000 every year for up to four years upon submission of satisfactory grade requirements. Information is available for both the Restoration and Scholarship programs at www.mafca.com.

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