

## Chapter Coordinator Newsletter

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Each chapter was sent their yearly Chapter Registration Form. Please ask the chapter member who picks up the chapter mail to watch for this important form. Please return your form ASAP to the MAFCA office. If you misplaced your form, you can download it from the MAFCA website or contact the office for another form. There is no fee involved to register. However, MAFCA does require this form to update chapter officers and the chapter mailing address annually.

I hope to see many of you on the MAFCA National tour will be on the Natchez Trace Parkway April 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This should be a great adventure. This is a great road to enjoy in a Model A. It is a two-lane, tree lined, 50 mph road with no stoplights or signs in the 430 miles. No street rods or speedsters are allowed, so you will just enjoy a relaxing ride in your Model A. Check out [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) for details and registration forms.

If your chapter is trying to save money on publications costs, don't forget you can e-mail your newsletter to [chapters@mafca.com](mailto:chapters@mafca.com) to save printing and postage costs. However, if you e-mail a copy, there is no need to also send a hardcopy to the MAFCA office as they just mail them to me. That not only costs your chapter money but the MAFCA office too as they have to forward them from California to Wisconsin.

I wanted to share something with you about my local chapter. Great Lake A's is not interested in having a large treasury...just a lot of fun with our Model A's and members. Our members are more like family and everyone knows each other. Unfortunately, some of our friends have been struggling during this tough economy. For that reason, it was decided to support our members who have supported the chapter throughout the years. For that reason no chapter dues were collected for 2011. Perhaps some other chapters can look into this philosophy as a way of not only retaining existing members, but encouraging new members.

The A-World editors Archie Cress and Frank Rosin recently stepped down as editors. With the recent passing of Archie, Frank was no longer able to do the newsletter alone. MAFCA has named a new editor, Sherry Winkinhofer of the NW Missouri Model A Club. Please be patient; A-World subscribers will see a newsletter in a few months and then on the regular quarterly basis.

I read many interesting things in chapter newsletters. The Desert A's of Arizona have an annual event – a Scholarship Fun Raiser. They have a Chili Dinner and Dessert. This year, donations and raffle proceeds contributed \$400 that was passed on to the MAFCA Scholarship Fund. Congratulations.

Appearing in the December issue of the Screenland A's newsletter was a wonderful advertisement from *Ford News*, May 1931. The ad pictured a Model A Radio Cruiser Police Car that, along with three other Model A's, had been equipped with Sparton radios manufactured by Sparks-Withington Company of Jackson, Michigan. The three Model A's were also *specialty* equipped with a high compression head and a high speed engine, easily capable of speeds over eighty miles per hour, as well as shatterproof glass throughout, police radio receiving sets, a dome light over the seat next to the driver, regulation police siren, stop lights, loudspeaker, search lights, a Thompson machine gun,

rifle, sawed-off shotgun, riot gun, tear gas bombs, hand grenades, bullet-proof screen and “other essentials”. Those Model A’s were really equipped! Wouldn’t this be a car you would like to find? Screenland A’s also participated in a Classic Car Show to benefit the Culver City High School Boosters Club. I hope these young adults remember the Model A’s and perhaps think about having one in their future.

There was an article in a recent Volcano A’s newsletter by John Durr and his first experience with a Model A. His love started at age 14, which was the same time my husband got his Model A pickup. The short of the story says how his father sold the Model A, which he wasn’t happy about, and since then he has wanted another Tudor. Well, he got one and his whole family likes the car. He mentioned that there were six boys under thirteen and John in the Model A going to church and he didn’t understand why his wife drove her car. It had to be a tight fit, but all I can see are six future Model A enthusiasts.

I love to see the charitable giving that many chapters participate in. Each year, the Queen City Chapter fills shoeboxes with items for kids. One of my local television stations has had Santa taking phone calls during the evening newscast. When I hear kids asking for lots of items and high ticket items, I wonder if they will ever realize all those who are thankful for the items filled in a shoebox...small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, school supplies, toothbrushes, combs, socks, etc. Queen City also supports Ronald McDonald House, A Child’s Place (for homeless children) along with the Christmas Shoe Box. Their November Meeting 50/50 money was donated to A Child’s Place in order to purchase wash cloths, towels and soap. These actions show the true meaning of Christmas.

For many years the Wichita A’s has a Charity Auction for their November club meeting. Admission to the auction is a donation of food which is collected and donated to the Kansas Food Bank. Members bring items to see and others bid on them. When the auction is over, members total up the amount of their winnings, the money is collected and the member designates the charity of their choice. The three charities are Operation Holiday, Share the Season and Wichita Children’s Home. It is a fun and entertaining social event that benefits local charities. It is win-win event.

The Western Australia Model A Club recently featured a copy of a local newspaper. The headline read, “Fords Top Model Rated “A”. That was great writing. The chapter was on their annual Wildflower Run. The article included photos of the cars lined up along the street in town and a wonderful story about the Model A and the Western Australia chapter.

For all those currently restoring or planning on restoring a Model A, the new Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards revisions are being published shortly and will soon be ready for sale. This publication will be filled with lots of photographs and information you need throughout the restoration process. Watch for this in the MAFCA Store soon.

I have one more tidbit to share with you. When working on my laptop one evening, I had the country music network on the television. I enjoy listening to the music and occasionally catching a video. A new video and song was announced by a group called Little Big Town called "Kiss Good-by." I looked up as the video started to see a 1930

Model A Pickup in a field. For that reason alone, the song should be a hit.

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