

Chapter Registration Forms are coming into MAFCA headquarters. 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 so they can update chapter officers and your chapter mailing address.

The winner of the raffle to support the Model A Ford Museum is quickly approaching. The drawing will be July 1st. If you haven't already purchased a ticket, check out their website at www.maffi.org to obtain tickets before it is too late. Even if you are not the lucky winner, you are supporting the building of the museum. While you're there, check out other ways you can donate to the museum.

After two years of work, the Pattern Project is now on the MAFCA website. Eddie Jones collected original era patterns. She loaned many of them out and MAFCA members made outfits from them. In 2008, MAFCA purchased the collection. Chairperson of the project, Helen Christensen and her team from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter worked hard to complete this project. Copies of these patterns can now be ordered from MAFCA. You will receive a full size, ready-to-use pattern printed on modern paper, which is more durable than the original. Why not consider enjoying a Model A Era fashion. Check out <http://www.mafca.com/patterns/patterns.html> to see these wonderful patterns.

Revision 3 of the Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards will be available April 30th. This revision has been anticipated for some time and is well worth the wait. A task worth doing is worth doing right and Model A'ers won't be disappointed. MAFCA is taking pre-orders in the MAFCA Store. Chapters can also benefit from placing a group order. Any chapter that orders five or more copies sent to the same address will have shipping paid by MAFCA for orders within the United States. This offer expires May 30th, so get your chapter group order submitted before it's too late.

My husband likes to check out the Model A of the Day on the MAFCA website. Have you checked out the Members Tip Page? There are member written technical articles to check out that can help in your restoration or in the general maintenance of your Model A. There are many informative articles to choose from. Check it out.

Have you poked around the MAFCA web site to see that it offers? A newer addition to the MAFCA website is Member Stories. Most MAFCA members have a story about how they acquired their Model A, or perhaps a memorable trip. I have read many stories, some tidbits I have shared in this column that MAFCA members should consider submitting to Webmaster, Rick Black. There is also an In Memory page that is a tribute to MAFCA's significant others that have brought much to our hobby.

A popular page is the Photo Gallery. If you are a MAFCA member, send in a photo to webmaster@mafca.com and it will be published. Whether your photo shows your car in its original condition, an in-process restoration, or a restored car, your Model A friends are interested in seeing it! Include a paragraph or two describing the picture, and make sure you mention your name, Membership Number, address, and the year and model of the car. It is a great way to pass some time as once you look at one you end up looking at many.

The Era Fashions Page is full of articles submitted bi-monthly by the Era Fashions Committee. It is wonderful for editors to use in their publications. You might also want to check out the Videos Page for some interesting videos to enjoy and the Advertisers Page for companies that support MAFCA and the Model A hobby. The MAFCA website has so much to offer. Spend some time on this wonderful website. I think it is the best!

Colonial A's Youth Program recently took them to a local school to share their knowledge of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company assembly line that changed the world and our Model A's. Chapter members shared an in-class presentation and then moved outside with the class. The students were studying the Industrial Age, Henry Ford and the assembly line. Perhaps one of these sixth graders will be a future Model A owner.

Palmetto A's member Tom Mack had a wonderful article in the chapter newsletter. It starts in 1966 when his father was bitten by the Model A bug. When Tom was fourteen years old his father taught him the technique of driving and shifting a Model A, lessons he remembers to this day as well as the love of driving A's. Tom relates to readers about the restoration of an award winning Model A, the sale of the car, the continuing history of the A's owners and how Tom was able to bring this Black Beauty back home. I hope Tom considers submitting this story to the MAFCA website so everyone can enjoy the entire story.

A new member of the **Tulsa Model A Ford Club** also had a great story to share. He officially acquired ownership of a 1929 Model A Ford last July. However, their Model A Ford has been in their family since Henry Ford originally built it. It seems that great-grandfather at age 77 purchased the new Model A. He obtained a book on how to drive an automobile and after an afternoon in the field around Missouri, decided he didn't want to drive and never drove the Model A again. It ended up in a garage with chicken roosting on it until the 1970s. An uncle acquired it and restored it and now Virginia and Ollie are the third family owners of the Model A. They have the original title and have named the car Addie after Virginia's great-grandmother.

It pleases me to see younger members interested in our hobby. I am very proud of a young member in my local chapter **Great Lake A's**. I recently placed an ad in our local newsletter for Kendall. She earns extra funds for school by getting members cars ready for spring. I hope by mentioning her from time to time it will encourage other young girls to also take an active part in their local chapters. Kendall serves as a board member, runs tours and drives and maintains Model A's. It's not just for the guys.

I hope many of you reading this are planning to be on the MAFCA 2011 National Tour. The 444 mile stretch along the Natchez Trail from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi should be a memorable trip. Spring will be sprung and it should also be a beautiful trip for Model A's and their owners.

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