



Do you know that Ford Motor Company has kicked off the spring season for its popular *Drive One 4 UR School* program, which raises millions of dollars for high schools nationwide? The program is Ford's most successful test-drive initiative ever executed. Ford offers test-drives for 12 vehicles that lead their sales segments in fuel economy, including four vehicles that get 40 mpg or more. Ford gets to showcase their fuel-efficient vehicles while at the same time helping school raise money for valuable programs and activities that might otherwise be eliminated.

Whatever happened to the Great Race? The Great Race has had a couple new owners and hit hard times. This year the Great Race has a new owner, Coker Tire Company. They have revived the race and it is now called "Coker Tires presents the Hemmings Motor News Great Race". Under the leadership of Corky Coker, the Great Race is ready to start a new chapter with the 2011 event. It will travel from Coker Tire Company Headquarters in Chattanooga, TN (June 11th) to the Hemmings Motor News headquarters in Bennington, VT (June 17). Over 1,000 miles of driving will take participants through the Appalachian Mountains and into the beautiful Green Mountain National Forest of Vermont. For more information, go to www.greTRACE.com.

The **Santa Maria Model A Ford Club** recently held its 1st Annual Tech Day at the Allan Hancock College Automotive Department. Model A's completed a safety inspection with the assistance of the Automotive Department staff. Santa Maria 2010 Scholarship winners hosted lunch. This seems like a great partnership...Model A's and a college automotive class of auto enthusiasts.

I am pleased that a local high school once again won an auto competition in the 2011 Wisconsin Technicians of Tomorrow competition. They will now be competing in the National Automotive Technology competition at New York City's prestigious International Auto Show in April. It is great to see high school students involved in the auto industry. They win college scholarships and prizes.

Adirondack A's successful Youth Program introduces school age kids to antique cars. It is their way of sparking interest in kids normally wrapped up in video games and computers and introducing them to the antique car hobby. Their first project was a selection of 15 boys and girls between the ages of 12 through 16 that built a 1930 Ford wood-bodied Huckster. They are now putting together a project plan for the 2012 season. They are talking about building a Model A Speedster.

The **Queen City Model A Club** introduced their youngest new member in their recent newsletter. Matthew Gore recently joined their chapter, sponsored by his grandfather and club member Eric Peterson. Last year, Matthew and his classmates were studying transportation. At that same time, he was invited to make a Family Day presentation depicting something about his family. He introduced his classmates to "Mildred", his grandfather's 1929 Model A. It looks like Matthew has a good start in the Model A hobby.

Paradise Valley recently went to the movies. Black Model A Fordor Sedans were called out to help in a movie of J. Edgar Hoover. Chapter members **Tom Spurlin** and **Glen Steward** answered the call and found themselves in front of the Pico House Hotel across from Union Station in Los Angeles. Some days later, the Model A's were used again in a chase scene in Santa Clarita and again in a cemetery in Los Angeles for another shoot. All together they were in five different shoots. The film will be out sometime in 2012.

MAFCA's **Bakersfield Chapter** recently ran an article titled "The Confession of an Addict". It was very enjoyable. Member Del Alspaw admits to being a Model A Addict. In started in January of 2010 when he became the proud owner of a 1929 Tudor sedan. As with any addiction, once to start it is easy to get hooked and Del is no exception. He now has a 1929 Standard Coupe. He blames his friends for getting him involved. Del also admits that he doesn't see any recovery from the high he feels when working on or driving these great cars. Del also has a 5-year-old son that is showing signs of being hooked too.

In a recent Chapter Chatter, I mentioned a video that featured a Model A. I received an e-mail that I would like to share with everyone. **Roger Graham** of the **Wichita A's** sent me a link to a Merle Haggard song that features a Model A. It's great. Check out the song at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2IIMLgB_Sg. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

Don't forget to check out the Pattern Project, now on the MAFCA web site. You too can get hooked on Model A Era fashions. To see these wonderful patterns, check out the following page at <http://www.mafca.com/patterns/patterns.html>.

April 30th is the date when Revision 3 of the *Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards* will be available. 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.

The MAFCA National Awards Banquet will be hosted by the **Sonoma A's** November 30th to December 4th. I'm anxious to visit this beautiful area. It is not far from the San Francisco area but we haven't ventured there. We will be visiting towering Redwoods, sampling Dungeness Crab, visiting Luther Burbank's Home and gardens, and much more. The hotel is in Santa Rosa's historic Railroad Square, which has been featured in several films. I hope many of you plan on attending.

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 are not the lucky winner, you are supporting the building of the museum. You may also want to check out other ways you can donate to the museum.

Twenty-seven MAFCA chapters are reaching longevity this year, including seven that have reached 50 years as a chapter of MAFCA. Congratulations to all these chapters. These chapters represent long-term support of our great hobby and the members have continued the tradition of maintaining the history of the Model A Ford. MAFCA looks forward to many more years of their continued participation.

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