

Chapters will be receiving their yearly Chapter Registration Form in November. Please have the member who receives the chapter mail watch for this important letter from MAFCA. Annual Chapter registration enables MAFCA to have up-to-date Chapter information. This will provide accurate Chapter membership counts for the liability insurance provided by MAFCA, help in communications to the Chapters, and provide accurate information for potential Chapter members.

Your Chapter will be considered inactive if registration for the current year has not been received by September 1st and will not receive any of the benefits of being a MAFCA Chapter. Each chapter must be currently registered to be eligible for insurance provided by MAFCA's insurance carrier. If your chapter becomes inactive, you will need to submit an Annual MAFCA Chapter Registration Renewal Form within 2 years of inactive status. After the 2-year period, a New Chapter Charter Petition application must be filed and your chapter loses its longevity status.

If all of these reasons aren't enough to make sure your chapter's registration is returned, starting this year MAFCA will have a Late Fee of \$10 charged to chapters failing to return their registration by February 28th. It pays to renew early to retain your chapter insurance and save the registration fee.

Another change is the Chapters Listing will no longer be published in *The Restorer* Magazine. In the future, the complete listing will only be published once yearly in the April/May issue. This will give *The Restorer* editor more room for technical, human interest, member articles and other Model A related items. The complete chapter list can always be found on the MAFCA website at www.mafca.com in the CHAPTERS area.

There is a new Car Games book on the MAFCA website. Chapters that are looking for games they can enjoy can check out the games and print out which ones you like, or the entire book. These are games that are also insurance friendly. So, take your Model A out for a day of fun.

When I was reading a newsletter from the **Phoenix Model A Ford Club**, I found an advertisement for a chapter cookbook, manifold cooking book and Model A tips book. I enjoy cookbooks that chapter generate, as there are always new and delicious recipes to enjoy, so I ordered them all. When they received my order in the mail, I received an email from **Bert and Audrey Becker** that the books were in the mail and thanking me for the order. They also mentioned that they would be flying into Wisconsin to visit some friends.

After a few e-mails back and forth, my husband and I along with another couple from our local chapter all met them for dinner. We had a very enjoyable evening. I also found out that the next day they were attending a Cubs baseball game and they were playing my home team, the Brewers. The next afternoon, I caught some of the game after I got home from work. I didn't see Bert and Audrey, even though they had seats just six rows behind the Cubs dugout and the Brewers lost that day. Actually, that turned out to be a good thing as the Brewers won our division at home a couple of days later.

The Model A Ford Foundation sponsored Model A Day at the Gilmore Auto Museum in September, the site of the future Model A Museum. Over 150 Model A's came out for this event. I met lots of Model A'ers and enjoyed visiting with them. Many enjoyed a picnic lunch on the park-like grounds at Gilmore and many also wore era fashions, which really made the day



special. After lunch, the line for ice cream, supplied by MAFFI, was long but well worth the wait. Ropes were in place where the museum will be built. MAFFI President Stan Johnson gave an update on the museum. Ground breaking will begin by April of 2012 with the museum completed by September. Michael Spezia said that currently 50,000 to 60,000 visitors visit the Gilmore museum complex yearly. In speaking to visitors, Michael said there is a lot of anticipation about the Model A Museum, and he feels the visitor attendance will reflect that excitement. I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait.

A's R US is a Chicago Southland Chapter that has begun an informational and hands on presentation to the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park Illinois. It is put on by members of A's R Us. The presentation is one hour per session, which is a six-week orientation of the basics of the automobile, centered on a 1929 Model A Ford. Their first session had the kids looking over a the Model A Tudor and comparing it with a running chassis of another 1929 Ford. Following was a twenty minute video presentation including the history of the automobile, what makes a car go, how an engine functions and identification of basic engine components. This was followed by the kids, supervised by A's R Us members, actually removing the engine from the chassis. Interest has already grown in this project, and many more kids have signed up. In future sessions, kids will be offered the opportunity to experience the hands-on experience of disassembling the engine, seeing the actual parts and understanding how these parts function. They will also be part of the reinstallation and witness the chassis drive out of the building. What a great project and wonderful experience for these kids. We can only hope this sparks an interest in the Model A hobby by some of the participants. Congratulations A's R Us.

The **Colonial Virginia Model A Club** has formed a Museum Fund Raiser Committee to organize and conduct ways to raise funds for the Model A Museum. Their goal is to have several fund raisers planned during 2012. I understand that other MARC regions and MAFCA chapters are raising funds through events and activities. Having chapters support the Model A Museum is why this dream is becoming a reality.

Colonial Virginia also has a youth program that presents programs to 7th grade classes. They give a classroom presentation and have Model A's with owners at the school who talk to the children about their A's. I love reading how more and more chapters are working with young people to spark an interest in our beloved Model A's.

That's all for this month. I hope many of you are planning to attend the MAFCA Membership Meeting in Santa Rosa. See our website for complete details.

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