

Early Bird Newsletter



2019 Northern California Regional Group Roundup Hosted by the Sonoma A's

This is the 2nd issue of the Early Bird Newsletter. We plan to have the registration form with hotel booking information, additional off site lodging and trailer parking options in the December issue.



Interested in Vehicle Judging? This year the NCRG will feature Model A Ford Club of America sanctioned vehicle judging as in other years, but with a major difference. For a number of years the Judging Standards Committee has been working on making the judging process scoring easier and more accurate. At the 2018 National Convention in Sparks/Reno a test of automated scoring was conducted on a single vehicle. This year the NCRG will judge all vehicles using both the traditional scoring sheets and a new scoring system on tablets. We hope this is the future of the judging and it should eliminate scoring errors. Have a vehicle to be judged? Enter it and help us validate the new system!

If you are interested in judging or already are an experienced judge please join us for this exciting test of the computer assisted system. For those who have never judged before, all you need to do is visit

http://www.mafca.com/v_becoming_a_judge.html
and take the first step.

Alex Janke, Chief Judge

Fashion Judging Have you ever attended a fashion tea at one of MAFCA's regional or national events? Did you enjoy seeing the models dressed in Model A Era fashions as they accepted their awards and imagined that maybe *someday* that could be you? The decision on whether to enter Fashion Judging can be a daunting one. But once you dip your toe in the water, you just might find your niche in this Model A hobby of ours. That happened to me almost 10 years ago.

Your goal in entering fashion judging is to look like you just stepped out of a time machine from 1928-1931. Fashion Judging in our hobby is not a competition between individual entrants. It is an opportunity to put together an ensemble or outfit that could have been worn in the Model A era and have your efforts evaluated for authenticity using the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines as the standard. Your efforts are evaluated in a small group setting by members like you who love fashion.



Fashion Judging is like Playing Dress-up for Grownups!

Are you intrigued?

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Your first step is to obtain a copy of MAFCA's Fashion Guidelines; the information contained in it will fill you in on how our judging process works as well as give you ideas of what to aim for and the components you will need. The real fun begins as you start putting your outfit together...but don't wait until the last minute! Start planning now!

If modeling is not for you, but you love fashions, you might want to consider joining the ranks of MAFCA's Certified Fashion Judges. More information on how to become a judge can be found on the MAFCA website. If you are already a Certified Fashion Judge, I hope you will consider joining me in the judging room at this event! I look forward to seeing you in Santa Rosa at the 2019 NCRG Roundup!

Peggy Gill, Chief Fashion Judge



Restorer's Class There will be MAFCA sanctioned Restorers Class Evaluations at the Roundup, and you will be able to sign up to have your Model A evaluated. You may also participate as an Evaluator. More information is available on the MAFCA website.

<http://www.mafca.com/documents/RestorersClass.pdf>

Dave Gill, Chief Evaluator

Alfred Hitchcock said there's not a "Shadow of a Doubt" you will have a great time in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County. He loved "The Birds" too.



Planning any free time at the Roundup or staying an extra day? Drive out to Bodega Bay and buy a kite at Candy & Kites. <https://mkt.com/candy-and-kites> Then head north to Wrights Beach and see how high it will go.



Back to Bodega Bay for lunch at Fisherman's Cove or Spud Point. Yum! Then go to the U C Marine Biology Lab from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon. You can do a self-guided tour and check out their tide pool mesocosm. Then drive to Bodega Head for great ocean views, and check out the Hole in the Head. There was to be a Nuclear power plant built on top of the San Andres earthquake fault. <https://marinescience.ucdavis.edu/bml/visiting-bml>