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and Advance to
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Welcome to the First Early Bird Newsletter of the 2018 MAFCA National Convention

The Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) of MAFCA is again hosting the MAFCA National Convention. The 1980 and 1998 Conventions, held at the Hilton Hotel in Reno, offered fond memories for many. We hope to bring those memories back and to add some spectacular events that will forever remind you of the fun that can be had with a Model A during 2018 in Sparks, Nevada.

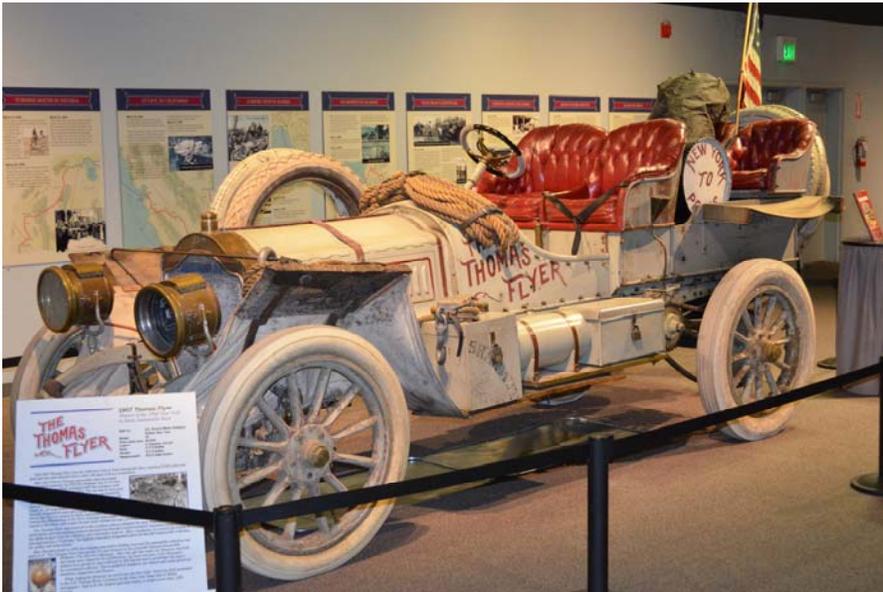
The host hotel will be the Nugget Hotel Casino, located right next to Reno in Sparks, Nevada. What began as a small casino in 1955 has expanded to two large towers, each holding over 800 rooms. The week we are there they will be rolling out the red carpet. We will be in the newly updated Convention Center and meeting rooms. The entire West tower, which is currently undergoing remodeling, will be ready for our arrival.

The Host group, NCRG, consists of 28 chapters that are planning the event. The final touches are now being put on the schedule with more activities than you can fit into a week. You may want to stay extra days or arrive early to do it all.

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Thomas Flyer, National Automobile Museum, Reno, NV

2018 MAFCA National Convention

Registration

With less than 2 years to go until the next MAFCA convention, planning is well underway. The Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) will be your host for what we expect will be a fantastic event in 2018. Ideas and input from most of the 28 NCRG chapters assures us that this will be a unique adventure to the high Sierra, and something you won't want to miss.

The Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada is our host hotel where all indoor events will be located. There will be covered parking for Model A's in the adjacent garage, and additional parking in lots at both ends of the hotel with space dedicated for tow vehicles and trailers.

When convention registration gets under way, you will be able to fill out a comprehensive PDF form on line and mail it with payment to the Registrars. A scanned copy with your registration number will be emailed back to you as your receipt. You will need a registration number to reserve a room at the Nugget for the special meet price of \$79 per night. Be sure to note your MAFCA membership number that's printed on *The Restorer* magazine mailing label. MAFCA membership is required to attend the convention.

The convention officially begins on Sunday June 24, 2018, but there may be a bus tour on Saturday for those arriving early. The hotel will honor the special convention room rate for 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention.

Steve & Judy Lewis, Registrars

Welcome

There is so much to see in the area, our tour leaders are proud to show you the sights. There will be bus tours, self-guided tours and the Grand Tour. This year all the tours are being planned by two Chapters, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter and the Carson Valley Model A Club. You will hear full details in future Early Bird Newsletters.

The Welcome Party is still in the planning stages, however, the Sonoma A's will welcome you in style. Those who attended the 1998 Convention will remember the welcome party.

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Nugget Hotel Casino

In Future Newsletter Issues

Over the coming two years we will share with you information about what you can expect to find at the 2018 MAFCA National Convention.

You will find articles about all of the convention events from fashion and vehicle judging to Gymkhana and the Hubley derby. Want to know more about the parking facilities and how you can have your car in a covered garage? We'll tell you.

From hotel facilities and amenities to the welcome party and final banquet, it will all be here in a future issue.

So, we hope you will be able to join us at this exciting MAFCA gathering. Why not put the dates on your calendar right now so you won't forget.

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Model A's Gather Together on Tour

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Many of the same people who designed that spectacular event are working on this one. It promises to blow your socks off.

Vehicle judging will be under cover for the efficiency and comfort of judges and entrants alike. After judging is complete, attendees of the convention will have the opportunity to see all the vehicles that participated in judging. We hope to have a record number of vehicles participate.

This will be the third Convention in which MAFCA's new evaluation process for vehicles will be offered. The Restorers Class Evaluation will give drivers a chance to get feedback on the condition of their vehicles.

The Hangtown A's and the Marin A's are planning the fashion events. The customary events; such as fashion judging; a tea and fashion show, awards, seminars and era fashion sales will be included. But don't expect the ordinary as there will be a twist or two to make these events memorable.

Hubley Races, run by the Capital A's, are fun for young and old. If you have a Hubley model, tune it up. If not, find one. You won't want to miss the competition. It is a lot of fun and you may earn one of the top prizes, and bragging rights you can share with your friends.

Convention Web Site

When you wake up in the middle of the night, hungry for more information about this fabulous event, turn on your computer and point your browser to the Northern California Regional Group (NCRG) web site. You will find all the morsels you hunger for.

www.ncrgmafca.com

Once on the site, scan the left hand menu and you will find a button leading you to the 2018 MAFCA National Convention.

We will see you there.

Tours at the Convention

We will have local tours in the Reno/Sparks area visiting collections, museums, and parks, in addition to the tours to the magnificent, world-renowned Lake Tahoe and adjacent Truckee area.

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Who doesn't like to play car games in a Model A? The Gymkhana will bring in some new games and will be run by the Sparkin' A's and Auburn A's. Competition is fun; let's see who can take the top prizes.

Our repair tent will be run by Henry's A's. They are the same club that ran the repair tent in 1998. If you have a need for some mechanical advice or a place to fix your car, they'll be ready to support you. We are still working to secure parts vendors that will be on site for your needs. If you want an oil change, there will be some commercial shops close-by to take care of you.

We plan to end the Convention as we started it, with a spectacular event. The Diablo A's will be making center-pieces for the tables, help you sign up for seating and help you locate your table the night of the banquet.

You can review the week's activities with a video we will have running throughout the evening. We will begin with a happy hour hosted by the Nugget while their award winning Chef prepares a fabulous meal. Awards will be presented for all the cars that were judged and MAFCA will present awards that are worthy of a National Convention. Again, look for a surprise and plan to end the week with a smile.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in Sparks in 2018. Our future Early Bird Newsletters will give you more information on each of these activities.

Trudy Vestal, MAFCA 2018 Convention Co-Chair

MAFCA 2018 National Convention

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