

Bill Reeder Literary Award

1. Purpose. The purpose of the Bill Reeder Literary Award is to honor a MAFCA member who has prepared and has published in *The Restorer* a technical or restoration article on the Model A Ford. This award honors the contributions Bill Reeder made to the Model A Ford Club of America by his many "How To" articles published in *The Restorer* and shall be the premier MAFCA literary award.

The article selected should stand on its own merits, making a valuable contribution to the originality and/or restoration of the Model A Ford.

2. Requirements. The award shall be given to a MAFCA member contributing a technical or restoration article published in *The Restorer* during a given year. Articles previously published in *The Restorer* or other publications, other than MAFCA chapter newsletters, are not eligible. *The Restorer* Editor, Technical Editor and current Publications Director are not eligible.

The article shall cover specific steps, variations, choice of materials or parts and advice of the author on some phase of Model A Ford restoration. The article shall be at least 500 words in length, with ample illustrations, photos and/or sketches. The winner in any year shall remain eligible to receive the award in subsequent years. Each technical article qualifying to be judged for the Bill Reeder Award will be determined by the Technical Director, The Restorer Editor and the Director of Publications; and to also include the Judging Standards Committee if deemed necessary.

The Bill Reeder Literary Award may not necessarily be presented each year, with the recommendation of its awarding to be determined by the Technical Director, The Restorer Editor and the Publications Director, based solely upon the articles submitted and in their having met the criteria as outlined below.

3. Selection Criteria. Selection of the award-winning articles shall be made on the following basis:
 - A. Originality. Has the subject been covered before?
 - B. Clarity. Is the article well written and illustrated either by drawings or photographs?
 - C. Thoroughness. Does the article give the average Restorer enough information to repeat the restoration process or to understand how Ford originally built the vehicle?
 - D. Wide appeal. Does the article cover something common to all Model A enthusiasts or is it specific to one body style?
4. Judging. Articles submitted during the past twelve months ending with the September/October issue shall be considered for the Bill Reeder Literary Award at the National Awards Banquet of that year. The winners shall be notified by telephone. Judging shall be conducted among all MAFCA Past Presidents who are current MAFCA members, the current MAFCA President, *The Restorer* Editor and the MAFCA Technical Director.

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5. Balloting. The Publications Director shall prepare a ballot listing each eligible article, along with the issue and page number, which shall be distributed to each eligible judge. In the event that there are fewer than three eligible articles, the Director of Publications may provide a ballot with fewer choices and as an option, one choice may be "None." Each judge will be asked to list their top three choices in order, first through third. Incomplete ballots will not be counted.

Ballots will be mailed out the third week of September. Ballots will be returned to the Publications Director for evaluation by October 20th

Selection will be by the following method:

- 1st place selection 3 points
- 2nd place selection 2 points
- 3rd place selection 1 point

The article with the highest total score is the winner. In the case of a tie, the Editor and Publications Director shall break the tie and select the winner.

6. Awards. A suitable trophy-type award shall be given to the individual whose article is judged best for that year. The name will also be added to the plaque at headquarters detailing the Bill Reeder award. The Award is to be announced and presented at the National Awards Banquet by the Publications Director on behalf of the Board of Directors. It shall be announced in the January/February issue of **The Restorer** with an appropriate picture of the presentation. Winners shall be notified in time to attend the meeting to receive the Award in person, if they so desire, with all travel related expenses to be borne by the recipient.
7. Responsibility. The Publications Director shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.

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