

MAFCA Newsletter Award

1. Purpose: Model A Newsletter Awards provide recognition for the publication of MAFCA Chapter, Region, International and Special Interest Group newsletters. The awards serve to encourage editors to broaden and enhance the content of their newsletters while encouraging more chapter involvement.

2. Categories:
 - A. MAFCA Chapter Newsletter of the Year Award (highest award)
 - B. MAFCA Chapter Newsletter of Excellence (2nd highest award)
 - C. MAFCA Chapter Newsletter of Distinction (3rd highest award)
 - D. Best Special Interest Group Newsletter (for SIG's publishing a newsletter) and/or Best Regional Newsletter Award (for those publishing a newsletter)
 - E. Certificate of Merit, an entry level award of recognition for content and format (maximum of 10 certificates per year)
 - F. MAFCA Best International Chapters Newsletter Certificate (See #7 below)
 - G. Most Improved Chapter Newsletter Certificate

3. Requirements:
 - A. Editors seeking newsletter recognition shall submit their newsletters to the Chapter Coordinator at chapters@mafca.com or in hard copy to the MAFCA office, who will forward the newsletter to the Chapter Coordinator. Chapters must be current in their MAFCA registration and Editors must be MAFCA members to be eligible to receive an award.
 - B. The content shall be creative, informative and related to the Model A hobby and shall include:
 1. A cover page, which should include the title, Chapter logo, Chapter name, return address and MAFCA logo.
 2. A list of Chapter, Regional, International or Special Interest Group officers, as appropriate, including the editor, with contact information
 3. A statement of the date, time and location of regular meetings.
 4. Model A technical information
 5. Model A era fashion information
 6. Tour and activity reports with periodic photographs of these events
 7. A calendar or list of chapter events including regional and national MAFCA activities
 8. A summary (minutes) of chapter board meetings
 9. Acknowledgments for the authorized use of information from other sources
 10. Regularly promote MAFCA, its national activities and events. A statement that encourages MAFCA national membership, with referral to the MAFCA website for membership and renewal information.
 11. Member ads as submitted. May also include commercial ads as applicable.
 - C. Regional and Special Interest Groups need to at least meet, but are not limited to Items B 1, 2, 3 and 8 to be considered for award.

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4. Selection: The Chapter Coordinator shall select the recipients of the Model A Newsletter Awards. The selection shall be based on content and format of newsletters for a period of time as determined by the Chapter Coordinator.

5. Awards: The editor of the Chapter Newsletter of the Year shall receive an award and a ribbon to include on their newsletter. Once a newsletter has received the Chapter Newsletter of the Year Award, it will not be eligible to receive any award for a period of three years, after such time the Chapter will once again be eligible to compete for Chapter Newsletter of the Year. The MAFCA Chapter Newsletter of Excellence, the MAFCA Chapter Newsletter of Distinction, MAFCA Best Regional Newsletter Certificate, MAFCA Best Special Interest Group Newsletter Certificate, the MAFCA Best International Chapters Newsletter Certificate, the MAFCA Most Improved Chapter Newsletter Certificate, and the Certificate(s) of Merit are personalized Certificates.

6. Presentation of Awards: The Model A Newsletter awards shall be announced at the MAFCA National Awards Banquet and shall be presented by the Chapter Coordinator. If the recipient or a representative is not in attendance at the MAFCA National Awards Banquet, the award will be mailed to the recipient by national headquarters staff.

7. International Chapters Newsletter Award: Because of the difficulty in judging newsletters written in a foreign language, the Best International Chapter Newsletter shall be judged primarily on the subjective review of design, layout, use of photo and overall appearances, excluding the requirements as listed in Section 3 above. Judges should do their best to reasonably ascertain that MAFCA and the International Chapters members' needs are being met through the utilization of the newsletter. International Chapter Newsletters should reference their affiliation with MAFCA somewhere in their newsletter. Information presented should be Model A related.

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