

DALLAS MAFCA/MARC NATIONAL MEET



The MAFCA/MARC Joint National Meet was held this year in Dallas, Texas (actually Addison) during the week of June 22 - 27. A report from the host club indicated approximately 875 registration and over 500 Model A attending the event.

I'm happy to say the Minuteman Model A Club was well represented with 23 members attending; they were the Lindens (with granddaughter Jordan), Callans, Tallones, Michalaks, Johnsons, Zappalas, Stitts, Plaggenborgs, Champagnes, Stokinger/Johnsons, and the Marshall/Smiths.

The exciting news is that Tom Zappala made the trip in his trusty woody and subsequently traveled to California. You can check out Tom's adventure on the net by visiting the following site: <http://hotspur2.blogspot.com/>. The rest of us took the easy way and elected to spend only 4 hours flying there.



Tom preparing for the 3 laps around the speedway with co-pilots Lisa and Jack.

Activities were planned through out the week for convention participants. Tours were available to the Kennedy Memorial, the Aquarium, the Fort Worth Stockyards and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, all of which were very interesting.

The weather was hot (95-102°) during the day, luckily without the humidity so it wasn't too bad. However, at the outdoor flea market you did have to watch what you touched, it could be hot. There was an indoor flea market as well. The Monday Welcome Party was a cookout with the addition of a drive-in movie on the lawn. Not bad, but we thought it would

have been neat to have a Texas style Chuck Wagon BBQ.

Tuesdays highlight was the Hubley Derby, which had over 112 entrants. Barbara Tallone represented Minuteman and received a participation ribbon at the 3rd World Hubley Derby races held in Dallas. She was entry #100 of 112 with her 1930 Black Fordor.



The event was very well organized and even had a repair tent. There was an enjoyable full night of racing with a large field of cars. Great job Barbara..

Wednesday was Fine Point Judging and the Fashion banquet. The judging went so long that there wasn't time to view the cars. The fashion banquet was well presented.

Thursday was the Grand Tour to the Texas Int'l Speedway. This NASCAR track is owned by the same guy who owns NH Int'l Speedway. It is a very nice facility and the Model A's were allowed to run 3 laps on the track. Tom loved this and had the Woody full of people, while Jordon hooked a ride in



Tom "flying" around the track!

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Jordan with friend waiting to get on the speedway

Friday was the Awards banquet. The food was good, but the presentations were long. The quality of the cars was excellent, with the best of show, a 1931 Roadster, receiving 494 points. Nan did manage to win the etched glass bowl centerpiece.

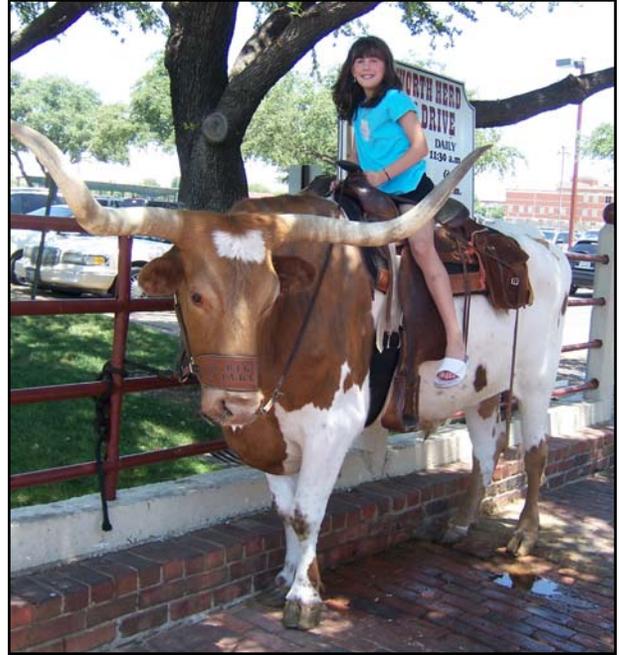
During the week, there were all kinds of other activities. The seminars, such as Number Plate restoration, Differential rebuilding, Era Accessories, etc were excellent. Special Interest Groups (SIG) meetings, such as the Cabriolet Club, Town Sedan Club, Postal A's, Woody Wagons, etc, were great. The Town Sedan Club had an excellent session on the replacement of the top material and metal molding.

Car games were also available for those wanting a challenge. Tom Zappala tried his hand and won first place in the Bean Bag Toss game and won a nice glass trophy for his efforts. The raffle table saw Jo and Bruce win prizes.

The national organizations, MAFCA, MARC and MAFFI had their open annual meetings, which were well attended. MAFFI went one better with the display of their 1931 School Bus, which was recently donated to them by the Hangtown A's.

Members from around the country and world attend these meets and it is always great to visit with

Model A friends you only see every few years. The display of Model A's in the parking lot is also something to see. We spent a lot of time just walking around checking them all out.



Good thing Jordan's mother didn't see her on this very large longhorn steer at the Stockyards!

Saturday morning seemed to come all too quickly and it was time to head home, but not before wishing Tom and Lisa good traveling as they continued the trip to California in the woody. The next MAFCA meet will be in Vancouver, BC and many of us have signed up for the Early Bird newsletter and will be making plans to drive to the west coast in 2010.



This outstanding Bus was restored by the members of the Hangtown A's of Placerville, CA. It was a tremendous restoration endeavor. As nice as the outside is, the inside wood was cabinet quality construction, what sight to see. It was donated to MAFFI as a way to preserve it for everyone and eventually will find it home in the new MAFFI museum.