

## **Highlights of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MAFCA/MARC Joint National Meet Addison, Texas, June 22-27.**

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Addison is a suburb of Dallas and is located about 12 miles north of downtown Dallas. The city covers just 4.35 square miles but has 172 restaurants. The entire population of 15,830 residents could all be seated at once in the town's restaurants. Many of those restaurants were within a few blocks walk from the meet headquarters Intercontinental Hotel. Yes, one could have an excellent Texas steak dinner for only about \$20!

There were 877 separate registrations for the meet with over 500 Model A's present. There were 105 youths attending indicating that there is growing youth interest in our hobby. Attendees from OCMAFC included Tom Endy, Lynn Neal, Tom's daughter and grandson; Richard and Jeanne Parrish with grandson Dakota Parrish; Larry and Gerry McKinney; Pieter and Judi Dwinger; Drain and Doris Marshall; Glenn and Sharon Johnson; Dan and Linda Caldon; and Eileen and myself.

There was plenty of activity for all including indoor and outdoor swap meets, numerous technical and fashion seminars for both men and women; daily raffles and tours to such place as the Dallas Book Depository building from where Lee Harvey Oswald shot JFK, the Fort Worth stockyards and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

The highlight tour of the week was a forty plus mile (one way) tour to the Texas Motor Speedway. Those Model A drivers that participated could take three laps around the 1/5 mile speedway following a pace car that limited speeds just a little. It was neat to see those daring individuals go nearly to the top of the high banked turns at each end of the oval.

Our own Tom Endy assisted by Pieter Dwinger gave the final meet seminar on overhauling a Model A rear end. The overhauled but not assembled rear end Tom used during the seminar was them sold through a silent auction to benefit the national youth scholarship program. It raised \$950 dollars.

The winning fine point judging Model A was a 1930 Deluxe Roadster owned by Marco Tahtaras that scored 495 points. Unfortunately fine point judging ran over the scheduled time period and people could only view them from a balcony and not close up as had been the plan.

Richard and Jeanne Parrish's grandson Dakota won one of several youth restoration awards presented Friday evening at the grand banquet. Congratulations, Dakota.

Two of our members donated prizes to the raffle in the name of OCMAFC. The Parrish's donated a Model A afghan and I donated a restored distributor. The Caldon's of Hello Central Antique Telephone Company donated an antique Ford dealership telephone. I was lucky enough to win a restored generator donated by the Dallas club.

One of the highlights for me was a chance to see close up the 20<sup>th</sup> Million Ford again as well as to attend a seminar on the car presented by the historian of Ford Motor Company.

The next MAFCA national meet is in Vancouver, BC, Canada in 2010. Make plans to attend.