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Hello Fellow Model A'ers

In July I had the privilege to meet Don Haygood, M.D. Don is the Chief Judge for the 2012 MAFCA National Convention. There is always a need for new judges and he passed on this information for those who may be interested. It also has some info on what can be done to advance as a judge.

The Model A Ford Judging Standards divides the Model A Ford into 23 areas for judging. You can read each area and take a short written examination (obtained from MAFCA/internet) for each area. When you pass that test, you are certified by MAFCA for that particular area. Judges are classified into four areas:

1. Apprentice : Any individual who has expressed an interest in judging and has received credit for a MAFCA judging examination or MARC judging school.
2. Judge : An individual who has received credit for the MAFCA judging examination or MARC judging school in at least 5 areas of the Standards, and has judged 1 or more of those categories in at least 2 national meets.
3. Senior Judge: An individual who has met the judge requirements & has received credit for the MAFCA examinations or MARC judging school in at least 10 of the 23 judging areas, and has judged 1 or more of those areas in at least 3 national meets.
4. Master Judge : An individual who has met the senior judge requirement & has received credit for the MAFCA examinations or MARC judging school in all 23 judging areas, judged in at least 5 national meets, served as Team Captain in 2 national meets, and has instructed a judging school or technical seminar in at least 1 judging area.

Each car will be judged by teams of judges that will each judge 1-3 areas of the 23 areas listed in the Model A Ford Judging Standards & Restoration Guidelines (1997 revision). Each team of judges will be assigned a specific area to judge, and will consist of a team captain & several members. A team captain must be a senior or master judge. We encourage everyone (men, women, youth) to participate as a car judge. It is a great learning experience. As a team member, you will be instructed how to judge your area by your team captain.

If you have never judged, contact MAFCA and complete at least 1 area examination to qualify as an apprentice judge. If you are classed as a judge or a senior judge, this is your chance to get your required credit to judge at a national meet and advance toward your level as a master judge. If you are a senior judge, volunteer to be a team captain and get your required credit for advancement toward your level as a master judge.

Judging is a fun experience and you not only will learn a lot, but you will see up close some beautiful restored Model A Fords. Make your plans now to judge at the MAFCA 2012 national meet! We will need your participation.

Don also had some information for members who plan on having a car judged at the 2012 National Convention.

Model a Ford car judging will be held (using the current 1997 Judging Standards) for four classes of cars:

- 1) Restored (Blue ribbon): restored to original condition & meets all 14 point requirements
- 2) Touring (Red ribbon) : regularly driven, meets all 14 requirements except for:
 - a. original style 2-blade fan
 - b. original engine mounts
 - c. original carburetor
 - d. authentic lighting elements
 - e. metal valve stems
- 3) Modified (Green ribbon): more modifications than Touring class
- 4) Original (White ribbon): un-restored Model A meeting all 14 requirements with at least 50% original paint & upholstery

The 14 requirements for preliminary judging are as follows:

1. Original 4-cylinder Model A engine & drive train
2. Original style, steel, 2-blade fan
3. Original engine mounts
4. Original carburetor (Holley, Zenith, Ford)
5. Original horn
6. Original steel spoked wheels & original size / type tires
7. Authentic top & upholstery materials for year/model of vehicle
8. Authentic exterior paint color & stripe pattern for vehicle
9. Original type shock absorbers, arm & tubular links
10. Original type electrical system (lamp, generator, starter) with battery under floorboard
11. Original type metal valve stems & covers
12. Authentic type steel sheet metal (no fiberglass)
13. Original mechanical brake system
14. Pass an inspection of service brake, emergency brake, king pins, tires, wheel rims, & have no fuel/exhaust leaks or loose/missing parts affecting operating safety.

Thanks to Don for providing this information. Hopefully someone out there is interested in becoming a judge and will make their initial judging debut at the convention.

For More 2012 Convention information you can contact:

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You can also reply to this email with any questions, concerns, or helpful comments. June 2012 is fast approaching and we are anxiously waiting to see all of you.

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Doug