



## 2017 MAFCA National Awards Banquet Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Wednesday, November 29:** The Sooner Model A Club will greet you at the OKC Renaissance Hotel at our registration table in the hotel between 2 – 5 pm, where you will be able to pick up your registration packet and merchandise. We have negotiated the group rate of \$109 at the hotel for days before and after the Banquet should you desire to spend a few extra days visiting Oklahoma City. There is a direct link on the Sooner Model A website for the Renaissance Hotel, our host hotel, to make your reservations or you may call the hotel directly at 405-228-8000. Be sure to tell them you are attending the 2017 MAFCA

National Awards Banquet in order to get the group rate. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown, next to the Cox Convention Center and just steps from many popular destinations, including the Bricktown Entertainment District which includes many restaurants, Myriad Gardens and Crystal Bridge, Chesapeake Arena and the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. We look forward to hosting a Welcome Reception for you from 5 to 7 pm at the Cox Center. There will be Tex-Mex Stations with soft tacos of chicken, beef and shrimp with all the fixin's for you to nibble. You are encouraged to wear your era clothing to this event. After the reception, enjoy dinner in the hotel, in the Bricktown area or other restaurants downtown.

**Thursday, November 30:** We will start the day by taking chartered buses (Tour #1 and #2) to the Ted Davis' private collection of



racecars, fabulous antique cars, bicycles, motorcycles, etc. (check out his spot on You Tube). This is a large and beautiful collection. How does a big, juicy steak sound for lunch? Cimarron Steak House offers the best steaks in town at an affordable price. All steaks are aged to perfection and cut on the premises. Then, grilled to your liking over a pit of natural mesquite logs with no gas, just mesquite wood at a temperature of 1000 degrees. If steak is not your thing, they also feature chicken, ribs, chops and seafood. After you have eaten your fill, our tour buses will head to The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, America's premier institution of Western history, art, and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves, and exhibits an internationally renowned

collection of Western art, including works by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell, as well as sculptor James Earle Fraser's magnificent work, *The End of the Trail*. Afterward, you will have time to go to dinner in the hotel, in the Bricktown area or various other restaurants in the downtown area. The Bricktown area has Holiday Water Taxi rides in the beautiful Riverwalk area to enjoy the lights, sights and sounds of this entertainment district.



**Friday, December 1:** Come learn about the history of Route 66 in Oklahoma at one of the seminars being offered. A second seminar depicting the history of Fred Jones Manufacturing will tell the story of one of our nation's most significant industrialists. Also, there will be a small bus from The Outlet Shoppes at Oklahoma City available for those who wish to shop at over 90 stores including Coach, Michael Kors, The North Face, Chico's and more. At 6 pm, we will take a short walking tour to the Myriad Gardens and walk through the Crystal Bridge. This area will be all decorated for Christmas and is a beautiful place to take photos, walk around and relax. There will be Winter Shoppes open at the Myriad Gardens area. The Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory is a beautiful oasis downtown. Once inside, you will see multiple waterfalls and 750 varieties of plant life in two distinct climates: a tropical wet zone at the south end and a tropical dry zone at the north end. Afterward, you will have time to go to dinner in the hotel, in the Bricktown area or other restaurants in the downtown area.



**Saturday, December 2:** If you've never been inside the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, or it has been years since your last visit, it's definitely worth doing. The Memorial has

gone through a \$10 million renovation upgrading with state-of-the-art technology, hands-on exhibits and new displays of artifacts. Detailed information on the investigation as well as the trails of evidence that were left behind are all a part of the new enhancements. Also added to the Museum is a 40-foot glass overlook creating a seamless connection between the museum and the memorial outside. In your registration packet, you will have a pass to ride the city bus, which stops in front of our hotel, and will take you the few blocks to the Memorial. The bus is scheduled every 20 minutes. You may come and go as your schedule permits. It is suggested you allow 2 hours for the complete tour of the Museum. Afterward, you will have the afternoon free to recoup you energy for the 2017 National Awards Banquet. Again, we will be in the Cox Center where the Welcome Reception was held. There will be a no host bar and social hour from 5 – 6 pm and dinner will be at 6 pm. MAFCA will be presenting the various annual awards plus the installation of the 2018 MAFCA Board of Directors. Your raffle prizes will be available for pick up after the banquet.



**Sunday, December 3:** We will say our goodbyes until next year. You will be able to pick up your raffle prizes between the hours of 8 and 11 am on Sunday, if you wish.

We are looking forward to serving as your host for the 2017 MAFCA National Awards Banquet. If you have any questions, concerns, or special requests, please do not hesitate to ask. Our host hotel has also promised to do their best to accommodate any special needs, including any special dietary concerns for any scheduled meals or banquets taking place in the hotel.

**Come to OKC, and help us celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a MAFCA Chapter!**