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## Mario Andretti Sets New Speed Mar

Former Indianapolis 500 winner, Mario Andretti has erased the unofficial world's closed course speed record at the Texas World Speedway with a new record speed of 211.765 miles-per-hour.

Driving a new turbo-charged, Offy-powered Mark II Parnelli, Andretti circled the 2-mile, high-banked oval with an elapsed time of 34 seconds flat to break the old record of 208.695 set by Gor-

don Johncock at the same track.

The car designed by Maurice
Phillippe looked like a low-flying
jet as it came screaming off of
turn two and down the long backstretch.

Andretti said following the record run, "the car handled beautiful and really sticks to the track at high speeds. I think that we can run even a little faster, its just a matter of changing a few

minor adjustments on the car."

When asked what speed he predicts it will take to win the pole position for the upcoming Texas Twin 200s, he said "it's hard to say, maybe 212 miles-per-hour. We'll be running in excess of two-hundred miles-per-hour in competition"

Mario Andretti will return to Texas World Speedway when qualifying activities begin for the Texas Twin 200s schedu Saturday, April 7th. Texas World Speedway

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