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**Mark and Brenda
Frigaard took there 1931
Model A Pickup to the
McGregor Minnesota
Dairy Queen for the first
time this summer on
their Summer vacation**

**Richard Rodriguez
caught the attention
of Las Vegas Finest in
his 1931 Model A Slant
Window, who wanted
to take a photo with
his 94 year old car.**



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

JULY 15, 2025, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

TOUR

If you have an idea or would like to lead a tour, please contact us. We will be happy to help you plan a tour for our Club. The Tours don't have to be out of town, if you have an idea for an Ice Cream Social, a breakfast, a museum, you get the idea, let us know.

PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Independence Day Parade

DATE: Friday, July 4

LOCATION: Smiths @ 2211 N Rampart Blvd

TIME: Meet at 6:30 AM

JULY BREAKFAST

Desert North Las Vegas Airport

DATE: Sunday, July 20

LOCATION: 2730 Airport Dr.

TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM; Eat at 9:00 AM

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mark Frigaard	June 3
Bill Grundstrom	June 5
Dennis Rutksokie	June 5
June Della Penna	June 10
Liz Prehm	June 10
Cathy Guerin	June 15
Logan Smith	June 18
Hal White	June 28

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DUES: \$25 annual club dues are payable before the first day of January. Members not paid by January 31st shall be considered inactive and dropped from all chapter mailings. Members are encouraged to join the MAFCA National Organization for \$50. Visit www.mafca.com to join.

THE SHOP

Call Del before you head to the shop!

If your Model A isn't running correctly and you need some advice, call a member or better yet come to the shop!

Is there something Model A related you need more information on! Suggest it as a meeting program topic!

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MR. PRESIDENT

By: Steve Hodgson

OFFICER'S REPORTS 2025

June has long been a month of bold firsts in transportation—on land, in the air, and beyond Earth's atmosphere.

On June 4, 1896, Henry Ford test-drove his first automobile: the Quadricycle. (Remember Hal White's trivia question from last month?) That modest machine laid the foundation for the Ford Motor Company, officially incorporated on June 16, 1903. Later that same year, the Wright brothers completed the first successful powered flight on the sands of Kitty Hawk, NC. While Ford revolutionized ground travel, Orville and Wilbur Wright launched us skyward into the age of aviation.

By June 11, 1926, Ford took to the skies himself with the maiden flight of the Ford Tri-motor, helping make commercial air travel more accessible for everyday Americans. Though production ended in 1933, its legacy endures.

Then came another giant leap. On June 18, 1983, Sally Ride became the first American woman in space aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Just as Ford brought mobility to the masses, Ride shattered barriers in STEM and space exploration, inspiring generations to reach even higher. (Fun fact: the first woman in space was Soviet cosmonaut Valentina V. Tereshkova, who launched on June 16, 1963.)

These milestones remind us how visionaries—from industrial pioneers to astronauts—have helped shape the arc of progress. This June, we honor their legacy and the relentless spirit of innovation that continues to propel us forward.

Speaking of progress, Hal brought up the battle with my Model A's stubborn spark plug adapters during our last meeting. I'll own it—I snapped the first one clean off while cranking the ratchet the wrong way (classic rookie move). Thankfully, Hal and Mark pointed me to the trusty Easy-Out tool from the local auto shop. It worked like a charm!

Although it may be a while before my Model A runs again, it now sports brand-new spark plugs and shiny new distributor connectors. Next up: an oil change and radiator flush. I even purchased a set of ramps to give myself some breathing room underneath—because let's be honest, claustrophobia and undercar repairs don't mix.

Progress may be slow, but I'm rambling in the right direction. Until next month—keep those Model A wheels turning!



VP REPORT
By: Charlotte Kessler

"June is the pearl of summer, shining with warmth and joy." -L.M. Montgomery



SUNSHINE REPORT
By: Pat White

- **Charlotte Kessler** - had surgery. Surgery went well. She is on the mend.
- **Carol Miller** - is home, she is in PT She is on a long road to recovery.
- **Pat McMahon** - Had Biopsy surgery of his heart. Everything came out good. He is doing a lot better.
- **Jim Miller** - Has switched doctors. He is having more test done. Hopefully this new doctor will find what is wrong & get him feeling better.
- **Karl Elliott** - Met with us for breakfast, he had a medical issue & was taken to the hospital. He was diagnosed with TIA. He is doing a lot better.



TREASURER
By: Dan Gouker

**June 2025
Financial Report**

Opening Balance	\$9,179.46
Income	
New Member	0.00
Dark Horse	65.00
Auction Items	0.00
Total Income	\$65.00
 Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Total Expenses	\$75.00

Reminder - In order to receive reimbursement for expenses made on behalf of the LVVMAFC, please provide a detailed receipt. Requests for reimbursement can either be brought to the next club meeting, or be sent to Dan Gouker at 5375 West Eugene Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89108



SHOP TALK

By: Mark Frigaard

Shop stories and photos by: Mark Frigaard

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the SHOP?



SHOP HOURS:
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MONDAY * WEDNESDAY * FRIDAY
5204 SEQUIN DR. LV 89130
Call: Del 702-553-8664

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Pat McMahon called just before we left town with a problem with a noise in the transmission in his 31-town sedan "Henry" as he calls it, and was wondering if I had a replacement. It is not easy to diagnose some problems over the phone but from what the mechanic and Pat were telling me everything was

pointing toward a transmission issue. Just so happened I had a couple that we went thru just a couple of years ago at the workshop so Pat and Kat stopped by to purchase one. They have a mechanic that is doing the installation work for them, and I hope this will solve their problem. Well I just heard after the installation the noise was still there. On Friday the 13th {go figure} Hal, Del and Doug went to the McMahons to physically see what was causing the noise, after Hal jacked up the rear end and had Pat run thru the gears they found the noise was a bad speedometer cable flopping and scrapping inside the housing. Well

that's a new one on me I've never heard of that happening, normally the ends ware out or the cable brakes, there's always something new happening to these wonderful old cars, Great job Hal with the diagnoses, and Thank You Doug for taking pictures for the shop report.



Dave Ringenbach's Phaeton side bowl carburetor drip is still going on. He got another side bowl carburetor from Del that when we tested it before I left on the workshop engine and shut down the motor leaving the gas valve on for 30 mins we had NO drip. Well low and behold when Dave put it on the Phaeton you guessed it, it started dripping again....crap, so Dave brought it back in and the guys changed tops still dripped, changed the bottom and that seemed to work so, at least now the issue is narrowed down to the bottom half of the carburetor. More on this in the future I'm sure.



I also heard from Hal that he was going to move his Vicki and found multiple valves were stuck, and Hal said it hasn't been that long since he ran it. Next steps are drop the intake and exhaust manifolds and remove the valve cover to try to free up the stuck valves. Hopefully that works because the next step would be to remove the head and it would be good not to have to go there, right Hal!!

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On the road back to Minnesota we always seem to meet interesting new car friends, this year when we stopped at our favorite ice cream shop at the corner of two highways in Farson Wyoming, Larry Caller from the club is probably the only other person to know where that is....coming back out to the motorhome with my way too big cone..... there was a guy checking out the 31 pickup we were hauling back. Well after striking up a conversation with him "Ray" he said he was originally from Texas and just down the road from him was the guy who supplied most of the cars in the movie Oh Brother Where Art Thou? Made in 2000 with George Clooney. You just never know who you're going to run into when hauling or driving a Model A!! We also stopped in our favorite hot spring RV park in Thermopolis Wyoming, and after striking up a conversation with our neighbor who was from Rocksprings Wyoming, we found out he went to high school with Larry Caller from the club, geez when they say small world it really is!



Here in Minnesota things are cool....I mean temp wise barely 70 degrees so beautiful for driving the Model A !! but not much for swimming, the lake is pretty cold yet. We trailered the 1931 pickup "Vegas winter project" back to Minnesota; I sold the 1928 special coupe shortly after we returned which freed up garage space needed for the 1931 pickup. I think the truck is very happy to be somewhere that it can run longer distances and not be in stop and go traffic!!

The nearest small town is 10 miles with no stop lights....and only one 4 way stopha, and 35 miles to the nearest midsize town with 2 stop lights. It's running well at 55 to 60 MPH only turning 2,100 RPM on the tach. I still need to finish the interior and install the vinal on the roof, it will be a summer project here, it just never ends Ha. I did get a chance to meet up with the Model A enthusiast's I met last year in a town 35 miles away. They were waiting for me to return to do a group fact finding mission on an excessive rear main oil leak on one of the guys 1930 special coupe, so we'll see where that goes, and I'll let you know in the July or August reports.



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



* Breakfasts * Tours * Picnics * Parades*

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

Congratulations to our club because we won Best Car Club for our showing at the Helldorado Parade in May. Thank you to Mark and Brenda Frigaard, Bob Taylor, Dave and Chris Ringenbach, Del Hering, Mike and Emily McComb, Pat and Karen McComb (whose two grandchildren hopped into the rumble seat), Bill Salviano (AKA Stinky) and Pat and Kat McMahon who each drove a car. The crowd loved our cars and especially our honking ahooga horns.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming breakfast on Sunday July 20 at the Tailwinds Café at the North Las Vegas Airport. The address is 2730 Airport Drive, Las Vegas. If you haven't had a chance to sign up at the meeting, please call or text Chris at 725-221-9116 so she'll have an idea of how many to expect. Hope to see you there!

It's almost time for the annual July 4th parade in Summerlin. We will meet at 6:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Smiths at the corner of Rampart and Lake Mead, where we will give each participating car a placard to place in the car window. From there we will leave at 7:00 a.m. for the staging area where we will have time to decorate our cars. The parade starts at 8:30 and by 9:00 we should be on our way to breakfast. He has already made plans for us to go to the nearby IHOP for breakfast after the parade. Although it's usually super hot that day, we usually have a great turn out and the crowd loves our cars. Remember to start organizing your decorations for your car. I've seen lots of affordable options at the Dollar Tree.

October 19th is our Fall Picnic at Spring Mountain Park – always a fun day to invite our families to come join us. We've begun to organize committees for the event but still need someone to take charge of the main dish. Start saving your treasures for the auction.

It's not too early to look ahead to plan for our outing to Beatty Days, which will be October 31-November 2. We already have a block of 20 rooms reserved for our group, most of which are on the ground floor. If you're interested in going, call the Stagecoach Hotel at 775-553-2419 to make your reservation. Please be sure to mention that you're with the club to get a discount on the room rate, which should be \$85 plus tax per night. If you'd like to stay a day before or a day after, the hotel is willing to honor the discounted rate. Thank you to Hal for spearheading this tour and you can call him at 702-334-1450 if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13 for our annual Christmas party which will be at Giuseppe's on south Durango.

Co Tour Directors – Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

The June 17, 2025 meeting came to order at 7:30 PM at The Tap House. Charlotte led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 36 members present, no guests or Model As driven.

A motion was made by Griff and seconded by Mark to accept the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes as written in the May Newsletter. The members kindly agreed.

Birthdays were announced by the President. It is also the 122 Anniversary of the Ford Motor Company. Elaine & Raymond also celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary this month. Congrats to everyone!

Officer's reports: REMEMBER TO READ EACH REPORT FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM EACH OFFICER!!!!

President: Steve had his historical trivia to share with the group. Very interesting information!

VP: Charlotte greeted everyone!

Secretary: Liz mentioned the Lego Exhibit at the Springs Preserve. A lot of work went into these builds and worth checking out for all ages!

Treasurer: Dan announced that all checks have been cashed and all balances!

Workshop Director: In Mark's absence Hal was able to update us on the shop. Steve added that he is getting a few things fixed on his Model A!

Tour & Breakfast Directors: Chris had some good news from the Helldorado Parade. Our next breakfast will be July 20, 2025 at the NVL Airport. There was a scare at the June breakfast, Karl Elliott had a 911 emergency but so glad to hear he is doing ok now!

- Hal reminded everyone about the 4th of July Summerlin Parade. Meet at 6:30 – 6:45 AM at the Smith's parking lot at the corner of Lake Mead and N Rampart. He has two passes left if anyone is interested. Breakfast will follow the parade at IHOP.
- Dale reminded everyone about the Spring Mt Ranch Picnic October 19, 2025. Had some great volunteers for everything except the Food & pickup. Who wants to take on this responsibility???
- Chris has arranged the Christmas Party for Giuseppe's Bar and Grill on Durango. Mark your calendar for December 13, 2025.
- Doug Smith will keep trying to get information on the Mob Museum events.

Sunshine: Pat's report was a bit smaller this month, thank goodness!!

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Membership & Publicity: Anyone who has an idea for The Restorer, let me know.

Newsletter: Mike wants your photos and stories!!

Website: It's all up to date!

Shop Talk: Our "Game Show Host", Hal, entertained us with more Model A trivia. I think Kat should be the club historian with all of her knowledge!

Old Business: I can't remember anything on this!

New Business: Anyone have an idea for a new outing??

Auction: Nothing

Dark Horse: Congratulations to Mike McComb for having the winning ticket!

Next Meeting: July 15, 2025

Motion to close: From Bob and seconded by Hal

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 PM

PLEASE READ EVERY OFFICER'S REPORT IN THE NEWSLETTER TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE LVVMAFC HAPPENINGS!



WEBMASTER
By Dale Rausch

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