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LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER

*Las Vegas Valley*



*Model A Ford Club*

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## Wee-ooo Woo-ooo! Winner Winner!

**Doug Smith  
won Best  
Emergency  
Vehicle at  
the IPOF  
Classic Car  
and  
Emergency  
Vehicle  
Show on  
March 29 !**





**Bill Salvino and  
Mike McComb  
won  
“Outstanding  
Vehicle” Awards  
at the IPOF  
Classic Car and  
Emergency  
Vehicle Show**



**Karl & Joanne Elliot looked dapper and stylish in  
their 20's attire at the IPOF Classic Car and  
Emergency Vehicle Show**

# UP COMING EVENTS

## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MAY 20, 2025, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

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

## MAY PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Heldorado Days Parade

DATE: Saturday, May 10

LOCATION: Downtown Las Vegas

TIME: 9:30 AM

## 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.

## MAY BREAKFAST

Black Bear Diner

DATE: Sunday, May 4

LOCATION: 8565 W Sahara Ave

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

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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](http://www.mafca.com) to join.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tom Collins	April 4
Troy Richins	April 10
Noelia Rodriquez	April 15
Dan Prehm	April 25
Mike Fecchino	April 28

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DATE:

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OCTOBER 19,

2025

## 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!

Mark: cell: 763-242-4356

Email: [mfrigaard@gmail.com](mailto:mfrigaard@gmail.com)

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**MR. PRESIDENT**

By: Steve Hodgson

## OFFICER'S REPORTS 2025

**Ford history:** April is an important month in Ford history. Henry married Clara Jane Bryant on April 11, 1888. And he died on April 7, 1947 at age 83, four days before their 59th wedding anniversary (she died in 1950).



**Other April history:** The Apollo 13 mission, initially set to be the third lunar landing, turned into a life-or-death crisis when an oxygen tank exploded. Astronauts Jim Lovell, Fred Haise, and Jack Swigert, alongside NASA's mission control, improvised ingenious solutions to return safely to Earth. This "successful failure" completed on April 17, 1970, demonstrated extraordinary teamwork and creativity under pressure.

Just as the Apollo 13 team relied on collaboration and innovation to overcome challenges, we bring ingenuity and teamwork to restoring and preserving our historic Model A vehicles. Whether solving restoration puzzles or sharing expertise, our efforts honor the legacy of these vehicles and the spirit of an era.

**Club story:** What a dream! Our Model A Dream Team came together in Del's shop to bring his '31 Sports Coupe back to life. Mark, confident as ever, took charge of installing the carburetor, Dan guided him with precision, Del handed over tools like clockwork, and Hal kept everyone fueled with powdered donuts.

When Mark cranked the engine, the car sputtered, wheezed, and coughed out a puff of smoke. "You forgot the fuel line, didn't you?" Del asked knowingly. All eyes turned to Hal, who was caught red-handed with a donut in one hand and the fuel line in the other. After everyone had a good laugh, Hal attached the fuel line, and the car roared to life.

Whether in dreams or reality, teamwork and a little humor can fix just about anything while we work on our Model As. Together, we keep history alive—not only preserving Model A vehicles—but embodying the creativity, teamwork, and spirit they represent.



## VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

Happy Easter!



## SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

Carol Miller had surgery on her torn tendons on the left side. She is in a Rehab Facility. We wish her well & a quick recovery.

Charolette Kessler had a biopsy performed. She will be going to an Oncologist for consultation. We wish her well & a speedy recovery.

Mark Figard's mother passed away. We send him our deepest sympathy.

Jerry Vozzola had a biopsy performed. It was Melanoma and it has been removed. We wish him well & speedy recovery.

Mike Kessler is having stomach issues; He had an ultrasound performed and is waiting on results.

Vicki Taylor's mother passed away. We send her our deepest sympathy.

Bob Andrini is having angioplasty surgery. (installing a stint) We wish him well & a speedy recovery.



## TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

### April 2025 Financial Report

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$9,551.74</b>
<b>Income</b>	
New Member	0.00
Dark Horse	60.00
Auction Items	25.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Website	204.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$279.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$9,332.74</b>

**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

## 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

Shop stories and photos by: Mark Frigaard



The shop guys (Del, Hal, Myself, Doug and Mike Smith) also headed out one morning for an extra breakfast meet to check out an Ihop on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade route. Well breakfast and service was great; the waitresses came to the table saying what great looking cars are out in the parking lot!! always a fun morning hanging out with the shop guys!

If you remember a few months ago in the shop report we wrote about an engine noise we went to check out at Rich Rodriguez's house, that compounded into many issues, front motor mount bent, pulley and key replacement, rear main cap was damaged.... Well Rich tore into it and has his engine work completed, but when trying to start his engine it turned over great but wouldn't fire. Rich made a call to Hal, and he suggested to double check the timing setting, sometimes the timing pin is so rounded it's hard to determine when it drops in the timing gear dimple, we've always suggested grinding down the timing pin end to more of a point that helps find the dimple easier. When Rich rechecked the timing he found it was 180 degrees out so after correcting this his motor fired right up. He also had the two front motor mount springs that wouldn't line up correctly but a simple turn the plate around and they lined up, Thanks Hal for the phone help! Hopefully we'll see Rich and Noelia out and about in there Fordor very soon, sorry no pictures available. Larry Caller made a trip to my garage wanting to check out the progress made on the 31 pickup, I just finished installing the turn signals and horn I got from Larry, they look and work great, Thanks Larry! We also went out for a ride and Larry took over for the last half on the way home. Always good to see and talk to Larry, I also asked about the story for his 29 4 door Sedan, and it was a great story like many who have Model A's, so here's the short version.

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Larry was born and raised in Rocksprings Wyoming, the 4 door Sedan was sold new at the Rocksprings ford dealer in 1929 and spent its entire life in the area. Although well before Larry's time.....Larry knew of the family who purchased it new. The car changed hands many times over the years and Larry remembers seeing an older student driving it to school quite often. Larry remembers a school story that a friend of the student who owned the 4 door also had two Model A's, a pickup and a car, BUT he only had one motor and one license plate..... So if he needed a pickup more for a while he changed the motor into that along with the plate, and later if he needed a car more he swapped everything back..

HA I guess these guys got so good at it, it took hardly any time to switch cars. Over time the car must have had enough repair issues that it was just parked and used for a chicken coop! In 1969 Larry was just starting college and seen the car up for sale for \$125.00 what a deal right! Well it was all there except some missing engine components, Larry purchased the car trailered it back to his Dads house to store and work on, I can't image the cleanup inside and out from it being used as a chicken coop for years...yikes! Well Larrys Dad had a machinist friend that took on rebuilding the motor for Larry, while Larry did all the cleanup and repairing body and interior. After getting the motor back and installed Larry drove the car for quite a few years. Some years later Larry decided to do a frame up restoration, so he dismantled the car sent it out to be dipped and started the huge process of restoring.

After moving a pile of parts multiple times over multiple years, and getting a lot of the work started and on its way, Larry and Jane were getting ready to make another move to Jackson Hole Wyoming so, Larry decided it's time to just have someone else complete the restoration so a guy at Berts Model A in Denver told Larry he knew a guy that would take the project on. 4 years later Larry



had his car back looking like it just came off Henry Fords assembly line! Check out the pictures of Larrys beginning work on Restoring this beautiful 29, and the finished product, I only wish he had pictures of it as a chicken coop.....ha Any Model A saved is a great story and will bring memories for many generations to come. I'm sure Larry and Jane will have many hours of driving enjoyment coming up, and will be the toast of Jackson Hole every time they take it out! Quite a story all ending great!!



## TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



**\* Breakfasts \* Tours \* Picnics \* Parades\***

*Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250*

*Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116*



**The crew had fun at the brunch and car show with the Vista Park Retirement Community on April 6th. Thank you to everyone that attended.**

**Looks like we have a lot of fun events coming up for our club. I want to thank the people that joined us at Vista Retirement Community on April 6th, it is a very nice place and the food was lovely. We had 14 people and 9 cars! Thanks again. It was a long drive for some of us however the weather was perfect!**

### **Coming Events:**

**April 27th Car show at the Bass Pro Shop, this isn't a Club sponsored event but Bill 'Sticky' Salviano is going and would like to invite other Model A's to join him, give him a call!**

**May Breakfast: Black Bear Diner on Sahara & Durango When: Sunday, May 4th. Meet at 8:30 am and eat about 9:00 am. Sign up, if you missed the sign in sheet at the meeting on April 15th, contact Chris Ringenbach so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Thank you!**

**Helldorado Parade, May 10th, always a fun time!! Again, if you didn't get a chance to sign up at the meeting, please contact Chris Ringenbach to get your name on the list.**

**May 17th Car Show in Cedar City, Utah. Bill Williams & Hal White are setting this weekend tour up. Contact Hal for details.**

**Fourth of July Parade in Summerlin, please contact Hal White for details. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting.**

**Remember to put these events on your calendar too:**

**October 19th, Fall Picnic & Auction (remember to start saving your treasures) at Spring Mountain Park, always a great day and families are invited to join the fun!**

**October 30th thru Nov. 1, Beatty Days, we tour up there together, spend the weekend at the Stagecoach Motel, show our cars in the Parade all decorated for Halloween, then hang out in the park. Great way to get to know our members better. Then we travel home together, safety in numbers.**

**Let us know if you have an idea for a tour or event.  
Thank you, Dale Rausch & Chris Ringenbach**



## Meeting Minutes

The Model A Club meeting was called to order by our President at 7:30 PM.

Charlotte, VP, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had a total of 32 members present with no guests and 2 Model As were driven by Bill S. and Del.

\*Minutes from the March meeting as printed in the newsletter received corrections (from Hal earlier in the month). A motion was made by Raymond and seconded by Griff to accept the minutes. All were in favor to accept. Thank you!

\*Steve announced the April Birthdays. Happy Birthday to all of you!

\*Officer's Reports: PLEASE READ EACH OFFICER'S REPORT IN THIS NEWLSETTER TO GET THE FULL DETAILS

\*President, Steve, had a few Henry Ford historical dates to share with the club.

\*VP, Charlotte, wished everyone a "Happy Spring!"

\*Secretary Pro Tempore, Liz, asked if anyone was ready to take the job of secretary. I know one of you in the club is anxious to volunteer!

\*Treasurer, Dan, announced the club's total for the month.

\*Workshop, Mark, was out of town, so Hal filled us in on the shop. Apparently, there is more eating going on than any kind of mechanical work! I guess between Dennis, Angelia and Pat the baked goods just keep on coming! Maybe a Shop/Bakery isn't a bad idea!

\*Tour Director, Dale, talked about the good time everyone had at the Vista Park car show and buffet. She reminded the members of the upcoming events. Black Bear on May 4 th , Helldorado May 10 th , Cedar City Ford car show May 16 – 17 and the 4 th of July Summerlin Parade.

\*Sunshine, Pat, announced that she is very upset with the club for not listening to her warning about having health problems! She had quite a few on her list. PLEASE, check out her report because it's a big one this month.

\*Membership & Publicity, Liz, I am still putting "Chapter News" into The Restorer magazine each month. If anyone would like to give me something to put in let me know.

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\*Newsletter Editor, Mike, wants members to send in photos of their As for the Members and their Cars about Town column.

\*Website, Dale, announced that she took out the part of the website that required a password.

\*Tech Talk, Hal brought in a few Model A parts to explain their function in the car. What we call the "gas turn off valve", Hal calls his "key holder". Zip Tie your fuses before you insert them into the fuse box for easy removal. Thanks, Hal.

\*Old Business: Thanks to Jim and Carol for sponsoring the Vista Park car show and brunch.

\*New Business: Car Show at the Bass Pro Shop. This is not a club event however some members are going to be there. Give Bill Salvaino a call if you would like more information. Bill: 702-278-8830.

\*Steve Collett has a few Model A's for sale: '29 Roadster PU, '30 Tudor, and many extra parts. Call Steve for more information: Steve: 702-210-2162.

\*MAFCA asked if the club would host the 2027 National Awards Banquet. Members gave their input and after a bit of discussion it was decided that our club isn't up to the task. Steve will inform the MAFCA Board about our answer.

\*Dark Horse: Holy Cow am I lucky!!!! I, Liz, won again! Thanks everyone.

\*Our next meeting is Tuesday May 20, 2025.

\*A motion was made by Griff and with a second from Hal to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Thank you all for coming!

If you ever have any questions about the club, feel free to contact a board member! We appreciate your ideas and suggestions!

TTFN, Liz

**WEBMASTER**  
By Dale Rausch

Contact me: dale.rausch@yahoo.com



SCAN ME

### Website:

**www.vegasmodela.com**

*If you would like your Model A photo on the website or if you have items for sale, Please send info to me for posting.*

### Club Shirt's:

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<https://imaginationsunltd.com>  
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