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LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER



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May is for Helldorado Days



The club won
"Best Car
Club" at the
Helldorado
Days Parade
on May 10th in
Downtown
Las Vegas



Pat and Kat McMahon, Doug and Karen Smith, along with daughter Jennifer and grandson Hunter, drove their cars in the Skye Canyon Patriotic Parade. It was staged at Skye Canyon park, which had a carnival type atmosphere that included food trucks, inflatables, face painting, and live music.



Cedar City Tour

Our first tour of the season started out fantastic. All cars and people were right on time. We drove to Lake Mead National Park and the entrance ranger stations were closed. We had a leisurely drive-up North shore Road to our first stop, and on to our second stop in Mesquite, NV. with no issues. We had lunch at Peggy Sue's 50's diner. Brought back many memories of years gone by. After lunch we continued on back roads and around the gorge going from Nevada to Arizona, and into Utah, to our final destination



The next morning, we had a nice and entertaining breakfast at IHOP. After breakfast we drove to Cedar City Ford for the car show. (just a foot note: it was also a Jeep, Chrysler, and Dodge Ram dealer) The car show was very nice, some really interesting cars and it was not too windy, not too cold, not too hot, but not just right either. But we had a good time. Raffle prizes were won by most of us at attendance and the big winner for our group Was Dennis Rutkoskie. He won the plaque for the 1900 to 1930 car category. We then headed home, and we all made it without too much fanfare. A few little issues, and all the model A's went to and from under their own power. So, until next time, keep those engines running and we will hopefully see you on our next tour or outing.





N. Las Vegas Airport Open House



The North Las Vegas Airport held their annual open house on Saturday, May 17TH. They contacted past participant car enthusiasts to display their cars on the tarmac. Doug Smith represented our club.

UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

JUNE 17, 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: Summerlin (Details TBD)

TIME: (Details TBD)

JUNE BREAKFAST

Desert Willow Golf Course

DATE: Sunday, June 8

LOCATION: 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy

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

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Debra Thomas	May 5
Richard Corson	May 6
Ken Roy	May 8
Karen Smith	May 8
Yolanda Wibowo	May 27
Amber Richins	May 29
Margaret Wold	May 30

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www.vegasmodela.com

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!

Mark: cell: 763-242-4356

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Del: 702-553-8664



MR. PRESIDENT

By: Steve Hodgson

OFFICER'S REPORTS 2025

May has long been a month of transformative milestones that redefined human innovation. On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh embarked on a groundbreaking journey, becoming the first person to complete a solo nonstop transatlantic flight. Piloting the Spirit of St. Louis, Lindbergh's 33-hour, 30-minute flight was a triumph of endurance and daring—a moment that proved the impossible could be achieved.

Just days later, on May 26, 1927, the 15 millionth Ford Model T rolled off the assembly line. This milestone marked a pivotal pause—Ford closed plants worldwide for six months to retool factories and design a “new Ford” that would embody progress, modern craftsmanship, and the future of transportation: our beloved Model A.

These two achievements share a bold spirit—one of resilience, innovation, and a drive to connect people in new ways. Lindbergh's daring flight and Ford's engineering masterpiece stretched the limits of human potential, providing both practical mobility and aspirational progress.

What better way to honor this legacy than by engaging the next generation? May is Model A Youth Month—a time to celebrate young enthusiasts who carry forward the adventurous spirit of Lindbergh and the ingenuity of Ford's vision. Through their passion, restoration efforts, and dedication, they ensure the Model A legacy continues to thrive.

While driving her new Model A to visit her brother—an aviation mechanic inspired by Lindbergh—a schoolteacher noticed young enthusiasts restoring a Model A. In that moment, she realized that history isn't just studied; it's lived. Lindbergh's daring had shaped the skies, Ford's vision had transformed roads, and now these youth were ensuring the legacy endured. Their passion is more than appreciation—it's a promise for the future.

Innovation shapes society on many levels—both through the practicality of mobility and the extraordinary ambition of human achievement. May's milestones remind us that progress is more than invention—it is a legacy we nurture to empower younger generations to embrace and advance our passion.

Together, let's mentor and inspire young Model A enthusiasts, ensuring they inherit and enhance the legacy of innovation. This month is more than a celebration—it's a commitment to the future of Model As.



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities.



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

Mark Frigaard - Was in the hospital for blood pressure issues., was released next day. Followed up with his doctor. He is doing better.

Hal White - Was in the hospital with heart issues. They found stent in back of the heart collapsed. Stent was repaired. He is back to normal.

Brenda Frigaard - Was in a car accident. Her car was totaled. The air bag deployed & gave her some bruising & back issues She received a shot in her back. she is doing better.

Bob Guerin - was in the hospital for pneumonia. he is doing a lot better.

Lorraine Hanna - is home doing PT for her neck after her fall. The contusions on her head have healed up also.

Carol Miller - she is home doing PT . It will be a long recovery after her surgery. Wishing her well.

Jim Miller - he is still doing follow ups with his doctors for loss of breath. Wishing him well.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

May 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,215.21
Income	
New Member	0.00
Dark Horse	50.00
Auction Items	5.00
Total Income	\$55.00
Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Shop Battery Replacement	97.53
Trailer Gas Shocks	35.75
Total Expenses	\$208.28

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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Its been a slower month at the shop, but lots going on around the valley. Bob Taylor drove his Tudor over for help with an annual oil change, Bob's car is running and looking Great! Dave Ringenbach had his side bowl carburetor over again, just can't seem to find out why it is still dripping gas. Float was adjusted, float valve tests out good, made sure all jets that need gaskets have them. We were able to get the drip to slow down but not fully corrected yet, Dave is going to try adding an additional thin gasket to the float valve and seal the area with Permatex 2 this will lower the fuel level in the bowl slightly. Hopefully that solves it, let us know Dave!

Our president Steve was starting to do some work on his 29 coupe by changing spark plugs and when the plugs he ordered wouldn't fit due to the thread pattern was way larger than the plugs he was taking out he called the shop to find out which were correct. We asked Steve to send us a picture of his engine head and seen that someone had an adapter installed so a more modern plug could be used, so we said to just unscrew the adapter to use the stock plug or match up the modern plug and leave the adapters in, personally I would use the stock plug as long as the threads in the head are ok.

Rich Rodriguez is continuing to work on his 31, 4 door town sedan, currently rebuilding his distributor with new wires and modern points. Rich called to say he's not getting any spark but has power to the key switch. I told him there's probably a short somewhere in the distributor and for ease of troubleshooting this I asked Rich to just bring the distributor to the shop and we can look it over and test it on the shop test motor so we know its working before installing back on his car.

That's it for this month, hope all your cars are running well!!



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



* Breakfasts * Tours * Picnics * Parades*

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

Let's start with the Helldorado Parade on May 10 th , which turned out to be a beautiful, although slightly hot Saturday morning. We had a great showing with nine cars in the lineup, including 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 parade started on time but unfortunately it wasn't long before we had a long back up, caused by a group of women who performed a too long dance routine in front of the judges. Oh well. It's always fun waving to the crowd and honking our ahooga horns, but we all said we missed the days when we were allowed to throw candy to the kids.

Doug Smith is organizing a group to drive in the Sky Canyon parade on Saturday, May 24 th . In order to participate, you're required to pay a \$10 donation to the Vets. I'm told it's a very well organized parade and those who have done it in the past enjoyed it. Call Doug at 702-767-8520 for details.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming breakfast on Sunday June 8 th at the Willows Restaurant on the Desert Willows Golf Course. The address is 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway in Henderson. We've been there before and have enjoyed sitting on the patio and seeing the beautiful view over the golf course. The patio is on the north side of the building so it should be nicely shady for our morning breakfast. If you haven't had a chance to sign up at the meeting, please call Chris at 725-221- 9116 so she'll have an idea of how many to expect. Hope to see you there!

Next up is the July 4 th parade in Summerlin. Hmm, seems like we've got a parade theme going here. Hal is going to a meeting next week to get all the details so he can update us at the June meeting. 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 19 th is our Fall Picnic at Spring Mountain Park – always a fun day to invite our families to come join us. 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 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.



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

The President brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday May 20, 2025

Our VP led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

33 Members were present with 1 visitor. Max brought his grandson, Braden. Welcome to our meeting. One Model A was driven by Bill Salviano.

The minutes from the April 15 th meeting, as printed in April's Newsletter, were accepted by a motion from Hal and second from Kat. The club all agreed.

The Prez read the list of May Birthdays and we wish you all a very Happy Birthday! Next, Max and his grandson, Braden, came up front and amazed the club with a metal Model A design he made as a gift to his grandfather. Max is very lucky to have such a talented grandson! Thanks for sharing your art with all of us! The metal design is pictured in this Newsletter.

Officer's Reports:

- **President:** Steve shared a few memories from the year 1927. Lindberg's flight on the "Spirit of St Louis", the Model T and "The New Ford" the Model A. He was not feeling too well and apologized for not personally greeting everyone before the meeting. He didn't want to pass any germs around.
- **VP:** Charlotte sent out good wishes to everyone.
- **Secretary:** (temporary) **"IS THERE ANY MEMBER OUT THERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE SECRETARY?"**
- **Treasurer:** Dan was on vacation so, Steve gave his report on the club finances.
- **Workshop Director:** Mark stated there were a few visitors coming to the shop. A phone call from Steve requesting spark plug advice came into the shop. He just might get his Model A on the road if he can figure all this stuff out!
- **Tour Director:** Chris told the Helldorado Parade story and has a breakfast planned for June 8 th at the Desert Willows Golf Course. Hal filled us in on the Cedar City Car Show tour, the Summerlin 4 th Of July Parade and Beatty Day's set for October. Doug gave information on the Sky Canyon Parade set for May 24.
- **Sunshine Director:** Pat reported on the health of the club members. Her report tells it all.
- **Membership & Publicity:** I had business cards for those who needed them. Please give me ideas for The Restorer's member news. Thank you to Bill Salviano for mapping out the club member's homes on the Las Vegas city map. I will be sending him a few more addresses to help in updating the map.
- **Newsletter:** Mike was not at the meeting but is always looking for your photos and stories to put in the Newsletter!
- **Website:** Dale and Griff are on vacation.

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Tech Talk: Hal, even after leaving his notes at home, tested all of our minds with some trivia questions! Thanks, Hal.

Old Business: Steve sent a letter to MAFCA declining the invitation to host the National Awards Banquet. He also stated that May is MAFCA's National Youth Month and wondered if anyone had some ideas for next year. Remember the youth is the future for keeping our Model As up and running.

New Business: Doug Smith is working with the Mob Museum for their "Organized Crime" day in November. He will have more information on event soon.

Auction: The Ringenbachs brought a car cover as an auction item. Bob Guerin grabbed it for \$5. They also brought issues of The Restorer for anyone who would like them.

Dark Horse: Brenda Frigaard had the winning ticket this time! What gem will she find to spend her winnings on? Congratulations, Brenda!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Dan and a second from pat White. Time: 8:17 PM

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

Max and his Grandson, Braden.
Braden made the metal design, it a real work of art!



WEBMASTER
 By Dale Rausch

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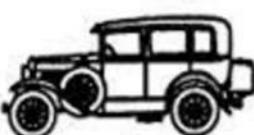
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