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Fall is for Car Games



We couldn't have asked for better weather for this year's Annual Spring Mountain Ranch Picnic. The sunshine, the cool fall air, and the company of great friends made it a perfect day to get our Model A's out on the road. A total of five Model A's were driven in, with drivers: Hal & Pat White, Pat & Kat McMahon, Mark & Brenda Frigaard, Griff & Dale Rousch, and Bill Silvano. We also had a late arrival—Ken Roy—who brought his Model A out to join the fun.

Car Games

With five cars present, we went straight into the games. This year's challenges included Stop on the Bullseye and Don't Hit the Cone With Your Bumper.

Competition got tight—tight enough that we held our first-ever Bump-Off between Dale and Hal after a tie.

Don't Hit the Cone:

1st Place: Mark Frigaard
2nd Place: Kat McMahon

Bullseye Challenge:

1st Place: Hal White
2nd Place: Dale Rousch

After the games, everyone enjoyed lunch followed by the club auction. The afternoon was filled with conversations, laughter, and great memories. One by one we all headed home—another wonderful picnic in the books.

More Pictures on Page 9

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Here are the 2026 election nominees. Stay tuned for the November voting details!

- President: Kat McMahon
- Vice President: Charlotte Kessler
- Secretary/Membership: Steve Hodgson
- Treasurer: Dan Gouker
- Tour Directors: Dale Rausch & Chris Ringenbach and Hal White for the Summerlin Patriotic Parade
- Workshop Director: Mark Frigaard
- Sunshine Director: Pat White
- Newsletter: Mike McComb
- Website: Steve Hodgson

**THANK YOU
FOR VOLUNTEERING**

**“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE
THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.”**
- ELIZABETH ANDREW

UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

NOV. 18, 2025, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Giuseppe's Bar & Grill: Dec. 13

6065 S Durango Dr. LV, NV 89113.

Social Hour: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM Price: \$50 per person.

To be paid in advance of the party. Please call Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116.

CARSHOW OPPORTUNITY

Veterans Car Show

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 15

LOCATION: 6900 N Pecos Rd LV, NV 89086

TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM COST: Free

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST

Pegg's Glorified Ham & Eggs

DATE: Sunday, Nov. 9

LOCATION: 8465 W. Sahara Ave LV, NV 89117

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

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Collett	Oct. 1
Bill Williams	Oct. 3
Jo Harrah	Oct. 4
Mark Johnson	Oct. 4
Ray Lindblom	Oct. 6
Mike McComb	Oct. 7
Doug Warren	Oct. 12
Don Belian	Oct. 13
Kyle Callahan	Oct. 14
Jessie Johnson	Oct. 18
Mike Kessler	Oct. 22
Griff Rausch	Oct. 23
Carol Miller	Oct. 25
Mark Schieff	Oct. 29
Larry Caller	Oct. 30

SAVE THE

DATE:

Christmas Party

12/13/2025

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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!
Mark: cell: 763-242-4356
Email: mfrigaard@gmail.com
Del: 702-553-8664



MR. PRESIDENT

By: Steve Hodgson

OFFICER'S REPORTS 2025

Reflections on October Milestones

October has long been a month of transformation, innovation, and enduring impact. As we ramble through this vibrant month, let's reflect on the historical milestones that have shaped our world – both within our Model A legacy and across history.

Ford History: Pioneering Industrial Progress

October marks several defining moments in the history of Ford Motor Company and its visionary founder, Henry Ford:

- October 22, 1906 – Henry Ford becomes President of Ford Motor Company, positioning himself to lead a revolution in manufacturing and labor reform.
- October 1, 1908 – Launch of the Model T, a vehicle that democratized mobility and reshaped the American landscape.
- October 7, 1913 – First moving assembly line tested, dramatically reducing production time and setting a new standard for industrial efficiency.

These milestones represent the birth of modern industry—where scale, affordability, and innovation converged to redefine how the world works and moves.

Global History: Epoch-Making Shifts Beyond Industry

October has also witnessed transformative events on the world stage:

- October 14, 1066 – Battle of Hastings, where William the Conqueror's victory reshaped English governance and culture.
- October 4, 1957 – Launch of Sputnik 1 by the Soviet Union, igniting the Space Race and redefining global scientific ambition.
- October 5, 2011 – Steve Jobs died, marking the end of an era in digital innovation and visionary leadership.

These events reflect paradigm shifts in politics, science, and culture – moments that altered the trajectory of nations and industries alike.

My Model A Progress

On a personal note, I'm grateful to Bill Salviano for providing my first Model A driving lessons with his car. Bill is certainly a patient instructor. Although it's been 40 years since I briefly drove a stick shift, it's slowly coming back. With much practice, I know the clutch will eventually become second nature. I'm thrilled that Bill has allowed me to practice several times so far. Now, I'm even more motivated to get Grandpa's Model A running!



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." — Oscar Wilde



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Carol Miller** - found she has 2 bad disk & vascular disease. She will be having surgery on her hip again just waiting on date.
- **Doug Warren** - is doing PT & is doing well. Keep him in your prayers.
- **Karen Smith** - has had knee surgery on her right knee. She is doing ok, has its moments. Lets pray she has a quick recovery.
- **Doug Smith** - will be having hip replacement surgery with in the next 2 weeks. Lets pray all goes well & he has a quick recovery.
- **Pat McMahon** - had open heart surgery. He had his pacemaker, defibrillator & all wires replaced. He is recovering well.
- **Bill Williams** - is going to have back surgery, he is waiting to find out the date. He has 2 bulging disk leaning against his spine.
- **Dave Ringenbach** - had surgery done. He had his right knee replaced. Please wish him a quick recovery.
- **Del Hering** - I am sure everyone heard about the 12 year old girl Haylee Ryan & The bus. Haylee is Del Great Grand Daughter. Please keep Del & his family in your prayers.
- **Angelia Kenney** - has lost a brother. Keep her in your prayers.
- **Jack Camburn** - had back surgery in September. Lets wish him a quick recovery.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

October 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,043.01
Income	
Dues	25.00
Dark Horse	60.00
Picnic Auction	177.00
Badge Sales	19.50
Total Income	\$281.51
Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
New Checks	260.04
Total Expenses	\$335.04

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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A Day at Hal's Garage

The next week we all met at Hal's garage. He recently had eye surgery and isn't supposed to lift or do anything strenuous for a few weeks, even though he's got plenty of car work that needs doing before the busy October club schedule. We figured it was the perfect opportunity to stress him out by having us work on his cars while he just sat and watched! Of course, you're not going to stop his guidance—but we did at least allow a little input. Not sure how much we actually listened... ha! All humor aside, things went pretty well.

On Pat's red car, the carburetor wouldn't idle without dying, so Hal wanted it swapped with a spare. After changing it, the car wouldn't fire at all—oops. We moved on to a second spare, and that one fired right up. Looks like Hal has a couple carbs to go through at Del's shop. We also fixed a sticky throttle actuator caused by the gas pedal rod rubbing against the floorboard.

Next we worked on Hal's blue special coupe. The starter was turning over slowly, so we checked the battery. While disconnecting the battery cables (as Hal looked for his tester... wherever that is), we noticed the negative connector was snug but not truly tight. After checking the water level and reattaching the cables, things seemed better. A few start/stop tests should confirm.

At the September club meeting, I mentioned that things had been pretty quiet at the shop for the last few months... BUT that was going to change. And thankfully it did! This month started out great. Most of the regulars—Del, Hal, myself, Jerry, and Doug—have been showing up consistently. Dan usually stops by about once a week, and Dennis was down a few days as well. It's always fun hearing about Dennis's tour adventures and wondering what he'll be driving next!

The first day with everyone back turned into more of a "conversation and donuts" day as we caught up on what everyone had been doing over the summer. I knew the real work would start soon—and it did.





Carburetors and More Carburetors

Next shop day, we troubleshooted a distributor from my friend in Minnesota. The condenser was bad, and someone had used a throttle adjustment screw instead of the proper screw. Once corrected, the distributor ran great.

The following shop day focused on carburetors again—specifically Hal's "B" carb that didn't work at the start of this report. Hal tore into it and found multiple jets with double washers—never a good sign. Dan stopped in to check things out with Hal. The float was a little high, and like many old carbs, it looked like someone had just bent the float arm instead of adjusting it with washers. Some fine-tuning was still needed.

On the next shop day, Hal got the "B" carb float properly adjusted, and it's working well now. I also had two carbs that hadn't been tested in a few years—one was a spare riding in my roadster trunk. We tested both for leaks and runability. They're now working great, so one goes back into the trunk as a reliable spare. If any of you have spare parts that haven't been tested in a while, bring them by—we're happy to help.

We also relocated the temp gauge from under the dash to a new two-gauge bracket on the steering column, since Hal had installed a tach. Once we rerouted sensor cables and wired everything up—voilà! Everything worked. Hal was a real trouper, getting his hands in there a bit but mostly letting Doug and me handle the work he wasn't supposed to be doing. Great job, Hal! Check out the pictures—thanks to Jerry for snapping most of them.





exterior pressurized oil pump. It fired right up and ran great. Anyone need a replacement motor? Del's willing to let it go.

Back to Hal's... Again

The next shop day took us back to Hal's because Pat's car had engine issues (not from our earlier work—ha!). We helped with another engine removal. After doing so many, it's getting quicker—just under an hour this time! Now Hal has to decide which of his three engines will go back in.

Once he picked one, we returned to help reinstall it. After buttoning things up, Hal took it for a test run. It reminded me of the movie Days of Thunder—Robert Duvall talking to the race car, then spotting a pool of oil and saying, "This isn't the kind of sign I was looking for." Well... that was kind of the situation here, only with stronger language. So back into engine-rebuild mode. Crap!

Looking Ahead

After spending last winter rebuilding my '31 truck, which is now in Minnesota, I've set a new goal: rebuild or refurbish at least 90% of the spare parts I've accumulated over the years. It's a big task, but by working on something every shop day, I think it's doable. It'll be a huge benefit to have ready-to-install parts when needed.

There's a lot going on at the shop—so come on over Monday, Wednesday, or Friday and join in. We love seeing new faces, new projects, and new stories.

Distributor Days

Next up: distributors. I had a couple sitting in drawers unmarked, plus one in pieces that I knew had issues. This will probably take a few shop days, which is fine—keeps us busy. On the first one, the top plate wouldn't allow enough advance/retard movement to match up with the distributor cap slot. After disassembling it, we found the connecting wire between the plates was too short. Del had a longer wire in his stash, and once installed, the distributor tested great. One down, two to go!

We also started Del's spare engine that's been sitting for a few years since being fully rebuilt: inserted bearings, valves, pistons, and an





TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

First we'd like to send a Big Thank You to Bob & Cathy Guerin for organizing and procuring the food for the fall picnic again. I think everyone had a great day, the weather was perfect, the food amazing, as always. Thank you to Hal White and Mark Frigaard for the Car Games, we only had a small amount of cars this year but it was still fun. Also Hal and Mark did a great job with the auction. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped setting up and cleaning up, it makes it more fun for everyone when everyone jumps in.

Beatty Days is coming up October 31st thru November 2nd, if you have any questions contact Hal White 702-334-1450. This is always a fun weekend starting with driving out to Beatty, then the Friday evening wine & snack party. Saturday morning we decorate our cars and show them off in the parade and then end at the car show. During the weekend we always find some fun places to eat and just visit with good friends.

Our next breakfast is Sunday November 9th at Pegg's Glorified Ham n Eggs, 8465 W. Sahara Ave, #100, Las Vegas, Nv 89117. If you haven't signed up yet, please call Chris at 725-221-9116. We meet at the restaurant about 8:30 and eat about 9:00 AM.

The Mob Museum is Saturday November 15th, please contact Doug Smith, 702-767-8520, for details and to sign up.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 13th at Giuseppe's Bar & Grille, 6065 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, 89113. Reservations are required for this event. Please sign up with Chris Ringenbach, 725-221-9116. This is always a wonderful event, the food is great, we all dress up and have a wonderful evening to close out our year. Dinner is \$50.00 per person. Please be sure Chris has your reservation and payment as soon as possible so we can make the final preparations. If have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Co Tour Directors – Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

Secretary Report: Meeting Minutes by Steve Hodgson

The October meeting came to order at 7:18 PM, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, at the Tap House. We started early since everyone was ready.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VP, Charlotte Kessler.

Members present 32, with 1 Model A driven by Kat and Pat McMahon. New members Teresa and Dan Monsouir did not attend, so we will provide their name badges at their next meeting.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved and accepted by our President, Steve Hodgson.

Steve read the list of members' October birthdays and six were present! We also celebrated Bob and Cathy Guerin's 55 th anniversary, Bob and Doreen Andrini's 13th anniversary, and Dan and Rita Gouker's 5 th anniversary. Congratulations, everyone!

Please read the Officer's Reports in this newsletter. Here are some highlights:

Treasurer: Dan Gouker provided some fun \$2 bill trivia questions.

Shop Talk: Mark Frigaard shared several examples of why temporary fixes on the road aren't permanent fixes.

Old Business: Steve shared the slate of nominees for the upcoming election (see more details in this newsletter). We're grateful for those nominees who have agreed to remain on the board or move to new roles, plus a new candidate! Stay tuned for voting details.

We had perfect weather for the club picnic on Sunday, October 19. Everyone that attended had a great time!

Hal Smith provided details for Beatty Days. We'll meet at 8:00 am at the Santa Fe Casino on Friday, October 31, heading to Beatty by 8:30 am. We'll have breakfast at the Big Boy in Indian Springs and will stop for a break at the Area 51 Alien Center before we get to Beatty.

Hal also shared details from Doug Smith about the Kefauver Day on Saturday, November 15. We should meet at the Mob Museum between 7:30 am and 8:30 am to receive our wristbands. 12 cars have signed up.

If members are participating in the Trunk or Treat on October 30 at the Doris M. Reed Elementary School, 2501 Winwood St, Las Vegas, NV 89108, be sure to arrive by 4:00 PM.

This week, Dan Gouker will take care of the registration for the chapter tools trailer. Stay tuned for more details about arranging home visits with the mechanics in the future.

After the meeting, Mike McComb helped Mark Schieff locate his chapter emails and newsletters!

New Business: Chris Ringenbach shared the need for new storage bins for the picnic supplies. Dan and Rita Gouker agreed to purchase them and will work with Chris for details.

The ticket prices for the Christmas Party on Saturday, 12/13 is \$50 per person. As in the past, please include your membership renewal with these tickets. For example, the total price is \$125 for a couple with the membership renewal. We'll have the signup sheet and will accept payments at the November meeting. Chris will contact Giuseppes Bar & Grill to determine the cut-off date.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Auction: There were no auction items this evening.

Dark Horse: Dale Rausch won \$60! Congratulations, Dale!

Next meeting: November 18, 2025 (remember, there's no meeting in December except for the Christmas Party on December 13).

Motion to close was made by Bob Andrini and a second from Hal White. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.



WEBMASTER

By Dale Rausch

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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.



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Imaginations Unlimited, LLC

Water St Henderson, NV

Owner's name is Tina



Angel Valladares special interest story as told to Mark Frigaard

Angel Valladares, one of our new members in 2025, was texting me recently about some preventative maintenance for his 1929 Tudor. During our conversation, he shared an interesting story about a friend whose father wanted to take a ride in Angel's Model A.

While researching the history of his car, Angel discovered that it was assembled at the Rouge Plant in Michigan in September 1929. Coincidentally, his friend's father, Mr. Delfino, was also born in September 1929—though not in Michigan, but in Guatemala.

Mr. Delfino spent his whole life working as a heavy-equipment operator in the rugged mountains and terrain of Guatemala. He told Angel an interesting story from the 1950s: Ford Motor Company once offered to finance road construction in Guatemala in exchange for being the only vehicle brand allowed to be sold in the country. The government turned down the offer. Mr. Delfino retired and moved to Las Vegas in 1990. Check out the pictures of this dapper gentleman—we should all hope to age so well! Thanks, Angel, for sharing this story. And by the way, your car looks great!



On Sunday, October 5th, before and after the car show and lunch at the Vista Park Retirement Community, Bill Salviano gave Steve Hodgson his my first-ever driving lessons with Bill's Model A!

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