

**JULY
2026**
LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER



**WWW.
VEGASMODELA.COM**



Freedom on Four Wheels



Driving Into Independence

We did it again. What did we do, you say. Well, We were picked to be in the Summerlin Patriotic Day, July 4th, 250-Year celebration Parade.

We had 12 cars signed up, but sometimes model a's are cantankerous Two had to drop out due to mechanical issues. But we still had a great showing with 10 model A's.



On the morning of the parade, we were meeting at the Smith's parking lot. Pat and I had left early thinking we would be the first ones there. Wrong, five model A's were already there. We waited for the rest of the cars and people that were riding along in other members cars. We left the parking lot right on schedule and arrived at our assigned location in nothing flat. We

went about decorating our cars and everyone was helping everyone to get them all done.

The parade started and went fairly smoothly. We went to IHOP for breakfast and for the first time for most of us were able to see some of the parade from inside IHOP while eating breakfast. After breakfast we all headed home or back to the Smith's parking lot. Directions were given, but some members thought that they were wrong and went the other way. We have GPS; however, GPS doesn't know about road closure due to the parade, and they had a trying time, but eventually managed to make it back to the Smith's parking lot. Some of us followed the direction and went straight to the parking lot.





Just before leaving the parking lot for home, we received a phone call from Cathy and Emmanuel Munoz that they were broke down at Alta Dr. and S Hualapai Way. We drove our model a to their location and checked out the car. After some checking and diagnosing, it was determined that the little model a was just not going to start or move. Pat and Emmanuel stayed with the car while Cathy and I drove my model A home and put it away in its usual parking spot. We got our trailer hooked up to my truck and back to the model A we go. We didn't mess around as it was getting hotter and hotter, and winched the car onto

the trailer, tied down and headed back to our house as I have parts and tools to repair the model A. After more checking and diagnosing we decided to change the coil and "Wala", the engine started and revved up. Put all back together and Cathy took it on a long test drive. She came back, said it was running great and by that time it was almost time for the festivities to begin. Soooooo, we had dinner and then Cathy and Emmanuel headed home. We received a call an hour and one minute later. They had made it home. Whew, what a day. Hope everyone enjoyed our 250-year celebration.



Hal White
Chairperson for 4th of July Parade

**Karen and Doug Smith's
Grandkids, Hunter and
Tatym, celebrating at the
Fourth of July parade.**



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

AUGUST 18, 2026, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

TIME: Eat: 5:45 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

BREAKFAST

DATE: Sunday, August 2

LOCATION: Horizon Cafe @ Skyline Casino

1741 N. Boulder Hwy., Henderson, NV 89014

Meet at 8:30AM, Breakfast at 9:00AM

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.

MODEL A DAY

Northwest at Team Ford

Henderson at Mustang Sally's

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

Details: See tour report

2026 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	Kat McMahon
Past President	Steve Hodgson
Vice President	Charlotte Kessler
Treasurer	Dan Gouker
Secretary	Steve Hodgson
Tour Director	Dale Rausch & Chris Ringenbach
Workshop Director	Mark Frigaard
Sunshine Director	Pat White
Newsletter Editor	Michael McComb
Web Master	Steve Hodgson
Membership/Publicity	Steve Hodgson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Hodgson	July 8
Randy Richins	July 8
Angelia Kenney	July 16
Dale Rausch	July 21
Doug Smith	July 21
Russell Wold	July 24
Lindsay Smith	July 28
Vicki Taylor	July 31

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Mountain
Ranch Picnic
Sunday
September 27

NUTS'N BOLTS



NEWSLETTER: Published monthly by the LVVMAFC Articles submitted for publication should reach the editor by Friday noon following the monthly meetings. All articles become the property of the club and are subject to corrections or revisions. Permission granted to reprint articles.

WEB SITE:
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 Mark 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


MADAM PRESIDENT

By: Kat McMahon

Kat's "Meow": Presidents report for July 2026.

We had a great time at the Summerlin 4th of July parade. It was warm but certainly not as hot as previous years. Pat and I each drove a car and we took the Kessler family along with us.

All the guys were with Pat in Jerrydene, his Fire Chief Car. Tyler (Charlotte & Mike's grandson) sharing the back seat with "Smoky" Pat's Lifesize stuffed dalmatian and Mike sat upfront with Pat. The girls were with me in Henry. Charlotte, Charlie (her granddaughter) and Charlie's friend Micky were in the backseat and Jennifer rode upfront with me.

It was really fun to see Charlotte and Mike's grandkids so grown up! They had ridden with me 7 or 8 years ago when they rode in the rumble seat of Perky. Charlotte showed me a picture from then and duplicated the pose now. Only now I was the shortest one! I do keep things forever - I was wearing the same shirt in both pictures!

The gals were really wonderful and everyone pitched in decorating the cars. Charlie had made signs of 250 that we put on Henry and in no time at all both cars were ready for the parade with Uncle Sams and oodles of flags. I'll let you read more about the parade itself and the breakfast afterwards in Hal and the tour girls reports.

Henry had acted up a bit on that long hill of the parade and I had to restart him several times. I do wish that Summerlin would change the route so that we would begin at the top of the hill and it would be all downhill like the Henderson St. Patrick's parade. After breakfast we took the Kessler family back to their cars and then Pat and I started home. Somehow we got separated when a bunch of cars got between us and Pat didn't follow me on one turn. I got to the last hill before home and Henry was not happy! I kept praying for him not to stall again. When I got home Pat was there and opening the garage but it wasn't quite fast enough and Henry gave his last spurt and died on the driveway!

Pat pushed me into the garage with a modern car (I wrapped Henry's bumper) luckily the bumpers matched up. And then we surveyed the damage. One burnt coil and one blown fuse. It still needs a few more things before he's running again. Luckily Pat's car ran beautifully.

The next weekend Pat drove Jerrydene again when we went to Peg's Glorified Ham n Eggs for breakfast with the club. Stinky showed up with his car but the rest of you didn't want to drive in the heat. I really can't blame you, though honestly it wasn't too bad. We opened up the windshield and the temp was under a hundred and though not like being in a modern air conditioned car it was comfortable and it is always fun to get all the oohs and aahs horns, and thumbs up along the way.

At the meeting Steve read and email he received from Ted Souza wanting to know if we could provide a 30's sedan for his daughter's wedding at the Mob Museum. Many of you had questions about date, time, etc. I wrote an email to Mr. Souza and once I knew more about what they wanted, I sent an email out to the club members. There are 11 fordor sedans in the club.

President's Report continued on page 6

President's Report continued from page 5

2 of you responded. Ricky Rodriguez and Bill Salviano (Stinky)

I had both of them send pictures of their cars so the bride could choose.

They wanted their wedding to be more "Bonny and Clyde" type not the "The Great Gatsby" type. Many emails and phone calls later they chose Stinky's car. It was everything she had hoped to find. They are thrilled. I have some made some new friends and am so happy that we are making a dream come true. The wedding is in October.

Hope to see everyone August 2 at the Horizon Room at the Skyline Casino for our next breakfast.

The next meeting is August 18.

Hopefully we'll get a break in the weather and more of you will feel like driving your cars.

Charlotte Kessler's grandchildren's with Kat. 7 yrs ago when they rode in the 4th parade in "Perky's" rumble seat and then today when Tyler rode with Pat & his Grandpa in Jerrildene. Charlie their granddaughter rode with Kat, her Mom Jen, and her best friend in "Henry"



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

— Maya Angelou



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

Brenda Frigaard - went through hip surgery for the third time on the same hip. Brenda is in rehabilitation and she will be there for a while. Please keep Brenda in your prayers for a speedy recovery.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

Treasures Report

July, 2026

Income Sources

Dues/New Member	\$00.00
Dark Horse	\$50.00
Meeting Auction Items	\$00.00
Member Donation for the shop	\$00.00
Advertisers	\$00.00

Total Income **\$50.00**

Expenses (i.e. Checks Written)

Room Rent	\$75.00	CK# 890	Processed
Badge	\$19.51	CK# 891	Processed

Total Expenses

Account Balance as of July 24, 2026 -- \$9,434.82

Note: Account balance DOES NOT reflect checks not processed if any.

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: Future TBD

**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: Doug Smith

Love to Share SHOP TALK?

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE THE WHEEL!

Our "Shop Talk" column highlights the projects, progress, tips, and good times happening at the club shop each month.

Could that be you?
We're looking for a volunteer to write and share what's happening in the shop and help keep this great tradition going!

Share your experiences.
Inspire fellow members.
Keep our Model A spirit alive.

**YOUR
SHOP
YOUR
VOICE!**

INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

Contact any club officer or reply to the newsletter email.



**Celebrating Hal's birthday at the shop and
Jerry working on airing up his tire**





TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

The City of Las Vegas sent us a certificate congratulating us for getting the Best Car Club Award in the Helldorado Parade which was on May 9th. Thank you to Kat who spearheaded this event and to Kat, Pat, Ken Roy and Stinky who participated.

Our monthly breakfast for July was on July 12th, at Peg's Glorified Ham & Eggs. We had 16 people and 2 cars driven by Kat and Pat and Stinky, who were the only ones willing to brave the hot weather.

Thank you to Hal for once again taking charge of our participating in the Summerlin Fourth of July parade. We had ten cars driving in the. Look for his report in the newsletter.

Next breakfast is **Sunday, August 2 at the Horizon Café in the Skyline Casino in Henderson.** Please sign up.

Model A Day is **September 19th** this year and we will be recognizing the day at two locations. In the northwest at the Team Ford Dealership, Doug Smith is organizing a group of us to showcase our cars. For those of us in the Henderson area, we are moving our monthly breakfast to Saturday, the 19th. We will be having breakfast at the Ford Dealership in Henderson at Mustang Sally's and then caravan to the Clark County Museum to take pictures with our old cars. Please dress in period costume for these events. This will give our club exposure to a wider group of people in the valley and will hopefully encourage more of our members to participate in the location most convenient to their homes. Specific times and locations to be announced.

Just a quick reminder for our annual picnic and auction which will be on **Sunday, September 27th** this year. Save all your fun treasures to bring to the auction. Kat and Pat have volunteered to organize the Food. She will let us know what we need to bring.

Also, Beatty Days is just around the corner on **October 30 thru November 1st**. This includes the tour/drive to Beatty spending the weekend in a motel and the festive Fall 'Halloween' Parade which we decorate our cars to show them off for the holiday season.

Dale Rausch and Chris Ringenbach, Co-Tour Directors

Model A Day Details

- **Mustang Sally's at Ford Country**, 280 N. Gibson Rd., Henderson, NV 89014 – contact Dale Rauch, derausch@aol.com, 831-901-7250, or Chris Ringenbach, chrisring2049@gmail.com, 725-221-9116
- **Team Ford**, 5445 Drexel Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89130 (US-95 and W. Anne Rd) – contact Doug Smith, 2002dlsmith@gmail.com, 702-767-8520, space is limited (4 of 10 slots already taken)



SECRETARY

By: Steve Hodgson

Meeting Minutes

The July 21, 2026, meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Tap House.

President Kat McMahon welcomed everyone, and Vice President Charlotte Kessler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the June meeting will be approved at the next meeting, once the June newsletter is available.

Attendance: 34 members were present, with one Model A driven by Bill Salviano.

Kat recognized eight July birthdays. Congratulations to everyone!

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

President: Kat McMahon shared her experiences during and after the Summerlin Patriotic Parade.

Vice President: Charlotte Kessler thanked Kat and Pat McMahon for letting her family ride with them during the Summerlin Patriotic Parade.

Treasurer: Dan Gouker provided the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary/Membership/Webmaster: Steve Hodgson shared the current Rambling A Award tally. In the lead: Chris and Dave Ringenbach, plus Bill Salviano. 7 others are within 3 points (8 more are 5 points from the lead).

Tour Directors: Chris Ringenbach shared our Helldorado Parade Best Car Club certificate and Hal White shared the Summerlin Patriotic Parade club certificate.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, August 2 at Horizon Café at Skyline Casino, 1741 N. Boulder Hwy, Henderson, NV 89011.

Workshop Director: Vacant – please let us know if you'd like to assist.

Sunshine Director: Pat White provided one health update for Brenda Frigaard.

Newsletter: Send photos with you and your Model As around town to Mike McComb, along with your name, car details, and location.

Old Business:

- The annual picnic is Sunday, September 27 at Spring Mountain Ranch. More details to come.
- Cathy Munoz recommended the club purchase two GMRS radios for driving tours, which would require a one-time \$35 FCC license. After the meeting, Mike Hughes shared that he already has some radios available.

Meeting Minutes continued from page 10

New Business:

- Ted Souza reached out through the website, asking if any members rented their Model As with driver for events. His daughter is getting married at the Mob Museum in October. Kat McMahon is contacting him for more information.
- During Donna's absence, Sheree asks that we order our meals while sitting at our place at the table. Since she doesn't know us yet, it's difficult to deliver our food quickly if we order from the bar or away from our seats.
- Save the date! The Christmas Party is Saturday, December 5.
- Since the Big Boy closed in Indian Springs, Hal White proposed that we drive through Pahrump and have breakfast at Mom's Diner on the way to Beatty. We'll discuss this again during future meetings before deciding.
- The Nevada Northern Railway in Ely, <https://nnry.com/>, contacted Hal White to invite us to participate in their 120th Anniversary, September 4-6. They recommend staying at Hotel Nevada or the Jailhouse Motel and Casino. He suggests transporting our cars on trailers. More information will be provided later.

Auction: None

Dark Horse Drawing: Del Herring won \$45! Congratulations!

Next meeting: August 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Raymond Lindblom and Hal White, second by Doug Smith. All in favor. The meeting ended at 7:56 PM.



WEBMASTER
By Steve Hodgson

Contact me: shodgson1@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:

Website to order club shirts is:
<https://imaginationsunltd.com>
Phone number: 702-565-0129.
Imaginations Unlimited, LLC
Water St Henderson, NV
Owner's name is Tina

Club Recognition



Helldorado Parade - Best Car Club



Summerlin Patriotic Parade -
"Red, White & Blue" Thank You

PROTECT YOUR ANTIQUE
WITH J.C. TAYLOR



J.C. Taylor
INSURANCE

50 Years Experience
Agreed Value Coverage
Superior Claims Service

1-888-ANTIQUÉ www.jctaylor.com

**NEED CAR PARTS OR
INSURANCE?
PLEASE,
SUPPORT OUR
LVVMAFC
ADVERTISERS**



Bus. (702) 871-1963
Fax. (702) 871-3826
Cel. (702) 210-2162
collettelectric@aol.com

Collett Electric, Inc.
State Contractors License #16713
Steve Collett
President
4790 Quality Court • Las Vegas, Nevada 89103

**Mm MITCHELL
MANUFACTURING**



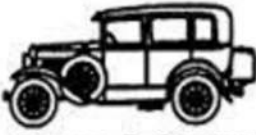
Sue • Steve • Cyndi
Mitchell
Mitchell MFG.
530-458-4500 800-859-2088

FORD OVERDRIVES/UNDERDRIVES 1928-1948
MODEL A FORD SYNCHRONIZED-TRANSMISSION VINTAGE CAR OVERDRIVES

P.O. Box 925 1157 Parker St. Colusa, CA 95932

ARIZONA MODEL A, L.L.C.

- NEW PARTS
- USED PARTS
- SERVICE
- RESTORATION
- HOUR: TUES-FRI 9-12, 1-5
SAT & EVES BY APPOINTMENT



SAMUEL P. GUTHRIE

15838 S. GILBERT RD., CHANDLER, AZ 85225
(480) 782-0266

The World's Largest Selection of 1909-31 Ford Parts

Snyder's
ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS

12925 Woodworth Rd. • New Springfield, OH 44443
Toll Free Ordering (888) 262-5712
or FAX (888) 262-5713
Order On-Line @ www.snydersantiqueauto.com



FREE Fully Illustrated CATALOG
\$10.00 outside the U.S., Canada, & Mexico