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Stars, Stripes, and Model A's



Model A's Salute America at Skye Canyon

On Saturday, May 23, members of the Las Vegas Valley Model A Ford Club proudly participated in the annual Skye Canyon Patriotic Parade at Skye Canyon Park. Representing the club were Hal and Pat White, Pat and Kat McMahon, Mike and Shari Hughes, Ken Roy, and Doug Smith.

The event brought together families, community groups, and parade participants for a day of patriotic celebration and family-friendly activities. This year's parade featured a revised route which created a few unexpected challenges along the way, but the event was still enjoyed by all and provided another great opportunity to showcase our Model A Fords to the community.

Following the parade, members returned to the park to remove decorations before gathering for brunch at the nearby Mimi's Café, where good food and fellowship capped off a successful outing.

Events like these remind us that our Model A's are more than just automobiles. They are rolling pieces of history that continue to bring smiles, spark conversations, and connect us with our community.



My tech talk turned out to be more of a show and tell of why you do not take your foot off of the clutch pedal all at once on a model A.

Let me start at the beginning. It was a beautiful Sunday morning. The weather was exceptionally nice for our outing to the Pioneer Saloon, in Goodsprings, NV. We had a nice drive to the South Point Casino and met up with all the other model A's for this even. All was going well. We stopped on the side of the road just after the last traffic light on Las Vegas Blvd., to let everyone to get caught up due to getting stopped at some traffic lights.

This was also a ladies driver day event as well. Everyone was now together and with a driver switch in our car and the ladies behind the wheel, we were ready to continue. Pat pushed the clutch pedal to the floor. Foot poised over the gas pedal. Shifting transmission into first gear. As I was explaining to let out slowly on the clutch and at the same time give it a little gas to get moving, I tapped her toe to show her she needed more gas. I guess it startled her and her foot went to the floor. The engine roared and at the same time she let the clutch pedal go. NOTE: (I have been around cars and trucks my whole life, and this was the first time that I ever saw a basically stock model A do a wheely.) That little model a's front end started coming up off the ground, and yep, you almost guessed it. Bang, and the front end dropped to the ground and didn't move, although her foot was off the clutch and transmission was still in gear. That was the end of this event for us. I explained to the group to continue on. AND THEY DID AND HAD A GREAT TIME. Don't rub it in.

Now, if you didn't know I'm letting you know, we have a lot of great people in the Las Vegas Model A Ford Club. Everyone wanted to help but as they say, we were dead in the water. Cathy Munoz was with us in a modern car and volunteered to take me to my house to get my truck and trailer. She called her husband Emmanuel to come and stay with Pat until we returned with the trailer.

We winched the model A onto the trailer, tied it down and decided since we all missed breakfast we would just go to lunch. Cathy and Emmanuel followed us to Lazy Dog Restaurant, had lunch and continued to follow us home. We unloaded the model A and pushed it into the shop and shut the door. Enough excitement for one day.

The next morning, I proceeded to diagnose what went wrong and I found the hub was broken in half. I disassemble and ordered new parts. I have never in my entire life seen a broken hub. I brought it to out monthly meeting to show and to explain do not rev the engine to high rpm's and pop the clutch, unless you want to experience the same type of failure.

So, don't hot rod those model A's, just drive and enjoy them. Until next time be safe.

UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

JUNE 16, 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: Saturday, June 6

LOCATION: Mustang Sally's

280 N. Gibson Rd., 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.

PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Summerlin Patriotic Parade

DATE: Saturday, July 4, 2026

LOCATION: Summerlin

TIME: Details TBD

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

May BIRTHDAYS

Ken Roy	May 3
Debra Thomas	May 5
Richard Corson	May 6
Karen Smith	May 8
Margaret Wold	May 30

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Mountain
Ranch Picnic
Sunday
September 27

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BOLTS

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WEB SITE:

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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

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

Thank you for the great turn out for the breakfast at NLV Airport.

We had 4 cars show up for the Helldorado parade. All those who participated received 2 points. For driving a car and coming in either cowboy or 20/30's costume. Bill Salviano alias "Stinky", Ken and Penny Roy and their Granddaughter Lilith. Our mechanic Mike came with us and Pat and Kat each drove a car. The parade is on Youtube in 2 different versions but both give good pictures of our cars. Even though we were few in number we looked good. The variety was great with the different models and paint. Stinky's looks like a true Bonnie and Clyde car and that is fun too. For some reason we didn't take pictures but Steve was super and getting some stills from the videos.

We had mechanical problems with both cars we took. Pat had a problem with the driver side door that has now been fixed. I was driving our 31 Slant Window Sedan. We were fine going to breakfast and down Bonanza Hill towards home. And then we started up the mountain. First gear was fine, 2nd was fine, 3rd - the car stopped running. Tried 1st, 2nd, and 2nd high and that seemed to work however we did go very slow but made it to our garage. It still isn't fixed but hopefully by Summerlin. Still have a car going through a brake job.

People are not getting newsletters. Mike is addressing the problem and hopefully you have received the April newsletter by now.

We need someone to represent the shop. We do need to hear from you at the meetings and in the newsletter.

We are discussing different ideas for the International Model A Day: Sept 18 and 19 this year.

Hal will be telling us about the parade on the 23rd of May (we had 5 cars and 8 members show up). He'll also be in charge of the 4th of July parade in another section of this newsletter.

See you all on the 4th



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Doug and Pat at the Annual Patriotic Parade (Then and Now)



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

Hope your month
is positively
a **May**zing



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Jackie Rutkoskie** - Was in the hospital. They found blood clots in her lung. She is recuperating at home. Let's keep her in our prayers.
- **Jim Miller** - Is doing better. He went to a new doctor & he put him on inhaler which seems to be working. Let's keep him in our prayers.
- **Carol Miller** - is on a slow road for recovery. She can walk only a couple of steps then needs to have a walker. please keep her in your prayers.
- **Doug Warren** - Service will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005. If you plan to attend, honor Doug by driving your Model A. He loved all the older cars.



William W Williams

October 3, 1956 - May 6, 2026

William W Williams Loving husband of 47 years to Kathleen Williams. Dedicated loving brother, father, and grandfather. Never failed to find a good conversation and new friends anywhere he went. He loved spending time restoring classic cars and attending car shows. Gone to soon, you will be missed by all who's lives you touched.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

Treasures Report

May, 2026

Income Sources

Dues/New Member	\$0.00
Dark Horse	\$30.00
Meeting Auction Items	\$41.00
Member Donation for the shop	\$0.00
Advertisers	\$0.00

Total Income **\$71.00**

Expenses (i.e. Checks Written)

Room Rent	NOT processed)	\$75.00	CK# 885
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Total Expenses **\$75.00**

Account Balance as of May 20, 2026 -- \$9,669.33

Note: Account balance DOES NOT reflect checks not processed

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?



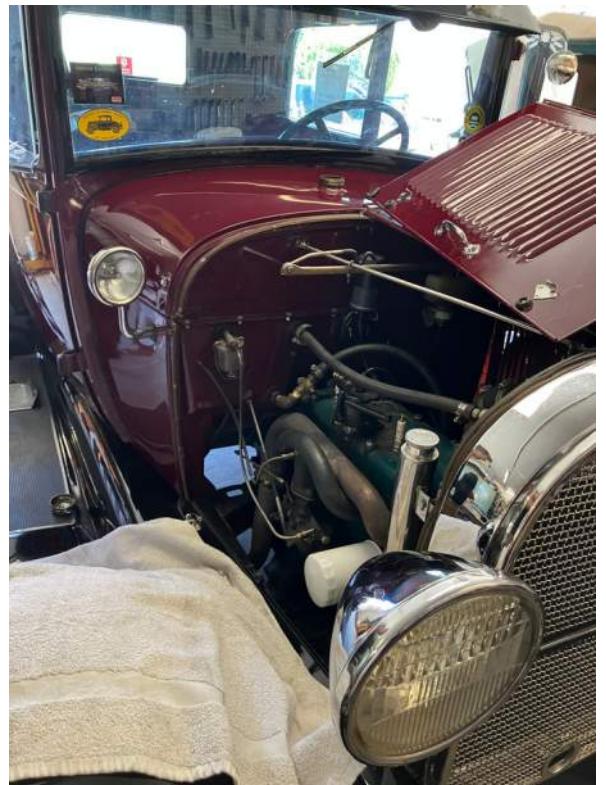
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Shop stories and photos by: Doug Smith



During May the shop guys have been helping Bob Taylor with his Tudor Sedan. Bob was having trouble with his gas shut off valve. The valve was very tight and needed to be turned on and off with plyers. With the valve being situated near the after market heating unit, it made the act of turning the valve on and off very difficult. Bob ordered a new valve from Arizona Model A. Once Bob received the new part, he brought his car to the shop on Wednesday, May 13th. Hal, with the help of the other shop guys disassembled the inside gas line. While loosening the nut on the part of the line that connects to the sediment bulb, Hal noticed that the nut and washer that holds the bulb to the firewall was missing (apparently it wasn't installed when the car was restored years ago). We were able to connect the line without the nut, but we told Bob to order a nut and washer from Sammy at Arizona Model A. Bob ordered the part and returned to the

shop on Monday May 18th and Doug and Del finished the installation with little effort. No leaks were noticed and Bob was very happy with the results. No more strong arming the valve switch!



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris

*** Breakfasts * Tours * Picnics * Parades****Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250**Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116*

As I write this, both of your tour directors are on the road, touring the country in their motorhomes. Dave and I are currently in Iowa on our way to Pennsylvania to our college Alma Mater and Dale and Griff are somewhere in New Mexico on their way home soon.

I hope you can all go to breakfast on SATURDAY, June 6 at Mustang Sally's at the Ford dealership in Henderson. They usually reserve a place for us to park our cars in front of the restaurant. Just a reminder, this will be on Saturday, not Sunday.

Also a big thank you to Kat for spearheading our participation in the Helldorado parade earlier this month. I was pleasantly surprised to see a photo in the RJ of Ken Roy driving his car in the parade. The parade committee just informed me today that our club got first place in the Best Car Club Category. Congrats to those of you who participated.



Dale Rausch and Chris Ringenbach, Co-Tour Directors



SECRETARY

By: Steve Hodgson

Meeting Minutes

Secretary Report: Meeting Minutes by Steve Hodgson (with help from Liz Prehm)

The May meeting came to order at 7:00 PM at the Tap House on May 19, 2026.

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

Members present: 23 with 2 Model As driven by Pat & Kat McMahon and Del Herring.

Kat shared five May birthdays. Congratulations to everyone!

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

President: Kat McMahon shared the May breakfast at the Sunshine & Tailwinds Café: 27 attendees, 9 cars driven. Four cars appeared in the Helldorado Parade (Bill Salviano, Ken & Penny Roy with their granddaughter Lilith, Pat McMahon, and Kat McMahon (2 cars). There's a YouTube video of the parade (our cars appear between 14.99 and 15.39 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIIAyHLZtB4>

Vice President: Charlotte Kessler greeted everyone.

Treasurer: Dan Gouker provided the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary/Membership/Webmaster: Steve Hodgson apologized for arriving late. He mentioned a prospective new member, Chris Parker, who plans to attend the June meeting.

Tours: Hal White shared these upcoming events:

- 05-23: Skye Canyon Patriotic Parade supporting the Kline Veterans Fund – contact Doug Smith (email sent to members).
- 07-04: Summerlin Patriotic Parade – 14 car limit. More details to come.
- 10-30 to 11-01: Beatty Days, Hal is working with the Stagecoach Inn. More details to come.

Workshop Director: It appears no one wants to take this role.

Sunshine Director: Pat White provided several health updates and the arrangements for Doug Warren's service (email sent to members).

Newsletter: Remember to send Mike McComb photos of you with your cars around town.

New Business:

- When you donate items, we will ask you for the minimum bid for each item from now on.

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Meeting Minutes continued from page 9

- Our next club breakfast will be Saturday, June 6, at Mustang Sally8s, 280 N. Gibson Rd., Henderson, NV 89014, located inside Ford Country. We'll meet at 8:30 am and eat at 9:00 am. Please let Steve Hodgson know if you are attending and if you're driving your Model A (even if you signed the sheet at the club meeting), shodgson1@yahoo.com.
- September picnic volunteers:
 - Food & water: Kat & Pat McMahon
 - Set up: Liz Prehm & Pat White
 - Clean up: Bob & Cathy Guerin
 - Car games: Hal White

Auction: Mike and Shari Hughes donated their custom, handmade Model A key rings. We raised \$41:

- Leatherette:
 - Pat McMahon – \$8
 - Bob Guerin – \$8
- Wood:
 - Liz Prehm – \$7
 - Pat White – \$4
 - Kat & Pat McMahon – \$8
 - Hal White – \$3
 - Steve Hodgson – \$3



Dark Horse: Cathy Guerin won \$25! Congratulations!

Next meeting: June 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Motion to close by Hal White, second by Bob Guerin. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.



WEBMASTER
By Steve Hodgson

Contact me: shodgson1@yahoo.com



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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://imagination sunltd.com>
Phone number: 702-565-0129.
Imaginations Unlimited, LLC
Water St Henderson, NV
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AACA Western Spring Nationals

On April 25th David Ringenbach and Mike McComb were awarded the "First Junior Award" for their Model A's that successfully passed their first level of AACA national judging for authenticity, condition, and workmanship.



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