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Ladies Driving Day Rolls into Goodsprings

Four ladies proudly took the wheel of their Model A's, including Chris Ringenbach, Margie Collins with Dale as co-pilot and Griff serving as backseat chaperone, along with Kat McMahon and Pam White.

Any lady driver who drove her car for the first time at this event will receive a special patch proudly reading: **"This Lady Drives a Model A."**

Additional Pictures on page 2

Pioneer Saloon



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MAY 19, 2026, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

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

BREAKFAST

DATE: Sunday, May 3

LOCATION: Sunshine & Tailwinds Café

2730 Airport Dr.

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

PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Memorial Day Patriotic Parade

DATE: Saturday, MAY 23, 2026

LOCATION: Skye Canyon Park

TIME: 0900

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
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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

Email: mfrigaard@gmail.com

Del: 702-553-8664

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tom Collins April 4
 Noelia Rodriguez April 15
 Dan Prehm April 25
 Michael Fecchino April 28

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Mountain
 Ranch Picnic
 Sunday
 September 27



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

Pat and I had a wonderful trip to Spain with our son, his wife, and our little granddaughters. We drove over two thousand miles (our son was driving). From Madrid we drove north then west to Santiago and the Atlantic then south to the Portuguese border. Then we circled Portugal and drove south to the Mediterranean and then west again. Based ourselves for 7 days just west of Malaga. From there we drove to Cadiz, the Rock of Gibraltar, Ronda, and up to little towns on top of mountains we found along the way. Of course if anyone spotted something interesting like a castle a detour was made. Was amazed at how green the country is and how mountainous. I expected some desert, but we didn't see any. We were surprised at how nice the roads were and the beautiful bridges. Days were long we didn't get to bed most days till midnight or later.

We got back to Vegas at just before midnight on the 11th. I set the alarm and the next morning Pat and I got up and drove to meet the club at Southpoint. We were tired but as President I felt obligated to go. On the way to Goodsprings Tudor's brakes became almost nonexistent. It was a challenge, but I got her home. The new brake drums have arrived and are being installed as I write this. Thank you to all the ladies who drove for Ladies Day. It was Margie Collins first time and Dale went along as "coach". Griff rode in the back. Chris drove the Ringenbach Phaeton!! Pam White drove all the way from Boulder City to take part. Pat White was eager to drive but ... Hal will describe what happened in his report. I am really happy that more women are driving. I really hope that every woman in the club will learn how to drive a Model A. I thank Dale for getting this started.

May 9 is the Helldorado parade. I do hope that many of you will sign up to drive your cars. This is a very short parade and we'll be going for breakfast afterwards. This year I would like to honor the men who drove cars like ours to a little place in the middle of the Mohave to build Boulder Dam. And stayed to make Las Vegas Home.

Mark and Brenda Frigaard have gone back to Minnesota. That is normal for them as they have been leaving Las Vegas summers ever since they joined the club. But this year is different. They aren't coming back! They have bought a home in Aikin, Minnesota that will be their year round residence. I am sure going to miss them as I think most of you will. He brought so much knowledge and a readiness to share that will all of us. I'm sure that the shop guys knew but it came as a surprise to me. I've been following them on Facebook and they really seem happy and excited over this next phase of their lives. Brenda loves their new house so I can only be happy for them.

And, long time members Bob and Vicky Taylor will be leaving us this summer. They are moving to Pennsylvania. Bob was president for three years and Vicky has been at his side for as long as I've been here and many years before. I loved going to their wedding. Bob's car is for sale, and the hat goes with it! His straw hat went on many journeys with the club and he always looked so dapper wearing it. Vicky was great at dressing in the period too. We have shared so many happy times and I am really going to miss them both.

National Convention is May 31st - June 7th in Pendleton, Oregon. Driving tour from LA May 26th. Contact Paul Winchester if you want to join at: pwin99@aol.com

June 13 - 18 is the National tour in Durango, Colorado.

Model A Ford Day is 18 and 19 of September.

Our next meeting will be May 19.

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We do need a new Workshop Director since that position was held by Mark Frigaard. If you wish to volunteer please call, text, or email me: Revenir9@aol.com 702 279-5736

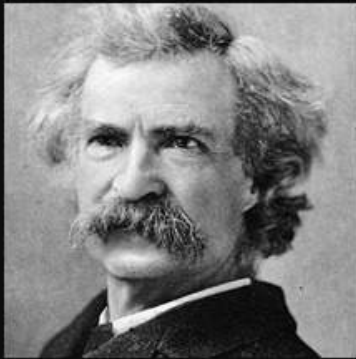
With this beautiful weather, please take your cars for a drive.

The best part of owning a Model A is driving a Model A!



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler



The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

~ Mark Twain

AZ QUOTES



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Liz Prehm** - was under the weather & is doing a lot better.
- **Carol Miller** - still can not walk. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Jim Miller** - is going to see a lung doctor on Thursday, hopefully he can tell Jim about his shortness of breath. Let's keep him in our prayers.
- **Jack Harrah** - is still in physical therapy and in for a long recovery, but in good spirits. Please keep him 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.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

Treasures Report

April, 2026

Income Sources

Dues/New Member	\$25.00
Dark Horse	\$55.00
Meeting Auction Items	\$122.00
Member Donation for the shop	\$0.00
Advertisers	\$25.00
Total Income	\$227.00

Expenses (i.e. Checks Written)

Website Renewal	(processed)	\$204.00	CK# 882
Room Rent	(processed)	\$75.00	CK# 883
Tours/Parade	(NOT processed)	\$100.00	CK# 884
Total Expenses		\$379.00	

Account Balance as of April 23, 2026 -- \$9,698.33

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: 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



This past month we did another field trip to Bob Taylors, his starter wasn't engaging and he also had a flat tire. Bob already purchased a new Bendix drive and inner tube from Sammy but needed help with the installation. So the shop guys went over to pull the starter and flat tire off his car and decided since there's limited tools at Bob's we took them back to Del's to work on. The old starter drive didn't look like it was bad, the spring wasn't broken and both bolts on either side of the spring were there and tight, but we installed the new Bendix drive Bob purchased as per his request and tested it on the floor using jumper cables. On to the flat tire, we noticed and showed Bob there was a screw he must have drove over causing

the flat. We brought the wheel back to Del's and pulled out a screw about 1.5" long and a team effort commenced to disassemble the tire; Jerry pulled the valve stem, Hal and Doug broke the tire from the rim and removed it. Then since the screw left some really rough edges on the inside of the tire Hal filed them down and installed a small patch so the new tube has a smooth surface to ride against, then Jerry and Doug put everything back together. You maybe wondering where Del and I were in this whole process.....well we decided there were enough hands in this project already and moved into a supervisory role just to make sure nothing got forgot! The tire was aired up and all looked good but because hand installing tires over rims on Model-A's there's always a chance some minor chipping of paint may occur Doug brought in a small bottle of touchup paint, and the wheel is ready to reinstall. We also spent time at Hal's garage, now that Hal has one of the trouble-some motors from the past back together and test run. So another install hopefully this one will be the charm!! All went pretty well with just a little trouble getting the transmission shaft into the



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pilot bearing, but after getting the motor and transmission lined up a slight turn of the crank and Voila it slid right in and the engine and bell housing gap was closed. Bolts were installed, motor mounts installed for the front and rear, pushed up the radius ball and crap.....one of the bolts spring and spacer went in and tightened up, the other one just kept spinning. We were sure the pin that holds the slotted top bolts for this all looked good before we started installing the motor, but after trying multiple things we couldn't get the bolt to tighten up correctly. Since this is a critical part for the safe operation of the car, it was decided to pull the motor again and check out what the heck is going on in the bell housing. The motor was pulled and closer inspection of the assembly and bolts that hold the radius ball in place, we found that the bell housing machined area the slotted bolts drop in has excessive ware from over the years dropping the slotted bolt just far enough that it looks ok until you assemble the cap and springs, then the bolt is drawn down just enough that the pin that holds the bolts from turning no longer touches and the bolts can't be tightened to the correct spring tension. We decided to grind down a washer to fit inside the machined area for the bolt and then shave the washers thickness about half, so it made a perfect shim to take up the ware that occurred. The bolts, oil pad and pin were re-installed, and the slotted end of the bolts now are way up in the pin so there's no chance for the bolt to turn when installing the radius ball assembly. We re-installed the motor, radiator, throttle assembly, hood and the remaining components to start the motor. Hal is buttoning up the odds and ends and hopefully you'll see Pat driving the sports coupe for the Ladies driving day and breakfast to the pioneer saloon.



For my last day at the workshop all the regulars drove there cars to Del's, it was quite a sight to have four cars parked out front and I might Add there was one from each of the Model-A years !! My 1928 Roadster, Hal's 1929 Sports Coupe, Doug's 1930 Tudor and Del's 1931 Sports Coupe. Thanks Guys I will miss hanging out at the shop.

I also would like to share that this will be my last workshop report for the club as Brenda and I are moving back to Minnesota permanently this spring. We had a great 8+ years in the Valley but its time to head back before were not able to. I've enjoyed being a small part of the club over the years and plan on remaining a member, I may even write an article to send in now and then about Model-A news from the frozen tundra.....Ha, so you're not totally done with me yet!!

We purchased a house in Aitkin (Ache—n) how appropriate, Ache—n A's if I can get a club started up there. The town is only 30 miles from the cabin, so I'll be able to enjoy that for many more years now.

Until we meet again.



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

Mark your calendars for the Helldorado Parade on Saturday, May 9. Meeting time and place to be announced. We've requested to be near the start of the lineup to minimize possible overheating and long wait time issues. Kat has agreed to spearhead this event for us and to then go to an early lunch after the parade. She plans to dedicate our participation to those who drove their Model A's to work on the dam in the 30's. It's especially near and dear to heart because she's the daughter of a man who did just that. Thank you Kat.

Our April brunch for Ladies Driving Day was a success!! We had 18 people for brunch and we had four Lady Drivers. The drivers were Chris Ringenbach and Margie Collins with Dale as her co-pilot and with Griff chaperoning from the back seat in Margie's Model A Sedan. Kat McMahan and Pam White also drove. Honorable mention goes to Pat White who was willing but her car had a different idea. Next time Pat, for sure! Great job Ladies!

Any lady driver who drove her car for the first time at this event will receive a patch that says "This lady drives a Model A".

After brunch we headed down the street to Welder Up Carnival of Rust for a tour of Steve Darnell's great 'walk through history'. Steve is known for his success on the Discovery Channel hit series Vegas Rat Rods. He and his team have done a fantastic job of restoring some very old buildings and lots of old cars. This is a labor of love and was appreciated by all who attended. I think we'll have to revisit this location as he continues to improve his place. It's not open to the public yet, but very soon and they will even have a cute little gift shop out front. We're looking forward to watching it grow.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, May 3 rd at the Sunshine and Tailwinds Café at the North Las Vegas Airport. June's breakfast is already on the calendar and scheduled for Saturday, June 6 th at Mustang Sally's in Henderson at the Ford Dealership on Gibson at the Automall. This is always a favorite as they love having us and they give us special parking up front.

For those who like to plan ahead, our annual picnic at the Spring Mountain Ranch will be on Sunday, September 27.

Lastly, let's keep in mind the Rambling A Award and make an effort to drive in period clothes when we go to events around town. It's fun for us and people love seeing our cars and outfits.

Dale Rausch and Chris Ringenbach, Co-Tour Directors



SECRETARY

By: Steve Hodgson

Meeting Minutes

The April meeting came to order at 7:00 PM at the Tap House on April 21, 2026.

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

Members: 34 present, with 1 Model A driven by Del Herring. Two guests: Heather Colburn and Andres Galdos (they became members after the meeting).

Corrections for the March secretary's report:

- Dave & Chris Ringenbach (not & amp.)
- Hal White drove in the Henderson St. Patrick's Day Parade, not Bill Salviano (apparently, I can't read my own handwriting with these first names!)

Kat shared four April birthdays. Congratulations to everyone!

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

President: Kat McMahon reminded us of some upcoming events:

- Helldorado parade – 5/9 (she is coordinating this event)
- Driving Tour to the National Convention from Southern CA to Pendleton, OR – 5/26 to 5/31
- MAFA National Convention – Pendleton, OR – 5/31 to 6/7
- Model A Ford Day, sponsored by the Model A Ford Foundation Museum, Hickory Corners, MI – 9/18 to 9/19

Vice President: Charlotte Kessler greeted everyone and shared that she is recovering from a recent surgery.

Treasurer: In addition to the Treasurer's Report, Dan Gouker provided correspondence to Kat McMahon that he received from National for the Youth Restoration Award.

Secretary/Membership/Webmaster: Contact Steve Hodgson for any new member prospects or website corrections and updates. I'm thrilled our newest members reached out through the website!

Tour Directors: Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch shared these events:

- 04-12: We enjoyed Ladies' Driving Day to Pioneer Saloon in Goodsprings, NV and the nearby excursion to Steve Darnell's special property.
- 05-03: Sunday breakfast at Sunshine & Tailwinds Café at the N. Las Vegas airport.
- 06-06: Saturday breakfast at Mustang Sally's located in Ford Country, Henderson.

Workshop Director: Hal White provided shop updates. With Mark and Brenda Frigaard moving to Minnesota, we need a new Workshop Director. Please let us know if you are interested.

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Sunshine Director: Pat White provided several health updates. Doug Warren's memorial service will be held on 6/17 at the VA Cemetery.

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

Shop Talk: Hal White showed us the damage to their drive train, which kept them from continuing with Ladies' Driving Day.

New Business:

- Kat McMahan will contact Ford Country to see if they will host the club for Model A Ford Day in September. If not, other members suggested other dealerships.
- New members, Heather Colburn and Andres Galdos, have a 1931 Fodor Sedan that belonged to her father. She wants to sell it and will provide photos and more details later. It's stored with a friend's family.
- Raymond Lindblom shared his challenges with the Bendix of his 1st Edition 1928 Tudor Sedan. He showed us the unusual design, and he is sending it to Sammy for evaluation and assistance.
- Dan Prehm knows someone who has post lifts for sale \$1,000. Please contact him directly.

Auction: We received many donations and raised \$122:

- Griff & Dale Rausch: Jim Beam car decanter \$50, Model T Touring miniature \$5, Women's medium sweatshirt \$3, Six other shirts \$5, Four books \$10
- Dave Ringenbach: 1930 Coupe miniature \$3, 1933 3-window Coupe miniature \$3
- Raymond Lindblom: 1931 Pickup miniature \$6
- Andres Galdos: Panel Delivery truck miniature \$25
- Pat & Kat McMahan: 2006 LV MAFCA polo \$2, Heater attachment \$10
- Unknown recipient and amount: Model A bud vase (please let us know if this was you, I missed this in my notes)

Dark Horse: Jesse Johnson won \$50! Congratulations!

Next meeting: May 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM (don't forget the new start time).

Motion to close by Hal White, second by Griff Rauch (and others). The meeting adjourned at 8:19 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://imaginationsunltd.com>
Phone number: 702-565-0129.
Imaginations Unlimited, LLC
Water St Henderson, NV
Owner's name is Tina

Bob Taylors



The shop guys (Mark, Jerry, Del, and Doug) went to Bob Taylor's house to help with his car. Bob was having trouble with his starter and had a flat tire. Mark pulled the starter off and Doug and Jerry removed the flat tire. Bob supplied a new bendix drive and a new tire inner tube. The parts were brought back to the shop where Mark fitted the starter with a new Bendix drive. The tire was removed and refitted with a new inner tube by Hal, Doug, and Jerry. On April 15th, Hal, Jerry, Del, and Doug returned to Bob's house and replaced the repaired starter and tire. Bob is planning on selling his car prior to moving to Pennsylvania, we'll be sorry to be losing him from the club!

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