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LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER



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Model A's at the Mob Museum – St. Valentine's Day Event



Our club had a great showing at the Mob Museum's St. Valentine's Day event this year, with 11 Model A's lining up outside the museum as part of the celebration. The cars drew plenty of attention from visitors stopping by to enjoy the festivities and learn a little history.

The event celebrated the museum's anniversary and featured exhibits related to the infamous 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre, including the actual wall from the Chicago garage where seven gang members were lined up and shot by gunmen using Thompson submachine guns—better known as "Tommy guns."



Fortunately for everyone involved, our gathering was much more peaceful than the original 1929 Valentine's Day event! Instead of Tommy guns, the only things firing were camera shutters as visitors snapped photos of the Model A's.

It was a great day representing the club, sharing these cars with the public, and enjoying a little history.

Breakfast at Shucks Tavern

We had a great turn out at Shucks Tavern on February 1st.
32 Members and 11 Model A's!



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MARCH 17, 2026, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

TIME: Eat: 5:45 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

NEXT BREAKFAST

DATE: Saturday, March 7th

LOCATION: Chilly Jilly'z Cafe

1680 Boulder City Pkwy. Boulder City, NV 89005

TIME: Meet: 8:30 AM Eat: 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

DATE: Saturday, March 14, 2026

LOCATION: Water Street in Henderson

Parade starts at 10AM for Spectators

Meet @ Target Parking Lot at 8:30 if driving

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President	Kat McMahon
Past President	Steve Hodgson
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Del Hering	February 2
Elaine Warren	February 2
Dave Ringenbach	February 10
Ray White	February 13
Elaine Lindblom	February 16
Jackie Rutkoskie	February 21
Joanna Elliot	February 21
Doreen Andrini	February 22

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Mountain
Ranch Picnic
Sunday
September 27

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BOLTS

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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!

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Del: 702-553-8664



MADAM PRESIDENT

By: Kat McMahon

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

I want to thank all 9 of you who drove your Model A's to the breakfast at Shucks and a special thank you to those who dressed in period clothing. You really looked great!

Pat and I left on our cruise the morning after the breakfast. We got home the day before the meeting. New York was really cold with record-breaking temperatures and ice on the Hudson that required an ice breaker to be in front of our ship and behind when we cruised down the river to the Atlantic on our way to the Caribbean. The 5 islands we went to were lovely but coming back to New York was a bit of madness. 4000 getting off a ship in Manhattan when the temperature is minus degrees and the streets are icy is an experience I hope not to repeat. It really is good to be home.

I so hope that as the weather gets nicer more of you will participate and drive your cars to the meetings, breakfasts and other events. Those who went to the Mob Museum had a great time showing off their cars. Doug Smith said it was hard to get out of the parking lot since everyone wanted to take his picture. Read his column for more info. I'm sorry Pat and I missed this one we have had fun doing it in the past.

Even though it was a bit windy and there were some dark clouds to the west Pat and I came to the meeting in "Tudor". She's our Ford Maroon Tudor that took us 4 years to get running. Thank you "Stinky" for being the other car driven to the meeting.

A few of the Board members couldn't make this meeting due to medical situations but luckily I had a great support system with Steve Hodgson, Dan Gouker, Chris Ringenbach at the table and Pat White, Mark Frigaard, and Doug Smith with their reports.

A star of the evening was Shari Hughes and her husband, Mike. He was sporting the Shop Coat that she designed and made just like the originals worn at the Ford Factory at River Run in the Model A era! He modeled it for all present to see with oohs and aahs accompanying him as he strolled around the room. We gave them both a point towards the Rambling A Trophy.

There will be several opportunities in March for you to show off your cars and costumes: The upcoming breakfast at Chilly Jilly's in Boulder City Saturday the 7th of March with the option of going to see the Big Horn Sheep afterwards and the following Saturday March 14th is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Henderson. Details will be found in the Tour Girl's Report.

Due to your feedback, we have augmented the "Point System" for the "Rambling A Trophy" a little bit:

- Driving or being a passenger in a Model A to a meeting, breakfast, or event - 1 point
- Driving or being a passenger in a Model A to an event out of town - 2 points
- Driving or being a passenger in a Model A on an overnight tour - 3 points
- Driving or being a passenger in a Model A on longer tours - 1 point for each day plus 1 point
- Wearing period costumes - 1 point per day worn

The new system is retroactive to Jan 4, 2026 the date of our first breakfast of the year.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Tis the wearin' of the green hope to see you there.



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" — Robin Williams



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Carol Miller** - Still can not walk on her left foot & is still in physical therapy. Lets keep her in our prays. This has been a long recovery for her.
 - **Jim Miller** - Still having test, there is no update. Keep him in your prayers.
 - **Cathy Munos** - Still in physical therapy, they are pushing her harder now so she can spread her wings & fly. Keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.
 - **Griff Rausch** - was not feeling well & was taken to the hospital. They are running test. Please keep Griff in your prayers.
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TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

February 2026 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,933.58
Income	
Dues	\$400.00
Dark Horse	\$65.00
Auction Items	\$17.00
Member Donations for the shop	\$0.00
Total Income	\$482.00
Expenses	
Picnic	\$205.00
Mail/Trophies	\$29.81
Dues Over-payment	\$25.00
Shop	\$64.62
Tap House Room Rental	\$75.00
*** Previous Checks not Processed as of 1/31/2026	
MAFCA Annual Dues	\$75.00
Total Expenses	\$399.43
Ending Balance	\$10,016.15

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 went by really quickly, not as much going on at the shop like the last few months, although we are finishing up on rebuilding multiple shocks and that's been taking up a lot of time since the condition they were in was very poor. One day we had multiple Model A's driven to the shop, that was quite a sight!! Doug Smith even had to park his Tudor across the street since there was no room to get them all in front of Del's house. My Roadster and Del's Sport coupe are always there on shop days, but this day Doug Smith, Dennis Rutkoski, and Bill Salviano also drove their cars, Hal and Dan Prehm must not have gotten the memo that day.....Ha. Check out the picture, hard to see Bill's car since all the guys are around Bill's car checking out a few issues he was having.



We also did our annual **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** party to Del with the shop guy's, **THANK YOU** Angelia for making the cake, we made a huge dent in that!!

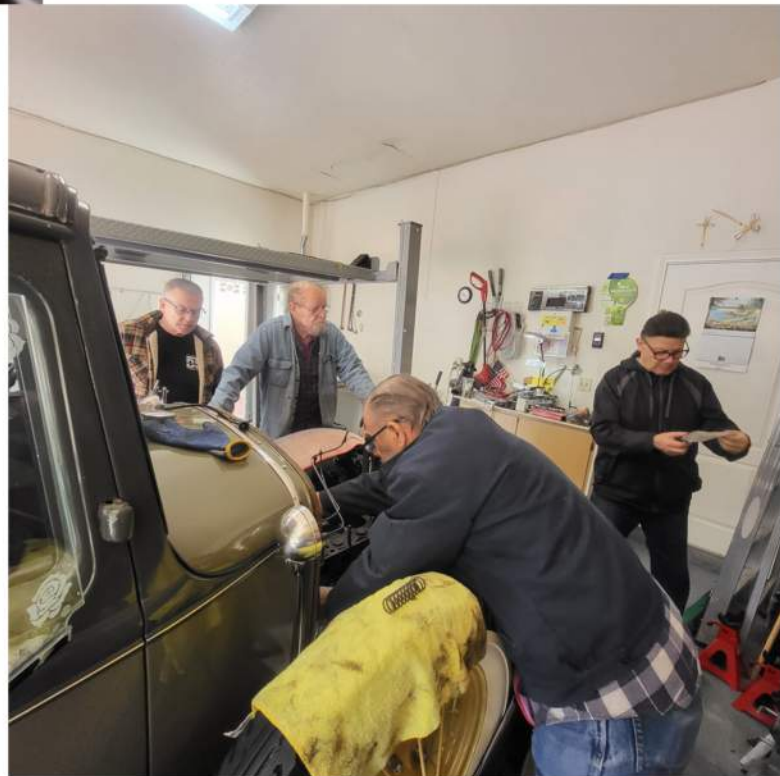
**Happy
Birthday
Del!**

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Richard Rodriquez stopped in to borrow Hal's head puller tool, he has some compression issues with his 31-town sedan, Richard said he has 60+lbs in #1, #2&3 are at 40 and 0 in #4. Valves are cycling ok when turning it over so its not stuck valves, so he needs to pull the head to check the head gasket condition, valve and seat condition, and hopefully there's no piston / ring issues. The next week four shop guys Del, Hal, Doug and myself headed to Richards to get eyes on the issue, Richard said his valve was stuck up and wouldn't go down. Cycling the motor over we seen the lifter going up and down, but the valve wouldn't drop down enough to seat, we were thinking maybe cracked / broken spring, but it didn't look broke. Hal brought a valve spring compressor with us so after compressing the spring to get the keeper off we noticed the keeper was cocked on the bottom of the valve; after getting it off there was an excessive amount of ware on the keeper

and while being cocked it wouldn't allow the valve to drop down enough to close completely. Bottom of the valve still looked ok, so I brought extra valve springs and keepers which we used to replaced the worn ones. Richard now has another decision to make. Since Richard has the top end disassembled already we noticed the two cylinder's that were only at 40lbs compression had some scoring on the cylinder walls, and a pretty significant ridges at the top of the cylinder, probably worn rings. We suggested he just pull the motor to more easily work on it, pull the other keepers to make sure there not also damaged, lap the valved in, pull the pistons and see if he can hone out the issues in the cylinders, and



plasti-gauge the rod and main bearings. Then at least you should feel confident you have a more reliable motor instead of the nickel and diming that this motor has been for Richard. OR since the valve isn't stuck any longer he can just reassemble the motor and take his chances. Our vote is to rebuild, more to come when we know more.

Get them A's out and about it GREAT weather for driving.



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris

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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

We had a great turnout for our breakfast at Shuck's Tavern, although I know it was a bit cozy sitting so close together at the long table. Several members also got into the spirit of President Kat's new Rambling A Award and dressed in costume for the event.

Thank you to Doug Smith for spearheading our car show at the Mob Museum on Valentine's Day. We had seven cars on display along with a beautifully stylish red Auburn driven by a friend of Doug's. It was a perfect day to people watch and to enjoy all the comments from people who stopped to ooh and aah at our cars.

Our next breakfast will be at Chilly Jilly's in Boulder City on SATURDAY, March 7 at the usual time, which is to meet in the parking lot at 8:30 and to eat at 9:00. Please bring cash, as they do checks by the table rather than individually. After breakfast, we will drive to Hemenway Park to hopefully get to see the Bighorn sheep that frequent the park.

Pull out your St. Patrick's Day decorations and get ready to join us for the annual Henderson St. Patrick's Day parade on Water Street on Saturday, March 14. The organizers have agreed to place us near the front of the parade to help us avoid overheating issues. After the parade, we will go to Skyline Casino for lunch. Details to follow as soon as the organizers get those to us, so keep an eye out for upcoming emails.

Speaking of parades, mark you calendars for the Helldorado Parade on Saturday, May 9. Meeting time and place still to be announced. We've requested to be near the start of the lineup to minimize possible overheating and long wait time issues. We'll go to an early lunch after the parade.

Our April Brunch and Tour will be April 12. We will be meeting at the South Point Casino in the South/East Lot on Las Vegas Blvd at 9:00. At 9:15 we will head out in a caravan to the Pioneer Saloon in Good Springs for a 10:30 brunch. This is a nice flat, easy drive with relatively little traffic, perfect for learning to drive our wonderful cars.

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.

Thanks, Dale Rausch & Chris Ringenbach



SECRETARY

By: Steve Hodgson

Meeting Minutes

The February meeting came to order at 7:30 PM, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, at the Tap House. Happy Mardi Gras! "Laissez les bons temps rouler."

President Kat McMahon welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: 36 with two Model As driven by Bill Salviano and Kat & Pat McMahon.

Approved: January meeting minutes and budget from the January newsletter.

Kat shared the February birthdays, and we celebrated two wedding anniversaries: Mark and Brenda Frigaard – 26 years and Bill and Geneta Salviano – 45 years. Congratulations, everyone!

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

President: Kat McMahon clarified the Rambling A Award tracking. Points are awarded for each member, so those driving/riding together in Model As receive one point each. Kat asked Mike Hughes to show off his beautifully tailored shop coat, created by his wife, Shari. Outstanding work!

Vice President: Steve Hodgson reported the Rambling A Award rankings for Charlotte Kessler. Currently in the lead: David Ringenbach, closely followed by Chris Ringenbach, Bill Salviano, and Hal White (not including the points from tonight's meeting, which will be added to the spreadsheet soon).

Treasurers Report: Dan Gouker shared six members didn't renew by the 1/31 deadline.

Secretary/Membership/Webmaster: Steve Hodgson forgot to mention that Chris Parker reached out through the website for help getting his great grandmother's 1929 Sport Coupe running. Although Chris couldn't attend tonight's meeting, he is eager to join the club and plans to attend the March meeting.

Tour Directors: Chris Ringenbach provided these updates:

- 3/7 – Saturday breakfast: We're going to Chilly Jilly's Café in Boulder City instead of Mustang Sally's. Only one bill per table (no separate checks), so bring cash! Then we'll go to Hemenway Park to hopefully see Desert Bighorn sheep.
- 3/14 – Saturday event: We're participating in the Henderson St. Patrick's Day parade (\$55 entry fee was approved) instead of the Chloride St. Patrick's Day parade.
- 4/12 – Sunday breakfast and Women's Driving Day: Meet at the South Point Casino at 8:00 AM, then ladies will drive Model As to the Pioneer Saloon for breakfast.

Workshop Director: Mark Frigaard demonstrated the challenges of restoring Model A shock absorbers.

Sunshine Director: Pat White provided health updates. Gratefully, several members attended the meeting!

New Business:

- Gene Johnson will return his “Break Down” trophy to the club.
- Dan Prehm is searching for the bottom of a late '31 Zenith carburetor with “3” on the bowl. Contact Dan if you can help.

Auction: None

Dark Horse: Mark Johnsen won \$47! Congratulations!

Next meeting: March 17, 2026, wear green for St. Patrick's Day. Did you know Henry Ford's father, William, was from County Cork?

Motion to close was made by Bill Salviano, second by Bob Guerin (and others). The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.



WEBMASTER
By Steve Hodgson

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<https://imaginationsunltd.com>
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Owner's name is Tina

Art Goldstrom's



On February 21st, Doug attended the Red Car Show hosted by the Goldstrom family, Lugnuts, and Nostalgia Street Rods. The event honors Art Goldstrom, a former member of the Model A Club who passed away several years ago. His family continues to celebrate his passion for automobiles by hosting two car shows each year in his memory.

The parking lot was filled with an impressive lineup of classic cars and hot rods. One of the highlights of the visit was seeing Art's personal car collection, which is displayed inside one of his warehouses. Several other rooms were filled with automotive memorabilia, antiques, and model vehicles, making it a great place to explore.

Outside, there were even two authentic jail cells on display—definitely something you don't see every day! It's a fantastic destination for any automotive enthusiast. The next show is scheduled for November.

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