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Beatty Days 2025 – A Weekend of Model A Pride, Good Food, and Great Company



Our annual trip to Beatty Days kicked off exactly the way every good Model A adventure should—on time, in good spirits, and with a full lineup of beautiful vintage Fords...and even a few modern cars doing their best to keep up.

After a quick driver's meeting, we pulled out right on schedule and cruised toward our first stop: Indian Springs. Breakfast at Big Boys did not disappoint. Nevada Highway Patrol troopers and several bystanders snapped photos as we enjoyed our meal—our cars always seem to draw a crowd wherever we go. As we rolled out, the troopers gave us a friendly blast of their sirens and a thumbs-up, sending us on our way in style.

Our next stop was Lathrop Wells, where we regrouped with the modern-car caravan. A short break and a few ice creams later, we were back on the road and heading into Beatty. While there was a bit of a mix-up with some of the room assignments, we're hopeful it will be smoothed out for future trips. Once settled in, everyone enjoyed a relaxing afternoon before heading out for dinner—followed by plenty of lounging, laughter, and snacks late into the evening.



The next morning, the club drove over to the restoration desk and parade staging area. After checking in, we decorated our cars in full Halloween fashion—our spooky creativity on full display. The parade rolled out with great energy, leading us straight into the park for the car show, chili cook-off, and vendor booths. Members strolled, snacked, admired cars, and waited for the big announcements.

And the results did not disappoint—the Las Vegas Valley Model A Ford Club brought home the wins:

- **1st Place – Best Car Club (Parade Ribbon)**
- **Original Truck Category:**
 - **1st Place Trophy – Kathy Williams**
- **Original Car Category:**
 - **2nd Place Trophy – Bob Gurien**
 - **1st Place Trophy – Del Hering**
- **Best Halloween-Decorated Car:**
 - **1st Place – Bill Williams**

After celebrating our victories back at the motel, we wrapped up a memorable day.

On Sunday morning, we made the return trip to Las Vegas. The only hiccup came just before Indian Springs, when Ray and Pam White's Model A truck blew its radiator cap. Thanks to some quick thinking—and a bit of electrical tape—they patched it well enough to make it all the way back to Boulder City. Other than that, every Model A ran strong both directions.

Members who made the trip:

Hal & Pat White, Mark & Brenda Friggard, Del Hering, Ray & Pam White, Bill & Kathy Williams, Bob & Cathy Gurien—plus a loyal group of modern-car supporters.

Until the next adventure, keep those Model A's running—and we hope to see you on the road soon!

More Pictures on Page 8

UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

NO DECEMBER MEETING

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
Ringebach: 725-221-9116.

TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Denis Rutkoskie's Private Collection
DATE: Monday, Dec. 1
LOCATION: St. George, UT
TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM COST: Free

KICK OFF BREAKFAST

Skyline Hotel & Casino
DATE: Sunday, January 4, 2026
LOCATION: 1741 N Boulder Hwy
TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM; Eat at 9:00 AM

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NOV & DEC BIRTHDAYS

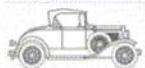
Kat McMahon	Nov. 7
Teresa Monsouir	Nov. 9
Pam White	Nov. 14
Chris Ringenbach	Nov. 15
Frances Orduno	Nov. 19
Dan Gouker	Nov. 27
Richard Rodriguez	Nov. 27
Jim Robbins	Nov. 29
Carolyn LaMarchina	Dec. 1
Barbara Valladares	Dec. 1
Bob Guerin	Dec. 5
Sam Holland	Dec. 8
Linda Kushner	Dec. 11
Jim Miller	Dec. 21
Charlotte Kessler	Dec. 22
Kathy Williams	Dec. 27
Max Keetch	Dec. 31

SAVE THE

DATE:

Christmas Party
12/13/2025

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BOLTS

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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 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

November and December Reflections

Ford History:

- **November 5, 1918** – Henry Ford loses his run for the U.S. Senate. He had campaigned as a peace candidate during World War I but was defeated.
- **November 6, 1893** – Edsel Ford is born in Detroit, Michigan, becoming Henry Ford's only child and later president of Ford Motor Company.
- **November 9, 1962** – The Ford Rotunda, a famous exhibition building in Dearborn, Michigan, is destroyed by fire. It had been one of the most visited tourist attractions in the U.S. at the time.
- **November 19, 1959** – Ford discontinues the Edsel line. The Edsel had been launched with great fanfare but became one of the most famous failures in automotive history.
- **December 1904** – Production begins at the Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit. This plant became the birthplace of the Model T in 1908, one of the most influential cars in history.
- **December 1, 1913** – First moving assembly line installed at Highland Park Plant. Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing by introducing the moving assembly line for automobile production, reduced assembly time from 12+ hours to 1 hour 33 minutes.

Other Historical Events:

- **November 11, 1918** – World War I Armistice. The armistice is signed, ending fighting on the Western Front. This date is now commemorated as Veterans Day in the U.S. and Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth.
- **November 22, 1963** – Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. JFK is assassinated in Dallas, Texas, a defining moment in U.S. history.
- **December 1, 1955** – Rosa Parks arrested in Montgomery, Alabama. Did you know the bus where Parks made her stand is preserved at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation? Her act sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a cornerstone of the Civil Rights Movement.
- **December 7, 1941** – Attack on Pearl Harbor. Japan attacks the U.S. naval base in Hawaii, bringing America into World War II.
- **December 17, 1903** – Wright Brothers' First Flight. Orville and Wilbur Wright achieve the first powered flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The Ford and world timelines reveal a fascinating parallel. November often represents endings and turning points—whether in corporate setbacks or in global struggles—while December showcases beginnings and breakthroughs, from industrial revolutions to civil rights movements and technological firsts. Both sets of events remind us that innovation and courage often emerge in times of challenge, leaving legacies that endure far beyond their immediate moment.

As my term as President ends, I'm grateful for the trust, energy, and enthusiasm you've shared with me during this journey. Together, we have built momentum to carry our club forward. I am pleased to continue serving on the board in other capacities to support our mission and strengthen our community. Our club is a place of pride and possibility because of you! Ramble on!



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." - Janice Maeditere



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Doug Warren** - is still in physical therapy, it is a slow process for him. Please keep Doug in your prayers that he gets well soon.
- **Carol Miller** - Had her hip surgery & she is now in rehab. Please pray for a quick recovery.
- **Doug Smith** - had his hip replaced & is doing very well with his recovery.
- **Karen Smith** - is doing very well with her knee recovery.
- **Dave Ringenbach** - is doing very good with his new knee. He isn't running yet, but he is walking without a cane.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

November 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$11,173.05
Income	
Dues	700.00
Dark Horse	60.00
Badge Sales	10.00
Christmas Party	\$1,600.00
Total Income	\$2,375.00
Expenses	
Thank you for Donna	\$100.00
Badges	\$9.50
MAFCA Dues	\$75.00
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Picnic Paper Goods	\$91.93
Total Expenses	\$259.50

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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We also received a call from a potential new member Mike Huges who moved to Las Vegas a few years ago and was a member of a Model-A club in San Diego. Mike has a very nice 1930 Fordor that he received from his father-in-law that he's restored over the years. Mike was looking for some assistance with correcting an electrical short in the horn rod wire that has his horn going off on its own while driving. Mike has parts on order, and we'll be available to assist him after they arrive. With the work that's currently scheduled for the workshop, it will most likely be the middle of December when we can get there to help.

The workshop activities slowed some in November, BUT last month was extremely busy so there's still lots going on. A house visit to Bob Taylor's was scheduled to install his new water pump, then Bob needed to order a new fan belt from Sammy since the old broken water pump ripped up his current belt. It was also noticed that the cooling system badly needs flushing out and the current hoses replaced, so Bob ordered everything and scheduled a trip to the workshop the following week to flush the system and replace hoses and the fan belt. All this work is now completed, check out the pictures of what came out of Bob's radiator during the back flush. If this hasn't been done in a while on your car, you maybe want to schedule a backflush.





Bob's Radiator Gunk

Next up is a visit to our current Prez's house to finally start on getting Steve's Grandpa's 29 coupe back running and on the road. After sitting for multiple years in Ohio, Steve had it transported to Vegas a few years ago. More to come on this story in the January workshop report as the work evolves!

Hal's still working on getting his oil leak and knocking issues on two different engines that were machined corrected, parts were brought back to the machine shop for hopefully a correction that will solve these issues. Will be nice to see the 29 sports coupe back on the road, although Hal's Blue 29 special coupe has really stepped up for the fall picnic / Beatty days and anywhere else Hal and Pat need it to take them! Geez Hal with all the house calls we have scheduled, it maybe a while before getting to this car.....Ha!!

The shop guys wish you all a Great and Safe holiday season!!



Del Hering & Bob Gurien - Best Original Car



Kathy Williams - Best Original Truck



Bill Williams - Best Halloween Decorated Car



Club Ribbon - Best Car Club



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



* Breakfasts * Tours * Picnics * Parades*

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

Well, here we are in November already! Where has this year gone? We want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Hal White is organizing a tour with modern cars to St. George, Utah, December 1st to tour Dennis Rutkoskie's (member) private car collection. If you haven't signed up, please contact Hal for details and meet up information, 702-655-2254. This is a day trip.

Our next event will be our Christmas Party which is always enjoyed by all, it's a time to get in the Holiday Mood, dress up and have a great meal with dear friends. Again this year our Christmas Dinner will be at Giuseppe's Bar & Grill Las Vegas, 6065 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89113. Reservations are required for this event as the food is ordered prior and we want to be sure there is plenty for everyone. This will be on December 13th, Social hour at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$50 per person and must be paid to Dan Gouker by December 1st. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Please remember December is "dark", so there is NO meeting in December so everyone can enjoy the holiday season with their family.

January brings the Kick-off Breakfast and installation of new officers for the year 2026. This will be at Skyline Hotel & Casino in the Horizon Cafe, 1741 N. Boulder Hwy, Henderson, Nv. 89011. January 4th, arrive at 8:30 am and breakfast at 9:00 am.

We are all looking forward to another wonderful year driving our unique cars and enjoying friends as we oil the roads of Las Vegas. Stay tuned!

Happy Holidays!

Co Tour Directors – Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

The President called the November meeting to order at 7:30 PM, at the Tap House.

Charlotte led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had a total of 31 members present and 2 guests. After the meeting the two guests joined our club! New member # 1 is Doug Bowler who owns a 1930 Coupe that he bought from Bob Guerin. New member #2 is Mike Hughes and wife Shari who own a 1930 4 Door Sedan. New member # 3, was not at the meeting, is Charles Dame who owns a 1931 Sports Coupe and lives in Cal-Nev-Ari, NV. Welcome to all of you and we hope that you will be able to join our tours and breakfasts throughout the year!

The minutes, with one correction, were accepted by our President.

Next, Steve announced the Birthdays for November and December. Many were at the meeting. Happy Birthday to all of you! Also, Mark and Cathy Schieff were celebrating their 46 th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations to them!

Officer's Reports: BE SURE TO READ EACH AND EVERY REPORT IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR FULL DETAILS FROM EACH OFFICER!

President: Steve educated us with some Henry Ford trivia along with some other interesting historical facts.

VP: Charlotte thanked Steve for sharing his historical facts with the club!

Secretary: I reminded the members that the update emails to the club will be sent by Steve Hodgson starting in January 2026.

Treasurer: Dan was a very busy man at the meeting tonight. He was taking payments for the Christmas Party and dues for 2026. He said he had everything under control and ready to go to the bank, or was it vacation? I can't remember. Lol

Workshop Director: Mark brought in a cracked water pump from Bob Taylor's Model A. The shop-team found out that was his overheating problem! You can read about it in Mark's Shop Report along with more exciting jobs the guys have been taking care of. They don't just eat donuts all day long ya know!

Tour Directors: Hal talked about the Beatty trip and the trophies the club proudly received! Hal also has put together a trip to St George for December 1 st . More information on this has been emailed to the club members. The Tour Ladies informed the club about the Christmas Party and the upcoming Kick-off Breakfast at the Skyline Casino restaurant.

Sunshine Director: Pat was thrilled that her report was the smallest one she has had all year. However, there are a few members that need your prayers for speedy recovery!

Meeting Minutes Continued

Membership & Publicity: I will be handing this position over to Steve next year. I know he will do a wonderful job keeping up with new members and the Restorer Magazine.

Newsletter: Mike was not at the meeting, remember to send your stories and photos to him for the newsletter.

Website: Dale said there is nothing new. Steve will also be taking over this position next year!! He is going to be a very busy person!

There wasn't a program tonight.

New Business: The ballot has been sent out to all members, be sure to get your votes in by Monday, December 8th, so they can be tallied before the Christmas party. There was talk about calling the members to remind them about tours and breakfasts, like the old days. However, because we email out those messages the ideas will be tabled for the time being.

Old Business: There was nothing brought up.

Auction items: Nothing was brought in.

Dark Horse: Rita Gouker had the lucky number tonight! Congratulations, Rita!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026. There will not be a meeting in December.

Motion to close was made by Mark and seconded by Hal and Bob A.

The meeting came to an end at 8:10PM

One more thing! A big 'Thank You" to our President, Steve, for his hard work and dedication to the club this past year! He has done a great job keeping us all in line this year! I enjoyed working with you. The club is looking forward to working with our next capable President, Kat McMahon and her very talented board members! It takes very caring and dedicated people to keep this club running smoothly, we are so lucky to have you all!! Thanks!



WEBMASTER
By Dale Rausch

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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.

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