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**LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER**



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## 2026 Annual Kick-Off Breakfast: A Festive Start to a New Year



Our club kicked off the 2026 season in true tradition with a lively gathering at the Horizon Café inside the Skyline Hotel & Casino in Henderson. Members filled the room with excitement—many even arrived in period attire, adding a nostalgic charm and setting the perfect tone for the morning.

After a hearty breakfast and plenty of friendly conversation, Bob Andrini led the official swearing-in of our 2026 officers:

**President:** Kat McMahon

**Vice President:** Charlotte Kessler

**Treasurer:** Dan Gouker

**Secretary:** Steve Hodgson

**Tour Directors:** Dale Rasch & Chris Ringenbach

The ceremony concluded with a meaningful moment as Past President **Steve Hodgson** passed the gavel to incoming President **Kat McMahon**, symbolizing both gratitude for past leadership and excitement for what lies ahead.

With new officers in place and a calendar full of activities to look forward to, 2026 is already shaping up to be another memorable year for our club.



## Kick-Off Breakfast Pictures



# UP COMING EVENTS

## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

FEB. 17, 2026, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W CHARLESTON BLVD

TIME: EAT: 5:45 PM MEETING 7:30 PM

## TOUR

St. Valentine's Day at the Mob Museum

300 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Staging Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am.

Registration closed, call Doug Smith for standby list

Wear vintage style clothing!

## CAR SHOW OPPORTUNITY

St. Patrick's Day Car Show

DATE: Sunday, March 15

LOCATION: Water Street Henderson

TIME: Meet at 7:30 AM COST: \$25.00

## FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

Shucks Tavern & oyster Bar

DATE: Sunday, February 1, 2026

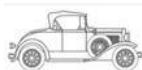
LOCATION: 9338 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, 89147

TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM; Eat at 9:00 AM

## 2025 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

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## BOLTS

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WEB SITE:

[www.vegasmodela.com](http://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](http://www.mafca.com) to join.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Bowler	Jan. 2
Brenda Frigaard	Jan. 6
Pam Fecchino	Jan. 7
Jerry Vozzola	Jan. 10
Genēta Salviano	Jan. 11
Gene Johnson	Jan. 13
Angel Valladares	Jan. 25
Robert Thomas	Jan. 26
Karl Elliott	Jan. 31

## SAVE THE

### DATE:

Spring Mountain

Ranch Picnic

Sunday September 27

## 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](mailto:mfrigaard@gmail.com)

Del: 702-553-8664



Hello Everyone,

This is my first "President's Report." Really was an honor to hold the gavel in the meeting for the first time. This was a bit of a surprise, and some things were scheduled for this year before I knew I would be the president. As a result, I will be missing a few events as some plans cannot be changed. However, I do plan to be at all the meetings, and I will make as many events as possible and try to make you happy that you chose me. Steve has been fabulous in making the transition as seamless as possible. He's a hard act to follow but I shall do my best.

I want to thank all of you who came out for the opening breakfast, especially the 7 who drove Model A's and those of you who dressed for the occasion in period clothing. People in the restaurant were commenting on how great we looked. It promoted interest and many went out to look at our cars.

When I joined this club in 2012 it was an active "driving" club. I'd like to get back to that and in addition make dressing up for events and breakfasts encouraged.

With that in mind we are creating a new award. "The Rambling A" award trophy will be presented annually at the "Kick Off" breakfast to the member who has driven a Model A to the most meetings, breakfasts and events. This will be tallied by a point system:

- Driving a Model A to a meeting: 1 point
- Driving a Model A to a Breakfast: 1 point
- Wearing 1920's/ 1930's attire: 1 point
- Any trip out of town: 2 points
- Overnight Model A trips: 3 points
- Longer Trips: 1 point per day plus 1 point

Charlotte is tracking the points on a spreadsheet and will report the standings at the monthly meetings. They will be printed in the newsletter.

Mark is going to work with the shop gang to come up with a base for the trophy. I've donated a collector Model A to be put on the top. The winner's name each year will be engraved on the side. This will be a "roving award" just like the Golden Piston. And, just like the Golden Piston, a plaque will be presented for the winner to keep.

My next goal concerns new members and how to make them feel welcome. We are implementing a Sponsor program. Each new member will have an established member assigned to them as a sponsor. The sponsor will welcome and support the new member for their first four club activities: club meetings, monthly breakfasts, and events. Sponsors will remind new members of upcoming events, sit with them at meetings and events and introduce them to others. Sponsors will be based on geographic proximity to encourage driving together if possible. I learned at the meeting that this was done years ago, and it worked well.

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## President's Report continued from Page 4

My "Idea box" from when I was Tour Director is back and will be at every meeting. There will be a pen and notepad available. Please write out any idea you have and put it in the box. This can be for a tour, an event, ways to get new members, or something you think would interest the club. I want to know your ideas and things you would like the club to do. I will do my best implement them into our calendar.

The programs Dale started for women drivers in her presidency will be continued with events that will encourage women in the club to drive. Please let me know if you are interested in learning to drive a Model A. I will make sure you are given that opportunity. Any guys out there that want to learn, this goes for you too.

For those of you who have a Model A in the garage that hasn't been driven in ages, please get them out for a drive. If they aren't running let our shop guys know. They prefer you come to them but if that is not possible, please give them a call and arrange for them to come to you. The best part of owning a Model A, is Driving a Model A!



### VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

**"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." - Eleanor Roosevelt**

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### SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Carol Miller** - still in physical therapy. It is a long recovery for her. Please keep her in your prays for her recovery.
- **Jim Miller** - Still having shortness of breath. He is continuing having tests. Lets keep him in our prays that they find the problem & get in well again.
- **Cathy Munos** - Had her knee replaced & is in physical therapy. They are working her hard so she can put her head back up in the sky. Pray for her quick recovery. (If you don't know Cathy is a Pilot).
- **Jo & Jack Harrah** - Both had fallen. Jo is better thank goodness. Jack fell on his back they found he broke his back & had a bulging disc. He went through surgery & is now in Rehab. Please pray for a quick recovery. Note: Jack would love visits if you have time to talk about cars. He is at Advanced Health Care of Summerlin @ 2860 N. Tenaya Way in room# 125.
- **Mike McComb** - Had an accident to his left hand, severely burned 2 of his fingers. He has had a skin graft done & is going into physical therapy. please pray for a quick recovery.



## TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

### January 2026 Financial Report

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$9,846.10</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Deposits	300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Checks Processed	\$257.54
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$257.54</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$9,888.45</b>



**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**

# PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

	Proposed Revenue	Proposed Expenses
<b>Variable Revenue</b>		
Annual Dues	1,500.00	
50-50 Meeting Drawing	650.00	
Donations	200.00	
Spring Mtn Picnic Auction	200.00	
Newsletter Ad Revenue	125.00	
<b>Fixed Expenses</b>		
Annual MAFCA D&O Insurance		75.00
TapHouse Room Rent		825.00
<b>Variable Expenses</b>		
Spring Mountain Picnic		500.00
Donations For Passing Members		500.00
Sunshine Cards & Postage		100.00
Trophy & Awards Engraving		100.00
Website Maintenance		250.00
Parade Entry Fees		100.00
Workshop Fees		300.00
Christmas party		200.00
Taphouse Staff Appreciation Gift		100.00
Brithday Celebration Night		100.00
Miscellaneous		200.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
	<b>2,675.00</b>	<b>3,350.00</b>



## 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



At the end of the November workshop report I mentioned we were going to Steve Hodgson because Steve has time to start working on restoring his grandfather's 29 coupe now. The car is really solid but lots of surface rust and hasn't been run since 1947.....yikes! We pulled the plugs and put some lubricant down the holes, Well the good news is the motor turns free, and the starter works. We tried to test the compression but since the battery cables are bad, we can't get a good enough connection to turn the motor over fast enough to get a good reading.

So, Steve will be installing new cables, and removing the carburetor so he can bring that to the shop for rebuilding and testing, next we'll have to go thru the distributor and test that "Compression, Spark, Fuel" it should fire up hopefully!! I'm excited to get it running because I know once Steve backs it out of his garage and drives around his cul-de-sac there will be no stopping the future progress from that point, Ha!

Tony Gardner a past President of the club was in town for thanksgiving holiday and made a stop into the workshop the Friday after thanksgiving, was great to see Tony again!

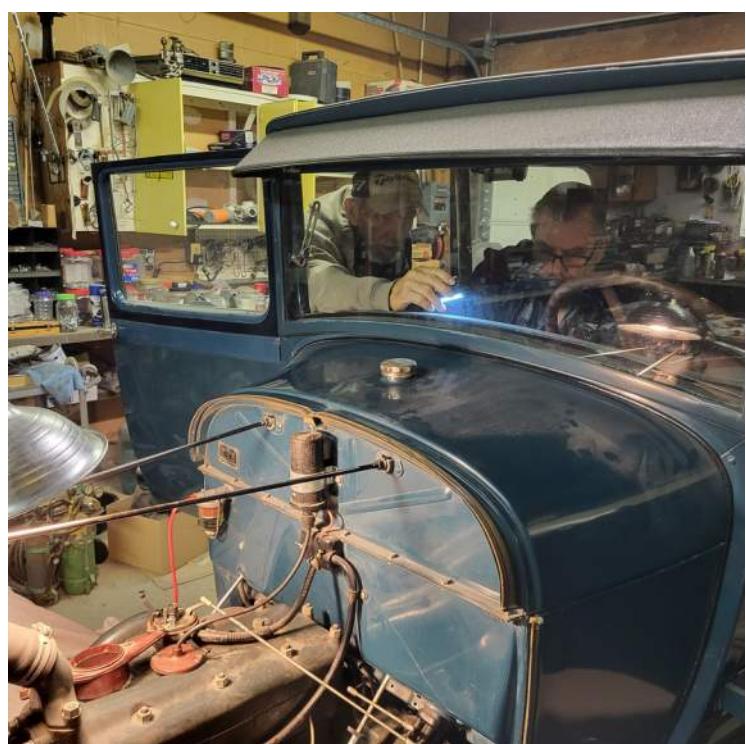
Ray Lindblom stopped in the shop early December with a zenith carburetor in pieces needing some help in cleaning / restoring / and assembly. Between Ray, Hal and Myself the morning was busy, but all got finished and once put on the test engine to try it out it Ran GREAT!! So now Ray knows he has a good running carburetor when he tries to start his 28-1st addition Tudor. So if it doesn't run now it's not the carburetor.....Ha!





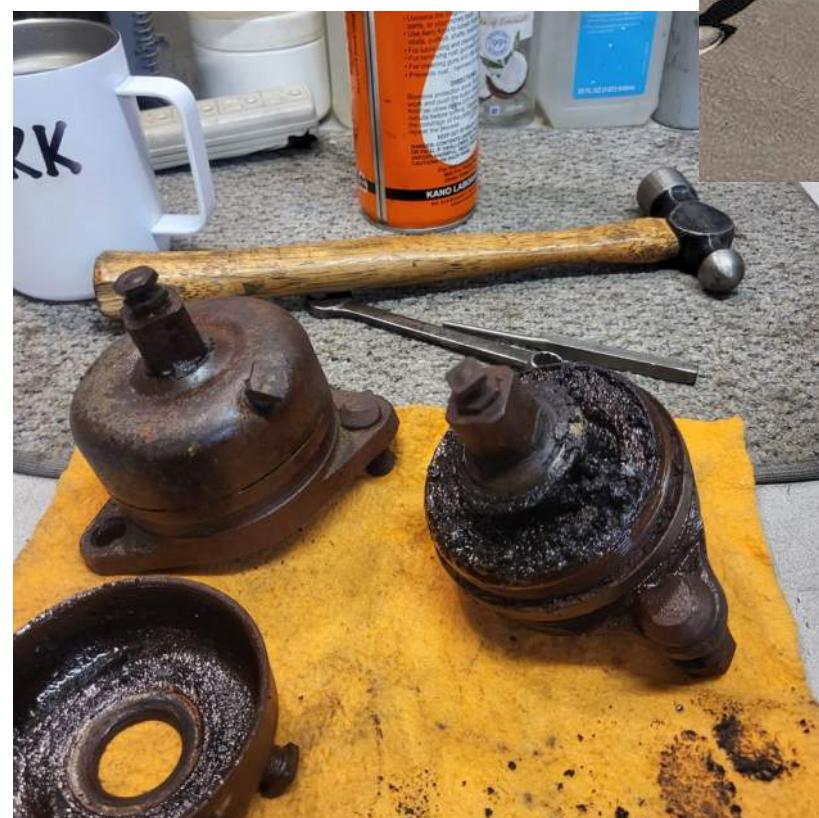
Steve also made it to the shop for the first time early December with the carburetor off his Grandpas coupe, after almost 79 years in hibernation Steve restored it alongside Hal, Myself and Dan to bring it back to life. Taking it apart normally is the easy part... well this one the top and bottom halves were stuck so bad after some light tapping with a hammer, penetrating oil, prying a screwdriver between the halves it finally broke loose! Oh did I forget to mention only because the venturi was stuck so bad it finally broke in half Ha!! Now in 2 pieces the real work began to get the broken venturi out. Hal and Steve teamed up to work on the top half, Dan and I teamed up to work on the bottom, I think we had the harder part because Steve and Hal could use a venturi puller on theirs, we had to take short strokes with a hack saw blade to cut through the venturi in 4 different places, then use a chisel and hammer to break out the pieces.

Check out the pictures of this visit. In January Ray called to say he can't get his 28 Tudor to fire up, so We All made a trip to Rays. Someone had put a solenoid in line to the starter which I suggested Ray remove and put the starter back to stock due to it was sticking and wouldn't disconnect the starter drive. The popout ignition also wasn't working so there's power all the time. Ray removed the solenoid and has a new ignition on order. We checked compression and all was 60 to 65 lbs. so that looked good, along with the timing and point gap so everything was as it should be. After some coaxing it finally fire up in a blaze of smoke.....Ha, had to disconnect the battery to shut it down, and after a few minutes we tried to restart but the Bendix spring must have failed since it wouldn't engage. So Rays homework is to purchase and install a new ignition switch and remove the starter and repair the Bendix, at least he knows it runs, smokes some but were thinking he should run it for a while to see if it seats in since its been sitting a long time. If it doesn't he's looking at doing a valve job.



This process alone took over half the morning, but once done the rest disassembled was really easily. Everyone pitched in on the cleaning of parts, Hal and Steve reassembled the carburetor, and it was off to the test motor to see how it works. Wow it fired right up, ran great at an idle and revved up great, we at the shop all know Hal likes to do that!! I think Steve was very pleased to leave with a great running carburetor this morning. Just another piece to the puzzle working toward getting this classic family heirloom back on the road. Check out all the pictures of the visitors to the shop in December.

Dan Phehm stopped in to work on his brake light switch that had a weak return spring, Dennis Rutkoskie stopped in to work on riveting brake linings for his rear brakes, and Ken Roy stopped in needing a new door latch spring for his 29 woody, BUSY BUSY BUSY at the shop Great to see so much going on!! We even had a chance to go to the Craig road and Rancho Sunday morning car show, with a great breakfast after, cars attending were Del, Hal, Doug, Ken Roy and Myself.



January had Dave Ringenbach wanting to install Stock Lever Shocks on his coupe. He found two model B lever shocks in the box ready to install but needed two more. I had five stock rusty lever shocks in my inventory I told Dave if he wanted to help disassemble and restore he was welcome to a pair, so Dave was at the shop working on some much-needed shock restoration. Check out the before and after pictures, what a difference!! Dave is ordering rebuild gaskets kits and new tubular links, so he'll be ready for the installation. After the gasket kit arrived Dave made it back to

assembly and adjusted tension. Now Dave just needs to order two more arms for the front shocks and he's ready to do the installation. Just an FYI rear shock arms are longer and straight, front arms are shorter and have a slight bend in them. Anyone needing help with their spring tune-up to be ready for all the events coming up, call the shop and stop in for assistance. I'll end the report now since with two months of pictures added to this report will take lots of space, hopefully Mike McComb can fit this all into the newsletter! Keep them A's out and about, Bye for now!!



## TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



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

*Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250*

*Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116*

**It was great to see so many turn out for our Kickoff Breakfast at the Skyline Casino. Jim Marsh, a former member and the owner of the Skyline even popped in to say hi and to welcome us to come back anytime. Thank you to Bob Andrini for his masterful job of installing our new officers for 2026. And congratulations to Hal White for a well deserved awarding of the Golden Piston Award.**

**Our upcoming breakfast will be Sunday, February 1 at Shuck's Tavern & Oyster Bar. The address is 9338 W. Flamingo Road. Call or text Chris at 725-221-9116 if you didn't sign up.**

**Doug Smith is spearheading our event at the Mob Museum on Saturday, February 14. This is a chance to showcase our cars and to dress in period costume. It's a good opportunity to tour the museum for free, since all locals get in free that day. Staging will be from 7:30 – 8:30 that morning and be sure to bring a chair. Call Doug at 702-767-8520 if you have any questions.**

**Mark your 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.**

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

**One of our goals for this new year is to encourage our members to drive their A's to more events. With that in mind, President Kat introduced a new award, which we are calling the Rambling A Award. It will be given to the member who drives his/her 'A' to the most events throughout the year, with extra points for wearing period clothing to those events.**

**Co Tour Directors – Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch**



## SECRETARY

By: Steve Hodgson

## Meeting Minutes

### **Secretary Report: Meeting Minutes by Steve Hodgson**

The January meeting came to order at 7:30 PM, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, at the Tap House.

New President Kat McMahon welcomed everyone and thanked them for their trust and support.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VP, Charlotte Kessler.

Members present: 34 with two Model As driven by Bill Salviano and Kat & Pat McMahon.

The minutes for the November/December will be approved at the next meeting after the newsletter is ready.

Kat shared the list of members' January birthdays. We also celebrated the birth of Dale and Griff Rausch's 4th great-grandchild. Congratulations, everyone!

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

**President:** Kat McMahon provided fun historical trivia from January 1926 and introduced several new initiatives: The Rambling A Award, New Member Sponsors, and the return of the Idea Box.

**Vice President:** Charlotte Kessler will track Rambling A Award points (Steve Hodgson volunteered to be her backup).

**Secretary/Membership:** Steve Hodgson is working on the annual member dues renewals. Deadline: 12/31 with 30-day grace period. Griff Rausch and others shared suggestions to increase our outreach for new members.

**Tour Directors:** Chris Ringenbach brought up several potential events to be determined at the February meeting:

- 3/14: Henderson St. Patrick's Day parade (\$55 entry free)
- 3/14: Chloride St. Patrick's Day parade (Chris will research the hotel)
- 5/9: Helldorado Parade with lunch

**Workshop Director:** Hal White shared shop and home visit updates.

**Sunshine Director:** Pat White provided several member health updates.

**Webmaster:** Steve Hodgson is learning our platform and breakfasts will be posted at least two months in advance.

## Meeting Minutes Continued

**Shop Talk:** Dave Ringenbach gave an entertaining slide presentation: Accessories for Your Model A.

**Old Business:**

- Member dues renewal: final deadline 1/31.

**New Business:**

- Dan Prehm showed us three \$10 bills with Model As on them, plus one framed enlargement.
- Bill Salviano is taking bent wheels to Pico Wheel Service in Camarillo, CA for repairs, and he's going to visit Sammy in Phoenix over Super Bowl weekend.

**Auction:** \$17

- Kat McMahon auctioned several costume items:
  - One crocheted cloche hat: Liz Prehm \$5
  - Two fedoras: Dave Ringenbach and Griff Rausch, \$4 each.
- Charlotte Kessler also auctioned two sets of homemade Valentine's coasters (set of 4 each): Doreen Andrini and Liz Prehm, \$2 each.
- 50/50 auction of additional items was postponed until next meeting due to time.

**Dark Horse:** Kat McMahon won \$65! Congratulations, Madam President!

**Next meeting:** February 17, 2026

Motion to close made by Hal White, a second from Mark Johnsen (and others). The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.



**WEBMASTER**  
By Steve Hodgson



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## Member's A's Around Town



### All Smiles

Mark Frigard, his brother, and 3 year old twin granddaughters Mira And Amori loving the ruble seat

### CLV Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Doug Smith drew plenty of attention displaying his Model A Police Car on January 3rd.

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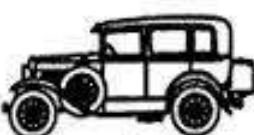
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