

**MARCH
2026
LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER**



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Luck of the A's: Our Club Shines on Water Street



The Model A Club brought a touch of vintage charm to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Henderson, proudly joining one of Southern Nevada's largest and most beloved community celebrations.



On Saturday morning, as the parade kicked off at 10 a.m., our lineup of Model A's rolled through the streets, turning heads and drawing smiles from the crowd. Club members decorated their cars with festive green accents, shamrocks, and plenty of personality—perfectly capturing the fun and energy of the "Shamrocks & Shenanigans" celebration. Families lined the streets, waving, cheering, and snapping photos as our cars cruised by, proving once again that these timeless machines continue to bring joy to all generations.

Additional Pictures on page 2

St. Patrick's Day Parade



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

APRIL 21, 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 & LADIES DRIVE DAY

DATE: Sunday, April 12

LOCATION: Pioneer Saloon 310 W. Spring St.

Meet at 9AM at the South Point Casino southeast parking lot near LV Blvd. & Le Baron Ave.

2026 IPOF CAR SHOW

DATE: Saturday, March 28, 2026

LOCATION: Veterans Memeorial Park

1650 Buchanan Blvd. Boulder City

TIME: 0800 to 1530

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jim Tenney	March 4
Julia Richens	March 10
Karen McComb	March 12
Pat White	March 14
Emmanuel Munoz	March 15
Jack Carburn	March 16
Larry Benham	March 17
Shelby Callahan	March 17
Jane Tenney	March 24
Maria Wells	March 27
Karen Grundstrom	March 29

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Mountain
Ranch Picnic
Sunday
September 27

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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

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

Our meeting place had a "bit of the blarney" Tuesday evening. I brought a blowup leprechaun and other decor plus there were cupcakes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Almost everyone was wearin' the green and it made a fun atmosphere.

Thank you to all who came out to Boulder City for the breakfast at Chilly Jillyz. Even though it was a bit chilly living up to its name we had over 20 people there. I was a little disappointed that only 6 cars were driven.

Here's to the six:

Dave and Chris Ringenbach, Hal White, Ray and Pam White, Bill Salviano, Karl and Joanne Elliot, and Pat and Myself. We really have to do something about getting the cars running! We did have a visiting car - a gentleman trying to sell his 1931 Cabriolet. We all went out to oogle it on its trailer. Really is a gorgeous car and very well priced at \$25,000. If you want to know more about it talk to Steve Hodgson.



The following weekend was the Henderson parade. Happy St. Patrick's Day and Faith and Begora wasn't everyone sportin the green! Best parade that Pat and I have been in and the most enthusiastic crowd I've seen since I was a little girl when the whole town always turned out for a parade. It was wonderful and all of us had a grand time. We had 4 cars driven and 2 ride alongs! Ken Roy drove his now fully restored (with a lot of special features) Woody to oodles of oohs, ahs, and Wow! And that was just from us! Bill Salviano drove his black '30 Sedan, Dave and Chris Ringenbach came in their '31

Deluxe Phaeton with Steve Hodgson and Richard Corson riding in the back and Pat driving and Kat riding along in their red "Jeryldene" a '30 Town Sedan. The parade goers really loved our cars an got a kick out of our horns. I've never seen such a sea of green and people so happy to see us! After the parade we un-decorated the cars that wore the green. Everybody pitched in to help me (thank you so much). Our little lady was wearing so much green you could hardly tell she was a red car! Then after taking the boys back to get their modern car we all went to the Skyline for a fabulous dining experience. Some of us had breakfast, others lunch but everybody had a great meal and really great conversation. We talked long after the food had been taken away about what a great experience the parade was. Those of you who didn't come are certainly welcome to join us next year for the fun and camaraderie

Dale did a great job giving a refresher course for our fledgling drivers. Read their column for more info.

The next parade will be the Helldorado on May 9. This is a long time Las Vegas tradition. It has evolved from 3 parades over 3 days with fabulous floats from every hotel going down 5th Street to Fremont and down to the train station, into very few short blocks downtown. It brings back memories for me as well as other long time Las Vegans. It may not be like the old days but it gives our cars a stage upon which to be noticed. And it gives us more time to be with each other and strengthen friendships. So get out your Cowboy hats or your period clothing and just for a moment create a feeling of a long ago yesterday.

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MAFCA events

- National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon May 31-June 7
 - There is a driving tour we are welcome to join leaving from LA on the 26 of May, Arriving Pendleton on the 31st. If interested please contact: Paul Winchester pwin99@aol.com
- National Tour - Durango, Colorado June 13 - 18
- Model A Ford Day Sept 18 & 19 (Need ideas how our club can celebrate the days)
- Plans are being made for the 12 - 16 of September 2028 for the 100th Anniversary of the Model A being held at Hickory Corners, MI. Plan early if you want to go. There aren't many hotels or motels near so the rooms will be gone quickly.

**May the roof above you
Never fall in.
And the friends gathered beneath it
Never fall out.**

Slainte and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**VP REPORT**

By: Charlotte Kessler

"March is a month of expectation." — Emily Dickinson

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

By: Pat White

- **Jack Harrah** - Is home & in physical therapy. It is a long recovery for him. Please keep him in your prayer for his recovery. Also he would love to talk with anyone about Model A's or cars in general - due to health issues he is pretty much house bound.
- **Carol Miller** - still unable to walk. They took a biopsy of her wound to make sure there is no infection. Lets keep her in our prayers.
- **Jim Miller** - is having some issues with dizziness & shortness of breath. Please keep him in your prayers
- **Cathy Munos** - is still in therapy & doing good, not as good as she would like, but better. She still has a little ways to go before she can spread her wings. Keep her in your prayers.
- **Griff Rausch** - spent 4 days in the hospital, but as we all seen at this meeting March 17, 2026 he is much better & we were all happy about that.
- **SAD NEWS - Doug Warren** long time club member & friend past away on February 27,2026. Service information to be announced. The club donated to the Tunnel 2 Towers in Doug Warren's name in Honor of Doug. This is the foundation he supported.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

Treasures Report

March, 2026

Income Sources

Dues	\$0.00
Dark Horse	\$60.00
Meeting Auction Items	\$0.00
Member Donation for the shop	\$0.00
Advertisers	\$25.00
Total Income	\$85.00

Expenses (i.e. Checks Written)

Tours/Parades	\$55.00	CK# 878
Room Rent	\$75.00	CK# 879
Sunshine Committee	\$100.00	CK# 881
Total Expenses	\$230.00	

Account Balance as of March 19, 2026 -- \$9,850.00

Note: CK# 880 VOIDED, CK# 881 NOT Processed Yet

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

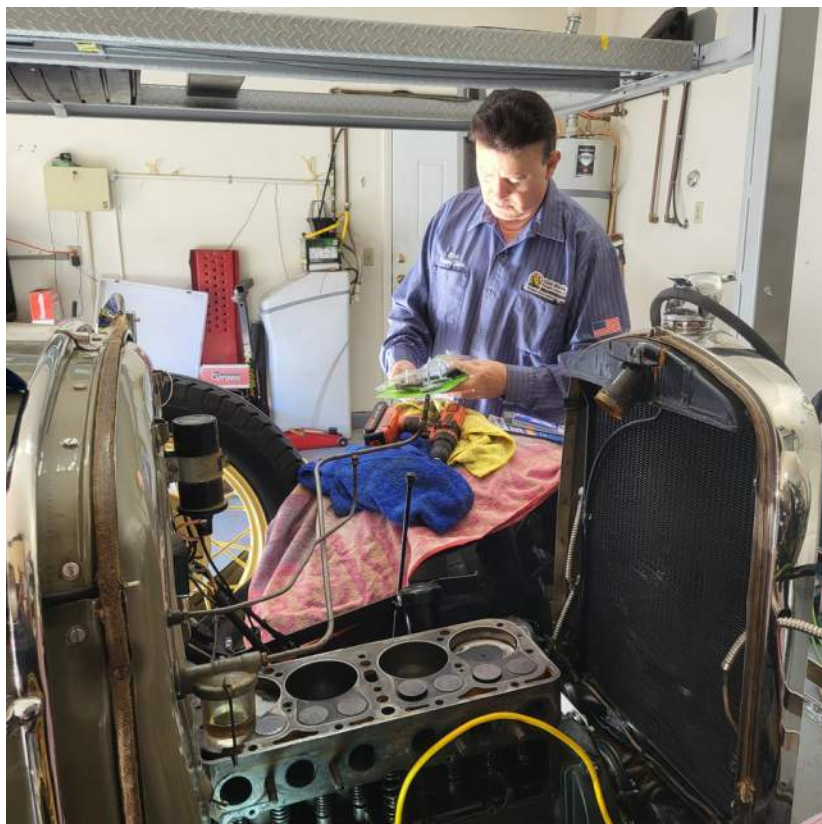
By: Mark Frigaard

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



Rich Rodriguez update from last months report. Rich decided he wants to just clean up the block, install a new head gasket and lap the valves in to see if he could gain more compression. If you remember last month the shop guys went to Riches and found a bad valve spring keeper that actually hung up causing the valve to stay open, he had zero compression in #4, 40lbs in #2 & 3 and 60 lbs. in #1. But Rich has had various other issues with this motor over the past few years. So again I suggested for long term reliability he should pull the motor and dismantle, clean / inspect and rebuild it or replace it.

I made the trip to Riches to help with the temporary fix of lapping in the

valves and installing a new head gasket. First since the motor had solid lifters I wanted to know how much gap the current lifters have before just lapping them in and possibly creating more issues. As we checked the first two valves lifters there was .013 clearance which is the recommended gap, so lapping will narrow that, but it might still be ok.

The rest of the lifters gaps were .009 or less so after lapping there might not be any gap left. Now I know some people might just remove the valve and file or sand the end to allow more clearance.....BUT I'm not comfortable doing that dealing with thousands of measurements. So again the best action would be to remove the motor and rebuild it and put in adjustable lifters instead of the solid ones that came stock. Well we cleaned up the valves, block and head, installed a new head gasket and checked compression again. Now we have 50lbs in #4 and #3, 45lbs in #2 and 60lbs in #1. That should be enough to run the motor after Rich gets the remaining gaskets to install the manifolds, water pump, oil return line and buttons up a few other things. That will give him more time to decide if he wants to do a rebuild or not.



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Gene Johnson called to say he was driving his 31 cabriolet the other day and just before he got home he pushed in his clutch and it went right to the floor and stayed there.....yikes that's not good!! Well Hal and I made a trip out on a Saturday to help out since Gene's garage is tight and not being able to move his car blocks in other things, Wow do I know that feeling.....Ha. When we got there we noticed the pin that holds the clutch release shaft arm was sticking out about an inch. Gene said ever since he had a new clutch put it a few months ago its been that way, ok, I checked the other end and could feel the end of the pin in there, so it "looked" like someone just put in a really long pin instead of the right one. Hal removed the inspection plate on top of the bell housing to check out the pressure plate. Hal said the throw out bearing is moving up to the fingers but not putting any pressure on the pressure plate fingers. So back to the pin issue we saw, first of all I noticed it was a roll pin which is hollow in the middle, it should be a solid pin so since Hal brought a CORRECT pin just in case with us, I drove out the old roll pin that came out in two pieces so it was broke inside, we installed the correct pin, Hal test drove it up and down the driveway and all was good. Gene wanted to take Hal and I out for breakfast, but Bren and I had a tee time coming up so I was strapped for time, we'll take a rain check on breakfast thanks Gene!!

Following up the next day with Gene to see how the clutch was Gene said all is great so that's good to hear. Maybe we should revisit our shop talk about the dangers of temporary fixes vs permanent solutions!

Dave Ringenbach updated me on the rebuilt stock shocks Dave, and I worked on at the shop the last few months, Dave has them all installed on his Coupe and drove it to the March breakfast in boulder city for a test run, he said they really made a difference!! That's great to hear, good job Dave! NO temporary fix there.....ha

Until next month have "A" wonderful drive!

TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

It was a bit chilly for our breakfast at Chilly Jilly'z but we still enjoyed eating and socializing around their table fire pits. After breakfast most of us drove to Hemenway Park hoping to see the big horn sheep, but sadly, they were nowhere in sight.

We were a small but mighty group who participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Henderson on the 14th. Thank you to Kat and Pat McMahan, Ken Roy, Bill Salviano, aka Stinky and Dave and Chris Ringenbach for decorating and driving their cars. Steve Hodgson and Richard Corson rode along in the Ringenbach's car. Luckily for them, the Ringenbachs didn't bring their sedan with the rumble seat. We were amazed at the huge turnout of green bedecked people who lined the streets to wave at us. It turned out to be a great day to enjoy the holiday.

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. Kat has agreed to spearhead this event for us. Thank you Kat.

Our April Brunch and Tour will be Sunday, 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. Although we are designating this as a Ladies Drive Day, of course all are welcome. We hope to see a great turnout of Model A's parked in front of the saloon.



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 March meeting at the Tap House came to order at 7:30 PM on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026. Many members celebrated by wearing green. Sláinte!

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

Members present: 36 with five Model As driven by Mark Frigaard, Del Herring, Kat & Pat McMahon, Ken Roy, and Bill Salviano.

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

Kat shared eleven March birthdays. Congratulations to everyone!

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

President: Kat McMahon brought yummy cupcakes in Irish flag colors – green, white, and orange – and we enjoyed them before the meeting. She shared 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
- MAFCA 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
- Future events:
 - MAFCA National Tour – Durango, CO – 6/13/2027 to 6/18/2027
 - 100 th Anniversary of the Model A, sponsored by the Model A Ford Foundation Museum, Hickory Corners, MI – 9/12/2028 to 9/16/2028

Vice President: Charlotte Kessler and Steve Hodgson continue to improve the Rambling A's Award tracking process and will share these responsibilities.

Treasurers Report: Dan Gouker reminded us that the treasurer's report reflects finances as of the meeting date (not monthend). To ensure consistency, the club approved publishing the report as presented during our meetings.

Secretary/Membership/Webmaster: Contact Steve Hodgson for any new member prospects or website corrections and updates.

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

- 3/14 – Saturday event: We had a great time at the Henderson St. Patrick's Day parade with four cars: Pat & Kat McMahon, Dave & Chris Ringenbach (Steve Hodgson and Richard Corson rode with them), Ken Roy, and Bill Salviano. We had brunch and great conversations at the Skyline Casino after the parade.
- 4/12 – Sunday breakfast and Ladies Driving Day: Meet at the South Point Casino at 9:00 AM, then ladies will drive to the Pioneer Saloon for brunch.

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Workshop Director: Mark Frigaard reported two home visits this month with Rich Rodriguez and Gene Johnson.

Sunshine Director: Pat White provided several health updates. She also shared the passing of Doug Warren, and the club will make a \$100 donation to his chosen charity. Service arrangements TBD.

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

Shop Talk: Dale Rausch presented an informative multimedia presentation – Ladies Driving Model As – to prepare for our 4/12 event.

New Business:

- The club voted to move the meeting time back to 7:00 PM, as proposed by Ken Roy, effective with the April meeting. The doors still open at 5:45 PM for optional dinner and social time. The website, roster, newsletter, and MAFCA website will be updated.
- Bob and Vicki Taylor are moving to Pennsylvania in June and are selling their 1929 Tudor, \$25K OBO. Contact Bob for more information, 702-683-6390.
- Dave Jacks is selling his 1931 Cabriolet for \$19.9K OBO (his mother was a former club member). Contact Dave for more information, 702-526-3421.

Auction: None

Dark Horse: Tom Collins won \$60! Congratulations!

Next meeting: April 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM (new time).

Motion to close by Bob Andrini, second by Dale Rauch (and others). The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.



WEBMASTER
By Steve Hodgson

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