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LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER



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"Baby got back"



Members Del Hering, Hal White, Mike Smith, Doug Smith, and Mark Frigaard displayed their Model As at the Sunday car show at Craig and Rancho

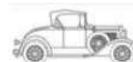


UP COMING EVENTS

<p>MONTHLY MEETINGS: APRIL 15, 2025, TUESDAY LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE 5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146 TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>APRIL CAR SHOW AND LUNCH DATE: Sunday, April 6 LOCATION: Vista Park Retirement Community 4190 Farm Road Las Vegas, NV 89084 TIME: Meet: 9:30 AM ; Lunch is \$18.00/person</p>	<p>Meet at NLV Airport and leave together by 10AM to have a mini car show for the residence and join them for lunch. We need 10 cars. If your car drips, bring a drip pan. Limited to 25 people and you must sign up. Wear your member shirts please.</p>

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|----------|
| 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 MT
 RANCH
 PICNIC
 OCTOBER 19,
 2025

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

On March 4, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," during his inaugural address. When we tackle the intricate tasks of restoring and maintaining our cherished Model As, let's embrace this indomitable spirit of courage and perseverance. Whether it's troubleshooting tricky engine issues, searching for the cause of mysterious noises, or navigating rigorous restoration tasks, don't despair. Many club experts are willing to help guide us along the way (see the Shop section above)!

We have an approved 2025 budget! Thank you!

With the recent resignation of our secretary, Richard Corson, please let me know if you are interested in filling this role or would like more information about these duties (taking notes during monthly club meetings and quarterly board meetings).

Along with newsletter announcements and club emails, some events are also posted on our new Facebook group. Sign up as another way to stay informed.

Recently, we had numerous opportunities to ramble about town in our Model As - and beyond. Were you able to participate in any of these events?

1st Annual Car Show at Roy's Motel and Café in Amboy, CA (Ray & Pam White didn't go). Our monthly breakfast at the Sunshine Tailwinds Café (many more showed up than had signed up?!?). St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chloride, AZ (Ray Pam White attended) St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Henderson Water Street District (Ken, Roy and Bill Salviano attended. Ken won an award!)

Don't miss these upcoming expeditions:

- Saturday, March 29 - Injured Officer's Fund Classic Car and Emergency Vehicle Show, Boulder City, NV, \$40 preregistration, \$50 day of the event <https://ipof.vegas/car-show/> (Bill Salviano)
- Sunday, April 6 - Our monthly gathering instead of breakfast: Vista Park Retirement Community Car Show/Brunch, See above for details.

And watch for more details for additional adventures:

- Saturday, May 10 - Helldorado Days Parade, entries close on April 18, 4-5 cars (Dale Rausch)
- Saturday, May 17 - Cedar City, UT (Bill Williams, Hal White)
- Friday, July 4 - Annual Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade, 14 cars (Hal White)
- Fall TBD - Ely, NV, Nevada Northern Railroad Excursion (Charlotte Kessler)
- Sunday, October 19 - Spring Mountain Ranch Picnic
- Friday, October 31 to Sunday, November 2 - Beatty, NV, Beatty Days Festival and Parade (Hal White)

With so many excursions, here's a story to enjoy. During an antique car parade, one Model A driver noticed something peculiar about a fellow club members car. Each driver typically gives an occasional "ahooga" for spectator enjoyment. But this car had an over-abundance of enthusiasm - extended "ahooga" blasts all along the parade route. When the parade was over, he explained that his horn button kept sticking. The car eagerly "ahooga-ed" its heart out - all on its own! So, as their most ardent parade participant, the club gave him a new nickname, "Ahooga Maestro"

As we make our event and parade preparations, don't ignore the horn components. Keep them well-maintained - and avoid a new nickname at the same time. Ahooga and ramble on!



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

Hello Spring!



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

Lorraine Hanna - Fell the end of Feb. & split her head open. Her son Rick came home & found her on the floor in a pool of blood. Rick took his mother to Quick Care. Lorraine received staples. The staples are out now & she is on the road to recovery.

Jim Miller - Has had some more testing done but still has a couple of more to go. Pray they get to the bottom of his heart issues.

Carol Miller - Had to have testing done to be released for her needed surgery on her left leg. She has been released & is waiting on schedule for surgery.

Gene Johnson - Has been under the weather & is on the mend now. Hopefully we will see them next meeting.

Brenda Frigaard - Mother passed away on March 12. We send Brenda & Mark our sympathy.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

March 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,669.25
Income	
New Member	25.00
Dark Horse	75.00
Auction Items	25.00
Total Income	\$180.00
Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Office Supplies	30.00
New Member Badges	20.00
Stamps	73.00
July 4th Parade	100.00
Total Expenses	\$298.00
Ending Balance	\$9,551.00

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?



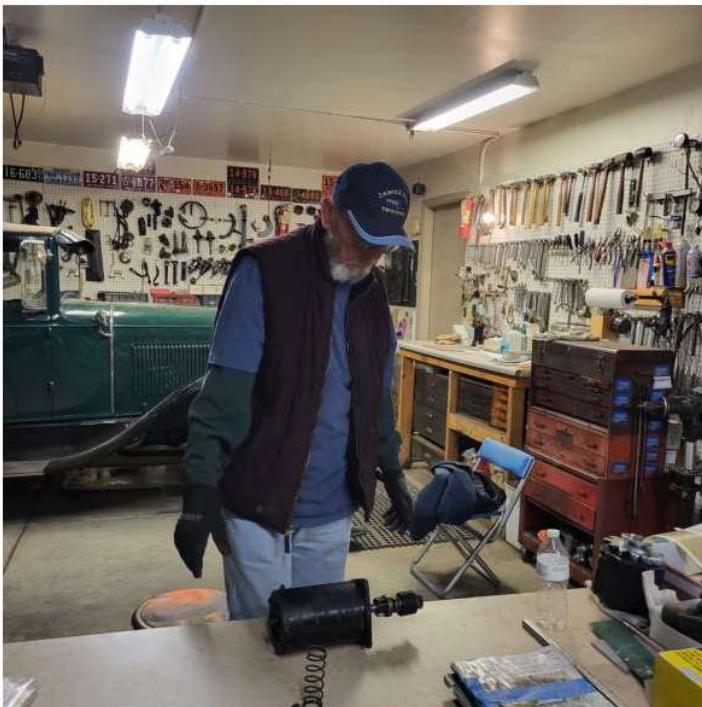
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Shop stories and photos by: Mark Frigaard



With last minute commitments, I've been in and out this month at the workshop, But Hal, Del and Jerry have been out around town helping where they can. First stop was to Bob Taylors to finish up work on the noisy water pump from last month which still needed greasing, they also found two of the four screws holding the radiator shroud on were missing, bet there was some rattling noise going on there! They also checked the gas shutoff valve that Bob thought might have a slight drip. Hal also made a trip to Mike Kessler's to check out electrical issues keeping Mikes Vicky from starting. I remember last year when we all were there trying to trouble shoot a system totally foreign to me on a Model A because it has an electronic ignition distributor with automatic retard / advance, the ignition key switch is "upgraded?" to bypass the floor starter button and sends power to the coil differently.....I don't really understand these changes other than its more complicated than a stock model A and obviously harder to trouble shoot, that's why this issue has been ongoing for quite some time now. A year ago we did have Mike's Vicki up and running well.....but now that it's been sitting for some time again it reverted back to old issues again. A suggestion was made to just strip all the so-called improvements off and revert the car back to stock wiring and distributor, I would think this would solve Mikes problems..... But that's just my two cents worth. Hal also noticed that both fasteners for the carburetor had stripped threads and was leaking gas, so the carburetor was brought to the workshop to install Helicoil's and then tested and tuned on the test motor. All went well and its running great with no leaks at the shop.

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We also had one of our newest members Ray Lindblom, who was from the Model T club but also has a 28 Tudor drop-in for a visit to the shop, he had a starter that was turning over so slow it wouldn't engage the Bendix. We tested it on the floor charger at 6 volts and turned over very slowly, bumped it up to low 12volt no real difference so there's some internal issues with that starter. Del had a good 6-volt starter motor, but the shaft was 5/8" and the starter Ray brought in was 1/2" SO we couldn't just switch the Bendix to another starter and get Ray on the way. Why not just put another one of Del's bendixes on you may be thinking? Well when we were looking at the Bendix the gear teeth looked smaller in size??

Never seen this before, I thought all Model A starter bendixes would be the same. So now were wondering as a group if it might be a late Model T starter and if they were lighter duty then the Early Model A's? looking in the Snyders catalog the Model T also had a different ring gear for its flywheel which took 16 bolts and also had magnets attached so it was not companionable with the Model A ring gear, but didn't tell us anything about tooth size . Humm.....wonder why the Bendix gear is smaller?? Anyway since it took Ray a while to find Del's house it was getting past the time to close the shop so this will be researched and solved another day, mysteries always seem to pop up when working on these wonderful cars. We'll have to actually see Ray's car and ring gear before we know if a stock Bendix will work.

Ken Roy also was back at the shop this month to install a rear hub seal in his brake drum, Ken's been in and out of the shop quite a bit lately, always good to see him and the projects he has.



Update on Hal's motor's for the 29 sports coupe and 29 special coupe, the 29 sports coupe "Pat's car" has the motor all back assembled, fresh painted, and run on a test stand. Now for the install and back on the road, you may have noticed Hal and Pat were able to drive it to the march breakfast at North Las Vegas airport, it was running great and no smoke or oil leaks!! Great Job on the rebuild Hal. . The 29 special coupe "Hal's blue" motor waiting on the block to come back, than assembly and the next motor swap at the Whites garage will be in Blue!



At my garage, the 31 Pick-Up project test runs have been going well, I even drove it to the March breakfast so, now it's off to paint, "All Black like Henry liked them" and then start on making panels to complete the interior and start on the Vinyl roof install. Guess I dubbed it with the right name, "winter project" since it probably won't be completed until spring. This project will most likely be heading to Minnesota since the Roadster we have will be more user friendly in Vegas than Minnesota, and Bren isn't a big fan of leaving her car outside because the ModelA's are inside.....Ha We also had the shop guys Myself, Hal, Del, Doug & Mike Smith, meet for the car gathering at Craig and Rancho last Sunday just to hang out and breakfast after, good time we'll have to do it again soon.

Anyway that's it this month, the weathers been wonderful for a drive so get them A's out for a spin around town! Or better yet drive them to the shop just to hang out.



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

We are excited about all the people we have been having at the meetings and breakfasts! It's fantastic everyone is interested in the Club's activities. We would just like to remind everyone that is important to sign up for the breakfasts, tours and special events. When we let the restaurants know our head count for breakfasts, they try to be set up both with space and servers to make our breakfast a success. Please try to remember to sign up or you can always call Dale or Chris to add your name to the list. Our April mini car show and lunch has a cap of 25 people because that is all the facility can handle. Thank you for your understanding! See details below.

Coming events:

EVENT: April Car Show & Lunch (instead of breakfast)

DATE: Sunday, April 6th

TIME: Meet @ 9:30 AM at North Las Vegas Airport we will leave no later than 10:00 AM and head to Vista Park Retirement Community where we will have a mini Car Show for the residence and then we will join them for a lovely Buffet Lunch, \$18.00 per person (bring cash please). We will be eating between 11:30 & 12:00 PM. We can only have 25 people maximum; this is NOT a drop in event. Members driving their cars for the show will be given first priority. We need 10 cars if possible. If your car drips oil, bring an oil drip mat/pan. We are required to wear our badges for security and we request you wear a Club Shirt if you have one. We currently have 21 people and 9 cars planning to come!

PLACE: Vista Park Retirement Community, 4190 Farm Road LV, NV 89084.

Questions: Contact Dale Rausch 831-901-7250

EVENT: Helldorado Parade

DATE: Saturday, May 10, 2025

TIME: Parade starts at 10:00 AM we will need arrive early to line up, etc. Details to follow. We have to have a head count and sign up for the event by April 18th. This is always a fun parade.

Questions: Contact Chris Ringenbach 725-221-9116

EVENT: Bill Williams Ford, car show, Cedar City, Utah

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2025

TIME: TBA

Questions: Contact Hal White 702-334-1450

EVENT: Fourth of July Parade in Summerlin

Typically there are only 14 spots for our cars

Questions: Contact Hal White 702-334-1450

EVENT: Fall Picnic & Auction at Spring Mountain

DATE: Sunday, October 19, 2025

Details to follow, start saving your treasures for the Auction!

EVENT: Beatty Days, Fall Festival

DATE: October 31 thru November 1

We have 20 rooms held for our members, they are all downstairs. Always a fun weekend.

Questions: Contact Hal White 702-334-1450



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting for March came to order at 7:30 PM by our President, Steve. Our VP, Charlotte, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 36 members and 3 guests present with one Model A driven by Bill Salviano.

Our VP, Charlotte, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our guests were Dick & Linda Hatcher recently from Ventura, California and Linda who accompanied her dad, Max at the meeting. Welcome to our meeting!

Our President, Steve, asked for corrections from the February meeting as printed in the newsletter. A motion was made by Hal and seconded by Griff and the minutes were accepted. Next, he announced the March Birthdays. Happy Birthday to all March members!

Steve reminded us of what had taken place in March 1933 with President FDR's famous statement, "There is nothing to fear but fear it*self".

He then told us that Richard resigned as club secretary because of health reasons. Therefore, there is an opening for the job. Please think about taking on the job! It's an easy one, give it some thought and let Steve know if you are interested. In the meantime, Liz will be filling in.

Next Steve had the board members give their reports:

- Charlotte (VP) repeated FDR's famous words and told the club not to be afraid to stand up and take the job of secretary! Thanks, Charlotte!
- Dan (Treasurer) said everything is wonderful with the club's finances.
- Dale (Tour Director) informed the club about the upcoming car show and brunch at Vista Park Retirement Community. Please read her report for full details.
- Mark (Workshop Director) gave a rundown on the visitors coming out to the shop the past month. He also mentioned different projects happening there.
- Pat (Sunshine Director) had a longer list this month of club members needing thoughts and prayers.
- Liz (Membership & Publicity) brought in the business cards for the members to use. She announced that the Club 2025 Roster had been emailed and already needs to be updated. The date of the Spring Mt Ranch Picnic is Sunday October 19, 2025. It needs to be corrected in the newsletter.
- Bill Salviano announced that Ken Roy won an award at the Henderson Car Show last weekend. Congratulations, Ken.

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Old Business: The 2025 Club Budget was the topic. Steve reassured the club that we have plenty of money and we should be even better off at the end of the year. Griff brought up the point that if we get below \$7500 then we might need to reevaluate the situation. A motion was made by RT and seconded by Pat that the budget should be accepted. The club was all in favor, the budget passed.

Facebook: Steve asked how many members had joined the club's Facebook page. He reminded everyone to sign up and be sure to answer the questions when you do. Ray has posted many events including the St. Patrick's Day parade in Chloride which he and Pam attended this year. He said it just wasn't that great without all of us in the parade.

Shop Talk: Mark's program was testing our knowledge with the Restorer's Technical Q & A section. It showed not all Model A mechanics think alike!

More Tours: Charlotte brought the Ely Train tour and will be checking out a few more details before next meeting. Hal had info on Helldorado Day's Parade on May 10, 2025. The 4th of July Summerlin Parade. Beatty Day's October 31 - November 1, 2025. Please call the Stagecoach for reservations: 775-553-2419. Remember to tell them you are part of the Model A Club to receive a discount. Cedar City Ford dealer car show is May 17, 2025. More information will be in his report in this newsletter.

New Business: The Injured Officer's Fund Car Show in Boulder City. To register: <https://ipof.vegas/car-show>. Doug Smith, Bill Salviano and Mike McComb will be attending. BTW this is not a club function but a good car show, to check out.

Auction: Jim Miller made another bumper seat or handy dandy wine glass or beer holder to auction off. Margie was the lucky one.

Dark Horse: Yeah, I (Liz) was the lucky winner this month! Congratulations to me! Thanks everyone!

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM. Good night, everyone.



WEBMASTER
By Dale Rausch

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