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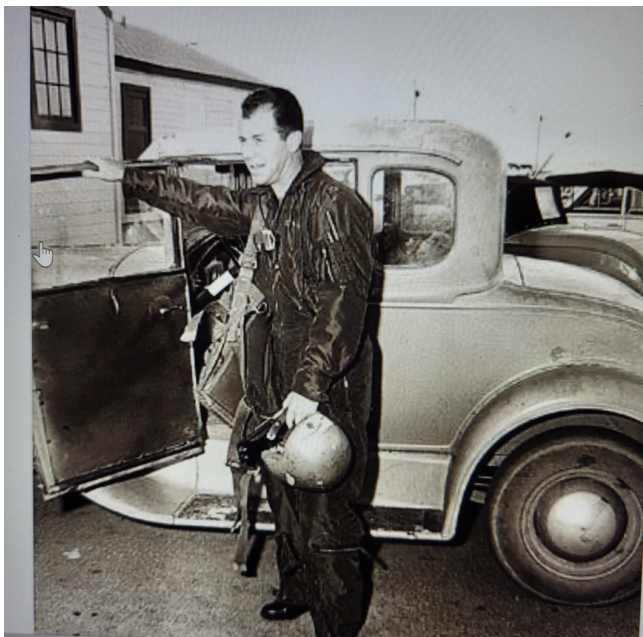
## Chuck Yeager and a Model A

By: Mark Frigaard

I was reading an interesting article recently on Chuck Yeager. He was the first test pilot to break the sound barrier in 1947 at Edwards Airforce base. And when a reporter asked Chuck about the "feel of speed" when he broke the sound barrier he said, "you can't feel a thing flying that fast..... if you want to "FEEL" real speed do 60mph in a Model A Ford!" Wonder if Edward AFB had a Model A club? I'll do some more research on this and have an update in the March shop report. Check out the picture of Mr. "General" Yeager in his flight suit standing by his Model A.

Next month Mark will have the rest of this story, does this Model A belong to Chuck ?

**Hard to believe that the man who broke the sound barrier thinks a Model A has REAL SPEED!**



## MIKE'S LITTLE BLUE TRUCK!

I don't think there is another member in our club more enthusiastic about their Model A than Mike McComb and his family! In last month's newsletter you saw how he dressed up his truck as *Frosty the Snow Man* for a Christmas Parade. Last October he fixed up his truck to represent the book *Little Blue Truck* for the Green Valley Christian School's trunk-r-treat. If you have grandchildren I am sure you have seen and read this book. His recreation is very clever, and almost an exact replica!

Mike has had his truck in car shows, school events, and parades and has only belonged to the club for a year. Where does he get his ideas? Can't wait to see what he comes up with next. I know his Grandfather would be proud to know how much his old truck means to his grandson.

So, what is next, Mike? A Leprechaun or the Easter Bunny? Can't wait to see!



Mike's Little Blue Truck at  
GV Christian School



The actual book cover!

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# UP COMING EVENTS

<b>MONTHLY MEETINGS:</b> March 19, 2024 LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE 5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146 <b>TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHARACTERS UNLIMITED</b> <b>DATE:</b> March 6, 2024 Wednesday <b>LOCATION:</b> Character's Unlimited 719 Foothill Ct Boulder City NV 89005 <b>TIME:</b> 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM Lunch Golf Course
<b>MARCH BREAKFAST</b> <b>DATE:</b> March 10, 2024 Sunday <b>LOCATION:</b> Black Bear Restaurant 8565 W Sahara 89117 <b>TIME:</b> 8:30 AM Eat: 9:00 AM	<b>SPRING MODEL T &amp; A PICNIC</b> <b>DATE:</b> March 30, 2024 Saturday <b>LOCATION:</b> Vivaldi Park 1249 Seven Hills Dr Henderson, NV 89052 <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charlene Albers	February 2
Delroy Hering	February 2
Elaine Warren	February 2
Dave Ringenbach	February 10
Ray White	February 13
Steve Kushner	February 17
Joanne Elliott	February 21
Jackie Rutkoskie	February 21
Doreen Andrini	February 22
Dick McArdle	February 23

## IMPORTANT 2024 SAVE THE DATES:

MODEL T & A PICNIC  
 March 30, 2024 Saturday  
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HELLDORADO PARADE  
 MAY 11, 2024 Saturday  
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SPRING MT RANCH  
 PICNIC  
 October 20, 2024 Sunday

## 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



## MADAM PREZ

By DALE RAUSCH

## OFFICER'S REPORTS 2024

We had a great meeting this week, great turnout even with crazy rainy weather and the traffic was hectic. I want to thank Mark Frigaard and the team from the Garage Workshop for our program about our steering columns, he brought in a complete steering column with the wiring harness. He explained how all the different parts worked and how it went together. I find the programs very informative and interesting. I always learn something new. If you have an idea for a program, please let us know or you can speak directly to Mark, he loves new ideas.

Feels like we are already into Spring! The weather has been wonderful and mild, perfect to get out our Model A's out and show them off. March is coming up quickly and we have a lot of fun events planned. March 6th we will be traveling to Boulder City for a tour and then to lunch, see the Tour Director's column for details. Then March 10th Breakfast will be at Black Bear Diner, always great food. March 30th we have our annual Model T & Model A picnic in the park and our famous auction, be sure and clean out your garages and closets and bring your treasures to the picnic! We always have a wonderful time with the fun items for auction that benefit both clubs. The Model T Club will be sponsoring the picnic and we all need to bring a side dish or a dessert and your own drinks.

A reminder about Club Shirts (or hats, jackets, etc.), you can order them direct from Imaginations Unlimited in Henderson on Water Street. Tina is the owner and her number is 702-565-0129. If you need help or any additional information, i.e., item numbers of our shirts, please feel free to contact me and I can walk you through the process.

Everyone stay healthy so we can all enjoy our wonderful cars together!! Take care, see you all soon!



## VICE PRESIDENT

By Charlotte Kessler

### A Word From our new VP

Once again I'm sorry to miss the meeting. We're in San Diego at the beach for a month. I hope you'll let me in at the March meeting.



## SUNSHINE REPORT

By Charlotte Kessler

### KEEP OUR MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!

Karl Elliott had a Stent placed in his heart. I spoke to him on Valentine's Day and he said he's been released by his doctor. He even plans to join Joanne on her hiking, of course gradually working up to her level. Before that could happen, Karl got Covid and pneumonia and was hospitalized! We are wishing you a speedy recovery, Karl!

Art Goldstrom had a heart attack recently and is currently recovering. Our best wishes to him.

I was happy to see a lot of you at breakfast in February. Michael and I will miss the February meeting but look forward to seeing you on March 19th.



## WEBMASTER

By Dale Rausch

### Club Shirts & Website

The website to order club shirts is:  
<https://imaginationunltd.com>  
 Phone number: 702-565-0129.  
 Imaginations Unlimited, LLC  
 Water St Henderson, NV  
 Owner's name is Tina



Contact me: [dale.rausch@yahoo.com](mailto:dale.rausch@yahoo.com)





## TREASURER

By Chris Ringenbach

### Financial Business

#### FEBRUARY 2024

Opening Balance \$9158.03

#### Income:

Dues 150.00

New Members 50.00

Badge Sales 10.00

Advertisers 25.00

Dark Horse 43.00

Auction Items 27.00

Total Income: 305.00

#### Expenses:

Tap House Room

Rental -25.00

Badges -19.50

Shop Expense -15.15

Total Expenses -59.65

Ending Balance \$ 9403.38

## Group effort Tech Talk

By: Mark, Hal and Dan



Three of our "Shop Guys" gave the tech talk on the Steering Wheel and all of its functions. Mark, Hal and Dan took turns explaining it's use. It steers the car, advances and retards the spark, horn, cruise control, running lights, cowl lights, fog lights (early '28) it dims and brightens the lights..... can't remember what else.

As a girl, I am very impressed with all their knowledge and am very glad I don't have to completely understand it! Thanks, Guys! If anyone needs more info just ask either of them, they are all very good at what they do!



## SHOP TALK

By Mark Frigaard

### WHAT'S HAPPENING at the SHOP?



#### SHOP HOURS:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MONDAY \* WEDNESDAY \* FRIDAY

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Shop photos by: Mark Frigaard



**Juan & Ray picking up Juan's completed engine!**

One of our new members, Juan and Yolanda Wibowo joined our club because they were given a totally dismantled Model A Fordor and were looking for advice when reassembling this beauty. Juan has a friend that is helping him get the body, frame, interior, electrical and most of the drive train together but, they said it would be helpful if they knew the motor was together correctly and actually running before installing since neither of them know much about this year motor. It's quite a bit different than the later model cars they are used to working on! So, they dropped the block and parts off at my house for assembly and test run. It was a long block that looks like it was rebuilt sometime in the past and just left sitting for years. So, until we see if it will run and how it runs, I didn't plan on opening the block for a look, hoping it was rebuilt and done correctly. The first order of business is to assemble parts from my stock I already know are working well, then once running we'll know if the block has any issues and I'll replace my main components (distributor and carburetor, starter) with Juan's to know if they need rebuilding. After compression testing the motor, it must have a high compression head on it due to the test coming back at 80lbs on cylinder #1,3,4, BUT #2 was at 60. I hoped that maybe a valve or guide was just hanging up from sitting so long and when I get it running it might free up. Well, after some work, I got it to fire and start, I ran it for a short time and rechecked #2, still at 60lbs. After removing the valve cover to take a better look I noticed there wasn't any gap on the #2 exhaust valve. I set it to .013 and retested, now #2 has 80lbs like the rest. I was glad it was something simple, I'm sure Juan was too!! So, it's ready to install, hopefully we'll see Juan driving an "A" to some of the spring club events.

Back at the workshop, it's been a "slower project" month, but we managed to get some work done anyway. Gene Johnson made it over for a visit, always nice to see club members stopping in, thanks Gene! I love that Gene always drives his Cabriolet when he comes to the shop. We just finished rebuilding a complete steering box / column that was started at the end of last month, it was an interesting and good learning project, now I really understand the three different adjustments you can do on the 2-tooth steering box. Not using the proper tool to pull the steering wheel, I broke off the threaded end of the steering shaft.....crap.... well, Luckily after some creative brazing, grinding, and filing we were ready to rethread the shaft fix. Thanks Dan for assisting, holding the shaft and sorry while I was going back and forth with the die, the pipe wrench slipped and hit your shin!! After ordering some replacement parts from Sammy its back together and looks like a tight steering box. Hal in one of his creative moments built a jig to hold the top of a carburetor straight and level while drilling out the throttle shaft casing so you can install new bushings without causing binding from the two sides not being aligned properly. Good job Hal! Anyone having an air leak around the throttle shaft will appreciate this new tool. We all were working on carburetors again this month, go figure and Dan brought in another carb from hell! Where does he keep getting these?? This time it's a Tillotson round bowl. Well it's late in the month so updates on this one will be in the March report. This month was also Del's birthday, Jerry and I picked up a four flavored bundt cake for the celebration, I think Del was pleasantly surprised! We all appreciate Del giving us a place to gather on a regular basis for work and good conversation, Thanks Del!!



**GENE VISITING THE SHOP**



**HAL AND HIS NEW TOOL!**



**DEL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**

Over at Hal's garage multiple issues have struck all at once, so decisions needed to be made on what to work on first. "Pat's" car has a head gasket problem, the Vicki has electrical problems and still needs to be put together yet, and there's an engine knock in Hal's favorite Old Blue the 29 special coupe. So, Old Blue is the first to get attention, let's change motors, Hal pulled one of his many engines out of storage and decided since the gaskets looked dried out, we should change them, well everyone knows once you start on one issue for a Model A it normally compounds!! We got the head off and after some cleanup Hal found a small crack between the head bolt and water jacket holes, probably can be fixed or change heads so let's keep going. Next, we pulled the timing cover.... Oh my.... The gear was in bad shape with multiple teeth badly chipped so that will need to be replaced. Since Hal would like to get back on the road ASAP the decision was made to just pull another engine from stock. Well, Hal had a motor that has been sitting for 20+ years in storage, it was rebuilt per a tag on the block by Idaho Antique Engines to .060 over on the bore and .010 over on the main and rod bearings, well within the acceptable range. So, on the test stand it went, all components needed to run were installed and after some grounding issues were resolved, BANG! it fired right up in a blaze of smoke from all the oil we dumped in the cylinders before turning it over. I got to tell you we all were surprised how well it ran right off after sitting that long. After we get it installed and get some road time on it, it's going to be a great engine for Hal. One last minute decision to change transmissions also added some complications to the project. It's all together now, Hal just needs to button up the loose end stuff. Hope to see Old Blue on the road again soon! The weather is starting to warm up so get them A's out for a drive, a nice drive would be to bring them by the shop! We'd love to see them and you.



**HAL GETTING HIS NEW ENGINE RUNNING AND PART OF THE INSTALL!**



**I'LL SHAKE TO THAT!**




**TOUR GUYS**

By DAVE &amp; HAL

**Dave Ringenbach: 702-353-7951****Hal White: 702-334-1450****\* Breakfasts \* Tours \* Picnics \* Parades\*****Dave's Report:**

We're coming into March, which is a great time of the year to get out your Model A's and have fun driving them around town.

Let's start with our next breakfast, which will be Sunday, March 10 at the Black Bear Diner on 8565 West Sahara. You know the drill – meet in the parking lot at 8:30 and go into the restaurant at 9:00.

You may have seen the Liberty Mutual commercial on TV that features Zoltar, the fortune teller machine. There are hundreds of Zoltar machines across the country, and as it turns out, every single one of them is built by hand in a studio in Boulder City. (Don't make a wish, remember the movie "BIG"?)

On Wednesday, March 6 we are planning a midweek event to Boulder City, with a factory tour of Characters Unlimited, a company that in addition to the Zoltar, designs and builds animatronic people, birds, animals and more. We will meet at the factory at 719 Foothill Ct, Boulder City at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the factory. There is a cost of \$10 per person, which can be used toward a purchase in the gift shop. After the tour, we will drive to the Boulder Creek Golf Course for lunch. After lunch, for those who'd like to take a driving tour of Boulder City, Ray and Pam White have volunteered to be our guides. Thanks to the Whites for suggesting this event.

**ZOLTAR MACHINE**

**MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS ABOUT TOWN!**



**Jeff and Marla Wells, our new members, own this 1930 Fordor. It is pictured here at the garage of their Colorado home. Jeff said it is now at their home in Las Vegas. Needs a little carb work but it is ready to go places with the club!! Welcome to the club! Can you see Jeff in the front seat??**

**I didn't have much to fill this page this month!**

**Take those pictures of your A's doing what ever and send them to me!!! PLEASE!**

**Share your experiences with the club!**



*Thank you*

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**Doug Smith wants to share this car show information with the club. This IPOF show serves a very good cause and is free to the public. Come out and check out this car show and help support those who watch over us!**



# SECRETARY

By Liz Prehm

## Meeting Minutes

The rain didn't hold back our Model A members from the February meeting. We had a total of 33 members present. However, it did keep the A's from venturing out! No cars were driven

Dale led us in the pledge and the meeting was on it's way to a busy night! We were happy to have new member, Jeff Wells at the meeting. He brought his 1930 Fordor from Colorado recently and is ready to join in on the club activities. His car is pictured on the previous page. Welcome to the club Jeff and Marla.

Steve and Hal made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting a second was made by Griff. However, Hal said he found 2 errors but couldn't remember what they were. Hopefully the errors were not life threatening!

Dale reported on a breakfast with the Model T club followed by a yard sale of one of their members. (a side note on that) The sale was very interesting, Ray has collected for years and had a garage full of car parts. He even had a few items for the ladies to buy! It was fun running into other interested members from both clubs.

The VP, Charlotte, didn't have a report as she has been enjoying some sunbathing on the beach with Michael in San Diego.

Secretary, Liz, offered some postcards to the club.

Treasury report was given by Chris and also is posted in this newsletter.

Mark talked about the shop and everything that has been accomplished there this past month. He has a very interesting report with pictures of some of their projects. The Shop is a busy place.

The tour directors, Hal & Dave, each talked about upcoming events for March. Dave's report has a complete list of what will be happening in March. Hal is signing us up for the Summerlin 4th of July Parade.

Charlotte's Sunshine report is on page 3.

Mark Schieff was also in San Diego visiting the Kesslers and didn't have a report.

Newsletter had the same report as always..... GIVE ME STUFF FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PICTURES AND SHORT STORIES !!!!! Thank you to Mike McComb for his front page picture of his Model A! Thanks to Steve Kushner for his Model A article, Doug Smith for his ad for the Injured Policeman's car show and to the board members for their reports. Steve Hodgson and Richard Corson have a fun project they are working on for an upcoming meeting. Looking forward to that.

Old Business: Nothing tonight

New Business: The shop guys, Mark, Hal and Dan presented on the steering wheel. Always interesting and fun to watch. They have an interesting project brewing at the shop they want to share with anyone who is interested. I will send out an email to everyone when the date gets closer and let you know the scoop! Watch for that.

Dan brought a lot of "interesting" stuff for the auction and made \$27 for the club. Thanks, Dan!

The Dark Horse was won by lucky Richard Corson! Congratulations, Richard!

Our next meeting will be March 19, 2024. Hope to see you there.

Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Bob and our meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

The Club Roster is just about ready to print. Please, let me know if you have any changes to make on your information posted in the roster! Thank you to those who have already let me know!!!

Be sure to read all the reports in the newsletter to keep up on the happenings of the Model A Club!!

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Photo by: Oaks Vegas Studio

**1931 Fremont St on the Golden Nugget/Binion's block looking west. The "Welcome to Las Vegas" arch stood at Fremont and Main from '29 - '31. Past the arch is the original Railroad depot.**



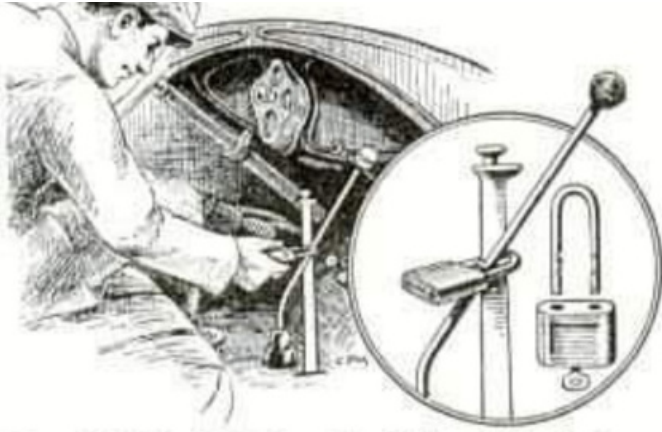
**Model A Drivers: keep this in mind! When a car passes you, remember they may pass you but they won't outlast you!!**





A find by: Steve Kushner

Find from FB



Easy Method of Locking Gear-Shift and Brake Lever on Model-A Ford

**Gear-Shift Lever Locked in Neutral**

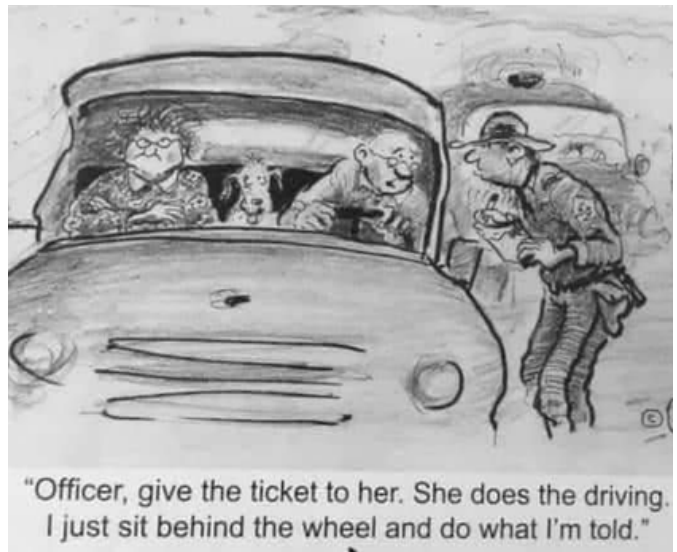
Owners of model-A Fords can lock the transmission in neutral by lifting the gear-shift lever out of its socket and swinging it across the brake lever, which is pulled back to braking position. A padlock of the type shown in the detail is then slipped around the gear-shift and brake levers.

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY:**



The most effective way to do it is to do it!!  
Words of wisdom from:  
**Amelia Earhart!**

Interesting picture of James Cagney, Joan Blondell, and Noel Franc... See more



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