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A WORD FROM EACH MODEL A OWNER:

1. Ray & Pam White: "Nobody in the club knows we have a 1929 Sports Coupe in Colorado. We drive into Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Utah, New Mexico and Kansas. The Denver club is very active in overnight events." Ray
2. Steve & Linda Kushner: "Mr. D's 23rd of March Car Show. I was taught that if you're on time you're late. When I go to car shows I always arrive early so I can get my favorite parking space .Usually directly in front of the main entrance to help me remember where I was!" Steve
3. Larry Caller: "Finally I've reached completion of a 50 year Model A project that brought my car (a former chicken coop) to completion!" Larry
4. Mike Fecchino in his 1931 Model A Ford slant window Town Sedan.
5. Dan Prehm cruising down the Las Vegas Strip in the Vintage car parade during the 2020 Covid shut down.
6. Mark Frigaard going back to the Pleistocene Epoch era to plan his "photo shoot"!
7. Dan & Rita Gouker: "This is the day we brought our "new toy" home :) It's now residing in my Man Cave!" Dan
8. Mike & Emily McComb: " We are downtown Water Street for our date night dinner at Flaming Juan's." Mike
9. Gene & Jessie Johnson: Posing in front of their '31 Cabriolet on our Lake Havasu Tour.
10. Steve & Judy Collett: This is the Collett's beautiful '30 Roadster.
11. Hal & Pat White: Hal is parked in front of Del's Club Shop along with a few other member's cars.
12. Karl & Joanne Elliott: "This is my '29 Town Sedan up at Lake Arrowhead CA in 1968." Karl
13. Michael & Charlotte Kessler: "This photo was taken at a golf course in town and was on National TV about 10 years ago." Michael

A BIG THANK YOU! goes out to everyone who answered my request and sent in photos of their amazing Model A's!

TAILWINDS APRIL BREAKFAST



Nice turn out for the April breakfast. I believe there were 32 hungry members present. The car count is a little confusing, my sources said there were anywhere





between 9 and 13 Model As driven to the breakfast! Nice!



Thank you to Hal and Mark F. for the photos!

UP COMING EVENTS

<p>MONTHLY MEETINGS: May 21, 2024 LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE 5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146 TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>SPRING MODEL T & A PICNIC DATE: April 28, 2024 Sunday LOCATION: Vivaldi Park 1249 Seven Hills Dr. Henderson, NV 89052 Bring a dish, drinks & items to auction!! TIME: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>
<p>ICE CREAM SOCIAL DATE: Wednesday April 24, 2024 LOCATION: Bruster's Real Ice Cream 2862 S Durango Dr. LV 89117 TIME: 6:00 PM</p> 	<p>HELLDORADO DAYS DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2024 LOCATION: Downtown LV. Staging area TBA TIME: 10:00 AM - NOON LUNCH following the parade. TBA</p> 

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IMPORTANT 2024 SAVE THE DATES:

MODEL T & A PICNIC
 April 28, 2024 Sunday

HELLDORADO PARADE
 MAY 11, 2024 Saturday

4th of July Summerlin
 Parade

SPRING MT RANCH
 PICNIC

October 20, 2024 Sunday

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- Jim Tenney March 4
- Julia Richins March 10
- Pat White March 14
- Jack Camburn March 16
- Larry Benham March 17
- Shelby Callahan March 17
- Karen Grundstrom March 19
- Jane Tenney March 24
- Marla Wells March 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
 Del: 702-553-8664



MADAM PREZ

By DALE RAUSCH

OFFICER'S REPORTS 2024

The weatherman says summer is just around the corner, we better get out and enjoy our cars while we can! This month's breakfast at the N. Las Vegas Airport, always a favorite, was very well attended with 35 members. We had another great meeting last night with 32 people, including a guest Robert 'Bob' Connell. We missed our regular waitress, Donna, she's having some health challenges, please keep her in your prayers.

The presentation was another 'home run', Mark and Hal did a great job sharing some very interesting tools, mostly from Del's garage. It was fascinating seeing the tools and trying to figure out what each was designed to do.

Our Tour Directors have a lot of great activities planned for us, so read their column for the details. We have another Ladies Driving Day coming up!

This weekend is the Model T & A picnic at Vivaldi Park in Henderson, see you there!! Don't forget to bring your cash as the Auction is always FUN!!

Quick heads-up: Beatty Days, Oct. 25-27, is always fun. We are looking for a coordinator for that event, if you'd like to try your hand, please let us know. If you'd like to attend, we have a block of rooms all on the first floor however you need to call soon and ONLY call the hotel because the 800 number doesn't know about our group. The number is 775-553-2419.

Sunday, April 28 is the Model T & A picnic at Vivaldi Park in Henderson. Don't forget to bring your cash as the Auction is always FUN!!

See you soon!! Dale

NEW MEETING START TIME: 7:30 PM



VICE PRESIDENT

By Charlotte Kessler

A Word From our new VP

Happy to be here, no report today.

Looking forward to being your president next month!



SUNSHINE REPORT

By Charlotte Kessler

KEEP OUR MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!

Glad to report that I do not have anything to report about the health of our club!
I did talk to Lorraine and she sends her best to everyone!



WEBMASTER

By Dale Rausch

Contact me: dale.rausch@yahoo.com

*There is a new website in our future.
keep an eye out for more information!*

Club Shirt's Website

The website to order club shirts is:

<https://imaginationsunltd.com>

Phone number: 702-565-0129.

Imaginations Unlimited, LLC

Water St Henderson, NV

Owner's name is Tina



TREASURER

By Chris Ringenbach

	Opening Balance	\$9295.38
	Income:	
	Dark Horse	40.00
	Total Income:	40.00
	Expenses:	
	Tap House Room	
	Rental	-25.00
	Christmas party deposit	-200.00
	Total Expenses	-225.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 9135.38

**Financial
Business
APRIL 2024**



TOUR GUYS

By DAVE & HAL



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

Dave Ringenbach: 702-353-7951

Hal White: 702-334-1450

***April 24, 2024 Wednesday Meet at 6:00 PM at Bruster's Real Ice Cream** for ice cream and social hour, at 2862 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas 89117 a couple of blocks south of W Sahara Ave.

*The ever popular **Model T and Model A picnic**, having been postponed from March because of high winds, will be **Sunday, April 28 at Vivaldi Park, 1249 Seven Hills Drive, Henderson, NV 89052 from 11am to 3pm.** The Model T club is sponsoring the event and will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Remember to bring stuff for the auction. Last year our club netted \$292 from the proceeds of the auction. So, start cleaning out your closets and garages and bring stuff to sell.

*For those of you who like to participate in parades, mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 11 for the Helldorado Parade.** The meeting place and staging time is yet to be determined, but we'll keep you posted.

***May 18, 2024 Saturday is Women's driving day to Goodsprings, NV** for breakfast. We will meet at South Point Casino in the southeast parking lot at South Las Vegas Blvd and W Le Baron Ave. at 8:00 AM. The men will be on hand to support the Lady Drivers and take over if the need arises on the way to Goodsprings, NV.

***May 25, 2024 Saturday is the 5th annual Memorial Day Patriotic car parade at Sky Canyon.** Register at skycanyon.com for the parade. Registration fee is \$10.00 per vehicle with proceeds to benefit the local community and the Veterans Fund. Line up at Sky Canyon Park at 9:30 am and the parade starts at 10:15 am.

***Summerlin July 4 th Parade** again this year. More details on that will be coming soon.

*Don't forget Model A & T picnic at Spring Mountain Ranch, October 20th, Beatty Day's October 25th & 26th and our next Model A Ford Club meeting May 21st.

(Hal): So, until next time Hasta La Vista baby, Drive those Model A's

(Dave): Lastly, Chris and I want to thank you for your prayers and phone calls. If you haven't heard, we were in an accident in Texas in our motorhome. Fortunately, we weren't injured but can't say the same for the motorhome. We're in limbo here until it can be made road worthy enough for us to get home and finish the repairs in Vegas.

Thanks to Dave and Hal for keeping us busy and driving our cars!



SHOP TALK

By Mark Frigaard

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the SHOP?

Shop photos by: Mark Frigaard



SHOP HOURS:
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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5204 SEQUIN DR. LV 89130
Call: Del 702-553-8664

The club's newest member Dino Zenuni stopped by the shop with his new addition 29 roadster for the guys to check out and give feedback on what needs work. Get prepared Dino for an in-depth learning experience, you make the time and we'll be over to help you go through your cars systems to make sure you have a safe / reliable driving experience for you and Ina. The car is in pretty good condition BUT, it's always good to go through and tighten up, adjust, and check for worn or missing parts, after driving the car Dan said he definitely needs some brake work. Dan also told a story about losing his brakes on his way to the shop in his town car. One of his clevis pins came out for the mechanical brakes because a cotter pin was either broken or missing for some time..... good thing the emergency brakes were working!! Thank goodness NO Model A's or Operators were injured in this incident!! After hearing this I went home and jacked up my roadster just to double check clevis and cotter pins again and found a cotter pin missing on my clutch arm adjuster to the throughout bearing. I thought it was there when I do a grease / oil and system inspection every fall, when we return to Vegas getting ready for the next 8 months of driving, BUT either I missed it, or it broke off after the inspection. **Regular inspections don't take long and if you haven't done one in a while, I would suggest you do one or bring your car to the shop and we'll help you out.** The day Dino stopped by the workshop, you could really tell Model As were the theme at Del's garage, with Del's 31 sport coupe in the garage, my Roadster, Genes Johnson's Cabriolet, and Bob Taylor's Tudor all parked out front, Dan would have had his town car there, but that day was the brake issue and he just wanted to get it home again. Check out the pictures. Dino was on the opposite side of the street, so it was hard to get all in cars one picture. The weather was right for a drive in a Model A, so Gene and Bob just stopped by to hang out and didn't need anything worked on with their cars, the shop guys like that too!!

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Dino getting checked out while visiting the shop.



Looking like a busy Model A workshop day!



Don, happy to have his Tudor running well again!

I got a call from Don Briggs saying he is having electrical issues with his Tudor; it was good to hear from Don because it's been a while! He said he's still sick on and off and his hearing and eyesight isn't too good making working on the finer details difficult. Back to the electrical issues, as I've said before in other articles STOCK MODEL A SYSTEMS are way easier to trouble shoot then the so-called upgraded ones.....well Don had an electronic ignition that went to crap, so he's changing it back to stock, that's good but there were lots of changes made to the wiring for the electronic ignition. When I got there Don already had the stock distributor installed and wanted help timing it, the hand crank wouldn't go in due to the holes aren't lined up, so we were going to just bump it around with the starter, but the starter switch power bolt was stripped so I went home to get a spare switch. After the installation the starter still didn't work so we put a jumper on and all the starter did was Humm, looks like it's going to be one of those days...Ha. Don had a spare starter he thought was good but it's missing a bolt for the starter drive gear, so I took it home to get that corrected and to test the starter. The next day I brought the starter back and installed it, all worked well, and we got the Tudor running but it wouldn't speed up so I took the carburetor off and will rebuild it. Back to the electrical, when Don tried to turn off the ignition it just kept on running.....Tracing the distributor wire it was connected to the positive pole on the coil, so it had power all the time, also a potential to burn up the points. The wire was rerouted to the outgoing side of the ignition switch. The rebuilt carburetor was installed, and all is working great now.

Hal's garage has been busy also with Hal helping Kathy and Bill Williams get a brake job completed on Kathy's 30 P.U. Hal said all went well, but it was a lot of work since they replaced bearings and races along with all the brake work. Only issue was one rear brake drum just wouldn't go back on all the way over the emergency brake, and I'm sure there were a few oh crap's being tossed around before they finally got it to go on all the way. Hal also found an issue with the clutch adjuster trunnion and had a new one in his stock so that was replaced and readjusted also. Sorry, I wasn't there to take any pictures and Hal and Bill were too busy to snap any either.

A new shift tower for Gene Johnson's car was shipped to Del's from Steve Mitchell of Mitchell Overdrives as requested last month from Hal and Gene. Looking it over it wouldn't work due to Gene's car had an additional part added for his Borg Warner over drive, so Hal called Steve to see what could be done. Steve suggested they put in some stop shims on the internal shift rails of Gene's original shift tower to keep the tower from moving the gears too far and jamming up. So, the new shift tower was sent back, and Steve shipped the stop shims to Del's, all was installed, and Gene's cabriolet is back on the road. All this and we still got a couple carburetors and distributors rebuilt, been a very busy month at the shop.



Getting the spacers in Gene's shift tower.



Gene & Jessie taking the Cabriolet home! Ready to ship back the replacement tower.

Thanks to the "Shop Guys" for help keeping our cars running !

Remember, your Model As are just like their owners, they need a check-up once in a while to keep them in good running condition!

You don't want this to be you!



SECRETARY

By Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes



Our April meeting was brought to order at 7:30 PM by our President, Dale. We were led in the pledge by our VP, Charlotte. There were 32

club members present and 1 guest, Bob Connell from Colorado. He will be getting either a Tudor or a 4 door '31 Model A from his brother! Welcome to our meeting, Bob. 3 Model A's were driven, thanks to the Frigaards, Del and Jerry. The minutes for the March meeting were accepted by Jerry and seconded by Kat.

Dale reported on the website and is waiting for the domain name to switch over so we will be back on line soon!

VP was very talkative with a big Charlotte "Hello". BTW, She will be in charge of us next month as the Rauschs have some vacation time coming and will be with family celebrating special occasions with them.

Our treasurer and co-tour director, Chris & Dave, were on vacation experiencing some very frustrating situations! But, they did send in their reports for the newsletter for all to read.

Hal gave us a rundown on the upcoming events. PLEASE: read the Tour Director's report for all up coming events! There are quite a few to join in on! We are very grateful to the members who volunteered to help with the Spring Mt Ranch picnic in October, couldn't pull it off without you!!

Sunshine, Charlotte, was glad to not have a report!

Mark Schieff, Membership & Publicity, announced he will be having a sale for the club on many Model A parts.

Newsletter, Liz, was very happy and thankful to announce that many of you sent in your Model A photos for the cover of the newsletter this month! Thank you all so much!!! Thank you to Doug Smith for his report on the IPOF Car Show in Boulder City. I think the club would enjoy going joining this car show.

Website & Club Shirt, Dale, reminded the club of the vender to order club shirts.

Old Business: the Club's 2024 budget as presented in an email, was voted on and accepted by the club.

New Business: We are planning to have a club Birthday month with cake and ice cream at the September meeting. I've asked Angelia to make the cake for us. She is a great cook! We can all celebrate staying young together!

The "Spring Tune Up & Show and Tell Tools & Parts" program was presented by Mark and Hal. Mark handed out some very helpful and important worksheets to the members. It would be a good idea to place those in the club roster folder for safe keeping. Had Dan followed the inspection information sooner he might not have lost his brakes on his way to the shop! Better safe than sorry! The "Shop" is there to help out, remember!

The Dark Horse was won by the lucky Steve Kushner! Congrats, Steve!

Our next meeting will be May 21, 2024. Dinner and social hour 6:00 PM. Meeting start time: 7:30 PM.

A motion to close the meeting was made by everyone and seconded by Mark Schieff. Adjourned time: 8:37 PM

One more important announcement to mark on your calendars: The Club Christmas party will be December 6, 2024, Friday night. Thank you Chris for making these arrangements!

THE RINGENBACH'S NOT SO GREAT VACATION:



"Not the view we were looking for on vacation!!"
Dave & Chris :(



While traveling on vacation in Texas, Dave & Chris didn't know what danger laid ahead! It wasn't a tornado, a flood, or an armadillo in the road it was something much worse than that! It was a human who didn't know how to drive his rig with a huge boom in the back!! Unfortunately, for the Ringenbachs, he rolled back into their motor home and smashed through the front windshield damaging it and what was behind it! The best news is neither Dave or Chris were injured! Wishing you the best dealing with this whole mess! Hope to see you back safe and sound very soon!



Injured Police Officer Fund Classic Car & Emergency Vehicle Show



By: Doug Smith



This year's IPOF car show was hampered by the weatherman's prediction of high winds, but there were still more than 200 participants showing their cars. The weather was not as predicted, breezy at Boulder City's Veteran's Park, but not terrible. Some car clubs started arriving at 6 am to ensure parking together (the actual starting time was at 10am !). The show was coordinated by Art Kam of the Las Vegas Cruisin Association and celebrities Erik Estrada (from the TV Show CHiPs) and Adrian Zmed (from the TV show T.J. Hooker) were on hand for autographs and photos.

A K9 demonstration was held and a helicopter fly over was preformed. There were food venders and live music too.

Michael Smith and I brought my 1930 Tudor Sedan decked out as a 30's police car with tommy gun, light and siren, decals, and gangster era wanted posters. I had plenty of attention from the crowd, and to my amazement I was presented with the Emergency Vehicle Award! I've never won anything at a car show, and I was certainly surprised.

I hope that in the future we can have more club members participate. I was happy to see club member Michael Fecchino there showing his 50's Chevy pickup truck.

Wouldn't our Model As look great next to these other beautiful cars?



A few of the cars participating in the show.

MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS ABOUT TOWN!

Found the McMahon's Henry on the Chloride's website. They use their car to advertise the St Patrick's Day Celebration.



Chloride Saint Patrick's Day Celebration



Ray likes to dress to match his truck!

Motometer For Sale

"This Motometer was on my Model A when I bought it. According to the person I bought the car from, it was bought from Snyder's and was about a year old. Shortly after I bought my car I removed it and replaced it with an older Motometer which I painted black to match the black on the car. I am asking \$60.00 for the Motometer. If you're interested in purchasing it, let me know and we can make arrangements to meet up.

808-351-1656
Steve Kushner



Ladies your time is coming up again!
May 18, 2024 Saturday
Goodsprings NV tour for breakfast
at the Pioneer Saloon.
See Tour director's report for
further information.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Jim Tenney has a few items for sale. The items below without a price you can make him an offer. The hydraulic brakes and headlights, pictured on the right, he has a firm price on. If interested in any of these items, please call Jim Tenney at: 702-521-8512



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