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Hal White was awarded the "**Gramps**" Award. Given biannually for outstanding service to the club in the field of automotive technology.

Liz Prehm is smiling with her 4th **Golden Piston** Award for her outstanding service and dedication to our club



MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



New board members for 2025 from left to right Dan Gouker, Dale Rausch, Steve Hodgson, Chris Ringenbach, Mark Frigaard, Richard Corson. Missing: Charlotte Kessler and Pat White

New Members Go say, "Hello"



Please welcome our new members joining us this year. Pictured with his wife Barbara and his 2 children is Angel and his 29 Tudor.

Also joining this year is Pat and Karen McComb with their 31 Coupe



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS: FEBRUARY 18, 2025, TUESDAY LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE 5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146 TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	TOUR DATE: LOCATION: Make some suggestions! TIME:
FEBRUARY BREAKFAST DATE: Saturday February 1st LOCATION: Mustang Sally's 280 N. Gibson Rd., Henderson, NV 89014 TIME: Meet: 8:30 AM Eat: 9:00AM	SOMETHING EXCITING! DATE: LOCATION: Who has a plan???? TIME: Meet: Leaving:

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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
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Frigaard	January 6
Pam Fecchino	January 7
Jerry Vozzola	January 10
Geneta Salviano	January 11
Gene Johnson	January 13
Emily McComb	January 15
Jack Cleveland	January 19
Angel Valladares	January 25
Robert Thomas	January 26
Karl Elliott	January 31

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MR. PRESIDENT

By: Steve Hodgson

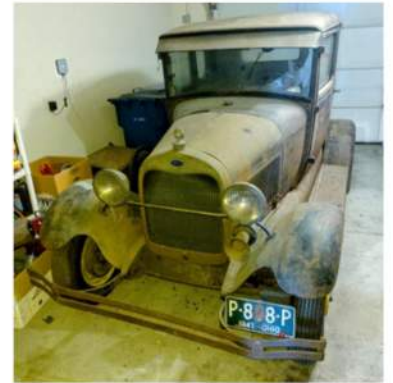
OFFICER'S REPORTS 2025



Happy 2025! I'm Steve Hodgson (ignore the "g." My dad and his dad pronounced it HAHD-SON), and I am honored to serve as your next President of the Las Vegas Valley Model A Ford Club. This Chinese New Year is the year of the Wood Snake, bringing a unique mix of wisdom, intuition, and strategic growth (photo from the Bellagio Conservatory). These qualities will help us all this year. As I step into my new role, I'm excited to collaborate with you to make 2025 an unforgettable year.

I inherited my Grandpa Hodgson's 1929 sport coupe from my dad in 2019. Mom recently shared that grandpa was well known for

repairing everyone's Model As in their small town! I had no idea! I have cherished childhood memories from going to antique car shows in Ohio with grandpa and dad - and seeing their excitement for Model As. These memories fuel my passion for our club and its mission. I wish I had their mechanical skills, and I'm eager to learn. Will 2025 be the year I finally get my Model A running? Gratefully, many club members are willing to help me learn what I need to do!



My heartfelt thanks go to our outgoing President, Dale Rausch, and the entire board for their dedication and hard work. Plus, other past presidents and previous board members are still in the club! Together, they ensure we remain a strong and vibrant club. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue your legacy. This year let's bring even more camaraderie and passion for our beloved Model As through regular monthly meetings, breakfasts, excursions, picnics, and other special events.

Having recently served as the President of the Association for Talent Development (ATD) Greater Las Vegas Chapter (for training and workforce development), I know leadership is about listening, learning, and fostering an environment where everyone can contribute. Whether you've been a member for years or are just joining us, your ideas, experiences, and passion for Model As are invaluable to our club. I'm eager to hear from you! Be sure to participate in our upcoming events and share your ideas on how we can make this year even better. Reach out to me at shodgson1@yahoo.com or feel free to contact any board member.

I'm genuinely excited about the opportunities this year holds. Together, let's make 2025 a year to remember - full of great memories with old and new friends, plus plenty of miles behind the wheel of our classic cars!



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

Hello from the VP, happy to see such a crowd at our January meeting to start off 2025. Unfortunately I will be out of town for the February meeting but I'll see you at the breakfast and then the March meeting.



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

As of our club meeting 1/22/25. Jim Miller is having endoscopic performed to try to figure out what is wrong with his heart. We wish him well.

Dan Prehm had a few doctors' appointments and results are better than satisfactory. Per my short speech at the meeting, this is a reminder, no one is allowed to get sick for the rest of the year.



TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

January 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$10,819.36
Income	
Dues	625.00
New Members	75.00
Badge Sales	40.00
Christmas Party	200.00
Dark Horse	80.00
Advertisers	100.00
Donation	120.00
Kickoff Breakfast	745.00
Total Income	\$1,785.00
Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Spring Mtn Picnic Site Reservation	205.00
Trophy	25.47
Shop Expense	49.42
MAFCA Annual Fee	75.00
Christmas Party	2,052.0
Kickoff Breakfast	744.00
Total Expenses	\$3,226.79
Ending Balance	\$9,377.57

See last page
for the
2025 Proposed Budget



Reminder – Dues of \$25 for 2025 must be paid by January 31 st at the latest if you wish to remain on our membership list. If sending a check by mail, please make it payable to LVVMAFC and send to Dan Gouker at 5375 West Eugene Ave., 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
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Shop stories and photos by: Mark Frigaard

The last few months remains busy at the shop, starting off with Bob Andrini bringing his Fordor to the shop to back flush his radiator and get a squeal at his water pump checked out. There was plenty of help getting all the equipment out to the driveway to flush out Bob's cooling system. First issue that occurred was the back flushing tool hasn't been used in a while so the valve to turn on and off the water supply was stuck, so that was corrected now to get backflushing. Dan brought over a supply of old socks to put over the water inlet pipe, as the system was backflushed it screens out the sediment. Check out the pictures of some of the gunk that came out! Bob said the squeak in his water pump wasn't there the whole drive over, so nothing was done to that. Even after the backflush while checking the water exit flow of the radiator it seemed a little slow, but Bob said he's been driving it with no water overflowing out, so that's a good improvement. If Bob doesn't get the cooling results he wants in the summer heat, next steps will be a radiator shop for rodding out or researching a new radiator, hopefully the backflush will keep working! Participants in this project were Bob, Del, Hal, Dan, Jerry, Doug and Myself.



Anyone want some gunk?



How many butts does it take to flush a radiator?

The following week the shop guys made a field trip to Richard Rodriguez home to check out a noise in Richards engine that's been plaguing him for some time now, but getting time scheduled, that meets everyone's schedules has been a struggle, It happens. Finally we're able to check it out. After firing it up and tracking the noise to the front of the engine it was found that the timing gear was shot from being loose and wobbly. Also the front engine mount was missing springs and was also bent. Richard has some disassembly and cleanup work to do and when new parts arrive the shop guys will be happy to head back and help with the assembly.

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Just before our second trip to Richards he sent pictures of a cracked pully housing and a key and keyway that is in very bad condition along with the above issues. Rich had the oil pan loose but couldn't get it to drop down so the first thing Hal did was to drop the oil pan, then we seen the rear main bearing cap channel that holds the cork seal had a significant piece broken away. In order to complete all the work needed it was decided the motor should come out, we're too old to be lying under a car for multiple hours working above our heads. With everything we take apart there seems to be another issue, we gave Richard the option of just changing out the motor with one I have that's rebuilt, running, with a new clutch and pressure plate already installed, so Richard has some decisions to make. We also had multiple visitors to Del's garage, Bob Taylor stopped multiple times, always good to see Bob's Tudor show up with the Tudor running great! Doug Smith's been in and out between holiday commitments, Gene Johnson stopped with his Cabriolet running great. Back to Richard, he decided to work on the corrections and putting his original engine back together himself with a neighbor who has some mechanical experience. Hal and I are available to answer questions they might have on the phone, but with all the projects we currently have, spending that much hands-on time is limited. As of the kickoff breakfast, sounds like Richard is making progress on this project so hopefully he'll be back on the road soon.



Checking out Angel's new car

Right after the new year Dave Ringenbach called to say he has a new member who purchased a really nice 29 Tudor from Georgia a few months back that was running but died while taking his family for a ride and needs some help checking out why. So the following Monday our shop time was dedicated to checking out Angel Valladares car, Angel is a hands-on kind of guy and had gotten it running before we got there, but wanted us to show him how to properly time his motor, check the point gap and give him some feedback on running a gas line, install a filter and shut off valve properly since it was Jerry rigged and not stock. Hal went for a test ride with Angel answering lots of technical questions he had since this is the first model A he's owned. Now that Angel has joined the club, were looking forward to him joining in our monthly events with his family. Thanks to all the guys who came over to meet Angel and help out, Del, Hal, Myself, Dan, Doug smith, Bob Taylor.

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Shortly after our new president Steve Hodgson held his first board meeting for 2025 so what a great opportunity for Hal and Myself to check out Steves grandfathers Model A that now belongs to Steve. Looks like a very solid car, going to need LOTS of TLC right Steve...Ha Check out the pictures, a few things we noticed was the generator was one I've never seen before, the intake manifold is square? Even Hal said he's never seen one like it before, and the dash doesn't look like any 28-29 or 30-31 we've ever seen before either, so guess we'll do some research on these to find out what year and application they were originally for. More to come in next month's newsletter.



At Hal's garage one of the stock engine blocks Hal brought in to be checked had multiple cracks that the machine shop said were not able to be fixed. So now Hal's down to one other stock block that checked out good so, now he has the machine shop putting in new valve seats and he'll be able to start assembling that block. He is just about done stripping down the yellow cars block at his garage before bringing that to the machine shop to be checked out from the incident around Beatty days in the last shop report. At least Hal's Blue 29 special coupe is still able to be driven to events until one of the engines are completed and will be swapped out in that car. Busy times at the Whites garage!

At My garage, the 31 P.U. winter project was moving along well with the dash put together, all wiring completed, exhaust hung and stabilized, all the bolts double checked for tightness, greased and fluid levels checked in rear end and transmission, engine is running. OK time to take in down off the jack stands and out for a test run around the block, if that goes ok than its just body work and assembly of doors, front fenders, hood, windshield to go....ha! When I started the motor, crap what's that scrapping / squealing noise??? Come to find out with the weight on the wheels the fan pully is not fully clearing one of the tie rods. So I called Bob Guerin to get some options of how I could correct this. He suggested either shiming the motor mounts up or putting spacers between the top of the front spring and the frame since the pictures I sent him showed a couple inches of thread left on the U-Bolts holding the spring to the frame. I think I'll try that first; THANKS BOB!! Hal had some old Model -A front springs he brought over that will work perfect for more stability and for shiming. We dropped the front end removed the spring, added two leaf's, re-tried and decided to add another quarter inch spacer on top also. So when lowering the axel to remove the spring again, ALL Clear?? Yup, ok I'm letting it down.....OUCHHal got his finger end pinched when the floor jack released too quick. Never trust that a floor jack will release slowly!! Two stiches and an X-ray later Hal made it home. Now that the front is raised, the fan is hitting on the bottom of the radiator.....geez it never ends, Ha! So I hand filed the bottom bolt holes to elongate them giving me another 3/8" clearance and since the radiator is out, it needed to go to be cleaned out and a hole soldered anyway, found out it actually needed a whole new core GEEZ. So more delays before trying to road test again. Everything is back together, and Dan and I took it out for a test ride around the block, it drove ok but didn't have much power like it was starving for air and or gas, so we removed the air filter and what a difference! Lots of git up and go so now I'll be working on getting more air flow, and slight leaking of the carburetor and fuel pump, rebuild kits are ordered. Doors stripped and hung, windshield and frame are installed, glass and channels for door windows are installed and working, all a pretty productive couple months. Hope to see more members stop in at the workshop, lots going on most of the time, Keep them A's out on the road they love to be driven and showed off!



TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris

* Breakfasts * Tours * Picnics * Parades*

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

February's Breakfast will be SATURDAY, Feb. 1st, 2025 at Mustang Sally's, 280 N. Gibson Rd., Henderson, NV 89014. Meet as usual at 8:30 am and breakfast will be at 9:00 am. We will have VIP Parking right in front of the restaurant. If you haven't joined us here before, this restaurant is located in the Ford Dealership on Gibson. It's a '50's Diner' feel. The food is good and it's a fun place. Please sign up so we have a seat for you. We will have 24 chairs at our table which will be in the center of the restaurant. There are also booths in the restaurant if needed, however those will be first come/first serve as they are open to the public.

If you have an idea for a fun tour and would like to host the event, please let us know and we will be happy to help you plan your event.

Thanks, Dale Rausch & Chris Ringenbach



SECRETARY

By: Richard Corson

Meeting Minutes

Happy New Year! New president, Steve Hodgson, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM (he'll remember to bring the gavel next month). VP, Charlotte Kessler, led the pledge of allegiance. Due to a restaurant scheduling conflict, this month's meeting was held on Wednesday. We had terrific attendance – nearly standing room only! 46 members were present; no Model As were driven – too cold! 4 new members introduced themselves and we're very happy to welcome them to the club! And Max Keetch's granddaughter joined him for the meeting.

With no December meeting, the November meeting minutes were accepted by Griff Rausch and second by Pat White. All were in favor, none opposed.

Steve H. celebrated January birthdays by sharing the names and birth dates of 10 members. Happy birthday!

Officer report highlights: (1) Past president Dale Rausch was recognized for her years of service, as well as all past presidents and prior board members in attendance. (2) The first 2025 board meeting was held on 1/15 at Steve H. and Richard Corson's home. (3) The 2025 budget will be shared in the January newsletter. Please review the budget, we'll vote on it during the February meeting. (4) The next club breakfast is Saturday, February 1 at Mustang Sally's Diner, 280 N. Gibson Rd., Henderson, NV 89014.

Old business: (1) The Christmas Party at Guiseppe's Bar & Grille on December 6 was a joyous way to celebrate the holiday season. (2) During the Kick-Off Breakfast at the Paiute Golf Resort on January 5, new officers were installed, and Hal White received the Gramp's Award. (3) Hal White sold tools provided by Bob Guerin and presented the club with \$120 for the shop.

Shop talk: Mark Frigaard presented "Revisiting the Spring Tune-Up Agenda" with extra support and help suggestions. Jerry Vozzola distributed handouts at each table. Great reminders and suggestions for us all!

New business: (1) Tom Collins explained the Model T Club no longer has officers, so they won't hold regular meetings or be involved with future picnics. However, they will continue to meet twice a month for breakfast, and we are always welcome to join them, visit their schedule here: <https://southernnevadamodeltclub.org/calendar>. (2) Hal W. currently stores our club tools at his shop and Jerry Vozzola offered to donate his trailer to the club to help store them. This will be a tremendous help when club mechanics go to members' homes to work on their cars. Mark Frigaard would securely store the trailer while he is in town, and Hal and Dan Gouker will find another secure location when Mark is away for the summer. Dan Gouker moved to accept with second by Kat McMahan. All were in favor, none opposed. Pat and Kat McMahan offered to provide the first three years of licensing (\$16/year). Dan G. and Hal W. will coordinate other necessary details. (3) Steve Kushner wants to sell his 1930 coupe for a Fordor and will provide details with contact information in the January newsletter. (4) David Ringenbach shared that our Facebook page administrator, Dennis Waroway, passed away years ago, so he and Ray White are exploring ways to secure the administrator rights to manage our club page and increase its usage. Hal W. made a motion for this work to continue with second by Bob Andrini. All were in favor, none opposed. (5) Kat M. and Rita G. suggested using the Meetup social network to help share events as another way to engage our members and prospective members. We will explore this possibility.

We auctioned Dale Rausch's delightful hand warmer/drink holder "banana" glove. Rita Gouker won with a \$20 bid (along with a promise of the knitting pattern). Jim Miller won the \$75 Dark Horse drawing, and more tickets were drawn for 10 adjustable wrenches donated by Bob Guerin. Congratulations everyone!

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM with a motion by Griff R. and second by Kat M. All were in favor, none opposed. See you in February!

WEBMASTER
By Dale Rausch

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MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS ABOUT TOWN!



Bob Guerin with his two favorite toys



Long time member Joe Hopfer is being pulled over by traffic officer and club member Mark Johnson at the Annual T & A Picnic at Sunset Park



Mike McComb picking up a grocery order with the kiddos after going to the movies



Doug Smith displayed his Tudor at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day held at the Bunker Family Park, January 4th, 2025



1930 Coupe For Sale

Late 90's restoration. Converted to 12v, 12v alternator, 2 year old tires, everything works, drives and stops and has some new parts. With it comes a stack of Model A books, a 12 volt trickle charger and other assorted parts.

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PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

	PROPOSED REVENUE	PROPOSED EXPENSES
VARIABLE REVENUE		
Annual Dues	1,600.00	
50-50 Monthly Meeting Drawing	375.00	
Donations by Members for Auction @ Meetings	200.00	
Auction Proceeds @ Spring Mtn Picnic	300.00	
Newsletter Ad Revenue	<u>125.00</u>	
FIXED EXPENSES		
Annual MAFCA fee for Officer & Director Insurance		75.00
Rent		825.00
VARIABLE EXPENSES		
Food & Park Fee for Spring Mtn Picnic		500.00
Donations for Passing Members		500.00
Cost of Sunshine Cards & Postage		100.00
Engraving for Annual Awards & Trophies		100.00
Website Maintenance		250.00
Parade Entry Fees		100.00
Workshop Supplies		300.00
Christmas Party		1,200.00
Appreciation gift to Donna		100.00
Birthday Celebration Night		100.00
Miscellaneous		<u>200.00</u>
	Total Revenue	Total Expenses
	\$2,600.00	\$4,350.00