

"A" RAMBLINGS

JULY / AUGUST
2025
LVVMAFC NEWSLETTER



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Summer Fun



**Doug Smith, Michael Smith, Bob & Doreen Andrini,
Don Briggs, Kat & Pat McMahon, Dale Rauch &
Marssie, Dave & Chris Ringenbach, Bob & Cathy
Guerin, and Gene Johnson had their model A's in the
Summerlin 4th of July Parade. Steve Hodgson and
Richard Corson also rode along.**

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What the Secretary Does

- Take meeting minutes
- Help with club communications
- Keep records organized
- Support club events and activities

Why Volunteer?

- Be part of the leadership team
- Strengthen your connection with fellow Model A enthusiasts
- Contribute to the success and history of our club



UP COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, TUESDAY

LOCATION: THE TAP HOUSE

5589 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89146

TIME: Eat: 6:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

CAR SHOW OPPORTUNITY

Henderson Hot Rod Days

DATE: Friday, Oct. 3 to Saturday, Oct. 4

LOCATION: Water Street in Henderson

Register at: BoulderCityCruisin.com

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.

JULY BREAKFAST

Mr. Mamas

DATE: Sunday, September 7, 2025

LOCATION: 5693 S. Jones Blvd.

TIME: Meet at 8:30 AM; Eat at 9:00 AM

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July/August BIRTHDAYS

Steve Hodgson	July 8	Cathy Munoz	August 4
Randy Richins	July 8	Welene Richins	August 4
Angelia Kenney	July 16	Anya Richins	August 11
Dale Rausch	July 21	Margie Collins	August 12
Doug Smith	July 21	Pat McComb	August 12
Randy Wold	July 24	Chad Richins	August 15
Cache Della Penna	July 28	Bob Andrini	August 17
Lindsey Smith	July 28	Diego Galietti	August 20
Vicki Taylor	July 31	Michael Smith	August 23
		Pat McMahon	August 25
		Cathy Schieff	August 26

SAVE THE DATE:

SPRING MT RANCH PICNIC

OCTOBER 19, 2025

NUTS'N BOLTS



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THE SHOP

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July has long served as a powerful backdrop for defining moments in American history. On July 30, 1863, Henry Ford was born in Michigan—an event that would herald a revolution in manufacturing. His vision of building affordable automobiles for everyday people not only reimagined transportation but also helped shape the course of industrial society.

Forty years later, on July 15, 1903, the Ford Motor Company recorded its very first sale: a two-cylinder Model A delivered to a dentist in Chicago. That transaction signaled the start of one of the most influential industrial enterprises of the 20th century and launched a new era of personal mobility.

Another pivotal moment came on July 16, 1945, with the successful test of the first atomic bomb in the New Mexico desert. Known as the Trinity Test, it marked a turning point in World War II and ushered in complex ethical and geopolitical realities. On a personal note, this history is especially meaningful to my family—my children attended Los Alamos High School, and their stepfather served as head of security at Los Alamos National Laboratory before his retirement.

Then, on July 20, 1969, the world turned its gaze to the skies as Apollo 11 fulfilled President Kennedy's promise. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon, while Michael Collins remained in lunar orbit. Their achievement captured imaginations across the globe and cemented America's place in the history of space exploration.

Some milestones simply bring joy. On July 1, 1952, Silly Putty was officially trademarked. Originally a byproduct of wartime rubber research, it found new life as a playful cultural icon, reminding us that innovation doesn't always need to be serious to be significant.

From assembly lines to lunar landings, July has a way of moving history forward. As members of a club devoted to preserving the legacy of the Model A, we're reminded that innovation isn't only about speed or spectacle—it's about enduring impact. This summer, let's take pride in the stories that drive us, and enjoy the journey that lies ahead.

Stay cool and keep rambling.

August holds a special place for Henry Ford's innovation and influence. On August 5, 1899, he launched the Detroit Automobile Company—his first attempt to build a car business. Although it dissolved a year later, it laid the groundwork for his legacy. The Ford Motor Company (founded June 16, 1903) expanded internationally with the Ford Motor Company of Canada on August 17, 1904. The gears of progress were turning fast.

Then August 1913 brought the moving assembly line—an invention that didn't just transform manufacturing, but the pace and shape of modern life. On August 1, 1926, Ford again made history by introducing a five-day, 40-hour workweek for office employees, setting a rhythm we still follow today. Each of these August moments trace the journey of a man whose mechanical vision redefined the meaning of work, time, and mobility.

In other history, August saw other powerful figures make their mark. Cleopatra, the last ruler of the Ptolemaic dynasty, died on the equivalent date of August 12, 30 B.C., a symbol of grace and diplomacy in a world of shifting empires. On August 3, 1492, Columbus set sail into the unknown, sparking a wave of exploration that reshaped continents. And in a very different light, Marilyn Monroe passed away on August 5, 1962, becoming an enduring icon of vulnerability, beauty, and celebrity mystique.

Though these figures walked vastly different paths, they each shaped the course of history in their own way. Ford gave us wheels and a workweek. Cleopatra ruled with charisma. Columbus sought uncharted promise. Monroe captivated us through presence and persona. Each of them defined—and defied—the limits of their time.

As we admire the craftsmanship of our Model As this August, let us also appreciate the milestones behind them—the vision, the resilience, and the daring to dream in motion.

Progress on My Model A: After weeks of wrestling with the stubborn plug on the bottom of the oil pan, I finally changed the oil! Why does victory taste like motor oil and perseverance? At this month's club breakfast, David Ringenbach and Michael Fecchino recommended using a breaker bar—and wow, it did the trick in seconds. I can just imagine my grandpa and dad laughing with the angels, watching their non-mechanical offspring triumph over a simple oil change. One stubborn turn of a wrench, one giant leap for me! Next up: flushing the radiator.



VP REPORT

By: Charlotte Kessler

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."



SUNSHINE REPORT

By: Pat White

- **Doug Warren** - is doing a lot better. If all goes well he will get to go home on Thursday 8/21. He will still need to have PT but at least he will be home. Wish him a quick recovery.
 - **Carol & Jim Miller** - They are having a slow go in getting better. Carol was just told today 8/19 that she still has a tear in her hip. She has an appointment with a specialist later this week. Pray they have answers for her. Hope they both get better soon.
 - **Del Hering** - Great Grandson had a tumor on his head. It has been removed, His Great Grandson is doing ok. sending our prayers for quick recovery.
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TREASURER

By: Dan Gouker

July 2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$9,169.46
Income	
New Member	0.00
Dark Horse	40.00
Auction Items	0.00
Total Income	\$40.00

Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Christmas Party Deposit	200.00
Total Expenses	275.00

August2025 Financial Report

Opening Balance	\$8,934.46
Income	
New Member	0.00
Dark Horse	45.00
Auction Items	0.00
Total Income	\$45.00

Expenses	
Tap House Room Rental	75.00
Total Expenses	75.00

**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

Shop stories and photos by: Mark Frigaard

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the SHOP?



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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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With me out for the summer and Hal out on vacation and the heat is on in Vegas, it's great to see the shop is still so busy. I want to thank Doug Smith for doing such a great job keeping me up to date and in the loop of all the good stuff going on at the workshop and sending PICTURES TOO, BONUS!! Sooooo here's the scoop



Bill "Stinky" Salviano brought his 30-town sedan to Dels for an issue with the dome light and wire. It looks like he's getting plenty of help from Del and Jerry from the picture Doug sent, check it out, from what I'm hearing there's an issue with the wires from the switch to the dome light and the way the upholstery header was installed it may have to

be torn out, correct the wiring issue and reinstall the header. Geez wouldn't it be nice to do something on a Model A that would be quick and simple.....Ha

Dan Prehm made an appearance at the shop again after quite a long absence, great to see him back, in the loop and working on go figure "carburetors" This day he was working on an aftermarket carburetor (not a Tillotson or Zenith).





The next shop day Dave Ringenbach came in and Dan was helping him with the leaking issue his zenith side bowl has, sooner or later with all the people working on this it's got to get solved right Dave?? The latest on Dave's carburetor Dan did was to fill the bottom half of the carburetor with gas, seen which jet is leaking and double gasket it. From what I heard Dan got his favorite fix "Permatex two" out and spread it on the gaskets to seal them and from what I was told its working for now on the shop test engine. Dave still needs to install it on his Phaeton to see if it solved the dripping issue since we've had other side bowls working at the shop but when installed on the Phaeton it continued to drip, hopefully not this time!! And then look at a more permanent fix like honing the problem area. Sounds like progress though to me, good job Dan!

At the 4th of July parade Don Briggs pickup starter failed so a quick push start and Don was on his way, I didn't hear if the push came from the Ladies of the club.....from what I remember they are really the experts when it comes to push starting cars Ha Ha !! anyway Hal told Don to bring his starter to the next workshop day and they corrected the Bendix issue, great job by all.





Back in wet Minnesota we've been getting the A's out whenever the rain quits, just before July 4th the Model A guy's from Aitkin wanted to do a day trip to the Milford mine memorial park where 41 miners lost their lives in 1924 when a mine shaft collapsed allowing flood water and mud to fill the tunnels that was under what is now Milford lake, interesting read look it up! Then we all went out to lunch, check out the pictures, driving through the tree-lined forest and farm back roads is just such a pleasurable calming drive. A few weeks later the group was going to drive to the small town of Palisade for lunch But had to cancel due to more rain and thunder storms, been a really rainy summer up here.

Hope you all are getting your cars out often, enjoy the drive whenever you can!! Bye for now.

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TOUR GIRLS

By: Dale & Chris



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

Dale Rausch: 1-831-901-7250

Chris Ringenbach: 725-221-9116

As usual, everyone enjoyed our breakfast in July at the Tailwinds Café at the North Las Vegas Airport. It's always been a favorite with the club. But it may have some competition as the favorite because those of us who went to the Skyline Casino in Henderson for breakfast in August said we need to come back. I was a bit skeptical because it's an old casino, but the group loved the prices, we had our own separate room and the food was very good. Quite a few of us stopped by to chat with Jim Marsh who was enjoying his breakfast as we were leaving.

It was a beautiful day for the July 4th parade – relatively cool instead of the usual 114 degree day we usually have for the 4th. Everyone did a great job decorating their car in patriotic décor. Thank you to Doug Smith who stepped up to take over for Hal who unfortunately had Covid. It's the first parade he's missed in 23 years, but we appreciate all the planning he did to organize the event.

Our September breakfast will be September 7th at Mr. Mamas at 5693 S. Jones. Call or text Chris at 725-221-9116 if you haven't had a chance to sign up at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

We've been invited back to the Vista Park Retirement Community, 4190 Farm Road, North Las Vegas to display our cars on Sunday, October 5th. They will have a prime rib brunch for \$18 if you choose to stay and eat. Exact time and details to be determined and we will have a sign up sheet at the August meeting. Thank you to Jim Miller for spearheading this event – you can reach him at 916-529-1691 if you have any questions.

October 19th is our Fall Picnic at Spring Mountain Park – always a fun day to invite our families to come join us. We've begun to organize committees for the event but still need someone to take charge of the main dish. Start saving your treasures for the auction.

It's not too early to look ahead to plan for our outing to Beatty Days, which will be October 31-November 2. We already have a block of 20 rooms reserved for our group, most of which are on the ground floor. If you're interested in going, call the Stagecoach Hotel at 775-553-2419 to make your reservation. Please be sure to mention that you're with the club to get a discount on the room rate, which should be \$85 plus tax per night. If you'd like to stay a day before or a day after, the hotel is willing to honor the discounted rate. Thank you to Hal for spearheading this tour and you can call him at 702-334-1450 if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13 for our annual Christmas party which will be at Giuseppe's on south Durango.

Co Tour Directors – Chris Ringenbach and Dale Rausch



SECRETARY

By: Liz Prehm

Meeting Minutes

The July meeting started a tad bit early this evening because everyone had finished eating and were ready to go! Our President, Steve, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had a total of 24 members present and one Model A driven by Del Hering, thanks Del!

A motion was made by Griff and seconded by Dan to accept the June meeting minutes as published in the June Newsletter.

July Birthdays were announced by Steve and the crowd clapped for those birthday kids present at the meeting. Happy Birthday to all!

Officers Reports:

President: Steve noted that Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863. He also reminded us of other important past events that took place in July.

VP: Hopefully Charlotte and Mike are having a great time with their grand kids!!

Secretary: Remember I am only temporary, WHO WANTS TO BE OUR NEXT SECRETARY?????

Treasurer: Dan said it had been a slow month and easy to balance the books.

Workshop Director: Mark and Brenda are still having a great time in Minnesota, last picture I saw it looked like Brenda was catching more fish than Mark!! However, Hal and Doug filled us in on the happenings at the shop.

Tour Directors: Chris informed the club on the success of the 4th of July parade. She thanked Doug Smith for filling in for Hal, who was really sick. This was the first time in 23 years that he missed the parade! She announced the July 20th breakfast at the NLV Airport and August 10th breakfast at the Skyline Hotel on Boulder HWY. STILL LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO ORDER AND BRING MAIN COURSE TO THE SPRING MT PICNIC!!!!

Sunshine Director: Pat's list was much smaller this month, that is a good thing!

Membership and Publicity: I would like pics and short stories for The Restorer.

Newsletter: Mike was not at the meeting but I am sure if he was, he would ask for Photos and stories.

Website: Dale said nothing new.

Shop Talk: No talk tonight.

Old Business: Doug talked about the success of the July 4th parade and breakfast. One problem with Don's car but Hal already has that fixed.

New Business: Rita mention cancelling the August meeting. Hal reminded if a new member showed up and we weren't there it would be awkward. We also would not want to lose the room for our meetings. So... the motion was amended and withdrawn at the same time!! We WILL have an August meeting!

Meeting minutes continued

Dave offered to create a meeting topic of: "After-market parts for the Model A". The club was very interested in it.

Doug told the club about a Team Ford car show at the Bronco Barn this Saturday, July 19, 2025. A flyer has been emailed to the members.

Dark Horse: The winner this month is Bill, Stinky, Salviano! Congratulations, Bill!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday August, 19, 2025

Motion was made by Raymond and seconded by Hal to close the meeting.

Adjourned: 7:48 PM

The August meeting for the LVVMAFC came to order at 7:30 PM at the Tap House

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our VP, Charlotte.

There were 24 members and 3 guests present and no one drove their Model A.

Our guests this evening were Lief and his dad. Lief was visiting from Texas and owns a '31 Tudor Sedan. Also, a prospective new member, Teresa Monsouri. Thanks for coming and hope to see you again.

There were no corrections for the July minutes, because of technical issues!

Steve read off the birthdays for the month of August. Happy Birthday to all of you! Also, Dan mentioned that he and Liz have been married for 47 wonderful years!!

Presidents report: Steve had some interesting trivia tidbits to share. I can't really read the temp secretary's scratch on that! I am sure he has that info in his report!

VP report: Charlotte was happy to be at the meeting.

Secretary report: Where is our volunteer for the secretarial position?

Treasurer report: We have a good balance and the deposit for the Christmas Party has been paid.

Tour and Breakfast Directors report: Next breakfast will be September 7, 2025 at Mr. Mama's

Sunshine Director's report: Please read her report for the full update on the health of our members!

Membership and Publicity report: There will be an article in the September/October issue. Is there someone out there who would like to take over this position? It's up for grabs this coming year!

Meeting minutes continued

Newsletter report: Mike will have a double issue coming out with the combo of July and August reports! In fact, you are reading it now!

Website report: Dale was on vacation.

Shop Talk: Not sure if my replacement, Dan, was sleeping or what but he doesn't think there was a shop talk. Lol

Old Business: The Spring Mt picnic planning is all under control now that Bob and Cathy Guerin so graciously volunteered to plan the main dish for the picnic. You two are the best!!!! Hal said there are still 3 rooms left in Beatty for anyone interested.

New Business: Upcoming elections!!!! We need you, please consider taking a position on the board!!! President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Tour Directors. Also, the appointed jobs: Membership, Sunshine, Newsletter, Web Master and Workshop Director. All these positions are very important to keep our club running. GIVE IT A TRY!!!!

There is a 1922 Model T Speedster for sale. Someone in the club has that information just not sure who! Who ever has that information please let me know so I can let the club know.

Auction: Bob Guerin brought in some wrenches and tickets were drawn for the winners of those. Dan Gouker brought in 2026 calendars to hand out to members.

Dark Horse: Mike Kessler was the big winner tonight! Congrats, Mike!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9-16-2025.

Motion to close made by Pat and a second came from Bob G. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

A couple of extra notes to add: Mike Feccino mentioned a tour of the Maluth Car Collection as a possible club tour. Doug Smith is getting more info on the Mob Museum in November. The annual VA Car Show and BBQ is November 15, 2025 at the VA hospital.

A Big thanks to Dan for filling in for me at the meeting. I think he made a very good secretary!

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE REPORTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!!! WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT ON ANYTHING!!!



WEBMASTER
By Dale Rausch

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Hal White, Doug, Mike, and Tatym Smith at the Bronco Barn car show held Saturday July 19th.

Hal's Project



Plastic covered engine just returned from machine shop and painted. Will start. Assembly soon.



Re-shimming rods are going back together. Will be putting on test stand and running before installing.

Breakfast at Skyline Casino



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