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Model A Ford Club of America**

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**Monthly Meeting:** May 23rd at Randazzo's at 6:30 pm for dinner. The meeting begins around 7:15 pm. Check all **coming events** at **your** web site: [www.nolamodelas.com](http://www.nolamodelas.com) for latest event times and places.

### **Coming Events:**

**June 3:** BBQ in LaPlace at Bobbie & Vic's place. Meet at 10:00 am and event at 11:00 am. Plenty of parking, shade, etc. Bring a dish to share.

**June 10:** City Park miniature golf course and afterwards go to Morning Call. Meet at 5:00 pm.



# **NOA's Fly in a 1929 Ford Trimotor**

On April 28, 2018, the Model A Club Members met at M.A. Green Shopping Center for 10:00 A.M. Phil Strevinsky, John Troendle, "Fireball" Bob Sappington, "Machine Gun" Bill Pfaff, and the Brad Persons met there with the Model A cars to caravan to the airport. The five of us with other club members traveled on Airline Hwy to the Port of South Louisiana Executive Regional Airport in Reserve, Louisiana. There we met Bobbie & Vic Zaidain with their sport coupe. All six Model-A's were showcased for the public. While waiting to ride the Ford Tri-Motor passenger airplane, people were viewing our Model A's.

The Tri-Motor Airplane was built in 1929 for approximately \$46,000 (approximately \$475,000 today). This airplane was the first passenger airplane to fly passengers in United States from New York City to Chicago for \$75 at that time. The day of the event flights were available for \$75 per person as well for 15 minutes of flight time. It had the capacity to carry a total of nine passengers plus copilot and pilot. The plane held 223 gallons of fuel. It flew between 80 to 90 miles per hour with an average flight time of approximately three hours including take off and landing in its early days. The fuel consumption was a gallon a minute. Several club members including Phil Strevinsky & Kim Brown, Ray, Toni & Caroline Schaub, Lisa & Mia Troendle flew in this old airplane.

After the event, we traveled to Lafleurs\* Restaurant where our members enjoyed Cajun cuisine as we passed a good time. After we had full bellies, we drove back together and called it an eventful fun day. (\*Landry's?)

Several members of the New Orleans A's took a ride in the 1929 Ford Trimotor. All enjoyed the ride and were allowed to park their cars inside the airport gates where everyone could view their cars. Several had their "signs" telling the age and specs for their car. Bobbie & Vic Zaidain; Toni, Caroline & Ray Schaub, Lisa, Mattie & John Troendle; Bill Pfaff, Bob Sappington (Bob got to park by the aircraft since he had a 1929 car); John Maiorana; and Phil Strevinsky with Kim Brown. Nan and Mickey showed up out of uniform but there to enjoy the flights and fellow members. Note the new name of the airport: Port of South Louisiana (KAPS). Our airport has a unique identifier: KMSY which translates to: K = id for a US airport, M = Moisant, a barnstormer, SY = stock yards, stock yards were originally there. (ate at Landry's?)



*From Left:* John Maiorana & Toni; Phil Strevinsky; Bob Sappington; John Troendle & Ray; Bill Pfaff; Bobbie & Vic Zaidain.

## CRAWFISH BOIL

Marie & Anthony Nicolich, Toni & Ray and Caroline Schaub, the Troendles John & Lisa and Madeline & Caroline, John Maiorana, Bill Pfaff, Mickey King, Angelo Ricca, Barbara & Hall Townsend, Bob Sappington, Adele Foles, Monique & Warren Gardner met at John Troendle's warehouse Saturday afternoon for some crawfish and jambalaya. The food cooked by John T and others was excellent and there was plenty of food left for members to take home with them. We got a chance to look at John's truck and Anthony's coupe which is undergoing a front end restoration. While the car was being moved (pushed) inside the warehouse the front leaf spring suddenly broke. Luckily this did not happen on the road! Thanks to all who got all the food together (snacks, dips, drinks, etc.) and worked many hours preparing it before I arrived to eat. There was plenty of food for many more of the club so next time please come and have fun with us.



## MOVIE WORK AGAIN!

Once again the movie people called on the NOA's to bring their cars for an evening shoot for a movie titled "Fonzo" about Al Capone. The 47-year old Al Capone, after 10 years in prison, starts suffering from dementia and comes to be haunted by his violent past. The location was near the intersection of Gravier and Camp Streets. Carl Hunter (Roadster), Anthony Nicolich, John Troendle (AA-truck), and Bob Sappington (Roadster), Greg Dobney (truck), Phil Strevinsky (Fordor), Angelo Ricca (Phaeton) and Ray Schaub (limo) showed up for the filming. The group arrived on location about 6:00 pm and they left ten hours later! A dedicated group!

