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New Orleans Model A Club Newsletter

February 2024

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Coming Events:

Monthly Meeting: We will meet for our February meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at Saltgrass Steakhouse on Veteran's Blvd. at six pm (1800) with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm (1900). See you there. Prizes given!

-Divine Mercy Car show 3/2/24

-Spring Fiesta 4/6/24

-All Car Club Picnic 4/13/24

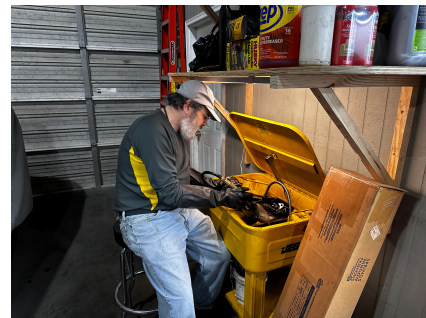
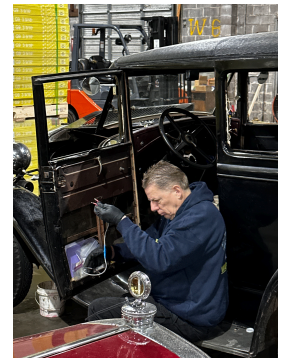


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Time for maintenance and getting cars ready for Spring!





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Helping out Richard Schutte with the Northshore Model A Club



Some of our members hanging out with the Ford Performance Club





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HENRY FORD WINS HIS ONE AND ONLY RACE VERSUS THE FOREMOST DRIVER OF HIS DAY TO SECURE INVESTORS FOR HIS CAR COMPANY.

FORD PERFORMANCE 1901 Style

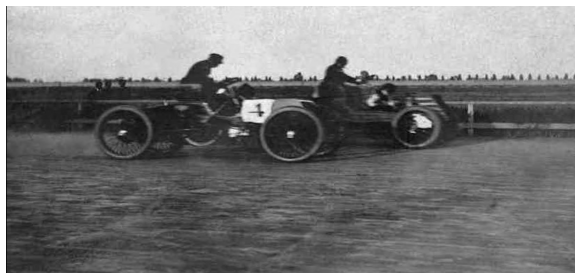
Henry Ford wished to transform this situation by mass-producing practical, reliable, and affordable cars accessible to everyone. He felt that someone should move the fledgling yet quickly growing automotive industry in this direction and wanted to be the one to do it. Ford could not, however, attract investors to pursue his vision of the mass-market car. He was not yet well-known outside of Detroit, and his first venture in car manufacturing, the Detroit Automobile Company, had dissolved in 1900. To remedy this situation, Ford turned to the world of automobile racing. Car races were hugely popular and generated positive press for the winners. Automotive companies and engineers often demonstrated the superiority of their ideas through the winning machines they entered into these race cars. Thus it was that despite having no experience in racing, Ford and his associates decided to enter a "sweepstakes" race at the 1-mile oval of the Grosse Pointe Race Track. As Ford himself put it, "I never thought anything of racing, but the public refused to consider the automobile in any light other than a fast toy. Therefore later [that is, some time after the founding of the Detroit Automobile Company] we had to race."

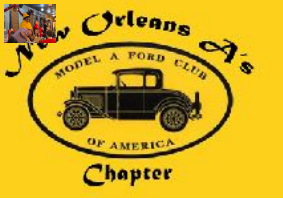
Ford's opponent in this race was none other than Henry Winton, the foremost automobile racer in the country and heavily favored to win. To beat Winton, Ford and associates began work on the what was to become known as the Ford 1901 "Sweepstakes" car, named for this particular style of race. The Sweepstakes was technologically advanced, featuring an early form of fuel injection, a two-cylinder engine, handmade porcelain insulated spark coils (a forerunner to the spark plug), and an estimated 26 horse power. The car was recorded at 72 miles per hour over a half mile, beating the existing world record of 65.79 miles per hour.

On October 10, 1901 the ten-lap race was held at the Grosse Pointe Race Track. The crowd was behind Ford since he was the hometown boy from Detroit and Winton was from nearby Cleveland. Ford himself operated the car with Ed "Spider" Huff as the mechanical assistant. After three laps, Winton had pulled ahead by nearly 300 meters. As Ford became more comfortable driving, he began to gain ground, especially on the straightaways to the crowds growing encouragement. By the sixth lap, he had significantly cut into Winton's lead further stirring the home crowd. At this point, Winton's car began to experience serious mechanical trouble with smoke visibly billowing from its exhausts. Ford's unique use of porcelain insulators and his fuel injection system in the Sweepstakes engine, however, was designed precisely to prevent this difficulty.

As a result, in the eighth lap, Ford took the lead for good, defeating the favored Winton to an ecstatic home crowd. One fan threw his hat up and when it came down he stamped on it. Another stood up in her seat ... screamed "I'd bet \$50 on Ford if I had it." Immediately after the race Ford retired from race-driving, stating "Once is enough." Against all odds, the unknown engineer had nevertheless defeated the world's greatest race car driver.

Ford's victory demonstrated his ability as an engineer and made him famous enough to receive financial backing. In 1903, eighteen months after the race, Henry founded the Ford Motor Company and put his dream of making a mass-produced automobile into action – something made possible by his one and only race, the 1901 Sweepstakes.





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Chris Marino Memorial
DIVINE MERCY MEN'S CLUB
CAJUN COOKOFF & CAR SHOW

1st 100 REGISTERED RECEIVE DASH PLAQUE

Divine Mercy CUSTOM CRUISERS
Top 100 & 2 Best of Show

\$30 Pre Registration
Includes 2 Cook Off Arm Bands

\$30 Day of Show
Includes 1 Cook Off Arm Band

Gates Open for Cars @ 8:00am
Registration Closes @ 11am / Awards @ 2pm
COOK OFF 11am - 4pm

Divine Mercy Church & St. Elizabeth School
Corner of Jose Yvans Blvd. & Sal Landini Blvd.
(Loyola Dr.) in Kenner

March 2, 2024

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____ Car Club: _____
Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE
Car Show Registration		\$30.00
1st 100 Pre-Show Cook Off Entry Tickets		\$10.00
Adult Small T-Shirt		\$18.00
Adult Medium T-Shirt		\$18.00
Adult Large T-Shirt		\$18.00
Adult X-Large T-Shirt		\$18.00
Adult XXL & XXXL T-Shirt		\$20.00

T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE BY 2/16/24

Total Payable to: Divine Mercy Men's Club



Mail Order Form Payable to **Divine Mercy Men's Club**
Attn: Ray Scullin, 617 Brouilley Dr. Kenner, LA 70065

T-Shirt Orders are due no later than Feb. 16, 2024

For More Information Contact: Ray Scullin (504)252-8988 rscullin@cox.net



All Car Club Picnic

Hosted By: New Orleans Model A's

Date: April 13, 2024

Place: Wally Pontiff Playground, 1521 Palm St, Metairie, LA 70001
Shelter # 5 (Same Spot as Previous Year)

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm Rain or Shine (Food serve at Noon)

Menu: Hot Dogs and Chili, Hamburgers, Beans, Chips, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water



Bring:

- Show Off Your Vintage Car
- Chairs
- Desserts to Share with Group



50/50 Raffle picked at 2:30pm



Hopefully No Rain



Affiliated Clubs: New Orleans A's, Ford Performance Association, The Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans, Early Ford V-8's, St. Bernard Antique Auto Club, and Acadian Thunderbird Club

Cost: \$150 per Car Club Donation
Make Payable To: New Orleans A's
Attention: Bobby Burwell
1480 Henry Clay Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118



Individuals Donation Accepted

Contact Information for the Event: Bobby Burwell @ 504-400-4205

Looking for other things to do with your Model A? Check Out

<http://www.customcruiser.net/calendarofevents.htm>

Pam Larter posts most of the cruise nights and car shows on her website above in the Metropolitan New Orleans Area.

Also check the out Nola Model A's Facebook page for events members post. Share your interesting Model A Memories on our Facebook site. Link Below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/neworleansas>



January 2024 NOLA Model A's Official Minutes

(Meeting postponed from regular date due to Jefferson Parish water issues, restaurant could not guaranty it would be open.)

New Orleans A's - General Meeting: 01/31/24 – Brought to order: 7:00pm

Attendees: 20 **Model A's Cars Present:** 4 Jerry K, John H, Ray F, Danny V.

Location: Saltgrass Restaurant, Metairie, LA

Meeting led by: Paulo Casanova

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer: Prayer by Bob Sappington.

Guests: None.

Announcements:

Steve Binn's father died.

Thanks to Bill Pfaff for donating a screen for the projector to show videos during the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were previously distributed by email and made available in hard-copy format at this meeting; John Troendle moved to accept and Ray F. seconded, members approved.

Announcement:

Anthony and Marie Nicolich are not in good health. Due to their long-standing help with the club over the years, the Board has proposed that they be made honorary members. Paulo passed out paper ballots. Yes-18, No-0.

Treasurer's Report: Bobby Burwell presented the Treasurer's Report, and the balance at 1/24/24 is \$5,691.69.

Past Events:

The annual Christmas Party was a great success. Thanks to Calvin Ohlsson for letting us use his firehouse event space.

The Norco Christmas parade was a small event, however all had fun. The club received a \$200 donation for participating.

The Harahan Christmas parade was also a big success.



Upcoming Events:

A flyer was handed out to the members showing events proposed for the rest of the year.

Sat 4/13/24 – All Club Picnic 11am – 3pm. A detailed flyer was handed out to the members.

A question was asked about a possible event at the Reserve airport. Ray R. will look into this.

An event planner is looking for 2 cars to use for taking photos on 3/16/24 regarding a fundraiser for battered women. Ask Paulo for details.

Paulo is looking into the possibility of driving our cars onto the Huey Long Bridge in connection with the foot race that takes place on the bridge.

If anyone has any suggestions regarding benefit events, tell Paulo.

Videos Shown:

“Service Brake Adjustment”. A 4 page handout was available for more information.

Birthdays: Gary Phillips, Frank Cavello, Vic Cavello, Danny Veade, Paulo Casanova, John Hammel.

Door Prize numbers picked:

19 Jim Kepper, 13 John H, 8 Bobby Burwell, 6 Brad Persons, 4 Vic Cavello.

50/50 Ticket Picked: #049 Bob Sappington won \$45.00

Discussion:

Jim Kepper said his car is running hot and several members offered suggestions. He is also looking for a place to re-chrome some parts.

Frank mentioned that he has had success with Regis Radiators on the Westbank.

Move to Adjourn: at 8:10pm – Bobby moved, Bill seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brad Persons, Secretary