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### New Orleans Model A Club Newsletter

**March 2024**

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WELL THERE'S THE PROBLEM -  
YOUR EXHAUST SYSTEM'S SHOT.

### Coming Events:

**Monthly Meeting:** We will meet for our March meeting on Wednesday, March 27th 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!

**-Spring Fiesta 4/6/24**

**-All Car Club Picnic 4/13/24**

**-Crawfish Boil 5/19/24**



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Charlie Jeunesse  
July 19, 1951 - March 15, 2024



The New Orleans Model A club has lost a local Icon. Charlie's Auto Repair has helped the Model A community for years. Charlie will be greatly missed. *(Here's a part of his obituary)*

Charlie was born in the house he lived and died in. Specifically growing up in Old Kenner, near Rivertown, right on the Mississippi. His Sicilian family owned Mancuso Barrel and Box Company along the railroad. He attended Kenner Junior High and then East Jefferson High School, graduating in 1969. He went on to Louisiana State University to receive his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1973. Soon after he began working at Phillip's 66 in River Ridge. It was here that his relationship with the local community began. His loyal customers returned time and again because of his dedication and selfless service to each person that he met. Meanwhile, he also pursued his passions of traveling Europe and Australia, playing basketball and tennis, watching classic movies, and hanging out with friends at the Crown. It was also during this time he met Maria and began a family in River Ridge.

Providentially, in 2004, Phillip's 66 closed and he soon found himself opening up Charlie's Auto Repair (CAR) just down the street in Harahan with the original Phillip's 66 crew. His local customers followed loyally.

Then, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina flipped the city inside out. But thankfully, Charlie remained behind and was a great support to the Harahan Police Department and also went out to aid the community alongside his friends. Charlie's Auto Repair soon became the well-known and well-loved, mom-n-pop gas station. He will be remembered for his warm presence, entertaining stories, quick wit, generosity, and ever-present reliability. His friends will remember his encyclopedic knowledge of trivia, the annual Christmas Eve parties, regular lunches at the station, and sharing a Jack-n-Coke at Roy's. His family will remember Sunday brunches and trivia quizzes, personal and creative gifts, and his "required viewing" of old movies.

Charlie was a good man with an old-school spirit, a servant of the community, a dear friend to many, and will be remembered for the countless lives he touched.



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Congratulations to Nola Model A's John Hummel who won "Best Of" at Devine Mercy Car Show



### Getting those Model A's ready





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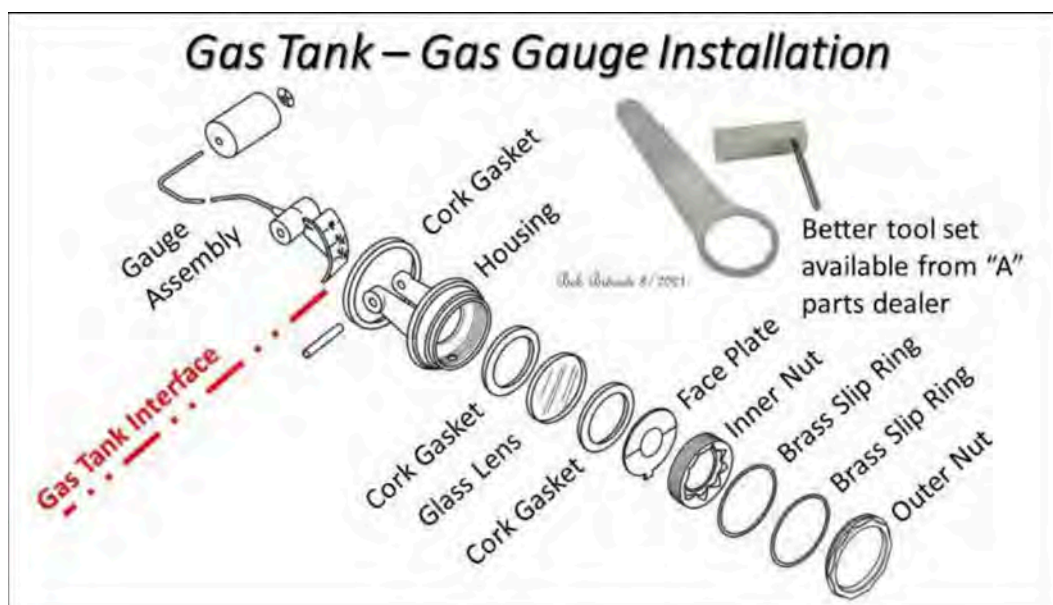
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### Gas Gauge Repair

There will come a time in the life of a surviving Model A when the gas gauge will need repair. The first order of business is to have the proper tools to get it apart. Model A suppliers carry them. Most repairs consist of replacing the float and the gaskets. The best choice for a float is one made of brass that modern fuels will not destroy.



The original Ford installation required only one brass slip ring. However, in the modern Model A kingdom it has been determined that at least two (or more) slip rings are required to prevent a fuel leak. With only one slip ring the outer nut will likely bottom on the threads before there is a crush on the gaskets. The drawing below shows two brass slip rings. It is also suggested that cork gaskets be used. Avoid the neoprene gaskets as modern fuels are likely to destroy them.



Info by Tom Endy 2021

Drawing by Bob Bidonde



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*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  
1400 Henry Clay Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70116

Individuals Donation Accepted

Contact Information for the Event: Bobby Burwell @ 504-405-4205

***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>**



February 2024 NOLA Model A's Official Minutes

**New Orleans A's - General Meeting:** 02/28/24 – Brought to order: 7:00pm

**Attendees:** 20      **Model A's Cars Present:** 2 Jerry K., Ray F.

**Location:** Saltgrass Restaurant, Metairie, LA

**Meeting led by:** Paulo Casanova

**Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer:** Prayer by Bob Sappington.

**Guests:** None.

**Announcements:**

Danny Veade announced that Bob Sappington's daughter passed away; a funeral mass will be said Saturday.

Prayers requested for Toni and Ray Schaub's daughter who is ill.

**Birthdays:** None

**Past Events:**

Sun Feb 18 - The trip to Frenier Seafood restaurant was cancelled due to extremely cold weather.

**Future Events:**

Sat 3/2 – Divine Mercy Car Show – Ray F. took count – 6 or 7 coming.

Sat 4/6 – Spring Fiesta Parade. Meeting place to be announced once it info is received from event planner. Bill Pfaff has a lot of plastic flowers to sell if you're interested.

Sat 4/13 – All Club Picnic at Pontiff Park. There will be a planning meeting soon. Since our club is sponsoring, we will need volunteers to help with the event.

John M. said that the Harahan Dad's club picnic is the same day. We need to advertise our event, which is FREE.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bobby Burwell presented the report, and current bal is \$5856.99.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were previously distributed by email and made available in hard-copy format at this meeting; Danny moved to accept and Jonathan N. seconded, members approved.



**Videos Shown:** Paul Shinn - Brake operation. Brake drums, pads, using the car to slow the car to save brake wear.

**Announcements/Discussion:**

Paulo talked to the Northshore club and discussed having a joint event or picnic.

John M. told about Dick from Northshore club bringing his car over to the Elmwood garage to help get car in better running condition.

John M. talked about all the work don on the car that new member Jonathan Nussdorf brought in.

A member of the Airline Park Association needs to use a car to take photos on 3/16 at 7pm at Lakefront Airport.

A battered women's organization wants to use a car to take photographs.

A movie is to be filmed, looking for cars.

**Door Prize numbers picked:**

8 John Maiorana, 23 Ted Munch, 2 Ray Schaub, 22 Robert Heaslip, 14 Ray Fuenzalita.

**50/50 Ticket Picked:** #9125 John M. won \$55.00

**Announcement:**

Northshore club has some cars to sell: '31 Coupe, an engine, parts, '65 Ford Fairlane.

**Move to Adjourn:** at 8:02pm – Bobby moved, Ray F. seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Persons, Secretary