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### New Orleans Model A Club Newsletter

**May 2025**

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## Coming Events:

**Monthly Meeting:** We will meet for our May meeting on Wednesday, May 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!



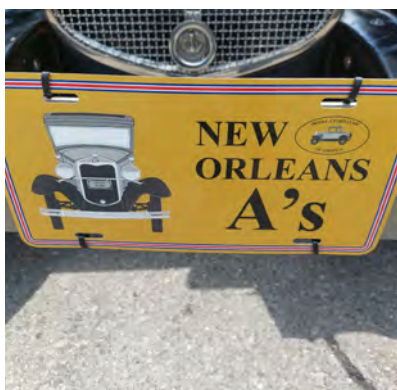
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***WEATHER WAS GREAT FOR OUR ANNUAL ALL CLUB CAR PICNIC***







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The Ford Tri-Motor Airplane made an appearance. Great piece of history





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#### *The Boyce Motometer*

Harrison Hurlbert Boyce was a known automotive accessory inventor who wanted to address the issues of damage in a overheating combustion engine. Boyce figured that being able to tell when an engine was warming up would prevent many of these overheating events, and as such, he devised and patented in March 1914 (some history shows a patents in 1912 and 1913) what would become known as "Automobile internal-combustion engine temperature system and apparatus". The name was shortened to "The Motometer". The device that Boyce created can be simplified as a radiator cap with a thermometer built in to it. When the temperature got to the "red zone", bad things were probably going to happen to your engine, just as today, and the goal of the device was to prevent this from happening. While the warning would occasionally come too late to save the engine, having an "ok" warning was miles ahead of having no warning at all. The Motometer was not popular at first. Popularity increased as racers adapted the technology to their vehicles. Race car engines were under the most stress, and as it caught on more and more with the "go-fast" crowd, it trickled down into being desired on a normal, day to day vehicle. The Boyce Motometer started life as an aftermarket modification, however manufacturers did eventually contract Boyce to equip some cars with them, featuring custom back metal dials inside that showed the maker's or dealer's logo with script printed on it. Before this time, some dealers would offer them as give-away or incentive items.



The standard motometer came in three sizes: for small cars, medium cars, and large cars and trucks. There were also slight changes to each of the original models and new designs, and accessories such as hood ornaments, toppers, illuminating devices or locks were added to the line of meters while some others were discontinued. Toppers were small metal castings that fitted to a bracket on the motometer. They were used in a similar way as modern decals showing the vehicle owner's heritage, profession, preferences, his business, his preferred sports, or even a political statement. This initial success, for Boyce and several lesser-known competitors, was short lived. By the 1930s, changes in engine design, dash mounted temperature gauges and automobile technology were making radiator- mounted obsolete.





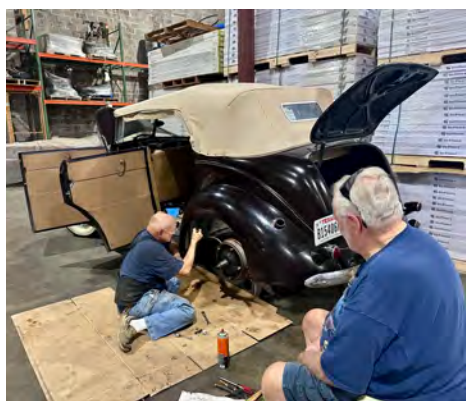
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*Our Model A clinic crew  
"The Elmwood A's"  
restoring more classics.*





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***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>**





## April 2025 NOLA Model A's Official Minutes

**New Orleans A's - General Meeting:** 4/23/25

**Attendees:** 19

Brought to order: 7:00pm

**Model A's Cars Present:** 1: Jerry

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

**Meeting led by:** John Troendle

**Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer:** Prayer by Toni Schaub.

**Guests:** 3 Keith Juneau, wife Christel, Mark Schmitt.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Bobby was absent. John Troendle provided the Treasurer's Report; balance at 4/23/25 = \$6,730.04

### **Past Events:**

Sat 4/12 – Crawfish Boil at Paulo and Kay Casanova's house was a huge success. 19 cars were in attendance.

John T. updated us about work being done to several member's cars.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sat 5/3 – All Club Picnic at Pontiff Playground. We need members to show up since our club is sponsoring the picnic. Volunteers come at 9am. Bring a dessert if possible. Only 4 other clubs have signed up to participate.

Sun 5/4 – The 1928 Tri-Motor plane will be at airport in Reserve, if cars want to attend. (event is 5/2-3-4) Club will meet on Sun 5/4. Ray Fuenzalita talked about event.

### **Discussion:**

John T. said car clinics will be in June. Let him know if anyone has a topic to be covered.

Brad P. offered an article to read about the Bonnie & Clyde car whereabouts.

John M. talked about the work being done to some members cars. He talked about the problem Gary Phillip's car had at the crawfish boil, and how the club members watched as



the distributor was replaced with parts that members offered (Pete, Keith and John). The old distributor had been drastically modified and parts were not easily replaceable.

**Video Shown:** “How I got interested in Model A cars” by Paul Shin.

**Announcements:**

MAFCA awards will be given out in December in MOBILE, AL... So its possible for members to attend.

John Hummel said the current edition of The Restorer magazine has a photo of a car in New Orleans in the snow which fell in January.

Gary Phillips said a guy in Houma has some Model A parts to dispose of including a bumper, a hood, etc. Let him know if you want more info.

John M – said someone has Goodrich white wall tires for \$750, reduced from \$1300.

**No Birthdays this month.**

**Door Prize numbers picked:**

#5 John M, #7 John T, #18 Gary.

**50/50 Ticket Picked:** #1138 Geoff won \$40.00

**Announcement:** Anthony Nicolich’s 29 coupe is for sale. Contact the family.

**Move to Adjourn:** at 8:00pm – John Hummel moved, Lynn seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Persons, Secretary