Nuts & Notes Newsletter - July 2023

HIGH ROLLERS LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.



Car of the Month – 1955 Ford Thunderbird Photo courtesy of Dave Keetch

July 22, 2023 – Rosati's Pizza Run, Host Barbara Boudoin July 29, 2023 – Phil Maloof Car Collection, Host Danny Barnett August 3, 2023 – Monthly High Roller Meeting

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July Birthdays

Ava Lukavich 7/6

Ron Holmes 7/10

Kay Wheeler 7/11



August Birthdays

Danny Barnett 8/5

Jack Barnett 8/11

Brian Pucio 8/24

David Bouyea 8/29

July Anniversaries

Joe & Barbara Baudoin 7/2

Ray & Linda Waber 7/6

Richie & Sharon Clyne 7/7

Hugo & Carli Medina 7/28



August Anniversaries

Harry and Rita Ransom 8/15

Joe and Pam Provenza 8/24

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

To all my fellow members, we're already halfway through the year and have had some really great activities so far with more to follow. I want to thank Joe Provenza, and Jeanie Prouty for all their hard work putting together this year's activities, scheduling and setting a lot of them up.

I hope everyone who attended the Ed McCormick Pinball Museum had a really good time. Jeanie Prouty hosted the Tour of Jim Marsh's two car dealerships and body shop. They really rolled out the red carpet for us! Jim brought out his collector car collection for everyone in the club to see.



I especially liked the 1984 Avanti which Jim has had since new. Being a Hudson/Nash/AMC fan I was happy to see that Jim had recently bought a pristine 1981 AMC Concord 2dr. Most of you know that Jim is not only a member of our club, he was the AMC Dealer here in Las Vegas from 1971 on. He always asks me if I can find him a cherry AMC Gremlin to add to his collection, and I ask him why didn't he keep a new one when he was selling them back in the 1970's? Oh well, we'll keep looking.

I want to invite everyone to please attend the upcoming pizza party on July 22, and our tour of the Maloof Car Collection on the 29th. I will need a head count for the Maloof Tour, since we have to keep it to no more than 25. You can call me at 702-306-2708 to confirm.

In the meantime, Happy Motoring!! Danny

VMCCA TREASURER'S REPORT

HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2023

General Membership Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 4467.78
Deposits:	
June Meeting 50/50	65.00
Club Store	200.00
Membership Dues	25.00
Total Deposits:	\$ 290.00
Expenses:	
Show & Shine Flyers	25.00
Postage – Fosco's Award	17.10
Sunshine Supplies	20.32
Western Region Membership Dues	3.00
H & J Trophies – Name Badges	37.39
Total Expenses:	\$ 102.81
ENDING BALANCE GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 4654.97
Western Region Account:	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2289.03
Deposits:	
Membership Dues	3.00
Total Deposits:	\$ 3.00
Expenses:	0.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 0.00
ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION	\$ 2292.03

Club Store

New Items Available!

	CLUB	STORE	
L.S. Denim Shirt (S-XL)	\$34	Caps	\$20
L.S. Denim Shirt (2-XL)	36	Tee Shirt (S-XL)	14
L.S. Denim Shirt (3-XL)	38	Tee Shirt (2-XL)	16
L.S. Dress Shirt (S-XL)	28	Tee Shirt (3-XL)	18
L.S. Dress Shirt (2-XL)	30	Windbreaker (M-XL)	40
L.S. Dress Shirt (3-XL)	32	Windbreaker (2-XL)	42
Polo Shirt (S-XL)	36	Windbreaker (3-XL)	44
Polo Shirt (2-XL)	38	VMCCA Vehicle Magnet	
Polo Shirt (3-XL)	40	VMCCA Vehicle Magnet (2)	
Lightweight Polo Shirt (S-XL)	36	VMCCA Patch	
Lightweight Polo Shirt (2-XL)	38	High Rollers Patch	5
Lightweight Polo Shirt (3-XL)	40	VMCCA Decal	1
Sweat Shirt (S-XL)	36	VMCCA Plate Frames	
Sweat Shirt (2-XL)	38		
Sweat Shirt (3-XL)	40		
Club Items Make Great Gifts. C	Call John	□ @ 702-436-2940	

Pinball Collection and Sierra Gold - June 17, 2023

I want to personally thank Larry McCormick for allowing our club to tour the private pinball and jukebox collection of his father Ed McCormick in June. Larry's father and mother started the collection in 1981 to fill a "game room" with only a few machines. Their interest grew and grew and they began to buy more.

In the days before the Internet, they were able to locate more machines by referrals from friends, family, and auctions. Currently there are over 100 pinball machines, 100 gumball and candy machines, and believe it or not, 500 jukeboxes! A portion of this huge collection is on display and as a personal favor to me and the club Larry allowed us to tour the collection, and better yet, to play the machines! They even provided the quarters!! All Ed and Larry wanted was for us to have fun playing them.

The turnout was good, and everyone was having such a good time, a number of Members lingered past the tour time to continue playing the machines. We are all still kids sometimes! The machines are from the 1930's to the early 1980's, focusing on the mechanical versions from that era, not the newer electronic ones. It was a real trip back in time. If the club wants to, maybe we can arrange to do it again next year. Let me know how you feel about another visit there next year.

Afterwards, we drove over to Sierra Gold for lunch. I want to thank the manager and staff there for such a fine job. The food and conversation, as usual, was great.



Above: Larry McCormick. His father owns the museum. Thank you for the tour!

Below: Jeanie Prouty and Ed McCormick, museum owner.



Submitted by Danny Barnett, Photos by Danny Barnett



















Jim Marsh Dealership, June 24, 2023

Sixteen of us met at the Jim Marsh Dealership on June 24, 2023, for an absolutely remarkable tour. Jim Marsh, himself, greeted us at the Dealership, as well as Mark. He had designated employees to show us around the dealership--we were treated like royalty. Jim had his collection of classic vehicles displayed in front of the two dealership buildings, the Jeep/Chrysler side and the Kia side. Not only were the car club members able to enjoy and take pictures of these vehicles; but several people from the public were in absolute awe of the collection.

Jim's Model T had recently gone to Tonopah, NV. I have submitted for the July newsletter two articles about the Model T, to accompany this write-up, as well as pictures of Jim's Model A to accompany these two articles.

The tour started on the Jeep/Chrysler side of the dealership where we viewed many collectibles in this building. Andy Kerby, Operations Director of the Body Shop, was our guide. He passed out his business cards, noting his contact information--what absolutely great information to have! Jeff Wilhelm, Service Manager, for the Jeep-Chrysler part of the dealership, accompanied us on this part of our tour. From the Jeep/Chrysler part of the Dealership we went to the Kia building where we were able to see and appreciate the vast array of collectibles in this building. When we left here, we went to the body shop, a body shop which is state-of-the art/one of its kind in the world.

We were met by Stacy Marsh back at the Kia building at the end of the tour, with Jim, Andy, Jeff, and Mark, as well as other Jim Marsh employees throughout the tour.

We had a feeling of, not going to a car dealership, but a community of family/going to someone's home, being invited in, and shown around. This is exactly how it felt, as soon as we arrived at the dealership, throughout the tour, and at the end of the tour.



















Our most heart-felt thanks to Jim Marsh and all his wonderful, knowledgeable employees. It was an absolutely fantastic day for all of us, thanks to Jim Marsh and his stellar staff. THANK YOU!

I want to send a great big thank-you to Kim (Sorenson), Jim Marsh's executive assistant. Kim was absolutely instrumental in starting the process of getting the June 24, 2023 tour of the dealership underway for the High Rollers Car Club. Her efficiency was second to none.

After leaving the Jim Marsh Dealership, we went to the nearby I-Hop Restaurant, where a fabulous surprise by the name of Harry Ransom was waiting for us. Again, just a wonderful day, all around.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty Photos by: Danny Barnett







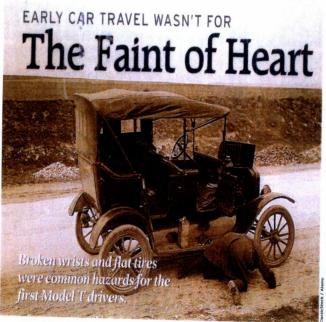
Model A - Model T

See the pictures below of Jim Marsh's Model A, complimenting the attached two articles about the Model T. Jim Marsh's Model T was in Tonopah, NV the day of our Jim Marsh event.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty Photos by: Danny Barnett







BY ROBERT EDGINGTON MT. BLANCHARD, OHIO

Transportation wasn't the greatest in the 1930s. This new contraption called the horseless carriage wasn't as reliable as the horse and buggy. A horse got you where you wanted to go, and some people thought nothing could replace it. People knew how to drive them, too, but driving a car was a new experience. You couldn't stop it by saying, "Whoa!"

The Model T Ford was the most popular, with its tall, bicycle-type tires and seating for six. There was no starter (ignition was magnetic), and it could be difficult to crank. Sometimes the crank would kick back, spinning wildly, and break your wrist.

When it rained, you had to work the wipers by hand. Button-down side curtains kept inclement weather out, but there was no heater. We just wore warm clothing and used blankets.

Deep snow was a real problem. If your car got stuck, you needed a team of horses to pull you free. Roads were mostly gravel and not plowed. Some people, afraid to risk a breakdown in winter, parked their cars in the barn and drove their horse and buggy until spring.

Night driving was frustrating. When you slowed, the magneto-fed headlights dimmed, decreasing visibility. And you had to be careful with the horn; it scared any horses that were on the road.

Traveling anywhere posed problems. No road rules had been established, so there were no stop signs or speed limits.

The tires weren't built to ward off stony road hazards, so everyone traveled with several spares. It wasn't unusual to have a flat every few miles. And during rainy weather, the flat always seemed to be sitting in a mud puddle.

To keep a vehicle in good repair, you had to spend about as much time under it as in it, though everyone joked that all you needed were pliers and baling wire. Fledgling auto agencies sometimes helped with repairs, but farmers and others with mechanical skills did their own.

Model T Nicknames

Puddle Jumper: A reference to the car's ability to cross water holes.

Leaping Lena: Inspired by the car's tendency to jump forward two or three times and backfire before the engine smoothed out.

Tin Lizzy: A nod to the simplicity of the car's construction.

There were lots of collisions and no insurance. (Driver's licenses weren't required, either.) If your car was damaged somehow, you just repaired what you could, or got the blacksmith to straighten out a dent.

Those hectic beginnings faded as we progressed to the marvelous machines we enjoy today. I doubt my grandfather would have ever believed it possible.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty, Courtesy of Robert Edgington, Mt. Blanchard, Ohio, and "Country" Magazine, February- March 2009

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty, Courtesy of "Nevada Milepost"



Model T celebrates 100th anniversary

ord Motor Co. recently marked the 100th anniversary of the Model T. As the first low-priced car that introduced motoring to the masses, the Model T is considered one of the most historically significant cars of the 20th century.

Known as the common car for the common man, the Model T proudly lacked extravagance. It was very plain, and some said it was even homely.

The car had a single cast engine block capable of 20 horespower and an awkward transmission with three speeds, including reverse. It could do 25 mph on a good road, if you could find a good road.

When introduced, the car cost \$850. Buyers

could have their choice of color, as long as it was black. Repairs were cheap. Half of the car's replacement parts cost less than 50 cents.

In 1913, Henry Ford introduced the assembly line. By late the following year, plant workers could complete a Model T in 93 minutes while it took 12½ hours previously.

As assembly costs fell,

Ford reduced prices on the Model T over the years. By 1924, the car cost only \$290.

Meanwhile, production rose. Ford Motor Co. manufactured 585,000 Model Ts in 1916 compared with two million seven years later.

More than half of automobile buyers in 1921 purchased the Model T. The car was so simple that it inspired a generation of owners who made their own repairs. They claimed twine, wire, gum and clothespins could fix "Old Lizzy."

On the downside, the Model T shook people up with its rough ride. It sometimes misfired and ran hot. But on an icy morning, the owner could

> coax the engine to life by pouring boiling water over the carburetor or lighting a small fire under the oil pan.

Henry Ford had staked his company's success on continued high demand for his single product. But declining sales forced him to halt production of the Model T in 1927 and introduce model changes to stay competitive with rival General Motors.



The 1911 Model T Roadster

COMING ACTIVIES

7/22/2023 - The High Rollers Annual Pizza Run is to take place at Rosati's from 3 – 6 on July 22nd. The address is 7380 S. Eastern Ave Las Vegas. As usual we will be collecting \$5.00 per person to offset the pizza. Soft drinks are included. Beer and cocktails are on you. See you for Pizza and a great time! Make sure you come hungry!

7/29/2023 - The car club will tour the Phil Maloof car collection on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Phil Maloof's home is in Rancho Bel Air. His car collection is just south of his home/behind his home. You will enter the car collection from Rancho Road at 250 South Rancho. This is on Rancho Road, between Alta and West Charleston, on the west side of Rancho.

Before touring the car collection, we will meet at the Ahern Hotel (for breakfast). The Ahern Hotel is located at 300 West Sahara. The restaurant, Ottimo Gourmet Kitchen and Pizzeria, is on the first floor of the hotel. The restaurant actually serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant opens at 7:00 A.M. (until 10:00 P.M.). Feel free to go to the restaurant by 7:00 A.M., or any time thereafter. We will leave the restaurant about 9:30 A.M. to go to the car collection. When we leave the hotel, we will go west to Ranch Drive, maybe a quarter of a mile west of the hotel, then take Rancho north to 250 South Rancho to view the car collection. Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

9/23/23 - The car club will tour the Heinrich car collection on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. The Heinrich car collection is located at Fairway Chevrolet, 3100 East Sahara Avenue, 702-522-0580, north side of Sahara, just before the Boulder Highway. Greg Heinrich said we can drive to the back of the property, where the cars are housed, so there is no walking involved, since we can park right next to the buildings with the collection. Fairway Chevrolet has been family owned and operated since 1969.

For those who would like to eat before going to the car collection, we will meet at the Ahern Hotel, 300 West Sahara Avenue, at the Ottimo Gourmet Kitchen and Pizzeria, 725-214-4950, which is on the first floor of the hotel. The restaurant opens at 7:00 A.M. (until 10:00 P.M.), serving breakfast, lunch, brunch, and dinner. The restaurant opens at 7:00 A.M. You can arrive at 7:00 A.M. or any time thereafter; however, we will leave the hotel at 9:30 A.M. to proceed east on Sahara to Fairway Chevrolet.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

LAS VEGA	S HIGH ROLLERS	YEARLY ACTIVITY EVENTS CALENDAR	6.20.2023 DRAFT	After Event Notes	
	DRAFT	updated 6.20.2023 activity list current			
		Mark all previous versions as obsolete			
MONTH	DATE	EVENT	HOST		
July	7/29/2023	PHIL MALOOF CAR COLLECTION	Danny Barnett		ADD
July	7/22/2023	2) Pizza Run Rosati's on Eastern -	Barbara Boudoin	3р-бр	
August	8/19/2023	2) Ice Cream Social - Lucy's Waffle and ice cream Shop	Barbara Boudoin	TIME TBD	ADVISE TIME
September	9/23/2023	1) Heinrich Car Collection	Jeanie Prouty	PENDING	MOVED FROM AUG
September	9/16/2023	2)Tuachan Tour Play; Charley and the Chocolate Factory St George, UT	Carla Adsit ?	CONFIRMED	
		Lunch/Dinner TBD		T BD	
October	10/14/2023	1) Show and Shine Car Show 5825 West Shara Ave, Time 10:30 - 3:00 pm VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	John Pendergast	IN PLANNING	
November	11/18/2023	1) Desert Research Center	NEED HOST	CONFIRMED	
December	12/2/2023	1) Santa Electric Light Parade	Dion Stams	IN PLANNING	
	12/16/2023	2) Christmas Party / Awards Banquet/ Tuscany Grill	Carli Medina	IN PLANNING	

Car of the Month

Dave Keetch - 1955 "Little Bird" Ford Thunderbird

Article and Photos submitted by: Dave Keetch

In 1956 I was in the Navy in Memphis, TN at an air show. The raffle grand prize for the show was 1955 Thunderbird. I purchased a bunch of tickets, of course I didn't win the car, a Marine Sergeant did. He promptly wrecked and totaled it about 12 hours later.

Fast forward ten years and in 1966 I had a chance to purchase a '55 or a '57. The '55 was \$600 and the '57 was \$1,750. I was a Third-Class Petty Officer in the Navy at the time so the '55 was a better price and I ended up with my Little Bird in 1966 for \$600.

The Little Bird was my only car after my first wife died. The '55 is also the reason I met and married my second wife but that comes later in the story. In the meantime, I wanted to form a Thunderbird club in San Diego. Thunderbird CTCI is a national club, there was



not a local chapter. Myself and five others formed Chapter 58, San Diego Classic Thunderbird Club in 1969. I am the last surviving charter member of the club. I was also involved in Pontiac club in San Diego and was the founder of the club.

In 1974 I started dating a young lady, Cindy, at work. She served 20 years in the Navy, I served 22. I had decided my Thunderbird needed a lot of work, a full restoration. I needed to get a tow bar to take the car in. My first date with Cindy was to get the tow bar. My second date involved her helping me tow the Thunderbird to Escondido. The third date was a drive-in with three spaghetti westerns. I looked at her and thought to myself: she fits really good in the Thunderbird, is a great cook, a lot of fun and would make a good wife. I married her in 1975. We had 48 wonderful years together until her passing in 2021. She helped with the club and we went to a lot of functions together.



The car is mostly original, it is a 3-speed standard shift with overdrive. The one major mechanical change I made was modifying it about ten years ago with new carburation. I found an Offenhauser intake and put three Stromberg 97 carburetors on it. Now the Little Bird is a Tri-Power. Other than that, it is completely stock. I pulled the engine during the new carburation upgrade and did a complete detail on the engine compartment. It has 20K on the engine now, it was rebuilt at 100K and 200K miles respectively. I've put 220K miles on it since it was purchased in 1966.

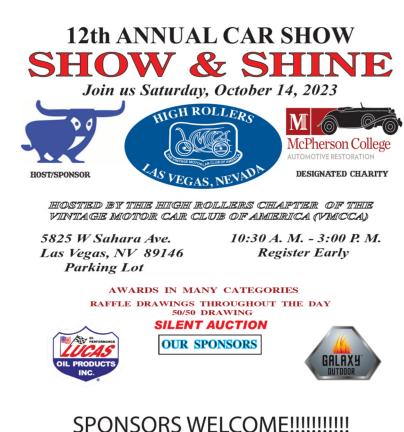
After I retired from UPS on my 80th birthday, we decided in 2019 to move to Vegas where my grandson lives. We had been coming to the Water Street car show for 7-8 years prior to moving. Our family shows with three generations - my Thunderbird, my grandson with his 1970 Mustang and my great grandson with a junior dragster. A junior dragster is a much smaller engine, top speed around 85 mph. I think it was 2009 that the three of us won an award together. The Thunderbird, or one of my other cars, still go to the shows Friday night and Sunday morning on Rancho with my little dog Spanky, my constant companion.







Show and Shine Update



MCPherson located in McPherson, Kansas was chartered in 1887. It is associated with the Church of the Brethren and accordingly it is a non-profit institution as defined by their 501 (C)(3) status. The college started with 60 students and a faculty of 5. From its meager beginnings it has now grown to a sprawling 27-acre campus with over 800 students on the west side of McPherson, Kansas.
Today one of its academic programs is recognized as the only curriculum of its kind in the nation; a <u>Four-Year Bachelor's Degree in Automotive Restoration</u> . The degree can be tailored for the restoration of early 1900's horseless carriages all the way up through the muscle car era.
The school's notoriety in automotive restoration has captured the attention of Jay Leno and Peter Heydon who endowed the Fred Duesenberg Scholarship. And in 2023, the McPherson College Automotive Restoration program will compete to win at the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance with a fully restored 1953 Mercedes Benz 300 S Cabiolet. AWARDSWILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES Gudging by People's Cloice & Independent
Oldest Car Street Rod Best 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's Modified Custom Rat Rod American Muscle Car Original Stock Foreign Luxury Car Truck Pre-War II and Post-War East of Show ALL ENTRY'S MUST BE 25 YEARS OR OLDER
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Vehicle: Car Truck Year Make Model Registration Fee: \$35.00 Please indicate shirt size by circling size 5** M** L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL** **Due to deadline and having shirts available for the show register by Sept. 1
MAIL TO: High Rollers Chapter VMCCA, 439 Cannes St., Henderson, NV 89015
LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants by execution of this entry form, release and discharge Blue Ox Tavern, The High Rollers Car Club officers and its members, participants, spectators and anyone else connected with this car show from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims.
I have read and agree to all conditions and rules governing this car show. I agree to observe all rules and decisions made by the show officials and staff. I certify that my vehicle is properly insured to legal liability requirements in the State of Nevada.
Signature: Date:

SPONSONS WELCOME!!!!!!!!!

Transportation Volunteers Needed

The car club is trying to put together a list of members, with their contact numbers, for people who may need a ride to an event and/or club meeting.

There are various reasons why, at times, members cannot drive themselves. For example, they may be having car trouble; the distance may be too far for them; it gets dark early; they prefer not to drive into unfamiliar areas of Las Vegas, etc.

If you would choose to be on a contact list, please e-mail me at <u>jeanieprouty@gmail.com</u> with your name and phone number(s); and if necessary, any limitations to the distance you would be willing to drive to provide a ride.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty



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