

FIRST COAST REGION MARC/MAFCA, INC.
MODEL A MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

The January meeting of First Coast Region MARC/MAFCA, Inc. (the "Club") was called to order by President Nevin Kemmerer at the Casa Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill Restaurant with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. There were eighteen (18) members in attendance: Nevin Kemmerer III (President), Nevin Kemmerer II, Ellis and Nancy Ulrich, Emily Sordian and Roger Fransen, Mitch and Kim Thompson, Bob Jacoby, Terry (Vice President) and Becky Davidson, Paul and Carol Dorais, Larry and Judy Smart, Randy (Treasurer and Webmaster) and Debbie Poirier, and Ken Charron (Secretary). There were two visitors that were being presented for membership during the meeting, Ben and Caroline Fitzpatrick.

New Members:

- Terry Davidson presented Ben and Caroline Fitzpatrick as candidates for membership, having received an application and dues. The Fitzpatricks have a number of Ford vehicles, including a 1930 Model A Coupe. They submitted an application to the club for membership with a check for dues. Mr. Davidson made a motion to accept them as new members and Larry Smart seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Terry Davidson also presented another candidate for membership, Bill Riddell, who was not able to be present at the meeting and owns a 1929 Model A Tudor. Mr. Davidson made a motion to accept Mr. Riddell as a new member and Randy Poirier seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports:

- Randy Poirier presented the Treasurer's status report. After announcing that seventeen (17) members still owed dues, Mr. Poirier reviewed the Club's beginning balance and incoming funds deposited into the Club's account in November as well as outgoing funds that cleared the account in the same month. Outgoing was for name badges purchased for new members. In addition, Mr. Poirier review the Club's beginning balance, incoming funds and outgoing funds for December. Outgoing funds included a donation to Cecil Pines and the cost of the Christmas Party to Hilltop Restaurant. It was noted that while it was anticipated that the costs were covered by payments from members, the Restaurant added \$250 for tips to the servers. Larry Smart made a motion to accept the financial report that was reviewed and Nevin Kemmerer III seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Poirier also presented the Webmaster update. Mr. Poirier requested that anyone interested in getting involved with the website please contact him. He also requested that anyone that takes photos at events send the photos to the Webmaster at the following email address: webmaster@fcrmodela.com Mr. Poirier also informed the attending members that the Crankin A's are going to improve their website and he will bring their ideas to the Club for consideration in order to possibly adopt the ideas into the Club's website. Further, the Crankin A's may purchase one or more plug-ins for their website and Mr. Poirier is going to inquire whether the Club can gain access to any of the plug-ins for free. Regarding the Club's website, Mr. Poirier said that he is currently "experimenting" with the "Fun Stuff" page to include the Club's history that

Nancy Ulrich is working on. Lastly, there is a fashion section under construction that could be built-out using existing photos, but he is looking for a volunteer to take on the project. Carol Dorais made a motion to accept the Treasurer's and Webmaster's reports and Nevin Kemmerer II seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- There was then a discussion that a new position for the Club be created, which would serve as a liaison with the Crankin A's because of their regional proximity to the Club and the anticipated increase of opportunities to collaborate with the Crankin A's on more joint events. Nevin Kemmerer asked if Larry Smart would agree to be the liaison and he agreed. Mr. Kemmerer then made a motion for Larry Smart to serve as said liaison and Carol Dorais seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Nevin Kemmerer then presented the President's Report. He said he was honored to be the new President of the Club and requested that all members contact him if they needed anything. He then read an announcement from Kim Ziffra at the Crankin A's that they were going to organize a statewide Model A event in Barberville in October 2024. The idea was that this would replace the September Model A Day event when the weather was a little cooler.

Old Business:

- Babbitt Shop Advertisement: There was a discussion during January's meeting concerning the delayed discussion from November and about Babbitt Shop providing services to a member and was offered free advertising space on the website. After some additional discussion about how to sell advertising space, Bob Jacoby made a motion to provide a free advertisement on the Club's website to Babbitt Shop for only one year. Larry Smart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Long Club Trips: There is a discussion about last year's trip to Moultrie, GA and the breakdown of a member's car. It was determined that consideration should be given to taking a chaser truck and trailer when the Club participates in long trips.

New Business:

- The Club was contacted by Queen City A's in Charlotte, NC because they were planning to trip to Key West and wanted to stop in Jacksonville and have dinner with the Club members. The dinner will take place on June 3rd and members were invited to drive along with the Queen City A's for a while (distance to be determined later).
- Nevin Kemmerer announced that he had notified Chad at Hilltop Restaurant that the Club would not be returning there for meetings and that Andy Harrold suggested that the Club consider an Indian Restaurant as a venue for future meetings.

Previous events review:

- On December 23, 2023, members of the Club organized an event in Orange Park in which nine (9) cars participated. For approximately 2 hours, the cars drove around Orange Park and then the members and guests stopped for lunch at Tom & Betty's.

- On December 10, 2023, the Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Hilltop Restaurant. It was agreed that the party was enjoyable and that the white elephant game was a big hit.

Upcoming events:

- Randy Poirier offered to host a garage day at his garage and to present a demonstration on the workings of a steering box that he removed from a car. Everyone agreed that this would be a good topic for the next garage day to be held on February 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 7521 West Smooth Bore, Glen St. Mary, FL (413) 522-0220.

Tech Talk:

- No Tech Talk this month, but the steering box demonstration would be held next month.

Member Issues:

- Larry Smart raised the issue of honorary membership and explained that Les Becker's wife passed away 5 years ago and that Les has MS. Mr. Smart recommended that Les be an honorary member because he is unable to attend the meetings, but was able to attend the recent Cecil Pines event because it is close to his home. Larry Smart made a motion to accept Les Becker as an honorary member of the Club and Nancy Ulrich seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Nevin Kemmerer brought up the website and said that he had been thinking about how to get more traffic to it. He suggested having stickers printed with the website address. He also suggested selling merchandise and there was a discussion about how that might impact the Club's 501(c)(3) status as a charitable organization. Randy Poirier said that he was thinking about getting a QR code with the Club's website address on it that could be included with external communications going to MARC or MAFCA that might be then published by them.
- Emily Sordian raised the lack of the Club's social media presence and whether the Club should create Facebook and/or Instagram pages in order to gain more attention of the Club.
- There was a discussion of the members participating in regional car shows and taking the Club's banner to those shows (Nevin Kemmerer stated that he has two Club banners).

Updates of health and welfare of members and cars was given:

- There were no updates on member health issues.
- Emily Sordian requested that Larry Smart come to her home and help her get comfortable driving her Model A.

Our 50/50 gathered the total amount of \$68.00 and half went to our member and past Secretary, Carol Dorais.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and the Club's next *meeting* will be February 13, 2024 at the Casa Amigos Mexican Bar and Grille at 11112 San Jose Blvd in Mandarin near Mandarin Ale House and Trader Joe's.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Charron, Secretary