

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

February 13, 2024

The February 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 thirty-three (33) members in attendance: Nevin Kemmerer III (President), Randy (Treasurer) and Debbie Poirier, Paul and Carol Dorais, Walter (Past President) and Diana Koroluk, Jeff and Robin Peterson, Chip Johnson, Paul and Judy Sandefer, Bill McCaw, Jim Athas, Chris Rule, Ginny Winters, Nevin Kemmerer II, Ellis and Nancy Ulrich, Steve Katkowsky, Lonnie and Donna Walls, Bob Jacoby, Terry (Vice President) and Becky Davidson, Larry Read, Fred and Carrie McCutcheon, Andy and Joan Harrold, Larry and Judy Smart, and Ken Charron (Secretary). There were also two visitors that were being presented for membership during the meeting, Fred and Tracy Wheeler.

New Members:

- Terry Davidson presented Fred and Tracy Wheeler, as candidates for membership, having received an application and dues. The Wheelers have a Ford Model T and, more recently, acquired a 1931 Model A Roadster. Mr. Davidson made a motion to accept them as new members and, after a member seconded the Motion, the **Motion passed** unanimously.

At that point in the Meeting, Ginny Winters made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January Meeting and, after the Motion was accepted, the members unanimously **approved the Minutes** of the January Meeting.

Officer Reports:

- Randy Poirier presented the Treasurer’s status report. Mr. Poirier reviewed expenses for the prior month, including fees and prices to register the Club and its members in MARC. He also reported that the insurance with MAFCA was paid. Mr. Poirier reported that 14 members still have not paid their dues for 2024 and he will follow up to get their payments. Randy next presented the proposed budget for 2024. He explained each line item and revenue expected from the website sponsors. He then requested volunteers to follow up on various issues. He also requested a motion to approve the annual donation Cecil Pines and Larry Smart made such motion for approval of the donation. After the Motion was seconded by a member, the **Motion passed** unanimously.
- At the conclusion of Mr. Poirier’s presentation, Ginny Winters made a motion to accept the proposed budget that was presented and Larry Smart seconded the Motion. The **Motion passed** unanimously.
- Randy Poirier also presented the Webmaster update. Mr. Poirier announced to the members that an “event” had occurred on the website earlier in the day. The incident was that the hosting site and google had stopped “talking” to each other. Randy will follow up in order to determine exactly what happened. He then reminded the members to send photos taken at events to the Webmaster at the following email address: webmaster@fcrmodela.com Mr. Poirier also requested that if any member

had a message or comment about the website, to send such message or comment to the same email address

- Chris Rule then commented that MAFCA was expanding the Gilmore Museum and was requesting donations for the expansion. Mr. Rule requested that members send donations directly to the Museum.
- Nevin Kemmerer then informed the members that he had resolved some issues with the Club's bank account and removed the names of past presidents.

Old Business:

- Nevin Kemmerer asked for feedback from the members on the restaurant where the Meeting was being held (Casa Amigos). Ginny Winters then made a motion to stay at the Casa Amigos until June 2024. Chris Rule seconded the Motion and the **Motion passed**. Andy Harrold proposed an alternative site, Minerva Jax, an Indian restaurant off of I-95. He stated that it had a larger room and stage.
- Walter Koroluk then presented the 2023 Officers (Larry Smart, Carol Dorais, Terry Davidson and Randy Poirier) with awards for their work for the Club during the prior year.
- Walter Koroluk then asked the members whether they would agree for the Club to meet members of the Queen City A's when they traveled through Jacksonville in June from Charlotte, NC to Key West. There would be 12-15 couples and they had invited members of the Club to join them for dinner on June 3, 2024 and a meal (breakfast) in Orange Park on June 4th. In addition, the Crankin A's will be hosting and feeding all attendees in Barbersville later that same day. Members of the Club have also been invited to join the Queen A's on their continuing trip to Key West.
- Ginny Winters then asked that members of the Club decide whether to have an event for Model A Day with the Crankin A's in Barberville in October. Ginny made a motion that members of the Club celebrate Model A Day in October in Barbersville instead of September in Jacksonville. Randy Poirier seconded her Motion and the **Motion passed**.

New Business:

- Nevin Kemmerer requested that members of the Club view the Club's Instagram page and give feedback to him. Randy Poirier suggested that the Club specify what security parameters should be specified with the Instagram page.
- Nevin Kemmerer also informed members that he would review the MAFCA website to see what other Model A clubs are doing and will develop some ideas to recommend to the members at future meetings.

Previous events review:

- In lieu of a garage day to work on a member's car, on February 3, 2024, several members of the Club organized an event at Randy Poirier's garage. During the event, Randy Poirier, Larry Smart, Lonnie Walls and others demonstrated how to take apart and rebuild a steering box.
- There was also a brief report about attendance at the car show held recently at Westside Baptist Church.

Upcoming events:

- On March 2, 2024, the Azalea Festival will be held in Palatka Riverfront Park (US 17 at the St. John's River). Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and trophies will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration can be made until February 28th at the cost of \$20.00, but the cost to register at the Show will be \$25.00. For more information, call Paula Kash at (904) 571-4956.
- Chris Rule proposed an event on February 24, 2024 to meet for lunch at the Sandollar Restaurant on Hecksher Drive in Jacksonville and then go to Kingsley Plantation and other local attractions.
- Nevin Kemmerer suggested an event at Ford's Garage in St. Augustine in the near future and will put it on the agenda for the meeting of the Club in March.

Tech Talk:

- No Tech Talk this month.

Member Issues:

- Ginny Winters reminded the members that she has merchandise, including badges for car grills, Club mugs and Club bags. Randy Poirier requested that members who see merchandise on Snapfish to bring suggestions to future Club meetings.

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

- Randy Poirier requested that members keep Roger and Emily in their thoughts and prayers.
- Chip Johnson has water leaking from his car and he needs a garage day to figure out the cause.
- Jim Athas needs some help with some electrical issues and requests that Larry Smart or another member help him out.
- Randy Poirier is still working on the roof of his car, but it is progressing well.
- Nevin Kemmerer announced that someone has a 1928 Fordor body frame that is assembled and is looking to give away to someone.

- Terry Davidson has a problem with the neck of his radiator and has done a lot of work with help from other members.
- Ken Charron reported about his recent experience teaching a young woman how to start and drive his Model A and believes that a future owner was born.
- Steve Katkowsky discussed his efforts to find automobile memorabilia and found a ditch light to install on his Model A.
- Fred McCutcheon said that he had parts available, but also has a problem with his car and requested Larry Smart or another member to come and help him.

Our 50/50 gathered the total amount of \$64.00 and half went to our member, Nevin Kemmerer II.

Andy Harrold won a \$25 gift certificate to Powder Tech.

The meeting then adjourned and the Club's next meeting will be March 12, 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