

**CRANKIN A'S MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB, INC.**  
**MEETING MINUTES -- FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

The February Meeting of the Crankin A's Model A Restorers Club, Inc. was opened by President, Paul Howes, at 10:05 AM on February 24, 2024, at the Pioneer Art Settlement, 176 Lightfoot Ln., Barberville, FL., 32105. There were 39 members present (welcome new member, Richard Wright,) and 3 Honored Guests: Ron Herman (Herman's Garage) and Rita and Rusty Gould (Rita is President of MARC in US and 8 other countries, Rusty is a Past President of MARC). Rita will address our Club after our Meeting. Very Honored to have them attending! It was requested that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as reported on our Website: [crankinasfl.com](http://crankinasfl.com). A motion was made and accepted. The Treasurer report is being sent to our President as Connie is out of town, and will be available upon request.

Sunshine Report: Karen will send cards to Jan Shepler and Larry Antonelli and Belated Get Well to our President.

Cleo Banfi Ford Trivia: Question of the Day: What was Henry Ford's net worth at the time of death? Answer: \$188.1 Billion. Cleo informed us of his purchase of Fordlandia , 2.5 million acres in Amazon Jungle in Brazil wanting to produce Rubber. In 1945 the land was turned back over to Country after trying many ways to make it profitable. It's failure cost him millions.

Old Business: Glen Jewell reported that the Club's Project Car is coming along nicely and should see more rapid progress in the future. David Cline reported that Herman's Chevy truck is a work in progress needing a lot more – tires,

etc. Karen & Don celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pioneer Art Settlement Report: Bruce told us they are putting a Tour of the Settlement together for those attending our Model A Day's in October – the Store should be reopening soon. Paul wanted to “Thank” Ed Hart for doing a Fantastic Job as Sanitation Engineer of the Educational Museum Area open to the public. Looks so much better under his maintenance!

Our March Monthly Meeting will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM with a Guest Speaker: Joel Mail who will have a half hour presentation of the Great Race of 1908. Ladies Day at Angie's was very much enjoyed by all 10 who participated. After an hour of enjoying coffee and deserts at Angie's our short jaunt to EFG Orchids was awesome. Monthly dinner at DB Pickels was happily attended by 30 members. Paul commended Andy & Steve for constructing a professional enclosure for our Out House on our Garage property – Looks terrific and includes a cell phone charging station and automatic interior light.

New Business: Steve Anderson revealed his Ma Barker House Tour on March 7, 2024. It will be a trip to see the Museum in Ocklawaha, Florida with lunch following the 12:00 Tour. Cost is \$10.00 and NO PETS allowed. Will assemble at Garage in Barberville at 9:45 Leaving by 10.00AM. for those coming from East meeting up with others in Altoona at 11:00 at Circle K. Lunch afterward will be at Eaton's Beach Sandbar & Grill in Wiersdale, Fl. Sign up sheet was passed around – notify Steve quickly if wanting to attend. Paul read Thank You note from the Volusia County AACA for the Tour of our Property arranged by Dennis Dunn

on 2/13/2024. Jim Coidakis is handling the purchase of dash plaques for our April 6<sup>th</sup> Car Show and Kim & Eric Nielson have created the Show flyers to be passed out as soon as possible to increase attendance. Marina & Jim Coidakis have volunteered to handle our Christmas Dinner/Party (AGAIN) on Friday December 13, 2024. Menu and cost will be finalized in August. BUT, IF we want more than the dinner someone has to volunteer to come up with the entertainment – costing approximately \$300 in the past. Paul announced that we are going to change our membership year to run from November 1 to October 31 in order to facilitate the handling of paperwork and payment of dues with MARC which operates on normal schedule. Questions were posed regarding any changes to bylaws being needed or reports to IRS being required. Paul will further investigate possible requirements. A committee of Paul; Larry Antonelli and Jim Coidakis has formed to come up with a suitable Donation Plaque to honor doners for our Pioneer Art Settlement Property. Because of Nancy Clark's passing we needed a new Parliamentarian. Nancy has held that position for too many years to count. Jeff Moore has accepted appointment to that position for the Crankin A's. March 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Astor Charity Car Show for \$10 if registering by 2/7/24 and \$15 after – to benefit Friends of Library – Leave Garage at 10AM to attend. March 15 is the Oviedo Mall Car Show – Leave from Vol. Fairgrounds at 9 AM Turkey Rod Run at the Speedway in Daytona has asked us to participate on March 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup> - if participating can drive around on the track on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bruce if interested for details. March's Monthly Dinner will be at Deland Fish House, 310 E. International Speedway Blvd., Deland, FL at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45. 50/50 won by Rusty Gould, our Guest, who returned to Club. Thank you, Rusty. Bruce will pick our April dinner restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elaine B. Lowe, Secretary