

CRANKING A'S MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB, INC.

MEETING MINUTES – JULY 27, 2024

The July Meeting of the Cranking A's Model A Restorers Club, Inc. was opened by President, Paul Howes, at 10:02AM on July 27, 2024, at the Pioneer Art Settlement, 176 Lightfoot Ln., Barberville, FL., 32105.

There were 28 members present, including new members John Jackson and Steve Schutt. There were also two guests, Skip Forbes and his son, Christopher Forbes.

Paul Howes announced that Frank Banfi's 2 door car is for sale. Anyone interested should contact Cleo for details. Paul also reminded everyone about the 50/50 tickets which Dennis Dunn was selling as Karen is away. Also, we have lunch reservations at Castaways after the meeting.

Secretary report: It was requested that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as reported on our website: crankinasfl.com. A motion as made, seconded and approved.

Sunshine report: Dennis Dunn provided this report in Karen's absence. Jim Coidakis spent 3 days in the ER, and is home still recovering. Dennis thanked everyone for the calls and cards after his knee surgery. Frank Banfi is back at Aspire Rehab in Palm Coast, calls and visits are welcome! We received a "thankyou" email from Mopar Judy for the sympathy card for her daughter's death. Gary's foot is improving.

Treasurer's report: Our Treasurer was not available to provide financial details. Paul will contact Connie for updated information.

In Cleo's absence, Paul shared the Question of the Day, providing interesting details about Edsel Ford, Henry Ford's son.

Project Cars: Glenn shared that they are making progress on the sheet metal for the Garage project car. They are a little short on help during the summer. They are prepping the fenders for painting. Paint and woodwork will come next. They are in need of a windshield frame if anyone has one. The second project car which is a Model T, and is being worked on at Fred's house is going slow. They are currently working on the engine and the bed.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Kent and Kari Shisler will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 31<sup>st</sup> – congratulations!!!

Pioneer Settlement Report: Paul reported that the Settlement has acquired more sheep, goats and chickens. We will not mow the field so that the animals can use it to graze. The Settlement is replacing picnic tables at a cost of \$140. After discussion it was decided the Club would sponsor a new picnic table. A motion and second was made to donate funds for a new table, and was passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ladies Day at Angie's – five ladies were in attendance and enjoyed hearing about Angie's background and enjoyed good desserts. Next meeting will be August 6, all ladies are welcome.

Monthly dinner was held at Mario's in Ormond Beach, there was a good crowd for a summer dinner. Next month's dinner will be selected by Debbie Poirier, the 50/50 winner.

New Member Packet – Kim displayed the New Member Packet she has created. It contains a club roaster, history of the Club and Barberville Pioneer Settlement, temporary name tags, rules for the Club, a magazine and Barberville newsletter. Randy will post the histories on the website after Model A Day, for all to enjoy. Everyone thought Kim did an excellent job!

Model A Day: Kim Ziffra and Jan Shepler shared plans for the 2024 Florida Model A Ford Day to be held October 4-6, 2024. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

Friday, 10/4 setup will start at 1pm, to be ready for a Meet & Greet from 3pm-7pm to include coffee, hors d'oeuvres, and finger foods. They will distribute an event list and area map.

Saturday 10/5 will start at the Settlement with breakfast at 9am. At 10:15am there will be a class. Ideas were discussed: Building distributors and carburetors were suggested. 11am Official welcome to attendees, introduction to the Settlement, trivia and sharing club history from those attending. We are hoping the Jacksonville club will help with trivia. 12noon, lunch at the Settlement for \$5. 3pm, All meet at the big tent by the Garage for the 50/50 drawing by Gary. We are looking for about 7 prizes for winners of contest questions like "the car that traveled the farthest" and other milestones. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Sunday 10/6 there will be coffee and donuts at the Garage, as we think most visitors will be leaving that morning.

Other details – There will be a signup sheet passed around for volunteer help. Bruce will be camping at the Settlement to provide security during this event. Jan has made arrangements with three local hotels for a group rate. The hotels are in DeLand. Primitive camping is also available at the Settlement. It was suggested our event be submitted to the MARC website. We will register the event with MARC for insurance purposes. There will be a "work tent" behind the Garage for those cars needing assistance. It was suggested we have a designated photographer for the event, maybe James? Also, we should contact the Volusia County Sheriff's department to alert them to a parade-like event when leaving. We will invite Rita, from MARC, to attend this event. Club members attending and helping at the event should wear their CrankinA's shirts and name tags.

Kim and Jan are doing a great job planning this event!!! But it will also take many volunteers! More details to come 😊

The following 2 events are just reminders to Save the Dates.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Car show during the settlement's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Country Jamboree. This show will be open to all classic antique cars and no trophies or awards presented.

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 11:00am day trip to Blue Palm senior Center Meeting time and location TBA.

Donation plaque for the Garage is being created, Jim was not attending today, so no update was available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kent shared a letter he received from JB & Sue, that contained an article with facts of things that happened 100 years ago. They included how long it took to manufacture cars; some took 132 days to complete! Another fun fact was that dirigibles could go 90MPH, could be 603 feet long and had a crew of 34! Lastly the FIRST speeding ticket was given for a speed on 8MPH, where the limit was 2MPH.

Reminder that the August monthly dinner will be Thursday, August 8, 5pm at BJs Restaurant & Brewhouse at 2514 W. International Speedway in Daytona Beach.

September 15, 2024 the Orlando car club is hosting a special birthday party for Joe Fanning, more details to come.

Paul shared that the Board had met and shared the following points of discussion

Length of stay at the Garage for cars having repairs – no specific time was set as time needed for repairs can vary greatly. It was suggested that repairs be planned out, parts be acquired before starting and that repairs could be worked on during other days in addition to Tuesdays.

We are looking for ideas for future 2-3-5-day tours, now that people are traveling again.

The Board unanimously agreed to donate \$1000 to the Settlement. The question came as to when to do this, now or at the Spring car show. Since Connie was not available to provide information about funds in our accounts, this was continued to next month.

The Board also discussed donating funds to other organizations including veterans, service dogs and others.

Continued discussion about guidelines for judging to be used at our car show. Possibly a People's choice category, Paul asked Dennis Dunn to investigate this.

Discussion concerning installing AC in the Garage, this item was tabled as more information was needed.

Discussed adding more child-friendly activities to our museum and volunteers to help with this. Kari suggested a car table with painted scene/roads and small Model As, A Model A horn for the kids to honk and laminate some Model A magazines for the kids to hold and look at. Lisa Moore volunteered to help with this after her trip.

Paul shared that the idea had been presented to do morning trips during the summer before the temperatures are unbearable. Ideas for places to go?

Paul reminded everyone that "your mom does not work at the Garage" and we need to clean up after ourselves. Please do not leave coffee cups, soda cans and food around the Garage. IMPORTANT – Please remember to turn off the water spigots to the outside hoses, when leaving the Garage. Recently, when this was not done, it caused another house at the Settlement to be without water. It was suggested that there be a "Closing Checklist" posted at the door.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42am. 50/50 was won by Debbie Poirier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzan Howes, interim secretary