

# BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review

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**Beehive A's - The Model A Club of Northern Utah**



Mike Nichols, Beehive A's President 2023



Beehive A's is a  
Chapter of the Model  
A Ford Club of  
America

## President's Message

Clay Pitkin

Greetings!

I would like to extend a warm greeting to all those new members, present & past members, and to those who read our newsletter on-line. I would also like to extend an invitation to you: If you would like to come out and join our club meeting, please feel free to do so. There is no charge or obligation and you don't have to own, or drive a Model A.

As we close out the year 2022, it is a time to reflect on the past year events.

There are simply far too many and overpowering thoughts from the past year's events, however let me start off by saying, it's been an honor and privilege to serve you as the President of the Beehive A's!

I have had the opportunity to work with amazing individuals in the presidency, as well as on tours, and throughout the club.

Moving to 2023, I have absolutely no doubt that the new presidency will do well! I fully support these individuals and offer my assistance if/when needed.

I am very excited for the coming year!

Finally, let me say thank you to all the members! I truly believe that what makes a club, is its members like you; Members who participate in front of and behind the scenes. Some have offered services by sharing your knowledge, some have opened your shop to work on a project, or maybe you helped coordinate a tour, you brought refreshments for the club meeting, or provided knowledge and assistance while on a tour. Or you simply stood by your significant other while they did whatever it was that was needed. Whatever role you played; this is what makes a club!

See you on the road with your Model A.

Clay



## Next Meeting

Our December meeting will be held:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:00 PM

Annual Holiday Party

Timbermine, 1701 Park Blvd. Ogden, Ut





## Business

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## Past Events

### NOVEMBER MEETING

The Beehive A's held their November meeting at the Pleasant Valley Library on November 14<sup>th</sup>. President Clay Pitkin announced the Black Friday tour on November 25<sup>th</sup>, meeting at Ramblin' Roads on 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Ogden. There was discussion of the upcoming banquet to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Timber Mine in Ogden, see the Next Meeting announcement on the previous page.

The potential to co-host the MAFCA National Awards Banquet with the Utah Valley A's was discussed. Dennis Thompson reported that one of the prior hosts had income substantially above their expenses and if it does not break even MACFA indemnifies the host clubs. A motion was made and seconded to co-host the event. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Clay called for nominations for President Elect and Ron Lucero was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received for the position. A vote was held and Ron Lucero was elected President Elect for 2023 (and he will become President in 2024).

Nominations for Vice President were taken and Shawn Youngberg and Bill Wisser were nominated for the position. A vote was taken and Bill Wisser was elected as Vice President for 2023.

The incumbent, Jim Brown, was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He was voted into the position. Holly Jenkins was nominated for the position of Historian and she was elected to the position.

Ron Lucero gave a presentation on himself and the cars he has owned, how he got into Model A's and showed photos of his past and current autos.

There was a motion to allow the Presidency to spend the funds required to hold the Christmas banquet. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

**The next meeting will be the Banquet, to be held on TUESDAY December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Timbermine.**

## Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
December 5-8	National Awards Banquet	Golden, CO
December 6	Annual Christmas Party	Timber Mine Ogden, UT 6:00 PM (CLUB EVENT)
January 9	Club Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 7:00 PM
February 12	Club Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 7:00 PM

## Meet the New Presidency

### MIKE NICHOLS, PRESIDENT

Most of us know Mike. He's been a member for about 10 years and President Elect for the last year. In January, 2023 he will become the new President. During high school Mike had a 1944 Willey's. It had a warped head and he needed to fix it. His father was mechanical and gave him a hand. This event sparked Mike's interest in cars.

Mike started his working career as a fireman for Ogden City. He left there and worked at Flying J for 25 years and moved to Bowman and Kemp some time ago. He met his wife, Jan at Weber State University. They have been married for 40 years and have four children.

Mike and his father are pilots, in fact, Mike is an instructor. There was a mechanic at the airport that offered him a complete Model A Ford. It just needed a little wood and a little work. The price was right and Mike bought it. To say it just needed a little wood was an understatement.



Mike went to work on it. He knew George Prawitt and George encouraged him and invited him to the club meetings. He enjoyed them and found them helpful and joined. With a little patience, some great talent and a lot of time that poor old Model A Leatherback turned into a beautiful car. Mike saved another one from the junk yard.

He recently acquired a 1930 closed cab pickup and is in the process of restoring that.

Mike says the benefit of belong to the club is the members, there is a vast knowledge out there that, he says we need to take advantage of that knowledge base.

Welcome to our new President!





The Restored 1929 Leatherback Ford

### **RON LUCERO, PRESIDENT ELECT**



Dear Beehive Model A members,

And for those members who were not able to attend our November meeting. The new board member elections were held, my name is Ron Lucero and I am your new President-Elect for the 2023 year. I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. The new year of 2023 has many new things in front of us, a new President (Mike Nichols), President-Elect (Myself), Vice President (Bill Wisner) and the continued position of Treasurer and Historian. I would like to thank Clay Pitkin and Shawn Youngberg for serving in their respective positions through 2022. Also, I would like to thank all members of the Beehive A's for your nomination and voting me into the position of President-Elect. My objective is to support the club President, Vice President and all board members and to assist in making the meetings and club functions interesting and fun.

For myself and like all of you, I enjoy the old-style vehicles of the Model A's that we drive. When we are seen driving down the street, the waving and honking of horns gives us the sense of pride of having a Model A.

The younger generations do not know and appreciate these cars as we do. So, you are a special breed of owners. Thank you all for all that you do when the club has gatherings and tours. Again, thank you members for the opportunity to help our club and I will help in answering all of your comments and concerns if possible.

Thank you.

Ron Lucero  
President-Elect 2023, Beehive Model A's

### **BILL WISER, VICE PRESIDENT**

Bill Wisner grew up on the Bountiful bench. Graduating from Viewmont High School in 1994 Bill was involved in singing in choirs and was given a scholarship at Weber State where he began his studies and, after serving an LDS mission in England, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems and Technology from the Business Department.

Bill met Lisi Lex while serving their missions. She was a great friend in the mission field and upon returning home to Graz Austria decided to attend BYU university. Bill returned home from his mission just as she had moved to Utah and was preparing to attend school. They began dating over the summer of 1997 and were married that September.







They moved to Ogden that fall while Bill continued school and started working for a local company, Focus Services where he still works today managing the I.T. Department. They have 4 kids, 2 boys and 2 girls.

Bill has always been interested in working on machines and has always enjoyed working on his own vehicles. They started construction on a new shop in their Hooper home during the pandemic. The shop was an excuse and some space for a hobby car. The love of older vehicles have always been an interest finally acquiring his 1930 Tudor last fall.

They have loved getting involved with the club and the Model A scene.

## Tech Corner

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you have questions you would like to have discussed at an upcoming meeting please send them to us at [beehiveas1@gmail.com](mailto:beehiveas1@gmail.com). Because of lead time in preparing the Newsletter, questions arriving less than two weeks before a meeting will be published in the following Newsletter for discussion at the following meeting.

No tech corner this month!

## Member Sales Corner

If you would like to place a free ad in the newsletter for Model A related items, please contact Kevin Youngberg at [Beehiveas1@gmail.com](mailto:Beehiveas1@gmail.com). Ads MUST be in at least two weeks before the next meeting and will run for two consecutive months unless you notify me ahead.

### Parts Wanted:

28/29 headlights, rear and front bumpers.

Mike Nichols 801-725-4833

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### Parts Wanted:

Top irons and bows for a 1928 - 29 Ford Model A Standard Phaeton. Would like to find in excellent cond. but call if you have any in even fair condition. 801-731-3980 (Cell: Randy 801-430-1512) Randy Ropelato E-

Mail: [garope29@aol.com](mailto:garope29@aol.com)

### Cars for sale:

1928 Model A Standard Phaeton, older restoration, nice car! Asking \$25K. For more information call Randy Ropelato 801-430-1512

1957 Ford Thunderbird, white exterior/red interior, 6600 miles on older restoration, 312 V8, three speed, pothole window top, runs and drives great, nice car! Asking \$35K. For more information call Randy Ropelato 801-430-1512

**1928 Roadster for Sale:**



1928 Roadster for sale. Car has been stored inside for five years. Good paint, upholstery and top. It was running when stored. Best offer with a good home. Call Roger or Brice at 801 294 7040.

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