



# Rumble Seat Review

December 2023



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



## Black Friday Lunch with the Beehive A's



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

## President's Message

Mike Nichols

So here we are, the final newsletter of the year and final president's message from me. At this time last year when I accepted the position as president, I stated I had two goals. The first goal was to learn to trust my car and drive it further distances. The trip to Antelope Island was for sure a confidence builder, followed by the bird refuge, and finally the Yellowstone trip. I'm guessing I put about 500 miles on my Fordor this year, so goal accomplished. The second goal was to get Jan to attend more club activities. She seemed to have little interest in a bunch of crazy people talking about old cars. She quickly learned that it's more about friends and relationships than just the old cars. Jan very much enjoyed getting to know the other ladies in the club and she might even admit she enjoyed conversations with some of the gentlemen.

It would be an oversight by me not to recognize the other board members who helped this past year. Ron is an amazing guy and will do a great job as president next year, his help with local tours and especially the famous photo recreation on 25th street will be remembered. Bill oversaw a poker run and worked the parades, Jim took good care of our finances, and Holly contributed greatly to our board meetings and killed it (with Doug) organizing Yellowstone. Last but certainly not least is Kevin with his dedicated efforts to make sure we had a great newsletter each month, despite his busy and demanding schedule.

Also, a big thank you to those who pitched in on tech talks and helped work on other member's cars, you made my job much easier!

Prez. Mike

## New Members

We did not have any new members in November!

## Next Meeting

Our December meeting will be held:

Friday, December 15, 2023 6:00 PM (Dinner at 6:30)

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**This will be our annual Holiday Party.  
Location will be the Timber Mine  
1701 Park Blvd, Ogden, UT 84401**

No other meeting will be held.

## Past Events

### NOVEMBER MEETING

President Mike Nichols called the meeting to order and provided a calendar of upcoming events. We received the treasurer's report.

The annual holiday party will be held on December 15, 2023 at the Timbermine. The location is 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden. Social time will start at 6:00 PM, dinner is at 6:30.

Elections for 2024 were held and Jim Brown retained his position as Secretary Treasurer. Bill Wiser was elected to the historian position, Keb Leete was elected Vice President and Henry Dominguez was elected as Newsletter Editor.

There were no nominations for President Elect, so that position will remain vacant and we'll attempt to fill it at upcoming meetings.

Clay Pitkin provided a tech talk on carburetors.

### BLACK FRIDAY OGDEN CANYON TOUR

The Black Friday Tour was held on Black Saturday. Well, not actually held, it was cancelled due to weather conditions. But a nice group met at the Golden Coral in Ogden for lunch. Half a dozen Model A's braved the weather. The Lucero's attended with the fire truck, Karen Stoke and Rudy Eilander brought their coupe, Dennis Thompson brought the sports coupe. Craig Berry made it as did Doug Jenkins and his son and Debbie and Kevin Youngberg showed up to enjoy the conversation. Mike Nichols also attended.

## Other News

### 2023 NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

By Dennis Thompson

Jeri and I attended the MAFCA National Awards banquet in Santa Maria California. The weather was

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very nice, we enjoyed daytime temperatures in the 60s with no rain at all. The area is well known for agriculture and is the source of much of the fruit and vegetable we buy in stores all year long. If there was a piece of farm equipment in the fields, it was moving.



On Friday we toured the Hurst Castle. Before our visit I did not know much about this place and was I surprised by what I learned. The Castle was great but what I thought was most impressive was the size of the ranch the castle was built on. This ranch is 250,000 acres. That is the equivalent of 390 square miles and it includes 22 miles of coast line. With the exception of the roads to the castle and the grounds around the castle itself, the land has not been developed or changed.....in the middle of California!

Saturday's tour took us to the town of Solvang. Yes, it was a tourist trap but it was just like walking into an old Danish town. While we were there, we got to see the

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locals do a Christmas Parade. The parade did include a few Model As, so bonus!

Saturday evening, we attended the Awards Banquet. As Mike announced in our last meeting, the Beehive Club received an award for best website. Will Langford presented the awards and while presenting this one, he spent most of the time talking about Mike Nichols wanting to make sure that Jim Brown got most of the credit for our outstanding website. Great job Jim!

We spent a lot of time picking the brains of everyone involved in putting on this National Awards Banquet. We look forward to using all the information we learned as we work toward hosting the banquet in 2024.

### **BEEHIVE A'S CONTRIBUTE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD DRIVE**



Thursday, Nov 16, we delivered 296 pounds of food donated by our members to Catholic Community Services (CCS) for the homeless. Our Club members are very generous and should feel proud. CCS expressed their thanks and appreciation to the club in this time of need.



## Thanks to Our Members

Looking back over the past year we have had an amazing time. In addition to the monthly meeting there have been activities nearly every month and sometimes multiple activities. And we can't forget the Island Park/Yellowstone tour! A big thanks goes to the

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leadership of the 2023 presidency for all the time and effort they put in to making this year successful. Thanks Mike Nichols for all you did over the past two years and we look forward to Ron Lucero continuing the great work through 2024.

My family situation has forced me to vacate my position as newsletter editor. Henry Dominguez has taken up the banner and I couldn't be happier with his election. Henry is a well published author and an excellent writer. The newsletter is in good hands.

When I took over as newsletter editor I was supposed to assist Rick Berry with it. I put together some ideas and Rick was kind enough to turn it over to me and let me run with it. Rick was a great leader and is missed by all who knew him.

At the time, the new president was Dennis Thompson. Dennis and I spent a bit of time in each other's shops and we discussed the focus of the newsletter. We were entering COVID and we were concerned the restrictions on gatherings would adversely affect the clubs membership. We wanted to put together a good newsletter to keep members enthused as our activities were restricted.

We also wanted to document our membership. Realizing that we are all getting older, we wanted to capture their stories. We were lucky that first year to capture some of the heritage of our members by attempting to interview past presidents and other members.

As my family situation became more complicated I wasn't able to get out and continue interviews. I missed that part a lot.

Also, it became harder to write technical articles. As time progressed, the newsletter became simpler and I got to the point where it was no longer feasible for me to continue writing and editing it.

I *REALLY* want to thank those that contributed, especially Kevin Fielding who wrote several of the technical articles and Henry Dominguez, who put together the beautifully written article on the Yellowstone Tour. Also, thanks to those who attended

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tours and events I couldn't make who provided write ups and photos for the newsletter.

A big thanks to those that let me into their shops to capture their Model A stories and to my two brothers, Shawn and Dirk who would accompany me, provide content, photos and edit my work.

The time has come to pass the baton. It's been fun, but I know Henry will take the newsletter in a new direction and it will be better than ever.

Thanks everyone for your support on this assignment!

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 2024**

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**Long Range Calendar**

Please see out calendar of upcoming events at <https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events>

Date/Time	Event	Locations
12-15-23 6:00 PM	Annual Holiday Party (Club Event)	Timber Mine 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden
1-8-24 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
2-12-24 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
3-11-24 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace

**Tech Corner**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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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.

**WINTERIZATION**

*This is an article we published previously and I thought it would be applicable as we hit winter this year, so we reprinted it.*

There are several levels of winterization to consider. We drive most of our cars during good weather during the winter, but some get "stored." For those we drive we do a moderate level of winterization. This includes:

- Air up the tires
- Top off the gasoline with ethanol free fuel
- Ensure the fuel is turned off
- Add Marvel Mystery Oil (we don't know why, it's a mystery to use, but it makes us feel good)
- Add Sta-Bill to the tank
- Check the antifreeze level and ensure it's at the proper concentration

Cars that get stored over the winter get additional attention:

- Dolly the tires so we can move it around in the shop
- Emergency brake disengaged
- Top off the battery with distilled water
- Once the additives have been placed in the gasoline and it has been turned off, run the engine until the carburetor is empty
- Change the oil (removes that oils that have acids from combustion and helps keep the sediments from dirty oil from settling in the engine)
- Oil the distributor
- Lube the chassis and water pump (use a water pump grease, we keep a small hand gun just for this purpose)
- Check all fluids
- Pull the fuse or breaker



- Prior to storing we like to wash the car, put on any protectants on the top, paint and interior and cover the car to protect from dust.
- Make a list of winter projects for the car

There are a couple of schools of thought on antifreeze, some run plain water. If this is the case it **MUST** be drained before winter storage (even if it's in a heated area, a power outage could lead to a cracked block or head). We run antifreeze all year long. There are many different antifreeze formulas on the market now, so ensure you have the correct one for your car. We've been using the green colored available from the farm supply stores.

Batteries are another concern. We leave them in the cars and periodically rotate a battery tender among the batteries in the shop, whether they are in the car or stored. The tenders we use are relatively inexpensive and provide a low amp charge that shuts off automatically when the battery reaches a charged level. Old style battery chargers will continue to charge the battery and can boil it dry. In looking over battery storage recommendation on the internet for this article we see some people recommend removing the battery and storing it connected to a battery tender. Recommendations also include putting a bit of dielectric grease on the battery terminals.

Other recommendations we found for storing our cars called for:

- Fogging oil in the cylinders
- Lifting the tires off the ground and placing jack stands under the suspension
- Inspect hoses and water pump
- Tighten the lug nuts
- Set the point gap and put a small piece of business card between the points (I'd never remember to remove this in the spring and would spend hours hunting for the reason my car won't start)
- Pest control – rodents love the nice interior of our cars.

Different methods have been tried and some swear they are successful, while others claim they are wives tales. We don't have an answer for rodents, use what you think best. Some recommend a cat, but that brings other

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problems if they decide to use the car for their "business" area.

Finally, winter is our time to bring the major items found during the summer season back into spec. We have several winter projects so we'll be in the cars throughout the winter. Cars that are winter drivers will be started weekly. Those being stored will have the engine turned over manually with the tranny in neutral to keep the engine from getting stuck. Last year we put a bit of oil in the cylinder of each of these cars to keep it lubed during these turnovers. We probably should do that again before it gets cold.

## 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.

## For Sale

Floor standing Craftsman drill press, four speed.  
\$250.00. Contact Dan Johnson.

## Engine for Sale

Diamond block Model B complete long block engine.  
Freshly restored. Contact Dan Johnson

## Parts for Sale

Lot of carburetor parts new/used  
Zenith 1 Carburetor- restored but needs tested  
Zenith 2 Carburetor – restored but needs tested  
Assorted light bulbs including 2 halogens  
3 each in line fuel filters  
new set of CL spark plugs  
used set of 3X spark plugs  
2 modern point sets  
Original ford emblem  
New radiator shell crank door and rivet  
Used set of Champion W16Y spark plugs  
28-9 radiator cap  
New 30-1 spark plug connector set  
New water inlet bolts  
New firewall patent plate

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Original 30 dash light  
Glass sediment bowl and screen  
New wheel bearing set for one front wheel missing  
inner races  
Clutch adjusting shaft (shaft only)  
Used coil  
Used lug nut set  
2 used oil drain plugs  
30 door striker catch plates  
Headlight bar pad set  
Radiator petcock valve  
Water pump collar  
2 water inlet necks  
2 28-9 water outlet necks  
1 30-1 water outlet necks  
Used radiator hose clamp set  
Water pump bolt set (not studs and nuts)  
Timing gear to cam nut socket  
Timing kit  
Rear leaf spring bolt  
3 30-1 radiator caps  
Timing pin plunger  
3 terminal box wing nuts  
2 crank pulley bolts, 1 has teeth machined off  
Crank pully socket, machined to fit  
Transmission and tower, painted and ready to go. Has  
used gear set  
2 starter motors, 1 with switch  
Box of Bendix springs  
1 cam shaft

Contact Dennis Thompson

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