

# BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review

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## Review

November 2022



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



The Lineup for the October 29<sup>th</sup> Tour to Tremonton



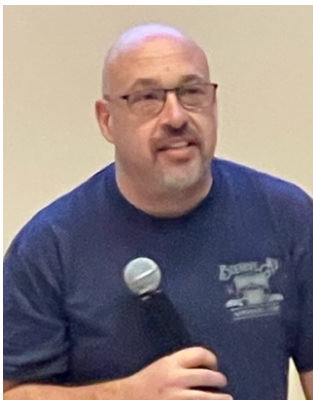
Beehive A's is a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

## 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. It is free to attend and you don't have a Model A.



**\*\*\*Vitaly important\*\*\* Please print off, and bring your payment for the Christmas Party to November's meeting. This is also a good time to pay your dues for the coming year, as well as for MAFCA.**

The leaves are changing colors, and the days are getting shorter, you know what that means? Yup, it's a very good time to address those maintenance issues on your A's as well as other items that you may see when working on your A.

It is also a good time to change those fluids that have been neglected, lubricate all those Zerk fittings, and just do the maintenance on you're A.

I would like to thank Utah Valley A's. Recently, Heidi and I were able to attend their club meeting and although we were stuck in traffic on the way down, we arrived a couple of mins late, but we were still welcomed. Thank you!

I would also like to thank Dennis & Jeri Thompson for organizing the tour that we drove on October 29th. We ended up having 10 model A's and all had a good time!

I would also like to express my condolences to the Nelson family on the passing of Vaughn Nelson on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vaughn was a fellow Model A'r in the Beehive A's. His obituary can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4tazub2y>.

November in the Beehive A's is election time for the upcoming year's presidency. This would consist of the following positions:

- President elect (2 yr. commitment)
- Vice president
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Club Historian
- Newsletter editor

Any club member may run for or hold one of these positions. All officers must be MAFCA members before taking office. If you have a desire to be considered for these positions, or you would like to nominate a fellow A'r, please let one of the Presidency know.

In addition, please stay tuned for information on the Black Friday tour the day after Thanksgiving.

See you on the road in your Model A!

Clay

## New Members

Welcome two new members from our October meeting:

Rodney Cox 30 Coupe  
Chet Leete 29 Coupe

## Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be held:

Monday, November 14, 2022 7:00 PM  
Pleasant Valley Library  
5568 S Adams Avenue  
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

No tech talks, we will hold elections.

Refreshments will be provided by Kirk and Mary Clause.

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## Past Events

### OCTOBER MEETING

President Pitkin called the meeting to order. He recognized a couple of visitors from the Utah County A's, Howard Eckstein and his wife. Also, we had four visitors who joined that evening, Chet Leete and his son (sorry, I didn't catch his name), Rodney Cox, and Chad Walker (Steve Session's grandson).

Clay offered condolences to the families of Rick Berry and Rich Kotter who dies in September. He also announced that Ted Crandall, Heidi Pitkin's father, was not doing well. He passed on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to the Pitkin's at this difficult time.

Elections for club officers will be held at the November meeting. The following offices are up for election:

- President Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Historian/Correspondent

If you would like to nominate anyone for these positions, please let Clay Pitkin know before the November meeting so he can speak with them before the nomination.

Jim Brown provided a treasurer's report and briefed us on the holiday banquet. The banquet will be held this year on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Timbermine in Ogden. The address is 1701 Park Blvd which is located in the mouth of Ogden Canyon.



Registration for the banquet will be sent out by email. In years past banquet tickets for members and spouses have been \$15.00 per person for the first two tickets with the Club picking up the rest of the cost. With the increased costs this year, Jim Brown made a motion to raise the cost of the first two tickets to \$20.00 each. Additional tickets will cost \$40.00 each.

President Pitkin encouraged everyone in the Club to join MAFCA.

He thanked Bill Wiser for setting up and running the Ogden Canyon tour. Heidi Pitkin won the poker run.

The Tomato Days Parade was lined up by Randy Ropelato and lead by Dennis Thompson. Thanks to both of them for their efforts.

The Sweet Rides and Sauerkraut tour was held on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We had six A's and six hotrods attend. Dave Spinden led the tour. There were over 100 cars in the show and the membership got to visit with Del Friedli. Karen Stoker and Rudy Eilander's '28 Coupe got an honorable mention.

We had a tour set up for October 15<sup>th</sup>, but we had to cancel it. No alternate tour could be agreed upon.

Salty A's had a pumpkin carve planned for Wheeler Farms on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Beehive A's were invited to attend.

The Utah Valley A's had a cemetery tour planned for October 22, and again, the Beehive A's were invited.

The Cedar City Livestock Roundup parade and car show was announced for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Thompson announced a tour and lunch for October 29<sup>th</sup> to Tremonton.

Howard Eckstein, Utah Valley A's presented on the MAFCA National Awards Banquet that occurs in December each year. The banquet has four days of meetings and activities leading up to the actual awards banquet that caps the event. Activities include three seminars and several tours of local areas. The Utah Valley A's anticipate hosting it in Lehi and would like the Beehive A's to join them in sponsoring it in 2024. The 2022 banquet will be in Golden Colorado and Dennis Thompson and Howard are both attending.

There was discussion on the financial risk to the sponsoring clubs and it was noted that the San Antonio event made \$8,000 profit. It was decided that the Beehive A's were interested in so-sponsoring the event, but needed more information on the financial risks. Dennis Thompson will check with prior sponsoring clubs and report back in November.

Mike Bachman and Dan Johnson took a trip to Pennsylvania for the Hershey Swap Meet. Mike reported there were 8,000 sellers using 9,000 booths. The multiday event had a lot of vintage parts. To walk the entire event required 19.5 miles.

Refreshments were brought by Holly Jenkins.

## Steve and Louise Sessions – Happy 50th Anniversary



Happy anniversary to Steve and Louise Sessions! What a great legacy they have.

## Tremonton Tour and Lunch

Dennis Thompson organized a tour to Tremonton for lunch at the Grille. Ten Model A's participated in the somewhat successful event. The event would have been completely successful except for someone running out of gas – **TWICE!** The winner of the gas gauge award will be announced at the November meeting.



## Upcoming events

Black Friday Tour – We will have a Black Friday event this year. The presidency is looking for locations for lunch and we'll at least get together for that, weather permitting we'll also do a tour. Black Friday will be November 25<sup>th</sup> this year.

## Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
November 14	Club Meeting 7:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
November 25	Black Friday Tour	TBD (CLUB EVENT)
December 5-8	National Awards Banquet	Golden, CO
December 6	Annual Christmas Party	Timber Mine Ogden, UT (CLUB EVENT)

## Beehive A's Gift to the Model A Ford Foundation

The Beehive A's donated a Zenith Mileage Tester to the Model A Ford Foundation Gilmore Museum. I believe it was originally owned by Keith Painter and restored by Randy Christiansen. Dennis and Jeri Thompson arranged to get it to the Foundation. We reported on it in the September 2021 Newsletter. The foundation sent the Beehive A's a thank you letter for the donation. It is show below following the picture of the mileage tester unit.



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September 22, 2022

The Beehive Model "A" Club  
C/O Jeri Thompson  
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To the Members of the Beehive Model "A" Club,  
The Trustees of the Model A Ford Foundation thank you for your donation of an original Zenith Mileage Tester for the museum collection. It is donations like yours that have helped to make the museum one of the most unique and interesting car museums in the country.

We are continually adding new, unique vehicles and displays to the museum collection. We hope you can join us at the museum for the next "Model A Day" celebration on the third Friday and Saturday of September 2023.

The Gilmore campus and the Model A Ford Museum have become major automotive museums and the Model A Museum is one of the best in the country. *All of this is made possible because of generous people like you!*

Thanks again for your support,  
*John D Marshall*  
John D Marshall  
Executive Director

MAFFI is a 501 C3 organization. All Donations are deductible to the limit of the law.

## 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.

Well, it's the year of shortages. If you're needing any of the following you'd better plan ahead. Most items are not in stock and there is not anticipated delivery dates:

- Front and rear springs
- Water pump (rebuild kits have been available)
- Reproduction front fenders
- Ammeters 20-0-20
- Dash light assembly

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As we get into winter, it's time to get all the maintenance done on our cars. One area that we often neglect is a wheel inspection. Ford Barn (Fordbarn.com) had a member post a picture of a wheel that failed on the interstate. He was flagged over by another driver who noticed the wheel beginning to fail and averted disaster. The photo below is of the wheel.



It appears the wheel had water between the rim and inner tube which caused the wheel to rust away in the center. With us running on nearly 100-year-old wheels a close inspection this fall may reveal some interior rust.

## Test Report on Radial Tire

Dennis Thompson updated the wheels and tires on his Sport Coupe prior to going to the Nationals in Texas this summer. He hunted down a good set of rims, straightened them and had them bead blasted and powder coated black. He had ordered new 19-inch tires from Coker, which we back ordered. It took a long time to receive them. Once he got them he mounted them on the wheels he had prepped and balanced them with a bubble balancer.

He reports the radial tire provides a much smoother ride.

## 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

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weeks before the next meeting and will run for two consecutive months unless you notify me ahead.

### In search of: Shock Absorbers

Brian Gough is looking for shock absorbers. He can be reached at 385-306-0351

### Parts Wanted:

28/29 headlights, rear and front bumpers. Mike Nichols 801-725-4833

Email: [mtnichols@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnichols@yahoo.com)

### Parts Wanted:

Top irons and bows for a 1928 - 29 Ford Model A Standard Phaeton. Would like to find in excellent condition 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)

### For Sale – 1929 Phaeton



1929 Model A Phaeton. Older, complete off-frame restoration to original stock condition (with few minor exceptions). Exceptionally sound body and fenders. Engine overhauled several years (and very few miles) ago by Bud Cheney. Runs great. Snyder's 5.5:1 high compression head provides increased

power while retaining original appearance. Cast iron drums. Exceptionally good brakes for a Model A. Powder-coated wheels. Leakless water pump. Solid aluminum 2-blade fan. Dual side-mounted spare tires. Turn Signals. For information call Don, 801 927-8253.

### Cars for sale:

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

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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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