

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



November 2023

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



The Beehive A's at the Wahlen Veteran's Center



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

President's Message

Mike Nichols

I would like to start off with "Happy Veteran's Day" to all my veteran friends. My father instilled in me a deep sense of patriotism and respect of our country and those who served to protect the safety and liberties that we all so greatly enjoy. I was a few years too young to be involved in Vietnam, and few years too old to be involved in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. This has left me with a great life, free from military conflict but also without the honor of serving.

We had the wonderful opportunity in October to visit some veterans at the George E. Wahlen Veteran Home in Ogden. Ron Lucero presented to them and then many, as health allowed, came out to see our cars. I've always been fond of the Wahlen Veteran Home and have had several great experiences visiting with those who are staying there.

Yesterday, along with my wife and daughter, I rode my bike up the trail to Cold Water Canyon in North Ogden where the "Major" was proudly waiving. The "Major" is the largest free-flying American flag that measures 150' X 78'. It has flown for a two-week period around Veterans' Day for the last five years in recognition of the tragic loss of life of North Ogden Mayor Brent Taylor. Mayor Taylor was killed while deployed in Afghanistan. The flag is especially beautiful at night, being lit up by a powerful searchlight. If you have not driven to North Ogden to see the "Major", you are really missing out. It will fly through November 12th.

The Beehive Club is proud to have a strong history of veterans, both past and present, among our ranks and we thank them for serving.

Just a quick reminder that our Year-end/Holiday party is Friday December 15th at the Timbermine Steak House at 6:30 pm, and our next membership meeting is Monday November 13th at the Pleasant Valley Library at 7:00 pm. Please bring non-perishable food items to our membership meeting for donation to the Catholic Food Bank.

See you soon – Pres. Mike

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New Members

Bill and Socorro Walker, joined the Beehive A's at the October meeting.

Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be held:

Monday, November 13, 2023 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Library
5568 S Adams Avenue
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

There will be a safety presentation by Clay Pitkin on carburetors and we will hold the 2025 Officer's Election.

Past Events

OCTOBER MEETING

President Mike Nichols called the meeting to order and had two visitors introduce themselves. Randy Call and John Gibbs. John discussed the upcoming National Tour in June. It will be held in Ruidoso, New Mexico from June 23 to 29 and is hosted by the Southwest Model A's. For those interested in attending the registration form can be found on the internet at: https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Events/2024_Convention_Registration.pdf.

Mike and Chuck Evans discussed the passing of past president and club member Roy Van Orman. Chuck indicated that it was a nice service and 16 Model A's were there.

Mike stated that he had been contacted by the daughter of an older gentleman living in Bountiful. He has difficulty getting around but is interested in Model A's and would like to visit some of our member's shops when they are working on projects. His daughter will bring him. His name is Ed Haddock. Let Mike know if you have an upcoming project and are willing to host Ed.

Elections for new officers is coming in November. The following positions are open:

- Vice President
- President Elect

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- Historian
- Newsletter Editor

Ron Lucero will move from President Elect to President in January.

The success of the club and the number and quality of the activities depends greatly on the elected officers. Please come to the November meeting prepared to nominate qualified individuals who are willing and able to serve.

The end of the year holiday party will be held on December 15th at the Timbermine in Ogden. The address and time for the event is in the calendar below and on the online calendar. The club by laws require an expenditure of this size be approved by the membership. It was motioned to approve the expenditure of approximately \$3,000 for the event, seconded and passed by the members.

The Island Park/Yellowstone Tour was discussed. There were 12 Model A's (one being a trailer queen). Six brave souls drove there from Ogden. Thanks to everyone who organized it and especially Doug and Holly Jenkins for setting up the events and preparing the schedule packet.

Dennis Thompson reported his car got 25 miles per gallon overall on the trip and on one leg with a tail wind he got 30 MPG. Pretty good, bet the upgraded carburetor, the overdrive and the inserted engine with the higher compression head had something to do with it, but then there is also the skill displayed in tuning the engine that helps bring out the edge. Nice job Dennis!

Finally, Ron Lucero provided a presentation on safety that was well received.

Clay Pitkin was scheduled to provide a tech talk on carburation, but kindly consented to move it to November's meeting since we ran out of time.

Barbara Berry kindly brought treats and set the highest standard for treats to this point! Thank you Barbara!

GEORGE WAHLEN VETERAN'S CENTER TOUR



On Saturday October 14th, Ron Lucero arranged for our club to take our cars out to the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home. We started off in the auditorium where Ron showed the veterans a couple of movies of the model A assembly line. After the movie, we presented a few fun facts about the history of the Ford Model A. Then, we invited the veterans to come outside and take a close look at our cars. Following the car showing, we were asked to drive around the perimeter of the complex so that those who were not able to come out of their rooms could see our cars pass by.

It was a rewarding experience for our members to be able to give some of our time to the veteran community and show our respect for their service to our great county. Thank you to those who attended, we look forward to doing it again some time.



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Speaking of Officers

November meeting will also include election of officers. President Elect Ron Lucero will move to President in January, so we will need nominations for a new president elect who will move up to President in 2025. Vice President Bill Wisers' life has changed a bit and he can no longer continue as Vice President. Jim Brown has indicated that he would be willing to stay on as Secretary/Treasurer, however, other people can be nominated for the position and run against him. Holly Jenkins will not run again as Historian and Kevin Youngberg will not continue as Newsletter Editor.

This means the following positions are open for election:

- President Elect
- Vice President
- Historian
- Newsletter Editor (this *may* be a position appointed by the president, I'm unsure)

The position of Secretary/Treasurer has a person willing to run/or accept the position. Others may be nominated for the position.

We **STRONGLY** encourage members to consider who they would like to fill those positions and be prepared to nominate members to fill them. Please contact people you are wanting to nominate for positions before the meeting so you can discuss their potential nomination and ability to fulfill the duties of the office. Good, strong officers are one of the principal keys to success of the club, along with members willing to participate.

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Over the past few years, the club has been led by good people willing to serve. Let's keep that going during the November elections.

Long Range Calendar

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

Date/Time	Event	Locations
November 13	Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Event	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
November 25	Black Friday Tour Club Event Weather permitting Lunch at Golden Coral rain or shine!	Ogden Valley Poker Run 10:00 AM at Rainbow Gardens Noon Lunch at Golden Coral
December 15	Year End Holiday Party Club Event	Timbermine 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden 6:30-7:30 PM
January 8	Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Event	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace

Want a Complete Calendar of Events?

Go to our website at <https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events> and see what's lined up for the year.

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. 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.

CHAMPION 3X SPARK PLUGS

Ford installed Champion 3X spark plugs on all new Model A's at the factory. My '29 Tudor had a set installed on it when I bought it a few years ago. Ray Wheelwright and Randy Christiansen noticed the plugs and told me how to determine if they were current

reproduction or originals. When you look at the plug if the 3 in the 3X marking has a flat top they are reproductions. Mine were reproduction plugs.

The original plugs have a few minor differences that allow you to tell them apart from period plugs. The one most easily observed is the previous mentioned font on the 3. Modern plugs have a flat top on the 3 while the originals are flat.

Another way to tell if they are original is the knurling below the flats. Originals had the knurling extend to the bottom of the plug at the 90-degree point where the actual threads are cut.

Originals came with two colors of lettering on them, orange and red. The judging standards don't list any particular year the colors changed. The standards do also indicate the thickness of the font can vary.



Shown is an original Champion 3X. Note the rounded top on the number 3.

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Many sparkplugs will fit and work properly in the Model A, but there was a LOT of different vendors trying to take a share of the market. Champion still makes the 3X, but they are pricey. They range from \$35 to \$40 each from the vendors. If you're looking for a set of reproduction plugs the correct Champion number is 429.



Reproduction Champion 3X plugs, note the word Guaranteed on the box.

Reconditioned original plugs can easily run over \$100.00 each.



This photo shows the differences in the font and the knurling. Original on the left and reproduction on the right.

I came across a Champion plug, shorter than the 3X with orange font and the word FORD on the side.

It's easy to determine if you have original packaging, current 3X plugs come in a package that says "Guaranteed Dependable" while original packages just say "dependable". The original packaging also says "For FORD Model A, the reproduction says for Model A and B.

Below are the boxes for a set of CL (Cost Less) plugs. They are reconditioned Champion 3X plugs and are the old original plugs as is evidenced by the depth of the knurling.





An original Champion 3X plug reconditioned by CL

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. 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

Ralph Bingham has parts for sale in St. George. His email address is bingpr@gmail.com and his phone number is 435-669-7138

For Sale

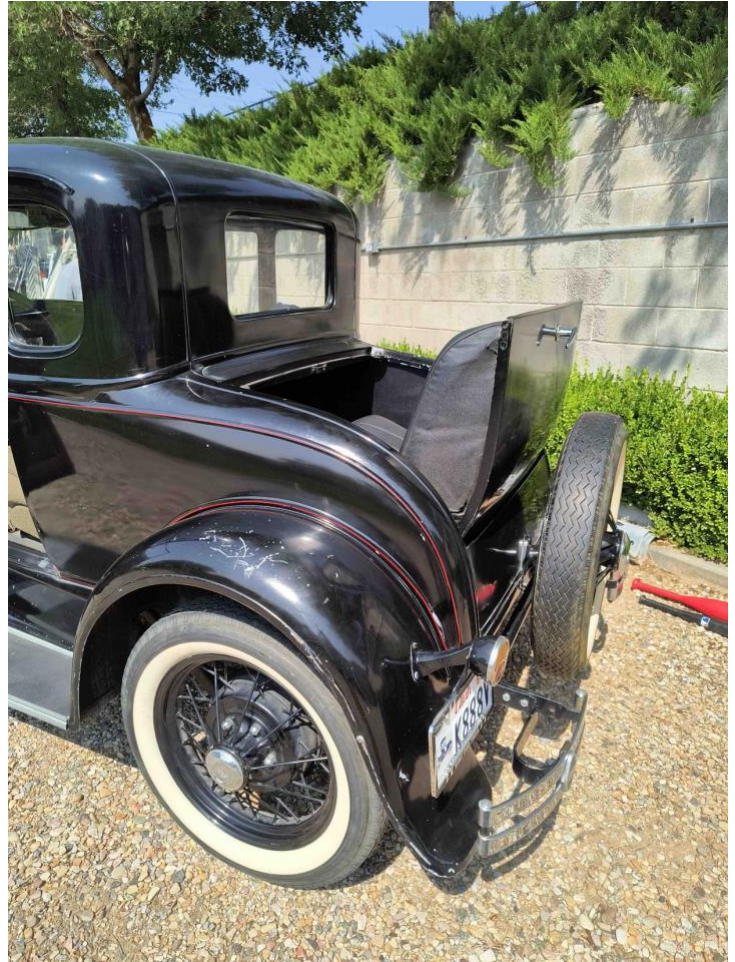
Lot of carburetor parts new/used
Zenith 1 Carburetor- restored but needs tested
Zenith 2 Carburetor – restored but needs tested

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Assorted light bulbs including 2 halogens
3 each in line fuel filters
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
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 for any of the above.

Car For Sale

Val Fisher is wanting to sell his 1930 Model A. He's asking \$15,000.



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