



BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review

September 2023



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



The Scenic View on the Evanston Tour

(Photo Kathy Christiansen)



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Chapter of the Model
A Ford Club of
America

President's Message

Mike Nichols

So, today was the Hooper Tomatoes Day parade and the last official parade of the summer. With a 90% chance of rain in the forecast, I figured the chance of anyone showing up was slim. I decided that I better show up just in case the weather broke or in case any other brave member(s) decided to show up. I thought the best plan was to put my car in my trailer and haul it out there. That way, if no one showed up, I could just trailer my car back home without getting it wet. I arrived at 7am and got us checked in, informing the organizers that our club members don't like to take their cars out in the rain and therefore it was unlikely that anyone would be coming. It rained persistently from the time I left home until 8:30 (parade start time was 9:00), so I thought I would be off the hook. I looked down the road a bit and there sat a beautiful Model A Coup. I walked over to where it was and there was Dean Murray, in the rain, waiting for the parade to start. Dean assured me that my car wouldn't melt if I got it wet and that I could just towel it off when I got home. I have to say, the people in Hooper are tuff and don't let some "rain on their parade" interfere with their fun. I trailered the car after the parade, pulled it home, and towed it off. Guess what, the rain didn't hurt it and now I am no longer afraid to drive my car in the rain. Dean and I represented well today in Hooper.

Thank you once again to Dean Murray for the BBQ and car show at his house. The food, the music, the cars, and the attendings made it a great event. The Berry picnic will be at the North Ogden Park this Saturday the 9th at 1:00. The Berry picnic is always a great event, you will not want to miss it.

Pres Mike

New Members

No new members were reported in August.

Next Meeting

Our August meeting will be held:

Monday, September 11, 2023 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Library

[Http://beehivea.com](http://beehivea.com)

5568 S Adams Avenue
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

President Elect Ron Lucero will present on safety and Ray Wheelwright will provide a presentation on head gaskets.

This meeting will be held in the auditorium.

Past Events

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting was a busy one. It kicked off with a small swap meet that didn't have a lot of sellers but was well attended and had a few nice gems for sale. I picked up a new in the box engine hone (thanks Ray!) and a really nice Model A tire gauge (thanks Randy!).

At the actual meeting, Mike Nichols covered upcoming activities. We received a treasurer's report. Dennis Thompson presented on the Evanston Tour.

As members prepare for the Island Park/Yellowstone tour in September, Dan Johnson presented on tools and parts he carries when touring.

A thanks to Mike Nichols who provided refreshments.

DEAN MURRAY'S BBQ AND CAR SHOW



Dean Murray once again held his car show and BBQ at his home in West Haven. It was pretty easy to find this year as he had a 1940's Lincoln and a Terraplane parked nose to nose on the front lawn!

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The Beehive A's fielded 24 Model A's and other classics and other classic car enthusiasts brought other classics including a '32 Model B pickup, some Chevilles and Dan Johnson showed up in a Mercedes Benz.



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The visiting and stories were great, the food was better and the band did a great job entertaining us.



Thanks to Dean and his family for hosting us!

EVANSTON ROUNDHOUSE/MIRROR LAKE HIGHWAY



Dennis Thompson put together another very nice tour, this time an over Mirror Lake highway to Evanston tour. It was an overnigher on Friday, August 11th and

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12th. The Beehive A's fielded about 7 cars and met with the Utah Valley A's in Kamas with five cars. One of the fellows that came with the Utah Valley group was not a member, but he stayed with the group until Evanston, filled up his Model A and turned around for home.



In addition to the nice drive to get there and get home, the group toured the Evanston Roundhouse. The roundhouse was built in the early 1900's and was abandoned years ago. The restoration group has restored one section of it, but still has a lot of restoration to undertake in the future.



While there the Beehive and Utah Valley A's got to take a ride on the railroad turn table that turns the locomotives around.

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Randy and Kathy Christiansen celebrated a wedding anniversary on the trip! Congratulations on all the years together.



Those flowers are so fresh they still had the roots on!
Thanks Dennis for putting this together!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ISLAND PARK/YELLOWSTONE

We will be traveling to Island Park/Yellowstone during September 13th to 17th to tour. Those going on this tour should meet prior to the August Meeting, Monday August 14th at 6:00 at the Pleasant Valley Library to solidify the schedule and plan for the event.

BERRY FAMILY PICNIC

The Berry Family will be hosting a picnic for the Beehive A's on Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 PM to 3 PM at the North Ogden Park, 500 E 2750 N in North Ogden. Come bring your Model A's and either a salad or desert and enjoy the company of fellow Model A owners as we celebrate the past year.

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Long Range Calendar

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

Date/Time	Event	Locations
September 9	Berry Family Annual Picnic Club Event	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM North Ogden Park 500 E 2750 N, North Ogden
September 9	Peach Days	Brigham City
September 11	Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Event	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
September 13 to 17	Island Park Club Tour Club Event	Island Park and Yellowstone
October 9th	Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Event	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
October 14	George Whalen Veteran Home Club Event	10:30 Am to Noon 1102 N 1200 W Ogden
November 13	Club Meeting 7:00 PM Club Event	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
November 25	Proposed Tour Let us know if you want to hold this	Ogden Valley Poker Run
December	Christmas Dinner	Timbermine 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden

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

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. 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.

USING YOUR FUSE TO ISOLATE SYSTEM SHORTS IN A MODEL A

Nearly all the cars I see in the club have a fuse located on the starter. A fuse here is good insurance to help prevent fire in our Model A's, but it can also be used to help determine if we have a short in the system. If the fuse is blown you likely have a short or something is drawing too much power and that needs to be corrected.

Likely areas where a short circuit can occur include:

Inside the terminal box – you have a lot of wires running through that small space and it's possible screw the bolts into the box too deep and short them against the firewall.

Behind the dash panel. There is also a lot going on behind that panel. I had a replacement switch that allowed the attachment screws touch the firewall, the dash light and ammeter can also short if not carefully installed or they can come loose as the car vibrates.

Another common culprit is the light bail at the end of the steering column. All the switching circuitry goes through at this point and leaking 600W from the steering can't be good on the wires. On top of that the replacement parts we're getting recently are not the best quality and fit.

Randy Christiansen also points out the connections at the brake light switch can be another culprit. Given the poor quality of the replacement switches that's a likely possibility.

To identify the system with the short remove the three wires on the cutout on top of the generator. For you more modern people, the three wires are all located on

the output post of the alternator. Isolate each of them so they don't touch each other or anything else.

One wire goes to the terminal box on the firewall, one goes to the light bail on the steering column and the final one goes to the horn.

Put a new fuse in. If it does not blow you have eliminated the terminal box and dash – a short here will immediately blow the new fuse.

With a good fuse in the holder connect the terminal box wire to the horn. If the fuse blows you know the horn wiring has the short. If not, you have eliminated that issue. Hook the horn wires and the terminal box wired to the cutout or alternator. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the cutout, generator or alternator. This leaves the light bail as the next most likely culprit.

You can pull it and check it, but it's a messy process on the road, you can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected but you won't have lights including the stop light! I'd recommend isolating the terminal end of the bail wire if you're doing this.

If your new fuse blew with all three wires disconnected you likely have a short in the terminal box or behind the dash. The terminal box is easiest to get to so I'd start there, if it all checks out at the terminal the next place is to check the dash area. The switch, dash light or ammeter wires may have come loose.

Checking the stop light switch can be done by undoing the wire to it and replacing the fuse, step on the brake and if the fuse does not blow your short is in that circuit.

This will check the most likely location of faults and can be done on the side of the road quickly.

The information was taken from Tom Endy's excellent mechanics tips on the Santa Anna A's website. See his write up on this at <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Quick-easy.pdf>

Member Sales Corner

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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

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
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

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Timing pin plunger
3 terminal box wing nuts
2 crank pulley bolts, 1 has teeth machined off
Crank pulley 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.

For Sale

Trailer hitch for Model A, came off a 29, \$25.00
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