

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



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



The Beehive A's 42nd Annual Christmas Party!

Beehive As is a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

President's Message

Ron Lucero

Welcome to 2024 and the future!

Hello fellow club members. I would like to welcome you all to a new 2024 year, and a warm welcome to a new board of trustees for the club. You all probably already know me, but for those new to our Model A club, my name is Ron Lucero. I was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colorado, and relocated here in 1995 with my job with Boeing and the military. I am married to my wonderful wife Liana.

Before we begin the new year in meetings, I would like to thank past President, Mike Nichols; Vice President, Bill Wiser; Editor, Kevin Youngberg; Historian Holly Jenkins; and Treasurer Jim Brown, as these persons have given of their time and effort to help further the representation of the Model A club. Along with the before listed, a thank you to all those members who participated in tours and outings to help support our club functions, as without you, the club would not be as great an organization as it is.

Our board members for 2024 are: Vice President – Keb Keete; Sec/Treasurer – Jim Brown; Historian – Bill Wiser; and Newsletter Editor – Henry Dominguez. (The President elect has yet to be determined.) Welcome them to their new positions and help support them for this year.

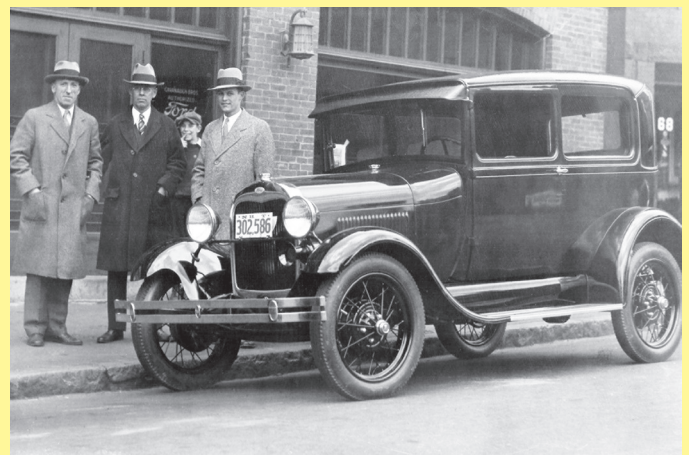
The past year, we saw advancements in our operations of the club to include getting our Federal IRS tax exemption filing and updating of club by-laws. The club was represented in numerous parades and many car shows. We also had outings and tours to the following locations: the 911 Emergency Dispatch, Ogden City Fire Station, Hill AFB Museum, Evanston Wyoming tour, Antelope Island tour, Salt lake City Classic Car Auction, personnel and cars attended local High School days for youth to see what a Model A is about, Bear River Bird refuge, Ogden 25th Street photo recreation, East Canyon Tour, MAFCA award banquet (Colorado) and recently a tour to Island Park and Yellowstone,

and many other outings not mentioned. Let's continue this great tradition of being active with our cars and families.

As each year brings opportunities for us all to show our love of the Model A, let us all be enthusiastic about our cars and all our club members. Let's embrace our new friendships and encourage each other as we go throughout the year. Unfortunately, we lost a member last year due to his passing, but let us remember him as our dear friend, and let us embrace our new friendships with new members.

I look forward to being your president for this new year, and I plan to help keep the wonderful attributes of our club going and bringing innovative ideas to our club. I will listen to any concerns and ideas that will make the Model A club a better place to meet. I also look forward to continuing with the great path that Mike Nichols and past members have led us on with club activities. Each member is important, and I give you all my undivided attention when concerns and matters arise. I will do my best to be a good president for this year. Welcome to 2024 and let us make it another wonderful year for all of us.

Thank you.
Ron Lucero



Next Meeting:

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Roy Library
2039 West 4000 South
Roy, Utah

Treats for 2024

January	Dave Spinden
February	Chaz Walker
March	Mike Nichols
April	Clay & Heidi Pitkin
May	Dennis Thompson
June	Kevin Youngberg
July	Shawn Youngberg
August	Keb Leete
September	Phil Dunn
October	Bill Wiser
November	Kathy Christiansen

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Long Range Calendar

February meeting:

Monday, February 12th, at 7:00 PM, Pleasant Valley Library, Washington Terrace



Long-time members Mike and Debbie Bachman moved from their lovely home in Ogden Canyon to an even lovelier home in Willard a month or two ago, and the rumor was that it had a large garage. But nobody knew that the garage came with a bunch of Model As!

Christmas Party Sets Record Attendance

Our Christmas Party last month was a rousing success. Ninety-five people attended, causing some members to occupy booths along the side of the dining area.

For those members who have been around since the beginning, it's difficult to comprehend that this was the club's 42nd Christmas Party. "Yeah, I was there for the first one," recalls Randy Christiansen. "There were only about 5 members then. John March was the president, and we teamed up with the Salty A's Club out of Salt Lake, and had a Christmas party at the Red Flame restaurant in Bountiful. It was fun."

As typical at this event, the old president, Mike Nichols, handed the gavel over to new president, Ron Lucero. After the transition took place, a bounty of presents was raffled off one at a time. There so many gifts, in fact, that it's likely that at least each couple received one.

While this party was well-attended, it wasn't the biggest party that the club ever had. "Around 1999," Randy said, "we had about 85 members in the club, so if you double that, that's how many people could have attended the Christmas Party back then."

Nevertheless, like most Christmas parties, this one ended much too soon. But there is always next year....



Above and below: The dining room at the Timbermine steakhouse was crowded with Model Aers at the Christmas Party



Ideas for Events and Tours Needed

At the first Board meeting held on January 2, several ideas for tours and events were brought up for this year: a trip to Promontory Point, a drive through Ogden, a tour through Farr's Ice Cream factory, and an over-night trip to Ely, Nevada, to ride the steam train. These ideas will be brought up for discussion at the January meeting; however, the Board would like to hear your ideas as well. So, please think about what the club can do and where we can drive our Model As over the next year, and bring your ideas to the next meeting.

My First Model A

by Henry Dominguez



This is a photograph of my father Herbert Dominguez around 1940. He is out hunting somewhere near Battle Mountain, Nevada, where he was raised and had family. The 1928 or 1929 Model A Ford pickup is not his, however; it belonged to a friend of his, who probably took the picture.

Some thirty years later, when I became interested in automobiles, my dad took me to Battle Mountain to look for an old Ford to buy, and I had \$60 in my pocket to buy one!

While my dad was visiting relatives, I drove around town to see if I could spot something, and it didn't take long to come across several old cars. The first one was a 1933 or so Willys coupe—complete and in good condition. I don't know if it ran or not, but it looked like it might. But I wanted a Ford, so I kept driving. The second car I came across was a 1946-1948 Ford coupe. It too looked to be in good shape, but I kept driving around to see what else was around.

As I turned around a corner, I came upon an early Model A pickup. It looked to be abandoned, because half of it was on the curb and half of it was in the street. I got excited, because it looked to be in pretty good shape, but I just couldn't tow it away!

So I went to the nearest house, figuring that

whoever lived there owned it. A lady came to the door and I asked her about the old Ford.

“Oh, that's not ours,” she said. “That belongs to Mr. Jones,” and told me where he lived.

I went to his house, knocked on the door, and he came to the door. “I was told that you own the Model A parked outside of town,” I said.

“Yes, I do. Why?”

“Would you like to sell it?”

“Sure,” he replied.

“How much to you want?”

“Seventy-five dollars.”

Since I only had \$60, I offered him that. But he said no. I told Mr. Jones that I'd get back with him.

I went back to my relatives' house, and dad asked me right away if I had found anything. I told him the story, and asked him if he would lend me \$15 to buy it, which he did.

We towed it home, and I commenced to tear it apart to start my first restoration. But that is not the end of the story.

Turns out that the little Model A pickup that I bought was probably the same one in the picture!

“It probably is,” my dad told me, “because I don't remember ever seeing more than one '29 Model A pickup in town.”

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