



Rumble Seat Review

January 2022



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



Doug Jenkin's Model T Two Door at a Roadside Museum in Idaho During the Summer of 2021



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

President's Message

Clay Pitkin

Happy New Year!

I am very excited for the upcoming year of 2022! A new year always brings new opportunities!

I would like to thank this past year's presidency, as well as all those who supported, volunteered, and gave of their time and attention to the Beehive A's of Northern Utah in their respective roles, without you, the Beehive A's simply would not survive, **thank you!**

I would also like to thank all those individuals who have been elected and have accepted their new positions. They are a great bunch of people, and I am very excited to work with and get to know them better. I would also like to give a warm welcome to any future members, and welcome back present and past members.

This year the Beehive A's Club turns 40 years. We will be planning a celebration, more details to come.

Please also remember that if you have not paid your **Club dues** for the year of 2022, please come prepared to pay these for the January meeting. Dues are \$20.00 per year.

For the monthly meeting, the format is going to change slightly. Here are some items that we will be following for the coming year:

- A. **Tour announcements or anything pertaining to club business** - must be submitted via email to beehiveas1@gmail.com no later than the 1st Monday of every month.
- B. **Newsletter articles** - can be submitted at any time, but may not appear until the next month due to the lead time required for publication. If you would like it in the upcoming Newsletter, please submit it by the middle of the previous month.
- C. **Model A classifieds** - whether it is wanted, for sale, etc., can be submitted two ways. It is vitally important to be as detailed as possible as this list will be also sent to other Model "A" Clubs in Utah.



1. Email beehiveas1@gmail.com, with your contact information, as well as a picture of the parts or items that you have for sale or are in need of.
2. A signup sheet will be sent around with the roll. Please write your contact information, as well as describe the parts or items that you have for sale or need. If you have limited availability, please list the best times to contact you.

- D. **Club attire** - there will be a signup sheet sent around with the roll. Please work with Craig Berry on sizing, payment and item availability. If you do not have any shirts, jackets, etc., I would encourage you to make a purchase and show club spirit/support and wear these to the meetings and club functions.
- E. **Refreshment list** - There will be a refreshment list sent around with the roll. If you would like to bring refreshments to the meeting, please sign up with your information, include your phone number/ email so that a reminder can be made for future dates. The amount spent can be reimbursed, just make sure to keep receipts and submit them to the club treasurer, Jim Brown.
- F. **Tech talks** - For this year, we are going to implement a new process. Everyone likes to talk about themselves and their Model A's. We are now going to combine introductions, what kind of Model A that you own and the tech talk. There will be a signup sheet sent around with the roll, please sign up as we will be doing 2 per meeting. Each presenter can take up to 10 mins. For example, it would go something like this:

1. Introduce yourself.
2. The year, type of Model A you currently own (if applicable).
3. Tech talk - something you discovered working on your Model A. This does not have to be explicitly detailed, but something that could benefit other members while working on their A. Or maybe you have a tech tip for troubleshooting, or maybe you would like to know more about installing a part, or how to fix, repair, or install an item, etc.

Monthly Meeting Attendance - those who cannot attend the monthly meeting in person, but can attend over the Internet, I do have a no cost solution that can allow you to attend virtually. Please call me no later than the 1st Monday of every

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month so that we have sufficient time & resources to set up the virtual meeting.

This service is intended to be for those individuals who are unable to attend in person. I do not want this service to replace the in-person monthly meeting. Also, this service will be time limited to 1 hour and will be limited in being able to correspond with members in the meeting. So just understand that we are setting this service up to allow persons who cannot attend to listening in the meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank you for electing me to the President of the Beehive A's. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

See you on the road in your Model A!

Clay

New Members

No new members joined in December.

Next Meeting

Our January meeting will be held:

Monday, January 10, 2021 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Library
5568 S Adams Avenue
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

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2022 Dues

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022, IF YOU HAVE NOT. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. CONTACT SECRETARY/TREASURER JIM BROWN.

Past Events

DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held at the Ruby River Steakhouse in Riverdale. There were nearly 80 club members in attendance. The food was great, but to accommodate our group we were split into two groups in the upper tier. Never the less, we had a great time and the food was great too. Secretary/Treasurer Jim Brown arranged for the location and secured a number of door prizes. Rudy Eilander also solicited donations and several members, including Ray Wheelwright and Dennis Thompson donated prizes.

Donations from vendors and businesses included:

Sure Can - 4 cans

O'Reilly's at 2700 North and 300 East North Ogden - \$50.00 gift card.

Snyder's Antique Auto - \$50.00 gift card

Mitchell Overdrive - We're unsure, but they provided a nice gift.

Our January meeting will be at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace on January 10 at 7:00 PM. January Refreshments will be provided by Craig Call.

A Trip to Bert's Model A Store

Both of my brothers have Model A Fords. One a '30 Tudor, the other a '28 closed cab pickup and mine is a '29 Fordor (Briggs body blind back). With three Model As in the family we needed parts. We spoke with some of the membership and received some recommendations including using Bert's Model A Store out of Denver. We tried them and liked what we got. Occasionally, we'd have a question and call over, almost always getting Steve Becker, the owner. He'd answer

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our question and help us out with selecting the right part. He was also very candid about reproduction parts that didn't meet expectations.



The front of the '28 with other cars for sale in the background.

While perusing Bert's website, Shawn, my youngest brother, saw a tab marked "Gallery". Clicking on it the pull-down menu offered a link to customer's cars; Bert's photos; and cars for sale.

He took a peek at the cars for sale menu and found they had a '28 roadster pickup truck for sale. He has a '28 closed cab pickup. We both thought it would be great for me to buy it and we'd have twin '28 pickups to cruise around. After some discussion and a call to Steve we made the road trip to Denver to see it.



The '28 Roadster Pickup, in the background is the engine building area.

Bert's is in Englewood, on the south end of Denver. He has a nice store front, but Steve says he only gets about 2 walk-in customers a day. Most orders are placed through the internet. The phone is constantly ringing for orders or questions. The shop, car bays and warehouse are located behind the storefront and office space. The building is about 22,000 square feet.

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The storefront has some product displayed, books out where they can be seen, and two glass cases make up the counter. Inside the glass cases are some of the original Ford parts and accessories. Beautiful original nickel-plated gas and radiator caps caught my attention. Jacks, cranks and other original equipment filled the shelves.

The warehouse, car bays and shop are well organized. Steve showed me the 28 pickup we came to see and then took us into the engine shop area for a tour. He turned us over to Chuck who does the engine rebuilds. Chuck explained the process to us, showed us the large amount of crud that comes out of the engine block water jackets during cleaning, the inserted bearings and the counterbalances they add to the crankshaft as well as the lightened flywheels the add to the engines. They offer engines as short blocks and long blocks. Chuck is busy, wait time is up to a year for a long block engine. One of the biggest issues slowing down production is a serious lack of rebuildable blocks. They purchase old engines to get blocks to rebuild. Once the block is cleaned and inspected the majority of them are rejected. Chuck is a wealth of knowledge and a genuine nice guy.

While looking over the truck we realized that it was not for us, but Bert's had several other cars there for sale including a '31 slant window (made me think of Dan Johnson), a sport coupe and a '29 Tudor like my father



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 had when I was young. After looking over the '29 Tudor and giving it a short drive, I bought it.

While looking at the cars Steve told us his family had a Model A when he was young, and the family was living in snow country. His father had put tire chains on it and only used it to get around in the snow. When his father was transferred to Denver the car came with the family. He wanted to restore it and to finance the restoration he refinished Model A headlights and other parts. This branched out to a mail order parts business and Bert's Model A Store was born. Bert only ran the store for three years before passing away. Steve was in college and looked at the family business as an opportunity. He bought out his sister and has been running the business ever since.



The '29 Tudor that caught my eye, shop and warehouse in the background.

Bert's is a great place to visit, the staff are knowledgeable and friendly. We had a great visit, bought some nice parts and I left with a car just like my dad had (only in much better shape).

Bert's Model A Store
 2767 South Tejon Street
 Englewood, CO 80110
 800-321-1931
<https://modelastore.com/>

Member/Car Profile

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We were unable to connect with a couple of the members for the Member/Car Profile this month. Look for a new interview in February!

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
January 10	Club Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library
January 29-30	Turlock Swap	Turlock, CA
TBD	Tour	Island Park

An Interesting Side Stop

Doug Jenkins spent the summer in Island Park and took one of his Model A's and one of his T's into Yellowstone Park. Along the way, he stopped at a petroleum station museum. This is his report.

One of the things on my bucket list was to drive my Model A and Model T through Yellowstone Park, destination Old Faithful.

On my way up to Island Park pulling my Model T, I stopped in at Jim Horkley's place. It is on Hwy 20 in Thornton Idaho Exit 328 and north of the exit. You can see his place clearly from Hwy 20 on the frontage road on the east side going north.



He has a lot of very interesting stuff to look at. I stopped and looked for the owner. I finally found him and introduced myself to him. His name is Jim Horkley, a very funny and nice guy. He opened up his place and told me to take a look around. There was so much stuff I couldn't take it all in.

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Jim said he worked for the oil company. I took it that it was Conoco Oil. He said it is how he accrued most of his Conoco and signage memorabilia. I asked if I could unload my Model T and take pictures and he said, "of course".



We talked about a lot of things and he showed me some of his vehicles, new production T-Bird, 1962 Corvette, 1956 Nomad, 1970 El Camino and 1930 Model A pickup.

He is still collecting antiques and sells some.

He has invited me back, so I am going to stop when I take my Model A home and will keep you updated with more finds.

He stated he will welcome any one, they just need to call him 30 minutes before arriving. (I will tell you that story in person). His name and

number Jim Horkley 1-208-390-8757.

Editor's Note: Doug has some very interesting stories and photos of his travels this past summer. Hopefully we can have him present at a meeting or include some of his additional adventures in an upcoming newsletter.

Tech Corner

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

We didn't receive any technical questions to discuss at the January meeting. 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.

ANTIFREEZE

Antifreeze has been a disputed topic among Model A owners. I spoke with one fellow who had an A during the 1930s and he said they run water in the car and drained it every night during the winter and refilled it in the morning if they needed to drive it. Some of the early technical manuals recommend adding alcohol to the radiator to prevent freezing. When I was looking for my first Model A one I looked at had only run water, in the

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fall the car was drained and stored without anything in the radiator or engine (for coolant).

A trip to the auto parts store shows that antifreeze has changed a lot over the past few years to meet the needs of the evolving engine types currently out there. Our A engines are cast iron. Some modern engines have aluminum parts that touch the coolant. The antifreeze manufacturers have modified the formulas to make the coolant safe for aluminum parts and they have developed "long life" antifreeze products.

The long life coolants have inhibitors that attack silicone (used to seal gaskets, or replace a gasket), it also attacks lead based products like the babbitt in our bearings and the solder in our radiators.

There are two types of coolant commonly available: Organic Acid Technology (OAT) and Inorganic Additive Technology (IAT). The OAT antifreeze is the type that is generally listed as long life and it the type that WILL attack silicone and lead in our bearings and radiator.

We should be using that IAT coolants. Remember, the A's don't like OATs.

It's been a crazy year for us. I damaged my '29 Tudor and Doug Jenkins repaired it for me (Thanks Doug!), so we missed some shows. The '29 Fordor type 39 transmission lost its synchros in 2020 and we repaired it, but could only find the Asian caged bearings so it only lasted about 1,200 miles so that tranny has been out since April. The '30 Tudor needed a radiator and after months of delay it has arrived, so that will go in during late winter or spring. The '28 pickup gained some drive train noise on its way to winter storage so we'll investigate that and report. Lots of projects going on in the Three Brother's A's Shop.

Additionally, we hear through the grapevine that Karen Stoker and Ray Wheelwright have Mitchell synchro transmissions to go into Karen's '29 truck and Ray's Fordor. We understand Ray opted for the 15% plus first and second gear, while Karen selected a 15% plus second gear. We hope to report on how the installs go and what the transmissions do to improve the driving performance.

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Happy wrenching,

The Youngberg Brothers (Dirk, Shawn and Kevin)

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

Wanted: '30 pickup passenger door

Clay Pitkin is looking for a passenger door for a 1930 pickup. He can be contacted at 801-589-5797.

For sale: Installation kit for T5 transmission

Allows a T5 transmission to fit into a Model A Ford. Comes from Auto Restoration in Muncie, Indiana \$900.00

Also have a very good T5 transmission for \$900.00. Contact Jim Nelson 801-547-7780

For Sale: 1929 AA Truck

1929 AA pickup runs, new head gasket, drives. No pictures, condition unknown. Clay Pitkin met this fellow and the fellow is interested in selling it. The condition is unknown. He does not have the title to it, however he said I do know it's free and clear. He indicated its been in Idaho its whole life. He is asking \$2,000 O.B.O. The gentleman's name is Kenn he can be reached at 509-770-5590. If you call tell him Clay from the Burley Idaho estate sale referred you to him.

For sale: Overhauled Zenith Carburetors

Rebuilt Zenith carburetors, \$175 outright sale (no core required). Contact Del Friedli 435-753-1659

In search of: 1930 – 31 Emergency Brake Cross Shaft

Mike Nichols is looking for an emergency brake cross shaft. He needs one that fits a '30 – '31 frame. Contact Mike 801-725-4833

Wanted: 4.11 Gear Set

Dennis Thompson is looking for a matched 4.11 ring and pinion gear set or a complete rear end with 4.11 gears. Contact Dennis 801-510-5837

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