



# Rumble Seat Review

July 2021



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



Don Niederhauser with his 1931 Deluxe Roadster in  
Washington Blue



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of the Model A Ford  
Club of America

## President's Message

Dennis Thompson

Thanks to Issac Goeckeritz for the tech talk about Junction City in our June meeting. I am sure that most of you, like myself learned at least something new about Ogden. I grew up in Ogden and have been associated with Ogden all of my life and until that meeting I had no idea why it was called the junction city. The swap meet before the meeting seemed to turn out well too. Fortunately, when I left that meeting, I had fewer Model A parts than what I arrived with. That made it a rare day for me!



Our July meeting will again be at the Pleasant Valley Library. The tech talk for that meeting will be on wheels and Roy Van Orman will be presenting it. I'm sure he will have good information to share with the group.

We have been invited to attend a tour in the Price/Helper area the last week in August. Information will be presented in the July meeting so we can decide who is interested in going. The Utah Valley Model A Club set it up so we are tagging along with them. I have toured with them before and they are very good at organizing events like this. It should be fun for all who can make it. See this link for more info: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsUZMnyJp6L7nglqP63NvmmOyPXQ?e=wSbQZe>

As I write this it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is also Sunday and the organized celebrations don't happen today. For me it means it is in between the North Ogden parade yesterday and the Layton parade tomorrow. Having attended the North Ogden parade, I find it good to be back in the saddle and doing things with the club that puts smiles on faces. Jeri (my wife) attended the parade

with me yesterday and she had fun even though it was quite warm.

I apologize because I will not be attending the July meeting. I have a family vacation that will be too far away for me to get back to attend this meeting. Rudy will be officiating the meeting. Please go easy on him. I will see most of you at the August meeting.

Dennis

## Next Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S Adams Avenue

Washington Terrace, UT 84405

Topic will be wheels by Roy Van Orman

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## 2021 Dues

**JUST A REMINDER, IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2021 PLEASE CONTACT JIM BROWN. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. THANK YOU.**



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## Past Events

### JUNE MEETING



The Beehive A's met at their usual location, the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace, an hour early for a Model A Swap Meet. The meet was well attended and was a success with many

parts and some cash exchanging hands. There seemed to be a lot of good deals going around!



The group moved inside for the meeting at 7:00 PM with Dennis Thompson conducting. He thanked Heidi Pitkin for the seven-layer dip and commented that it was delicious.

He displayed a printed example of the benefits of parade sponsorship with a breakdown of the pertinent information. Rick Berry suggested the information be placed on the Beehive A's website and Jim Brown agreed to get it placed there.

Dennis reported on the tour to Tremonton and the Randy Moulding tractor tour. The Beehive A's fielded nine cars at the beginning of the event. Upon arrival at the tractor collection we had grown in number to 12 cars, we picked up 3 along the way.

There will be three parades we will be participating in in July:

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Cherry Days, North Ogden.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> Layton Parade, followed by lunch at our sponsor's restaurant, The Base Restaurant in Layton.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Ogden Pioneer Day Parade. Jim Brown is the event coordinator and reported the fees have been paid. He will have more information as the event comes closer.

We have been invited by the Utah Valley A's to go on a tour to Helper, Utah, on a tour of nine-mile canyon. More information will be available as plans are solidified.

The Club met on Saturday June 19 at 8:30 AM at the Maverik in South Weber and tour to Morgan for the car show being held there.

The Erickson Power Show was held June 25 -26 this year in Wallsburg, UT. There will be live music and a tractor pull. They have acquired many new items. Anyone who would like to assist please contact Russ Baker. There is space available to dry camp on site.

Dennis announced the Club received \$400.00 from Russ Baker for providing drivers at the Annual Salt Lake City Classic Car Auction. Thanks to Russ for the donation and thanks to all those who helped out.

Dennis introduced two new members. Matt Yates from North Ogden who has just acquired his grandfather's 4 door that is not currently running. Gordon and Doris Oram are from Taylor and have a '30 Coupe they have been working on.

Jim Brown provided an update on finances showing the Club has about \$4,600 available. The only recent expenditure was entry for the Ogden Pioneer Day Parade.

Randy Ropelato reported the Syracuse Car Show will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for a driver for the Grand Marshall, the parade will start at 8:00 AM and the car show goes from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can preregister or register the day of the show.

Our July meeting will again be held at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace with Roy Van Orman providing a tech talk on wheels.

Keith Painter noted he is looking for a Fordor body, if you know of one please call Keith.

Mr. Ray Wheelwright had some success at the swap meet held prior to the meeting and donated one half of his income (\$50.00) to the Club. Thanks Ray!

Barbara Berry volunteered to provide the treats for the July meeting.

The main presenter was Isaac Goeckeritz who showed his documentary film on the railroad impact on Ogden. The film is also on YouTube.

## New Members

Matt Yates, North Ogden – Fordor Sedan  
Gordon and Doris Oram, Taylor – '30 Coupe

## Member/Car Profile

**DON NIEDERHAUSER, PAST NEWSLETTER EDITOR, SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Don has been around Model A's since he was a kid. His father, Ed Niederhauser, was an A enthusiast and restored over 20 Model A's. Don was 13 or 14 when his father began restoring A's. Each of Ed's children got two of the restored cars. Don received a 1929 Phaeton and a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. The roadster is Washington Blue.

Don's dad was one of the five founding members of the Beehive A's along with current members, Randy Christiansen and Ray Wheelwright. Prior to the Beehive A's, Ed, Don and several others organized a Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) chapter in Ogden called Rumble Seats and Running Boards. Over the years the membership declined and the chapter dissolved. In the late 1980's interest increased, and the Beehive A's were organized.

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Model A's were important to Don and his dad. As Don got into his late teens he began flying and his time for cars dwindled. He became a pilot for American Airlines. In the 1990's his found the time to renew his interest in Model A's and he became active in the Beehive A's. He wrote the newsletter for two years and served as Secretary/Treasurer for 11 years.

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He has attended a National Convention in Riverside, California as well as several regional meets. Don especially enjoys the tours. He has toured locally as well as through Yellowstone. He married three years ago and took his wife, Colby, on the National Tour through Kanab, Utah.



Don's Wife, Colby, with the '31 Deluxe Roadster

Don has been involved for a long time. When asked what's changed, he noted that many of the cars we drive today are highly modified. He likes his A's to be like Henry built them. He understands that modern traffic is different than it was 90 years ago, and safety is important but likes to keep it real, meaning the way they rolled off the assembly line. He says, "The Model A is an incredible piece of machinery." After a small incident that ruined his wiring, he has added a fuse to his car.

Today Don still has the roadster, he's sold the phaeton. He has fond memories of the cars his father built and recalls his dad stopping at small rural Ford dealerships to loot the attic for new old stock parts. In fact, his roadster wears a pair of new old stock front fenders they found on one such trip.

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When asked what car he would choose if he could have any A he responded, "A 31 Deluxe Roadster in Washington Blue." I guess he has his dream car. Don does say having a closed car would be nice for touring.

His parting wisdom after nearly 60 years in the hobby? Drive 'em when you can, enjoy them. He has enjoyed the hobby so much, but it's not all about the cars, it's socializing with the other A owners. The Model A is the catalyst for those friendships, a pleasure in his life and a blessing.

## Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
July 12	Meeting	5568 S Adams Avenue Washington Terrace, UT
July 16	Advance Auto Parts Car Show	Ogden
July 22	Valley Fair Cruise Night	West Valley City
July 24	Ogden Pioneer Day Parade	Ogden
July 24	Annual Car Show Junkie	Kamas
August 7	Evanston Car Show	Evanston, WY
August 9	Meeting	5568 S Adams Avenue Washington Terrace, UT
August 9	North Ogden Cruise Night	Kirt's Drive-In, North Ogden
August 14	Under the Stars Car Show	Sunset City Park
August 15	Hobble Creek Car Show	Rotary Park, Springville
August 28	Copperton City Town Days	Copperton City
September 4	Willard City Car Show	Willard City Park
September 10	Peach Days Car Show	Brigham City
September 13	Meeting	5568 S Adams Avenue Washington Terrace, UT

## Any Items of Interest

We had a rather impromptu tour to Morgan last month. A small group attended a car show there.

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We had six or seven members attend with two classic cars, one Model A and an Harley Davidson.



## Syracuse Car Show

The Beehive A's made a strong showing at the Syracuse car show on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 13 Model A's there and 12 were owned by club members. The early Model A trucks were well represented with three '29s and one '28 making appearances. Club members took home five of the seven trophies.



Those participating included:

Randy Christiansen	'30 Fordor
Ray Wheelwright	'30 Fordor
Dennis Thompson	'30 Sports Coupe
Eldon Flinders	'30 Coupe
Marv Thurn	'30 Coupe
Karen Stoker	'29 Closed Cab Pickup
Rudy Eilander	'28 Coupe
Dan Johnson	'31 Fordor
Randy Ropelato	'29 Woody
Shawn Youngberg	'28 Closed Cab Pickup
Steve Sessions	'29 Closed Cab Pickup
Al Kaiser	'29 Closed Cab Pickup
Kevin Youngberg	'29 Tudor

Those club participants taking home trophies were:

Participants Choice : Eldon Flinders - 1930 Model A Coupe  
Fire Dept. Choice : Karen Stoker - 1929 Model A Pickup  
Police Dept. Choice : Shawn Youngberg - 1928 Model A Pickup  
Parks And Rec. Dept. Choice : Randy Ropelato - 1956 Ford Victoria  
Public Works Dept. Choice : Henry Dominguez - 1953 Ford Coupe





Congratulations to the owners of these fabulous cars.

### Cherry Days Parade

The Beehive A's really knocked it out of the park for Cherry Days. The group started assembling at Rick and Barbara Berry's home just east of the parade starting point at about 9:00 AM. Rick and Barbara provided doughnuts and drinks to the participants as they gathered. By 9:30 the street was full. We had 15 cars in the parade and each car was full of passengers. President Dennis Thompson lead the group with the Beehive A's banner on the front of his 30 Sport Coupe.



Participants included:

- Barbara Berry '31 Murray Fordor
- Rick Berry '29 Tudor
- Rick Berry T- Bucket
- Dan Johnson '31 Cabriolet
- Dennis Thompson '30 Sport Coupe
- Shawn Youngberg '28 Closed Cab Pickup
- Craig Call '31 Coupe
- Craig Call '30 Closed Cab Pickup
- Craig Call '31 Murray Fordor
- Randy Christiansen '30 Murray Fordor
- Mike Russell '28 Roadster
- Dave Spinden '29 Closed Cab Pickup
- Karen Stoker '29 Closed Cab Pickup
- Rudy Eilander '28 Coupe
- Craig Berry '31 Victoria





This was an opportunity to see some cars that don't usually make it to our meetings.



## Layton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

It's been a busy time for the Beehive A's, Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> was the Layton Parade. We fielded about 10 vehicles for the parade and met after at the restaurant that sponsored us for the parade, The Base Restaurant and Bar for lunch.



We had the following cars for the parade:

- Randy & Cathy Christiansen '30 Fordor
- Dan & Kris Johnson '31 Cabriolet
- Keith & Mike Painter Pickup
- Troy & Chuck Evans Depot Jack
- Karen Stoker '29 Closed Cab Pickup
- Rudy Eilander '28 Coupe
- Rick & Barbara Berry '29 Tudor
- Craig and Jo Berry '31 Victoria

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- Dave and Jo Spinden '29 Closed Cab Pickup
- Dennis and Jeri Thompson '30 Sport Coupe



## Tech Corner

### WHAT CAN YOUR FRAME TELL YOU?

Ford specified the engine number as the official serial number for the car. The frame number is supposed to be the same as the engine number as manufactured. The engine number was usually stamped on the top of the left side of the frame flange at the vehicle assembly plant. To observe the frame number usually the body must be removed. Sometimes the frame number was not stamped. More frequently, if it's missing, it faded due to corrosion over time.

In addition to the frame serial number stamping, assembly plants often stamped an assembly plant number. These numbers usually consists of an alpha character followed by a series of numbers. They are commonly called body identification numbers and appear to have been used to track the vehicles completed by one of the 35 Ford assembly plants around the US. The stamping, if it exists, is located on the horizontal front body cross member, in the body side rails at the floorboard level or in the wooden cross member on some boy styles such as Cabriolets and Fordors. The size of the stamping varies between plants.

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These are not the same as the body numbers affixed to the Briggs and Murray bodies.

When the plant city was a single word, usually they used for first letter of the city followed by the last letter of the city name. If the city name was two words, they usually used the first letter of each word.

Of the 35 assembly plants, 31 sites have been identified. They are:

A	Atlanta, Georgia AA also noted
BO	Buffalo, New York
CE	Charlotte, North Carolina
CR	Chester, Pennsylvania
CHI	Chicago, Illinois
CI	Cincinnati, Ohio
CL	Cleveland, Ohio (CLE) also noted
G	Columbus, Ohio
DS	Dallas, Texas
DR	Denver, Colorado
DM	Des Moines, Iowa
E	Edgewater, New Jersey
H	Houston, Texas
I	Indianapolis, Indiana
JE	Jacksonville, Florida
	Kansas City Missouri (possibly used letters 'AF')
a	Kearny, New Jersey
LA	Long Beach, California
LA	Los Angeles, California
LE	Louisville, Kentucky
ME	Memphis, Tennessee
M	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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NO	New Orleans, Louisiana
NK	Norfolk, Virginia
OC	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
	Omaha, Nebraska – Possibly used 'AU'
	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
PO	Portland, Oregon
R	Richmond, California
F	Detroit (Rouge), Michigan
SFA	San Francisco, California
AS	Seattle, Washington
S	Somerville, Massachusetts
STL	St. Louis, Missouri
TC	Twin City, St. Paul, Minnesota

Want a bit more information to determine the date of your frame? Steve Plucker has prepared a nice detailed study that will help determine when your frame was made. It can be located at:

[http://plucks329s.org/pdf/frame/Evolution\\_of\\_the\\_frame\\_Assembly2.pdf](http://plucks329s.org/pdf/frame/Evolution_of_the_frame_Assembly2.pdf)

Additional information will also be available in the Judging Standards.

#### LOCATING PARTS LOCALLY

We all have our favorite Model A suppliers and it makes good sense to support them to keep them around, but did you ever need a part today, not next week or the week after? NAPA has some parts available that can help get you going. Usually the price is higher than our suppliers.

Part	Number	Maker
<b>Electrical</b>		
Points (original)	CS30	Echlin
Points (modern)	CS751	Echlin
Condenser	FA5	Echlin
Rotor	FA3	Echlin

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Spark plug	561 (W16Y)	Champion
Spark plug	3X (CHA429)	Champion
Coil 6 volt	MPEIC7SB	Mileage Plus
Coil 12 volt	IC14	Echlin
Stoptlight bulb (6V)	1129	NAPA
Stoptlight bulb (12V)	1073	NAPA
Taillight bulb (12V)	89	NAPA
Battery (6V)	BAT 7244	NAPA
Battery (12V)	843578	EXIDE
<b>Engine</b>		
Overhaul gasket set	FS7013C	FelPro
Head gasket	FPG 7013	FelPro
Intake/Exhaust gasket	FPG MS2388S	FelPro
Oil pan gasket	FPS OS30912C	FelPro
Valves	SEPV130	Sealed Power
Valve springs	SEPVS71	Sealed Power
Valve seat insert intake	218-8535	NAPA
Valve seat insert exhaust	218-7535	NAPA
Piston (standard)	224-2625	NAPA
Piston Pin Bushing	223-3316	NAPA
Cylinder Repair Sleeve	SEP SL20Y	Sealed Power
Piston rings	506	Perfect Circle
<b>Drive Train</b>		
Clutch pilot bearing	PBGP6203-2RSJ	NAPA
Clutch release bearing	N1087	NAPA
<b>Wheels</b>		
Front wheel bearing inner	15118 BR19118	Timken NAPA
Front wheel race inner	15250 15250X	Timken NAPA
Front wheel outer bearing	09074 BR09074	Timken NAPA
Front wheel outer race	09196X	Timken NAPA
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		

Fan belt	NBH2520426	NAPA
Radiator hose upper	NBH611	NAPA
Radiator hose lower	NBH613	NAPA
Kingpin set	RPC30107	Rare Parts Chassis
Tierod/drag link springs and caps	RPC26193	Rare Parts Chassis

Hope this helps find the parts you need.

Happy wrenching,

The Youngberg Brothers (Dirk, Shawn and Kevin)



## Member Sales Corner



### 1929 Roadster

1929 Ford Model A Roadster, rumble seat. Brown with black fenders, this is an older restoration and needs the soft top replaced. Nice car! Asking \$15,000.00. Contact Randy Ropelato 801-731-3980.

## Sponsor Ads



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