

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



November 2021

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



Past President Keith Painter and His '31 Closed Cab Pickup



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

President's Message

Dennis Thompson

The tour to Providence for the Sweet Rides and Sauerkraut Car Show was great fun. Even though the day started off cool, it turned into a nice day that I really enjoyed. Great fun with great people. A big thank you to Craig Call for organizing it.

We have two events left for this year in addition to our November meeting. One is the Black Friday tour. Watch for details on this one. As of this writing there is no concrete plan beyond getting together to do something. The second event is the Christmas party. This year it will be at Ruby River Steak House in Riverdale. There should be a menu selection form at the back of this newsletter. Please fill it out and return it to Jim Brown. Also included in this form are dues for 2022.

The November club meeting is an important meeting for all club members. We will be selecting our future officers (nobody will be railroaded this year) so please plan on attending as your input on this is very important. I would also like to encourage all of you to please volunteer to help out with the club. The stronger the members are at volunteering the stronger the club will be.

See you at the next meeting.

Dennis

New Members

There were no new members in October.

Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be held:

Monday, November 8, 2021 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S Adams Avenue

Washington Terrace, UT 84405

The topic will be trailer wiring, trouble shooting and tie downs by Clay Pitkin.

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2022 Dues

IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE THE PRESIDENCY WILL BE SENDING OUT INFORMATION ON THE CHRISTMAS DINNER BEING HELD IN PLACE OF THE DECEMBER MEETING. INCLUDED IN THE INVITATION AND RSVP WILL BE A FORM FOR 2022 MEMBERSHIP AND DUES. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR.

Past Events

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting was held on October 11, 2021 at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace.

The Weber State University Automotive open house was discussed. The Beehive A's sent around 8 cars to display at the event. Those who attended reported the new automotive instructional unit was outfitted with some amazing new technology.

The Providence Sweet Rides and Sauerkraut tour and car show plans were discussed.

There is potentially a car show which will be held at Business Depot Ogden. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

The annual Christmas party will be held in place of the December meeting. This year there will be a change of location to Ruby River Steakhouse, located at 4286 Riverdale Road, in Riverdale. The dinner will be held on

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. This is an upstairs location, but there is ground level access at the rear for the restaurant. Members MUST reserve their spot and cost will be \$15.00 per person for up to two dinners, additional persons can attend with the member at a cost of \$30.00 per person. The menu is fillet mignon, prime rib or salmon. Reservation registrations will be sent to the membership during November.

The November meeting will include an election for new officers. Please attend and help elect those you would like to have running the Club in 2022 and into 2023.

Randy Christiansen has decided to spend more time keeping up his two magnificent cars and less time writing the Beehive A's report for the MAFCA magazine. Mike Bachman has stepped up to put that together as the Club Reporter.

The October Tech Talk was provided by Mr. Ray Wheelwright. He provided an excellent overview of distributors including how they are geared within the engine and what pitfalls to watch out for when changing parts and servicing them.

Dennis Thompson built a dynamic coil and condenser tester with a distributor and four spark plugs that he demonstrated.

A thank you to Shawn and Sheila Youngberg for the treats and the treats for November's meeting will be provided by Henry Dominguez.

PROVIDENCE SWEET RIDES AND SAUERKRAUT



Originally scheduled for October 9th, weather forced the postponement of the event to October 16th. Beehive A's had five members and cars participate in the tour and show. Those attending included Craig Call, Dave Spinden, Craig Berry, Randy and Kathy Christiansen and Dennis Thompson. One of Dave Spinden's friends, Wally, driving a 40s cab over engine

also joined the tour. Club members Del and Joy Friedli met the group at the car show in Providence.



According to President Dennis Thompson, the later date provided near perfect weather.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Black Friday Brunch and Tour

The Club will hold a Black Friday brunch and optional tour on Friday, November 26. Meet at Ramblin' Roads restaurant, 1178 S 2000 W St, Marriott-Slaterville, UT, at 10:30 AM for brunch. The optional tour will be held after.

The September/October 2021 issue of the Restorer magazine noted the membership milestones of Keith and Marie Painter – 50 Years and Randy and Kathy Christiansen - 40 Years.

Randy Ropelato's mother, Louise Ropelato, passed away on October 22, 2021. Our condolences to Randy and Glory during this difficult time.

Dirk Youngberg's son Nathan passed on October 29, 2021. Our sympathy goes out to Dirk.

Oil Dripping Cars

We all fight the oil drips from our cars. Even Ford did, as I've seen pictures of brand new Model A's on the Ford dealer showroom floors with drip pans under them. The picture below shows one dealer's solution to keeping the floor clean under the new Model A. The picture was supposedly taken at a Ford dealer in Salt Lake.



It was actually designed to show how strong and safe the new Model A was during a rollover. I'll bet some restorer is still trying to get that body to stand up straight.

Member/Car Profile

KEITH PAINTER, PAST PRESIDENT

We pulled off to the south side of the building thinking we'd arrived. We knew we were a bit early and waited a bit. We finally pulled around to the west side of the hangar and found a 1931 Closed Cab Pickup in front of the hangar door. We knew we'd found the right place.

Keith let us in the man door and we saw the outlines of lots of cars under covers. The outlines on most were pretty distinctive. Model A's of various types and a few we didn't immediately recognize. Toward the back were some Model T's and at a glance we saw they are brass era cars.

In the center of the shop were engines in various states of assembly and a smattering of parts set out for assembly on the cars. There was the slight smell of gasoline and oil, the kind of smell you find in a well worked shop. At the back and in an upstairs loft was a well appointed office/man cave. This was just the place people dream of to store and work on their cars.

Shop owner Keith Painter was born and raised in Logan, Utah. As a young man he had a series of Model T's and

bought a Model A Coupe in 1956. He's had a bit of experience with early Fords. He and his wife, Marie, married relatively young and he entered the United States Army. Being deployed forced him to give up his Model A habit for a bit, but in 1969 he was stationed in Hawaii and bought and rebuilt a Model A in Oahu. He brought that car home to Utah with him and eventually sold it to a local fellow, known as "What the Hell" Mel. This car brought him back to Model A's.

He currently owns four Model A's, a 1928 Roadster painted Arab Sand and Copra Drab, A '31 Closed Cab Pickup with a wide bed, a '30 Tudor and a '31 Slant Window Fordor. Many are equipped with Model B engines that give them some extra horse power. His '31 pickup has a B engine, dual Stromberg carburetors. It provides more horsepower and speed than is prudent to take advantage of, but it sure makes moving around in traffic and pulling hills easy.



In addition to the Model A's Keith has two Model T's, a 1915 touring with a two speed rear end and wire wheels he's added and a 1912. The '12 predates Ford's assembly line production and was



completely handmade. It has a wooden cowl and carbide headlights. When Keith received it, it was all original with no rust on it. Looking at them together it is interesting to see the progression of the T's in just a three year period.

Under other covers were some very nice classics. A 1957 Thunderbird with portal windows. Keith said it had seven layers of paint when he started restoration. Another is a 1940 Fordor, black, with a stock flathead V-8 and an overdrive.



Getting back to his A's, the '30 Tudor has '40 Ford hydraulic brakes, a Mitchell synchro transmission and an H&H Traveler inserted engine. It also has a stainless steel muffler.



The '31 Slant Window Fordor is a Murray body car. It also has a Mitchell synchro transmission and overdrive. This car came from the Tom Clark collection and is one of the finest Fordors we've seen.



Keith has taken his Model A's on some impressive tours, owning them is one thing, having the confidence in your work to drive them long distances is another. A favorite destination is Jackson Hole, Wyoming. These tours take about nine hours, with frequent stops to rest and refuel.

As far as maintenance, Keith likes to use 10W-30 synthetic oil, but says there is nothing wrong with using 30W dinosaur oil either. The synthetic just gives superior lubrication.

Prior to tours he says it's important to use one of the well-established pre-tour checklists to ensure the car is ready, MAFCA is a good source for the checklist. As far as breakdowns, Keith has noted the most frequent one he's seen is overdrive linkage failure.

When asked what has helped him most in his car collection he mentioned two things:

"It pays to have a good supporting woman behind you." And, "The help from other Club members have made it possible for him to enjoy the hobby."

Keith was president in 2005. He has taken a short hiatus from Club meetings because of a church calling, but thinks that will be coming to an end soon and looks forward to meeting with the members in the near future.

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
November 8	Club Meeting (Elections)	Pleasant Valley Library
November 26	Black Friday Tour	Ramblin' Roads 1178 S 2000 W St, Marriott-Slaterville, UT 10:30 AM
December 13	Christmas Dinner in lieu of Club Meeting	Ruby River, Riverdale 6:30 PM, You MUST RSVP
January 10	Club Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library

Tech Corner

WINTERIZATION

This Tech Corner this month is a topic recommended by Club Member Ron Lucero. He felt it would be good to discuss how to winterize our cars.

There are several levels of winterization to consider. We drive most of our cars during good weather during the winter, but some get "stored". For those we drive we do a moderate level of winterization. This includes:

- Air up the tires
- Top off the gasoline with ethanol free fuel
- Ensure the fuel is turned off
- Add Marvel Mystery Oil (we don't know why, it's a mystery to us, but it makes us feel good)
- Add Sta-Bil to the tank
- Check the antifreeze level and ensure it's at the proper concentration

Cars that get stored over the winter get additional attention:

- Dolly the tires so we can move it around in the shop
- Emergency brake disengaged
- Top off the battery with distilled water
- Once the additives have been placed in the gasoline and it has been turned off, run the engine until the carburetor is empty
- Change the oil (removes that oils that have acids from combustion and helps keep the sediments from dirty oil from settling in the engine)

- Oil the distributor
- Lube the chassis and water pump (use a water pump grease, not chassis or wheel bearing grease, we keep a small hand gun just for this purpose)
- Check all fluids
- Pull the fuse or breaker
- Prior to storing we like to wash the car, put on any protectants on the top, paint and interior the cover the car to protect from dust
- Make a list of winter projects for the car

There are a couple of schools of thought on antifreeze, some run plain water. If this is the case it MUST be drained before winter storage (even if it's in a heated area, a power outage could lead to a cracked block or head). We run antifreeze all year long. There are many different antifreeze formulas on the market now, so ensure you have the correct one for your car. We've been using the green colored available from the farm supply stores.

Batteries are another concern. We leave them in the cars and periodically rotate a battery tender among the batteries in the shop, whether they are in the car or stored. The tenders we use are relatively inexpensive and provide a low amp charge that shuts off automatically when the battery reaches a charged level. Old style battery chargers will continue to charge the battery and can boil it dry. In looking over battery storage recommendation on the internet for this article we see some people recommend removing the battery and storing it connected to a battery tender. Recommendations also include putting a bit of dielectric grease on the battery terminals.

Other recommendations we found for storing our cars called for:

- Fogging oil in the cylinders
- Lifting the tires off the ground and placing jack stands under the suspension
- Inspect hoses and water pump
- Tighten the lug nuts
- Set the point gap and put a small piece of business card between the points (I'd never

remember to remove this in the spring and would spend hours hunting for the reason my car won't start)

- Pest control – rodents love the nice interior of our cars. Different methods have been tried and some swear they are successful, while others claim they are wives tales. We don't have an answer for rodents, use what you think best. Some recommend a cat, but that brings other problems if they decide to use the car for their "business" area.

Finally, winter is our time to bring the major items found during the summer season back into spec. We have several winter projects so we'll be in the cars throughout the winter. Cars that are winter drivers will be started weekly. Those being stored will have the engine turned over manually with the tranny in neutral to keep the engine from getting stuck. Last year we put a bit of oil in the cylinder of each of these cars to keep it lubed during these turnovers. We probably should do that again before it gets cold.

That gives you some ideas for your car. If anyone has any other ideas on winterization (as well as corrections) please let us know and we'll add them to next month's Tech Corner.

Happy wrenching,
The Youngberg Brothers

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: Oil Breather Tube



20-inch oil breather tube replaces the oil fill cap to prevent oil splatter in the engine compartment. Like new, only used 40 miles and 4 quarts.

Contact Shawn Youngberg 801-866-7708

For sale: Distributor with electronic ignition

\$225.00 Contact Kevin Youngberg 801-721-3479

For sale: Overhauled Zenith Carburetors

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

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Party: Dec 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm. This year's Banquet is on a Monday, at the Ruby River Steakhouse, 4286 Riverdale Road, Ogden. Bring your menu choices and check to November meeting or mail to:

Jim Brown, Treasurer
865 Manchester Road
Kaysville, UT 84037
C: (801) 497-6594

➤ **Absolute Deadline to Reserve & Pay is Wednesday, November 25th!**

Name _____ Number in Party _____

Your cell # _____ Your email address _____

Menu Choices (all prices include meal, dessert, drink, tax & tip):

_____ Prime Rib @ \$15.00/person.....\$ _____

_____ Atlantic Salmon @ \$15.00/person..... _____

_____ Filet Mignon @ \$15.00/person..... _____

Please include \$20.00 here for 2022 dues if not previously paid.... _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ _____

➤ **Please pay with check rather than cash if at all possible. Make checks payable to: Beehive Model A Club**
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Note: If you intend to pay at our November meeting, please bring this sheet, with your menu choices and your payment, in an envelope with your name on it. Also, note that our Banquet Dinner is now \$15.00 a person (dues + two dinners = \$50.00). Cost for more than two guests on a single membership is \$30.00 each.