



Rumbleseat Review

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The Beehive A's of Northern Utah

Prez Message



Now that the weather is getting nice, I've seen a few Model A's out on the road. It's the time to de-winterize (if you haven't already done so) and prep for a summer of fun activities! If you have an idea for a tour or Model A activity of some sort, let's talk about it. A really good place to have that discussion would be at our Monday meeting! The next meeting will be April 9th. 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace.

See you there. Craig

Prez. Craig mulling a comment from the audience.

Clunker Clatter

For our participation in assisting at the auto auction in Salt Lake City and thanks to **Russ Baker**; he saw to it that our club received a \$300 donation. **Ray Wheelwright** gave the tech presentation about the Model A carburetor, both Holly and Zenith versions, of jets, floats/float levels, and the venturi.

Ray demonstrates fuel and float levels in the carburetor



We wish **George Prawitt** well from his recent bout with amnesia. **Dennis Thompson, Dave Spinden, Randy Christiansen, and Dan Johnson** were the first gents, that weather permitted, to drive their A's to our club meeting this past March. Thanks to **Rick Berry** for providing the refreshments. **Clay Pitkin** won the raffle drawing, and since he won last March, passed on it for a redraw which **Dennis Thompson** won. Good man Clay.

The Metal Fabricator

Ian Cunningham, a resident of Marriott-Slaterville, commutes daily to work at Wasatch Body in Salt Lake City where he has been employed for the past 25 years. As a result of his auto body work, he's become intrigued in the process of fabricating metal car parts via a technique learned in California of the shrinking and stretching, with or without heat, 18 gauge steel. The pictures indicate this as he discussed the technique at our March club meeting. If you are in need of and have a car part that could be fabricated, you may contact Ian at 801-696-4601 or at wingnut_67@yahoo.com. He is a busy man and will eventually get in touch with you.



The Classic Car SLC Auction



Russ Baker held an organizational position in the 'Classic Car Auction Group.' An auction was held this past March 3rd. in Salt Lake City. Some 150 cars were prior consigned. Sensing that help was needed to deal with so many vehicles, Russ called on our club members to facilitate the moving of cars in and out of the Expo Center to alleviate carbon monoxide problems within the building. Eighteen gents from the club arrived to help Russ. It turned out to be a positive event. The first group of consigned cars sold at a respectable sales rate of seventy percent. Club member Mike Bachman sold eight of his fifteen entered cars. The speedster-bomb sold for \$13,500 to an agent of

Mario Andretti and is off somewhere never to be seen here again. For the help of these gents, Russ saw to it that our club received, thanks to him, \$300.

And now for the rest of the Story...

RC is not a thief!

Randy Christiansen is seen here hoisting a Model A engine into the back of his pickup truck. No, he is not a/the thief as Jim Torghele portrayed him in jest to be and as seen in the last month's newsletter. Jim had bartered dental work these two 'A' engines some years ago. Randy needed a winter project and enjoys working on Model A engines. He has built several



Disclaimer: Randy Christiansen is not and never has been a thief

engines in the past that he was going to keep as backups, but they went to other members of our club. Jim, to help Randy, gave him these two pictured engines. Randy disassembled them, kept the good parts, and found the blocks cracked and unusable. For their invested hours of lifting, hauling, and tear down, Jim received the fortuitous amount of \$29 plus pennies at Bloom's for the pile of cracked rust. The engine in Randy's car is fine and runs well. He mentioned to Mike Bachman about the two unuseable engines going to Blooms'. Mike offered Randy a rusty old engine from his stock acquired from Merlin Daines, so he is now in the process of determining if it is rebuildable.

Tech Talk Tip

Some of you members perhaps have been having trouble with dirty gas tanks in your Model A's. Randy Christiansen had this problem when he first started driving his sedan years ago. He discovered this website for a fuel tank filter set-up and suggested that it may be useful for you.

<http://www.fordgarage.com/pages/kellyshutoff.htm>

TINY TIPS

HARD STEERING

If you feel that your Model A is steering harder than other Model A's, harder than it should, there are several things you can do to ease the problem.

1. Check your front end castor; too much castor (caused by sagging front spring) can cause difficult steering.
2. Improper steering adjustment; over-adjusting to remove play.
3. Worn front tires.
4. Low air pressure - 35 psi minimum pressure is recommended.
5. Lack of steering lubrication.
6. Improper steering box lubricant.
7. Worn steering arm balls.

If all the above have no effect, there is a product on the market to ease your steering. It is in kit form. It includes the replacement of the drag link and tie-rod ends with teflon, and can be obtained through your Model A outlet stores.

Patent Cures



Red E. Power

**** Club Meeting****

April 9

7:00 p.

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S. Adams Ave.

Washington Terrace



Event Calendar

May 10: Tour to the Golden Spike National Historic Site.

June 16: Swap Meet at Auto-Liv parking lot.

22: West Haven car show



- June 30: Franklin, Idaho Car Show. Model T assembly.
- 30: Erickson Antique Power Equipment Show: T, A, and B's timed trials.
- July 14? Youth involvement car show and Model T assembly, North Ogden
- 24: Ogden Pioneer Days Parade. September: Yellowstone Park tour.

PS/Quote: If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

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De-Winterized?

If you have not prepped your Model A for the summer, here is a Les Andrews check List. Page 6. Print it off and use it as a hand held guide for your safety check.

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APPENDIX

MODEL A SAFETY CHECK LIST

| | | Yes | No | | | Yes | No |
|---------------|--|-----|----|----------------------|---|-----|----|
| Body | | | | STEERING | | | |
| 1. | Doors close and latch securely. | | | 1. | Tie-Rod correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated. | | |
| 2. | Safety glass installed in all windows. | | | 2. | Drag link correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated. | | |
| 3. | Rear view mirror state approved. | | | 3. | No excessive play in steering wheel (2" maximum). | | |
| Engine | | | | BRAKES | | | |
| 1. | Carburetor free of leaks. | | | 1. | Properly adjusted on all four wheels. | | |
| 2. | All gas lines free of leaks. | | | 2. | Emergency brake properly adjusted (Locks at 3rd notch). | | |
| 3. | Gas gauge free of leaks. | | | 3. | Brake pedal travel properly adjusted (See Service Adjustments) | | |
| 4. | Approved type gas lines installed. | | | 4. | Brake rods and clevis pins correct with cotter pins. | | |
| 5. | Wiring free of bare areas and properly routed. | | | MISCELLANEOUS | | | |
| 6. | Fuse installed between starter connection and terminal box connection. | | | 1. | Registration and insurance papers in vehicle. | | |
| 7. | Fan hub and blades free of defects. | | | 2. | Safety flares and first aid kit in vehicle. | | |
| 8. | General condition of engine compartment neat and orderly. | | | 3. | Horn and windshield wiper operational. | | |
| 9. | Air filter / spark arrestor installed on carburetor. | | | 4. | Tool kit and flashlight in vehicle. | | |
| 10. | Throttle linkage - no bends and returns freely. | | | 5. | Seat belts installed and functional. | | |
| 11. | Exhaust system - no leaks. | | | _____ | | | |
| WHEELS | | | | CAR OWNER | | | |
| 1. | All lug nuts properly tightened - 64 ft. lbs. | | | _____ | | | |
| 2. | Tire pressure - 34 lbs. | | | CHIEF INSPECTOR | | | |
| 3. | Tire condition - acceptable tread, no breaks. | | | Date Inspected _____ | | | |
| 4. | All four (4) shocks installed and working. | | | | | | |
| 5. | No front wheel shimmy | | | | | | |
| LIGHTS | | | | | | | |
| 1. | High beam and low beam operational | | | | | | |
| 2. | Taillights and stoplights operational (no burned out bulbs) | | | | | | |
| 3. | Directional indicators operational (if installed) | | | | | | |