

# Rumbleseat Review

July 2018



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## The Beehive A's of Northern Utah

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*MAFCA Convention final day: Hobnobbing with the president at the awards banquet, Dennis/Jeri Thompson, Rick/Barbara Berry, and Prez Craig/Jo Berry*

### Prez Message

For those who didn't go to the MAFCA nationals, you missed a good one. It was beautiful country and nice people. We did have a little trouble with Rick and Barbra's car but we didn't spend a lot of time in the cars anyway. By our next meeting the Fourth of July Parade will have already happened. I hope we were well represented and had a good time in the parade.

I hope all is well with you, and I'll see you at the next meeting on July 9 at the Pleasant Valley Library 7:00 p.m.

Craig

## The MAFCA Convention

Prez Craig/Jo Berry, Dennis/Jeri Thompson, Rick/Barbara Berry, and Richard/Susan Hildreth, were the participants from our club at the MAFCA Convention in Reno. The following is a flavor of the activities one could participate in at the convention as provided by Dennis Thompson.

On the first day at the Convention, the troupe visited the old Harrah's car collection in Reno. It is an excellent collection but smaller than it used to be. They then proceeded toward Virginia City. While climbing the steep Geiger Grade, Rick and Barbara Berry heard unusual noises coming from their car. Dennis didn't get to look at it mechanically, but it did not sound good. They had to retrieve the car with a trailer.



*Sisters Jo Berry and Jeri Thompson*

The grand tour from Reno to Carson City on the fourth day, and then onto Incline Village and Crystal Bay at Lake Tahoe, and over Mt. Rose to Bowers Mansion for lunch and a tour of the mansion before heading back to the hotel. Total driven, about 130 miles. And Friday, the last day, a bus tour to Truckee and the Hellman-Ehrman Mansion right at Lake Tahoe in Tahoma CA. with the awards banquet in the evening.



## Clunker Clatter

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The rust bucket Model T was assembled twice by Doug Jenkins and crew this past month at car shows out in West Haven and up in Franklin, Idaho. Eldon Flinders took orders for ballcaps with our club's logo stitched on them. Prez Craig Beery has in the works doing the same only with polo shirts. Another successful swap meet was held this past June at the Autoliv parking lot under the direction of Dennis Thompson. Randy Christiansen gave the tech talk on the little things to make our A's run better, that is sludge build up in the oil pan, the oil pump, valve lifter cover, etc. Lucky Marv Thurn won the raffle. Rich/Barbara Berry provided the refreshments. Seven gents drove their A's to the June meeting.

### Cache Valley member...

**Gordon Dixon** recently retired from his work in Pocatello, Idaho and returned to River Heights by Logan, his hometown, to settle down and enjoy life. When I, your editor, learned of Gordon via a phone call, I invited him to tell us a bit about himself and to take a couple of pictures of himself and his Model A in front of River Heights one and only ever 1960's gas station now refurbished and retrofitted as a Sinclair Station. This is his reply. Thanks Gordon!



"Thanks for the invitation to furnish pictures of my 1930 Fordor Std-3 Window, Briggs body sedan for the newsletter. I was pleased to get this 'A' last year. I sold two other restorations last year--a 55 DeSoto hard top and a 75 Firebird. I had them for several years and was ready for a change. This Model A is a complete off frame restoration all steel body with original out of the factory drive train. I use this car as a "fair weather" recreational driver. So far I have driven only in Cache Valley--the Logan-Preston area. I am looking forward to



cruising with you all. My wife and I will be in Nauvoo Ill. for the next 2 1/2 months for the Nauvoo Pageant, so this summer is shot. I hope to join you all early Fall. I have really enjoyed the newsletter and look forward to it each month. I first met some club member at last years Providence car show. I will be back mid August. My best regards to you all." Gordon and Lisa Dixon

## The Jenkins family Route 66 trip

Doug Jenkins, past president of our Model A and the Model T club, as well with wife Holly and 13 years old son Tyson went on an awesome seventeen-day Route 66 vacation. It is something they have always wanted to do.

We in the club have an interest, a curiosity of liking, to know what our fellow members are doing when it comes to their cars and automotive pursuits. They left on May 31st and returned June 17th. driving a Doug Jenkins restored 1970 Chevelle Super Sport Convertible.

The journey to Chicago to start the Route 66 Tour took the Jenkins first to Mt. Rushmore and then to Custer State Park. After four days of travel, they arrived in Chicago. The beginning Route 66 sign was found and so officially their journey to Santa Monica began with the usual breaks at the tourist traps and 'stop-and-guawks.'

An overview of the trip by the numbers: They went through 16 states. Arizona twice and the entire state of Utah, 13 hotels/motels, 17 days of traveling, 3 time zones, 37 gas station fill ups, 414.2 gallons of gas, \$2.94 to \$4.49 a gallon, total cost of gas \$1,351, 10 to 15 miles per gallon, 4,967 total miles traveled. Out of that mileage Route 66 was 2278 miles. They do recommend staying out of the big cities as Route 66 gets lost and swallowed up, while the smaller cities seem more to embrace it.



Mission accomplished: Doug, Holly, and Tyson

More pics from the MAFCA Convention:



*Susan/Richard Hildreth and Dennis/Jeri Thompson at the opening social.*



*Day 4 The Grand Tour: Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, and to the Bowers Mansion.*

*Rick/Barbara Berry and the Thompsons' at Lake Tahoe*



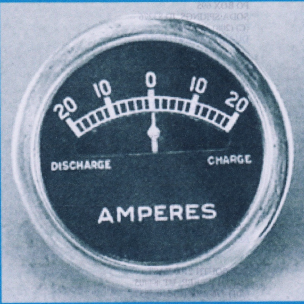
And a fashion statement:



*Rick and Barbara Berry. in period clothing borrowed from Karen Stoker/Eilander's collection, worn for the Model A delivery of a new wed couple from the reception center to their new home.*



## Tech Talk Tip



**Jim's technical tip**  
by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

**Keep an Eye on Your Ammeter**

Thrifty Henry Ford would only spend the money to put an ammeter in the Model A if he knew it would help you while driving, so get in the habit of keeping an eye on it.

Here's what to look for and what it can tell you:

Watch for the ammeter needle to "twitch" as you pop out the ignition switch or turn the ignition switch to the "on" position. This confirms that the coil is getting power. Now start the car.


After the engine starts and you have it on a fast idle to warm up, check that the ammeter is showing a Charge to the battery. If not, find out why.

Look at the ammeter needle when you step on the brakes. It should jump a bit toward discharge (unless you have LED brake lights installed, which draw very little power). It's always good, before you hit today's crazy, busy roads, to know that your brake lights are working.

If you have a voltage regulator in your generator, or if you have an alternator (which has a voltage regulator built in) then you should see the initial battery charge rate on the ammeter steadily drop until it is back to zero in 5 minutes or less. A stock Model A generator will not do this, it has a constant amps output above idle RPM, so you can watch for that while you drive.

Check the ammeter as you turn your headlights on. The charge rate to the battery should drop with a generator; the needle should jump around a bit but go back to where it was if you are driving with a good alternator.

As you see, the ammeter can help keep you out of trouble every Model A Day!



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## Event Calendar 6

July 14: Temple Association Appreciation Social. West Haven park. 11:30 a.m.

July 21: Youth involvement car show and Model T assembly, North Ogden.

July 24: Ogden City Pioneer Days Parade. Stegens for lunch.

August: Possible Bear Lake tour

Sept. 6-9: Yellowstone Park tour. Combined Beehive and Salty A's event.

TBD: Ardel Brown tribute, a last car show in his memory.

### \*\*\*\*Club Meeting\*\*\*\*

July 9 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Library  
5568 S. Adams Ave.  
Washington Terrace

PS/Quote: Ponder this: "It does takes brains to be stupid."

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