

Rumbleseat Review

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



The Beehive A's await the total solar eclipse at a rest stop in Alpine, Wyoming

Prez Message: My Model A'ing Friends!

We had a fantastic trip up to Idaho/Wyoming to see the Eclipse! I was really worried about how my Model A would perform. You know they just don't run right without the hood, so I trailered mine up to Soda Springs. My worry, as it turns out, was unfounded. After we got to Soda Springs I unloaded my A and went up to Hooper Springs. I've gotta say, I am still tasting the metals in that water (yuck). However, mechanically my car had no troubles. The only issue was the carburetor. It wasn't working quite right. It was easily remedied by fiddling with the adjustment from within the cab. Next time, I will be more ready to drive it for the whole trip.

The gang at Hooper Springs



We made the trip up to the Alpine Junction, just across the Idaho border into Wyoming, and took over a small corner of a gas station's parking lot to set up to watch the eclipse. It was very interesting, scientifically and spiritually. The total eclipse lasted about a minute or so, but seemed to last a lot longer. Maybe it was all the anticipation of watching the moon eat the sun? We noted it as it got dark, cold, and quiet--not sure there is any way to really describe for you what we experienced as it was one of the neatest experiences I have ever had!

After the sun came out of hiding, we moved our chairs around to the front of the cars to watch the traffic. We weren't disappointed, kind of a comedy show after the eclipse. The traffic backed up for about 12 miles on Highway 89 and perhaps just as far up Highway 26. I had my Ham Radio with me and talked with several Ham Operators stuck in traffic, some cars as far back as 6 miles.

When we left to return to Soda Springs we went through the worst of the traffic in under 10 minutes well before those poor guys even got near Alpine Junction. All in all, it was a fantastic trip. We all had a great time and the folks at Enders Hotel took good care of us. It was a really neat place to stay.

I'd like to thank Dennis & Jeri for all the hard work of putting it all together! And thanks to all who came on the trip!

The Idaho Solar Eclipse tour

...as described by Dennis Thompson

Sunday Day 1: Eleven Model A's participated.

We had a nice trip today up from Ogden to Soda Springs. Jim Brown had the most problems when he had a short in his dashboard. He couldn't get it running so Craig Berry came to the rescue and towed it back home for him. Jim came up later in his modern car.

Keith Painter lost his starter in Preston but a push start got him going. Keith contacted Duane Sims here in Soda Springs and Duane lent him a spare starter. In the picture is Keith working on the starter with his granddaughter Jenifer helping. Duane is sitting in his shop. The group picture is of everyone relaxing at nearby Hooper Springs.



Monday Day 2: Eclipse day
Wow what an experience! We left Soda Springs at 6:30 this morning. Jim Brown

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said he saw temperatures in the high 30s. We made Alpine, Wyoming by 9:30 and stopped at the Phillips 66 station for fuel. Here the decision was made to stay in Alpine and await the eclipse. It turned out to be a good choice as the traffic from Jackson and Swan Valley was backed up. After the eclipse we had lunch and decided to brave the traffic again. We slid all the way back to Soda Springs with no problems. Doug Jenkins made the loop through Swan Valley on the way to Jackson and back to Soda Springs.



Some members of the club (?) talked Richard Hildreth into selling our excess glasses for a very healthy profit.

Everyone made it home safely. Some went directly home, while Doug, Jim/Charlotte, Dave/Jo, Jeri and I, followed by Dave Mamanakis with his 'A' on a trailer, and Don in a modern vehicle went home through Bear Lake. We stopped at the tabernacle in Paris, Idaho and followed up with a raspberry shake in Garden City. A stop was made at the view point above Bear Lake and lunch was at the Beehive Grill in Logan.

There was an incident on Monday evening. Richard Hildreth left Soda Springs to get his granddaughter home for a school event. The left front wheel of his 'A' came off in Logan. He was able to put his spare on and limp home.

Before we left the hotel Tuesday morning, there was a photographer in front of the hotel with a modern camera that took old-fashioned pictures. We lined our cars up in front of the hotel so he could duplicate a picture that was taken in the 1920s.



Out & About

The Model T was assembled in 3 minutes and 56 seconds at the Under the Stars Car Show in Sunset, a new record for assemblers—the ‘T & A Strippers’. **Randy/Kathy Christiansen** are now blessed with a beautiful new addition to their family. It is a 1959 TR3 Model A Triumph roadster. Why? Because he always wanted one and he could do it--the restoration. **Kathy Christiansen** volunteered to pass out fliers announcing the swap meet at the Peach Days Car Show. **Roy Van Orman** jumped out of a perfectly good airplane, with parachute attached and a gent there to hold his hand, to celebrate his 80th birthday. Congratulations Roy. The September/October club meetings will be held at the Library in Roy. **Dave Spinden’s** engine is now back from Idaho and reinstalled with new bearings. His PU was out of commission for 2 weeks and three days. **Dennis Thompson** was the only one from our club to attend the Salty A's tour. The tour was actually hosted by the Utah Valley Chapter.

August Club Meeting

Thanks was given to Steve and Louise Sessions for hosting us at their home in Clinton. Their beautiful landscaped backyard, socializing, ambience was perfect, and the meal provided was delicious. Thanks goes also to Eldon Flinders for helping the Sessions in the setup. Lynn Ure and Val/Sonia Fisher were welcomed as to our meeting. Lynn Ure has a 31' PU. The Fisher’s purchased Randy Ropelato’s coupe. They are now new welcomed members to our club.



Chuck Evans’ sweet new Woodie

The restoration of Chuck Evans Woodie is to the point that he can use and drive it. Two hundred miles are now on the odometer. It has been some nine years in restoration. Chuck got it out of California--basically as a running chassis with some wood parts up front. With the wood kits and much fitting, sanding,

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staining, and varnishing plus the fabric kits for the seats the project is near completion. The side curtains will finish up the project. It does have an overdrive. A very beautiful 1929 Woodie. Congratulations Chuck on a project well done.

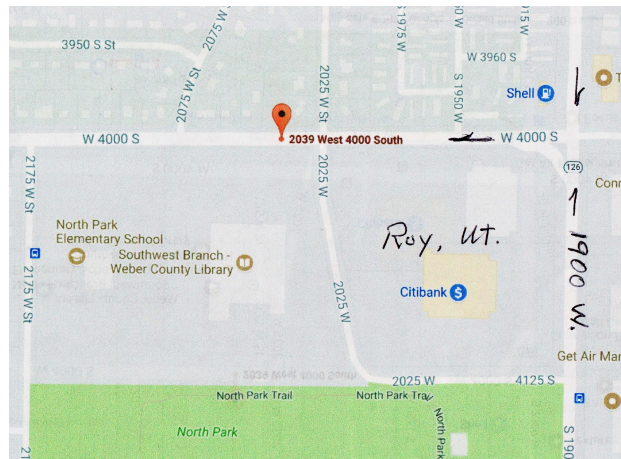


***Club Meeting ***

September

Monday September 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

at the Southwest Branch
Weber County Library
2039 W. 4000 S. Roy, Utah



Club Calendar Events

Sept. 9: Peach Days Car Show. Brigham City.

16: Swap Meet at Autoliv Parking in South Ogden.

24- 29 MAFCA National Pacific Coast Highway tour.

Oct. 7: Speak Easy, Ogden Conference Center. 6-10 pm. 3 cars needed.

14: Providence Car Show

December: Annual club officer installation and dinner party at Maddox.

Just arrived, Late breaking news

The Delta, Ely, Wendover Tour

...as described by Dennis Thompson

August 30 > September 3

Day 1: I am the only one attending the tour from the Beehive A's. It was actually hosted by the Utah valley group. This is a great tour so far. A little warm today. We visited camp Floyd on the way down and then went to the Topaz Japanese Internment Camp Museum.

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Day 2: We traveled from Delta to Ely. There was one flat tire and a minor traffic incident involving a motor cycle. The Lehman cave tour then on into Ely. Dinner in the Jail House restaurant.



Day 3: Morning photo shoot with the northern Nevada steam engine train. Visited Clyde Munson's dad's place to see his collection of old car 'treasures'. Had lunch in the park provided by the Ely Antique car club. Visited the Renaissance Village. Ended the day with a ride in the northern Nevada railroad steam engine train.

Day 4: Visited the Studebaker collection of the Ely car club president. Left Ely and stopped at the McGill drugstore museum, then on into Wendover. Toured the Wendover WWII museum and rounded out the day with dinner at the buffet in the Rainbow casino.

Day 5:
Traveled home from Wendover.



Tech Talk Safety Tips

Heed the experience that happened to Rich Hildreth. Check and tighten the lug nuts on your 'A'. I thought mine were OK. The front wheels needed to be tightened Ta ta. The ed.

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PS/Quote: It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road.




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