

# Rumbleseat Review

October 2018

Beehive A's



## The Yellowstone Tour

*Contributed by Dennis/Jeri Thompson*

Thursday, day one was quite uneventful. The tour left Smith & Edwards close to on time. Four A's left with tires on the ground. All the rest were on trailers. Lunch came in Incom, Idaho and then a gas-up at a quaint little Conoco gas station on highway 20 north of Idaho Falls.

Friday was breakfast burrito at Doug and Holly's place. From there the A's drove to West Yellowstone and visited the wolf and bear exhibit. Then onto Quake Lake to the visitor's center.

Before returning Doug Jenkins directed all to a stagecoach stop on the Madison river. We ended the day with pulled pork for dinner at Russ and Danna's place. The tour got an early start Saturday and headed into Yellowstone





Park. Stops were made at Gibbons falls, Artist Point to see the falls, and then on to the Grand Canyon of the Yellow-stone. It was fun to see the tourists excited to see the cars everywhere we went. Mike and Debbie provided us with a hot dog picnic in the park at the Virginia Cascades. After lunch, some folks opted to head back to

Island Park while the rest went to the Old Faithful Geysier. The day ended with dinner at the Slippery Otter restaurant in West Yellow- stone.

Sunday, the last day of the tour, started out with a pancake breakfast at Mike and Debbie's place. A

picture of the group on the river off Bachman's deck in Island Park was taken. The same four Model A's hit the pavement to proceed home: Thompson's, Jenkins', Spinden's, and Clause. They toured through Mesa Falls, Swan Valley, Palisades and stopped for lunch in Alpine, then over Tin Cup Pass into Soda Springs, Grace, Preston and home. Beautiful fall scenery was had all the way and the weather perfect for a Model A tour!



*Various Yellowstone pictures contributed by Russ Baker, Kirk Clause, and Dennis Thompson.*



### Fire incident at the stagecoach station

Thursday, while the club visited an old Stagecoach station near Quake Lake, Randy and Gloria Ropelato had an incident with their Model A. The starter pushrod did not have a locknut, it backed out of the starter contact and fell onto the cable terminal from the battery onto the starter, shorted out, and welded itself to the starter. This started his carpet inside the cab to catch on fire. A guy from the Salty A's quickly brought out an extinguisher to put the fire out. Doug Jenkins smacked the hot weld twice with a rock to break the connection. Ray Wheelwright had the parts to make the necessary repairs to get Randy back on the road.

### The Dean Murray backyard BBQ

Dean Murray invited the club to a backyard BBQ on a warm September 15 of mild wind in the evening to his beautiful home and landscaped yard in West Haven. Twenty Model A's were lined up against his backyard trees along with a few newer classic cars. We do thank him for the invite, the ambience, live music, socializing, and plenty of just good food. Thanks again Dean.



*Dean Murray—a very gracious host*



## Prez Message

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We are at the end of summer and beginning of fall ... almost time to put our A's away for the winter! Unless you're Doug and Holly Jenkins--it's year round for them. A special thanks to Dean Murray and his family for a fantastic social. Those that didn't make it missed great food, entertainment, and good people to socialize with. We need to nominate and elect new club officers, November meeting, for the year 2020. Anyone wanting to volunteer would be great. Think about it. Hope to see you at the next meeting, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley library.

## Clunker Clatter

The checkbook says we have a balance of \$3,646. Craig Berry will have the club logo polo and or T shirts for purchase at the October meeting. Five club members have not picked up their ballcaps from Eldon Flinders. If not picked up at this next meeting they will go to whoever wants them. The cost is \$17.00. Mike Bachman was gracious to invite us to his auto shop, next to his home in Ogden Canyon, for our November Meeting as the library will be closed for Veteran's day. Ray Wheelwright gave the tech talk about the starter motor and the importance of such a small thing as a locknut i.e. Randy Ropelato's problem with his 'A' on the Yellowstone tour. Eleven A's were at the September meeting. Thanks to Rick/Barbara Berry for providing the refreshments. Dennis Thompson won the raffle.



## Sweet rides and Sauerkraut car show

Dave Spinden reported from the Providence Car Show--"Octoberkraut in September" the 29th. Members attending were Craig Call, Rudy/Karen Eilander, Rick Potokar and daughter, Dan/Chris Johnson, Chuck Evans, Roy Van Orman, Del/Joy Friedli, and well yes Dave Spinden. "It was a great car show and thanks to Craig Call for facilitating the event."



### **Kirk Clause accosted & assaulted**

Kirk Clause dropped his wife Mary off for a pit stop and to drive further along to find parking for his 'A'. As Kirk walked back to his wife, five young Italian ladies touring Yellowstone Park spotted this tall, hansom, blond, bearded, coiffed, dude character of the old American West and latched onto him like a bear lunging for honey with hugs and kisses. One lass, speaking very broken English, begged Kirk for pictures. After a bit, wife Mary came walking along to find hubby Kirk in the arms of these women from Italy. "That's my husband," yelled Mary with consternation. Kirk, attempted an explanation, but alas had to accept as harem these babes only as part of a government lend-lease program.

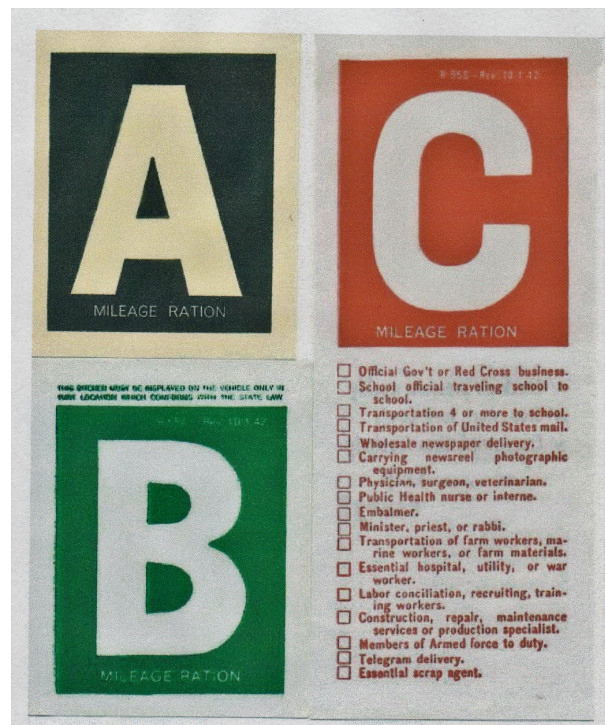


### **Johnny's Deere**



John Deere may one day get a Dear John letter that this Johnny's Deere no loner exists as is, but is a new totally restored Model A truck. Tom Branscomb, recent new member to the club is of the small rural area of Thatcher out west of Tremonton. This is his 1928 flatbed truck trailered to a car show in the Ogden area then to the Dean Murray backyard BBQ.

### **Few people know what these are**



*Do you? WW2 gas ration stamps*

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**\*\*\*\*Club Meeting\*\*\*\***  
**October 8 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pleasant Valley Library**  
**5568 S. Adams Ave.**  
**Washington Terrace**

PS/Quote: "When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." Henry Ford

**Tech Talk from MAFCA**

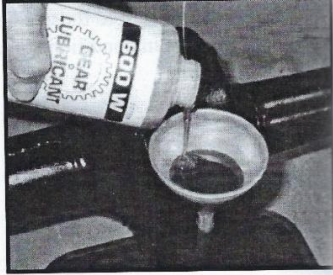
**TINY TIPS**

**MODEL A CAPACITIES - 600W OIL**

Having just completed rebuilding the running gear portion of my current Model A project, I needed to procure 600W oil for the differential, transmission, and steering box. So off I went to hit the books to determine just how much I should buy. Much to my consternation, I found a number of opinions as to how much 600W I needed for the differential. The following sources offered a variety of information:

- Ford Service Bulletins, page 227 = 1 1/2 pts.
- Model A Ford Service Bulletins, page 375 = 1 1/2 qts. (obviously a typo).
- Model A Miseries & Cures, page 99 = 1 1/2 pts.
- How To Restore Your Model A, Vol 5, page 10 = 2 1/4 pts.
- Model A Mechanics Handbook, page iv = 2 1/4 pts.
- How To Restore Your Model A, Vol 2, page 17 = "up to and not above filler hole."

Undaunted by the diversity of opinions, I decided the last one listed above was the best course of action. It also agreed with my recollection of what we did when I was employed at a gas station 50 years ago. My finding, when I filled the complete empty differential, shown in the accompanying photo, was that it took exactly one quart bottle or 2 pts. of 600W oil to reach the level of the filler hole.



*Submitted by Norm Rowe, Oakhurst, California*



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