



Rumbleseat Review

November 2018



The Beehive A's of Northern Utah

Prez Message

A special thanks to Nick Kotok for letting us see his amazing engine collection, and it was fantastic for all us gear-heads, maybe not so much for some of the wives! The company and food were great at Maddox, sorry if you couldn't make it, it was fun.

Jim Torghele has opted out of being Vice President after this term is up, so we need to be thinking about who we can nominate for president elect and vice president for Randy Ropelato in 2019.

The Christmas party is coming and the form for the dinner selection and the membership renewal is in this month's newsletter. If you have anything you want to donate for the Christmas party raffle please let us know.

Remember this month's meeting is at Mike Bachman's house in Ogden Canyon on 12th of November. See you there. Thanks. Craig



Your Prez Craig multitasking

Clunker Clatter

There is now \$4,524 in our club's treasury. The cost to members of the Maddox Christmas party dinner this year will be \$15.00. Randy Ropelato attended the last cars shown in the memory of Ardell Brown—as a charity car and truck tribute. Dean Murray was thanked again for his gracious invite of our club to the backyard BBQ held this past September at his home out in West Haven.



Dean is creating a calendar picturing our A's that were there on display. Randy Christiansen spoke about the Ford Service Bulletins contained in book form and of the wealth of knowledge and information in the bulletins. Ray Wheelwright gave the tech talk about the Model A engine's camshaft and crankshaft discussing such items as ring gears, valves, valve lifters, clearances, wear, shims, rods, babbitt, pistons, piston rings, valve seating, and timing gear. Thanks to

Kirk/Mary Clause and Rick Barbara Berry for providing the refreshments. Six gents drove their A's to the October meeting. Rich Hildreth won the raffle.

Nick Kotok's unique engine collection

The club visited Nick Kotok's residence to view his collection of V8 engines and related parts to the engines on Saturday November 3rd. His passion for V8s comprises fifty-one engines, some duplicates, to have at least one from every car make of Ford, GM, Chrysler, AMC, and Studebaker for the years of 1949 through 1974. The engines are all refurbished to look new and will start and run. Our thanks goes to Nick for the invite and hosting us throughout his unique collection and early 1900s remodelled three story home. And thanks to Dave Spinden for making all the tour arrangements.



Nick Kotok speaks with Kirk and Mary Clause

Nick—a genuine patient artist



Russ Baker and Dave Spinden admire the Nick Kotok automotive collection



Nick Kotok speaks with Rick Berry and Keith Painter



Wow!!! 51 engines and related parts



Nick's restored Victorian home



.....and afterwards at the Maddox dinner

Ten gents drove their A's on the tour

November Club Meeting

The time has arrived to renew our club membership for the coming year and to make our menu choices for the Maddox Christmas dinner social this coming December 11th. The three choices are Prime Rib, Salmon, and Filet Mignon. All meals cost the same: \$15.00 per person. The club will pay the difference from its account balance. See **page 7** for the membership renewal and menu form. Jim Brown, your Treasurer, asks that you bring this form and a check in an envelope to the November Club Meeting.



Rumbleseat investigates...

The mystery of the folded arms



Is this a revival? Why are they listening so intently? Who are these gentlemen? And with folded arms? Such humble souls they appear to be. Who is the speaker? How does he command such attention over them? Is there some such promise or reward? Why so reverent? Were cookies and soft drinks promised? Is money involved? The raffle money? These and other eternal questions answered in future issues of the *Rumbleseat Review* and in the forthcoming tell all book: **Perils of the Open Road.**



Club Meeting

November 12 7:00 p.m.

Mike Bachman's Auto
Service Garage

First home west of the
Pineview Reservoir
Spillway

North side of road
behind the tall concrete
fence, Ogden Canyon.

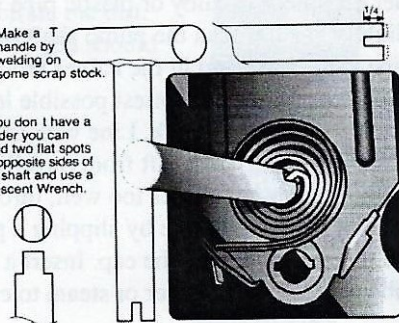
WINDOW REGULATOR SPRING TOOL

Sometimes a window regulator spring will either break or become so weak that it makes it hard to roll up the window. Installing a new spring can be difficult and also dangerous.

Take an old distributor shaft and weld on a T handle made from rod stock. Grind down the slotted end so the slot is only 1/4" deep. Put the regulator in a vise and wind it until the lift arm is all the way up. This is the position in which the spring is least compressed. Hook the outer


Make a T handle by welding on some scrap stock.

If you don't have a welder you can grind two flat spots on opposite sides of the shaft and use a Crescent Wrench.



hook of the spring and insert the tool in the center. Turn the tool to compress the spring until it fits into the slot. Release the tool. Tap the spring into position with a hammer.

Tech from MAFCA: *Its that time of the year to prep your 'A' for the winter*



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

Winter Storage of the Model A

Not all of us are lucky enough to be able to drive their Model A in the winter. I've been asked for tips on how to store the car for a few months.

Keeping the cooling system full of antifreeze that is strong enough for your expected winter temperatures is a good place to start. This is better than draining the cooling system, because all of the moisture in the block after you drain it will cause a lot of rust in the block over the winter. Then the rust goes into your coolant next spring.


It is best to change the engine oil last thing before storing it. Bring it into the storage area after driving for at least 20 minutes, to get the oil good and hot, and drain it hot right where you plan to park the car for the winter. Refill with fresh oil and you will be ready to go next spring!

If you have an unheated garage, I recommend you remove the battery from the car and store it inside for the winter. Either keep a battery tender on it while in storage or connect a battery charger to it once a month for a few hours to top it back up. If you choose to leave the battery in the car, disconnect the ground strap or open any battery cutoff switch that you have, to avoid any parasitic drain over the winter. Put a charger on it once a month.

If you have 4 jack stands, put the car up on them to take the weight of the car off of the tires. Our tires will develop flat spots if they sit in one spot for a long time. The flat spots will eventually work out as you drive next year, but why not prevent them?

While the car is up on stands for the winter, you can adjust the brakes, grease the chassis, check under the car for good electrical connections, and check the status of all of your cotter pins under there. Adjust the clutch pedal. Take care of little things that you noticed needed attention while driving last season. Then you can start the spring driving season with a great Model A Day!

Jim



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For Sale: Russ Baker has a friend looking for a Model A pickup that is restored and a driver. Call Russ at 801-5605373 for the lead.

Mint Condition: Male, 1931 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, corneas, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well. Best Offer. 1-202-123-4567

PS/Quote: Don't get so uptight for when all is said and done more will be said than done!!

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See the next page 7 for the membership/dinner form.

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Party: Dec 11, 7:00pm. This year's Banquet is on a Tuesday. 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 Tuesday, November 27th!**

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 2019 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 (November 12), 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)