



Rumbleseat Review

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



The grey sky day Black Friday Thanksgiving tour to Tremonton

Prez Message: Tis the Season!

The End of the Year, the Beginning of the New Year, Thanksgiving over...
Christmas is coming!

A time to reflect on the things we got done, and the things yet to do! I've got a list of things I need to do to my car. I think I'm going to start with the kingpins. Then add an alternator. Pull the gas tank and get it sandblasted cleaned and primed. I hope to hear about the many projects that you all will do over the winter. I love to learn about what needs to be done and how to do it.

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner coming up real soon! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season, my friends!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

--Dave The Prez



Your new year 2018 club officers are...

Those present at the November meeting nominated-seconded several individuals to fill the various chapter officer positions for the coming year 2018. Each was elected by a rise of hands by a majority vote of those present. Randy Ropelato becomes the President-Elect, Jim Torghele the vice-president, and Randy Christiansen the Club Reporter to MAFCA. Sec./Treas. Jim Brown and the newsletter guy Rich Kotter have agreed to remain on in their positions for another year. Craig Berry becomes your new Prez for next year upon



Prez Craig Berry



receiving the 'Sterring Wheel'--the symbol of authority--at the officer installation and dinner party at the Maddox restaurant in Perry.

Prez Elect Randy Ropelato



Vice-Prez Jim Torghele

The Black Friday grey cool day tour

A grey sky day, but a pleasurable cool November day, for a get the 'A' out for perhaps the final tour of the year. Twelve Model A's and a couple of vintage vehicles showed up at the Smith & Edwards parking for the 10:30 a.m. departure for this Thanksgiving Black Friday tour. The route was a one and a half hour drive up highway 89 to Brigham, onto Corinne and Elwood, near Tremonton for lunch at J C's Country Diner. The intended destination, The Pie Dump in Garland was closed. Twenty-seven people in all participated. After much socializing and a hearty lunch the gang proceeded through Deweyville, Honeyville, Brigham, towards home. Vaughn Nelson, at age ninety-two



Doug Jenkins' Christmas decorated 'A' truck

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chaperoned his son Jim on the tour. New to the club members Rick and Barbara Berry, who purchased Dennis



Thompson's tan 1929 two door sedan, made this as their initiation maiden voyage trip.



Dave Spinden and Dennis Thompson contributed the pics.

Out & About

The January and February club meetings are scheduled at the library in Washington Terrace. Compliments were paid to the club for its youth involvement activity event held this past July at the park in North Ogden. Thanks to Clark and Annette Peterson for being the MAFCA Chapter News reporters for our club these past few years. Randy Christiansen reluctantly accepted this position as he questions his spelling ability. Kathy, help Randy with a dictionary. Dan Johnson recommended, while on a trip with your 'A', the MAFCA membership book as a good reference for help from locals who may have the tools and parts needed in case of a breakdown. Doug Jenkins recommended that you torque your lug nuts by feel. 55/65torque lbs. are not enough. Vaughn Nelson recommended the 'Gaslight Auto' catalog for its excellent and precise description of T, A, and V8 parts. Refreshments served compliments of Dennis Thompson.

December Dinner Meeting: The 7th. 7:30 p.m. The annual club officer installation and dinner party at the Maddox restaurant in Perry.



A Model A reminisce

This past September when Dennis Thompson accompanied the Utah Valley A's on their Delta, Lehman Caves, Ely, Wendover tour when and where they made a pit stop in McGill at the infamous confection shop for a refreshment. There Dennis struck up a conversation with a chap--Keith B. Gibson, who happened to be the valley's historian. Lucky Dennis walked away with an autographed copy of the author's book '*Making America's Copper The People--The Town--McGill, NV. Memories*'. This, Model A reminisce from the author, pages 88-89.



Two Cool 1940's Dudes

We are standing next to our parent's 1929 Model A Ford. We rode in the "rumble seat" just above and behind our heads. The handle between our heads opens the lid which than serves as a back rest. It has a cushion back. The seat we sat on could be removed. It was a cool way to ride in many ways. The air was cool, but the really "cool" deal was that we always had a couple of sacks of good rocks to throw at road signs and other targets. Dad had a toolbox that rested just in front of our feet. It held a tire patch kit, several tire irons, two crescent wrenches, on 1/2 and 9/16 box wrench, a screwdriver, pliers, and a thin worn dime. The dime was used to set the timing, adjust the spark plugs and distributor gaps. In

front of the tool box was a jack and tire pump. We had to get inside in inclement weather. The front seat was quit small for four people and a dog. The heater was a manifold heater. This was a contraption that fit over the manifold and worked by drawing air from behind the radiator and passing it over the hot manifold and then thru a hole in the firewall. The only control was a flap over the hole in the firewall. The faster you drove the more air went thru the manifold. The wipers were run by hand. My dad fixed the driver's side wiper to work by itself. He rigged an old alarm clock to do that. There was no such thing as a defroster so we wiped the windshield all the time with a rag. A unique thing with the Model A was the gear shift on the floor. Some models allowed you to lift the gear shift up a little and swing it out of the way towards the right side of the cab. This allowed your gal to sit closer. The steering wheels all had the owner's personal "necking knob". These knobs were very colorful. Air conditioning was achieved by rolling a window down. The gas tank was part of the dash and the fuel gauge was a floating gizmo. One time we went fishing at Timber Creek and dad drove up to the top camp, which was as far as the road went in those days. There was an old abandoned lumber road that went further, but you had to cross the creek and go up a steep hill. We crossed the creek, but the car stalled on the hill because the carburetor ran out of gas. There was no fuel pump on a Model-A. The gas flowed by gravity from the dash tank to the carburetor and going up a hill the carburetor was higher than the gas tank. The solution was to have Paul and I raise the hood and sit on the fender and pour gas into the carburetor. It worked. You could also back up the hill, but we were already on the hill. Those were the days of real cars. The different makes and models were easy to tell apart from a great distance and they all had "character".



Patent Cures

OIL LEVEL, CRANKCASE

When taking a long trip or going on an extended tour in your Model A, it is a good idea to add an extra quart of oil to your crankcase.



Red E. Power

I recommend keeping the oil level about one-half inch above the full mark. This will tend to keep the oil cooler, as well as assuring you of adequate lubrication in mountainous or twisting roads, or on long hot desert stretches.

Did you know that with normal oil levels you may actually starve the oil pump when making long hard right turns? Yes, the oil can be thrown over to the left side of the crankcase thereby starving the oil pump for a brief period.

On a full pressure engine this is evident by loss of oil pressure as indicated on the gauge.

Editor's Note: This is a series of "old fashioned," yet tried and proven cures for what ails your Model A.

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'A' Tech Talk Tip

*Model A Judging Standards
Judge, Jim Torghelle, can
relate to this. Just ask him...*



"I think we'll have to knock off some points on this one. . ."



For Sale:

Tom Clarke 801-529-3232 or 801-544-4839. What do you Need? Give me a call: 1. 1936 FORD COUPE \$25,000.00 2. Miscellaneous Model A Parts 3. Model A Body Rotisserie 4. Model A Frame Rotisserie.

Richard Hildreth 307-871-1366 or 801-425-4158

Model A Ford engine for sale. This engine is in my car and can be tested until Jan. 1, 2018. After that it will be pulled out. I do not know much about this engine. It is the engine that was in the vehicle when I purchased the car. All I know is it ran very well on the 500-mile eclipse tour this past summer. I am looking for \$1,000 dollars or best offer. richard_hildreth@msn.com.

PS/Quote: For every "Drive Safely" sign, shouldn't there be a "Resume Normal Driving" sign?



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