

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



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



Beehive A's is a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

Message from the Board

Last Saturday, the 1st of June, many of you went on the tour to the Hill Air Force Base airplane museum. Unfortunately, I was out of town and could not make it, but I wanted to go. From what I understand, though, it was a great success and everybody had a wonderful time. And as we have been saying all year, that is what our club is all about..., driving our Model A's and getting together.

For those of you who went, you got to see many interesting airplanes, and for those of you who didn't go, you missed out on seeing one of the rarest and most historically significant planes in existence: a Ford-built B-24 "Liberator" bomber.

Ford built over 8,000 of these bombers during World War II but only 13 remain in the world, and only one is airworthy. And lucky for us, one of those surviving B-24's resides right here at Hill Field.

Built under the direction of Edsel Ford (Henry was old and feeble at this time), the Ford Motor Company, using its expertise at mass production, flooded the skies with these airborne weapons. When Hitler found out that Ford was going to get into producing bombers for America, he knew he would lose the war.

When these bombers were being built, there was some criticism that they were "death traps," because they were so quickly. Believe it or not, Ford was eventually able to build one bomber an hour! But that criticism was unfounded. Many years ago, I spoke to a B-24 pilot who flew many missions over Germany, and I asked him specifically about the plane's airworthiness.

"That plane got me home everytime!" he exclaimed.

So, for those of you who didn't attend this tour, see what you missed! And next time the Club takes a tour to the Hill Field airplane museum, please make sure you attend. In fact, we'd love to see you at our next tour! See the tour and parade schedule on page 12 to plan your calendar.

Henry Dominguez, Editor

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Cover photo: Here's a fabulous photo epitomizing the Roaring Twenties: A bevy of pretty ladies, a golfer heading for the links, and a stylish 1928/1929 Model A Ford Tudor Sedan. While the photo looks staged-maybe taken for an advertisement or magazine article--it could have been taken by a passerby with a Brownie box camera. (Editor's photo)

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave
Washington Terrace, Utah

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Hall
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TREATS for 2025

June	Gordon & Doris Oram
July	Paul Bush

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From The President

Ruidoso Update!

As many of you may remember, just over 3 months ago, The Southwest Model A's, along with the Model A Ford Club of America, were forced to cancel the 2024 National Convention due to the natural disasters that devastated the Ruidoso community.

At the time of cancellation, our first priority was to ensure the safety of our attendees and the families in the area. Once we got everyone safely notified, we began the process of identifying how to go about "unwinding" the first national convention MAFCA has ever been forced to cancel.

Both organizations committed to refunding fees paid by attendees to the Southwest Model A's for the National Convention if requested. We knew this could be a substantial financial burden, estimated at the time to be over \$85,000.00 more than the current, available cash balance. Even though this was a huge dollar amount, MAFCA stood ready, willing and able to back up The Southwest Model A's to completely meet all their financial obligations, as we do with any chapter that hosts a national event.



MAFCA NEWS

Ed Tolman, the president of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is looking for a new editor for the Club's digital newsletter called "The Flying Quail." It comes out on a bi-monthly basis, on even months, opposite the "Restorer" magazine.

If you go to the following website, you will be able to see an example of this newsletter:

mafca.com/flying-quail/

If you are interested in this position, or know somebody who might me, please contact Ed:

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CARS & PARTS FOR SALE

Woody Bird Jr., who lives in Pleasant Grove, Utah, has many Model A parts for sale, such as motors, transmissions, intake and exhaust manifolds, front and rear springs, shifters, wheels, even and a Model T chassis. His phone is 385-419-8805.

Steve Nailer is liquidating cars. Please reach out to Dave Spinden for more information. His phone number is: 801-745-5327

Dan Johnson has the following parts for sale:

Rebuilt "Diamond B" motor.

Couple of sets of 1930/1931 taillights, both black and stainless

Engine stand with a Model A mount

19" wire wheels

21" wire wheels

Call Dan for prices: 801-941-4834

CARS & PARTS WANTED

Dennis Thompson is looking for a matched **4:11 ring & pinion set**. Please call him at 801-510-5837.

Marvin Thurn wants a driver's side cowl light, chrome or stainless steel. Please call Marvin if you have what he is looking for: 801-624-0701

TECH TALK

June's Tech Talk will be given by Ron Lucero. He will be talking about white wall tires.

1930 Model A for the British Empire

At the end of last February, Pat and I went to Tucson, Arizona, for a week to visit family. Looking for something to do while Pat and her sister went shopping, I did a Google search and found several automobile museums in the area: The Franklin Auto Museum, Rolling Thru Time museum, and the Tucson Auto Museum. I had been through the Franklin Auto Museum before (which is a fabulous museum, by-the-way); the Rolling Thru Time museum, which was closed for some reason; and the Tucson Auto Museum, which was open. So I decided to check it out, and what a surprise it was, too!

The Tucson Auto Museum had just opened up and is owned by a car nut, obviously, but he also owns quite a few ACE Hardware stores in the Tucson area. He had amassed quite a few old cars over the years, and decided to open museum to share them with the public.

Housed in an expansive old food processing plant, the museum houses a gift shop, six large showrooms, and a full-blown machine shop, where the museum's technicians do everything from body work and paint, to engine rebuilding--even babbiting blocks and rods. And, yes, they will rebuild your engine, too!

The owner has all makes and models and years of cars in his museum, but he is also fond of Fords, particularly Model T Fords, for he has one complete showroom dedicated to this iconic model.

He also has several Model A Fords, one of which caught my eye: a 1930 Canadian-built Phaeton, which is right-hand-drive.

Ford of Canada, which is located in Windsor, Canada, just across the Detroit River from Detroit, built Model As not only for Canada, but for the entire British Empire: England, Australia, and India. All of these Model As had to be right-hand-drive of course, and this Model A was an excellent example of those types of models.

Fortunately, the hood was open on this car, so that all of unique features of a right-hand-drive Model A could be seen. The pictures attached will show you the unique features of these right-hand-drive Model As.

If you are ever in Tucson, I highly recommend you visit any or all of these automobile museums. They are definitely worth seeing.

As a side note, Bob Gregorie, who was Ford Motor Company's first design chief and who designed the Model Y, could do pretty much whatever he wanted in the design department to try out different ideas. For example, he'd have right-hand-drive parts picked up at Ford of Canada and have them installed in American Fords or special cars that he was developing. "I like right-hand drive," he said nonchalantly.

One time, he and one of his designers drove a 1935 Ford with right-hand drive back to Long Island, where he was from. As they drove through towns, whoever was sitting on the left side of the car would wave to people on the street with BOTH hands, and people wondered how he was able to wave and drive at the same time!



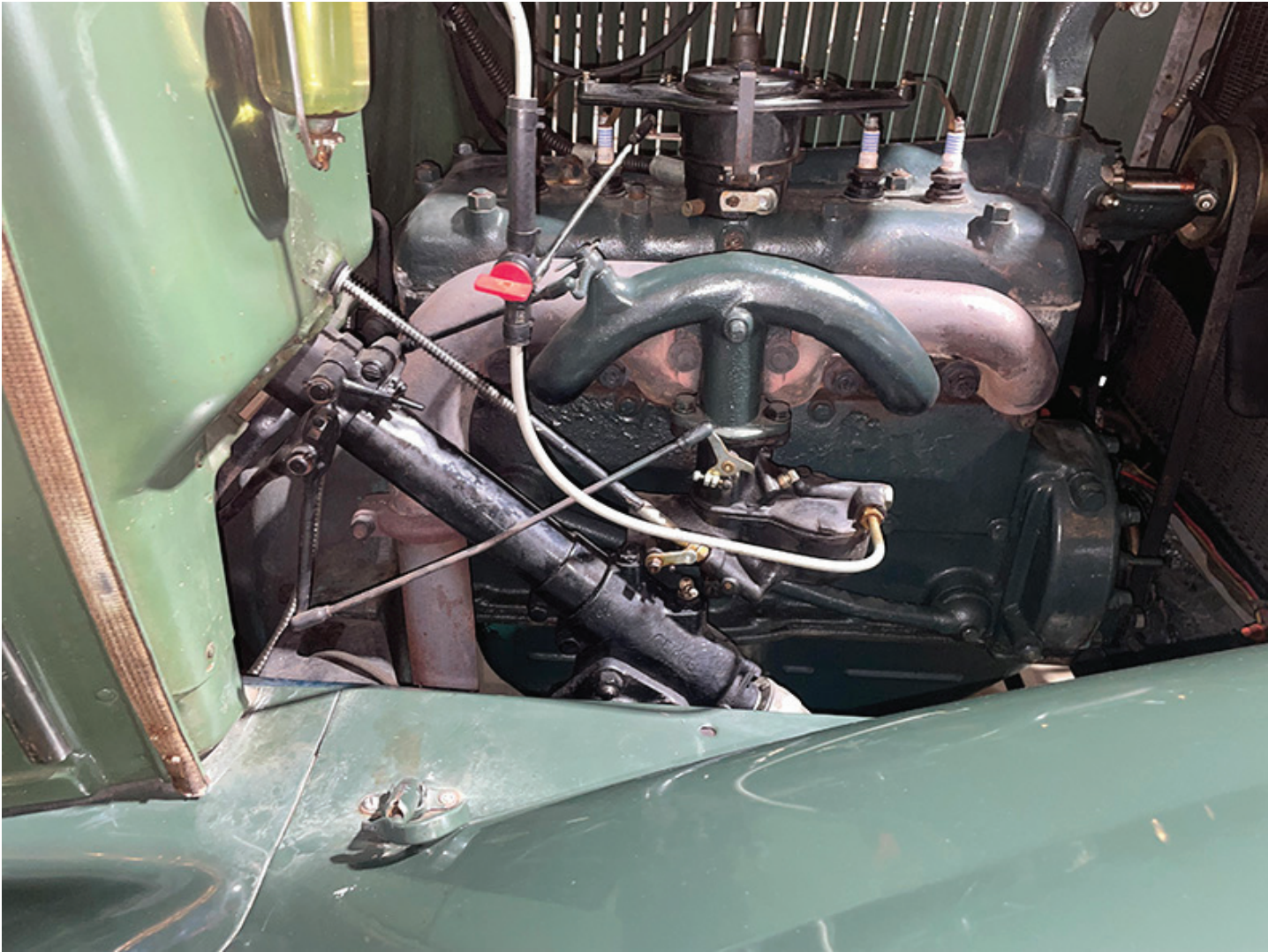
The Canadian-built 1930 Model A Ford predominantly displayed at the Tucson Auto Museum. Behind it is another rare Ford, a Model Y Tudor sedan. This car was designed in Dearborn, but built in Europe, and took the place of the Model A. The Model Y is a very small car, much smaller, even, than the Model A, and that's exactly why it was produced. The Model A was too big for the European market.



Firewall plaque showing where this Model A was made.



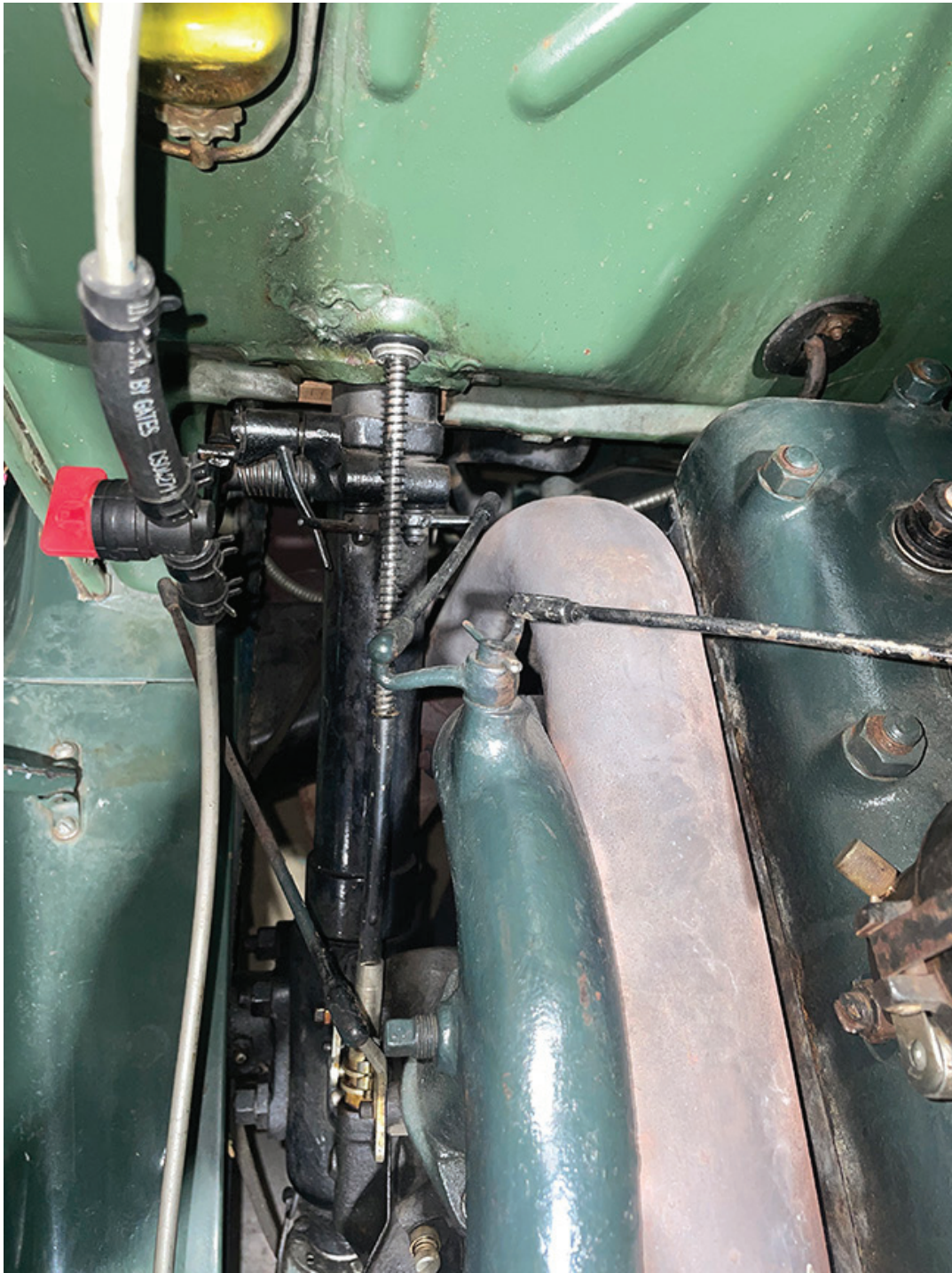
A view of the interior from the left side of the car, which clearly shows the right-hand-drive controls; essentially a mirror image of the left-hand side of an American-made Model A. Note, however, that the parking brake lever is on the left side of the transmission lever, not on the right-hand side.



This is a view of the right-hand side of the engine, showing how the steering column fits on the right side of the power plant. It's a tight fit, to be sure!



Another view of the engine compartment showing how the right-hand controls are fitted.



In this view, notice how close the throttle rod is to the exhaust manifold. Definitely a tight fit, but it all worked!

TOUR & PARADE SCHEDULE

- June 7 Sam Weston Restoration Tour
Location: 3700 South 500 East, Millville, UT
Meet at north end of Smith & Edwards parking lot at 8:30 AM
At 11:45 we will leave Weston's shop and drive to Angie's Restaurant
at 690 Main Street, Logan, UT, for lunch
If you are planning to attend, please email or text Dennis Thompson
BEFORE 8:00 PM Friday, June 6
Dennis Thompson
801-510-5837
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- June 13 Richard Erickson Foundation Antique & Classic Power Museum,
Wallsburg, UT
Details to follow
- June 30 North Ogden Car Show
Park located at 2750 North 500 East, North Ogden
Registration at 5:00 PM; show starts at 6:00 PM
- July 4 North Ogden Cherry Days Parade
Line-up location: 2650 North 400 East
Line-up time: 9:00 AM
Parade starts at 10:00 AM
Get-together after the parade at Rudy and Karen's house!
- July 24 Ogden Pioneer Days Parade
Details to follow
- August 2 Roy Days Parade
Line-up on airport road south of 4800 South at 8:00 AM
Parade starts at 9:00 AM
Car Show after parade: George Wahlen Park, 4200 S. 2100 W., Roy
You must register for the show at RoyUtah.gov starting July 1
- August 30 Hooper Tomato Days Car Show
Details to follow
- September 1 Hooper Tomato Days Parade
Line-up at 8:00 AM at church located at 5000 S. 5900 W., Hooper
Parade starts at 9:00 AM

RADIATOR REPAIR SHOP IN OGDEN



Adam Christofferson, a 23-year veteran repairing radiators for Western Radiator Company, is now repairing radiators, fuel tanks, and heater cores as a part-time business at his home in Taylor, Utah.

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