



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

Since the last club meeting, we have had three club outings—"The Dust Off Tour," brilliantly put together by Randy Ropelato, and two high school visits, co-ordinated by our past president, Ron Lucero. One visit was to Ben Lomond High and the other was to Bonneville High. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the Dust Off Tour, but I did attend both high school activities. I heard nothing but good things about the Dust Off Tour, and everybody enjoyed the high schools visits. It's fun to interact with young people who had never seen a Model A Ford before (particularly up close and person), and to tell them about the cars and address their questions. Interestingly, the girls seem to show more interest and enthusiasm for our Model As than the boys do! In fact, I was surprised to find out that there were a lot of girls in attendance in the auto shop class at Bonneville High.

For those of you who attended these events, thanks for coming. And for those of you who did not attend, I would like to encourage you to do so next time. The events are a lot of fun, and we get to drive our Model As! Can't beat that! So please try and make the next event—you'll be glad you did.

Speaking of next events..., the next one is on May 10th. (See details on page 10.) We're driving out to the Golden Spike National Monument, and stopping for lunch along the way. We'll be starting out at Smith & Edwards and it's about a 50-mile trip to the monument. So we will be giving our Model As a good workout. And remember, we only drive as fast as the slowest car (mine?), so don't be afraid to drive your car, thinking that you won't be able to keep up. And if you don't want to drive your Model A, drive your modern car! We would just like to you participate.

At the last Board meeting, our president Heidi Pitkin, told the Board that the national club conducted an audit of the Beehive As and found the club to be in excellent financial order. That, of course, is good news, and we all need to give our Treasurer, Jim Brown, a standing round of applause for keeping our books in order. THANKS Jim!

Henry Dominguez, Editor

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Cover photo: You have probably seen quite a few photographs over the years of the 20 Millionth Ford, a 1931 Model A Ford Fordor sedan. But you probably haven't seen the famous car in *this* scene. Edsel Ford (left) and Henry Ford are posing with the milestone Model A, along with Henry's first car, the Quadricycle, at Henry's estate, Fairlane. The Model A came off the assembly line in April 1931, and that is why the trees are barren. Shortly after this photograph was taken, the Model A was driven to every state capital in the country as a publicity tour. It visited Salt Lake City on September 1, 1931. For proof of that, please see page 9. (Editor's photo)

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave
Washington Terrace, Utah

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Wheelwright
Heidi Pitkin
Don Niederhauser
Jo Spinden
Marvin Thurn

TREATS for 2025

May	Henry & Terri Prevedel
June	Gordon & Doris Oram

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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.



more 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

Marvin Thurn has quite a few 17" wheels and 21" wheels for sale. Call Marvin at 801-624-0701.

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. He is also in need of a steering column clamp (the lower piece of the steering column support). Please call Marvin if you have what he is looking for: 801-624-0701

TECH TALK

May's Tech Talk will be given by Dennis Thompson. He will be talking about adjusting steering gears.

Josh gets a Model A, by gosh!

Back in March, Clay Pitken helped new club member, Josh Hoffmann, pick up his new 1929 Model A Ford roadster. He inherited it from his grandfather, and it hadn't been started in quite some time. The plan was simply to retrieve the old Ford from his grandfather's garage, take it to Josh's home in Farr West, and determine what it might need to get it back on the road.

Heidi Pitkin and Henry Dominguez met them guys at Josh's place to help as well.



Here's Josh's Model A in his grandfather's garage in Bountiful.



Josh poses for posterity in front of his roadster. Since the car didn't run, he and Clay had to winch the car onto Clay's trailer. Then off they headed to Farr West!



Above and below: the old Ford arrived safely in Farr West and Josh is preparing to unload it and place it in his garage.





This is a fantastic photo! It exemplifies what our club is all about: Friends, Family and Model A's!

Since Josh had a fully charged battery, they decided to see if it would start. Josh cranked, cranked, cranked..., but nothing. They checked for fuel. It had fuel. They checked for spark, but it had no spark. They noticed that the fuse was blow at the fuse block on top of the starter, and it kept blowing when ever they put in a new fuse. They disconnected the headlight harness and removed the taillight bulb and that caused the fuse to stop blowing (they'll figure out why later), and voila, the engine started!

Excited, Josh couldn't wait to take the old Ford for a ride, even though he had never driven a Model A before! And he drove it without a hitch!

After going up the block and back, Josh's wife Megan jumped in and joined him, and off he went again, as their daughter, Mckenzie, looked on.

Yes, the old Ford needs a little bit of work, but "little" is the operative word, for it won't take Josh too long to get his grandfather's Model A ready for some real driving!

Golden Spike National Monument Tour

May 10, 2025



Come join in on the fun and adventure traveling to the
Golden Spike National Monument!

When: May 10, 2025

Where: Smith & Edwards, 3936 North 2000 West, Ogden, UT 84404
Meet in the parking lot at the north side of the building

Time: Arrive at Smith & Edwards between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Departure at PRECISELY 10:00 AM

Lunch: Caravan will stop at the Golden Spike Cafe in Corinne on the way out for lunch.
(Lunch is on your own.)

Other activities: There will also be a Poker Run during this tour, if you want to participate, but it is completely optional. But if you want to try your luck, cards will be \$1 each and cards will be handed out throughout the tour.

Head count needed: Please let our president know if you are coming and how many will be in your party. Email her at itsthepits5@gmail.com as soon as you can.

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