



Rumble Seat Review

April 2022



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



Beehive A's Union Station Tour March 2022



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

President's Message

Clay Pitkin

Greetings!

I would like to extend a warm greeting to all those new members, present & past members, and to those who read our newsletter on-line. I would also like to extend an invitation to you: If you would like to come out and join our club meeting, please feel free to do so. There is no charge or obligation and you don't have to have a Model A.



The temperature is definitely getting warmer. It's finally time to start putting the heavy winter coats away for the year and soon the environment will be surrounded with car shows, parades, and many other automotive and family events.

Many of us, will also be getting our Model A's out for the upcoming year. A good year of driving and touring starts at the very beginning. Take your time, do the maintenance, oil changes, lubrication, etc.; make sure all the bolts, nuts, and screws are tightened. Also make sure brakes are properly adjusted. A little bit of prep work now will help prevent problems in the future.

Inevitably there will be issues with these vehicles. I can tell you that issues with these vehicles do not improve with age.

For the monthly club meetings, if there are any visitors, new members, we would like them to introduce themselves, and talk about the "A" they own, or will potentially own in the future. Also, if there are members who are buying or have bought an "A", we would also like them to talk about their new car as well. We also have two pre-selected individuals speak and introduce themselves, talk about the Model A's, and share something they have learned with their "A".

In addition, when time permits, our newsletter editor Kevin Youngberg, and his brother, Vice President Shawn Youngberg, will interviews other members for inclusion in the newsletter.

Understandably, this does not cover everything and all aspects of the Model "A". In addition, many times, (I myself am included in this as well), you are too shy to ask a question, or you're not sure what to ask, but let's face it, when you find out the solution, and quite possibly someone has already

experienced this, it sure makes you feel better and also gets that vote of confidence that you are on the right track.

With that being said, if you have questions, on your "A", please feel free to email me or a member of the presidency and we can forward your email to all the members, or if you want to remain anonymous, we can still forward your message and get the answer that you are in need of. This can also pertain to aftermarket parts. The only thing we ask is when you respond please be-respectful in your replies, not to get hung up on tangents, of course no politics. Please remember that this may be the first "A" that that member has owned, and quite possibly the first time in their life they are experiencing this issue.

See you on the road in your Model A,

Clay--

New Members

There were no new members in March.

Next Meeting

Our April meeting will be held:

Monday, April 11, 2022 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Library
5568 S Adams Avenue
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

Tech talk will be by Randy Christiansen and Dan Johnson!

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2022 Dues

DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. CONTACT SECRETARY/TREASURER
JIM BROWN.

Past Events

MARCH MEETING

President Clay Pitkin welcomed the group and asked for visitors and new members. He discussed the annual financial audit and noted there were no issues discovered.

He asked if there was interest in a lady's tour and there didn't appear to be any. He turned the time over to Bill Wiser to cover the Hoopernacle tour held in February. We visited Hal Stoddard's pipe organ built into a barn and watched Ray Wheelwright's hat get blown off. This was followed by lunch at Warren's in Roy. The tour was a great success and a fine get together.

Mike Nichols provided information on the Youth Impact car show which will be held on May 21st, 2022 from 11:00 am to 5 pm. This is a fund raiser for Youth Impact and cost if \$30.00 to enter but the fee also provides participants with two free meals and a T-shirt. Youth Impact is an organization that helps at risk youth finish school and provides them a safe environment for study, a hot meal and tutoring during the evenings. See the flier at the end for the Newsletter!

Henry Dominguez has arranged at tour of the Union Station on 25th street in Ogden for March 26th. The group will meet at 11:00 am to tour the station and have lunch at the Golden Corral at 10th and Washington in Ogden.

Dennis Thompson provided a list of upcoming tours through June and solicited help in organizing them. These are in the updated long range calendar below.

Roy Van Orman gave a tech talk on the restoration of headlights. They have been power coating the reflectors and using LED lights with great success. Additionally, they are power coating the cans which provides a very

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attractive finish. He gave us the ins and outs on the process and provided guidance on how to get the work done properly.

Earl Rogers explained that his great grandfather was a successful miner and bought the first car in Orem. As he was searching online to find out what that car looked like he found an auction and placed a bid on a Model A Coupe and won it. As it turns out, it was a car previously owned by Dan Johnson and had passed through several owners between Dan and Earl.

Rick Gibson joined Earl and explained that he had bought Model A's as a youth in high school. He needed a safety inspection sticker for the windshield, so he traded a good windshield onto a good car, got it inspected and then traded the windshield to the other two cars he as he needed to drive them. Rick recently bought a '29 Tudor with original paint.

Refreshments (fresh pies for Pi day) were provided by Bill Wiser. Thanks Bill!

Our April meeting will be at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace on April 11 at 7:00 PM. March Refreshments will be provided by Kevin Youngberg.

UNION STATION TOUR



The Beehive A's toured the Union Station on March 25th. Thanks to Henry Dominguez for setting the tour up. We had about 15 cars ranging from completely unrestored original Model A's to a beautiful 1950 Ford

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Beehive A's Rumble Seat Review, April 2022 and a 1914 Model T. The A's garnered a lot of attention, but the brass era T seemed to garner the most attention.



Well over 30 people attended the tour and we started in the Browning Auto Museum. The cars there are fantastic and I was impressed with the size of them. The informational plaques showed the year, make, wheel base and horsepower. Compared to our Model A's the cars on display were massive. Dennis Thompson located one that he had driven!

A trip to Union Station isn't complete without a visit upstairs to the Browning Firearms museum where we saw prototypes of John Browning's inventions, as well as factory high grade guns and the shop Browning used to build his prototypes.



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The Railroad Museum showed early life in Ogden when it was a major railway hub and provided information on the Lucin Cutoff trestle, a 12 mile railroad trestle across the Great Salt Lake. The trestle was built in 1903 and 1904 to shorten the distance on the first transcontinental railroad by 44 miles.

They station opened several rail cars for members to tour, something that is not usually available to the public.



Following the tour, many of the group met at the Ogden Golden Corral for lunch.

Henry, thanks for organizing the tour!

INTERESTING HISTORY OF FORD

The link below has a very interesting and concise history of Ford automobile businesses. I have no idea on the accuracy of the information. It includes some very nice historical pictures. You can access it at: <https://tinyurl.com/ytz6mxdw>

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
TBD	Tour	Island Park
April 11	April Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library, Washington Terrace 7:00 PM
April	Randy Moulding Tractor Tour	Pending further information

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May	Model T Day	Sky Park Airport, Woods Cross. See below for information.
May 9	May Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library, Washington Terrace 7:00 PM
May 21-22	Rollin' in the Red Rocks	St. George, UT
May 21	Club Event! Youth Impact Car Show	Ogden Airport
June 4	Malad Classic Car Show	Malad, ID
June 5	MOUNTAIN WEST STREET NEWS	Roy City Park
June 11	Sounds of Freedom	Layton, UT
June 12-17	National Convention	Kerrville, TX (Alamo A's)
June 18	Erickson Museum Tour	Three club event! Midway, UT
June 23-25	Lava Hot Springs/Oregon Trail Tour	Three club event! Lava Hot Springs
December 5-8	National Awards Banquet	Golden, CO

Model T Day

MEMORANDUM TO ALL MODEL T FANS

- Have you ever been curious about how Henry Ford introduced the world to automobiles?
- Have you ever wondered how to drive a car with three foot pedals and no gear shift?
- Have you ever wondered how to crank start a Model T?
- Have you ever driven a car with no accelerator pedal?
- Have you ever seen a car engine without a fuel pump, oil pump or water pump that still runs and gets you to where you are going?

The answer to the above will all be answered at a special Model T Ford day on May 7th at the Skypark Airport in Woods Cross, UT. The address is at an airplane hangar on the east side of the airport at 1634 West, 2350 South, Woods Cross beginning at 10:30 a.m. At that time and location, some six

or more Model T's of various body styles, with drivers will be assembled to offer instructions, rides, and new driver experiences. A light lunch will be provided. There is plenty of parking available and inside seating area for sharing auto related "war" stories. In case of rain, the event will be cancelled. Questions? Contact Keith Painter (801) 712-3147.

Just for Fun

Ray Wheelwright found this poem and asked me to share it with you. Thanks Ray!

The Hot Rod Race

By G. Wilson

Now me and my wife and by brother Joe
Took off in my Ford for San Pedro.
We hadn't much gas and the tires were low
But that doggoned Ford would really go.
Now along about the middle of the night
We were rippin' along like folks might.
When a Mercury behind me blinked his lights
He honked his horn and flew out of sight.
He had twin pipes and a Columbia clutch
And a speed that no one could touch.
And to you fold that don't dig jive,
That's two carburetors and an overdrive.
We made grease spots out of many good towns
And left the cops running round and round.
They wouldn't chase, they'd run and hide
And me and that Mercury stayed side by side.
We were Ford men and we both knew
We would race until something blew.
My car shook and the engine cried
And me and that Mercury stayed side by side.
My brother was pale and said he was sick
And he looked to me like a nervous wreck.
But why should I worry, so what the heck
Me and that Mercury was neck to neck.
Now out on the desert we did fly
Flying low and flying wide.
Me and that Mercury was taking a ride
And staying side by side.
I looked in the mirror and saw something coming

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I thought it was a plane the way it was humming.
It was humming along at a terrible pace
I knew right then it was the end of the race.
As it flew by I turned the other way
But the guy in the Mercury had nothing to say.
For it was a kid in a hopped up Model A.

Tech Corner

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you have questions you would like to have discussed at an upcoming meeting please send them to us at beehiveas1@gmail.com. Because of lead time in preparing the Newsletter, questions arriving less than two weeks before a meeting will be published in the following Newsletter for discussion at the following meeting.

MITCHELL SYNCHRONIZED TRANSMISSION

BY RAY WHEELWRIGHT

Mr. Ray Wheelwright answered my call for help on the tech corner and provided a nice write up on his experience installing and using the Mitchell Synchronized Transmission in his 30 Fordor. Thanks for the help Ray!



Ray ordered a Mitchell Synchronized transmission with a #3 ratio. The #3 ratio is synchronized in reverse, low and second gear. As things are lately with the supply chain, it took a while to get to him. He ordered it in July of 2021 and received it in late

November 2021. Mitchell needs five parts from purchasers to complete the order, the transmission box, the shift tower, the rear bearing retainer and the front input retainer.

The transmission arrived in a very well built container complete with good installation notes. Ray notes

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transmission installs can be done by either pulling the engine or pulling the rear end. Pulling the rear end requires a lot of work on the floor, while pulling the engine allows for more work being done while standing. Ray chose to pull the engine and also replace the clutch plate. Randy Christiansen provided some expert helping hands.

The new transmission uses 85W 140 oil not the usual 600W most Model A's use. The transmission comes with all the needed gaskets and bolts, and includes Mitchell's "Real Deal" transmission seal.

Ray provided a little insight into the benefits of the transmission. He reports it shifts easily, with no need to double clutch into 2nd or 3rd gear, but old habits die hard and Ray still double clutches out of habit. The shift throw is about half the original length. He only has about 200 miles on it, so his experience is limited and he'll provide more information as he gets more time on it.

The only downsides he sees at this point are the \$2080.00 he spent to get it, plus the \$36.00 cost to ship the core and the 4 month wait time.

Thanks Ray for sharing your experience with the Mitchell Synchronized Transmission!

Member Sales Corner

If you would like to place a free ad in the newsletter for Model A related items, please contact Kevin Youngberg at Beehiveas1@gmail.com

For Sale: Norm Leishman's '29 Coupe

Norman Leishman's 1929 Ford Model A Coupe with r seat. recently away a family we are able to only keep one of his beloved Model

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A's. We are hoping to find a new home for the Coupe with someone who will cherish it as much as he did.

Completely restored - interior and exterior. Robin egg blue two tone paint with very small amount of patina in a couple of places. The top of the hardtop is vinyl. One spare. 3-speed transmission, good brakes, new 6volt battery, new radiator, 4 blade cooling fan, good tires. This is a driver. Starts and runs as it should. Clean title, \$15,500.

If interested contact Rick 801-791-8222, Debbie 801-643-1538 or Tina 801-721-4335

In search of: 1930 – 31 Emergency Brake Cross Shaft, Round Speedometer

Mike Nichols is ***STILL*** looking for an emergency brake cross shaft. He needs one that fits a '30 – '31 frame. But wait, there's more! He's also looking for a 30-31 Light/Horn Switch Rod.

Contact Mike 801-725-4833 or mtnichols@yahoo.com

Free to a Good Home: Rear Axle Housings

Dennis Thompson has rear axle housings with good bearing surfaces. They are available free of charge. Contact Dennis 801-510-5837

For Sale: Model A and Early V8 Starters

Model A and early V-8 starters for sale. All need a rebuild. \$20 each. Contact Doug Jenkins 801-725-0207.

For Sale: Model B head and water pump, hood support

Model B head and water pump. Pump may have been rebuilt, not sure, it was at least cleaned up and painted, make me an offer.

Hood support, Snyder's part # A-16608-SS, new in box, \$10.00

Kevin Fielding 801-726-7042

Wheels for Sale

Model A rims for sale at \$75 dollars each. At present I have six — 21inch rims, two – 19 inch rims, and one –17 inch. Marvin Thurn 801-624-0701

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