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President's Message

Mike Nichols

Last month I expressed my great joy that February was over, bringing an end to the long snowy winter and even commented that one of the ski resorts reported over 500 inches of snowfall throughout the winter. I expressed my optimism for better weather so that we could start getting our cars out. Boy, was I wrong about the better weather, Alta Ski Resort is now reporting over 800 inches of snowfall, and it seemed that we experienced heavy snow nearly every day of March. There was at least one beautiful Saturday that we were able to get our cars out and visit Ogden Fire Station #1 (thank you Ron Lucero). I'm going to say it again, I'm glad that March is now behind us, and April is here so that we can start getting our cars out.

We have several activities during the month of April, Maintenance Day on the 15th at Bill Wiser's house, the Salt Lake Auto Auction on the 22nd, and the Antelope Island picnic on the 29th. We have committed to helping with the Salt Lake Auto Auction and it's a fund raiser for the club, so we really need members to step up and help out. Please sign up to help at the auction at our next meeting or call or email me if you can help.

Looking forward to Spring and seeing you and your cars in April!

Pres Mike

New Members

We had no new members in March.

Next Meeting

Our March meeting will be held:

Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S Adams Avenue

Washington Terrace, UT 84405

There will be a discussion on body styles.

Past Events

MARCH MEETING

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President Mike Nichols called the meeting to order. He recognized a new member, Jan Bodily, who joined us in person for the first time.

He covered the upcoming calendar which is available on our website <https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events>.

April will be busy. We have a maintenance day on April 15th (see below). The Classic Car Auction, which is a club fund raiser, will be held on April 22th (also below) and we'll have a tour of Antelope Island on April 29th (bring your own picnic).

There was a short report on the 2024 MACFA Awards Banquet we are assisting with hosting.

Additionally, we discussed the upcoming Evanston tour and the Island Park tour.

Dan Johnson provides a well-illustrated tech talk on brakes.

Heidi and Clay Pitkin provided the refreshments.

OGDEN FIRE TOUR

BY RON LUCERO

Another interesting tour was done for the Model A club touring season. We had 20 people that attended the tour, 6 Model A's and two other classic vehicles. This tour was of the Ogden City Fire Department which is an organization of men and women who serve our local community in fire safety and emergency medical. The fire department responds with ambulances, rescue squad and fire apparatus for service to the Ogden community, and along with service to South Ogden and Riverdale.



We were met by shift Captain Dustin Mayhou, who is one of the fire officers on duty, and two crew firefighters Jackson Hokanson and Jared Bardo. These are just three of the many personnel on duty at the station. We were shown the station bay area and had the opportunity to see up close one of the fire engines

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in the truck bay. Firefighters Jackson and Jared showed the various types of safety equipment used by the fire fighters when fighting a fire.



After a question-and-answer period covering the equipment and the vehicle bay area, we were shown where the men and women "hang out" until needed.

The alarms that notify the firefighters of an emergency call are done by a tone and lighting system. RED, GREEN, that signify that an emergency call is needed. As on our previous tour, the 911 emergency call center is the one initiating the emergency call, giving location and type of emergency call. So, the men and women respond to the call by jumping into the required vehicle, an ambulance, a fire engine, or paramedic rescue squad to respond to the call needed. With lights and sirens, they respond to the emergency call.

The ambulances and rescue squads are supplied with all the needed items to help stabilize and save a life. The fire engines are modern up to date fire apparatus, able to pump water and help suppress any fire.

They demonstrated their power tools for extrication from vehicles and they also demonstrated self-contained breathing apparatus. One of the highlights was right at the end the ambulance, rescue squad, and engine responded to a high priority medical call so they bid us farewell with lights and sirens blazing and blaring.

Our Ogden city fire department is an outstanding organization with outstanding personnel to help service the public in the areas of accidents, health issues and transport to the local hospitals. The fire apparatus will help suppress any type of fire situation and the brave men and women of the Ogden City Fire Department deserve our thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will hold a maintenance day to perform work for those who need some assistance At Bill Wiser's home 5978 W 5150 S in Hooper on April 15th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Club will be driving cars for the Salt Lake Auto Auction on April 22. This is a fund raiser for the Club and Russ Baker will have a signup sheet at the next meeting or you can call him if you want to participate. He also needs three parkers to help out on Friday, April 21 in the evening.

Out April tour will be a picnic at Antelope Island on April 29. We'll meet at 11:30 am. **NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION: Avalon Institute, 1992 Antelope Drive Layton.**

We will be traveling to Island Park/Yellowstone during September 13th to 17th to tour. We have a discounted rate on some newer cabins but we need to book five at a time to get the rate. If you want to come tour and need a nice place to stay without breaking the bank, contact Mike Nichols ASAP. Rooms are going quickly so you **REALLY** need to book soon.

Dennis Thompson proposed an overnigher to Evanston, WY on August 11. We will tour the Evanston Round House and machine shop on Saturday. Getting there will be Mirror Lake Highway and return will be to Woodruff and down Monte Christo. More information to come.

Kevin Fielding announced a small car show at the American Heritage Museum in Wellsville to be held on July 22nd. Entries are limited to Pre-WWII cars. He says it's a small, but very good show.

Jim Brown provided a financial report. The annual audit has been completed and no discrepancies were found.

Thanks to Jim for taking care of the money and keeping the books straight.

Tech Talk

Refreshments were provided by Heidi and Clay Pitkin, that's for providing those.

A Blast from the Past

Ray Wheelwright gave me a packet of three very early newsletters from the club, they from February, March and April 1983. This newsletter is setting at 10 pages currently and we like to keep it at 8, so they won't go in this time. I'm not sure how to get them handled, but I'll likely scan them if I think I can without damaging them and cut parts to include in the next few newsletters. Thanks, Ray, for sharing, I'll take good care of them and get them back to you!

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Forgot to Pay Your Dues to Beehive A's?

It's not too late! We want to keep you involved with the club, so if you haven't sent in your dues get with Jim Brown to get them caught up. The previous newsletter (March) was the last one non-dues paying members will receive.

Upcoming 2024 MAFCA Awards Banquet to be Held in Salt Lake City

We need your help for the upcoming MAFCA Awards Banquet. We know it's a way off, but we need to start early. Each of the Utah clubs is providing two volunteers to solicit donations and sponsors. If you're willing to

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reach out to local vendors and participate in a coordinated effort to reach out to Model A suppliers throughout the nation please contact Dirk Youngberg. His number is in the roster.

He also needs help in putting together a nice Model A themed quilt to be raffled at the event. If you're will to help with the quilt contact Dirk.

Upcoming Fund-Raising Event

We have another event coming right up where we need club member help. The Salt Lake City Classic Car Auction will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Mountain America Expo Center in Sandy. This is a fund raiser for the club and brings in a significant amount of money.

We need several people to park cars the evening before (Friday, April 21) and about 20 people to drive cars across the auction floor. You'll get into the auction at no cost, get up close and personal with some incredibly beautiful cars, see some very rare ones and pick a couple of your favorites to drive across the auction block. And if you see something you can't live without, you can take it home for a few bucks.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan on participating. Russell Baker will have a signup sheet at our meeting on Monday April 10th.

Drop in a Motor in Day

On Saturday March 11, Dennis Thompson opened his shop to club members as he put a new motor into a 1930 Coupe. The crew started at 9:00 AM and had the engine in by 12:15 PM. Randy Christiansen, Mike Bachman, the car's owner (we need to get him out to a meeting), Bill Wisser and of course Dennis were all there to help and get into each other's way. I stopped at about 2:00 PM after all the work was done and got to see it running. My only critique would be that it would run better with a radiator (Dennis hadn't gotten quite that far when I arrived.) So Northern Utah now has another running Model A!



Maintenance Day

As President Mike Nichols indicated in his president's column above, we'll be having a maintenance day at Bill Wisser's home on Saturday, April 15th from 10 am to 2 pm. If you need some help, here's your opportunity. Tune-ups, check the bolts, change or top off fluids, get the brakes adjusted – with some help and Bill has a lift in his shop so there will be minimal crawling on the ground. We'll have the alignment checker to check front end alignments as well as a coil checker to make sure your coil isn't wired in backward.

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If you've hit the point in life where you can't do maintenance some somewhat qualified people will be there to do it for you. If you're a bit unsure how to do it, we'll have people there to assist and a copy of Les Andrews Red Book to guide us. Come on out and get some work done, come and help or come to visit or watch.

Please bring the needed oil and transmission weight oil for your car.

More information at the meeting on Monday, April 10th.

And We Lost Another Model A (Temporarily)

Ron Lucero shared with us a nice article on his past and current classic cars titled, "Beginning to an End". Little did he know at the time the end was near for his engine.

He wanted to bring it to the Hill Museum gathering held in February. Being dutiful he topped off the fluids, changed the oil and got everything in tip top shape. He was excited for the upcoming car shows, parades and tours.

He started off for the pre-tour lunch and noticed the engine developed a knock after it had warmed up. Finally, the engine died. He got it started and home. In early March Dennis Thompson went to Ron's home and they started it up. While cold it ran well. Upon taking it for a short drive, it began to knock and finally died. They limped it home again and listened to the engine. The knock was coming from the bottom end.

Ron drained the oil and didn't find anything suspicious, so he removed the oil pan and found the babbitt was failing and one of the cylinders was very dark. So, we're down a Model A for a short time while Ron gets the engine rebuilt. But it'll be back soon!

Long Range Calendar

Please see out calendar of upcoming events at <https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events>

Date/Time	Event	Locations
April 10	Club Meeting 7:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace

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April 15	Maintenance Day 10 am to 2 pm	5978 W 5150 S, Hooper, UT
April 22	Salt Lake Auto Auction (Driving)	Mountain America Expo Center, Sandy
April 29	Antelope Island Picnic 11:30 AM	Meet at Avalon Institute 1992 Antelope Drive Layton. Bring a picnic lunch.
May 8	Club Meeting 7:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
May 20	Classic Car Show	962 W Porter Ln. West Bountiful
May 21	Jelsco Car Show	1150 W Highway 89, Harrisville, UT
May 27	Bear River Bird Refuge Club Tour	Meet at Smith and Edwards 9:00 AM, bring a lunch
June 2	Photo Reproduction Club Event	25 th Street and Wall Ave 7:00 AM Opportunity to reproduce an original era photo with our cars. Individual car photos can be taken upon request.
June 2	Historic 25 th St Car Show	25 th Street Ogden, UT
June 4	Mountain West Street News	Roy Municipal Park
June 10	Sounds of Freedom Car Show	Layton Commons Park
June 10	Grinchfest Car Show	South Jordan
June 11-16	MAFCA Midwest Regional	Breckenridge, CO
June 16-18	Rockin Rust Revival Car Show	6/16 Bear Lack Cruise 6/17 Car Show Woodruff Park 6/18 Salt Flat Cruise
June 24 th	Back to the 50's Car Show	Heber City Park

June 29-30, July 1	Cache Valley Cruise-In	Logan, UT
July 8	Heavy Hitters Car Show	Weber County Fairgrounds
July 29	Westsider's Car Show	West Bountiful City Park
August 12	Junction City Classic Car Show	Ogden, UT
September 13 to 17	Island Park Club Tour	Island Park and Yellowstone (not the series)

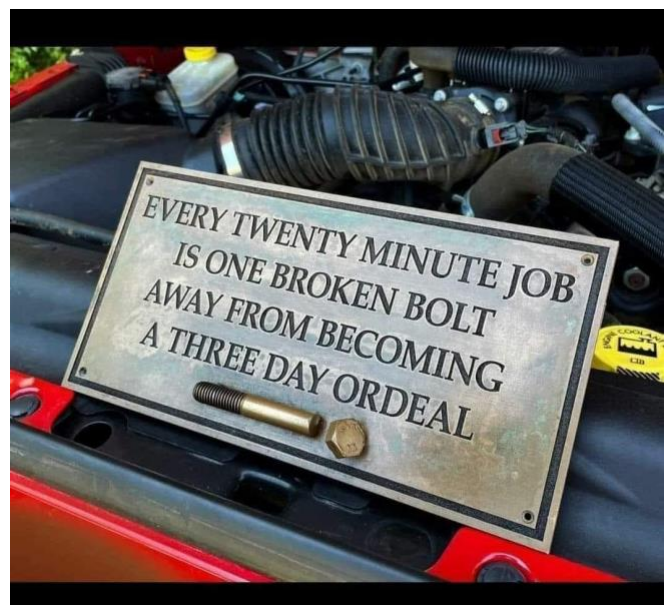
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Go to our website at <https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events> and see what's lined up for the year.

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.



The 15 Minute Job

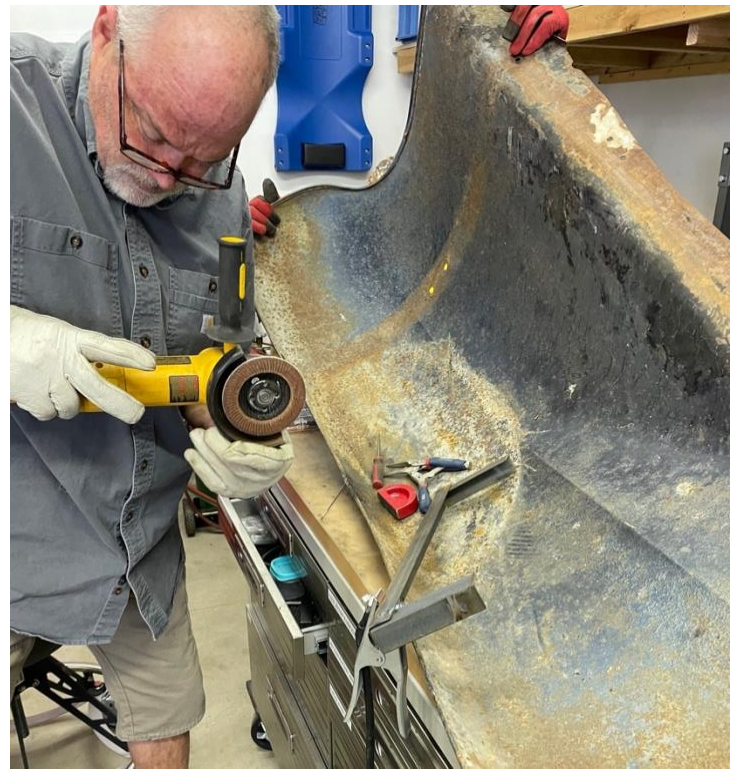
Everyone has one of these. If you haven't you will. It's a simple 15-minute job that turns nasty fast. Ours started out with a simple welding job to help out Dennis Thompson with his truck. He needed a couple of small patches on his fenders. We have some nice welding equipment in my shop. An inexpensive MIG welder with gas shielding, a TIG welder as well as a gas setup. For deconstruction we have a pretty good-sized plasma cutter. And I can sort of weld. As Dennis puts it, "The bigger the glob the better the job." I REALLY need more time on the welders, especially the TIG.

For body work the TIG has more heat control and leaves a softer weld so it's easier to clean up later. The best TIG operator I know is married to my sister. He's really good at it. So, we prevailed on him to come do the welding in an effort to not have a heat wrinkled mess on our hands.

Shawn brought him over to my shop, Dennis showed up with the fenders and a hopeful expression on his face. Mick, my brother-in-law, looked over the gear and the job and started cleaning up the work area. He made some practice runs on some scrap to get the feel of the welder and started on fenders.



Well, that's when a set of reasonably nice fenders took a turn for the worse. As Mick welded metal poured out from under the paint. Heating the metal to weld had resulted in us finding a pocket of lead that had been previously used to repair the body. We just couldn't get it cleaned up to weld on it. In the cleaning process we found some bondo under the paint. After about two hours we figured we'd done enough damage and it was as good as it could get without a complete paint strip and sand blast. Dennis graciously thanked us for messing up his fenders and started hunting for a new set.



The fifteen-minute job took a lot longer than expected and the result was not what we had imagined.

As our cars near 100 years old, a lot has been done to them to keep them on the road. No matter what you start, you never know what you'll find.

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. Ads MUST be in at least two

weeks before the next meeting and will run for two consecutive months unless you notify me ahead.

Car for Sale:

Vaughn Nelson's wife has decided to sell a couple of his favorite cars. One is a 1928 Model A Tudor sedan. Some of the older club members knew this car and what a good running A it is. The history of this car is very interesting. While Vaughn was working for Hafer's Inc. he came across the old A at a friend's shop in the St. George area called Dixie Diesel. He kept his eye on the car for years before he got the chance to purchase it. One may say, big deal, it gets better. The owner of Dixie Diesel grandfather bought the Tudor brand new in 1928 and the car stayed in the family until Vaughn purchased it. To make things even better the VIN # on the original title matches the engine # in the car. How often do you hear of that in a Model A? He, of course, restored the old A and drove it throughout many of our Western States. During the restoration of the car, he built two engines for it, the one that's in the car now and the original engine that will go with the car. The last 5 or 6 years now the car hasn't run because he couldn't drive, but he loved to look at it and tell stories about the A. Now it's time for another owner, so they can tell the history behind the 1928 Model A Tudor when out on tours.

Any questions, want to look, or talk about the car, call Jim Nelson 801-547-7780 \$18,500.00

Not a show car just a sound rust free Model A with only two owners. How often do you find one like this, next to never. His 1940 Ford Sedan is also available, same type of history. Two owner Car.

Parts Wanted:

28/29 headlights, rear and front bumpers.

Mike Nichols 801-725-4833

Email: mtnichols@yahoo.com

Parts Wanted:

30-31 PU bed

Dennis Thompson

801-510-5837

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Books Available:

Model A Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines (very old edition)

Restorer's Model A Shop Manual by Jim Schield

How to Restore Restore Your Model A, Volumes 1-5

Model A Ford Service Bulletins, 1957 Edition

Model A Ford Service Bulletins, 1972 Edition

Dennis Thompson

801-510-5837

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For Sale:

29 Ford Woody

29 Ford AA Dually

Steve Flint

435-757-3183

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