



# Rumble Seat Review

March 2022



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



February 2022 Hoopernacle Tour



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 us, please feel free to do so. There is no charge or obligation and you don't have to have a Model A.



For the month of February we had the opportunity to tour Hal & Joyce Stoddard's "Hoopernackle". This was an organ that he graciously played for us and explained the inner workings. They gave in detail how they acquired such a piece, as well as maintaining this magnificent piece of history. The building that the organ was housed in was simply built around the organ, to which they must maintain a constant 70 degrees year round. On the walls and rafters were all kinds of pictures from religious leaders, the Stoddard's immediate family, and flags from various colleges/ universities.

We had approximately 75 individuals who attended this event.

Ray Wheelwright was fortunate enough to have a seat where when specific notes were played; it blew air on his head.

Rex Zollinger from the Salty A's also was able to play the organ as well. Both Rex and Hal shared a very similar story of how their mothers would make them play the piano when they were small boys.

Afterwards, we went to Warren's restaurant in Roy and had a lunch. we were able to converse with many friends, it was really neat!

If you used your phone, camera, etc. for this tour, please email Holly Jenkins to for the club history.

I would like to offer my thanks to Bill Wiser, as well as Hal & Joyce Stoddard who arranged this tour, and the coordination effort, when you see these individuals please thank them for their efforts and hospitality for this tour!

At a recent presidency meeting, the idea was tossed around of having a ladies only tour. I would like to specifically invite all ladies of the Beehive A's of Northern Utah to March's

meeting to discuss the idea, or if you cannot attend please email, call me, or text me with your ideas and suggestions. You do not have to drive, or own a Model A, it is simply a gathering to get together and have a wonderful time. Some of the idea included a pedicure, lunch or dinner, and see a play. We are open to other activities, let us know what you would like to do.

We need someone to be the spokesperson for this group. If this interests you, please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

Also, another item that was brought up was to have a committee group that would be someone involved with the members. This committee would notify the presidency of specific challenges facing these individuals, such as surgery, health challenges, etc. They would also contact past members who have not renewed their membership to determine their status. I'm not sure what to expect, but someone in the club has dealt with this, etc. We would need someone to be the spokesperson for this group. If this interests you, please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

My cell number is 801-589-5797.

Guys, please be sure to notify your spouse's/significant others of this.

On another note, I would also like to make you aware of a very unique store in Salt Lake City. Recently, while working on a machine helping a friend of mine, we had to get some nuts, bolts, etc. to finish the project. So we went to Marshall's Industrial Hardware. They are located at 2210 California Ave.

I was amazed at how much supply they had. Clamps of any kind, bolts, nuts, screws, fasteners, rubber O-rings more sizes than I can count, hard to find automotive fasteners, the list goes on and on. There is literally so much stuff in this store, it simply is unfathomable. All brand new items, good quality, also when you enter the store, on the ends of the Isles; they have a map of where the item is located. All products are neatly organized, and categorized, but wow! The staff there is very friendly and willing to assist you in finding your item.

See you on the road in your Model A,

Clay--

## New Members

There were no new members in February.

## Next Meeting

Our March meeting will be held:

Monday, March 14, 2022 7:00 PM  
Pleasant Valley Library  
5568 S Adams Avenue  
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

Tech talk and bios will be Earl Rogers & Roy Van Orman.

## Business

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## 2022 Dues

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022, IF YOU HAVE NOT. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. CONTACT SECRETARY/TREASURER JIM BROWN. PLEASE NOTE, IF 2022 DUES ARE NOT SENT IN DURING MARCH THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE.**

## Past Events

### FEBRUARY MEETING

President Clay Pitkin covered some business:

- The availability of on-line meetings for those who can't attend in person. Contact Clay for details in advance of the meeting.

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- Club financials from Treasurer Jim Brown, we currently have more money in our account than we did this time last year. The Christmas party has been paid for and we only have one outstanding bill to be paid for \$75.00 to MAFCA for club insurance.
- The establishment of a Membership Committee to work with members who may need help, contact members who do not renew their membership and determine interest. The membership seemed to agree this would be a good item to pursue.

The time was turned over to Bill Wiser who provided a presentation on the Hoopernacle. This is an organ created by a gentleman in Hooper and housed in a barn. The entire barn is the organ. The Beehive A's has scheduled a tour under Bill's direction for Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Phil Steiger and Karen Stoker provided sketches on how they got interested in Model A's and how they obtained their cars as well as a bit about the car.

Our March meeting will be at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace on March 14 at 7:00 PM. March Refreshments will be provided by Bill Wiser.

### HOOPERNACLE TOUR

Bill Wiser set us up a tour of the Hoopernacle, a barn built to house an elaborate organ by Hal and Joyce Stoddard. The organ is integral with the barn built to house it. It started out as a hobby for Hal over 30 years ago and in the garage. Joyce thought it would be nice to have the car parked inside so they built the barn to house the organ. It's decorated with pews and photos of religious leaders as well as family picture. Hal played the organ for us and recited a bit of cowboy poetry. Rex Zollinger took a turn at the keyboard, showing that Model A owners have more talents than turning

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wrenches.



Bill says 57 Beehive A members attended at the Hoopernacle and many continued to lunch at Warren's in Roy.

## Abbreviated Newsletters and a Request for Help

I'm sure you've noticed the abbreviated newsletter this time. Recent family medical situations make it difficult to devote the time it takes to put it all together. Unfortunately, I don't see that changing in the near term. This makes it very difficult for me to get out for a member interview and car profile. In addition, generating content for the tech corner may be more difficult. We'll keep trying, but I expect those two areas to be weaker in future editions. It's been great to get out, meet the members and talk about their cars.

Now the help request. If anyone would like to conduct the interviews and prepare the write ups for publication I would welcome the help. It's usually a few hours meeting with a member and learning something about them and their car, and it's an enjoyable time! It would require a few hours of writing post interview to get it all ready for the newsletter.

Additionally, I could use some help with the tech corner. Kevin Fielding bailed me out last month. I try to use original content or take from someone else's work (with permission and attribution). If you're willing to help out here that would be appreciated.

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Other content is welcome, but must be submitted before the third week of the month to allow for editing and formatting.

If anyone would like to take on any of these areas or provide content, please email me a [beehiveas1@gmail.com](mailto:beehiveas1@gmail.com).

### WHAT DOES IT COST?

Hap Linger sent this along for your enjoyment. Thanks, Hap!

True Cost of a Classic Car Restoration	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
Hours on the toilet searching the Internet	\$0.00
Purchase of a ton of rust on four wheels	\$5,000.00
Flowers for wife to break the news	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Restoration cost - engine and transmission rebuild	\$8,000.00
Restoration cost - chassis rebuild	\$5,000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	\$1,600.00
New Lounge suite to balance ledger and keep wife happy	\$3,500.00
Restoration cost - bodywork and paint	\$7,000.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	\$50.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Family trip to Tropical Island to offset 1000 hours spent in the workshop	\$4,000.00
Restoration cost - new upholstery and soft top	\$6,300.00
New out fit for wife to save another argument	\$450.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	\$120.00
Inspection, Registration and other on-road costs	\$1,200.00
Dinner at restaurant to celebrate completion	\$120.00
Hairdressing cost after wife's first ride in a open top tourer	\$60.00
BBQ to have neighbours over to see the finished project	\$90.00
Paint touch up after neighbour's son drew on the car	\$150.00
Settled out of court cost for clobbering neighbour's son	\$600.00
New outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$450.00
New shoes to go with the new outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$150.00
New hand bag to go with new shoes and outfit for wife to go out rallying	\$100.00
Dinner at restaurant after asking wife to economise	\$120.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive a classic car	\$400.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife while teaching wife to drive a classic car	\$120.00
Repairs to front guard after wife's second lesson	\$600.00
Candlelight dinner at home (can no longer afford restaurant) after shouting at wife to watch where she is going	\$20.00
Advert on line for Classic Car For Sale	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,390.00</b>
Proceeds from sale of Classic Car	\$29,500
<b>Balance added to mortgage</b>	<b>\$15,890</b>
Thanks Alan Roper.....	

## Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Locations
TBD	Tour	Island Park
March 14	March Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library, Washington Terrace 7:00 PM

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March 18	Chrome in the Dome	Pocatello I.S.U Arena
April 11	April Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library, Washington Terrace 7:00 PM
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)
December 5-8	National Awards Banquet	Golden, CO

## 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](mailto: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.

### AMMETER RESTORATION

Turning this:



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Into this:



This information and the accompanying photos were shared by Mr. L. Jones on the VintageFordForum.com. I contacted him and received permission to use the information and photos in our newsletter. Thank you Mr. Jones!

A little background on the ammeter. The originals were much heavier than the current reproductions. Model A's used a 20-0-20 (-20 amp to +20 amp display) ammeters that didn't have the Ford logo on the face. The original ammeters and very early reproductions were much better than what we have available today. Today it's very difficult to get a 20-0-20 reproduction ammeter. Most of the ones we're seeing are -30 amp to +30 amp and have the Ford logo on them. We've tried installing the current reproductions and found they are cheaply built, it takes a bit of work to get them into the instrument panel and the needles are very shaky when they run. A reproduction is better than nothing and can tell you a lot about your electrical system, but the originals and early reproduction ones are superior.

We went to the Long Beach T Club swap meet early last and one of the items on our list was ammeters. We scored about five. Some need overhaul. The article by Mr. Jones offers some great information if you have an original and would like to rebuild it.

Mr. Jones suggests disassembly to the point shown in the picture below. He recommends NOT removing the needle and urges caution with it because it is very fragile.

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If the pivot point on the needle is rusty soak it in Evaporust, thick heavy rust will need to soak from 3 to 5 days. Oil the pivot point after the rust is removed.

After everything is clean, you need to polish the brass where the terminals contact it with steel wool and put some dielectric grease on it to prevent corrosion in the future.

There are some red fiber washers in the pictures, most of the time there will not be any fiber washers present when you take the ammeter apart, so you will need to make some. Spin some fiber washers in a drill or lathe and file or sand them until they will fit in the holes in the brass case. If the washers are thicker than the brass case they will not work properly, so sand them down until they are the same thickness as the brass or a couple of thousands thinner. They keep the terminal posts centered so they will not short out on the case.



When you put the magnet back in, test it to see which way the needle moves when current goes through it. When you put the ammeter in a 28-29 panel it should show a discharge when the

load is connected to the terminal closest to the instrument light, if it is working backward remove the magnet and turn it over and that will reverse the direction of the needle.



Mr. Jones usually installs a new chrome ring available from some vendors, because the tabs will usually break off if you try to reuse the old ring. You can touch up the black paint with a small brush if needed.

The face and glass from some of the older reproduction meters will work on an original meter. It is unknown, if the face and glass from the meters that are currently sold will fit.

If you have the center hub from a roll of Teflon tape, the white stuff, an empty spool fits the glass and allows the ring to be pressed down over the spool to disassemble the gauge.



If the pointer (needle) is severely bent you might have to start out using your fingers to get it close then turn it upside

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down on a smooth table and put something under it to hold it level. Mr. Jones used some nuts that were just right, then push on the pointer with a pencil eraser to make it flat.



To make the pointer line up with the 0 Amps mark, use a toothpick and push the pointer all the way to the side then apply a little pressure to bend the pointer until it lines up with the 0.

Be careful here, that needle is very delicate.

## 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](mailto:Beehiveas1@gmail.com)

### For Sale: Norm Leishman's '29 Coupe

Norman Leishman's 1929 Ford Model A Coupe with rumble seat. Our father recently passed away and as a family we are able to only keep one of his beloved Model 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

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

Mike Nichols is looking for an emergency brake cross shaft. He needs one that fits a '30 – '31 frame. He's also looking for a round speedometer and cable. Contact Mike 801-725-4833 or [mtnichols@yahoo.com](mailto: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, Snyders part # A-16608-SS, new in box, \$10.00

Kevin Fielding 801-726-7042

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