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President's Message

Mike Nichols

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am so happy to see February behind us. This winter has been exceptionally long for those of us who have become annoyed by clearing snow. After the last big storm, I pulled the handle to start the snowblower and the rope broke, leaving me staring at the handle in my hand! Frustrated, I put the Jeep in 4-wheel drive, gunned it in reverse, and jumped the snowbank made by the plow, and headed for work. One of the local ski resorts reported that over 500 inches of snow has fallen this winter, leaving 178 inches of base for skiing.

There are a few of our members who may have the right idea and decided to spend the winter in a warmer climate. One thing is for sure, most of us put the Model As in storage for winter and March is one month closer to when we get them out, and on the road again.

March 1932 was not particularly a good month for Henry Ford. The country was in the middle of the great depression and Ford was forced to cut wages by 54% and there were around 400,000 unemployed auto workers in Michigan. On March 2, 1932, between 3,000 and 5,000 workers marched from Detroit to the Ford River Rouge Complex in Dearborn, carrying signs of protest. The Dearborn police, along with Ford security guards began shooting into the crowd. Harry Bennett, head of Ford security, drove up in a car, opened a window, and fired a pistol into the crowd. Immediately, the car was pelted with rocks, and Bennett was injured. He got out of the car and continued firing at the retreating marchers. Dearborn police and Ford security men opened fire with machine guns on the retreating marchers. More than 60 workers were injured, and five workers died of their injuries. A grand jury was convened to investigate the incident and no charges were filed. The demonstration became known as the Ford Hunger march, or sometimes called the Ford Massacre.

Looking forward to spring!

Pres Mike

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New Members

We had no new members in January; however, I missed another member from earlier in the year. Rodney Cox joined in November; he is the proud owner of a 1930 Coupe. Welcome and apologies for not getting you in sooner.

Next Meeting

Our March meeting will be held:

Monday, March 13, 2023 7:00 PM
Pleasant Valley Library
5568 S Adams Avenue
Washington Terrace, UT 84405

Tech Tip presentation – Dan Johnson on brakes.

Refreshments will be provided by Clay and Heidi Pitkin.

Past Events

FEBRUARY MEETING

President Mike Nichols opened the meeting. We had two people attending virtually and 29 attending in person. Mike introduced those online and asked about visitors and new members and we had Sam Korologos from the Salty A's visiting.

The Club calendar was displayed and we covered the February Tour to the Hill Air Force Base Museum on February 25th. Those who would like to meet and eat can join the group at the Golden Coral in Layton that day at 11:45, for those who would like to just see the museum be there are 1:00 PM.

We will hold a tour of the Ogden Fire Station (#1) on March 18th, lunch will be TBD at 11:30 and the station tour will be at 1:00 PM at 2186 Lincoln Ave, in Ogden.

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

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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 VASA Fitness at 2076 North Main St in Layton at 11:00 am.

We will be traveling to Island Park/Yellowstone (the park, not Dutton Ranch) 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.

Rudy Eilander has access to Sure Can gas cans at the fantastic price of \$20 each. They are releasing a new style can and the older style (great cans, by the way) are being sold off at a high discount. Contact Rudy if you would like one.

Ron Lucero has Beehive A's fliers made up and they look great. It talks about the Model A and the Club, has lots of pictures and can be given at parades and car shows when people express an interest in the car or club. It has a QR code on the back that will take them to our website so they can see the officers, newsletters, calendar and fill out a membership to join. Nice work Ron!

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 club is solvent and in a good position so far this year. He asked how the membership viewed the food and service at the Timbermine last year and we voted to return there this December for our annual banquet.

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Randy Christiansen provided an excellent and well documented presentation on how to rebuild two started motors that we filthy and belonged to someone else. In the end they looked great and the owner will proudly display them on his car and truck.

Refreshments were provided by Dennis Thompson and everyone enjoyed Valentine's heart shaped cookies. Thanks Dennis.

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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Not a Member of MAFCA?

We encourage you to join. They offer some great benefits and provide our club's insurance. If you haven't been a member before you can get your FIRST YEAR FREE! President Elect Ron Lucero located the form for first year free and it's posted on our website at www.beehiveA.com, it is located at the very bottom of the home page.

Hill AFB Museum Tour

By Mike Nichols



On Saturday February 25th, the Beehive Model A's met for a quick lunch and then headed over to the Hill Air Force Museum. Attendance was light, but those who came enjoyed the conversations and company with each other and marveled at the flying machines of day gone by. B-17, B-24,

B-25, SR-71, Mustang, A-4, and so many more. The bi-wing Curtis JN Jenny is more from the Model T and Model A era.

Of particular interest was the Utah Aviation Hall of Fame and the other displays of the brave and valiant contributions made by those from our great state. Gail S. Halvorsen (The Candy Bomber), Bernard F. Fisher (Medal of Honor during Vietnam), Chase J. Neilson (Doolittle Raider pilot), Paul W. Tibbets (Enola Gay pilot) and so many more.



We stared at the display of the engine for the P-38 Lightning trying to guess it's weight. I later looked it up and the engine alone weighs 1,345 lbs. and the P-38 had two of them. In 1929 the Allison division of General Motors started production of the 1,000 HP, V-12, supercharged, liquid cooled V-1710 engine. The USAAC purchased the first V-1710 in 1932. For perspective, the

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same year Ford introduced the 65 HP V-8 to its automobiles.



We even learned that a few of our members worked on some of those models of aircraft or even worked on those specific aircraft that are in the museum, while on active or reserve duty, as civil servants, or volunteers at the museum. We are lucky to have this amazing collection in our neighborhood.

Beginning to an End

By Ron Lucero

Hello fellow Model A enthusiasts. I am Ron Lucero and will be your President in 2024. My beginnings with old vehicles did not start with a Model A, don't judge me yet. My beginnings started as I was growing up in Colorado. My brother had a 57 Chevy Nomad Station wagon and I learned to drive a stick shift in his car, and I really loved my brother's old car. After getting older and still having the desire to have an old vehicle, and many years later, I purchased a 1929 Roadster.



I had fun with learning to drive it as well as the ins and outs of having a Model A. And learned I had no idea how to maintain an old car nor the resources to do so. After about a year and half I sold the Roadster. I did not know at this time that there was a Model A club that I might have been able to draw knowledge and help in maintaining this nice-looking car. I later purchased a 1930 two door sedan and was very interested now in knowing what made them tick. I joined the Model A club for a year.



So, I dabbled more in trying to get to know how a Model A worked and by reading a lot and experimenting on how things ran, I was having fun driving this old car. But time and busy life items warranted me to sell this one also. Still having the bug of an old car, I went and purchased a 1931 coupe. My wife wasn't too much on this car as she was with the Sedan.



Then as a firefighter and I had an opportunity to purchase and restore an old fire truck. I purchased a 1929 American La France fire engine and restored it.





Now I had two old vehicles, but I had more interest in one than the other, so I sold the 1931 coupe and stayed with the fire engine. Now years again having passed, and I sold the fire truck due to circumstances beyond my control. So here I am again without any type of car or truck. I dealt into purchasing a new Camaro, then into a corvette, but the bug of having an old-style vehicle was biting at me again.



Again, some years passed and eventually I purchase a 1930 Model A pickup in July 2021. The purchase put me back into having an old vehicle and ready to be a better part of the Model A club. I noticed this truck on the Internet, it was located in Oklahoma City.

Being a little leery of the internet and scams that are so prevalent, and my son recently being retired out of the Navy living in Oklahoma City, I asked him to look up the



address and individual and find out if this is a true for sale deal. My son found the truck, looked it over and it was a true deal. I purchased the vehicle and had it shipped to me from Oklahoma City.

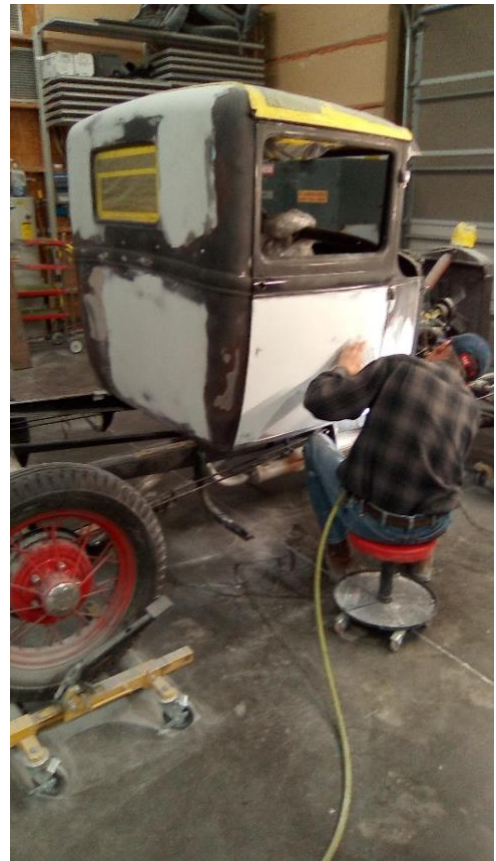
The truck ran great for a while and then I started to have some issues with it, not starting. I wanted to have it in the Pioneer's Day parade, but still was unsure of how to do the maintenance and get it running. Now a member of the Beehive A's Model A Club I had an avenue of how to get help. Mr. Wheelwright was there to help me and get the truck running and in the parade with the club.



So now I have a great vehicle to have and drive. However, it needed to have a paint job, as the paint was faded and cracked and it was really noticeable. So, I decided to have the truck repainted and body repaired. Being a retired firefighter, this is when I decided to have it painted in a fire truck theme. Finding a repair place was difficult. The autobody shops worked mainly with insurance claims and would not give a schedule and if it was a schedule it was to be when time allotted. My insurance agent's brother-in-law had a repair shop that only did remodeling and repair. Thus, I was led to a company of Southern Boy Customs in Plain City. We made arrangements for them to take on my project and February 2022, I gave the truck to the shop and they started on my restoration.



The truck was stripped and Bondo was found everywhere, and some sections the Bondo was so bad, that after sandblasting you could put your hand through it. A lot of fiberglass and repair was done. After repairing all the body work the painting started. New fenders were purchased as the originals were so dented and full of fiberglass. Thus, all redone and painting started.





My wife said that I needed to name the truck. I said guys don't name their cars, so I, broke down and named the fire truck. I decided to name my fire truck after my grandson. His name is Matthew, so the "Lil' Wehttam" is Matthew spelled backwards. So thus, Lil Wehttam is named after my grandson.



The restoration and repainting is completed and now I can show it off with the model A club and car shows.

Long Range Calendar

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

Date/Time	Event	Locations
March 13	Club Meeting 7:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
March 18	Club Tour Ogden Fire Station #1	Station tour 1:00 pm 2186 Lincoln Ave, Ogden
April 10	Club Meeting 7:00 PM	Pleasant Valley Library Washington Terrace
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 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 11-16	MAFCA Midwest Regional	Breckenridge, CO
September 13 to 17	Island Park Club Tour	Island Park and Yellowstone (not the series)

Want a Complete Calendar of Events?

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

Use What You've Got

Times were tough through the 1930's and 40's. People made do with what they had. Dan Johnson shared an article with me from Old Car's Weekly magazine about a 1930 Model A Cabriolet that was used to run the mail around Lindsay, MT. The author is Peter Winnewisser. The first owner of the car converted it to a rural mail delivery snowmobile in the late 30's, it changed hands in the early 40's and the new owner added a Model TT rear axle and wheels. And strapped on widened rear fenders. Tires were Goodyear 12X24 farm tractor tires. The new owner used it, again, as a mail delivery vehicle.

From time to time you see old Model A's and T's converted for other uses. With the gasoline rationing in WWII trucks got more rationing stamps so I've seen pictures of several coupes converted to pickup trucks. Back then it was just another old car, so they did what they had to do to get a reliable mail car. Yes, it's big and, yes, it's ugly. But it did the job.

Pictures were taken from Oldcarsweekly.com. You can read the complete article at <https://www.oldcarsweekly.com/features/car-week-1930-ford-model>.

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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.

CORRECTION ON THE BURTZ BLOCK!

I shared our Newsletter with John Lampl, Brutz's Manufacturing and Quality Assurance Director and asked if I had represented things correctly and he replied the only mistake is they have blocks and components in stock and they are available for purchase and ready to ship immediately.

MAFCA Awards Event in 2024

The Beehive A's committee met with the Salty A's and Utah Valley A's and are moving forward with the planning process for this event. More information to follow.

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.

Parts Wanted:

28/29 headlights, rear and front bumpers.

30-31 tail light.

Mike Nichols 801-725-4833

Email: mtnichols@yahoo.com

Parts Wanted:

Rear brace for a PU bed

Roy Van Orman

801-292-8085

Parts Wanted:

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30-31 PU bed
Dennis Thompson
801-510-5837

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
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For Sale:

29 Ford Woody
29 Ford AA Dually
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