

# BEEHIVE A's 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



## President's Message

Ron Lucero

Hello to all our members. Welcome to April. The wonderful month of March—"In like a Lion out like a Lamb"—as the old saying goes, is now behind us and we can look forward to new adventures and even some revisited ones in April. Hopefully, April is like a lamb, "April Showers bring May Flowers", so let's look forward to some sunshine and flowery days. We had snow, snow, and more snow, and we need the moisture, but hopefully now the temperature will be a bit more reasonable for us to have our cars out. Put away the winter coats and get out the sweaters as we will be hitting the rest of the year running.

I would like to welcome our new President Elect, Heidi Pitkin, to the board. She is an exceptional woman, and she will do well in the future as next year's president. Let's all congratulate her for accepting this position on our club board membership. As before with other presidents, we and I are here to help her in succeeding in the position and helping her further the image of our club.

We, as club members, would also like to welcome a new member to the club. His name is Paul Bush. Welcome Paul to our club. To our new member, please read the monthly newsletter, our "Rumble seat Review" newsletter as it has much information about future events. So, welcome and warm wishes from all of us in the Beehive A's.

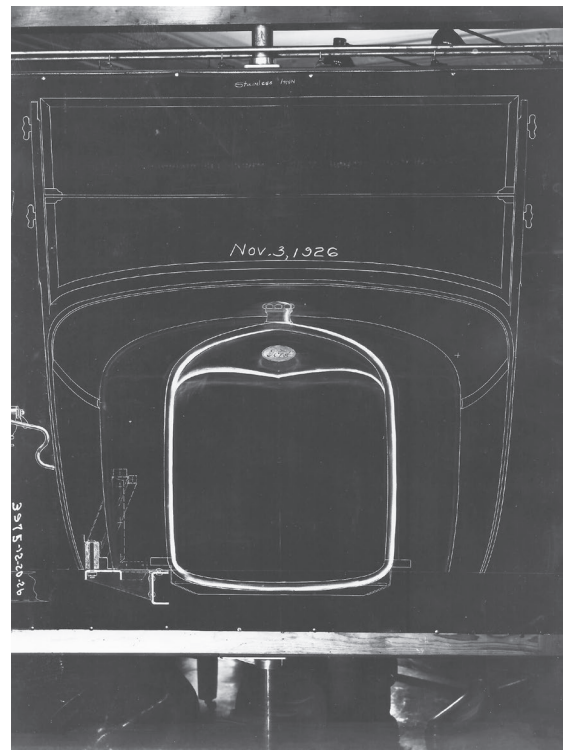
We were invited to attend an outing with the Utah Valley A's this past month. The outing was at the Train Museum (Union Station) in Ogden. We had some club members bring their cars to the station and went on the tour with the other A club members. The day was nice and sunny, with a slight wind, and it was great to learn the history of the railroad for the Ogden area and how the rail lines were built.

Our Model A youth days are coming up at some of our schools in the surrounding area. Scheduled schools are Ben Lomond, Fremont, and Bonneville high schools. Please be willing to attend one of these school outings. Hoping that we all can participate in some way or another in showing the younger generation how the old cars were made and to give

them the desire to appreciate the older vehicles—and to get involved!

Car shows and parades are also some events we will be in or be a part of. Showing our cars always brings a smile and memories to those who visit us at these events and want to ask questions. Let's have fun and enjoy the outdoors. Looking forward to seeing you all at our outings for April.

Another day will be announced for Bill Weiser help in removing his stock motor out of his car. So be looking for the new date.



Model A body development showing handsome radiator shell.

Front cover: Last month we had a Model A from Buenos Aires on the front cover, and to carry on that international theme, here are four brand new Model As on their way to Dominion Motors in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Managers of the dealership were parading the new Fords along the streets of Edmonton and decided to stop and take a picture in front of the Salvation Army. There is a sign in the left rear window of the two-door sedan at the end of the line, which reads, "THIS IS THE NEW FORD."

## Next Meeting:

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

### Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave  
Washington Terrace, Utah

## 2024 Officers

### Treats for 2024

April	Clay & Heidi Pitkin
May	Dennis Thompson
June	Kevin Youngberg
July	Shawn Youngberg
August	Keb Leete
September	Phil Dunn
October	Bill Wiser
November	Kathy Christiansen

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## NEW MEMBERS

The Beehive As welcomes our newest members:

Paul & Kylee Bush of Layton, Utah. They have a 1929 Fordor Sedan. Glad to have you on board!





Mr. J.W. Mason (far left) founded the Raymond Auto Company in Raymond, Washington, in 1914. Here, he is standing with his employees in front of his new dealership building, which he built in 1929. At left is a line of Model As awaiting maintenance and repair. (Courtesy Terry Mason)





RAYMOND AUTO COMPANY.

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# Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
April 8 7:00 PM	Member Meeting and Tech Talk by Ray Wheelwright	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT
April 13 9:00 AM	Model A Engine Swap at Bill Wiser's House	5978 West 5150 South Hooper
April 17 (Time to be determined)	Bonneville High School Show & Tell	251 East 4800 South Washington Terrace
April 18 (Time to be determined)	Ben Lomond High School Show & Tell	1080 9th Street Ogden
April 19 (Cars in place by 8:00 AM)	"Spring Pack Party" Fremont High School	1900 North 4700 West Plain City
May 11 10:00 AM	Golden Spike National Monument Tour	Meet at Smith & Edwards at 10:00 AM Lunch at a restaurant in Corinne or Bring your own lunch

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Berry  
Jim Brown  
Eldon Flinders  
Liana Lucero  
Dean Murray  
Steve Sessions  
Larry Streadbeck  
Dennis Thompson  
Chaz Walker

# YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD



Steve Sessions (left) proudly holds up his 40-year award after receiving it from President Ron Lucero at the March meeting. Other members who received membership awards were: Randy and Gloria Ropelato (40 years), Happy & Karolyn Linger (40 years), Chuck Evans (30 years), Russ and Dana Baker (30 years), Keith Painter (20 years), George Prawitt (20 years), Kirk and Mary Clause (10 years), and Eldon Flinders (10 years).

# Parts Wanted

Daryl Hunt is looking for a rebuildable generator for a 1929 Model A. Please email him if you have one: [schatzi170D@gmail.com](mailto:schatzi170D@gmail.com).



# TIRES & WHEELS

by Kevin Fielding

Well, by now, you should have figured out what this article is going to be—finishing up the new tires and wheels project.

Gather up your tools. I found these tire irons at the local Harley shop. They are small enough to carry in a motorcycle tool bag, but are really durable. Also, you will notice four pieces of plastic tubing. I purchased a foot of 5/16" and cut it into four equal pieces.



Next up, I use baby powder to powder the tube and put just enough air in it to give it some shape and stay in the tire. I put down a piece of carpet, and usually work on the floor.



I am mounting the tires from the back side of the rim in order to avoid chipping the powder coating finish. I placed the plastic tubing on the edge of the rim.



I locate the rim with the valve stem at about the 6:00 position, and found that the plastic tubing works out best at about the 10:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 2:00 positions.

Start by pushing the tire up against the rim near the valve stem, and then using the tire irons, leverage the tire onto the rim. I was able to do both beads at once, I think, because the tires were warm (I took them in the house the night before), and because they were new tires.





Once the tires are mounted, install the valve stem dust cover to hold the valve stem in place. I like to air them up and then pull the valve stem guts and let all the air out. Replace the valve stem guts, air up the tubes to the required pressure, and install the remaining valve stem hardware.



Once again, not a super hard job, and I am proud to say I got it done without a single chip in the new power coating!



Thanks again to all those that helped with this project, including Randy Christiansen's confidence, when he told me, "Hell, you mount clinchers, you can mount these!"

See you on the road, Kevin

## MEMBERSHIP

The good news is, our Club has 72 registered members. The bad news is, only 53 have paid their dues for 2024.

If you are one of those delinquent members, please send your \$30.00 dues to Club treasurer Jim Brown at 865 Manchester Road, Kaysville, UT 84037, or pay him at the next meeting (April 8).

If you do not pay your dues by the end of April, you will no longer receive the newsletter, and that would be a shame.

## HELP WANTED

Dennis Thompson is looking for helpers with the 2024 MAFCA Awards Banquet. He is in need of people to help at the Hospitality Room and the Raffle Room throughout the mini-convention, which runs from December 12 to December 14. The Hospitality Room will be open from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM each of those days, and the Raffle Room will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

"I'd like to have one person from our Club to be present to help with those rooms," explains Dennis. "If you are interested, please get with me and we can schedule you in. Of course, the banquet isn't until December, but it's never too early to sign up."

See pages 10 and 11 for more information about the awards banquet.

## FORD PIQUETTE PLANT

On page 12 there is a solicitation for funds for the restoration of Ford Motor Company's second plant—the so-called Piquette Avenue plant. It was here that the Model T was developed and mass production invented. While this facility has nothing to do with our beloved Model As, if it weren't for this plant, the Model A would have never been built.

Twenty years ago, I was part of a group of 100 Ford aficionados who donated money to save this historic building from being razed. (My name is on a plaque on the wall.) Over those years, it has become one of Michigan's top tourist attractions. But it still needs a lot of renovation.

Please give what you can to preserve this 67,000 square-foot national treasure.





**MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET**  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 2024

# MORE THAN JUST AN AWARDS BANQUET IT'S A MINI CONVENTION

**SALT LAKE CITY**  
**DECEMBER 11-14 2024**

## BUS TOURS

**GOLDEN SPIKE NATIONAL PARK**



**SPACE SHUTTLE BOOSTER AND ROCKET DISPLAY**



**SALT LAKE CITY HISTORY TOUR**



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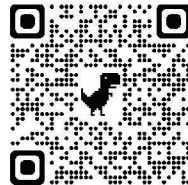
## SEMINARS

UTAH HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY  
EDEL FORD AND THE MODEL A  
THE ULTIMATE MODEL A QUIZ

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

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2024 Salt Lake City National Awards Banquet  
 MAFCA's Annual Mini Convention  
 December 11 - 14, 2024  
 Salt Lake City Marriott University Park  
 480 Wakara Way  
 Salt Lake City Utah 84108 - 800-228-9290  
 Model A Club special pricing \$129 per night  
 link to hotel registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

MAFCA Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Qty	Charge	Sub Total		
Registration postmarked before October 1st 2024				\$80/per family	
Registration postmarked after October 1st 2024				\$95/per family	
NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1st 2024					
One free polo shirt per registration prior to October 1st 2024				Size:	n/c
Include a high-resolution digital photo of your car					
Additional shirts		Size:	\$35 each		
Wednesday December 11 at 7:00 p.m.					
Welcome Reception - Hors d'oeuvres and Floor Show				\$32 each	
Thursday December 12					
MAFCA Board Meeting 9:00 to 5:00 as needed				n/c	
Seminar 1 The Ultimate Model A Quiz 9:00 to 10:00				\$10 each	
Seminar 2 U.S. History That Happened in Utah 10:15 to 11:15				\$10 each	
Lunch break - on your own 11:15 to 1:30					
Seminar 3 Edsel Ford and His Mark on the Model A 1:30 to 2:45				\$10 each	
Fashions Workshop 9:00 to 12:00				pay on site per project	
Friday December 13 All Day Bus Trip					
The Rocket Garden and Golden Spike National Monument Tour				\$75 each	
Late lunch at Maddox Family Restaruant				Included with tour	
Saturday December 14 Half Day Bus Trip					
Tour of Salt Lake City's Historic Sites				\$70 each	
National Awards Banquet				\$85 each	
Total:					

Make check payable to 2024NAB

Mail this Registration Form, the MAFCA Waiver form and your check to:

Robert Mack - 1537 W. Meadow Lane, Mapleton, UT 84664 - 801-682-3731

Send a good sharp digital 3/4 view of your car for your free polo shirt's custom logo to:

Robert Mack at mack4759@yahoo.com Put your name in the subject line.

If interested in sponsorship opportunities contact Brad Christopherson at bdc.p51@gmail.com

\* A free first-year MAFCA membership is available. Contact Robert Mack above



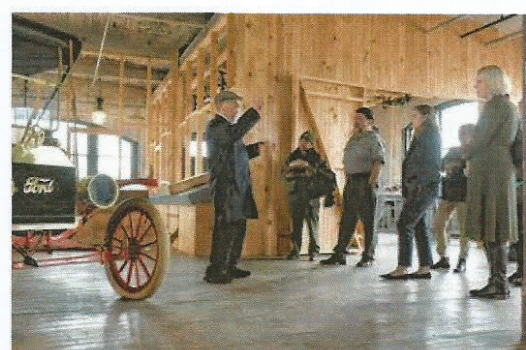
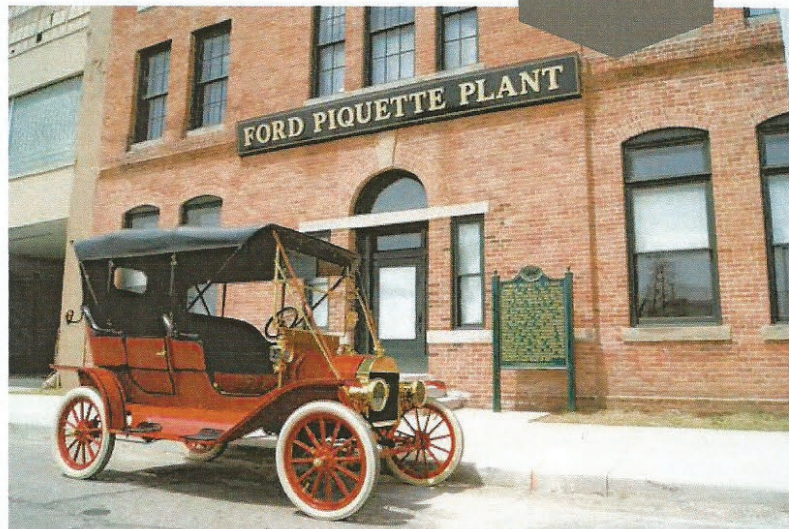


# Preserving The Legend

As the birthplace of the Model T, the car that put the world on wheels, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant museum is recognized as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the world.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has just announced a \$500,000 Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grant to support preservation and accessibility at the museum. This crucial phase of revitalization includes a new passenger elevator to relieve the 98-year-old freight elevator, additional restrooms (1904 plumbing!) and mechanical upgrades needed to preserve and safely maintain the site for over 30,000 visitors each year.

The museum has until 2026 to identify matching funds in the amount of \$1.5 million. **Gifts of all sizes are needed by July 31, 2024, to meet the NEH's first-year matching grant requirement.**



## WAYS TO GIVE

- Give online at [www.fordpiquetteplant.org](http://www.fordpiquetteplant.org)
- Send a check payable to Ford Piquette Avenue Plant to P.O. Box 2127, Detroit, MI 48202
- Contact us to provide a credit card over the phone at (313) 872-8759 or return the form at right
- Be sure to indicate that your gift is for "Preserving The Legend" -- THANK YOU!!!

## Credit Card Donation Form (please enclose with your gift):

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant to withdraw \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my credit card as indicated below.

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