

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



June 2024



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

Can you believe it!! We are halfway through the year already!

FORD HISTORY

On the 16th of June 1903, at 9:30 in the morning, Henry Ford and prospective stockholders met in Detroit, Michigan to sign the official paperwork to create the new FORD corporation. Twelve stockholders signed and witnessed the notarizing of the forms and then the forms were sent to the office of Michigan's Secretary of State, and the Ford corporation was officially started.

TODAY 2024

For us in 2024, June is here, and now all we can do is guess what may lie before us. But of course, we do have some planning of things to help guide us through another month.

The saying "May brings Spring flowers," seems to be true as the month of May was a whirlwind of rain, cold and even snow, leaving us now with warm outdoor weather to have our Model A's out and about for the month of June. So, now that we can see warmer weather ahead of us, it may also mean more get togethers.

However, before looking at what is ahead of us for club events, let's take a look back at what we have done so far, these past 5 months.

- February - Club members toured Weber County Jail – luckily, we did not see any familiar faces, nor did they keep any of us.

- March – We were invited to tour the Train Museum (Union Station) with the Utah A's and some members showed up to support the other club. We learned a lot about the railroad and a precursor to our Dust-Off Tour

- April – Bill Weiser motor pull and install was a success – in between storms the weather was cooperative and members helped Bill with his new motor.

April - School days at Ben Lomond, Bonneville, Fremont High Schools. There was a good representation of vehicles and good responses from the kids to see and appreciate the older cars.

- May - Dust Off tour to Golden Spike Monument, outstanding turnout of cars and family members.

May – Hill Aerospace Museum tour – With a great tour guide of Craig Berry, a lot of history was learned about the various aircraft and many past experiences and memories were talked about.

May - Heritage Park Healthcare and Rehab center car showing in Roy. Great exhibition of our cars to the members of the rehab establishment and a great lunch served to club members.

May – 2 new individuals joined our club – Charlie Walker (son of Chaz Walker, and Ken / Karen Decker (Farr West). Let us greet and meet these individuals as new members. More friends to rub elbows with is always a good thing.

- Various members have had birthdays.

All of these events are success stories because of YOU as club members, willing to participate and have fun with each other. And just a note: If unable to drive your model A, that is OK, your participation is still desired.

Speaking of our Dust-Off tour, we had 15 Model A's make the drive to the Golden Spike Monument. The trip was approximately 49 miles one-way, and using current standards of math, that makes it 98 miles round trip. (Map Quest starting point Smith and Edwards). There were two breakdowns, one made it home, another had to be towed. This person gets the breakdown trophy winner for this year, to be presented next meeting???. The two trains, Jupiter and engine 119, came out for display and reenacted the two trains meeting for driving the golden spike. Great Utah history in our own back yard.

The Dust-Off tour was named appropriately, as the parking locations drew up a lot of dust settling on our cars. Then we had to drive home fast enough to blow the dust off. Surprisingly, my truck went fast enough to blow most of the dust off and get some bug smashes on the windshield. Awesome!!!! Then we had a lunch stop at Golden Spike Burger before we all headed our way home. A fun and educational time

for all. Thanks for all who attended.

Also, as we still look in the past months of activities, many members of the club have received membership attendance award pins, ranging from 40-year, 30-year, 20-year and 10-year, congratulations to all. Mike Bachman received his 30-year membership pin. Congratulations, Mike.

It is great to have two new members join our club, young and old we are all alike in admiring the old model A's and looking forward to more. If you know someone wanting to be involved with us old coots, ladies and cars, please send them our way.

And as the month of May leaves us, let us not forget what Memorial Day means. Not only for those veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, but for loved ones in our families. Husbands, wives, children, mother, father, grandparents and along with our veterans, let us keep the memories of love and the life they lived as cherished memories to remember. For the veterans families our hearts are all but thankful for their sacrifice for our country and FREEDOM that we have today.

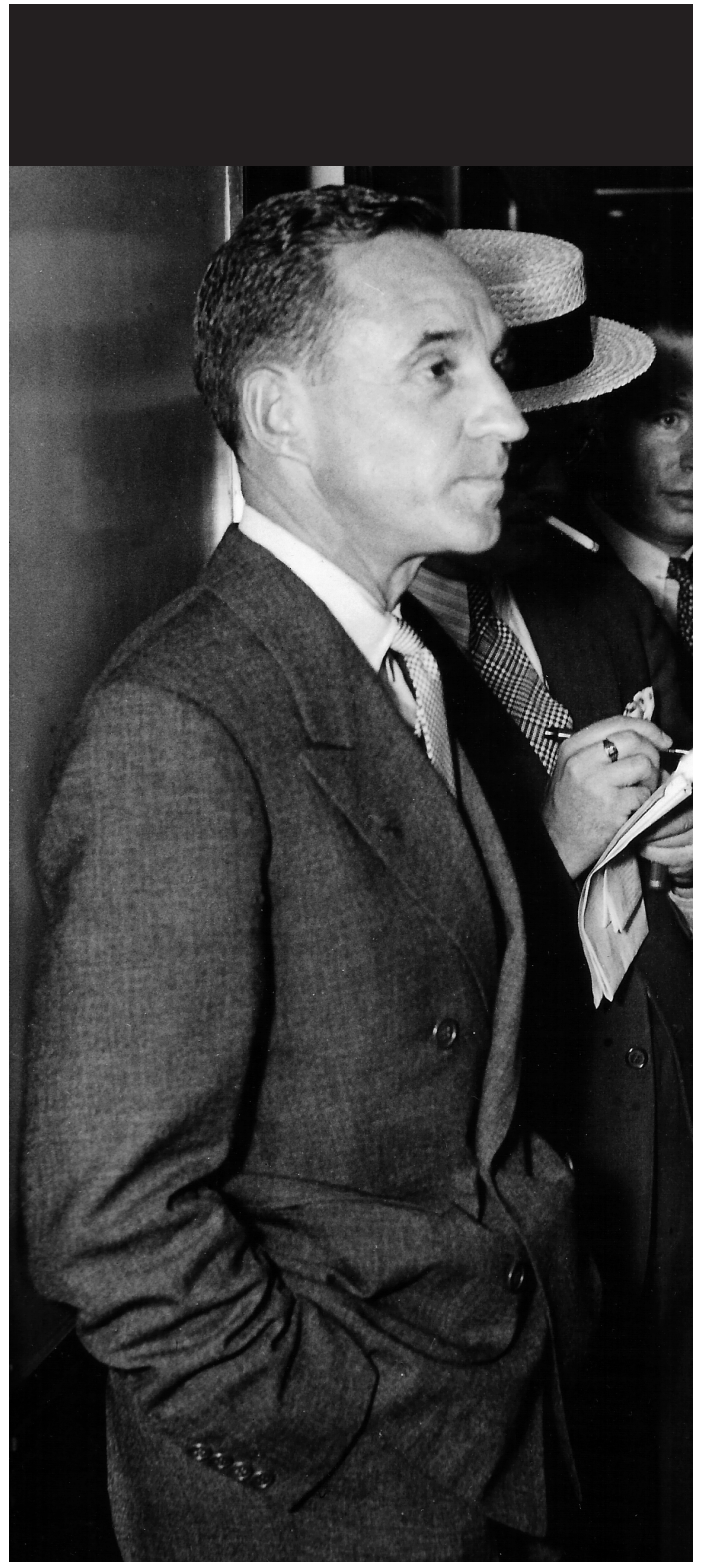
So, now looking forward into the month of June, we look for new adventures or events that lie in front of us. We started out with wheels rolling in the Washington Terrace Days Parade, which happened on June 8th. And with more parades and events in the horizon.

My January promise was to keep the club attributes going and bring innovative ideas to the club. I hope I have stayed true to this for the past months. So, let us keep the wheels rolling to each event and to each adventure that we have. The friendships will become even more meaningful when we gather together.

Thank you all. This is what being a member of the club is about. See you around with wheels turning.

Ron Lucero

Front cover: The Bennstrom brothers—driver Olle (left) and mechanic, Bror—posing with their 1931 Ford Model A speedster just after Olle won the Swedish Gran Prix in February 1932. Reportedly, the Model A was stock except that it had been “enhanced with a tuning kit from Italy.”
(Photo courtesy DigitalMuseum.se)



Edsel Ford—the father of the Model A—aboard the German steamship *Bremen* on his way to Europe, 1936.

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
June 10 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT
June 23-29	2024 MAFCA National Convention	Ruidoso, New Mexico
July 4 10:00 AM-Noon	Kaysville City Parade	Davis Technical College Road (300 East 500 South Kaysville, Utah
July 6 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	North Ogden Cherry Days Parade	Weber High School Socializing & Dessert at Rudy and Karen's house after the parade
July 8 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT
July 24 9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Ogden Pioneer Days Parade	31st Street & Washington Blvd Ogden, Utah
July 27 Sunrise-5:00 PM	Stags Car Show	Plain City Park Plain City, UT

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave
Washington Terrace, Utah

Treats for 2024

June	Kevin Youngberg
July	Shawn Youngberg
August	Keb Leete
September	Phil Dunn
October	Bill Wiser
November	Kathy Christiansen

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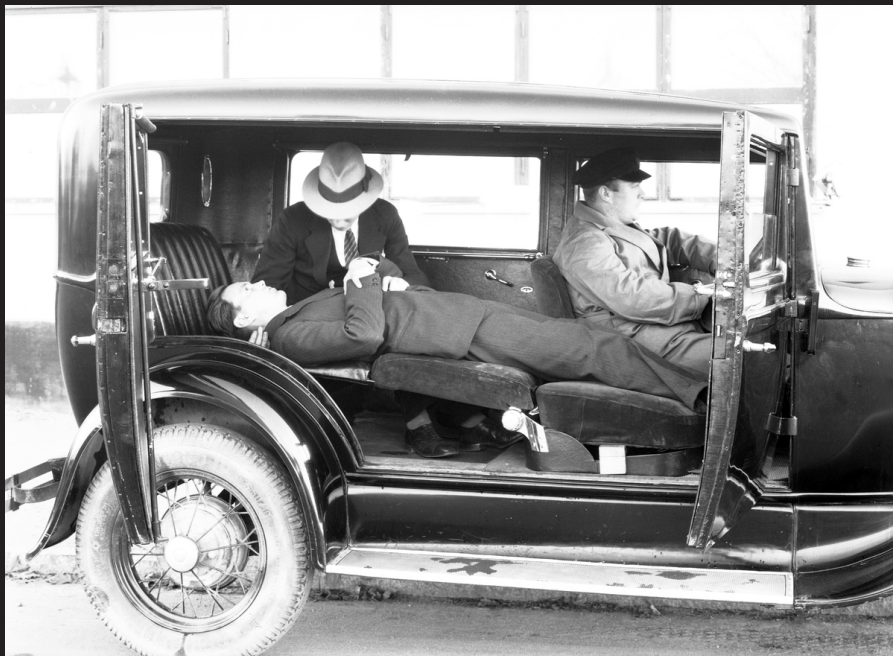
Please see our calendar of upcoming events at:
<https://beehivea.com/upcoming-events>

Swedish Model A Ambulance



At first glance, the car shown above looks like a Model A Ford—front fenders, grille, hood, and cowl. Yet, it looks different. The side windows look much wider than on a typical Model A sedan, and the rear doors open “suicide” style. So what exactly is this car?

Well, it is a 1931 Model A Ford, but it is a Swedish Model A, not an American Model A. And it has a special-built body built for ambulance service. As the photo below shows, the body has no “B” pillar which allows the doors to open wide, and the seats fold down into a bed, allowing easy ingress and egress of an injured or sick person. Quite a clever design.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Hall
George Prawitt

New Members

Charlie Walker
1965 South 650 East
Clearfield, UT

Ken & Karen Decker
1423 North 2000 West
Farr West, UT 84404
aeroge@gmail.com

A Special Club Member

Our own George Prawitt, a retired Army Lt. Colonel, was nominated and selected to be a part of the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. at the end of May. This fine organization was created with a simple, yet powerful, mission: to honor our nation's veterans by bringing them to our nation's capital to visit the memorials built to commemorate their service and sacrifice. Honor Flight transports over 22,000 veterans annually, and it has flown over 300,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. since its inception in 2005.

And George certainly deserves this honor. He was a pilot in Vietnam flying reconnaissance missions to spot enemy troops for the Army. And if you think that was from a U-2 spy jet at 70,000 feet, think again..., it was from a teeny tiny, single-engine airplane like the one shown below, called the L19 Bird Dog! And he did that over two tours of duty: one from 1962-1963 and again from 1969-1970.

George also flew a De Havilland plane in Germany. Between tours, he was an electrical engineer for the Army. And if you want to see a movie that features daring adventures in a Bird Dog plane, check out *BAT-21*, starring Gene Hackman and Danny Glover.

Thank you for your service, George, and WELCOME HOME!

A Bird Dog airplane, the kind that Lt. Colonel Prawitt flew over Viet Nam many times looking for the enemy.



Some scenes from the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace Museum tour...



...and the Heritage Park Healthcare Center car showing, both held on May 18th.



It's Car Show Season!

Listed below is a partial list of up-coming car shows in our area, if you are interested and want to attend any. If you want to see a complete listing, please go to Utahcarczar.com. This is also where you can register for each.

Jun 2 - Mountain West Street News Car Show, 2200 W 5800 S, Roy 8 AM

Jun 7 - 25th Street Car show, 25th Street, Ogden, 5-9 PM

Jun 8 - OL Skool Car Show, 1588 S 200 W, Syracuse 12 noon

Jun 8 - Sounds of Freedom, 437 N Wasatch Dr, Layton 9 AM-4 PM

Jun 8 - Ogden Airport Car Show, 4282 S 1650 W, Ogden 11-3

Jun 15 - Car show for a Cause, 2415 N 4425 W, Plain City Park 10-3

Jun 15 - Centennial Car Show, Murray City Park, Murray, 3-7

Jun 15 - Hey Buddy Car Show, 1053 S 1200 W, Marriott-Slaterville, 4-7

Jun 18 - TREECO Senior Community Center, South Ogden, 1:30 PM

Jun 22 - South Ogden Days Car Show, 550 S 650 E, Friendship Park, 4-7

Jun 22 - Syracuse Heritage Days Car Show, 1700 S 1904 W, 10-3

July 26 - Staggs Car Show, Plain City Park, Plain City, Sunrise-5

You're invited to attend the
**CORNERSTONE
CEREMONY**



MAY 31, 2024
5:00PM - 10:00PM

OUTDOOR RECEPTION

5:00PM - 6:00PM

CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

6:00PM - 7:00PM

TIME CAPSULE REVEAL

7:00PM - 8:30PM

VIEWING OF TIME CAPSULE ARTIFACTS

8:30PM - 9:30PM



2501 Wall Ave Ogdden, UT 84401

The Golden Spike Tour

The Club's tour out to the Golden Spike National Park on May 11th was a great success. The weather was perfect, our cars performed flawlessly, and the old steam locomotives were exciting to see. And the entire thing was free, since the Park was celebrating the 155th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike.

I, for one, never get tired of going out to Promontory. Standing on the tracks, first looking towards the east and then the west, and trying to comprehend the magnitude of the immense project that was completed right at that spot in the Utah desert. And it brought to mind the poem I read so many years earlier:

*What was it the engines said,
Pilots touching head-to-head.
Facing on the single track,
Half a world behind each back...*

The poem goes on, because it's quite long, but this is enough to illustrate the event.

Right: The two magnificent steam locomotives
"facing on a single track."





Left: The Club's nice turn out all lined up in the Utah desert. It appeared that as many visitors to the Park enjoyed our Model A's as they did the steam locomotives!



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SALT LAKE CITY
DECEMBER 11-14 2024

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SPACE SHUTTLE BOOSTER
AND ROCKET DISPLAY



SALT LAKE CITY HISTORY TOUR



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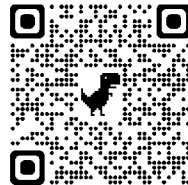
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EDEL FORD AND THE MODEL A
THE ULTIMATE MODEL A QUIZ

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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 _____

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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

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