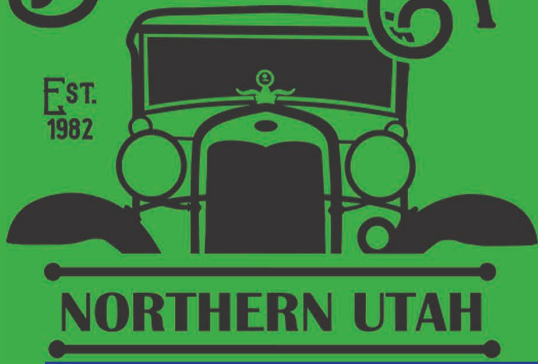
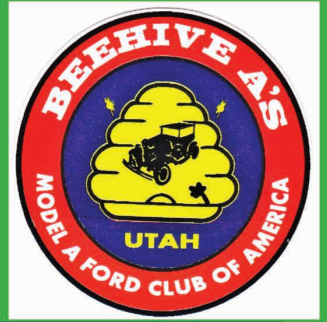


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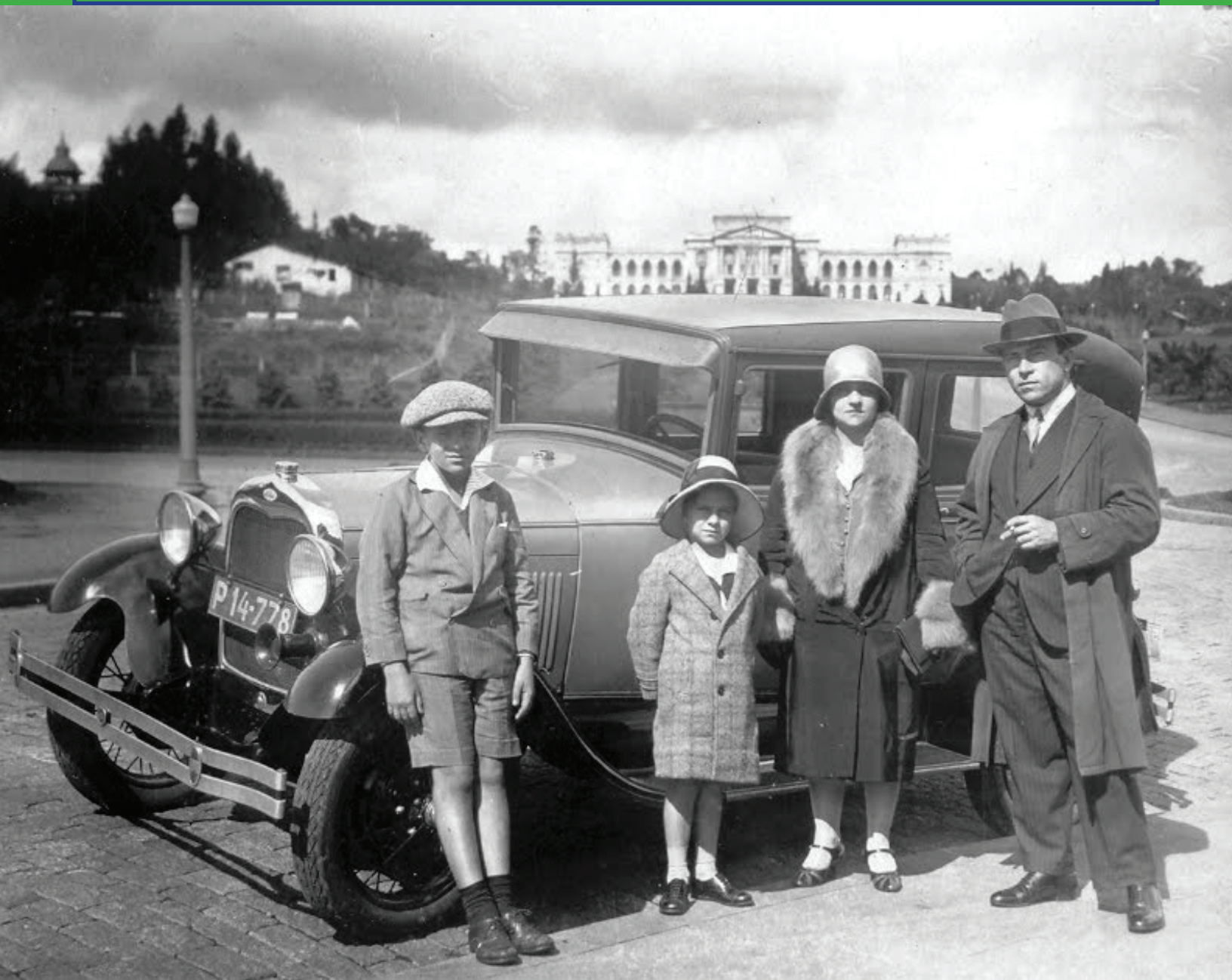
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Beehive A's—The Model A Club of Northern Utah



Beehive A's is a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

President's Message

Ron Lucero

Already March

The past two months have come and gone, and now March. Good thing about March, we are closer to warmer weather and SPRING! Well, new things are happening with the club. We had an exciting experience visiting the Weber County Jail, and thanks to Brad Pitkin for giving us the tour. Luckily the jail attendants didn't keep any of us for past offenses, and we didn't see any relatives or friends in the stalls.

Again, as March is here, now is the time to get the dust off the old clunkers and get them rolling again. I must do this for my truck. Remember to check the air in the tires, grease all that needs to be greased, oil all that needs to be oiled, and put water in the radiator and gas in the gas tank. The battery should be charged and voilà! It will start, and be ready for the times we have outings.

Speaking of outings, we will be having a Dust-Off Tour on Saturday the 23rd of March. It will be exciting to see us all out again, weather permitting. More information to come and be discussed at the March meeting. So, look forward to doing the March Dust-Off Tour. We also have an opportunity to help a fellow club member with his Model A.

A pull (not pool) party garage day will be held to help Bill Wisner with the removal of his stock motor to make room for his new Burtz motor that he purchased. So, be looking forward to the pull party and then the install party.

And congratulations to members with their years of attendance and being a member. For those wishing to get a service pin, please add your name to the list at the meeting.

Many things are starting to develop for us. Please be willing to assist and or have an idea of how we can be involved. Parades and car shows will begin soon, so be looking out for these activities.

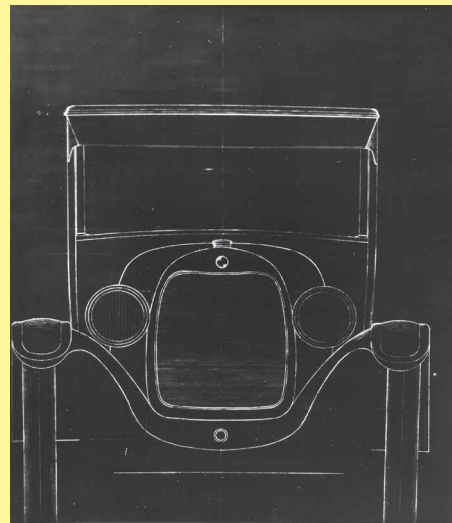
Just a note for this time in history for Ford: Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles. Its successor was the Model B, which featured an updated inline four-cylinder engine, as well as the Model 18, which introduced Ford's new flathead (side valve)

V-8 engine. Also, in March 1, 1941: Ford begins to produce general-purpose "jeeps" for the U.S. military, and shifts completely to military production starting in Feb. 1942. Civilian production does not resume until July 1945.

Also in the month of March:

- March 8 is International Women's Day, celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights.
- March 10 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward," and set the clocks one hour ahead.
- March 17 is St. Patrick's Day.
- March 19 brings about the March equinox—also called the vernal or spring equinox.
- March 24 is Palm Sunday.
- March 29 is Good Friday.
- March 31 is Easter Sunday.

Welcome to March.



Front cover: Model A Fords were sold all over the world, not just in the United States. As an example, here is an attractive, well-to-do family in Buenos Aires, Argentina, posing with their 1928 or 1929 Briggs "Leatherback" Fordor Sedan.

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave
Washington Terrace, Utah

2024 Officers

Treats for 2024

March	Mike Nichols
April	Clay & Heidi Pitkin
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Long Range Calendar

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

Last Formal Photograph of Edsel Ford



This just might be the last formal photograph taken of Edsel Ford. It was taken on November 1, 1942, in Washington, D.C., while he was in the nation's capitol negotiating war contracts with the government, a process that was taking most of his time of late. A newspaper photographer asked him if he could get a posed photo, and Edsel obliged. Less than 6 months later, Edsel was dead. (Editor's collection)

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
March 11 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT
March 16 10:00 AM	Engine removal at Bill Weiser's home	5978 West 5150 South Hooper, UT
March 23 10:00 AM	Ogden Loop Dust-off Tour (Weather permitting)	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT Bring your own lunch Lunch at Dinosaur Park
April 8 7:00 PM	Member Meeting	Pleasant Valley Library 5568 South Adams Ave Washington Terrace, UT
April 19 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	"Spring Pack Party" High School Event	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

Weber County Jail Tour



On February 17th, this rambunctious group of Beehive A'ers (above) took a tour of the Weber County Correctional Facility..., aka, JAIL. (At least, that's what we used to call it when I was a kid.)

Arranged by our own Clay and Heidi Pitkin, the tour started at 3:00 in the afternoon and lasted for about an hour and a half. The tour was conducted by two officers: Dan Brown and Brad Pitkin (yes Clay and Heidi's son).

We started in the conference room, and then Dan and Brad took us throughout the facility, answering all of our questions along the way.

One thing we learned is that this facility is a jail, not a prison. The difference is that a jail keeps inmates for about a year or less, while a prison is for longer term inmates. This facility also houses both men and women, in separate sections. At the time of our visit, the facility had about 700 inmates. And those inmates do not have their own cell. Amazingly and surprisingly, each tiny cell (about 8'x12') holds two inmates! There are bunk-beds in the cell as well as a commode hidden by a half-wall. Can't get more efficient than that.

And just like in the movies, the inmates are fed a tray of food, which is passed to them through a slot in the cell door. We know this because they were serving dinner at the time we were there.

All-in-all, the tour was very interesting, and we would like to thank Dan and Brad for taking us through, but I don't think any of us would want to end up there. We want to remain FREE to drive our Model A's around!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Russ Baker
Ren Meyerhoffer
Jim Nelson
Keith Painter
Bill Weiser
Mary Wheelwright

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD



At last month's meeting, three of our most enduring and endearing members received their 40-year pins and certificates for being members of the Beehive A's for four decades: Randy & Kathy Christiansen, Karen Stoker, and Ray & Mary Wheelwright. "We kind of knew that we we're going to get somethin," explains Karen," because Ron asked everybody who had been with the club for a while. But it was still neat to be recognized."

"What was surprising," Ray, said, "is that that was the first time we got pins from *our* chapter. We have always gotten pins from the national club, but not from the Beehive A's, so that was neat."

2024 CALENDARS

The entire Club wishes to thank Dean Murray for the 2024 calenders. They are well done and will look great in home or garage. Thanks, again, Dean.

Installing authentic type inner tube stems

by Kevin Fielding

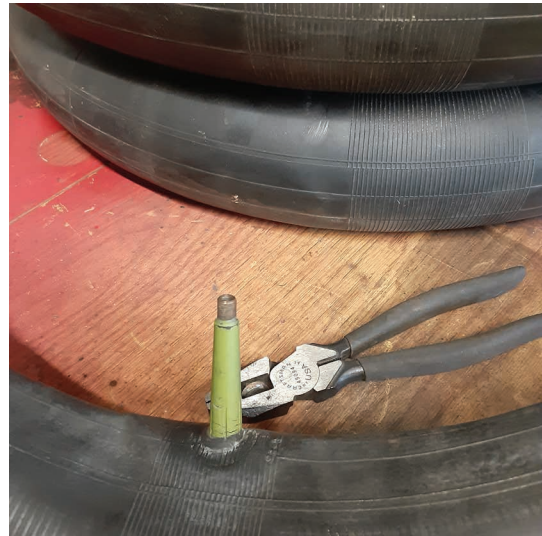
Well, last month, you saw my wheels, now onto the next step: getting the inner tubes ready to install.

The tubes that were on the car were a mess. One of the tubes was an 8.50x18 truck tube, and was not easy to get out of the tire. I considered purchasing new tubes, but dug through my spares and found a set of Montgomery Ward tubes in good shape, so I decided to use them.

Here are the steps I used to install authentic metal stems:



The first thing I did was to air up the tubes and let them sit in the corner of the garage for about a month while I ordered parts.



Next, I deflated the tubes and cut off the rubber stems, cutting through the rubber with a razor knife and then cutting the brass core with a pair of side cutters.



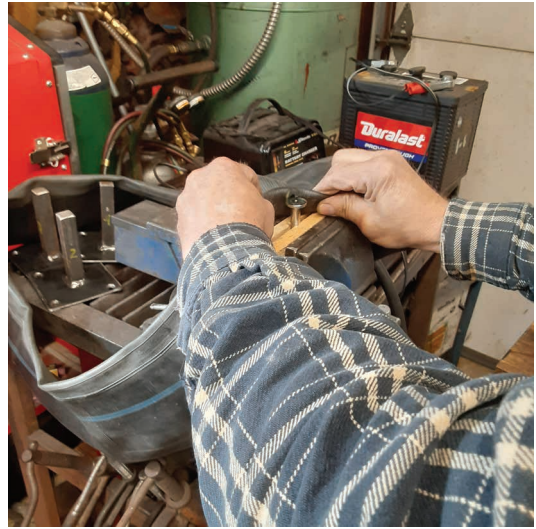
Then, I trimmed the rubber back to within 1/8" of the tube and pulled out the remaining portion of the stem.



Using a new blade, I trimmed the remaining rubber as flat as possible.



Next came installing the new metal stems. I clamped the new stem in the vise with a couple of pieces of wood to protect it and lubricated it with dish soap.



I then lined up the hole in the tube and stretched the tube over the valve stem.



And lastly, I attached the bridge washer and the lock nut.



After about an hour's worth of work and a bit of patience, all five valve stems went in with no problems. All that was left was to air check them and put the tubes back in the corner of the garage for a week or two to watch for leaks.

This may seem like a daunting task, but was really not too bad. After doing a bit of research on Ford Barn, a video on Youtube from the Pikes Peak Model A club, and an article Ray Wheelwright gave me from the September/October 2023 Model A News, I was ready to tackle it. A couple of pointers, however: make sure that when you cut off the stem, you keep it as smooth as possible; nicks can be the beginning of a tear. Use lubricant. I chose dish soap. And no glue or other sealant is necessary.

Now, back to the garage to get ready to mount the tires.

Editor's note: Great information, Kevin, but what I would like to know is where in the heck did you get a set of Montgomery Ward tubes, and how long have you had them?!

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