



Rumble Seat Review

September 2021



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



Past President Mike Bachman in his 1929 Phaeton



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

President's Message

Dennis Thompson

August has been busy. We had the Under the Stars car show in Sunset, the Nine Mile Canyon tour, and the Eccles Art Center celebration. I attended the Nine Mile Canyon tour in Price and Helper. Jeri and I had a great time. The tour to the canyon was guided so we got to see things and hear stories about the canyon that you wouldn't normally hear. The town of Helper also rolled out the red carpet for us including having the mayor there to greet us and welcome us to town.



I don't know about you, but I have seen enough of California this year and it was all from home. Unfortunately, it was in small particle form making it difficult to see and breathe. Hopefully the air will clear enough to let us breathe easier and see some distance.

I want to remind everyone that we are celebrating Model A Day this year on September 11th. We are having a pot luck picnic at McGriff Park in North Ogden. Plan on meeting there at 2pm for this event. In addition to the picnic we will be doing some car games. It should be great fun! If you plan on attending and have not signed up to bring something, please call me so I can get your name on the list. Dennis

Next Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S Adams Avenue

Washington Terrace, UT 84405

The topic will be automotive electrical diagnosis.

Randy Ropelato will be there at 6:00 with a recent barn find Buick, show up early to see this all original car!

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2021 Dues

JUST A REMINDER, IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2021 PLEASE CONTACT JIM BROWN. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. THANK YOU.

Past Events

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting was held at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace. President Thompson conducted the meeting.

The Pioneer Day Parade on July 24th was a success, we had 20 cars in the parade and had one join us at the end for the parade for lunch. Ogden City Councilman Doug Stevens rode in the parade in Rudy Eilander's Model T and gave him \$100 for the ride. Rudy passed it along to the club.

The Stags Car Club Open House was also well attended. With all the people coming and going it was estimated there were about 20 Model A's in attendance. Some from the Club, some probably from outside the Club.

Several Club members participated in the South Weber City Country Fair Days car show. Dennis Thompson brought his '30 sport coupe, Shawn Youngberg his '28 closed cab pickup and Kevin Youngberg brought his '29 Tudor. Randy Ropeleto brought a 30's Chevrolet and Randy Christiansen showed his Triumph TR3.

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We discussed upcoming events which included:

Under the Stars car show, held August 14 in Sunset.

The Utah Valley A's invited us to go to Helper, Utah to tour of nine-mile canyon. Four club members anticipated attending. The dates were August 27 and 28.

A representative from Eccles Art Center in Ogden spoke and requested cars attend their first live open house since the pandemic started. He requested we bring cars to the Center and park in front on Jefferson for the event on August 28th.

The Beehive A's will celebrate Model A Day on September 11 with a picnic and car games at McGriff Park, 2950 N 900 E, North Ogden. Because this is also Peach Days, we will begin at 2:00 PM. Potluck assignments were distributed at the August meeting. Contact President Dennis Thompson for information on food assignments.

The long anticipated Weber State University Open House will be held on September 17, 2021. Henry Dominguez provided the following:

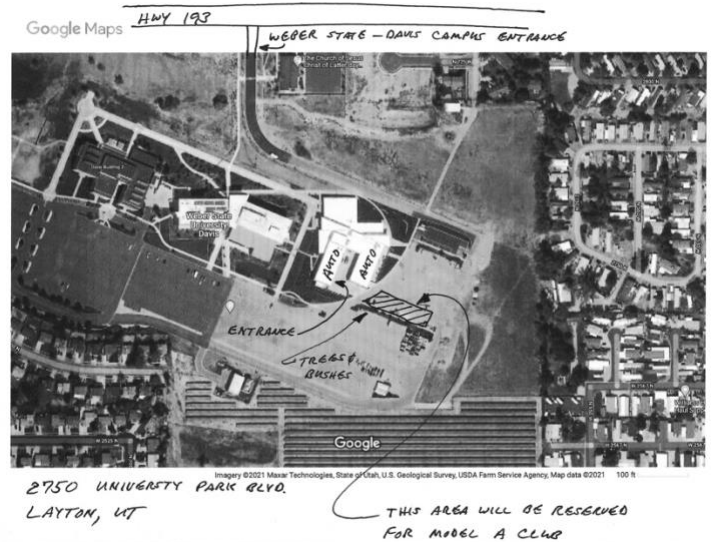
Beehive A's meeting at Weber State University
Automotive Center

When: September 17, 2021

Where: Weber State University Automotive
Center, 2750 University Park Blvd.
Layton, UT

TIME: 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

PARKING: There will be reserved parking for the
Model A's (see map)



Henry Dominguez brought two rare historical Ford photos to the meeting and discussed their history and how he obtained them. One was a picture of the entire Ford upper management, with the exception of Henry Ford, this photo was autographed by each of the upper management including Edsel Ford, who normally didn't autograph photos.

The second photo was an autographed portrait of Henry Ford that was done for one of the early Ford workers. This is believed to be the last signature Mr. Ford ever wrote.

Randy Christiansen displayed a Zenith mileage tester used by the dealerships to test the mileage of Model A cars. The contraption hung on one of the windows and took the place of the inside gas line. The customer would drive the car and they would determine from the odometer how many miles per gallon the car was getting based on the 1/10 gallon of fuel consumed from the device.

Our September meeting will again be held at the Pleasant Valley Library in Washington Terrace with a discussion on automotive (Model A specific) electrical diagnostics. Randy Ropelato will be displaying a fresh warehouse garage find car one hour before the meeting at 6:00 pm in the east side parking lot! It is a one family

owned, unmolested 1927 Buick Deluxe Sedan that has been stored in the corner of a family owned climate controlled potato warehouse for 72 plus years with only 44,480 original miles. It is in remarkable condition for being in storage for that long! (P.S. barn finds are still out there if you can only find them!!)

New Members

No new members in August.

Member/Car Profile

MIKE BACHMAN, PAST PRESIDENT

There are car guys (and ladies!) and then there are CAR GUYS. Mike Bachman fits into the CAR GUY category. When Mike was 16 a fellow named Mr. Porter had a red and yellow Model A coupe down the street from him. He wanted \$600 for it and Mike's dad told him there wasn't a Model A in existence that was worth \$600. Mike wasn't to be deterred and bought the car. That was his introduction to Model A's.

Mike was a hotrodder. He was building a hotrod when he got married and decided to sell it. His new bride, Debbie Rich, asked him why he wanted to sell it. He replied that's what he did, build them and sell them. She told him to keep it. So the collection (as cars came and went) was started.

During the 1980's Mike bought an unrestored sedan and joined the Beehive A's.

Over the years cars have come and gone, but prior to Mike's church mission he had 30 cars. He thinned the herd when he went on his mission, but kept some fantastic cars.

My brothers and I met Mike at his Ogden shop. We didn't confirm our arrival and Mike was on his way home. We called and he turned around and met us at the shop. He was driving a 30 Closed cab pickup outfitted to look like the plumbing truck his grandfather had driven.

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Mike regularly drives his cars as daily drivers. He takes a different car to church each Sunday. The practice grabbed the attention of Ogden Valley News and they put together an article on his cars.

Mike has been a successful plumber, a family tradition passed down from his grandfather. His children now run the business with Mike staying on as CEO. This has provided an opportunity for Mike to spend more time enjoying his cars. His plumbing shop is located in West Ogden, and he keeps many of his cars at a nearby location.



He is a bit famous for terrorizing the somewhat rural area where his car shop is located. He had a church group by to see his collection. Someone asked to drive one of the cars and Mike has a rule - only he drives his cars, but he offered them rides. He picked the V-8 Shay

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Roadster and brought it out on the street, gave it a little rev up and popped a wheelie or two. The rest of the rides were more tame without the wheelies, but the news traveled fast through the miracle of social. Debbie, his wife, was out of state and gave him a call in a few minutes wanting to know what he was up to since he was all over Facebook.

Some of the cars he has include:

- 1930 sedan with a 32 grill
- Shay roadster with a Pinto engine
- Another Shay with a Cobra engine
- 29 Phaeton in original condition
- Salt Flats racer with a 1950 flathead V-8 (does 120 MPH)
- 35 pickup with a flathead V-8
- 1930 pickup he's had for 30 years
- 1930 Victoria that he's putting a V-12 in



Possibly the rarest and most interesting (besides his Model A's) is the 1954 Corvette. Originally build in June of 1953, this rare car is really beautiful. Mike saw it on a trailer as it was being transported. The owner wasn't interested in selling it, but Mike kept his eye on it. One thing lead to another and the car sort of disappeared for a while. Mike made some inquiries and locate the new owner. Eventually he bought it. It came with its original straight six cylinder engine, but that didn't live up to the potential of the car so Mike put a V-8 into it. It's an excellent driver at this point and beautifully restored.

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Mike enjoys his cars, he works on, restores and drives them. He says he finds it, "Satisfying to makes something out of rust."

He's owned a lot of them over the years. When asked what he'd really like to get he responded, "A 1932 Ford Roadster, all original."

Mike is active in several car clubs and has held the position of President of the Beehive A's and remains active in the club.

The cars he has kept represent some really nice hot rods and some very meticulously restored Model A's.

Long Range Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location
September 11	Peach Days Car Show	Brigham City
September 11	CLUB EVENT Model A Days Celebration	Picnic at McGriff Park, 2950 N 900 E, North Ogden 2:00 PM.
September 13	Meeting	5568 S Adams Avenue Washington Terrace, UT
September 17	Weber State Open House	Layton
September 18	Advance Auto Car Show	Riverdale
October 1	25th Street Car Show	Ogden

Items of Interest

SOUTH WEBER COUNTRY FAIR DAYS

South Weber held a car show on August 6th in conjunction with their annual Country Fair Days celebration. Rudy Eilander and Karen Stoker brought their 1928 Coupe, Dennis Thompson brought his 1930 Sports Coupe, Kevin Youngberg had his '29 Tudor and Shawn Youngberg had his '28 pickup. Randy Ropaletto showed a 30's Chevrolet and Randy and Kathy Christiansen showed their Triumph.

Dennis's Sport Coupe won the sponsor's choice award.



UNDER THE STARS

The Under the Stars Car Show was held in Sunset on August 14th. We had several club members participate and had eight or nine Model A's there. Barbara Berry took an award for her 1929 Tudor.



NINE MILE CANYON TOUR

The Nine Mile Canyon Tour, on August 27 and 28, was an adventure for several of the Beehive A's. Also participating were members from the Salty A's and the Utah Valley club. Dan Johnson, Dennis Thompson, Craig Berry, Kirk Clause and Matt Yates all attended with their wives. Salty A's has one participant and there were eight cars from the Utah Valley club.



Nine Mile Canyon, actually 75 miles long, has been closed to the public and in private hands for years. It has been recognized all over the world for its 60+ rock art sites, stretching the length of the canyon.



Being able to see it was part of the adventure. Additional adventure was had by some of the participants with one vehicle receiving some damage, two head gaskets being blown and one car having issues with the water pump fan. Everyone made it back safely, so the event was successful.

ECCLES ART CENTER

The Eccles Art Center in Ogden solicited our help in providing Model A's for their first open house since the start of the pandemic. We fielded nine cars, eight Model A's and one Model T.

Tech Corner

GAS MILEAGE?

It seems like I'm always fueling one of the Model A's. Every time I look down, the gas gauge is at ¼ tank. The price of ethanol free gasoline makes a fuel stop smart a bit. My brother commented that his '28 pickup was a gas hog. I was pretty sure the '29 Fordor with the B engine was getting less than ten miles per gallon. I seemed to always be at the pump trying not to spill on the paint as I fueled.

My speedometer in one car is off about 10% slow, the other car is about 10% fast. I assumed the odometers were had about the same error. So I took them for fuel, noted the odometer and when I fueled again, I took another picture of the pump reading and the odometer. After a few fill ups I ran my mileage. The Fordor gets about 18 and the Tudor gets about 19 miles per gallon. The speedometer in my brother's "gas hog" '28 pickup locked and ate the cable so he was in the dark. He fueled before a car show, set up the GPS on his phone and ran the truck to the Syracuse car show (earning the Police Choice Award!) and filled it up at the end of the drive home only to find out he got 21 MPG. This is pretty amazing for a set of cars nearly 100 years old.

Randy Christiansen scored a Zenith mileage instrument at the club swap meet a couple of months ago. He cleaned it up

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and got it working, chased down the instructions and gave a presentation on it at the August meeting. The discussion that followed about gas mileage was interesting. One person indicated they were getting 10 MPG. Other results were slightly higher, but Dennis Thompson was getting near 25 MPG in his sport coupe. There was some hesitancy about getting that high of a mileage. Dennis is running a high compression head and a Mitchell overdrive, which may help some.

Dennis is always up for a challenge and borrowed the device from Randy. He added a small 6 volt battery to avoid having to wire it into his car, hooked up the fuel lines and was ready for a run.

The device hangs on the passenger window and will pump 1/10 gallon into a graduated glass container, you can bypass the device to get to your starting point on your fuel tank. Dennis set it up and took Randy Christiansen on a short run down one of the local two lanes. Both tests were started with the car stopped. Westbound was 25 mpg (slight downgrade) and eastbound was 23.4 mpg for an average both ways of 24.2 mpg. Also used a GPS in



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addition to the odometer for accuracy. Really great mileage for cars this old.

Granted, newer cars seem to get you more for each gallon with all the electronics and the climate control they provide, but they sure don't seem to have the fun per mile our Model A's have.

Happy wrenching,

The Youngberg Brothers (Dirk, Shawn and Kevin)

Member Sales Corner



1929 Roadster

1929 Ford Model A Roadster, rumble seat. Brown with black fenders, this is an older restoration and needs the soft top replaced. Nice car! Asking \$14,500.00. Contact Randy Ropelato 801-731-3980.

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