

Rumbleseat Review

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

The Steering Wheel changes hands

The club finally received the 'wheel of authority' a bit late as past Prez Dave Mamanakis was unable to attend the club's Christmas Party. Daves' wife had a health emergency brought on by recent surgery. Prez Craig Berry is seen here officially receiving the 'Steering Wheel' from Dave at the January club meeting. A question was asked as to who donated this 1928 Model A steering wheel to become a/the ceremonial passing of authority to a new club president? According to Ray Wheelwright and Roy Van Orman---Devere Brough donated the steering wheel. Also past Prez Roy started the custom of placing our Prezs' names and dates on the token size brass blanks onto the wheel.



It is also at this time of the year, what with the holidays, that we tend to reminisce past events. Mention was made at our club meeting of whom our past presidents are/were: You might remember the lady and these gents:

Beehive A's Past Presidents

1980-1981-1982 Ed Niederhauser Sec/Treas.

1983 John March 1st. Pres.

1985-1986 Devere Brough

1988 Karen Stoker

1984 Randy Christiansen

1987 Ray Wheelwright

1989 Mel Thompson

1990 Mike Bachman
 1993 Kevin Fielding
 1997 Al Davies
 2001 Jim Torghelle
 2004 Stan Carlsen
 2007 Dan Johnson
 2010 Farrell Woods
 2013 Kirk Clause
 2016 Clay Pitkin

1991 DeVere Brough
 1994 Dean Skinner
 1998 DeVere Brough
 2002 Roy Van Orman
 2005 Keith Painter
 2008 Dennis Sprecher
 2011 Gene Johnson
 2014 Cliff Betten
 2017 Dave Mamanakis

1992 Lloyd Parkinson
 1995-1996 Russ Baker
 1999-2000 Tom Clarke
 2003 John Hall
 2006 Dennis Thompson
 2009 Harley Johnson
 2012 Dave Spinden
 2015 Doug Jenkins
 2018 Craig Berry

CHATTER

Hi everybody,
 The job of Chapter Coordinator is a very special one because it works the closest with the chapters and their members. It is responsible for issuing the charters to new chapters and seeing that they get off to a good start. I have been very fortunate in my term to have ten new chapters receive their charters. These clubs will always be extra special to me and ones whose futures I'll be following with great interest. They are: the Coeur d'Alene A's, the Model A Ford Club of Connecticut, the Mother Lode A's (whom I had the great pleasure of presenting with their charter in person and installing their first officers), the Lubbock Four Bangers, the Onondaga Model A Bufts, the Model A Club of San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Honest Engine Chapter, the Do Nuthin A's, the Club Ford A Del Uruguay, and the newest one, the Beehive Model A's. I'm so glad all of you chose 1981-82 to join the MAFCA family.
 Don't get me wrong. I care about all the chapters, so many of

A mention in a 1983 Restorer of our club becoming a Chapter in the MAFCA family



Our Chapter Charter dated October 23, 1982

Prez Message

Welcome to month 2 of our 2018 model A season!

The day after our last meeting Karen was going in for open heart surgery, if you haven't heard, she came through it very well and is on the mend.

Last month we discussed a couple of options for a more permeant meeting place. Randy Ropelato brought another option to us for discussion in our next meeting, we have some very good options on the table, so we're going to need to make some decisions. Come to the meeting on the 12th of February and lets decide.

Prez Craig expresses thanks to past Prez Dave



The MAFCA convention in Reno is fast approaching, and you can still register if you have an interest in going, its going to be fun!

Our next meeting will be 12 February at the Pleasant Valley Library 7:00 p.m. in Washington Terrace. If the weather holds as its been, maybe we can drive our A's to the meeting! See you there Craig

Clunker Clatter

Jim Torghele is searching the possibility of our club meetings being held at the Community Center in South Ogden. The South Ogden Days Car Show is June 30. The West Haven Car Show is Friday June 22. New member **Henry Miller** was welcomed to the club. He drives a 1929 two door sedan. Organizer **Dennis Thompson** has scheduled June 16 as the date for the swap meet at the Autoliv parking lot. He solstices your help in getting the information fliers passed out. **Prez Craig Berry** seeks your ideas for when and where to do tours for the year and he also gave a meet-a-member description of how he acquired his 1931 Vicky. **Gene & Jessie Johnson** moved to Sante Fe New Mexico this past July for health reasons to be nearer Jessies' family. Tech guru **Ray Wheelwright** discussed head bolts/threads, gaskets, sealant, helicoil, and torque all while installing a head on a Model A engine. **Rex Butterfield** won the raffle while **Prez Craig Berry** provided the refreshments.

The R C Willey Car Show

To all of my friends from 15 years at the car show:

We have enjoyed having the Car Show for the last 15 years and it has been such an enjoyable experience for me to get to know you all. It has been like having a big family reunion each year for me. I will be here at the Riverdale Store for the next 18 months and then I will retire or at least do something else if I get bored.

Not because of my retirement but because the nature of the Car Show experience has changed, with better venues available to the Clubs, I have decided to no longer do the Car Show. I say this with a lump in my throat because it brings back some great experiences over the years. Because of the limited parking lot space at our store, I have been feeling pressure to not do the Car Show here for a



couple of years. I wanted to thank everyone for your support for all of these years. I hope you will all make a point when you come in the store next time to get with me. So I can continue to see you for a while longer. I wish the best for all of you. God bless you all! Ron Soutas

Tech subjects for discussion sought

Ray Wheelwright is this years' tech director. He is requesting that if any of you gents have suggestions or ideas for a tech talk that you would like discussed at an upcoming club meeting to contact him by email (rmwillrite@gmail.com) or phone (801-394-0780) or at one of the meetings and he will arrange it to happen.



A Tech Talk Tip

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I drove my 1930 Model A Pickup to Ogden, Utah, from Fort Huachuca, Arizona on December 28, 1973, averaging 17 plus miles per gallon at a speed of 50-55 mph. During the trip the rear main seal developed a hefty leak and I averaged about 60 miles per quart. If anyone has any sure cures for rear main seals, I would appreciate hearing about them. I used a new-type neoprene seal which didn't work during the break-in period and I switched to ¼" or 3/8" square braided rope tightly packed but it too gave out.

Another problem I had from the beginning and never did figure out was that I could never advance my spark lever without causing the engine to run rough and backfire a little. At cruise speed it would sound as if it was pounding excessively hard at firing. I checked the timing of both the distributor and timing gear and both were set properly according to the book. I even had some of the local "A" experts check it and none could figure it out. Could a worn camshaft cause this type of problem? The camshaft "looked" good but I did not measure it for lobe wear. Any help on these questions will be appreciated. Maj. George F. Prawitt, APO San Francisco, California.

I don't know if this is your problem but one of the main causes for rear main leaks is that the drain tube is sometimes left out. Should the drain tube be in the lower half of the rear main you might drill a 1/8" hole in the tube to allow it to drain better. Sounds like you tried everything else.

Evidently you have checked out your distributor, but it sounds like your problem may be other than the distributor itself. With the pounding problem your timing is not correct, the timing is too fast and would make your car run rough with the spark lever advanced. You might check the number one cylinder with a wire through the spark plug hole to determine if the timing gear mark is correct, with the spark retarded. Check the distributor shaft and bushing for excessive wear or play in the shaft. Your timing gear also should be checked, it must line up with the marks on the crank shaft (sometimes hard to see). Also the distributor drive gear could be worn. *E.P. Harker, Tech. Secty. MAFCA.*



Beehive A'er Maj. George F. Prawitt APO San Francisco, 1973, asked a question about a leaking rear main seal in his Model A PU truck. The question was answered in a 1974 issue of the Restorer. George kept the PU over the years and with the help of Dan Johnson, a body off the frame restoration was completed. George's son, who lives in Utah County, will eventually receive the truck.



Jim Torghele submits this quiz. It originally came from a club's newsletter out of Colorado. Do take the quiz and bring your answers to the next club meeting to compare your answers with Jims.'



Model A Quiz



1. There were two tire pressure gauges sold through Ford dealers for the Model A, they were made by:
 - a. Schrader Co. & U.S. Gauge Co.
 - b. Air Maze Co. & Motometer Co.
 - c. U.S. Gauge and Bendix Co.
 - d. Lincoln Co. & Schrader Co.

2. The Quail ornamented radiator cap represents Quail in Flight symbolizing:
 - a. graceful styling
 - b. quick getaway
 - c. light weight
 - d. fast traveler

3. The three different makes of horns used on Model A cars and trucks were:
 - a. Sparton, Otwell & E.A.
 - b. Ames, Sparton & Bendix
 - c. E.A., Ames & Sparton
 - d. Ford, E.A. & Sparton

4. Which of the following is the correct and quickest way to check for a loose timing gear that is causing a knock?
 - a. Rev engine at high RPM and listen to exhaust
 - b. Idle engine in high gear with emergency brake applied
 - c. Rev engine at low RPM and run car in reverse
 - d. Press opposite end of timing pin against timing gear during idle

5. The Model A engine firing order is 1, 2, 3, 4. True_____ False_____

6. The intake manifold should be painted black. True_____ False_____

7. The starter gear is mounted on the rear side of flywheel. True_____ False_____

8. The camshaft is supported by four bearings. True_____ False_____

9. Camshaft rotation is twice that of the crankshaft. True_____ False_____

10. The oil filter neck is painted black. True_____ False_____

11. The camshaft is driven directly by the timing gear. True_____ False_____

12. The gas gauge has five markings showing capacity. True_____ False_____

13. The oil pump is driven by the camshaft. True_____ False_____

14. Ford bought the Lincoln Motor Co. in 1921. True_____ False_____

15. Each wheel spoke has a tensile strength of 4,000 lbs. True_____ False_____

*****Club Meeting*****

February

Monday February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Branch

Weber County Library

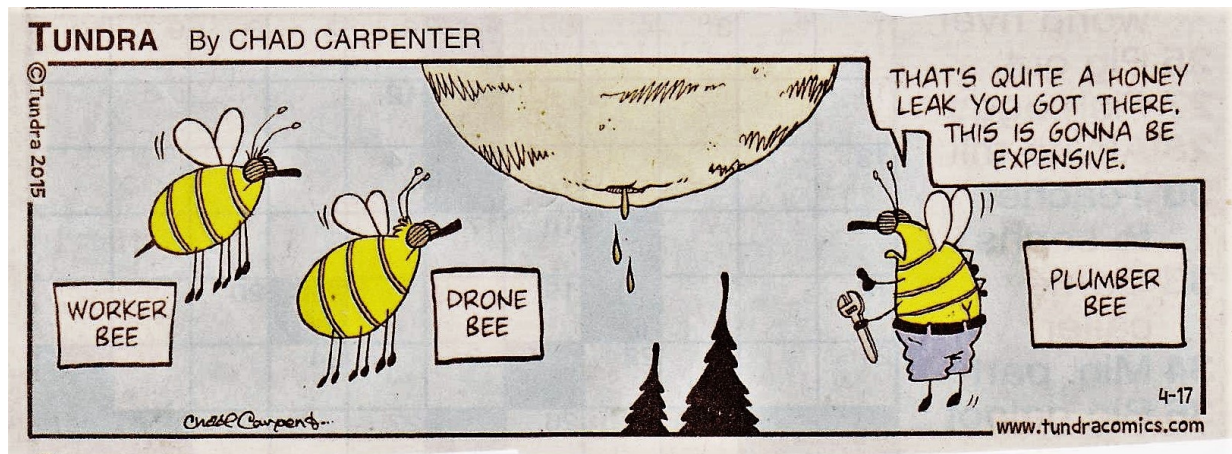
5568 S. Adams Ave.

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A Tremonton, Ut. period photograph there painted on the wall of a commercial building

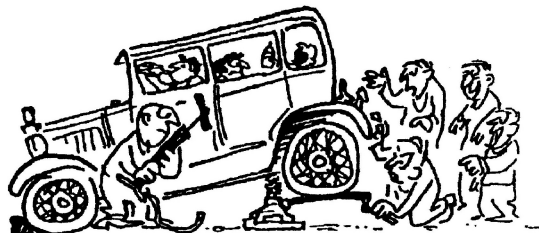
Yes! Beehive A'er Michael S. Bachman 'retired' was a 'Plumber Bee'



...a world record and in reverse!

Gene LaRosa of Grants Pass Oregon dug up the following from the Guinness Book of World Records:

Charles Creighton (1908-1970) and James Hargis of Maplewood, Missouri drove their 1929 Ford Model A Roadster from New York City to Los Angeles (3,340 miles), July 26-August 13, 1930 without stopping the engine once. They arrived back in New York on September 5, thus completeing 7,180 miles in 42 days . . . all while driving in reverse!



PS/Quote: The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.

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