



Rumbleseat Review

April 2019



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



The A's visit the T's in Tremonton, Utah

An impromptu spring get-the-'A'-out dust off tour was called by the Prez this past Sunday March 17 to go out to breakfast to where—who knows where? Four dedicated Model A'ers met at the Smith & Edwards parking, 9:30 a.m. and galley wagged their way up Hwy. 89 to Brigham City, out to Corrine, and northward to JC's Country diner in Elwood for breakfast. The group: the Ropelato's, Christiansens' Jenkins', and Spinden's then drove the short distance on into Tremonton to visit the towns' early history as photographs of the era were painted on vacant brick business walls in the town. Afterwards the trip home took them westward out through Thatcher, Penrose, down to the Thiokol road, Hwy 83, and back to Corrine, Brigham, and Ogden. Thanks to Dave and Josie



Spinden for the tour description and pics.



A message from your Prez

Spring is finally here even though it has been a cold and wet one so far. I hope everyone has their cars out of mothballs and ready to go for some fun runs? I would like to thank the club for their support of Jim Torghele's celebration of life get together and also for the club members that contributed to the Primary Children's Hospital donation on the behalf of Jim. We raised a very good donation amount which I'll talk about at April's meeting. And speaking of the next meeting, we are going to have a presentation about Henry Ford by Henry Dominguez, so don't shy away. Come, get out to the April meeting, socialize, and have some fun!

Your Prez: Randy "Rope"

Clunker Clatter

There is the possibility of a car show out in Syracuse June 29th for only pre 1960's classic and vintage vehicles. Also a likely revisit May tour of Randy Moulding's vintage tractors out on West 21st Street. The Temple Appreciation Dinner will be held again this July 13 out in West Haven. Roger Stokes of the LDS Church invited us to display our 'A's there again. There is a free one year membership to the national club, MAFCA, to new members by filling out an application. Details are still being made on where to display our A's in conjunction and with vehicles at Watson Chevrolet in commemoration of the May 10th – the 150-year celebration of the meeting of the rails and trains at Promontory back in 1869. Thanks to Rick and Barbara Berry for the



Brad Pitkin, An A'er in waiting

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refreshments. Hap Linger won the raffle. Dennis Thompson, Ray Wheelwright, the Rudy/Karen Eilander, Dave Spinden, and Mike Bachman drove their A's to the club meeting.

Howard Eckstein, spark plugs, and MAFCA



Howard accepted the invitation of Prez Randy Ropelato to give a presentation before our club. Howard, a member of the Utah Valley A's, is very knowledgeable in all things mechanical for the Model A. And thanks to Howard, he drove up here this past March 11 from Orem to speak to us about spark plugs. His presentation along with questions and answers kept our attention for well over an hour. Howard has several articles published in MAFCA's Restorer magazine: "Don't blow a gasket", "Diagnosing your Model A's misbehavior", "Dancing

the double clutch", and a whimsical "A drive-in, a Model A, and a brilliant practical joke." He has owned his 1931 Standard Coupe since 1965. Thanks again Howard.





Ten gentlemen and spouses from the club paid their respects to the family of Jim Torghelle at a celebration of Jim's life this past March 15 at the Comfort Suites Inn here in Ogden. Seen here are the Model A's lined up at the Inn in respect and support of Jim and his family.

Michael B. was surreptitiously observed and photographed at a local Maverick gas station. He now has a Woodie; another 'A' added to his collection—a 1929 150-A Station Wagon out of Wyoming.



This commemorative coin/medallion was made available to the public by the Ford Motor Company to celebrate "Thirty years of Ford Progress" at the company's exhibit during the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago.



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****Club Meeting****


April 8 7:00 p. m.
 Pleasant Valley Library
 5568 S. Adams Ave.
 Washington Terrace



Tech Talk from MAFCA

Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,



Coolant Level in the Model A

It is best to check the coolant level in your radiator when the engine is cold, before you set off on a drive. At this time (because coolant contracts when cold and expands when hot) the proper coolant level is about a 1/2" or so above the top of the tubes in the upper tank. The coolant should not be above the baffle in the upper tank when cold. That's too much and the excess will just be blown out later when the engine is hot and you are running down the road.

It's hard to see the coolant level when cold, because the baffle is in the way. Use a flashlight to look in through the filler neck, and to the left or right of the baffle, to see the coolant level. If you can't see the tubes through the coolant, use a disposable wooden stir stick (like the ones they put out at coffee shops to stir your coffee) as a dipstick in the filler neck. Go just to the side of the baffle until it touches the bottom of the upper tank. When you withdraw the stick, look for about 1/2" of coolant stain on the stick. Add some coolant if low.

When checking the coolant when the engine is hot, after you've driving for a time, you want to see the coolant very close to or slightly over the baffle. Only add coolant if you can't see any near the baffle in the upper tank, but don't overfill (or it will just blow it out).

Have a Model A Day!
 Jim

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Home electrical bill a bit high? Want to save a buck or two? Got extra 'A' parts laying around? With your 'A' parts, try this contraption to harness the wind power and use the electrons to light your home.



What with the changing of the clocks and now also is spring time – as stated by my trusted auto mechanic:

PS/Quote: Don't forget to reverse your battery cables so the air conditioning comes on instead of the heat.

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