

Rumbleseat Review

May 2018



The Beehive A's of Northern Utah

Prez Message

The model A season is upon us and there have been several requests for our time and our cars at different events. I think we have worked the schedule out for June and somewhat for July. We'll talk about it at the next meeting.

I'd like to thank Clay and Heidi for providing the refreshments for the month of April, and I appreciate Rick and Barbara for volunteering to do them for May.

The MAFCA Nationals are coming quick, if you are going we'll discuss when we are leaving and who's traveling with who, etc. See you at the next meeting which will be 14 May at the Pleasant Valley Library. Craig



Craig Berry, Randy Moulding, Randy Ropelato at the Caterpillar tour

The Caterpillar tour

Randy Moulding has been in the demolition business for several decades. Both Randy Ropelato and Craig Berry have established acquaintances and or friendships with him over the years. Demolition requires heavy equipment and that is what Randy has acquired—Caterpillars and dozens of them used to break things and destroy stuff. He headquarters them at his business out on west 21st. Street.

Randy and Craig made arrangements with Randy Moulding to view his accumulation of these beomouths of destruction. He owns both 'Holt' and 'Best'

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tractors that predate the Caterpillar name. The Holt Manufacturing Company provided tractors that supported the Allies during World War I. The Holt Manufacturing Company and C. L. Best Tractor Co. merged in 1925 to form the Caterpillar Tractor Co. In 1931 Caterpillar changed the standard paint color of its machines from gray with red trim to “Hi-Way Yellow” with black trim.

Dave Spinden, Clay Pitkin, Mike Bachman, and Doug Jenkins drove their A’s that Saturday 7th on the rainy day drive up to J. C.’s near Tremonton for breakfast. Others drove their everyday cars. Afterwards at the two Moulding warehouses, Randy’s son Scott directed the tour through the dozens of ‘Cats’ and related heavy duty construction equipment. Prez Craig purchased his ‘Vickey’ from Randy Moulding, as it had sat unused for many years in one of his warehouses.



Clunker Clatter

Newbies to the club meeting were welcomed. **Craig Berry** has joined the International Victoria Model A Association—now belonging to two car clubs. **Clay Pitkin** offered new but unused steering parts to whomever wanted them. **Eldon Flinders** is seeking the club’s design logo specifications to be sown onto ball caps. The crowd sang happy birthday to Sec/Treas. **Jim Brown**. Six gents

drove their A's to the club meeting. **Ray Wheelwright's** tech talk was about the clutch, pressure plate, springs, etc. **Clay/Heidi Pitkin** provided the refreshments. **Mike Bachman** won the raffle.

60 years and counting - Congratulations!



Their eyes met. He for she—she for him. They dated, courted, and married. A house was purchased. It needed the inside furnishings. He, ever the gentleman, sold his courtship 'A' and purchased much needed curtains for their new home. Another Model A would bless their driveway in better times.

“If she a lady, treat her like a queen” as the song says—and so he does. So who is this sweet couple? None other than Mary and Ray Wheelwright. Congratulations to Mary for her recent 80th birthday and to the two of them congratulations, now married 60 years this past April 26, and may there be many years more.



Choked by her purse

Clay Pitkins son Brad is of age to drive and has his licence. At times for high school activities it is expedient that he should drive and not ride the bus. The only option for Brad is to drive the family's diesel pickup. This truck is much too big for Clay's wife Heidi to handle, and well Clay drives their only sedan for economic reasons to his job in Salt Lake City. This leaves Heidi at home with the refurbished 'A' coupe to fall back on. So Clay taught Heidi how to double clutch and drive the 'A' for her close-by about town errands.

Heidi complained one day and said it wasn't running well and to check it out and fix it. Clay could not find anything wrong with it. The next day she complained again that it still wasn't well. But again Clay could not find anything wrong with the car. On the third day she had the same complaint. Clay said:

"Let's go for a test ride," but told Heidi to drive.

She got into the driver's seat and the first thing she did was pull out the choke rod and hang her purse by its handle on it then proceeded to start the car and attempt to drive off. Yes, with the handbag still hanging by its handle hooked to the open choke rod. Clay was heard murmuring as he walked away, "It's the Pits."



Event Calendar

May 12: Tour to the Golden Spike National Monument.

June 16: 4th Annual Northern Utah Auto Swap Meet. Autoliv parking lot.

22: West Haven Car Show. The 'T' assembly to be completed here.

23-30: MAFCA National Convention, Reno, Nv.

30: Franklin, Idaho Car Show. 'T' assembly. Doug Jenkins spokesperson.

30: South Ogden City parade. Seven Model A's are requested for this event.

22-24: Erickson Antique Power Equipment Show, Wallsburg, Ut.

July 7 or 21: Youth involvement car show and Model T assembly, North Ogden.

14: Temple Association Appreciation Social. West Haven park.

24: Ogden Pioneer Days Parade.

Sept: 6-9: Yellowstone Park tour. Beehive and Salty A's combined club event.

Gene Briscoe Passes

Long time member of the Beehive A's, Gene Briscoe, age 80, passed away Saturday April 28 after a long 9-year battle with cancer. Age and health problems prevented him from being active in our A's club. A man of many talents and never afraid to try anything, Gene could build and fix almost anything. He was also an incredibly generous man. Gene owned a Model A and was often spotted in parades or just taking a ride. Our condolences go to his wife Virginia of 60 years and to his family. His services were held this past Saturday, May 5th.




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The Hot Rod Race by G. Wilson

Now me and my wife and my brother Joe
Took off in my Ford for San Pedro.
We hadn't much gas and the tires were low
But that doggoned Ford would really go.
Now along about the middle of the night
We were rippin' along like folks might.
When a Mercury behind me blinked his lights
He honked his horn and flew out of sight.
He had twin pipes and a Columbia clutch
And a speed that no one could touch.
And to you folks that don't dig jive,
That's two carburetors and an overdrive.
We made grease spots out of many good towns
And left the cops running round and round.
They wouldn't chase, they'd run and hide
And me and that Mercury stayed side by side.
We were Ford men and we both knew
We would race until something blew.
My car shook and the engine cried
And me and that Mercury stayed side by side.
My brother was pale and said he was sick
And he looked to me like a nervous wreck.
But why should I worry, so what the heck
Me and that Mercury was neck to neck.
Now out on the desert we did fly
Flying low and flying wide.
And me and that Mercury was taking a ride
And staying side by side.
I looked in the mirror and saw something coming
I thought it was a plane the way it was humming.
It was humming along at a terrible pace
I knew right then it was the end of the race.
As it flew by I turned the other way
But the guy in the Mercury had nothing to say.
For it was a kid in a hopped up Model A.





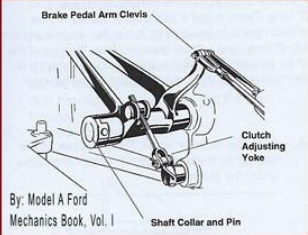
Jim's technical tip for March, 2018
by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

Clutch Pedal "Free Play"

You don't want to drive your car without any free movement or play in the clutch pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch. The clutch pedal must have at least 1" free movement or play at all times. As the clutch facings wear, this play gradually becomes less, and, if not adjusted back out, will result in clutch slippage and a burned out clutch.

The free play is adjusted by removing the clevis pin on the clutch actuating arm, below the clutch pedal. Screw the clevis rod out to increase pedal movement, to compensate for wear. Replace clevis pin and cotter pin.

Make checking the clutch pedal clearance and adjustment (when needed) a part of your routine maintenance checklist, and Have a Model A Day!



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

May 14

7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 S. Adams Ave.

Washington Terrace

PS/Quote:

I shouldn't have driven home from the bar last night-- especially since I walked there.

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Parts and Tools for the Ride Along

Often experienced Model A's are asked "what should I bring with me when touring". There probably is as many answers as there is parts and tools so we thought we'd ask some "experienced Model A's what they carry and then make a list of parts and tools showing up on at least 80% of everyone's list.

So here it is.

For every trip, short or far you need to be carrying

Parts	Tools
Inner tube or tire patch kit	Screwdrivers, sm. Med and large
Spark Plug	Pliers blunt & needle nose
Ignition Cable	Wire cutters and crimper
Points & Condenser	Knife
Light bulbs	Box open wrench set 5/16" to 3/4"
Fan belt	Adjustable wrench
Roll of wire #12 and electrical ends	Socket wrench set 5/16" to 3/4"
High tension wire	Hammer
Generator cutout	Tire pump
Fuses	Electrical tape
Gallon of water	Electric meter or tester
MAFCA Roster	Flashlight
Water pump packing	Feeler gauge and file
Extra lug nuts	Repair Manual
	Jack and wheel chocks
	Starting crank
	RainX

For long trips including MAFCA National Tours add the following

Timing Geer	Timing gear wrench
Ignition switch	Grease gun
Ammeter	Tire irons
Distributor (backup) & lower shaft	Torque wrench
Carburetor (or repair kit)	Gasket sealer
Stoplight switch	Assortment of cotter pins
Starter Bendix	Engine oil
Coil	Vice grips
Fuel lines Inside and outside	Channel locks
Head and manifold gasket	Compression tester
High tension & extra spark plug wire	Water pump packing nut wrench
Radiator hose set	Emergency ignition jumper
Wheel bearing set	Nut driver set
Various small screws	