

Rumbleseat Review

June 2018



The Beehive A's of Northern Utah

*The Transcontinental Railroad photograph there
painted on a wall of a commercial building in
Tremonton, Utah.*

Prez Message

June is upon us with lots to do this month. Apparently there wasn't much interest in doing the June tour up to Park City on the 2nd. Jim Torghele sent out an email to see if there was any interest but got few takers, but that is OK as June is very busy anyway.



We have a calendar with firm dates for car shows and also that we will be doing the Timed Model T Assembly. The first being June 22nd. at the West Haven car show. Do bring out your 'A' and show it off!

We'll talk more in the June meeting which will be June 11th. at the Pleasant Valley library 7:00 p.m. See you there! Craig

The Golden Spike train reenactment tour

The ladies and gents of three Model A pickups and five modern sedans, fourteen members in all, ventured forth on an unfortunate rainy day May 12 out to Promontory Summit to view the reenactment of the laying of the rails and the driving of the golden spike ceremony. The transcontinental



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railroad Central and Union Pacific locomotives met there some 149 years ago.

Doug/Tyson, Dave/Jo Spinden, and Rudi/Karen Stoker-Eilander drove their 'A' pickups. The rain forced the reenactment indoors where our Doug Jenkins was recruited to play the part of Colonel Dodge. The crew dined on Golden Spike Burgers in Corinne on the way home. And no, the A's did not dissolve into a pile of rust.



Thanks to Dave and Jo Spinden for the Railroad tour pics.

Clunker Clatter

We wish **Ray Wheelwright** a speedy recovery from recent knee replacement surgery. **Eldon Flinders** passed around a questionnaire seeking input as to which Beehive A's emblem to have on a ballcap. **John Hall** is back home now from his LDS mission to the Philippines. He spoke briefly of his assignment there taking care of the medical needs of the missionaries and members. **Doug Jenkins** presented the tech talk on the proper alignment of the Model A discussing such things as steering, tire wear, feathering, camber, caster, and toe. **Rudi Eilander** held the correct number to win the raffle.

Event Calendar

- June 16: 4th Annual Northern Utah Auto Swap Meet. Autoliv parking lot.
- 22: West Haven Car Show. The 'T' assembly to be completed here.
- 22-24: Erickson Antique Power Equipment Show, Wallsburg, Ut.
- 23-30: MAFCA National Convention, Reno, Nv.

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- 30: Franklin, Idaho Car Show. 'T' assembly. Doug Jenkins spokesperson.
30: South Ogden City parade. Seven Model A's are requested for this event.
- July 4: Layton City Parade
14: Temple Association Appreciation Social. West Haven park. 11:30 a.m.
21: Youth involvement car show and Model T assembly, North Ogden.
24: Ogden City Pioneer Days Parade
- August: Possible Bear Lake tour
Sept. 6-9: Yellowstone Park tour. Combined Beehive and Salty A's event.
TBD: Ardel Brown tribute, a last car show in his memory.

The Model T timed assembly schedule

KFC can't reassemble their 'wings and things' and make it fly, but Doug Jenkins and crew can reassemble a rusty 'parts T' and make it run in under five minutes. How's that for you?

These are the dates and times for this year's Model T timed assembly as provided by Doug. If you are interested in participating on the timed assembly crew, please let him know at 801-725-0207, or email holjenki66@hotmail.com.



- June 22: West Haven Days. 2825 W. 3300 S. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Gates open at 3:30. Enter farthest East entrance on 3300 S.
- June 30: We are looking for Model A's and T's for the Franklin Idaho car show and parade. We have been invited to attend. Let's not let them down. Parade 10 a.m. Car show 11 to 2 p.m. We will be doing the Timed Model T assembly 11:30 and 2 p.m. Meeting at Smith & Edwards at 8 a.m. to travel to Franklin, Ida.
- July 21: Youth Program at McGriff Park North Ogden 2971 N. 900 E.
10:00 a.m. Bring your cars out to show. Lunch will be provided.



- July 28: Stags Car show 2415 N. 4425 W. Plain City in the park.
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free food.
- Aug 11: Under the Stars Car Show, Sunset Central Park 85 W. 1800 N. 4 to 9 p.m.
Registration starts at 2 p.m. Free.

“The Quail came home to roost”

*Tom Clarke with his ‘A’ 1931
air conditioned town sedan*



The Quail radiator cap on this his ‘A’ has quite the unique history to it. You may recall back in 2001 this Quail was featured in a *Restorer* article. To refresh your memory see page 6 for the ‘rest of the story’



Mary Wheelwright’s fashion statement



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

June 11 7:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Library
5568 S. Adams Ave.
Washington Terrace

Tech Talk Tip

Jim’s technical tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

I have been asked what adjustments should be made to the Model A when driving at high altitude, such as when going to the National Convention in Sparks/Reno at the end of June. Sparks is at about 4500 feet, which is not terribly high, but you may have to climb over some passes that are much higher in order to get there.



In general, the air is thinner as you go up in altitude. That means less oxygen is going into the engine when it runs, and the effective Air-Fuel-Ratio (or running fuel mixture) will get more rich as you go up. So you will want to adjust the GAV on the carburetor just a little bit LEANER (screw the GAV in) as you climb to higher altitudes, to compensate for the thinner air. But not too much, especially when working to climb a grade. Retard the spark lever a bit, too, when climbing a steep grade.

If you don’t make this small change, the mixture will be a bit rich and you run the risk of fouling your spark plugs. The engine may seem to run better on the rich mixture, but your fuel economy will suffer and your plugs may foul.

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I hope this helps you Have a Model A Day!

PS/Quote:

Anyone driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac.

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The Quail Comes Home

By Tom Clarke, Jr., Odgen, Utah

In 1956, I was 14 years old and I acquired my first Model A Ford. It was a 1930 Deluxe Coupe with a rumble seat. For the next two years my Dad and I worked on it. He painted it black with red wheels and I thought I was "King of the Road". At 16 years old, I got my driver's license and was able to drive it to school. I could drive it all week, to and from school for \$1.00 in gas. Gas was only 23 cents per gallon then.

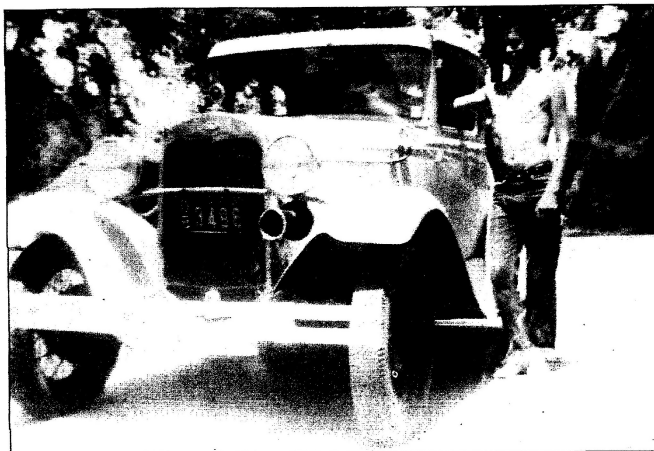
My Dad had owned a Model A earlier and he told me to look in the basement on his shelves where he recalled he had stored a Quail radiator cap. I found it and now had it for my Model A. In 1962, I sold my Model A (with many regrets now), but I kept the Quail radiator cap. In 1963, my Dad died from a sudden heart attack and I lost my best friend.

About five years later, in 1968, I was restoring a T-Bird and I traded the Quail cap along with some other Model A parts I still had to Ed Niederhauser in return for body and paint work on my T-Bird. Ed owned Odgen Auto Body in Odgen, Utah.

Thirty years flew by and in 1998 I became reacquainted with Ed through our Model A club, the Beehive A's in Odgen. Later that year I was restoring a 1928 Roadster Pickup and joined the club. Because of my enthusiasm, they elected me President of the club for two years, 1999 and 2000.

Ed is 87 years old now and still restoring Model A's. One day I mentioned the trade of the Quail cap to Ed and strangely enough, he still had it! My Dad's original unrestored Quail. I went home and told my wife, Sharon, about this event. Sharon approached Ed (on the Q.T) with an offer to buy the Quail back, but Ed refused to sell it. Instead he gave it to her.

Last Christmas under the tree there was a package marked "To Tom, From Dad". Knowing that Dad had passed away many years ago, I was confused about the mystery package. Inside the package was a message: "Merry Christmas Tom! After 31 years, the Quail came home to roost."



Tom Clarke, Jr., 16 years old with his first Model A. It was painted grey primer then, but my Dad and I later painted it Black and added that Quail radiator cap.



Tom Clarke, Sr. This photo was taken in 1934 with his 1931 Sedan Delivery

Ed Niederhauser (L) and Tom Clarke, Jr. (R). With my Dad's Quail on my '28 Roadster Pickup.