

# BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



April 2025



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



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

# Message from the Board

What does the Club Treasurer do, anyway? Well, there are some specific requirements that the Treasurer must meet to keep the club in good standing with the club members, the Board, and government agencies. First, the club has obligations to pay the club's bills. The Bylaws require that all disbursements are made with a check, something that makes a record of any transactions. We have been paying all invoices by check, but we could make some by credit/debit card. That is, if we had one. Disbursements need to be approved by a club officer (under \$300), or the Board (under \$500), or by vote of the membership present at a club meeting. The Christmas Banquet, for example, runs well over that amount, so a membership vote of approval is needed.

Income is derived by club dues (\$30 a year, per family), donations, banquet dinner reservations, advertising, sale of clothing, club pins, badges, calendars, and so forth. All income is deposited into our checking account.

The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) requires us to register with them every year, in January or February. This includes the listing of our Club Officers and their contact information. And they require a listing of our current members. Membership in MAFCA is not required for our members, but all club officers must be MAFCA members. Additionally, MAFCA provides Club liability insurance, at \$75 a year. They also require that the club does not sponsor any event that requires timing, like a rally that times individual members' cars, or racing or hill climbing. Members can participate in such events, but they cannot be sponsored or endorsed by the Club.

The State of Utah has a corporation listing service, that has a nominal cost, that we use to tell the world that we exist. That is due each spring; they send us a post card reminder for renewal.

The Treasurer traditionally sets up the Ogden Pioneer Days Parade (\$75 entry fee) and the Christmas Banquet (\$100 deposit, currently at Timbermine Steakhouse). This one takes some work, as member dues for next year are collected, as well as the shared cost of the Banquet. I use a spreadsheet; I find it easy to keep track of our banquet reservations.

An audit of the Treasurer's books is usually conducted in the first quarter of the following year.

Even though the duties seem extensive, they are spread out over the year and are not difficult to do. Many members express their appreciation, and that makes it all worthwhile.

Jim Brown, Treasurer

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Brian Gough

### **Past President:**

Ron Lucero

**Cover photo:** The Mrs. Cunningham mentioned on the placard is the distinguished looking lady at right. She and her two supporters are standing in front of a 1928 Model A Tudor sedan, which they were driving from one end of her proposed district to the other. She was the first woman in Texas to run for Senator. But, apparently, the crowds who came to see her on the campaign trail were more impressed with her handsome Ford than with her politics, and she lost her senatorial bid. It's hard to distinguish, but the '28 Texas license plates were quite unique. To the left of the numbers was "Front," and to the right of the numbers was: "TEX|28".

## Next Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

### Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave  
Washington Terrace, Utah

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Liana Lucero  
Barbara Berry  
Jim Brown  
Eldon Flinders  
Chaz Walker  
Steve Sessions  
Dennis Thompson  
Dean Murray  
Larry Streadbeck

## TREATS for 2025

April	Barbara Berry
May	Henry & Terry Prevedel



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**From The President**

### Ruidoso Update!

As many of you may remember, just over 3 months ago, The Southwest Model A's, along with the Model A Ford Club of America, were forced to cancel the 2024 National Convention due to the natural disasters that devastated the Ruidoso community.

At the time of cancellation, our first priority was to ensure the safety of our attendees and the families in the area. Once we got everyone safely notified, we began the process of identifying how to go about "unwinding" the first national convention MAFCA has ever been forced to cancel.

Both organizations committed to refunding fees paid by attendees to the Southwest Model A's for the National Convention if requested. We knew this could be a substantial financial burden, estimated at the time to be over \$85,000.00 more than the current, available cash balance. Even though this was a huge dollar amount, MAFCA stood ready, willing and able to back up The Southwest Model A's to completely meet all their financial obligations, as we do with any chapter that hosts a national event.



**more news**

Ed Tolman, the president of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), is looking for a new editor for the Club's digital newsletter called "The Flying Quail." It comes out on a bi-monthly basis, on even months, opposite the "Restorer" magazine.

If you go to the following website, you will be able to see an example of this newsletter:

[mafca.com/flying-quail/](http://mafca.com/flying-quail/)

If you are interested in this position, or know somebody who might me, please contact Ed:

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# CARS & PARTS FOR SALE

**Woody Bird Jr.**, who lives in Pleasant Grove, Utah, has many Model A parts for sale, such as motors, transmissions, intake and exhaust manifolds, front and rear springs, shifters, wheels, even and a Model T chassis. His phone is 385-419-8805.

**Steve Nailer** is liquidating cars. Please reach out to Dave Spinden for more information. His phone number is: 801-745-5327

**Dan Johnson** has the following parts for sale:

Rebuilt "Diamond B" motor.

Couple of sets of 1930/1931 taillights, both black and stainless

Engine stand with a Model A mount

19" wire wheels

21" wire wheels

Call Dan for prices: 801-941-4834

# CARS & PARTS WANTED

**Dennis Thompson** is looking for a matched **4:11 ring & pinion set**.

Please call him at 801-510-5837.

**Marvin Thurn** wants a driver's side cowl light, chrome or stainless steel. Please call Marvin if you have what he is looking for: 801-624-0701

# TECH TALK

April's Tech Talk will be given by Dan Johnson. He will be talking about suspensions.

# Dust Off Tour 2025!

Honors for this year's Dust-Off Tour goes to our one and only Randy Ropelato, and from all accounts, the tour was a great success. There were 11 Model As, one "modern" car (Mike Bachman's 1939 Lincoln-Zephyr), and Ron and Liana Lucero's modern-modern car. In total, 25 club members attended this first tour of the year.

Everybody met at the north parking lot at Smith & Edwards and left promptly at 9:00. They drove up Highway 89 to Brigham, then caught State Road 38 to Honeyville and then on to Deweyville. There, the line of Model As turned west onto State Road 102, which took them directly into Tremonton.

Randy Ropelato and Kim Stratton lead the way with Dennis and Jeri Thompson bringing up the rear. "It's always nice to have Dennis at the end of line," explains Rudy Eilander. "With his red Model A, you can always see him, and if he's there, you can be sure that everybody else is there, too!"

Lunch was had at The Grill restaurant in Tremonton, and after that, Mike Bachman led the way back. While it wasn't part of the original plan, Mike lead everybody to his new place in Willard. The highlight of that stop was seeing Mike's 1929 American Bantam sedan, which looks like a Model A Ford that hasn't grown up yet!

To all of you who did not attend this tour, please try to make the next one. They are a lot of fun, you're able to give your Model A a good-needed work out, and, most importantly...we miss you when you are not there!



To begin the tour, everybody drove to Smith & Edwards and parked on the north end of the parking lot. At precisely 9:00 A.M., the line of Model As headed north.





The troop all made it to The Grill Restaurant in Tremonton, as was the plan. Here they are lined up in the restaurant's parking lot.



Wagonmaster Randy Ropelato (left) did a great job as usual planning and leading the Club's first tour of the season. To his left are Connie and Brian Gough, Karen Stoker, Rudy Eilander, and Kim Stratton; all enjoying a delicious meal at The Grill.





Here we see Clay Pitkin (left), and Chete and Keb Leete. But where is our president, Heidi? Oh, she is the one taking the picture!



Jeri Thompson, left, followed by Kathy and Randy Christiansen, and Dennis Thompson.



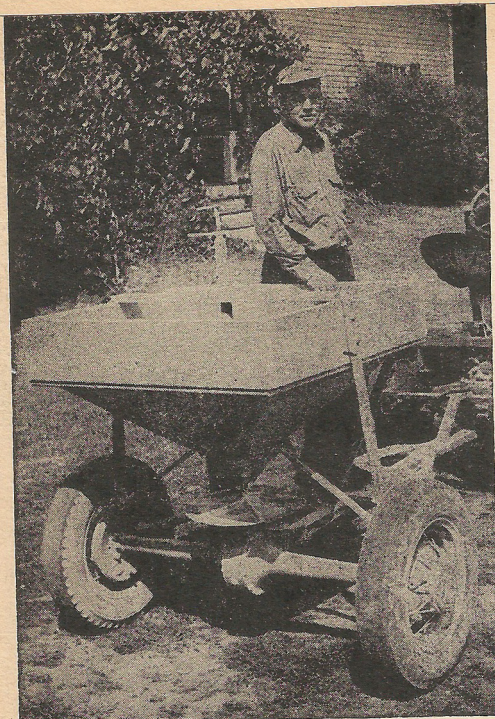


Enjoying each others' company during lunch are (left to right): Ray Wheelwright, Dave and Jo Spinden, and Red and Donna Butterfield.



Past president, Ron Lucero, with his lovely wife, Liana. They drove their modern-modern car, and that's okay, because the important thing is the camaraderie!





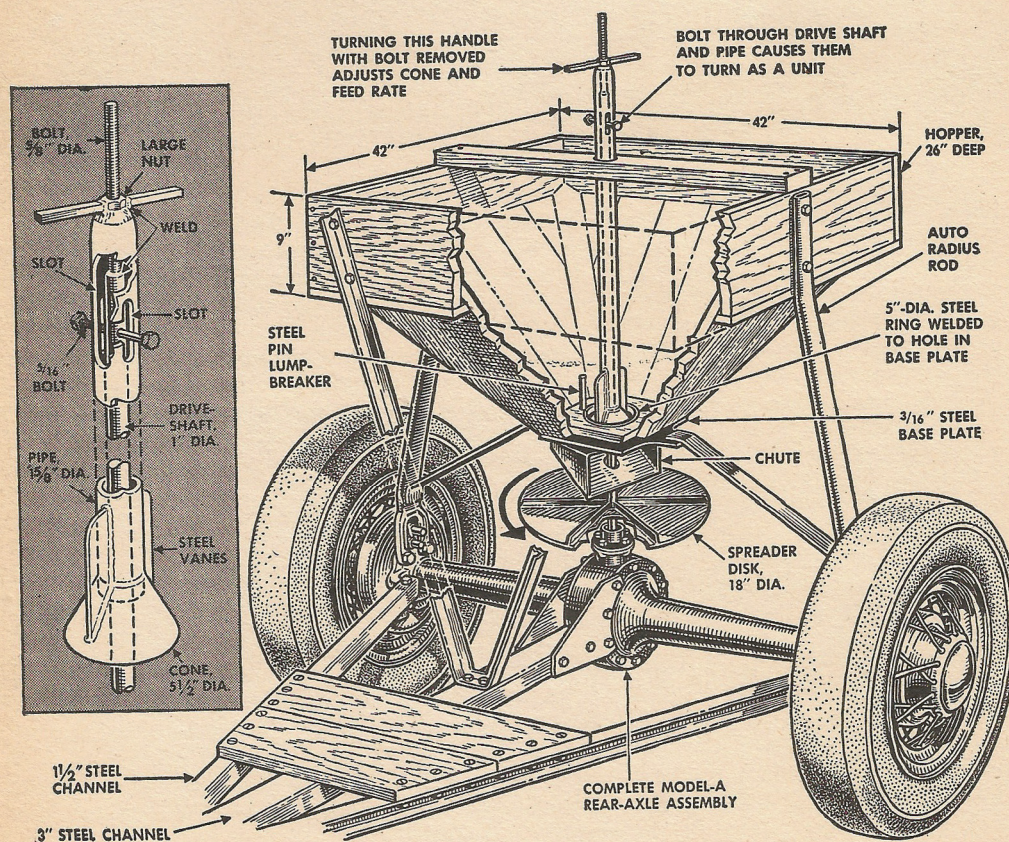
**Model-A rear-axle assembly** forms the chassis. Here, builder Howard Jenkins shows how the operator can ride on drawbar platform in field.

## Model-A Now Spreads Lime

**T**O BUILD this lime spreader, a New Hampshire farmer salvaged the complete rear-axle assembly from a Model-A Ford and swung its propeller shaft straight up. In the car, the shaft drove the wheels. In the spreader, the wheels turn the shaft. A webbed disk welded to the shaft broadcasts lime over a path about 10 feet wide as a tractor tows the spreader.

Lime can be fed at varying rates by raising or lowering a sheet-metal cone on a pipe that encases the drive shaft. The pipe is welded to a large nut that turns on a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " bolt welded to the end of the cut-off drive shaft. A lock bolt causes the pipe and cone to revolve with the shaft.

A chute screwed to the hopper base delivers lime to the disk. Swung vertically, the Ford radius rods help support the hopper.—Charles L. Stratton, Hollis, N. H.



If any of you have wondered what to do with that spare Model A rear end that you have (after all, they seem to last forever), here's an idea for you. This story comes to you from Karen Stoker and her book, "Your House and Grounds," and the editors of *Popular Science* magazine, 1953.



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