

BEEHIVE A's Rumble Seat Review



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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

As the celebration of our country and freedom is this month, it takes my mind back to some of the experiences that my dad told me when he served in the military. How freedom affects those that fought for our country and those that live in our country. I totally agree with the quote "Freedom isn't Free."

I want to say thank you to all those that help us enjoy and keep our freedom. You are in my thoughts as always.

Heidi Pitkin—President



Henry Ford standing out front of his engineering building in Dearborn, Michigan. (Editor's photo)

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Cover photo: Here's an interesting machine: A 1928/1929 Model AA Canopy-Top Express truck modified for railroad use. It would seem that two rear drive wheels and two front wheels would have been sufficient, but this truck has four of each. Whether all those wheels were needed or not, they certainly make this Model A look substantial. Unfortunately, we do not know where this photograph was taken or which railroad the truck was used on. (Editor's photo)

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pleasant Valley Library

5568 South Adams Ave
Washington Terrace, Utah

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Clay Pitkin
Pat DeHerrera
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TREATS for 2025

July	Paul Bush
August	Phil Dunn

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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.



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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/

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

July's Tech Talk will be given by Henry Dominguez. He will be talking about vehicle noises and how to diagnose them.

North Ogden Cherry Days Parade

A total of 16 Model As and over 30 members showed up at North Ogden's annual Cherry Days Parade. It was a beautiful day for a parade, and a lot of people turned out to watch the parade, especially to see our Model As.

Dennis and Jeri Thompson headed up the line of Model As with their electrified Model A pickup. Probably all of the spectators didn't realize that the little pickup was battery powered, but they knew it was part of the Beehive As from the sign hanging out the front!

Not long after we started creeping down Washington Boulevard, parade officials stopped the line so that everyone could watch a magnificent and thrilling flyover by four F-35 jets out of Hill Field Air Force Base. What a sight!

As my brother always says when a air force jet flies over: "That's the sound of freedom!"

After the parade, everybody drove over to Rudy and Karen's house for some delicious raspberry shortcake and socializing. The dessert was splendid and the conversations entertaining.

Thanks go to Keb Leete and Jim Brown for arranging our participation in the parade and to Rudy and Karen for inviting us to their beautiful home.



Above: The Thompson's pickup led our line of Model As in the parade.

Below: Phil Dunn waiting patiently for the parade to begin. He is standing next to the Pitkin's Model A.





Above: Some of our Model As making their way along the parade route on Washington Boulevard. A short time later, four F-35s did a flyover right down Washington Boulevard, below.





A beautiful line of "Henry's Ladies" parked on the side lawn at Rudy and Karen's house.





IN MEMORIAM

IDA MARIE PAINTER

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away peacefully on May 23, 2025, at home in Bountiful, Utah.

She was born in Logan, Utah on August 5, 1937. Her proud parents were Maurice Hall Obray and Ruby Lucille Newbrand Obray of Paradise, Utah.

Marie grew up in Paradise, attending school there until High School where she graduated from South Cache High School in Hyrum, Utah. In her senior year at South Cache she met her husband of 69 years. Keith Painter. They were married in the Logan LDS temple on November 23, 1955.

Upon graduation from high school she was employed by Cache Knitting Mills as the secretary and model for the custom clothing company. She retained this employment until Keith graduated from college (1958) where he received a commission as a second lieutenant in the field Artillery branch of the U.S. Army. Keith was called immediately upon graduation to the active army, resulting in Marie becoming an Army wife for over 28 years.

As an Army wife, she was called upon to help wives of junior officers and enlisted wives to adjust to and support their husbands in their chosen career. She excelled in this role, helping Keith succeed, especially in stressful positions of command. She was admired for her sense of humor, dedication and respect for all, regardless of the rank of the soldier husband. During their army career she gave birth to two boys, Michael Keith in Germany and David Steven in Logan, UT while Keith was in an army school at Ft Bliss, Texas. She also endured numerous other short separations for Keith's schooling and training operations and one-year tours of duty in Thailand/Laos and Viet Nam. The life of an army wife with two children was challenging to say the least.

Upon retirement from active duty, the Painters were living in Bountiful, Utah where she quickly became involved with the local LDS church and her other neighbors. She helped care for her parents, both of whom passed away during this period. She also worked diligently in her church callings with the same devotion she had followed her entire married life. She was a popular friend to all, especially enjoying lunch out with her many friends, often decorating restaurant tables and providing small gifts to all attendees.

She is survived by her husband, Keith, two sons, Michael Keith (Kimberly) and David Steven, her sister Gay Obray, brother Stephen Obray (Carole) four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

All of the members of the Beehive A's extend our sincerest condolences to Keith and his family.

IN MEMORIAM

WAYNE CLARK PETERSON



Wayne Clark Peterson of Park City, Utah passed away on May 31, 2025 from a tired heart (CHF) at the ripe old age of 88.

I was born on October 16, 1936 in a little log cabin in Loa, Utah. The second son of William Wayne and Dorothy Bronson Peterson. The only heat in the cabin was from the kitchen stove, so they opened the oven door, put a blanket on it and laid me on the blanket to keep me warm. My brother “Neil” was born in Midway, but me and my sisters “Ruby” and “Luella” were all born in our little Loa Cabin.

My dad was working in Alaska as an electronics technician on a small military base on Attu island, which is at the far end of the Aleutian Chain when on December 7th 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Dad was a civilian and also a private pilot, so the military asked him to relocate to Ogden, Utah to manage the flight simulator program at Hill Field. Dad moved immediately and the rest of the family joined him in May of 1942.

We moved into a small house in Washington Terrace, a still under construction government worker housing complex. I graduated from South Jr. High, Weber High and Weber College. Right after high school I joined the Naval Reserves. In 1956 I was working as a draftsman in the Aeronautical Engineering Division at Hill Airforce Base, when Thiokol Chemical lured me away to work in their Rocket Engineering Division up in the Brigham City.

I graduated from the University of Utah in 1963 in mechanical engineering and spent the rest of my career running a small Consulting Engineering Firm in Salt Lake. While most of our work was located in Utah, we also did a lot of work in the surrounding states. This required that I become a licensed Professional Engineer in dozens of states. I was constantly traveling, so I also became a private pilot.

In 1957 I married Guyla Rosenberg from Cedar City, and we had four kids; Pete, Becky, Jim and Wendy. But me being a workaholic and constantly traveling put a lot of strain on our marriage, which was the primary cause of our divorce.

In 1982 I met Annette Pittard. Annette grew up in and escaped from Communist East Germany when she was 17 years old. She was Val Peterson’s secretary. Val was a good friend of mine. He was also the Director of Physical Plant at USU in Logan. We were married in 1984. Annette had two teenage daughters, Tauna and Phaedra from her previous marriage, and together we had “Josh” and “Tasha”. Between “His, Hers and Ours” we had 8 kids. Together we share many grandkids and great grandkids.

In our 40+ years of marriage we did everything together. Though we had a few minor disagreements not once did we say an unkind word to each other. Annette, I called her “Snooky”, is my forever sweetheart and soulmate.

I had a great life!

All of the members of the Beehive A’s extend our sincerest condolences to Snooky and her family.

TOUR & PARADE SCHEDULE

July 24	Ogden Pioneer Days Parade Parade starts at 9:00 AM Meet on the east side of Washington Blvd on 32nd Street Access via Adams Ave or Jefferson Ave Cars should be there at 8:00 AM; riders should be there by 8:30
July 26	Stags Car Show Plain City Park Crack of dawn until 5:00
August ??	Grand Opening of Young Ford, Brigham City. We have been invited to show our Model As or any other old Ford at this Grand Opening event. Food and drinks will be provided. The exact date has not been determined, but the dealership says it will probably be in early August. More details to follow.
August 2	Roy Days Parade Line-up on airport road south of 4800 South at 8:00 AM Parade starts at 9:00 AM Car Show after parade: George Wahlen Park, 4200 S. 2100 W., Roy You must register for the show at RoyUtah.gov starting July 1
August 11	Swap Meet Pleasant Valley Library parking lot 6:00 PM-7:00 PM We will have a swap meet BEFORE the club's meeting.
August 23	Dean Murry Car Show Details to follow
August 30	Hooper Tomato Days Car Show Details to follow
September 1	Hooper Tomato Days Parade Line-up at 8:00 AM at church located at 5000 S. 5900 W., Hooper Parade starts at 9:00 AM

RADIATOR REPAIR SHOP IN OGDEN



Adam Christofferson, a 23-year veteran repairing radiators for Western Radiator Company, is now repairing radiators, fuel tanks, and heater cores as a part-time business at his home in Taylor, Utah.

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