



# 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

## Three Years on the Road: A Joyride with My Model A

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since I first turned the key on my Model A and stepped into this remarkable community of enthusiasts. What began as a curious purchase quickly evolved into a full-blown passion—one that's brought me more joy, learning, and camaraderie than I ever imagined.

From the outset, the Model A welcomed me into a world where craftsmanship meets community. The learning curve was steep at times, but every repair, adjustment, and scenic tour became part of an unforgettable journey. One standout memory was last year's Garage Day, when we tackled an engine swap together. It wasn't just about getting the new engine in—it was about the laughter bouncing off the walls, the steady hands passing tools, and the true spirit of teamwork that made the day special. That kind of help and fellowship? You just don't find it everywhere.

And it's not just about the cars—it's about the people behind them. This club is full of stories, lessons, and generosity. From Ray Wheelwright's willingness to dive into stuck bolts—saving my cylinder head from a permanent bond with the block—to Dennis Thompson's ever-open door and phone, offering timely advice with a smile, I continue to be humbled by the support and friendship we've found here. Club meetings, picnic chats, and those laid-back drives have connected me with folks whose kindness runs just as deep as their love for the Model A.

This car has taken me places—physically and emotionally—that I never expected. It's become more than a hobby; it's a portal to history, a source of joy, and a path to some of the finest friendships I've known. Looking back, I wouldn't change a single mile. And looking ahead, I'm excited to keep the journey rolling—with all of you riding alongside.

Bill Wiser—Club Historian

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**Cover photo:** A truck load (literally) of brand new 1930 Ford Model A's being delivered to Smith Motor Company—two coupes and two Tudor sedans. And the truck pulling the trailer is also a Model A—an AA actually. Unfortunately, the whereabouts of this Ford dealership is unknown. (Editor's photo)

## Next Meeting:

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM

NOTE: The meeting will be held in the amphitheater on the east side of the library. Bring your own chair!

**Pleasant Valley Library**

5568 South Adams Ave  
Washington Terrace, Utah

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Karen Stoker  
Claron Headman  
Pat Barber  
Brian Gough

## TREATS for 2025

August	Phil Dunn
September	Cody Kapinos

# 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

**Sam Korologos** has the following parts for sale:

Later front fender brace 1930/1931, drivers side  
Exhaust manifold: old, no cracks; plain, not broken

Call Sam for prices: 801-5601375

**Claron Headman** has a 1925 Model T for sale  
Call Claron to make an appointment to see it: 801-755-8216

# 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 Clay Pitkin. He will be talking about Model A "special" tools.



How many men does it take to change a tire on a Model A? Apparently, three! (Editor's photo)

# TOUR & PARADE SCHEDULE

August 11	<b>Swap Meet</b> Pleasant Valley Library parking lot 6:00 PM-7:00 PM We will have a swap meet BEFORE the club's meeting.
August 15	<b>Grand Opening of Young Ford, Brigham City</b> We have been invited to show our Model As, or any other old Ford, at this Grand Opening event. Arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 AM. Food and refreshments will be provided. 1165 S. 1100 W., Brigham City (Just off I-15 on the road going to Logan)
August 16	<b>Berry &amp; Thompson Picnic</b> Time will be announced at August's meeting McGriff Park, 2950 N. 900 E., North Ogden
August 23	<b>Dean Murry Car Show</b> 4:30 PM-8:00 PM At Dean's backyard 2554 W. 2400 S., West Haven
August 30	<b>Hooper Tomato Days Car Show</b> 10:00 AM-2:30 PM Hooper Park, 6300 W. 5600 S., Hooper
September 1	<b>Hooper Tomato Days Parade</b> Line-up at 8:00 AM at church located at 5000 S. 5900 W., Hooper Parade starts at 9:00 AM
December 9	<b>Christmas Party</b> White Rose Events Center 3677 UT-126 Farr West, UT 84404 6:00 PM-9:00 PM



# IN MEMORIAM

## MARY B. WHEELWRIGHT

“In the hearts of those who loved you, you will always be there.”

—Orion Carlotto

Our beloved mother, grandmother, wife, and friend Mary B. Wheelwright was called home July 25, 2025. Mary was born March 24, 1938, to parents John Francis Smyth and Bertha Mary Spencer in Ogden, Utah.

Mary graduated from Saint Joseph Catholic School, during which she met the love of her life Ray Wheelwright. Upon their first meeting Mary told her mother she had just met the boy she was going to marry. They were later wed on April 26, 1958, and spent the next 67 years happily married. They settled in Washington Terrace where they raised three daughters, Christine (Bill) Kolp, Cathy (Mike) Stuart, and Mary Beth (Brad) Hart.

Returning to the workforce, when her youngest started school, Mary worked for the Bank of Utah as a branch manager for 17 years. Eventually Mary started work at the IRS for a short time until she was offered a job at Hill AFB. She started at Hill as a maintenance support specialist in the machine shop, alongside her husband. She was promoted and spent her final years as an assistant to the general. She retired in 2000 and always had the greatest stories of her time in the workforce.

Mary had many hobbies she enjoyed in life. It was not unusual to find her working on a project. Whether it was sewing something spectacular for her girls or grandkids, painting beautiful landscapes or wood cutouts for the holidays, crocheting a new blanket, or reading a great book, Mary always had something to do.

Mary was very proud of the 1930 Ford Model A Standard Sedan that Ray restored. Mary and Ray were original members of the Beehive Model A Club, where they spent time traveling in the Model A, driving in parades, and attending car shows. Mary's favorite story to tell was about a trip to Yellowstone National Park. Many of the club members had driven into the park and people would stop, stare, take photos, and ask a lot of questions.

As founding members of the Ogden Valley Muzzlers, Mary and Ray spent many weekends shooting black powder muzzle loaders. She loved attending black powder shoots and getting dressed up for mountain man rendezvous. As her grandchildren grew, she often took them along teaching them to shoot and throw tomahawks.

Mary is survived by her daughters, 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother John Michael, and son-in-law Brad Hart.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hidden Valley Assisted Living for the kindness and compassion they showed Mary.

*Ray, the entire Beehive Model A Club sends its sincerest condolences to you and your family on Mary's passing. She was loved by all, and she will be missed dearly.*



# OGDEN PIONEER DAYS PARADE

## JULY 24, 2025

As in many years past, the Beehive A's participated in this year's Ogden Pioneer Days parade, and, as in years past, it was a resounding success!

Seventeen of our Model A's met at the corner of 32th Street and Washington Boulevard to await our entry into the parade queue. As soon as our turn arrived, Karen Stoker led the way in her spiffy Model A pickup.

It was a beautiful day for a parade: clear, blue skies and a temperature that was both soothing to the spectators and our old Fords.

Speaking of spectators, thousands lined both sides of Washington Boulevard, cheering us on as we made our way north and signaling us to honk our horns. The kids loved it!

At the end of the parade route, we all proceeded north until we reached Golden Corral Buffet, where many of us had lunch.

Thanks to all who participated in this annual event. It's always fun.







Rudy and Karen (center) getting ready to lead the way in the parade.



A few of our Model A's awaiting their turn in the parade.





Above: Dennis Thompson and Henry Previdel talking Model A's, of course, and (below), another view of some Model A's anxious to get into the parade.





A view of the parade route from Henry Dominguez' A-400. In front of him are (L-R) Rudy Eilander, Dave and Jo Spinden, Karen Stoker, and Ron and Liana Lucero.



Once the parade was over, we all met at the Golden Coral Buffet for an early lunch. And with that, another 24th of July parade was over.



# GRAND OPENING YOUNG FORD—BRIGHAM CITY



The Beehive A's have been invited to Young Ford's Grand Opening of their new dealership in Brigham City, and I would like us to turn out in a tour de force! But you don't have to bring your Model A. Any old Ford will do..., a Model T, a Ford V8, Mustang, Mercury or Lincoln. If it's an old Ford product, bring it out!

When: Friday, August 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (although I'm sure it will go longer)  
Arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 so that they can arrange the cars

Where: Young Ford—Brigham City  
1165 S. 1100 W., Brigham City  
(Just east of I-15 on the road going to Logan)

**Food and beverages will be provided!**

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