

Don Bader



I acquired an interest in and fascination with the Model A ford at a young age. I located a 1930 Sport Coupe in 1958 for sale and purchased the vehicle for \$75 with monies earned from my paper route. The engine and transmission were out of the car and disassembled. I was able to have the car assembled and on the road before I turned 16. I look back and am surprised that I was able to put the vehicle together as I had very limited funds, no manuals or instructions, and we did not have a garage. I joined MAFCA in 1972 and attended the 1972 MAFCA National Convention held in Seattle. My wife and I have been members of MAFCA for 43 years.

I graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Mechanical engineering and spent 28 years employed with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton Washington. After leaving the shipyard I worked for an energy consulting firm for 7 years.

I have attended a number of MAFCA National Conventions and Regional Meets held in the Northwest and always enjoy driving my vehicle to the event and participating in the tours and program. I was on the planning committee for the 2000 NWRM held in Olympia WA, and the 2014 MAFCA National Convention held in Puyallup WA.

I am interested in the aspect of maintaining the Model A in its original configuration and try to avoid reproduction parts as much as possible. Currently I am a member of the Gallopin Gertie Chapter in Tacoma WA. I presently have a 1931 Ford Town Sedan 160B, and a 1931 Cabriolet 68B. I have special interests in rebuilding carburetors and restoring and repairing speedometers. Also I am a Senior Judge in Vehicle Judging.

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