Biography for Douglas Clayton



A life long interest in the Model A Ford started before the purchase of my first automobile, a 1929 Ford Roadster in 1966. Like many people starting out, I didn't buy the best car, just the one I could afford. I drove that car for several years as daily transportation. I wanted to restore it as a nice driving vehicle, but I soon figured that if I was going to do all that work it should be my best effort. The restoration was finally completed in 1984. Since then, the little Roadster has garnered the top blue ribbon scores at two

different national meets including the 1994 Joint Meet in Tacoma Washington.

By this time I was addicted to detailed research and fine point restorations. I was appointed to the Judging Standards Committee in 1986 and served two terms. Much of that effort was dedicated to the huge 1989 revision of the Judging Standards.

As a Senior Advisor to the Committee, I served as the organizer and editor of the Model A Ford and Finish Guide. While on the Committee, I was appointed to be Chief Judge for the 1990 National Meet in San Diego. In 2003, I was again appointed to the Judging Standards Committee and for the last three years served as Chairman. I continue to work on and collect Model A's. Our stable now has six Model A's including a nice low mileage original Town Sedan.