

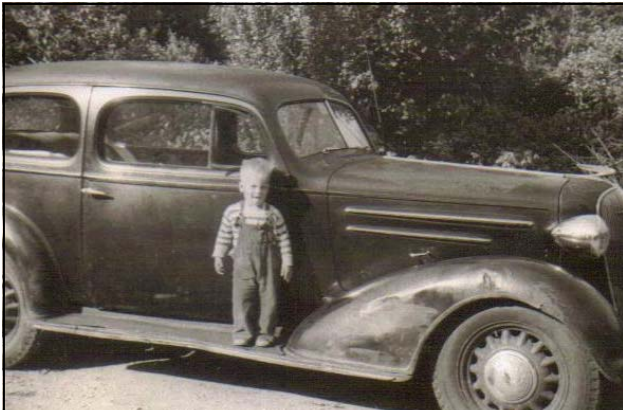
How I GOT STARTED MODEL A'ING

By Doug Linden

I was introduced to the Model A (and other old cars) at an early age. My grandfather had a 1929 Tudor that had been converted to a tractor for use around the summer camp. I always had fun playing in it and my dad's old '36 Chevy.



Me and my "Hershey" cart by Gramp's old "A"



Gee! the '36 Chevy looked huge back then.

My first "real" exposure to a Model A came while in high school, when the kid down the street inherited his grandfather's 1929 Tudor sedan (how's that for coincidence). We bombed around town all summer in that Tudor, during which time it was painted bright blue and had a pin striped name added -- "Fuel Infected." I forgot about old cars while in college, except for the summer of 1964 when my uncle called and asked if I would check out a Model A in Wellesley, MA. It turned out to be a nice 1931 S/W Town Sedan, complete with a parts car. Well, I thought that car looked pretty neat; so did my Uncle, as he bought it and used it for many years. I thought then that I would like to own a Model A someday.

It was in 1971 when I decided I wanted to build a project car. I looked around and bought a body and frame from Lester Swinerton up in Center Harbor, NH. As it turned out, I actually never went through with the deal because I found a complete car, almost by accident, in my backyard. It was a complete 1931 Town Sedan. I had to have it. The deal was made and I had my first Model "A." I found out later that club member Don Freniere owned this car in the early sixties.



No Frame-off restoration

I worked all winter trying to bring it back to life. By the middle of the summer it was back on the road and that's where it's been ever since. The

body was not taken off the frame, it has been a rolling restoration all these years. Nan & I joined the Minuteman Model A Club in 1972 and have enjoyed all the friendships made ever since.

Our family has traveled to many places near and far and more importantly we have met some wonderful people from all over the world. This year, we are so looking forward to our Model A adventure to Vancouver, BC.

