

Member Profiles by Merlin Cavender

In 1974 I had a friend who wanted me to paint his 1928 Special Coupe which sparked my interest in #A"s. That year our family vacation included visiting Harrah's Car Collection in Nevada. Soon after our return, I saw an ad for a Closed Cab Pickup and called. It was about a mile away and while I was there the phone never stopped ringing. It was in boxes and took 3 truckloads to get home.

I did not know much about Model A's but started putting it back together. I attended the swap meet at Seattle Center and met Don Appell and Eldon Platt who invited me to attend the next Evergreen meeting at Seattle Center. We joined in 1975.

Dianne and I have been very active in the club over the years; made a lot of good friends, traveled to many Regional meets in the Northwest and some National meets. In 1983 I put to gather a 1929 Tudor and placed 3rd at the National in Portland. In 1984, again showed it at Pendleton Regional in 2007. Then I built a 1928 Briggs Leather Back and had it judged in Bend 2013 with a first place and again at the National in Puyallup WA. I have been a Chief Judge at several meets. I was on the National Judging Standards Committee for 4 years. I have served as President, VP, Treasurer, we were co-chair with the Boedeckers for the 2005 Regional Meet that Evergreen put on. We have attended most Regional and National meets over these 43 years. We have been to Calgary, Alberta 3 times, OR. Cities: Grants Pass, Medford, Eugene, Bend, Coos Bay, Portland, Pendleton; Boise, ID. WA. Cities: Kennewick, Spokane, Vancouver, Walla Walla, Yakima. In 2001 we and 3 other couples drove to Breckenridge, CO. with George and Janet Kaitis as our leaders. We were gone 3 weeks, taking 10 days getting there with lots of sightseeing. What a wonderful trip!

Another trip Dianne and I took was down the coast, across the Golden Gate Bridge to Half Moon Bay to see my 90 year old aunt, then on Reno for the 1998 National Meet. Most touring has been in the "31 Pickup, in the early year our 3 children rode in the back. Now with my need for medical supplies for dialysis, we have trailered our A.

Now I am working on a 1931 Roadster Pickup with the wide box. It is hard because I don't have a lot of time to be in the shop, but it is coming along and I hope that I can get it done by summer.

