

1930 Deluxe Roadster - Ricardo Sánchez Solé - Buenos Aires, Argentina

I bought my Ford A in January 1982, 28 years ago! I was twenty years old, I was at the university and also I was working. Since I was a child, I like very much old cars, and I remember that when I was maybe eight or nine years old I saw a roadster (I supposed it was a Ford). I think in that moment started my connection with those nice antique cars.



From time to time, I looked at the newspaper and one day, I found an advertisement selling a Ford A “voiturette” 1930. In Argentina this French word is used to define old cars with a rumble seat. Of course the ad said that the car was in perfect condition and I know very little about Ford A, but when I saw it for the first time I said to myself that it was for me !

The car had been used on a farm 150 km. away from Buenos Aires for many years. The engine sounded good but the brakes where a disaster and the top, the horn and the hand brake had disappeared many years ago. It had no rumble seat and only two tires where similar, many original parts had been replaced and the body condition was far away from perfection but believe it or not I paid only US \$1200.

I had no driver's license so a friend drove the car to my home. I made some minor repairs and used my Ford A for more than eleven years as my only car. I also used the car in rainy days without the top.

I started to look for information about the car and I met other Ford A owners. I discovered that my Ford A was originally green so that decided the colour of my car.

After many years, I decided to make an entire restoration so I entered in the “Club Amigos del Ford A” (Ford A friends club) here in Buenos Aires. The club has more than 250 members.

In the club, I've found very nice people all with the same love for ours fantastic cars. I not only found information about the car, but also I met the people to repair each part of the car. Daniel Gomez, one of the first members of the club, had been working as a mechanic only with Ford A for the last 10 years and he has a lot of books and knows the suppliers in the United States to get the correct parts.

First of all, we completely disassembled the car. I knew that the chassis was broken so we changed the bad parts, then I got new fenders, etc. I imported pistons, and a lot of other parts. When the body of the car was ready and painted, I visited Roberto Aspek, who is one of the best in Argentina to make the top and the upholstery work.

I got samples and as I was making an original car I decided to use the green on green fabric for the top of my 1930 Ford deluxe roadster I imported from USA the fabric, all the fasteners, the rear window frame and the other parts for the upholstery.

It took almost five years to finish the car. Last year I entered in a big meet in Buenos Aires: “Autoclásica 2009“. Here my Ford A got a trophy.

I got a second trophy: In a Ford A meeting of our club, it was selected from more than 120 cars as “Best of the show” on November the 15th.

I enjoy taking care of my car and to drive it with my family: my wife Gabriella and two daughters, Malena and Maria Laura.

The three ladies are fans of Ford A !

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