

## Biography of John Dyke, Peoria, AZ



I was introduced to the Model A when I was a 15-year-old and my dad had bought a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe. I began to study the Model A and fell in love with them.

My senior of high school, I purchased a 1928 Tudor Sedan. It was unrestored and I still have this car today. I drove this car to many national meets including; Nashville, Tennessee (1976), Washington, DC (1978) and Reno, Nevada (1980).

In 1972, I restored a 1931 Deluxe Roadster and drove it to the MAFCA meet in Seattle, Washington from Phoenix, Arizona. The car was judged in Seattle and earned 5th place. It was the only car in my class that was driven to the meet.

I'm a charter member of the Phoenix Model A Club, begun 1973, and have served as President many times. My father, Larry, also a charter member of The Phoenix Model A Club, was elected to the MAFCA Board of Directors in 1976 and his work on the board, encouraged me in my work in Model A restoration, resulting in a 20- year career restoring Model As.

I was elected to the MAFCA National Board of Directors (1984 to 1988) and served as the Technical Director. During that time, I was Chief Judge at the Sturbridge National Meet in 1988. Additionally, I have server as a Master Judge at many national meets.

I currently own a 1928 Tudor, a 1929 Roadster and recently purchased an unrestored 1929 Cabriolet that I once owned, 40 years ago. I am an advocate for the preservation and history of the way the Model A was built when it was first produced.

I took a 20-year hiatus from restoration work to join the Phoenix Police Department in 1990, working many years as a Field Training Officer. I retired from the Phoenix Police Department in 2011.