

DANNY JOHNSON'S

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1929 MODEL A FORD COUPE

What year and make is your car, and what attracted you to it?

It's a 1929 Model A Ford Coupe. I have always loved classic cars starting with my first car I bought my senior year of high school, a 1940 Chevrolet 4 Door Sedan. What drew me to this Model "A" was thinking back when I was a kid helping one of my older brothers push home a Model "A" that he bought from a customer on his paper route. I helped him work on it and we got it running so he could drive it around our property.

Can you tell us the history and original use of your car?

A man in DeFuniak Springs, FL had two Model A's and he did a partial restoration on them in 1988. The car was used as a daily driver.



How did you acquire it and how long have you owned it?

I acquired the car in May of 1991 from a co-worker in Pensacola, Florida who worked with me at the Navy Depot (NARF). He had bought the car for his dad to tinker with when he came to visit from Texas. Chuck's dad passed away before he could make a trip to Florida. I had told Chuck that if he ever wanted to sell the Model A to let me have first dibs on it. When his dad passed his kids started fussing over it so he decided to sell it to me.

Have you restored or customized the car, and if so, can you tell us about the process.

The body is like it was when I bought it in 1991 except for a good wax job. I pulled the engine out so



I could detail the engine compartment and repaint the engine. I installed a new electrical wiring harness, water pump and had the wheels Powder Coated in 2018. The car is 100% Model A Ford.



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How often do you drive this classic, and where do you go with it?

I crank it up once a week and drive it around the neighborhood every few weeks. We have driven it to Richmond Hills Georgia, Fernandina Beach, Cross Creek Florida, Keystone Heights, Barberville Pioneer Settlement in Pierson



Florida, and all around Clay and Duval County and Pensacola.

What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?

I do all the work on the car myself (adjusting the brakes, change the oil in the engine, transmission, rear differential, steering box, rebuild and adjust the carburetor. I also set the points in the distributor and the timing.)

Are you a member of any classic car clubs or organizations, and



have you participated in any events or shows?

I am a member of The First Coast Region Model "A" Club of Jacksonville, Florida. We have done Homecoming Parades for the local high schools, Christmas parades at Penney Farms,

Car Shows at several old folks' homes and our International Model "A" Day celebration in September. I have taken it out to the Clay County Fair for the last 10 years where it was on display in the Old Florida Village.



My car was also featured in a short movie (Ortega River Rats) filmed in the Ortega area of Jacksonville Florida.

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car that you enjoy? And ones you don't?

I like the process you have to go through to get the car started. The thing I dislike is getting a vapor lock in the carburetor on a hot summer day which causes the engine to stop running because fuel



cannot flow to the carburetor. Pulling over to the road side and letting the engine cool down will allow the vapor lock to go away. My wife says this is not fun getting stuck on the roadside.

What is your favorite memory or experience with your car, and what do you love most about owning it?

My favorite memory is driving to church on Sunday mornings with our daughters in the rumble seat. I love for people to look at it and tell me a story about their experience and memory they had with a Model "A".



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