

Mike Thoe – Chief Evaluator



My Model A career started in 1991 when I dragged home a 1929 Briggs Fordor which was a basket case. This rescue required the use of a trailer and two pickup trucks. The project is ongoing to date. In 1997, my wife and I decided that we should acquire a drivable Model A in order to see if we really liked the hobby. Subsequently we bought a 1930 Coupe that needed a little work. Still later, we sold the 1930 Coupe after acquiring a 1930 Cabriolet. In addition to the 1929 Briggs Fordor and 1930 Cabriolet, we have managed to acquire an original 1929 Fordor identical to my first find so long ago.

I am pleased that the family has also been active in the Model A hobby. My son won the youth driving award at the Reno National Convention in 1998. Last year at the National Convention in Puyallup, my daughter, daughter-in-law, grandson and I all entered into fashion judging. My grandson received best in category for his original outfit and I received the Jack Payton Award.

I have been a vehicle judge since 2001 and currently hold a Senior Judge certification. I have been involved with *The Restorers Class* evaluation process since the first trial run in Bend OR.