

My love of automobiles began at an early age. At about 6, I hid the keys to a Mustang that my dad was trying to sell. By 12, I accumulated an impressive Matchbox collection envied by the neighborhood boys. By 15-1/2 I had my first car, a Chevy Camaro, and my 16th birthday could not come soon enough. Always a fan of the 1930s styling, my Model A experience began in the early '90s when a good friend and coworker would drive his restored 1930 pickup to work and let me ride in it. After a while, I couldn't stand it – I had to have my own.

I satisfied my appetite (or so I thought) with the purchase of my first Model A in 1997; a restored 1931 Deluxe Coupe. I immediately joined the local Sonoma A's and MAFCA, and immersed myself in the hobby studying every detail about the car, its history, and what made it tick. I tapped into the knowledge and guidance of experienced Model A owners and took on any task in the repair, upkeep, and enhancement of that car. Then came another; a 1930 Town Sedan.

After completing all the tests I began judging in 2007, advanced to Senior Judge, and have served as Team Captain at several national and regional events. I am grateful to Alex Janke and many others for their support and encouragement along the way.

The Model A Club truly changed my life. I met my husband Dave Uhlig, also a Senior Judge, in the Sonoma A's and our A collection became a herd. A few others have come and gone, but we currently have an early 1928 AA Express, a 1929 Pickup, a 1930 Cabriolet, and a 1931 Roadster. There's a 1950 Studebaker pickup in there too, who feels a little awkward.

Not yet retired, I am a partner in a multi-disciplinary civil engineering firm in Santa Rosa, California. My 40-plus-year career as a civil designer with an art background has given me the traction to organize and design successful Model A tours and events. I have chaired the MAFCA National Awards Banquet in 2011, the 2019 Northern California Regional Group Roundup, and co-chaired the Welcome Party for 800 attendees at the 2016 Reno MAFCA National Convention. I have served in the Sonoma A's in several capacities, including President, Vice-President/Tour Leader, Advisor, Director, Tools Chair, and currently as Webmaster. I am honored to have been recruited to the MAFCA Judging Standards Committee.