

# DIABLO A's MODEL OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2021

## JESS & LINDA CRUZ'S 1930 Two Window Deluxe Fordor Sedan (170-B)

This 90-year-old car has an interesting history. Ron Wolfman, a Diablo A's member since 1971, purchased the car from Larry Lee forty-seven years ago. When Ron picked up the car it needed a lot of work and complete restoration. Ron stated he drove the car home on three different color wheels. He took out the back seat and put in a porta crib for his kids. Eventually he gave the car to one of his sons which was stored in a storage facility. At one point the garage caught fire which caused the paint to bubble and smoke damage to the interior. Windows were down while in storage and fire-retardant chemicals turned the fabric black. Ron and longtime friend, Doug Freeman, decided that it was worth it to pay the storage fees and restore the car. They completely restored it and did a beautiful job. You would never know the car ever had smoke damage.



Ron had a carpet/upholstery cleaner clean the Mohair fabric which originally Ron had installed by Ken Keaser of Walnut Creek who did work for Bill O'Harrar's car collection; yes, of Harrah's Casinos. The car got a new paint job after the fire damage. The wheel rims were powder coated and new tires were added. Bob Grady installed new brakes on all four wheels and replaced the roof top. Ron did the wood grain on the dash and window trim. The car was completely rewired. Doug kept the car up with oil changes, radiator flush's, tune ups, replacing small and large items from gas shut off valves to blown out head gaskets. The car has a high compression Lion head giving the car more horse-power. It is very peppy. It also has a Borg Warner over drive for better cruising on the highway. The interior is in great condition and looks like new.

The Cruz's are very happy that Ron and Doug decided to restore the car. Linda and I first saw the car while participating at the Diablo A 2014 car show at the "Hot Oakhurst Night" event at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton. Linda fell in love with Ron's car. Linda told me that if the car ever went up for

sale, she would like to purchase it. Well, the day came on November 22, 2020 when we purchased the car from Ron Wolfman. We are sure that Ron was very sad to see it go since he must have had many fond memories throughout the years. We sure did feel sad for him. However, as Ron said on a positive note, the car stayed in the Diablo As club and went to a good home. Linda and I are very proud to own this car and will treasure it. Thank you to Doug Freeman for helping with restoration and maintenance. Thank you to Bob Grady, for his part in restoring the car. And, of course, a big Thank you to Ron Wolfman for restoring and selling his gorgeous car to us. Ron is welcome to visit any time or ride with us on a run; Jesse says in the backseat, but Linda says she wants the back seat with all that room. We love it.









