

DIABLO A's MODEL OF THE MONTH APRIL 2021

STEVE & SANDY FERGUSON'S 1931 Wide Bed Pickup

This truck has been in the Ferguson family since the 1950's. Steve's uncle Ernie owned it and kept it up at the family cabin in Long Barn, CA where it lived outside all year long.

As a young boy Steve rode in the truck, front and back, when they went fishing, collecting firewood, to the dumps, etc. After the truck had been vandalized a couple of times uncle Ernie took the truck back home to Berkeley. Ernie passed away and it went to his son Michael who kept it garaged and just preserved it, never getting it back on the road. Michael passed away and it became his wife Mary's truck.

Mary gave it to Steve's uncle Jack (Ernie's younger brother) and Jack got it running and had the body primed then lost interest and it stayed in his warehouse in Berkeley. Jack died and it became his wife Ida's truck. Ida kept it in the warehouse. Steve then bought the business, but the truck stayed in the warehouse until Steve bought it from Ida in June of 1988.



It was Steve's idea to make this a father/son project with his two sons, they would do a body off restoration. In October of 1989 Steve got the body off and the truck disassembled. In July 1990 Steve's friend Gary Grimshaw had a friend, Bill Blank that purchased a 1930 Fordor so he could have the Body to make a hot rod. Steve bought the completely and originally restored chassis with engine and running gear from him and sold his complete chassis which had hydraulic brakes and 16" wheels to someone else.

In February 1991, all work stopped, and the hoped-for father/son project never came to fruition. It seems we all got too busy with running our family business, school, Scouts, sports, church, etc. The truck sat in the warehouse and then the garage until we retired in 2018.

For many years Steve took the jokes from his 3 kids; "poor Dad's truck, that will never get restored!" Well, when we retired the work began. We have been working on it slow and steady and can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. We had no idea how long this restoration would take. When we showed up for our first Diablo A's meeting approximately February 2019, we announced that we hoped it would be on the road this summer. Marty Larsen turned around and asked, "which summer"? Well, the summers of 2019 and 2020 are come and gone. We have learned a lot about patience!













