

# DIABLO A's MODEL OF THE MONTH JULY 2021

## RAY WARTHEN & PAT ZIOBRO'S 1931 Deluxe Roadster



Here's our pride and joy – our 1931 Model A Deluxe 6 Wheel Roadster!

Ray has always had a soft spot for old Fords, having owned and restored a 1926 Model T coupe back in the 60's, and a 1964-1/2 Mustang Convertible (a 30-year process of ground-up restoration.) We owned a 1921 Model T woody farm truck (now in Texas with our son), when our current "oldie" came into our lives. Our good friends, Linda and Jesse Cruz, put us in touch with their friend who was looking for a new home and folks to care for her treasure.

Dolores Moffat and her late husband, James Moffat, then from Santa Rosa, owned the Roadster, which was fully restored in 1986, with a '32 Model B engine, by Tom Murray of San Leandro. After the passing of James in 1989, Dolores, now in Dublin, CA, covered and parked the car in her garage, continued to register it each year, and took it out for an annual spin around the neighborhood – for the next 25 years.

The Roadster looked like it was brand new, its Washington blue and black paint still shining, when we went to see her with a couple of Diablo A's members, including Bob Grady, who offered to help us check her out. Dolores gave us the opportunity to make her ours, and we took her home on August 13, 2014. The odometer read 1209 miles, since restoration, when we left, and she purred like a kitten, until we ran out of gas on the way back to our home on Bethel Island. A few more gallons of gas got us home.



The Roadster still has her original (since restoration) Goodyear tires (made in Brazil), but Ray added turn signals, seatbelts, another 6V alternator, a battery cut-off switch, a second fuel filter shut-off valve switch, a muffler shield and a Model B water pump.



We get lots of thumbs up and honks on our runs to the Bethel Island Post Office (no mail delivery on the Island) and we've won our share of trophies at the Bethel Island, Oakley and Brentwood car shows we've entered. We love to do the Fourth of July parades and have participated in them in Concord and Clayton. And of course, everyone loves our extra special license plates! We'll be forever grateful to Dolores Moffat for deeding them to us.



Most of all, we love giving our visiting family and friends the thrill of going back to a much earlier, less hectic time and riding in the rumble seat of a grand old lady!

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