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PASSPORTS ADVENTURE

A World Drive in Model A Fords



Introduction

If Bruce had told me when he proposed that he would be taking me around the world in a fifty-plus-year-old car, I certainly would have had second thoughts about accepting his marriage proposal. Bruce was national president of the Model A Ford Club of America in 1980 when an article appeared in our international magazine telling about a proposed driving tour of the world in 1982. For those who do not know, the Model A Ford was produced only during the years of 1928 through 1931.

John Molino who wrote the article and his friend, Ed Rossig, had thought up the idea for the world tour as a twenty-year anniversary of a transcontinental tour that their fathers had led in 1962. Bruce said this would be one for the dreamers in his next article for The Restorer.

We ended up replying to John saying we were interested in learning more details about the proposed world trip. So did about one hundred others. John sent out a first questionnaire to everyone asking many details such as how much money we felt would be the top amount we could spend, questions about our general health, what languages we could speak, what our mechanical abilities were concerning the Model A and others. His original proposal was to drive around the world in eighty days.

After sending in the questionnaire, Bruce volunteered to be the Western Coordinator, feeling there would be a fair amount of response from the west coast and John was in Maryland. We found that three couples in our local chapter were interested

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