

Alexander Douglas – 1931 Standard Coupe

By Clarence Huse (excerpted from his book)

Alexander Douglas, better known as Doug, is the owner of this 1931 Standard Coupe.

Doug purchased the car in 1956 from a Mr. Goudreau in Beebe, Quebec, Canada. He transferred, licensed and drove the car until 1964 when he parked it.

Thirty-seven years later Doug purchased another motor for the car, rebuilt and installed it.

The coupe is a work in process, requiring bodywork and new upholstery. Doug has purchased new glass for the doors but not for the back. He also needs a new windshield. He plans to install new running boards and three new fenders. He wants to paint the body Desert Sand and the reveals Tacoma Cream. He realizes Desert Sand is not an official Standard Coupe colour, but this is the colour he prefers.

This car has a metal roof installed on it. Doug is going to go over it with top material and put the moulding on. Unless someone hits it with their hand you will never know the difference.



1931 Standard Coupe.



Amazingly, the car was sitting for thirty-seven years and the brakes never seized. They still work as good as ever, even the hand brake.

At present, the car has sealed beam headlights, but Doug has all the pieces to replace these to original.

Many people have offered to buy the car. In one instance, a buyer and Doug were only fifty dollars apart. Neither party would budge and the deal fell through. In hindsight, Doug is pleased that they did not come to an agreement.

In the first eight years Doug owned the Model "A" he used it like a truck, hauling firewood, brick and everything else. He used it to plough through mud and snow that came over the running boards.

Doug has a lot of history with the old car. We wish him good luck with the restoration. He also has a Model "AA" truck among other vehicles in his collection.

