

Pike's Peak or Bust

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In 2006, we towed our Model A to Colorado Springs and then climbed Pike's Peak as part of a Regional Meet held there.

I decided we needed something to generate conversation among those folks who would be passing us and our trailer on the highway through the six states we would be traveling.

That is, more than the old-fashioned faucet I have on the front of the Model A in lieu of the usual quail radiator cap. I told people who asked why I had a faucet on the front of the Model A "that is where I get my morning coffee".



The idea was to put a dummy under the Model A on the trailer, dress him in coveralls and shoes and a wig and wire his arms up so it appeared he was working on the car as it was being trailered down the road. On the back of the Model A's trunk, we mounted a sign that said "Pike's Peak or Bust".



It was a lot of fun to make the dummy, get him set up and to watch the expressions on people's faces as they passed the trailer.



We especially got comments from the large numbers of tourists from China and Japan along the way at such places as Mesa Verde, Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

The trip to Colorado and back and especially the drive in the Model A up Pike's Peak, elevation 14,110 feet, was the highlight of my Model A touring experiences.

Over 150 Model A's, including ours, made the trip up Pike's Peak.

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