

From Rags to a Winner

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When I started into the Fashion area of the Model A Club I had no idea what I was doing. This was back in 1972.

There was a lady that came to all the swap meets and we became friends. She asked me if I would like to come to her house in Long Beach and see some of the items she had for sale. Of course, I said yes right away. A few weeks later, I pulled up to her little house and rang the doorbell. She opened the door and I could see behind her that there were boxes upon boxes of “stuff” as she called it. I looked and looked and just couldn’t find the right thing.

I was walking by a laundry basket and asked her if I could look it in. She said, “Sure but you won’t find anything in there”. I pulled out the most exquisite dress I had ever seen. It was cream lace with accents of pale green. I asked her how much and she said, “Oh I don’t know, how about \$5.00?” As luck would have it, I found silver and pale green shoes, pale green crocheted gloves, cream silk stockings, a pale green cloche hat, a silver fox fur and green glass necklace. I think the whole outfit cost around \$75.



I won First place and Best of Show with the outfit. It just goes to prove that you should look through everything if you ever get the chance, you’ll never know what you may find.

