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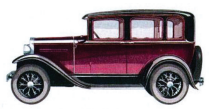
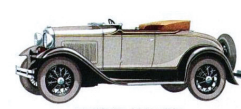
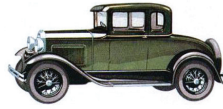
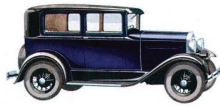
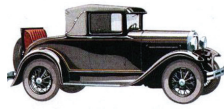
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THE ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



2nd Annual Vintage Car Show a Success!!

The Orange Blossom Model A Club pulled off another successful Vintage Car Show on Saturday, October 28 at the Elk's Lodge on Brockton. Displaying 38 vintage cars from the 1910s to the 1950s, the show welcomed hundreds of guests who came to look at the vintage cars, talk to the owners, and learn a little automotive history.

Period music echoed through the parking lot too, ranging from Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington to the (once) popular Coon-Sanders Original Nighthawk Orchestra.

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Club Meeting - Join us!

Fritts Ford – Fleet Building 2nd Floor
7990 Auto Center Drive, Riverside, Ca
First Wednesday of the month
at 6:30 p.m.
(dark July, August, and December)

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Club Agenda

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2023 Orange Blossom A's – Upcoming Club Tour Schedule

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UPDATED for October 2023 (Revised)

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
OCT			
Sat Oct 28 th	CLUB CAR SHOW Riverside Elks Club – time and other details to follow	Volunteers to run the show are needed. Please see Steve. If you are signed up, see your coordinator for special instructions and attend the October club meeting which is intended to provide more information.	Steve L
NOV			
Wed. Nov 1st	Club Meeting *** NEXT MEETING JANUARY 2024 **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm Club elections – 2024 officers and board members. Last chance to sign up for the club Christmas party and to pay 2024 membership dues and be included in the first edition of the club roster.	Rick
Sat. Nov 4 th .	San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse Historical school house tour. Built in 1890 and closed in 1937.	Optional breakfast at IHOP Mission Grove at 8am. Departing the IHOP parking lot at 9am.	Rick
Sat Nov 11 th	Veterans Day Parade Please join us for our second year at the Jurupa Valley veteran's day parade. They had a great attendance last year it was followed by a Veterans celebration festival at Flabob Airport.	Staging 7am at the parking lot Riverview Dr and Mission Blvd. - Parade 9am. More details at the club meeting.	Marlin
DEC			
Sat Dec 2 nd	Club Christmas Luncheon \$\$\$ You must have signed up and pre-paid for this event in advance before the deadline at a club meeting – See Jeff Collopy to pay.	12:00 – 3pm Zacatecas Café - 3767 Iowa Ave, Riverside. \$30.00 per person. More details are forthcoming.	Richard





Club Activities

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Judges Marlin Brandt, Jim Cameron, and Barry O'Connor were kept busy inspecting the many cars, and in the end, gave us a great list of winners!! (see pics here)

We also had a special appearance by the dance troupe *Les Folies Rouge*, which entertained everyone with a few dances just after the halfway point of the show. After that, the 6 of them packed into Linda Brandt's Nash Metropolitan and Steve Lech's Model A Roadster - no small feat!

The 50/50 drawing netted the club about \$200, and the food truck ensured that everyone had something good to eat while they looked at the selection of cars.

Enjoy the pics from October 28, and take a look at the award winners on page 5!







2023 Vintage Car Show Awards

1900-1927	1st Place	Cesar Mendez	1918 Ford Model T
1900-1927	2nd Place	Dieter Lange	1924 Buick Dr Coupe
1928-1931	1st Place	Doug Diller	1929 Ford Model A
1928-1931	2nd Place	Glen Wior	1930 Model A Huckster
1932-1945	1st Place	James McElroy	1933 Ford Sedan
1932-1945	2nd Place	Ronnie Bauman	1941 Mercury Sedan
1946-1953	1st Place	Alfonso Campos	1950 Chevrolet Deluxe
1946-1953	2nd Place	Johnny Martinez	1948 Ford Coupe
1954-1959	1st Place	Harold Rogers	1957 Chevrolet Corvette
1954-1959	2nd Place	David Aldaco	1955 Chevrolet Nomad
Best Patina/ Unrestored		Steve Horowitz	1929 Ford Model A
Best Commercial Vehicle		Glen Wior	1930 Model A Huckster
President's Choice		Jim Fisher	1941 Hudson Commander
Elk's Choice		Jerry Woods	1938 Buick 40S

Best of Show



Jerry Woods
and his beautiful

1938 Buick 40S

Congratulations!!





Club Activities



(Left) OBA President Rick Perez puts the final touches on the Vintage Car Show trophies.

(Below) Steve L, Jose, Steve H, Marlin, Rick, and Doug show off their final products in time for the Vintage Car Show.





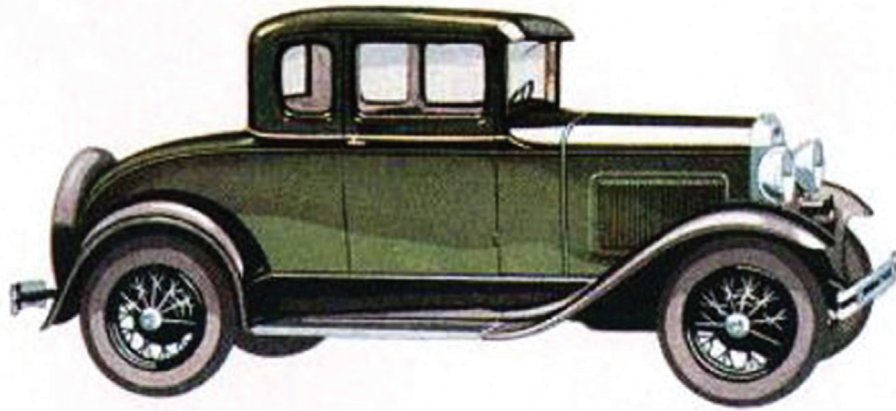
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Doug Diller and Jeff Westley represented the Orange Blossom Model A Club at the Riverside Pink Parade Breast cancer walk & car show.

10/21/2023

Contemporary Car Advice



DESPITE the great advance made in scientific testing apparatus it ought to be encouraging to the car owner to know that there still are a number of parts which can best be checked over through actual operation of the car. When he takes a run around the block to feel the car's "pulse" he still is strictly up-to-date.

Spark plugs, for instance, cannot be accurately tested for their various functions on a device in the workshop. Such a device will, of course, show if a plug is dead or if the points are too far apart or too close together, but that is about all. In the engine the plugs do not behave as they do on the stand. A perfectly good set of plugs properly spaced, will cause a high compression engine to backfire on a hill if they happen to have cores that are a little too long. Being too near the piston tops the points get overheated and pre-ignite the gas.

To know just how a set of plugs will behave under any given condition it is necessary to put the engine to the actual road test. Sometimes the explosive impact is such as to show up a defect in a plug that might not be detected in a stationary test. The points may change their setting because of this impact.

(Excerpted from *Touring Topics* Magazine, May, 1930)



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 Ken Skog

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 MAFCA Restorer = Gary Struempf
 Member Roster = Debby Phillips
 Newsletter Editor = Steve Lech
 Sunshine = Norma Collopy
 Tours/Events = Marlin Brandt
 Website = Marlin Brandt
 Vintage Car Show = Steve Lech
 Christmas Party = Richard Knowlton

President's Message

Well here we are in November already, and we really flew through October. To recap, on August 19th, we began the month with Marlin's invitation to Carolyn's Cafe in Redlands. All those in attendance had a great breakfast and enjoyed their delicious coffee cake. Then on September 10th, Doug Diller sponsored a tour to the Kimberly Crest House and was enjoyed by all. Also thank you, for those who helped at the trophy work party.

Great job you guys. Then on October 28th, our biggest day of the year, our second annual "Orange Blossom Vintage Car Show." We had over 30 vintage cars in attendance, with a good cross section of vintage years represented.

This month we had our election of new officers. And as I fade out into the sunset, I would like to introduce you to your new President for 2024, Doug Diller. I know he will have the support from the entire membership, and I myself will always be there for him. Also, thanks to the returning executive officers, Vice President Richard Knowlton, Treasurer Jeff Collopy, and Secretary Linda Brandt.

At our November meeting we had a special guest speaker, Tracy Lech who talked to us about the "San Timoteo Canyon

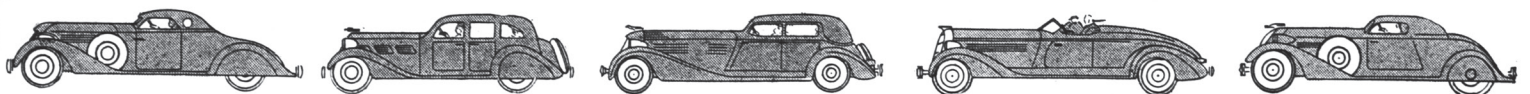
Schoolhouse," which was built in 1890. And following the November meeting, on Saturday, the 4th, we toured the schoolhouse. Tracy was there to give us a detailed tour and more history. Thank you Tracy for the talk at the meeting and the opportunity to tour this historic schoolhouse.

Also, Orange Blossom A's were invited this year to attend the "Veterans Day Parade" on Saturday November 11, in Jurupa Valley. This was another great turn out by us and the Jurupa Valley community.

This last quarter of the year was filled with tours and a lot of fun for all the OBA members. I hope to see all at the Club Christmas Luncheon, on Saturday December 2nd. This may be a small club compared to other Model A clubs, but this is a great club, with members who participate and enjoy their club and with your support it can only get better.

So with all that said, see you all soon and remember, if you are going to play, do it in your Model A.

Your President, Rick Perez



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Treasurer's Corner

by Jeff Collopy

- Want to join the club? Ask Jeff Collopy, treasurer, for an application. Club annual dues are \$20 for one person, \$25 for two in the same household. Name tag included your first year.
- Meeting raffles: 50/50. The winner gets half the pot! * Drive your Model A get raffle ticket and you may win \$10.00 * Attend the meeting wear your name badge raffle - you may win \$10.00.
- Club members: FREE --- FIVE 50/50 raffle tickets when you bring a friend that joins the club.
- Club logo clothing is available at the club website at: www.outletshirts.com.
- \$5.00 Club logo license plate toppers. Car Badge (metal) - \$25.00
- \$20.00 Club logo car magnets (1 pair) use them at club tours on your Model A or modern car.
- Contact Jeff regarding embroidery of jackets and shirts. \$35 back and \$10 for front including first name.



Car Badge (metal) for radiator
\$25.00



One Pair of Magnetic Signs
for Cars = \$20 per set

Sunshine Report

by Norma Collopy

Happy November Everyone

I am apologizing in advance since I did not get an opportunity to make calls this month to check in on club members. Jeff had a hip replacement and we were consumed with pain management as well as physical therapy appointments. However, since we worked the registration booth at last month's car show we were able to catch up with several of our active members as well as a few that we have not seen in a while. Lloyd Sehafer attended, he was feeling great and looking quite dapper. Paul Mueller was there as well and walked away with a trophy for his car. Our sympathies to Dee and Rick Perez, Dee's sister passed away recently and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and their family. I hope to do better next month, anyway we wish all of you a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving.

November Birthdays

11/1 Mary Scott
11/2 Gary Struempf
11/9 Ed Ballantyne
11/11 Jose Carrillo
11/14 Jan Epley
11/15 Marj McCall
11/22 Don McCall
11/22 Sydnee Adcock
11/30 Nicholas Adcock

November Anniversaries

11/1 Marlin and Linda Brandt
11/7 Jose and Veronica Carrillo
11/12 Bob and Beverly Simpson
11/15 Phil and Sandy Emerson



Club Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt

Orange Blossom A's, September 6, 2023 (Thanks to Carol Bromley for taking notes)

- Meeting Called to order @6:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Perez
- Members Present: 23
- Guests: Ron Williams - 1931 Roadster truck (friend of Barry O'Connor)

Director's Reports

- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt (not present)
 - minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy
 - Current Balance: \$4586.31
 - Income: interest, car show registrations
 - Please pay dues before December. @20 single, \$25 couple. \$30 for Dec 2nd Christmas lunch per person.
 - Car show \$40 for cars 1900-1959
- Sunshine Report: Norma Collopy July, August and September Birthdays and Anniversaries announced
 - health reports: Nancy Nelson has moved into a facility. Marge McCall is okay, however, her husband fell and broke his back. Ann Griffin, Mary Scott doing well. Lloyd Seehafer had some issues with a long term care policy - disappointed with coverage. He reached out to Senator Roth which helped resolve the issue.
- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
 - November 11 Veterans Parade - City of Jurupa Valley.
 - Sign up Sheets for the remainder of the year.
- Car Show Update: Steve Lech
 - Any member who is interested in showing your car at the car show, please register by the end of the month.
 - Club discussed ordering T-shirts for the car show. Linda Brandt will take care of ordering the shirts.

Presentation:

- Doug went to CCRG. We may be asked to help with organizing an event for Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Rick will be completing and returning a survey from SCRG.

Old/New Business:

- Running out of trophy toppers for next year.
- Membership dues needed by November or at least before Christmas Party Dinner
- Elections are coming up. We need to hear from any active members who would be interested in filling any positions. The slate as of now is complete. So if you are interested we need to know by the November meeting.
- Marlin proposed and James Cameron 2nd. that the club add at least one new director position to manage club clothing, and other logo items like magnets and badges. Motion approved. Will reach out in the newsletter to see if there is a volunteer. Will discuss again in November.
- Norma Collopy called the Maui Car Club to ask about donations from our club. The club recommended two organizations: Maui Food Bank and Maui Strong. Norma suggested that our club make a donation and Jeff suggested that the proceeds from the car show go to Maui donations. Norma motioned, Dennis Ruh 2nd. Motion approved.

Raffle Winners

- Model A Driver: Cesar Mendez
- Name Tag: Phil Emerson
- 50/50 Raffle: Ron Williams

Refreshments: Provided by Simpson's and the Skog's.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30



Club Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt

Orange Blossom A's October 4, 2023

- Meeting Called to order @6:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Perez
- Members Present: 20
- Guests: 1 - Jim Johnson brought his son Dan

Director's Reports

- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt
 - Linda thanked Carol for taking notes at the last meeting
 - minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy not present
 - Jeff has asked that if you have not paid dues or wish to go to the Christmas Party, that you can mail your checks to him directly to his home address: 2233 Karendale Circle, Riverside, Ca. 92506. Please try to have your checks in by the first meeting in November.
- Sunshine Report: Norma Collopy (not present)
 - October birthdays and anniversaries read by Rick Perez.
 - Marlin added that Deiter Lange is currently in the hospital with pneumonia and Covid.
- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
 - October 28 Car show at Riverside Elk's Club
 - Nov 4 San Timoteo Schoolhouse
 - November 11 Veterans Parade - City of Jurupa Valley.
 - Sign up Sheets for the remainder of the year.

Presentation:

- Tonight we devoted our meeting to the Car Show. We led off the conversion with car show director Steve Lech. He discussed the food truck - cash only, entertainment - Tracy Lech Can-Can dancers, and supplies needed - zip ties, easy ups, chairs, etc. We discussed strategies for parking, judging, and registration for the show.

Old/New Business:

- Trophy party moved to Saturday, October 7, at 8 a.m. Coffee and Donuts will be available. If you have one, please bring a hand sander, with extra sandpaper for your machine. Rick will have everything else that will be needed. There is a sign up sheet.
- Rick will be going to the Murrieta Car Show on Saturday, October 14, to pass out flyers.
- Rick invited club members to Magnolia Baptist Church October 21 Burnt Offerings Barbeque Competition. There will also be a car show.
- Rick completed the SCRG survey, but has not heard anything back as yet.
- Doug is going to Bellevue Cemetery Tour in Ontario on October 14. If you drive your Model A, you will get free entry.

Raffle Winners

- Model A Driver: Marlin Brandt
- Name Tag: not present
- 50/50 Raffle: Cesar Mendez

Refreshments: Helen and Cal Knauer

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:25

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Model A Ford Club of America Riverside / Corona Orange Blossom A's Chapter



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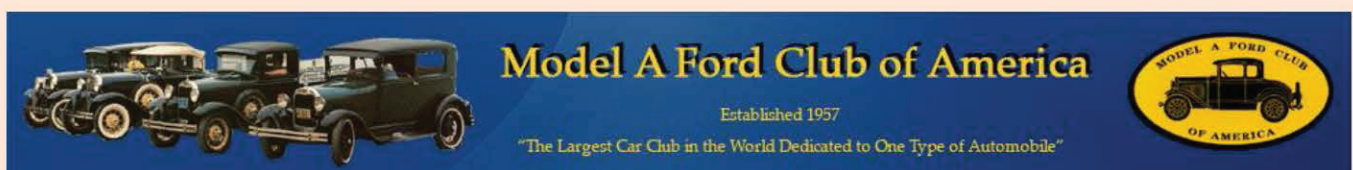
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Model A Ford Club of America, (MAFCA) membership is separate from our club. Benefits include:

- The Restorer Magazine (6 issues per year)
- Technical Support (free via email)
- National Meetings, Tours and Banquets
- A host of vehical specific publications such as restoration & judging guidelines and paint and finish guides. See more at www.mafca.com

As a chapter member of the Orange A's your additional benefits include:

- General membership meeting are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month except December. Special off-site meetings are scheduled in July and August. Meetings start at 6:30 pm and are held at the Fritts Ford Fleet building second floor. 7990 Auto Center Drive, Riverside CA.
- Member name badge
- There is no obligation to visit a meeting and decide if you want to join. Membership does not require the ownership of a Ford Model A. Our club has an active calendar of events including monthly driving tours, community awareness, parades, drive-n-dines and technical/mechanical workshops.





JOIN TODAY

General Membership Requirements

You are a member of the national Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Join online at: www.mafca.com

Complete this application and turn it in along with your annual (January through December) club membership dues, to the Chapter Treasurer during any meeting.

CHOOSE ONE: **ONE member only \$20.00** **Member and spouse \$25.00**

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) membership number: _____

Complete the information below for each paid member

	Primary Member	Secondary Member (Spouse)
First Name		
Last Name		
Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Wedding Anniversary (mm/dd/yy)		
Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Home Phone	() _____ - _____	
Cell Phone	() _____ - _____	() _____ - _____
Email address		
Children at home – Names		
Model A Car (year, make, model)		
Other Antique Cars (year, make, model)		

You are not required to actually own a Model A in order to become a member. All you need is an interest and desire to join with other who have the same interest. The Orange Blossom A's is an IRS 501c4, CA Non-Profit Benefits Corporation chapter of the Ford Model A Club of America. By signing below you understand and agree the By-Laws of our organization. A copy of the By-Laws is available for viewing from the Club Treasurer or any officer. You also agree to be responsible to maintain personal auto liability and physical damage insurance on any auto that you own and that participates in any club activities. You also agree that the club, its members and officers are not liable in any way for claims or losses incurred by you when participating in club activities.

Date Member #1 Signature Member #2 Signature



Upcoming Meeting Dates to Remember!

December 2, 2023 = OBA Annual Christmas Party - Zacateca's Cafe

January 3, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

February 7, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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