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# THE ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



## Veteran's Day Parades with the OBAs!!

The Orange Blossom Model A Club participated in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in the city of Jurupa Valley on November 11. Traveling along Mission Blvd., the cars were enjoyed by many people who marveled at the cars, pointed them out to the kids, and asked that the horns are honked! Best of all, the parade is relatively short but very well at-

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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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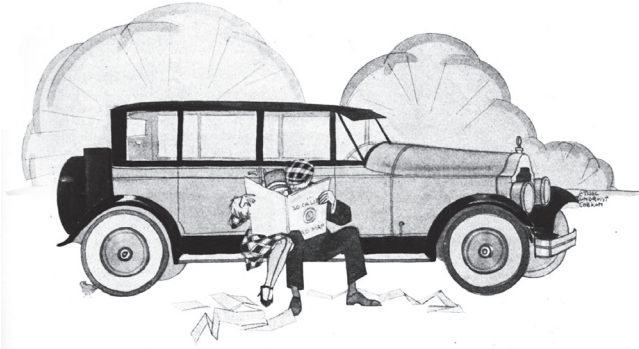
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# Club Agenda

by Marlin Brandt  
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Happy Holidays!:

I am still getting together a tour calendar for 2024 and am seeking volunteers to coordinate ONE tour for the club in 2024. Coordinating means that you would choose a destination of interest to the club and ideally, within reasonable "Model A" driving distance. If desired add in a place to eat and then if needed make reservations. I will manage the sign up sheet for you at the meetings 90 days in advance of your month. You can also optionally elect to map out the driving caravan and lead it. The following months are still open - please try to avoid holiday weekends May, June, July, Aug, Oct and Nov. If you are willing to help or have questions please call or email me. I would need your tour destination, month and date.

Special thanks to the following who have already taken a month next year for a tour - Doug, Rick Perez, Steve Lech, Steve Horowitz. Christmas party Richard Knowlton. Tech seminars - Jose (timing - he's looking for a experienced partner on this), Marlin (Model A shock rebuild), James (TBD topic). Our newer members are asking for more tech seminars. Adjusting the brakes came up a week back and request.

Thanks  
Marlin  
Club Tours 2023-24  
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## Your OBA Newsletter Editorial Staff:

Meet my two assistants - Ida Noe and Jenny Sequá. They are traveling in their Model A and want to hear from you! Do you have information for the OBA newsletter? Ideas? Comments? Concerns? Just e-mail us!

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# Club Activities

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tended. Lots of flags and other cars/floats made the parade a very special time. Afterwards, a car and plane show at Jurupa’s Flabob Airport, in the shadow of Mt. Rubidoux, contributed to the overall theme.

Just the day before, the city of Riverside had a similar event, but longer with fewer people. Steve represented our club and also the March Field Air Museum as the parade went from RCC down Magnolia Ave to downtown, then east on 10th and finishing in front of our historic courthouse.



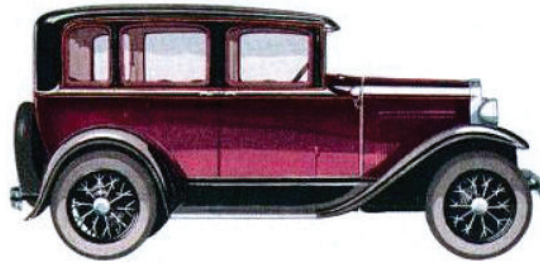
*(Above and center) - The OBAs do the obligatory “hurry up and wait” preparing for the Jurupa Valley Veteran’s Day parade.*

*(Below, left) - The parade gets underway!*

*(Below, right) - Steve’s car in the Riverside Veteran’s Day parade*



# Contemporary Car Advice



MOTORISTS who know the value of taking care of the details of car ownership frequently run across a problem that is of more than usual interest. Just now it is the difficulty of removing the bowl of the gasoline filter without spilling fuel over the hands where anti-knock gas of the poisonous kind is used. A number of schemes have been suggested but unfortunately too few of them work.

For instance, one owner decided that he would shut the petcock under the vacuum tank so that no more gas could flow into the filter. Then he would run the engine until the level of the fuel in the filter bowl was down far enough to obviate the possibility of spilling any of the contents over his hands. It looked like a clever way out of the dilemma, but of course the engine would not run long enough to accomplish results. Gas would not feed to the carburetor because no air could enter the filter to take the place of fuel that was drawn off.

Another owner tried a somewhat different plan. Instead of running the engine he “tickled” the carburetor float. That is, he pressed down on the head of the needle valve so that gas could run into the carburetor float chamber and overflow. This, too, looked logical, but the gas refused to flow. That was because the filter bowl was airtight.

Just a slight variation in any plan often converts it into a success. And so with this business of making a clean job of cleaning out a filter full of chemical laden gasoline. Merely by loosening the screw that holds the bowl tightly into place it is possible to admit enough air to fill up the space occupied by the fuel that is running off to the carburetor. It is best, of course, to “tickle” the carburetor rather than to consume the gas by running the engine, since loosening the filter bowl permits gas fumes to enter the space under the hood. It is somewhat similar to running the engine with an open gas line. Just a matter of safety.

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



# Meet our new President!

by Steve Lech

Doug Diller will be taking over as President of the Orange Blossom Model A Club on January 1. Doug is originally from Ontario, California, where he grew up. After high school, he started working for what he termed a “real service station” on 4th Street in Ontario, eventually managing it and then owning it, so his love of cars started early!

Due to upgraded regulations for service stations, this one closed and Doug went to work helping to manage fleet vehicles for the Southern California Gas Company. He recently retired from that job.

Doug became interested in Model As early. His mother learned to drive a 1930 coupe, which he still has

under wraps in his back yard. The itch to drive the Model A and join the OBA club, though, drove him to forego restoring that one and purchase what has become his award-winning 1929 Tudor so he could get out and get going!

Over the next year, Doug hopes to expand our membership and to get the club out more and doing more around town, plus having some more technical seminars for those who are new to the hobby and just learning.

Above all, he encourages ALL members of the Orange Blossom Model A Club to join our many events and tours!

## Incoming President’s Message

by Doug Diller

Hello to all OBA members,

My name is Doug Diller and I am the new OBA’s president for 2024. First of all, I would like to thank Rick Perez for serving as our president for the last two years. Great job! Like Rick, I want to thank all of the returning Officers, Board members and Committee Members. Also a special thank you to Sandy Emerson for doing our newsletter for the last 10 years!! Steve Lech has graciously volunteered to take on that job, Thank you Steve!

In closing, please help me in keeping Rick’s mission statement going by having the OBA’s members active participants in all that we do.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year !!

Doug



*Incoming OBA President Doug Diller and his award-winning 1929 Tudor*



# Your Club

## Officers

President = Rick Perez  
 Vice President = Richard Knowlton  
 Treasurer = Jeff Collopy  
 Secretary = Linda Brandt

## Committee Directors

Facebook = Barry O'Conner  
 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

## Board of Directors

Marlin Brandt  
 Norma Collopy  
 Dennis Ruh  
 Ken Skog

## President's Message

Well, 2023 is just about over. And with that my term as President will also be over. During the last two years for me, has been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling times of my life. I started my time as President with a mission statement, which was "Participation" and with that one word, the OBA membership answered the call. With each meeting, tour and especially our first and second annual Vintage Car Show, you the membership were there to participate and help.. As I have always said of myself that I first serve the LORD JESUS Christ. and in serving Him you all have served him by serving and participating, Making this Model A Ford Club the Best and Biggest little club in MAFCA.

During those two years , I invited guest speakers. The subjects ran the course, from Model A tech sessions, both in meetings and at member's homes. We had guest speak on the history of our fair city of Riverside, era fashions, and even Burma Shave. Also heard about quilting and how it related to the Model A. I hope that these speakers

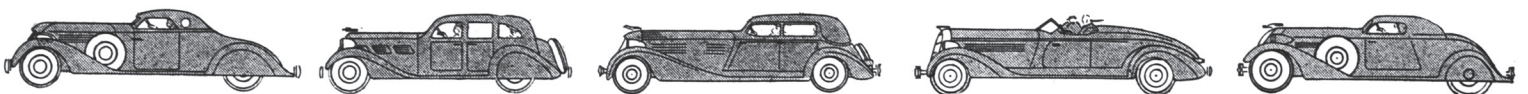
sparked and educated you and increased your knowledge in this fantastic hobby of ours, The Model A Ford.

Keep in mind, I'm not going away, I am still a member and will be Participating in club functions. However I will be passing the gavel to your next President Doug Diller. Who I will support and I am sure all of the OBA membership will also. So I extend blessings to Doug in all that he will be doing in serving the club.

Finally, I want to thank all my Officers, Board members and Committee Members for what they do for this Model A Ford Club. You all are the best and thank you again and again.

I will end with this, "Remember, when traveling in your Model A, keep it on the straight away."

Blessings to all and from Me and Dee we wish you the happiest Christmas Season.



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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](http://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

Merry Christmas Everyone

Hope this finds all of you and especially those that are not able to attend the club meetings well and enjoying the company of family and friends. We are looking forward to seeing several of you at the Christmas party. I have heard that Jim Johnson is doing well and will be attending, that should be fun to catch up with him. I reached out to a few of our members this past month however some I have not been able to connect with. I did speak to Don McCall who assured me that he and Marj are doing fine. He did leave me with a little quote saying "old age ain't for sissies." Also, Dieter Lange has recovered from a bout with Covid. He was hospitalized but is doing well now. We need to all say a prayer for Dieter and his wife Irene, who he continues to care for. Anyway we have reached the end of the year and we still have several birthdays and anniversaries to recognize. May your home be filled with love and laughter this holiday season.

December Birthdays  
12/12 Mike Fontana  
12/12 Jerry Woods  
12/13 Linda McInturff  
12/13 Diana Smith  
12/16 Helen Adams  
12/16 Phil Emerson  
12/19 Rose Angulo  
12/21 Ron Williamson  
12/22 Paul Mueller  
12/23 Norma Collopy  
12/31 Lloyd Sehafer

December Anniversaries  
12/26 Jan and Wayne Epley  
12/30 Dieter and Irene Lange  
12/30 Jim and Rebecca Pester



# Club Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt

## Orange Blossom A's, November 1, 2023

- Meeting Called to order @6:31 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Rick Perez
- Members Present: 21
  - Welcome new members: Ron Williams, Jim Pester, and Mike Fontana
- Guests: Don Cameron and David Jones

## Director's Reports

- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt read the minutes for October
  - minutes approved
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy
  - Current Balance: \$7120.68
  - Car Show profits are \$1053.97 We will be deciding donation amount to Elk's Club
- Sunshine Report: Norma Collopy (not present)
  - November birthdays and anniversaries announced by Rick Perez
- Directory: Debby Phillips (not present)
- Newsletter: Steve Lech
  - Steve announced that the newsletter will be going out to members the 15th of each month. If you have any news/information, please get it to Steve by the 5th of each month.
- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
  - November 4 - San Timoteo Schoolhouse
  - November 11 Veterans Parade - City of Jurupa Valley. Veterans celebration after the parade at Flabob
  - Christmas Luncheon at Zacatecas, Dec 1st at Noon. \$30
  - There are a few months available for tours next year. See Marlin if you would like to organize a tour.
- Car Show Update: Steve Lech
  - Car show was well received by the participants. Next year planning will begin soon.

## Presentation:

- Guest speaker, Tracy Lech. She has been a "school marm" at the historic "San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse" in Beaumont since 2011. She shared several pictures from the schoolhouse from the early part of the 20th century and during its restoration in the early 21st century.

## Old/New Business:

- Donation amounts discussed - \$300 donation to Elks was approved. There was a discussion regarding the donation amount to Maui Strong. Charlene Skog motioned and Barry O'Connor 2nd to retract the previous motion regarding a Maui donation. The motion was approved. We will not be making a donation to Maui.
- 2024 leadership positions were approved for next year. We are still in need of a club apparel director.
- Doug Diller is representing SCRG.
- Barry reminded members to send him pictures to post on Facebook, and Gary would also like pictures to submit to the Restorer.

## Raffle Winners

- Model A Driver: Doug Diller
- Name Tag: Ken and Charlene Skog
- 50/50 Raffle: Jose Carillo

Refreshments: Provided by the Lechs.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:35





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*The old jackass prospector who had "gone Henry."*

## **This Old Prospector Had Gone "Henry," But Then Went Back to His Burros**

**By Steve Lech**

In 1930, *Touring Topics* travel writer Phillip Johnston met up with a grizzled old jackass prospector in the Box Canyon region of Riverside County, California. He described the old gold seeker thusly,

He was a grizzled veteran of the gold trails – a lone representative of a fast vanishing race that once peopled the desert regions in great numbers. Down the sandy floor of Box Canyon he trudged, leading his four burros in single file. Patient in demeanor, and complaisantly philosophical in expression, those time honored burden-bearers followed their master with a tireless, steady gait; but they promptly assumed poses of grateful relaxation when, at a friendly gesture on my part, he paused to engage in conversation.

"Just on my way to the 'inside' from my claims in the Eagle Mountains," he said, in response to my question.

"Well, I see you haven't gone 'Henry' like most of the other prospectors in this country," I observed.

He chuckled rather sardonically, I thought, when he replied:

"Oh, I've taken my turn, but I'm back to the good old burros – and glad of it. When night comes, I turn 'em out to graze and have a little rest myself. But when I had a car, my evenings were spent mostly with a wrench or a tire pump!"

Of course, this little encounter, preserved in the pages of the magazine, lets us in on an interesting way of indicating a person's transition from horse (or in this case burro) to a car. It was said that the person had "Gone Henry," meaning he'd bought a Ford.

Naturally, "going Henry" didn't always work out, as in the case of our prospector friend above. He longed for the nights when he could relax by the fire and not have to spend hours turning a wrench or patching a tire. And so, he traded in his car and returned to the days of prospecting with burros which, by 1930, was well on its way to obscurity then, with just a few hangers-on.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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



The **Riverside – Corona Orange Blossom A's** is a chapter of the **Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA)**. Visit our website at: [www.obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside](http://www.obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside)

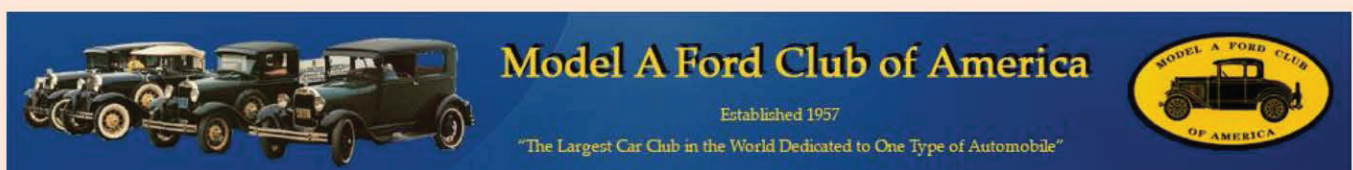
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation and Federal IRS 501c4 non-profit organization.

**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 vehicle-specific publications such as restoration & judging guidelines and paint and finish guides. See more at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)

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

- General membership meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month except December. Special off-site meetings are scheduled in July and August. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. 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 events, 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](http://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)
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Last Name		
Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Wedding Anniversary (mm/dd/yy)		
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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!**

**January 3, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford**

**February 7, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford**

**March 6, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford**

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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