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# THE ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



## OBAs Tour Kimberly Crest Mansion in Redlands!!

Our new President Doug Diller set up the first tour of the year for the Orange Blossom Model A Club. This was a wonderful and interesting tour of the Kimberly Crest Mansion in Redlands. A large mansion in a city known for its large, older homes, Kimberly Crest was the home of the Kimberly family

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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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## 2024 Orange Blossom A's Upcoming Club Tour Schedule Version 2.1.2024



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\$\$ = Entry Fee

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
<b>FEB</b>			
7 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
17 (Sat)	<b>CLUB BREAKFAST – Carolyns Café</b> With good weather, a morning drive to Carolyns café in Redlands. Famous for their coffee cake.	Departing from the Mission Grove IHOP parking lot at 7:30am.	Marlin
<b>MAR</b>			
6 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
8-9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Central California Region Group (CCRG) Model A Ford Jamboree</b>	See Doug for information	Self-Attend
9 (Sat)	<b>TOUR – Jacks Garage</b> Scenic drive to an exceptional car private collection.	Departing from Fritts Ford 9am – Scenic round-trip drive to the Temecula vicinity. No Freeways, map will be provided. Have a full tank of gas. Lunch following.	Rick
23 (Mar)	<b>TECH – Model A Safety</b> Join us for breakfast at Flo's. After breakfast, we will discuss Model A safety features and then do an optional model A inspection.	8am Flo's Farmhouse Café, 5620 Van Burean Blvd – Please drive your model A for an optional safety inspection.	Marlin
30 (Sat)	<b>TOUR – Western Mutual Water District</b> A private tour for our club of the water district plant	Departing from the Mission Grove IHOP parking lot at 10am. Lunch destination immediately following the tour nearby.	Richard K.
<b>APR</b>			
3 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
6 (Sat)	<b>TECH – Model A Brake Adjustment</b> How to adjust original Model A brakes and other brake tips	8am – Donuts provided. Bring your own coffee and a chair. Tech session at Jeff Westley Home	Marlin & Jeff W.
13 (Sat)	<b>Antique Model A Swap Meet</b>	Hosted by the Paradise Valley Model A club – Little League Headquarters Western Region at 6707 N. Little League Drive, San Bernardino CA	Self-Attend
20 (Sat)	<b>TOUR – Steve's Riverside History Tour</b> Join in for a driving tour with historical stops and commentary from Steve.	TBD departure location, time and other details.	Steve L
<b>MAY</b>			
1 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
11 (Sat)	<b>TECH – Rebuilding your Model A Shock Absorbers</b> Learn how to rebuild your original Ford Model A shock absorbers	8am Marlin Brandts home – Donuts and juice provided. Bring your own coffee and a chair.	Marlin
19 (Sun)	<b>TOUR – Inland Empire Military Museum AND First Original McDonald's Museum \$\$</b> Join us for this driving tour in the San Bernardino area to these two adjoining destinations.	Meet at the IHOP Mission Grove parking lot for a 9:30am departure. <u>OPTIONAL</u> – Arrive at 8am for breakfast at IHOP.	Marlin



# Club Activities

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of Kimberly-Clark fame. If you've ever bought Kleenex or many other paper products, chances are they were made by Kimberly-Clark.

The OBAs were represented by 8 members driving 3 Model As and Dennis Ruh's 1953 Mercury. A good time was had by all as can be seen in the accompanying pics. It's always a good day when we can get our cars out and go somewhere!

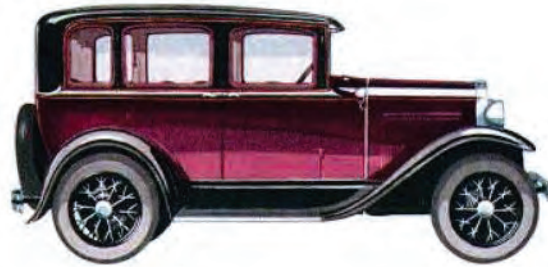


*OBA cars line up on the entry drive to the Kimberly Crest Mansion in Redlands on January 28. A great tour and guided tour were had by all attendees!*





# A Radio for the Car and Other New Gadgets



SHOW windows come and show windows go, but never has the Avenue beheld so curious a spectacle as the one that graced the space behind plate glass at the Show Case. Grandmothers rubbed elbows with newsboys to peer at the curiosity hanging in the window. There were knowing smiles and knit brows, significant sighs and chilling chuckles. One youth openly confessed ignorance of the name of what he beheld, and an octogenarian smiled piteously at the lad who never knew the good old days.

“Swing along in comfort” read a message in the window. But none understood. The mystery deepened. Seekers of truth commenced to file through the portal to a shop where an energetic young man stood prepared to do his stuff, and among those present was that accessory addict, the gentleman whose ultra-equipped car is the envy of Southern California. He had seen the sidewalk gaping. He had come. And, although early events might indicate otherwise, he was to conquer.

“What kind of display do you call that?” he demanded. “I haven’t seen one of those things since the rumble seat came into vogue. Where’d you get it? What does it mean? Why display it anyway?”

The showman, however, was being besieged by requests to sell the oddity in the show window. “Ladies and gentlemen,” he protested. “I appreciate your keen interest in the display but the fact of the matter is we are reserving this for a very good customer of ours who is going to utilize this article in his motoring—at least figuratively. He demands comfort first and foremost in all things, so we are going to give it to him in wholesale lots. My friends, allow me to present. . . .”

Choking with mingled rage and amazement the shopper coughed out a word or two and slumped into a chair with the speed of a blue-chip stock on the down swing. Muttering disappointment, the crowd filed out, took one lingering look at the vestige of happy days in the window and went its weary way. When they were alone the showman removed the curiosity from the window and, hanging it in the shop, invited the shopper to make himself more comfortable.

“You can look over the new things more intelligently when you’re swingin’ in a hammock,” he suggested.

“So that’s what it is, a hammock!” stammered the unwilling prospect. “I couldn’t for the life of me remember the name. I didn’t know there was one still in existence.”



*An ingenious car hammock enables passengers to fit sitting posture to personal tastes*

*Excerpted from Touring Topics magazine, August, 1932.*



Things run in cycles, and just to prove it the showman went over to the Show Case and brought out what is known as an automobile hammock for those who want to be as comfortable as possible on a long trip. The device looked like a strip of canvas, but a demonstration showed that it becomes a sort of combination back and head rest either for the driver or any of his passengers.

“One end attaches to the roof of the car,” the showman explained. “You drape the hammock over the back of the seat and on the seat cushion itself. Then you sit on this free end. By adjusting the device to suit your own convenience you make a backing that exactly fits your own body. The thing yields to you like an old fashioned hammock. There is an adjustable, padded head rest to complete the picture.”

“Wait a minute,” the other argued. “You haven’t completed anything, and don’t get it into your head that you can sign me up for one of these. “Anyone who knows anything about automobile construction will agree with me that this sort of scheme wouldn’t be comfortable at all. Just think of the vibration from the roof of the car.”

“Just look at the way this affair is constructed,” the showman retorted. “Don’t you see that there are spring hangers specially designed to take care of this? And while you are digesting that one let me call your attention to the fact that these automobile hammocks offer a way to eliminate those annoying drafts on the back of the head and neck.”

“Next!” demanded the shopper, settling back into the luxury of yesterday’s hammock and soothed by the thought that for a small sum he could have hammock comfort in his daily motoring.

“It’s just a little thing, this next exhibit, but you know what wise men have had to say about the midget things in life,” the proprietor of the famous Show Case went on. “Take a look at this new valve core for your tires. The makers call it the “cair-free” core, and there you have the hammock idea again. Replace the present cores in your tires and you will be surprised to find how long you can go on one filling of air. More miles to the pound, in other words.”

He began showing the points of superiority. One of the most impressive was the heat resisting washer. A stabilizing guide was another. Impressive also was the self-aligning swivel plug. Each core has three points of suspension which naturally adds to its strength.

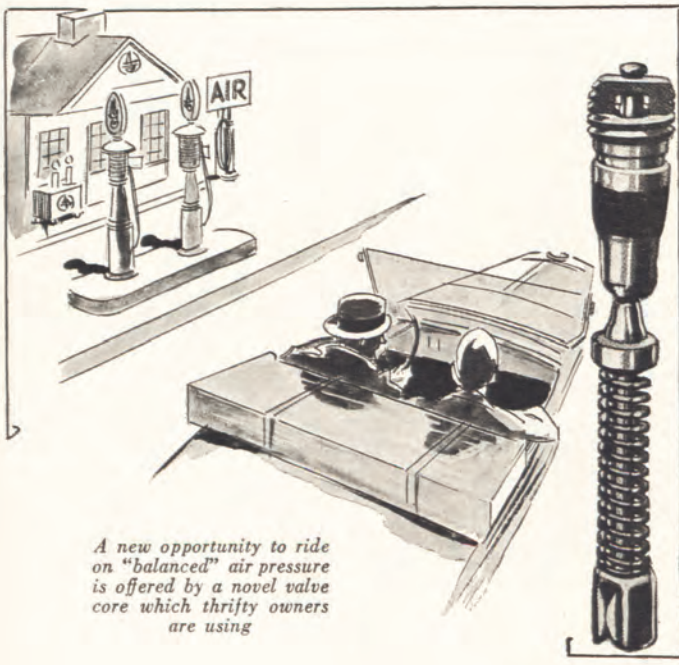
Motorists who have often wondered how these little cores can be trusted to do so big a job and undertake so much responsibility will doubtless welcome these improvements. They have come into being largely through the research necessitated by designing stronger cores for motor buses and high speed trucks, and now the passenger car owner is to benefit. The new core was tested for two years before being offered to the public.

“To my mind the best selling argument for these cores is the fact that by retaining pressure longer they safeguard you against running with under inflated front tires,” the showman continued. “This means less risk of shimmy. You also save your tires and get better riding comfort. Cars today are designed to operate best at predetermined tire pressures. The way most of us motor the pressures are right about a week out of every month.”

He quietly slipped four of these new cores into the shopper’s coat pocket and ran back to the Show Case to bring forth what had all the earmarks of a speedometer and cable. But you never can tell. It proved to be a keyless lock that has any car thief buffaloed.

“Now you’re shifting into fourth,” the shopper loosened up. “Only the other day I locked the ignition of my car and found that someone in the garage had lifted the hood, tampered with the wires and taken a joy ride at my expense. If this lock can stop that sort of thing, I’m sold.”





*A new opportunity to ride on "balanced" air pressure is offered by a novel valve core which thrifty owners are using*

“You’re sold all right,” the other decided. “This device not only locks the ignition but also locks the sides of the hood so that a thief can’t raise them unless he takes an ax to the car. All this may sound very complicated until I mention one little word—magnetic. Inside the hood are two special locks which are operated magnetically from the control on the dash. But that isn’t all by any manner of means.



“Cast your discerning eye upon this locking unit. Note that it is keyless. You twirl the dial to your own secret combination and unlock the car without the usual bother of dangling keys. You can never be caught without the facilities for getting unlocked and you do not need to risk leaving the car unlocked if you happen to be minus your keys when you park.

“A thief cannot use a master key, because there is no key for the lock itself. He hasn’t time to study permutations in order to

find the possible combination. He cannot lift the hood and for that reason cannot try his pet tricks of crossing wires. His only chance is to hire a truck and tow your car—to his own captivity. Maybe you think you are enjoying solid comfort swinging in that old-fashioned hammock, but let me tell you that the peace of mind afforded by this new locking device will give you a new slant on things.”

“That sounds like music to my ears,” the shopper confessed. “I’ll certainly want one of those. It is a sweet melody of security for one’s possession.”

As if he had ordered a symphony or something, the room suddenly vibrated with the strains of Wagnerian music. A second latter someone was reading the market quotations. Like a flash the hot rhythm of a fast fox trot was punctuating the atmosphere. A radio, but . . .

“Not just another radio for the automobile,” the showman cut in. “Here is the original car radio combined with the fundamentals of the biggest selling radio in America. There have been several attempts to get the motoring public started on car radio in a big way, but now the ether dust is flying for fair. Picture, if you will, the possibilities in a seven-tube triple screen grid receiver which carries automatic volume control, electro-dynmaic speaker and illuminated dash tuning control of the single-dial type. There’s no plaything suggestion about this outfit. It means business. Picture yourself weaving through city streets or spinning over the open road, and hearing whatever the air has to offer.”

The purpose of this new version car radio is to provide reception comparable to the home type. Eleven popular makes of cars are now factory-equipped with radio aerials, either as standard or optional equipment. Installation is further facilitated by the fact that the control panel can be mounted either on the dash, under it or on the steering post. The new opportunity for radio awheel is, of course, the outgrowth of the sudden development of the midget home set.

“If that is sweet music to your ears then here is harmony for your jaded muscles and nerves,” the showman announced, bringing out his fifth comfort-giving accessory. “Let me introduce you to the very latest in hydraulic shock absorbers, made by the man who stood out alone against the hydraulic invasion. It required a long time to sell this manufacturer on the possibilities in hydraulic action and a still longer time to discover a device that would meet his standards. Now he is producing what might well be termed the ‘Niagara of hydraulics’.

“Don’t be misled by the outward appearance of this instrument. It looks very similar to others which you have seen. Inside, however, it is an interesting story and one which any car owner can understand. The pistons are arranged in a sort of semicircle so that they have rotary action with respect to the impeller shaft to which they are joined. There are no links, cams or springs. No oil leakage at the shaft. The device maintains a completely filled condition of the cylinders. Regardless of the speed of action which is set up by the inequalities in the road each cylinder is thus instantly prepared to do full work on the return stroke of the piston. This is known as ‘supercharging’.

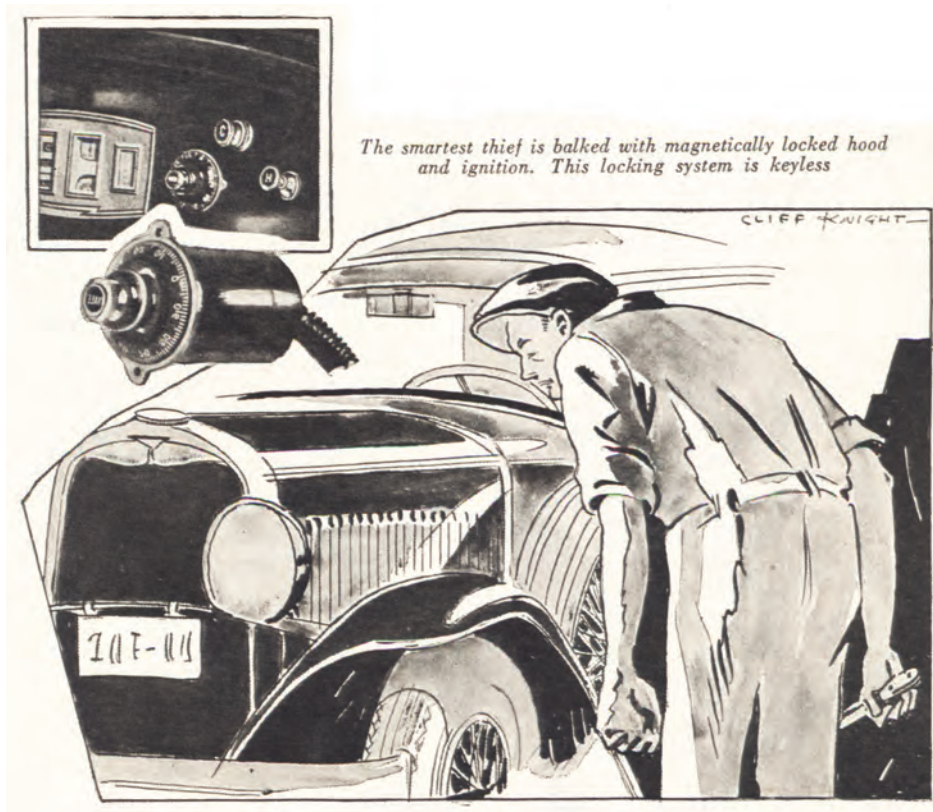


“You know that the chief difficulties with hydraulics have been inability to use thin oil and the frequent churning of the oil so as to cause foaming. With this new device, thin oil can now be used with the result that a non-varying performance is had at varying temperatures. Churning is eliminated through leakproof construction, especially with regard to the possibility of oil squirting into the reservoir chamber. Once these instruments are adjusted to the car you can eliminate worry about discomfort. They stay put.”



“That word ‘eliminate’ reminds me to tell you that my pocketbook is in my coat pocket,” the inveterate shopper concluded. “Just help yourself. I’m very comfortable here in this antique but when you shut up shop for the day, I’ll want to continue enjoying life.”

Five new comforts for the shopper. Five new tunes on the cash register!



## 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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# Your Club

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Website = Marlin Brandt  
Vintage Car Show = Steve Lech  
Christmas Party = Richard Knowlton

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## President's Message

Wow! Time flies! It's hard to believe that a month and a half has come and gone already in 2024. I remember my Dad telling me that the older you get, the faster time goes. Boy was he right! That is why I'm not holding off on my model A bucket list of things to do. Like driving my model A to Clovis, CA for the CCRG jamboree in March, model A days at the Gilmore car museum in September 2024, MAFCA's National Tour June 15-22, 2025 in Waynesboro, Virginia. And of course, all of our Orange Blossom events. What's on your model A bucket list?

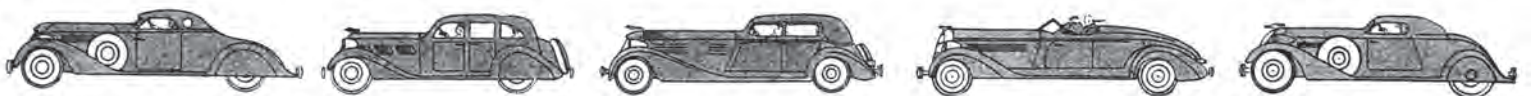
I would like to congratulate Rick Perez for his work on our car show trophies. The Restorer magazine has asked for pictures of the trophies so they can post them in a future edition. Also, thanks to Gary Struempf for making this happen. Thanks to all that came out for our breakfast and Kimberly Crest tour. A good

time was had by all. Hope to see you at the next one. Now for some sad news, the Temecula model A club lost one of their members, Larry Beel unexpectedly in January. RIP Larry. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends at this difficult time.

Food for thought: "Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today." Abraham Lincoln

Drive Safe.

Doug  
OBA 2024 president



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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

“All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.” – Charles M. Schulz

Celebrating this month of love is special but particularly for those also enjoying a birthday or anniversary. We wish our club friends enjoying this treat a very Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

February Birthdays: Kathleen Treadwell, Irene Lange and Veronica Carrillo

February Anniversaries: Gary and Roywana Struempf, and Tommy and Marlene Jahn

“A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days.” - Tim Allen

Happy Valentines Day everyone!





# Club Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt

Orange Blossom A's, February 7, 2024

Meeting Called to order @ 6:29

Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Diller

Members Present: 17

Guests: 0

## Director's Reports

President's comments: Doug talked about the recent tech seminar and thanked Dennis for the information.

Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt

Linda thanked Charlene for taking meeting minutes last month. Minutes in newsletter approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy

Current Balance: \$5824.56. New member name tag expense. 50/50 income Chapter has been renewed and MAFCIA insurance paid. IRS paperwork approved. No news on a new PO box.

Newsletter Report: no report

Sunshine Report: no report

Directory Report: Debby Phillips brought copies of the new directory.

Tour Director: Marlin Brandt

Marlin discussed future events. The tour originally scheduled for February 17th has been changed to a club breakfast. One event not listed on the upcoming tour schedule is the Orange County Model A Club Pancake Breakfast on April 14.

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Car Show Update: Doug discussed some of the ideas that were discussed. Location will remain the same. Club will be using a service CarShowPro that allows for online registration. SCRG would like to be involved as well.

Presentation:

No presentation tonight, however Doug asked James to talk about his involvement in a project getting an AA Truck at Houston's 1940 Air Terminal Museum. The complete article can be seen in the November/December 2023 Restorer Magazine. He also shared some gas ration books/cards that he inherited from his father.

Rudy Perez will present his collection of hood ornaments/mascots next month.

Old/New Business:

Gary shared that the editor of Restorer magazine is interested in our club submitting an article about the car show trophies.

Raffle Winners

Model A Driver: Doug Diller

Name Tag: Phil Emerson

50/50 Raffle: Phil Emerson

Refreshments: Provided by the Skogs and Phillips

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:20



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## 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)

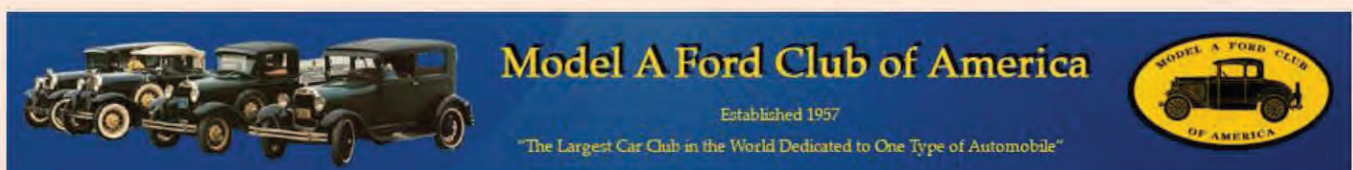
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation 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)
First Name		
Last Name		
Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)		
Wedding Anniversary (mm/dd/yy)		
Address		
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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!**

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

**April 3, 2034 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford**

**May 1, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford**

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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