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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



Learning and Fun was on the Docket for OBAs in February!

The Orange Blossom Model A Club had two big events this past month. The first came on February 3 when several of us gathered in President Doug Diller's garage for a fantastic tech seminar on timing the Model A. Our own Dennis Ruh showed us various ways to time the car, which



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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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Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
MAR			
6 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
8-9 th	Central California Region Group (CCRG) Model A Ford Jamboree	See Doug for information	Self-Attend
9 (Sat)	TOUR – Jacks Garage Scenic drive to an exceptional car private collection in the Temecula area followed by a local lunch and then drive back.	Departing from Fritts Ford 9am – Scenic round-trip drive No Freeways, map will be provided. Recommend a full tank of gas.	Rick
23 (Mar)	TECH – Model A Vehicle Safety Tips 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)	TOUR – Western Mutual Water District 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
APR			
3 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
6 (Sat)	TECH – Model A Brake Adjustment OR Model A Carburetors TBD We will vote at the May meeting to have either a tech seminar on brake adjustment to the original Model A brakes with tips OR a tech seminar on Carburetors.	8am – Donuts provided. Bring your own coffee and a chair. Tech session at Jeff W. home.	Marlin & Jeff W.
13 (Sat)	Antique Model A Swap Meet	Hosted by the Paradise Valley Model A club – Little League Headquarters Western Region at 6707 N. Little League Drive, San Bernardino CA	Self-Attend
14 (Sun)	Orange County Model A Ford Club 61* Annual Pancake Breakfast	7:30 – 11am Hart Park, 701 S Glassell St. Orange CA. Doug is willing coordinate a drive group from Riverside	Doug / Self-Attend
20 (Sat)	TOUR – Steve's Riverside History Tour Join in for a driving tour with historical stops and commentary from Steve.	TBD departure location, time, and other details.	Steve L
MAY			
1 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
11 (Sat)	TECH – Rebuilding your Model A Carburetor Info and Rebuilding Learn more about the Model A carb and how to rebuild it.	8am Marlin Brandts home – Donuts and juice provided. Bring your own coffee and a chair.	Marlin
19 (Sun)	TOUR – Inland Empire Military Museum AND First Original McDonald's Museum \$\$ 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
JUN			
5 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4th **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
Date TBD	TOUR – PRIVATE TOUR JENSEN ALVARDO HISTORIC RANCH	A private club tour of this historic 1865 ranch located near Riverside. TBD departure location and time.	Tracey



Club Activities

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was very helpful to several of our new members. The OBAs are very grateful to have so many new members join in the past year or so, and all of them are relative “newbies,” so understanding some of the basics is very helpful to them.

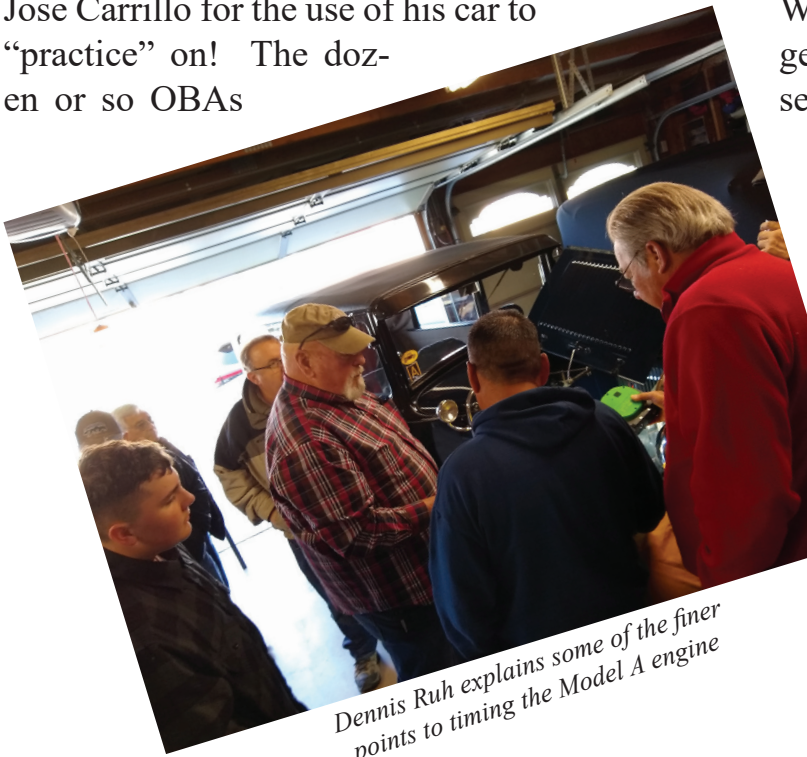
Dennis showed us timing, finding Top Dead Center on the number 1 cylinder, and a few techniques for making the Model A purr. Thanks to Jose Carrillo for the use of his car to “practice” on! The dozen or so OBAs

who attended were not disappointed.

Exactly two weeks later, our intrepid tour coordinator Marlin Brandt set up a drive to Redlands where we had breakfast at Carolyn’s Cafe, a very popular eatery in that town.

About 10 of us made the drive on a rather cold and foggy morning, but enjoyed the relatively traffic-free roads (for Inland Southern California)! We had a very good breakfast and a good time just getting together. Thanks so much to Marlin for setting this up!

Next month promises more events - stay tuned!



Dennis Ruh explains some of the finer points to timing the Model A engine



Waitin’ for breakfast!

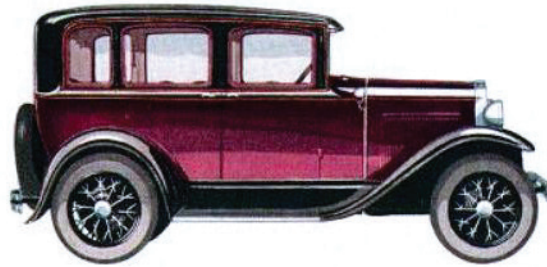


(Left) - Heading to breakfast in Redlands.

(Right) - Not only does Marlin meet every red light, he also gets stopped by geese!



He Who Speeds May Read



THE wife says I'm always in such a hurry trying to pass everybody on the road when we're taking an auto trip that I miss all the sights. This is an age of speed, I tell her, and we've got to keep right up with the procession. Why I shouldn't use at least part of the speed my car's got is beyond me, but you know women. And if you're going to cover 500 miles a day and take time out to eat whenever you're hungry, and believe me, I sure get an appetite when I'm on the open road, you've got to step on it.

But she's all wrong when she says I miss anything that is attractive along the highway. And to prove it I'll tell about a few swell sights I saw on our last week-end trip.

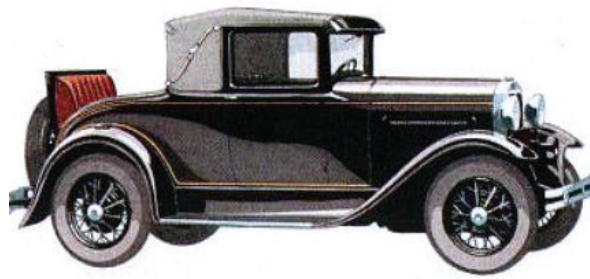
Once we got outside the city limits and didn't have to bother about street excavations or these slow-pokes who drive in second gear down the middle of the street, we began to see plenty of sights. Maybe it was because we sort of took it easy that day. We only covered 450 miles. But I don't miss anything even if I do breeze right along.

Remember when you could drive for hours without seeing anything but a lot of fields and trees and mountains? Well, this old country is stepping along now. Business men have got vision and they know that beautification of the highways should be left up to these high-priced architects and artists, who put over their message in an artistic way. And some of the slogans you see on the billboards sure make you sit up and take notice.

The first big sight I remember on our trip was a gigantic plaster igloo, just like the pictures we used to see in the geographies, only much grander. I'll bet it was a couple hundred feet in diameter, pure white, with a little door in the front. On either side of this cubby hole, was a big statue of a polar bear. You could almost hear them growl, they were that lifelike. Above the door in artistic letters that you could read half a mile were the words: "Polar Bear Cookies — You Can't Bear to Be Without 'Em." I was pretty hungry so we stopped and got a couple of cookies, which were ice cream with chocolate covering.

Stepping on it for a while to make up for the time we lost, I nevertheless couldn't help but glance at a group of statuary. Eight feet tall bathing girls, with swell shapes, too, and red bathing suits. They were skipping over a brown pedestal, representing the beach. One was waving as if to invite passersby. They were advertising "Sand Wiches At the Sand and Wave Beach Club, Soon to Rise Here. Get Your Membership Before It Is Too Late." I told the wife I'd like to join but she said, woman-like, if I wanted some exercise I could clear off the south fifty of our lot.

On we rolled over the smooth highway. Some kid in a roadster tried to pass me and he wouldn't have if of those things Julius Caesar or Napoleon or some of those big shots built as monuments to their kingdom. I don't mean they built this one but



it was just like the ones they had their slaves build. It was seventy-five feet high. "Use Enigma Bitters For That Strange Feeling." Next to it was a big signboard, which looked like a palace. On one of the domes we read "Eternal Rest Mausoleum, Perpetual As the Rock of Ages." Only one thing spoiled the beauty of the scene. Several branches of the wife hadn't threatened to take the train back from the next stop.

Soon we neared a mammoth sphinx, one a big eucalyptus tree had been allowed to grow down and cover part of the dome of the palace.

As we were breezing along, we heard music. I slowed down to fifty and listened. It was coming from a mammoth radio. The illusion was perfect. We felt like pygmies. It was an exact replica on a large scale of one of the "Super Waffle Grid" Italian-American cabinet models. The sign said, "Was \$1,000, Now \$19.98, \$1 down and \$1 a week."

We were soon going through a mountain pass. The view was very uninteresting. I am told the Forest Service has some foolish rule which prevents beautification of the roadsides. Once out of the mountains, I could step on it, because I figured my time and found I had been slowed down so in the hills, my average was cut down to forty-nine miles an hour.

Soon spires, domes, towers, mosques, campaniles, orange drink stands, mammy's chicken

shacks and frankfurter huts began to appear.

The mountain air had given me an appetite and I was all for stopping. Mama didn't want to. She wanted to eat at a swell cafe a few miles ahead. But we stopped just for a little snack. "Creole Mammy's Hut" was the name of the place and they had grand fried chicken, potato chips, pumpkin pie, crab salad and the best coffee I ever drank.

Farther on, we saw a huge airplane, which appeared to be suspended in the air. Drawing closer we found it was really made of wood. On one wing was the sign "Are You Up In the Air? Consult Cowing Detective Agency for Advice on Home and Private Matters." I'll bet guys that think up ads like that get a pile of dough.

But the most impressive sight of our trip so far, I believe, was an enormous relief map, or panorama view of the Grand Canyon. "Two Wonders of the World. The Grand Canyon and Arnett's Salve."

Just after we arrived at our destination, tired and hungry, but well pleased with the scenic features of the trip, the wife asked me if, when I planned our next trip, I wouldn't route us over a road where we could see some scenery!

And she was the one who told me I drove so fast I couldn't enjoy the beauties of the countryside!

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President's Message

I hope that everyone has dried out from all the rain we had in February. I would like to give a big thank you to Carol Bromley for stepping up and taking on the merchandise director position.

On February 17th, we had a nice drive out to Carolyn's Cafe for breakfast. Thank you Marlin, as always for making OBA's an active club.

This message was written before my trip to Clovis CA for the CCRG jamboree with the Temecula Valley A's. As I'm getting ready for this 700 mile round trip in my model A, I'm trying to decide what extra parts I should bring for this long trip...carburetor, distributor, coil, points, condensers, tires, tubes, etc. At some point I had to stop and say enough is enough. The 2 most important things to bring is a charged cell phone and your AAA card. I wonder what people did in the 1920's and 30's when they went on long trips? Did

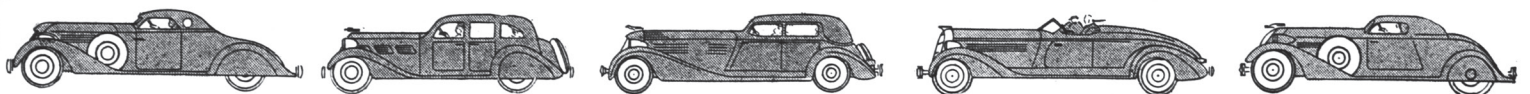
they just get in their cars and enjoy the ride and not worry about what might happen? I think that's what I will do, with all the extra parts of course.

I will let you know how it goes in next month's president's message.

Food for thought: "Believe you can and you're half-way there." -- Theodore Roosevelt.

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.
- \$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

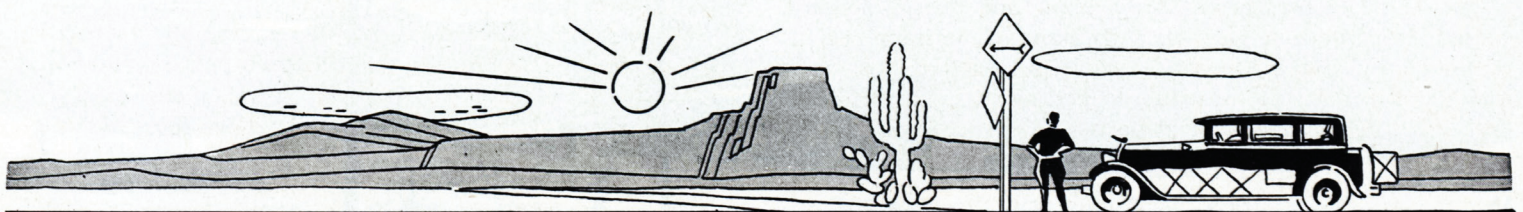
by Norma Collopy

Happy March Orange Blossom friends! Hope you are all doing well and out enjoying your A's. I have not heard of any members that are under the weather. If you know of someone you can message me at Mucca_1@yahoo.com.

The following members are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Birthdays: Jerry Miller and Eva Cardenas

Anniversary: Jerry and Christine Woods



"The motor tourist . . . now that he could see his way . . . started coming west"



Club Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt

Orange Blossom A's, March 6, 2024

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:30
- Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Knowlton
- Members Present: 20
- Guests: Rudy and Lori Perez

Director's Reports

- President's comments:
- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt - February minutes in newsletter approved. Charlene Skog will take minutes for the April meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy (not present) \$5,724.58. Expenses: Newsletter costs, sunshine cards Income: 50/50, interest
- Newsletter Report: Steve Lech - members are welcome to submit articles and information to Steve.
- Sunshine Report: no report
- Directory Report: directories are available at the meetings, or see Debby Phillips.
- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
 - Discussion of future events. Sign in sheets were provided for Jack's Garage, March 9; Safety Tech Seminar, March 23; Western Municipal Water District, March 30; Brakes Tech Seminar, April 6; Riverside History Tour, April 20; and Carburetor Tech Seminar, May 11.
- Car Show Update: Steve Lech - no updates

Presentation:

- Rudy Perez shared his collection of hood ornaments and mascots. He's been with MAFCA over 50 years and collecting auto ornaments for as many years. He discussed the history, manufacturing process, and different styles of car mascots. Some were static, some kinetic, some were functional, and some promoted businesses, such as AAA. He also shared some differences between reproductions and originals. His collection came as a result of purchases in Hershey, PA, in antique stores and as gifts.

Old/New Business:

- Doug announced Carol Bromley as the new merchandise director. He also suggested that we change our 50/50 raffle to an "Opportunity drawing" due to tax issues. MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc) offers a plaque with your name and your vehicle's picture for a \$200 donation.

Raffle Winners

- Model A Driver: none
- Name Tag: Gary Streumpf
- Opportunity Drawing: Steve Horowitz
- Refreshments provided by Carol Bromley
- Meeting Adjourned @ 7:33



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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

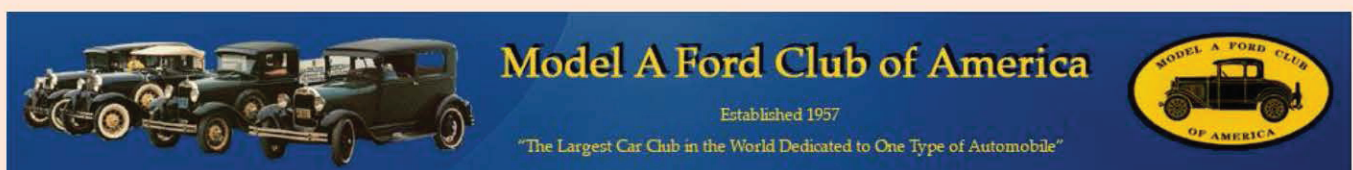
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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

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

- General membership meetings 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 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

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!

April 3, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

May 1, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

June 5, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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