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OBAs visit Jack's Garage and learn Model A safety in March!

The Orange Blossom Model A Club got a very special, behind-the-scenes view of Jack's Garage on March 9. Jack's Garage is the dream of Jack Morehouse, who had a varied career that included managing movie theaters, working as a design engineer for Chevron, and even delving into the world of software development. When he retired, he opened Jack's Garage Coffee Company in Temecula, and



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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

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\$\$ = Entry Fee

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
APR			
3 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
6 (Sat)	TECH – Model A Brake Adjustment We will be going over the history, touching on major overhauls, modernization options and then an actual adjustment with a Model A.	Starting at 8am – 4238 Maplewood Place, Riverside. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Bring your own chair. Jeff Westley will be hosting the location providing his Model A for the brake adjustment.	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.	Departing from Fritts Ford at 9:30am.	Steve L
MAY			
1 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
11 (Sat)	TECH – Rebuilding your Model A Shock Absorbers 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)	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 us at the Fritts Ford parking lot for a 9:30am departure. <u>Lunch planned nearby after the tour.</u> A tour invite has been extended to other Model A clubs nearby.	Marlin
JUN			
1 (Sat)	Corona Heritage Antiques Tour – By invite from the Temecula A’s	Doug will be coordinating - More details to follow.	Doug
5 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4th **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
22 (Sat)	TECH – Model A “Mystery” Tech Please join us to learn more about the mechanics of your Ford Model A.	Presented by James and hosted by Doug. Starting at 8am at 6960 Cypress Grove Drive, Riverside. Bring your own coffee and chair. Donuts will be provided.	James / Doug
23-29	MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention https://www.mafca.com/calendar.html#2024	Ruidoso, New Mexico - Hosts: Southwest Model A's See details at:	Self-Attend
JUL			
14 (Sun)	TOUR – Club Picnic in the Park Join us for a club potluck picnic at Hunter Park. Park your Model A under the trees and watch the live steamer trains roll by. Take a ride!	11:30am Details to follow.	Marlin



Club Activities

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has had fun ever since! The OBAs were special guests of Jack on a beautiful Saturday in March where we got to see up-close his collection of beautiful cars, including his pride and joy, a 1914 Model T that is in immaculate condition.

Located in an industrial building, Jack's Garage has several vehicles dating from the 1910s to the 1950s, a gas station mock-up, a large (real) garage for working on cars, plus a bar and many other amenities that most of us could only dream of. It was a great tour for the several of us who went.

On March 23, several of us got together for a great breakfast at Flo's Farmhouse, and then we were treated to a very informative tech seminar on



Model A safety by our own Marlin Brandt. Marlin went over things that were standard safety items in the Model A, and then many add-ons/aftermarket items that have been available for added safety. Marlin has graciously allowed us to reprint his handout, which you'll find on pages 12 - 13 of this newsletter - Thanks Marlin! It did rain on our parade, but we learned a lot about our cars! Thanks again, Marlin!

(Left) - The OBAs have a tech seminar at Flo's

(Above, below, and left) - Various views of some of the cars in the collection of Jack's Garage





The Show Case

Presenting the New and Novel in Things for the Motor Car (Part 1 of 2)



GOING on the theory that if love makes the world go round it should have some effect on the rolling of the nation's motor cars, our friend who presides over the famous Show Case decided to open up shop one morning recently with the soft melody and exhilarating rhythm of music. From the moment the first prospect stepped over the threshold love songs filled the air to overflowing. It was a loving thought, indeed, and good merchandising as the rest of this story will reveal.

"What's all the melody for?" came the inevitable inquiry from the eternal shop- per who recently swore off on new accessories only to find that he needed about six of them for a fully-equipped car he had just bought. "Can it be that you have at last received my long delayed special delivery epistle warning you that my new car meant a cut in your business? Have you taken the muse by the ears and gone into the melody business?"

"On the contrary," came the quick retort. "I'm putting melody and love to work for automobile row. I'm syncopating sales, jazzing up the jiggers and ragging the rebukes and rebuffs of souls like yourself who think the accessory makers took a perpetual vacation after you purchased last month's offerings. Have a seat!"

It was quite a novelty to be asked to sit down near the Show Case. Somewhat spell- bound the shopper waltzed over to the running board of a small coupe and decided to make himself comfortable. It was then that he discovered he was listening to a radio but his senses were not sharp enough to note that the music was loudest nearest the car. It was still early in the day. And the salesman was slipping into fourth speed.

"I hate to see a beautiful car like yours running around with an inadequately lubricated engine," the gentleman behind the Show Case was saying, already waving in his hand a small device that looked surprisingly like a gaso-

line filter. "You need top cylinder lubrication to protect the upper walls of the engine, to prevent sticky valves and to spare the motor those first few moments of excess wear following the cranking process. The engine's own oiling system is slow getting into action and even when the oil is flowing freely comparatively little of it reaches the upper walls of the cylinders and the valve stems. That kind of oil wouldn't be right for the job anyway."

"I've seen a thousand of those over-head oilers," the shopper complained. "They're all good and so far as I can see they're all alike. Let me have a look at the one that will cost me the least."



Compelling, yet pleasing to the ear, this master and junior horn combination provides a new way herald one's approach.



A feature of this new oiler is the fact that oil is picked up from a reservoir which also supplies lubricant the instant the engine starts



This was a frank admission that he really wasn't keeping abreast of the progress of these devices that are playing an increasingly important role in motordom. The salesman seized the opportunity by pointing out the reasons why he had selected the particular oiler for an important "spot" on the new bill of attractions. He continued:

"Here is a device that offers you a special oil for the vital parts of your engine top the moment your foot touches the starter button. The right kind of oil at the right time is an improvement worthy of your most serious thought. Picture your car standing until all the oil has drained down off the cylinder walls. From the moment of the start—in fact, during the cranking itself — this device feeds oil so that while the pistons run up and down in their cylinders they do so freely because they are eased along. There is no scraping, no scuffing. Instead of the dry valve stems pushing up and down in their contracted guides, and perhaps sticking, the oil mist limbers them up and helps your

motor to be itself. Any oiler can supply a mist of oil when the engine is well warmed up; the trick is to oil in time to avoid damage during those vital three minutes which constitute the starting period."

"Please stand by," the radio interrupted to announce. The shopper was commencing to gather the idea that the receiver was inside the automobile but his thoughts were not yet amply lubricated. He decided to follow the salesman through a brief explanation of a unique feature of this new oiler for the motor.

It appears that there is a tube in the shape of a U through which the engine sucks filtered air. Through a small hole near the bottom the ingoing air sucks up a drop or so of the special oil which is carried in a glass bowl surrounding the tube. This oil is carried to a small reservoir near the top and feeds to a wick. The air, in drawing through the wick, picks up the oily mist. Thus it is impossible for the device to feed too much of the oil or to fail to feed if the supply of oil is low.



Your Club

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President's Message

Hello all,

Hope all is well with you. I wanted to let you know about my 713 mile round trip in my model A to Clovis CA for the CCRG jamboree with the Temecula Valley A's. It was very successful! It was not as trouble free for one of the model A drivers in our group. His 1930 Vicky died 100 miles south of Clovis on highway 99. After waiting 2-1/2 hours for a tow truck, they were able to tow it to a fellow MAFCA members garage where they worked all night to replace the timing gear that had broken into 3 pieces. They arrived at the hotel at 6:30 am the next day and were very tired, but they did enjoy the rest of the weekend as did I. We attended a barbecue on Friday night and 4 great tours on Saturday, with almost 400 participants and over 130 model A's.

If you ever have the chance to attend a model A jamboree, I highly recommend it. Either in your model A or even in a modern car. They are a lot of fun.

Food for thought: "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

- 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 April Fools Friends! We only have 2 celebrations this month. Sandy Emerson's birthday and Robert and Ann Holmes anniversary both on the same day April 2nd.

We are traveling as I submit this to Texas with friends for the solar eclipse and meeting up with friends once we get there. We definitely won't be pranking each other just hopeful for a safe trip. I do however have a couple of Will Roger's quotes that seem appropriate for the silly first of April:

"The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected."

"Everything is funny as long as it's happening to someone else."

Anyway wishing you all a Happy April Fools Day and a wonderful month ahead.



Club Meeting Minutes

by Linda Brandt (Charlene Skog substituting)

Orange Blossom A's, date April 6, 202

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:30 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance: All members said the pledge together
- Members Present: 17
- Guests: None

Director's Reports

- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt (not present)
 - minutes approved / not approved Minutes approved by Gary S. and Doug D.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy
 - Current Balance: \$ No Report

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- Sunshine Report: Norma Collopy Birthdays and Anniversaries announced
Sandy Emerson's birthday, Robert & Ann Holmes Anniversay, Sad News to hear that Bernadette Button past.

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- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
See attached Tour Schedule

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- Car Show Update: Steve Lech
Car show is progressing as planned

Presentation:

Jim C. showed us the Burtz oil pump.



Meeting Minutes



by Linda Brandt (Charlene Skog substituting)

Old/New Business:

No old business = Doug D met with the SCRG and they want to participate in our car show with 5 - \$50.00 cards Model A drivers only and the car needs to be registered in the show. There will be a Model A safety check in the parking lot during the meeting.

Raffle Winners

- Model A Driver: Jim C. - \$10.00
- Name Tag: Raphael C. not in attendance
- 50/50 Raffle: 33.00 - Gary S.

Refreshments: Provided by Steve and Marlin

Meeting Adjourned @



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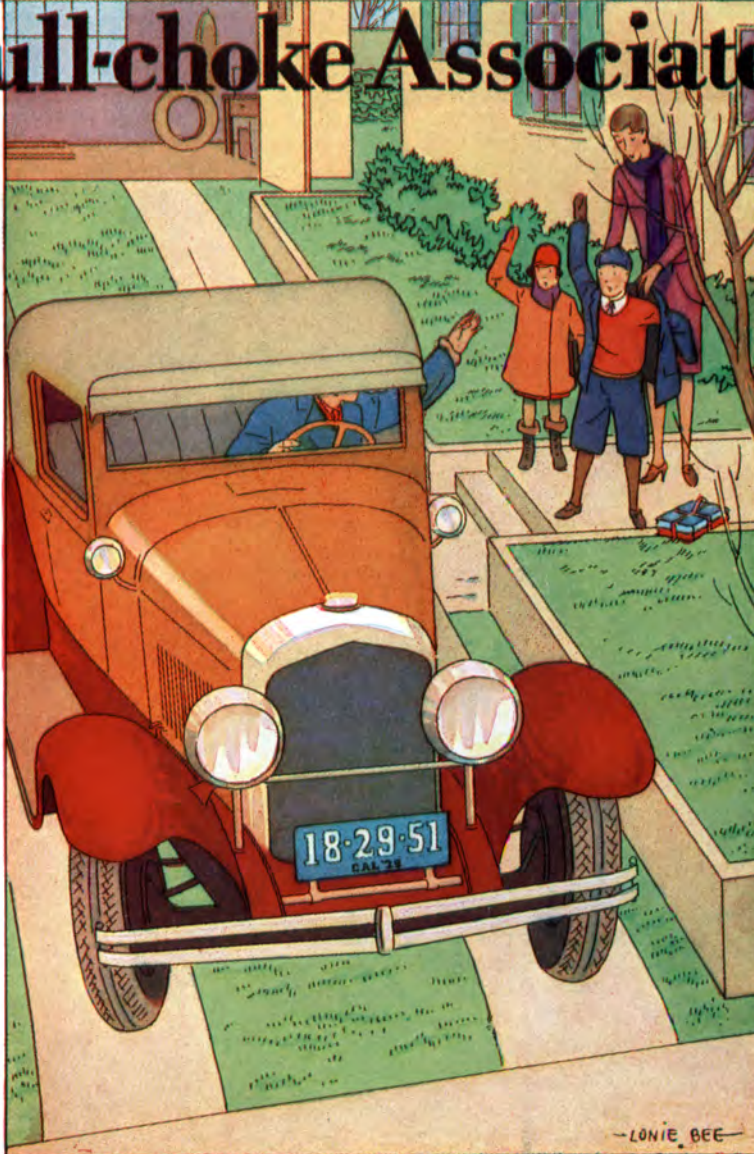
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Driving your Model A - Driving any automobile that has slower speeds and reaction times than the cars around you presents a safety risk. Understanding the limitations of your Ford Model A and defensive driving are at the top to be considered. Original factory safety features of the Model A included:

- **Triplex Shatter Proof Safety Glass** – First auto match to use safety glass.
- **Four-Wheel Brakes**
- **Brake light** – One found on the driver side rear fender.
- **Ammeter** – To help identify charging and short circuit.
- **Fuel Shut Off Valve** – To control potential gasoline leaks



Figure 1 - Model A Fatality Crash

Basic Safety Original Equipment Checklist

Steering, Suspension & Brakes

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steering - Pitman arm tight on steering box shaft | <input type="checkbox"/> Tires - No abnormal wear, cracks, bulges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brake pedal – 1” max free travel / no side play | <input type="checkbox"/> Brake Rodes – Tight clevises – No slop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes adjustment – Drag adjusted correctly | <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes – No squeal or grinding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shock Absorbers – Functioning | <input type="checkbox"/> Springs – Shackles not excessively worn or broken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheels – No visible cracks/wobble/damaged spokes | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheel Lugs – Not wallowed out, 60 ft-lbs. torque |

Engine, Electrical and Related Assemblies

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Line – Inspect from tank to carb for leaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Cap – Vent is clean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Tank – Filler screen / flame arrestor in place | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Switch – Operates correctly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Bulbs – All bulbs light correctly | <input type="checkbox"/> Headlights – Adjusted and aimed correctly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wiring – Not frayed or burned | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust Manifold/Pipe – No evidence of leaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn – Operates correctly | |

Body and Other Assemblies

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass – Safety glass in place and not cracked | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wiper – Working correctly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doors – Close and latch | <input type="checkbox"/> Window – Open and close |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror – At least one rear view mirror | |

Modification Safety Features – Some additional safety features to consider include:



CO2 Alarm

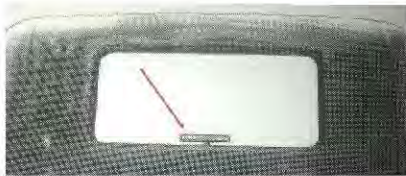


ABC Fire Ext

- **Fire extinguisher** – Add accessible dry powder BC or ABC rated fire extinguisher.
- **Carbon monoxide alarm** (closed cars) – A battery operated unit that can be hidden near the floor.
- **LED light bulbs** – Improves brightness of light and reduces amperage demand.



LED Headlight Bulb



Add-on Brake light

- **Additional Brake Lights** – Available as a period correct rear right fender light and/or a wired or wireless rear window light.
- **Carburetor flame arrestor** – Air Maze or other similar style with “wire mesh” used for backfire protection.



Air Maze Filter

- **Seat Belts** – The most common Model A accident injuries are from a lack of seat belts.



Seatbelt Kit

- **Hydraulic Brakes** – Convert your original brakes to a more modern “Juice” brake.



Mini-Fuse Panel

- **Instrument Panel Electrical Insulation** – Install a non-conductive insulation pad between the ammeter / key starter and gas tank.

- **Fuse Pannel** – Install a single fuse kit or mini-fuse panel to protect from electrical overload fires.

- **Battery Disconnect Switch** – Install a switch to turn off all the power except for the starter when in storage. Also, a good security feature.
- **Brake Floaters** – Install brake floaters in place of your brake operating wedge. They are designed to equalize shoe contact to your brake drum.



Left turn signal Main light Right turn signal



Left turn signal Right turn signal Double flasher switch Wireless Turn Signal Kit

- **Turn Signals** – Kits are available to wire directly into your existing wire loom or as a wired and/or wireless addition.



Brake Floater Kit



Batt Disconnect Sw

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

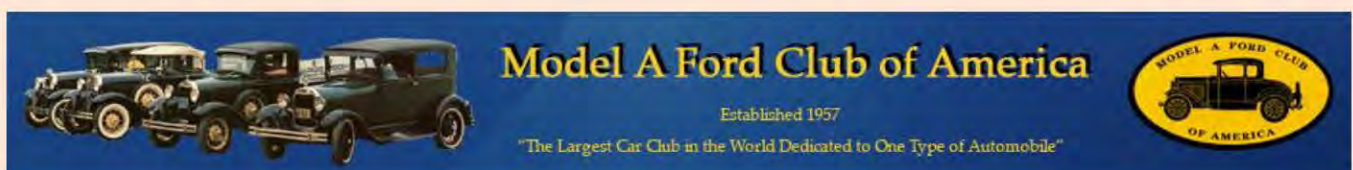
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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

May 1, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

June 5, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

July - August = No Meeting

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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