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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



OBAs see the Original McDonald's Museum in May!

On Sunday, May 19, the OBAs took a trip north into San Bernardino to see two neighboring museums - the Original McDonald's Museum on the site of the very first McDonald's Hamburger Stand, and also the Inland Empire Military Museum which documents the military history of the Inland region of Southern California. Both tours were well received and the group had a great time seeing all of the hundreds and hundreds



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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
JUN			
5 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4th **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
15 (Sat)	Southern California Railway Museum – Perris No cost for parking or entry. Multiple buildings and historic rail engines, cars and more.	Departing at 9:30 from the IHOP Mission Grove parking lot. Lunch nearby immediately following. (EARLY BIRDS – Optional breakfast at IHOP 8am). Taking off freeway roads. There is a running train and trolley for a small cost that starts running at 11am.	Doug
22 (Sat)	TECH – Model A Tech Please join us to learn more about the mechanics of your Ford Model A. James will be installing a FS Electronic Ignition into a 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. Private train ride for our club!	<u>Departing</u> from Fritts Ford 11am to caravan to Hunter Park. – This is an excellent event to bring the family, children, and grandchildren. Bring your own picnic lunch, drinks and chairs, yard games and anything you normally bring for a picnic. No BBQs. Consider a tablecloth for your running board as a serving table.	Marlin
AUG			
3 (Sat)	TOUR – Members Breakfast \$\$ Corkys Kitchen and Bakery - Perris	Departing 8am from IHOP parking lot Mission Grove to 3150 Case Road, Perris. We will take the off-freeway route.	Marlin
10 (Sat)	TECH – LED bulbs for your Model A Learn about a complete LED bulb replacement for your Model A.	Location and details TBD	Marlin
24 (Sat)	TOUR – Norton Air Force Base Museum \$\$ Driving tour to this small regional museum. Followed in lunch nearby	Meet at Fritts Ford. Departs at 9am.	Marlin
SEP			
4 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
7 (Sat)	TOUR – To Be Determined TBD information	TBD departure location and time.	Steve H
28 (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



Club Activities

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of new and old McDonalds paraphenalia along with the well-put together displays honoring those who have served from our area.

On May 11, our resident expert “Professor” Marlin Brandt conducted a Tech Seminar, this time on what to look for in shock absorbers, how they work, and how to rebuild them. Interested members met at Marlin’s house where he had examples of several different kinds of shocks and a presentation outlining the parts, how they go together, and how to maintain them. It was

very useful information and as always, a great time was had by all.



Lots of good information, McDonald's collectibles, and Inland military history at the OBA tour to the museums in San Bernardino. Below is a pic of all of the Model As that made the trek. Congrats to all the OBAs who participated!





The Spirit of the Age



A humorous little story about the pitfalls of car repair during the Model A Age



IT WAS an ideal day for motoring. I had never seen the billboards so beautiful. There were even a couple my wife and I had never seen before. Such exquisite coloring . . . such lofty ideals as they portrayed. Inspiring . . . intriguing . . . wholly enjoyable.

A new gas station in Early Grauman style . . . another in Old English . . . “Ye Olde Gasse Shoppe” . . . “Ye Free Aire” . . . “Ye Retreadede Tyres” . . . “Ye Non Pinging Gasse” . . . Our hearts and the tires were singing . . . Not a miss in the motor, nor a country cop to mar the joy of our outing.

But fate decreed such pleasure could not last. Our Pushmobile began to jump in collegiate fashion. My wife, with her customary intuition, shouted: “A flat!”

“Well,” she said, “are you going to sit here all day?”

“Just as soon as I can find the key to the spare tire lock. Haven’t you got it in your pocketbook along with the material for your new dress, theater stubs, chewing gum and compacts?”

“Why should I have it?”

“You drove the car last.”

“That’s the way with you men. You want us wives to always sit at home with the children while you gad about to work, and everything.”

I had been assured the lock was thief-proof. It was also ownerproof. If everyone used the same kind insurance wouldn’t be so high.

Finally I gave up and decided I would have to have the puncture repaired.

“My wife’s corns hurt her so it was up to me to walk back to a garage. I knew it must be several miles, so I stopped at a roadside drug store. Just my luck. It was an old-fashioned drug store and they didn’t even have a tire repair department.

They did have a telephone. I found a book for the nearest town and glanced in the classified section under garages. I called the first garage on the list.

“I am stuck out on the highway about twelve miles,” I commenced, “and . . . “

“Is your generator O.K.?” a polite voice inquired.

I told him I thought so.

“Sorry,” he said, “but we only do generator work.”

I called another garage on the list. I told him I was stuck out on the highway. “Is your oil purifier working?” he asked. “So far as I know,” I replied.

“Well, if that isn’t your trouble, goodbye.”

Again I placed a nickel in the slot and called a third garage. Although the foreman was full of regrets, he specialized in clutch work and advised me to call someone else.

The fourth one I called did work only on universal joints. The manager said the Universal Joint Association would fine him if he worked on any other part of the car, even on his day off.



Somewhat discouraged but having a few more nickels left, I called a fifth garage. Hoping to beat him to it, I said:

“I know you specialize only on whatnots, but if I pay you well won’t you come on out and . . .

“Mercy, no,” said the voice. “We only repair pinion gears. We couldn’t work on anything else, not even for our own grandmother. Besides, I doubt very much if any of our mechanics could repair anything but pinion gears. They can’t even replace ring gears. Our foreman is president of our local Pinion Gear Luncheon Club.”

Convinced by this time that this is indeed an age of specialization but still hoping against hope, I telephoned another garage.

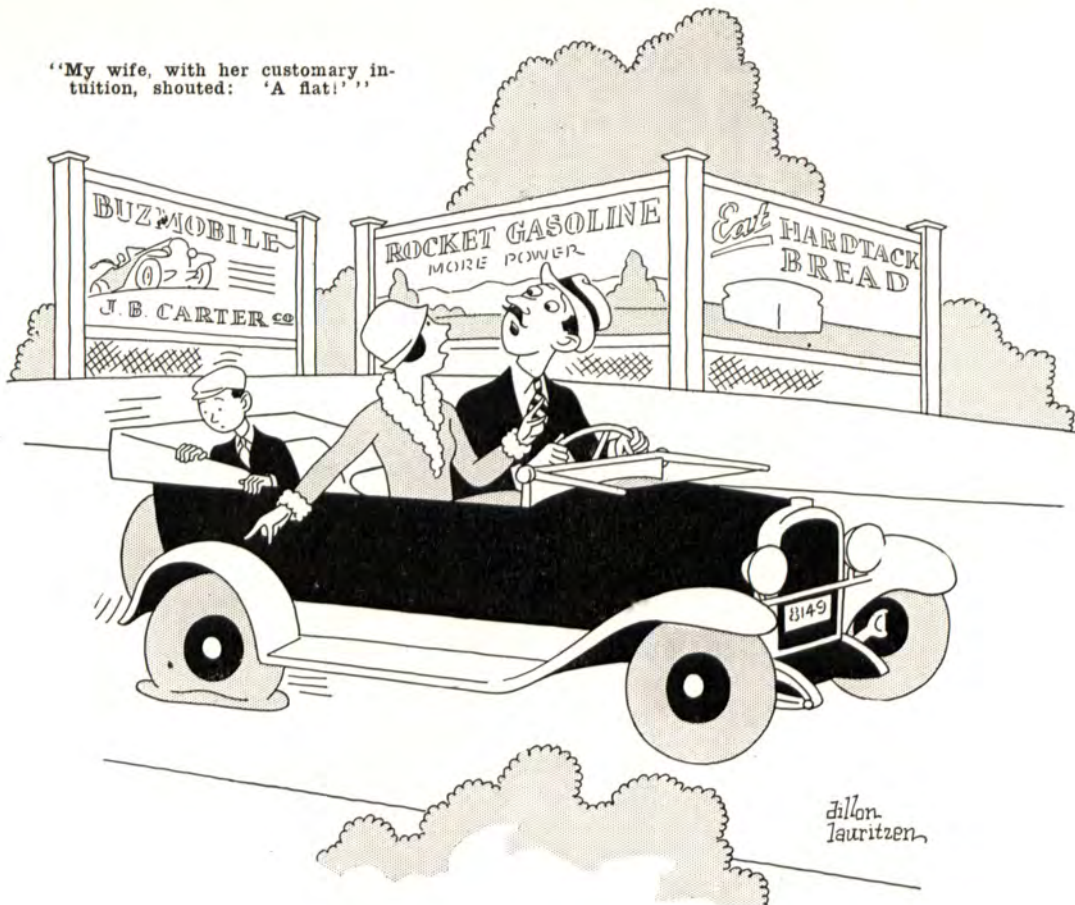
“Well, now that’s too bad,” said the manager. “If your cigarette lighter was out of order, we

could help you. But nothing else.”

Still I telephoned. A tenth was a bear at recovering tops, an eleventh could re-nickel your radiator shell so it would dazzle pedestrians, making them easier prey, and a twelfth could turn out a wonderful fender straightening job.

By this time I had run out of patience and change, so I hiked wearily back to the car. Imagine my surprise to see my wife putting the spare tire on the wheel. As soon as she had tightened the last lug and taken the jack from under the axle, I asked her how she did it.

“Just as you were leaving I remembered you told me yesterday you always keep the spare tire lock key in the front side pocket. I shouted to you to come back but you didn’t answer. I went ahead and changed the tire.”





Your Club

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President's Message

Hello All,

Thank you Marlin, for putting on an informative Model A shock seminar. He also organized and led us on a tour to two museums...the original McDonalds and a military museum. We invited other clubs to join us on this tour (I hope to do more of these joint clubs tours in the future). We had a total of 10 Model A's and two moderns join us. If you were unable to join us, I hope to see you on the next one. I have been asked if we might be able to find a new place to have our Christmas party this year. So, during our 2 month break would be a good time to scout out and report back to the club your thoughts. Things to keep in mind while you're looking is we need a separate room big enough just for our club and reasonable prices. If anyone finds a potential place, we can vote on it when we come back in September.

As a final note, Rudy is in need of parts (especially brass parts) for our award winning car show trophies.

Food for thought: "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken." and I'm driving my Model A (I added the last part).

- James Dent

Doug
OBA's 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

It isn't the big pleasures that count the most; it is making a big deal out of the little ones. – Jean Webster

Often, we are so busy trying to create epic summer adventures or events that we miss the enjoyment of blowing bubbles with our grandchildren or the dog. Slow down! Maybe this isn't the summer of epicness. But maybe it's the summer we will remember as one of the best.

We have many birthday babies in this month of June. Wishing them all a celebratory day!

Happy Birthday to:

Cal Knauer
Steve Horowitz
Rick Perez
Linda Brandt
Wayne Epley

Tracy Lech
Ann Griffin
Charlene Skog
Dieter Lange
Larry Schwieger
Rosanne Diller

Happy Anniversary to:

Ed & Beth Ballantyne
Mike & Diana Smith
Dotie & Larry Schwieger



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Meeting Minutes

by Linda Brandt



Orange Blossom A's, May 1, 2024

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:31
- Pledge of Allegiance: Doug Diller
- Members Present: 14
- Guests: none

Director's Reports

- President's comments: Doug talked about the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Five Model A's were able to attend Gerry Miller's funeral. His family sent a thank you to the club for attending.
- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt - Linda thanked Charlene for taking notes at the April meeting. April minutes in the newsletter approved with the addition of meeting adjourned time as 7:30.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy (not present) no report
- Newsletter Report: Steve Lech asked for any suggestions. Doug suggested that we add asking for anyone that can help provide refreshments for June and October.
- 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 Carburetor Tech Seminar, May 11; Inland Empire Military Museum, May 19; Corona Heritage Antiques with Temecula A's, June 1; Mystery Tech Seminar, June 22; Club Picnic at Hunter Hobby Park, July 14; and club breakfast at Corky's in Perris, July 27.
 - There are 3 potential Veteran's Day parades that we could attend. Riverside, Redlands, and Jurupa Valley. The club decided to register for the Riverside City parade which is scheduled for November 9, and James Cameron said that he would check into registering for the Redlands parade which will most likely be November 11.
- Car Show Update: Steve Lech - Steve has flyers and sign up sheets ready for all shifts. Rick needs more trophy toppers.
- Merchandise Report: Carole Bromley - no report

Presentation:

- Linda Brandt shared a collection of "Good Old Days" magazines. This is a nostalgia magazine that has articles sent in by readers and reprints old advertisements and cartoons. Linda's collection ranges from the 1970s to 1990s.

Old/New Business:

- If anyone is interested in giving input to SCRG, contact Doug and he will let you know when the Zoom meetings will be. An article about the car show trophies written by Steve and Gary will be coming out in MAFCA's Flying Quail Newsletter.

Opportunities

- Model A Driver: Ken Skogg
- Name Tag: Tom Jahn (not present)
- Opportunity Drawing: Ed Ballantyne
- Refreshments provided by Knowlton and Diller
- Meeting Adjourned @ 7:27



Vintage Car Show Date Selected!

October 26 Riverside Elk's Lodge

SPREAD THE WORD!!

We need EVERYONE (that means you too) to spread the word about the Vintage Car Show!

If you are going to another club's meeting, or a car show, please consider taking some fliers with you and handing them out. **If you need fliers, please contact Steve Lech at rivcokid@gmail.com.**

Let's ALL make this a successful event for the Orange Blossom Model A Club!!

Please use the flier on the next page to register, or give it to someone who needs one!!





Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Show Car Check-in: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Show Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Elks' Lodge

6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside CA

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50-50 Opportunity Drawings

Food Available for Purchase

Show is Free to Spectators!



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- REGISTRATION FEE received before Oct. 12 - \$40 per show car (incl FREE show T-Shirt)
- REGISTRATION FEE after OCT. 12 & DAY OF SHOW - \$45 per show car (Buy show T-Shirt While They Last)
- For more info & map: <https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside>

PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 12, 2024

PRINT CLEARLY – ONE CAR PER FORM – Confirmation will only be emailed

✂ **Mail form to:** Riverside Orange Blossom A's – 2233 Karendale Circle, Riverside CA 92506
Enclose Check or Money Orders payable to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's

Participant Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: () - _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Shirt Size (circle only one) S M L XL XXL XXXL Trailering show car? YES NO (trailer parking is not guaranteed)

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

TERMS: The show organizers ("organizers") reserve the right to choose and adjust car classes and awards. Cars will be placed in classes by the organizers based on their model year and/or other class requirements. Trophies and awards will be announced at approximately 1:00pm. Winners must be present at announcement to win. Organizers reserve the right to refuse registration for vehicles that do not meet the show car classification requirements. All such mail registrations will be returned. There will be 50-50 opportunity drawings throughout the day and the winner will claim 50% of the opportunity donations collected for the event. The opportunity drawings will occur approximately on each hour from 10:00 – 1:00 pm. The winner must be present at announcement to win.

In consideration for accepting my entry to this car show, I the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin and assignees, do hereby waive any and all rights and claims against any person, persons, and/or organizations affiliated with the Orange Blossom Vintage Car Show. I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless, the Riverside/Corona Orange Blossom A Ford Model A Club, Riverside Elks Lodge, Model A Ford Club of America, any and all other related sponsors and organizations from any claims, actions, damages, liability and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees on account of injury to my person/property, or results in death, while observing, or participating in any way in this car show including travel to and from this event. This registration form must be signed above as part of the registration to be accepted.



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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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Items needed



We need a second person/family to help with refreshments for the October meeting. If you can assist, please let Doug Diller know at: OBAModelA@gmail.com

Trophy Toppers

Trophy guru Rick Perez needs used vintage auto parts for trophy toppers. Brass-era stuff is especially needed. Any small Model A or other vintage auto parts, working or not, and used for trophy toppers. If you have some stuff lying around and want to give them to a good cause instead of just tossing them, please let Rick know at: OBAModelA@gmail.com)



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

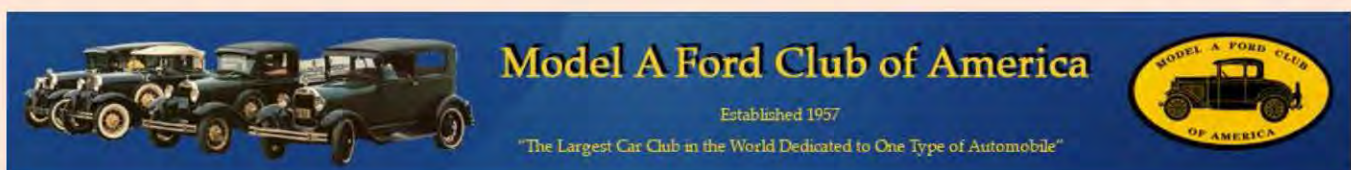
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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

July - August = No Meeting

September 4, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

October 2, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

October 26 - VINTAGE CAR SHOW!!

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