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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



The Heat is on but the OBAs are Still Busy!

It's been a scorcher these past several weeks, but despite having no meetings during the summer, the Orange Blossom Model A Club has kept busy as we get closer to fall, cooler temperatures, and our annual Vintage Car Show! So, what did we do during July?

On Sunday July 14, we had our annual OBA picnic at the Hunter Hobby Park in the city's northeast industrial area. Hunter park is known as the headquarters of the Riverside Live Steamers club and they were running their trains (as they always do).



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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 06.01.2024a



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\$\$ = Entry Fee

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
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.	Marlin Brandt Home – starting at 8am. Donuts will be provided, please bring your own coffee/drink and folding chair.	Marlin
24 (Sat)	TOUR – Norton Air Force Base Museum Driving tour to this small regional museum. NO FEE / FREE Entry.	Departing at 9am from Fritts Ford. Lunch in route on the return trip at Woody’s Classic Grill in Grand Terrace	Marlin
SEP			
4 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
7 (Sat)	TOUR – Motte History Museum The museum includes a collection of cars – donuts and coffee will be provided.	Departing at 10am from the Mission Grove IHOP parking lot. Lunch following at Angie’s Diner in nearby Hemet.	Steve H & Rick P
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
OCT			
2 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
12 (Sat)	TOUR – To Be Determined TBD information	TBD departure location and time.	Jeff & Norma
26 (Sat)	CLUB CAR SHOW Riverside Elks Club – time and other details to follow.	Volunteers to run the show are needed. Please see Steve L.	Steve L
NOV			
6 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** NEXT MEETING JANUARY 2025 **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm Club elections – 2025 officers, board members and directors. Last chance to sign up for the club Christmas party and to pay 2024 membership dues and be included in the first edition of the club roster.	Doug
9 (Sat)	TOUR – Riverside Veterans Day Parade Parade and Expo!	More details to follow	Richard / Marlin
DEC			
7 (Sat)	Club Christmas Luncheon \$\$\$ You must have signed up and pre-paid for this event in advance before the deadline at a club meeting – See Jeff Collopy to pay.	12:00 – 3pm Zacatecas Café - 3767 Iowa Ave, Riverside. \$30.00 per person. More details are forthcoming.	Richard
JAN 2025			
1 (Wed)	NEW YEAR DAY TOUR Invite from Temecula A’s	Details forthcoming	Rudy Perez
8 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** MOVED OUT 1 WEEK DUE TO THE 1st NEW YEAR HOLIDAY **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	TBD



Club Activities

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Many of our members were able to hitch a ride on one of the trains and take a tour of the large park from the seat of a small live steam-powered train! In addition, we parked our cars for all to see and enjoyed our own picnic lunches under some of the trees at Hunter Park. A great day was had and we will keep this an annual event in collaboration with the Riverside Live Steamers!

On July 23, several of the OBA members got together for lunch at Maria's Kitchen in the Woodcrest area. The special guest was our own Dieter Lange who is still recuperating but keeping up with his Model A. Congrats to Dieter!

August will be a month of happenings for the OBAs - look for our recap in the next newsletter!



Phil, Dieter, Ronnie, Doug, Ken, Dennis, Jeff, Mike, and Bob at Maria's Kitchen



(Left) Ronnie and Judy get ready to roll on a Riverside Live Steamer train.



(Above) Jeff and the rest of the gang are headed out on the rails.



Your Club

Officers

President = Doug Diller
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 Secretary = Linda Brandt

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 Christmas Party = Richard Knowlton

President's Message

Hello OBA members,

We did not have a lot going on in the very hot month of July. Too hot to drive Model A's anyway! One thing we did do was have a picnic at Hunter Hobby Park. We sat under the comfort of the large shady trees. It was nice to enjoy lunch, sit and talk with fellow members. We also were able to ride the live steam engine trains and tour their workshop. 4 Model A's, 4 moderns and about 15 people attended. A good time was had by all. Hope to see more of you next year when we do it again. Thank you Marlin for arranging this event. I also want to say thank you to Jeff Collopy for arranging a lunch outing with Dieter. Ten of us got together at Maria's kitchen. It was great to see Dieter and I think he enjoyed getting out, even for a short time. I think we will try to get together for a weekday lunch more often. I hope to see you all when we start back up with our monthly meetings in September. Don't forget, if you

have a suggestion for a new place for our Christmas party please let me know. Thanks

Food for thought: "Food is good, but food with friends is better."

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

Sunshine report August 2024

Summer is the perfect time for making special memories. Hope you're all out there traveling, barbecuing, or just enjoying family and friends. These will be the best of times. We have several of our Model A friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the summer months.

For the month of July: Birthdays: Anniversaries:

Matthew Horowitz
Shirley Messenger
Rebecca Pester
Bob Simpson
Betty Descoteaux
Bob Holmes
Ken Skog
Rafael Cardenas
Sidney Williamson

Dennis Ruh & Carol Bromley
Ken & Charlene Skog
Get well messages to:
Phil Emerson (Back Surgery)
Beverly Simpson

For the month of August: Birthdays:

Jeff Collopy
Richard Knowlton
Ken Phillips
Susan Knowlton
Barry O'Connor
Dee Perez
Beth Ballantyne
Ann Holmes

Anniversary:

Doug & Roseann Diller

As always if you know of one of our members going through surgery or just needs a pick me up, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you



Vintage Car Show Approaching!

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

JUDGING & TROPHIES

50-50 Opportunity Drawings

Food Available for Purchase

Show is Free to Spectators!



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- **1900 – 1959 VINTAGE STOCK AND SLIGHTLY MODIFIED vehicles**
(Sorry - NO hot rods, muscle cars or race cars)
- 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 Trailing 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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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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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

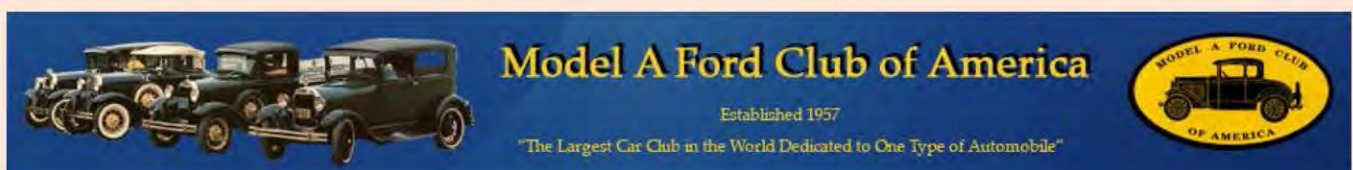
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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

September 4, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

October 2, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

October 26 - VINTAGE CAR SHOW!!

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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