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THE ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



Dues are Due!!!

Please see Page 12 for the renewal form.

Board Members Needed!

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

**Treasurer
Board Member**

We need you!

If you are interested please email:
OBAModelA@gmail.com

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 10.01.24



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\$\$ = Entry Fee

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2025!!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER CHOOSING A MONTH IN 2025 THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO PLAN EITHER A CLUB DRIVING TOUR AND/OR A TECH SEMINAR IN 2025. I WILL HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE UPCOMING MEETINGS OR YOU CAN EMAIL ME AT MARLIN.BRANDT@YAHOO.COM AT THIS TIME, I ONLY NEED YOU TO PICK A MONTH AND TYPE OF EVENT. IF YOU HAPPEN TO CHOOSE JAN, FEB OR MARCH, I WILL NEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS BY NOVEMBER IN ORDER TO GET THEM OUT IN ADVANCE TO THE CLUB MEMBERS. PLEASE ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
OCT			
2 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	Doug
6 (Sun)	TOUR – Cheech Marin Art Museum	Fritts Ford – Departing at 10:30am for a late breakfast/early lunch at famous Tio's Taco's in Riverside followed by a visit to the nearby Cheech Marin Art Museum.	Jeff & Norma
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!	Bring your car all spruced up and with parade décor if you have it. We are registered - More details to follow as we get closer	Marlin
DEC			
7 (Sat)	Club Christmas Luncheon \$\$ You must have signed up for this event in advance and paid 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	Annual New Year Day tour. Usually, an extravaganza!!! Details forthcoming	Rudy Perez – President Temecula A's
8 (Wed)	Club Meeting *** 2025 MOVED OUT 1 WEEK DUE TO THE 1st NEW YEAR HOLIDAY **	Fritts ford – Second floor 6:30pm	TBD



OBA's Say Goodbye to Longtime Member Jim Johnson



(May 6, 1934 - September 24, 2024)

No one could have been a member of the Orange Blossom Model A Club and not known Jim Johnson. His red sport coupe graced many tours and meetings, and of course several Cars and Coffee get-togethers.

Jim was an asset to the club from almost the beginning, and while he didn't stick exclusively to Model As, he was a wealth of information both about the cars and also about car lots here in Riverside. For those who don't know, Jim's father Harold was a partner in the old Warren-Anderson Ford dealership in town, and Jim was part of that and also IH Tractors and Jeeps.

At his daughter's request, five of us drove our Model As to Jim's funeral on October 16, and our cars were joined by one of Jim's favorite, his bright yellow Jeepster.

Rest in Peace, Jim.



(Above) - Longtime OBA member Jim Johnson with his 1931 Sport Coupe.



(Left) - Jim in one of his many other old cars.



(Below) - OBA Model As and Jim's Jeepster lined up for Jim's funeral.



Your Club

Officers

President = Doug Diller
 Vice President = Richard Knowlton
 Treasurer = Jeff Collopy
 Secretary = Linda Brandt

Board of Directors

Marlin Brandt
 Norma Collopy
 Dennis Ruh
 Ken Skog

Committee Directors

Facebook = Barry O'Conner
 MAFCA Restorer = Gary Struempf
 Member Roster = Debby Phillips
 Newsletter Editor = Steve Lech
 Sunshine = Norma Collopy
 Tours/Events = Marlin Brandt
 Website = Marlin Brandt
 Merchandise = Carol Bromley
 Vintage Car Show = Steve Lech
 Christmas Party = Richard Knowlton

President's Message

Hello OBA members,

I would like to start by giving a big congratulations to Gary Struempf for receiving his 50 year MAFCA pin. Actually, Gary has been a member for 55 years! Thank you Gary for all of your support and what you continue to do for MAFCA and our Orange Blossom A's. I would like to hear from any of you that have 30 or more years with MAFCA. I know you're out there.

As some of you may know I went to the 2024 Model A days at the Gilmore museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. I had a great time, saw lots of Model A's and talked to a lot of very nice people. I highly recommend the trip if you ever have the chance.

Food for thought: "Help others without any reason and give without the expectation of receiving anything in return."

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
October 2024

Well, it sure does not feel much like fall weather. Hopefully once we get out of this 100+ degree weather everyone can get back to enjoying a beautiful fall drive, however it looks like we might have to wait just a bit longer. In the meantime, a trip to Oak Glen or down to the beach might be in order to escape this heat. We have several members with October birthdays that will probably be celebrating their special day indoors with family and friends. Let's all wish them a comfortable day as they celebrate. The following members celebrating this month are:

Birthdays

Pat McInturff
Steve Lech
Roywanna Struempf
Cecilia Stevenson
Mike Smith

Anniversaries

Phil and Shirley Messenger
Jim & Kathleen Treadwell
Nick and Sydne Adcock



Meeting Minutes

by Linda Brandt



Orange Blossom A's, October 2, 2024

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:30
- Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Knowlton
- Members Present: 24
- Guests: 1

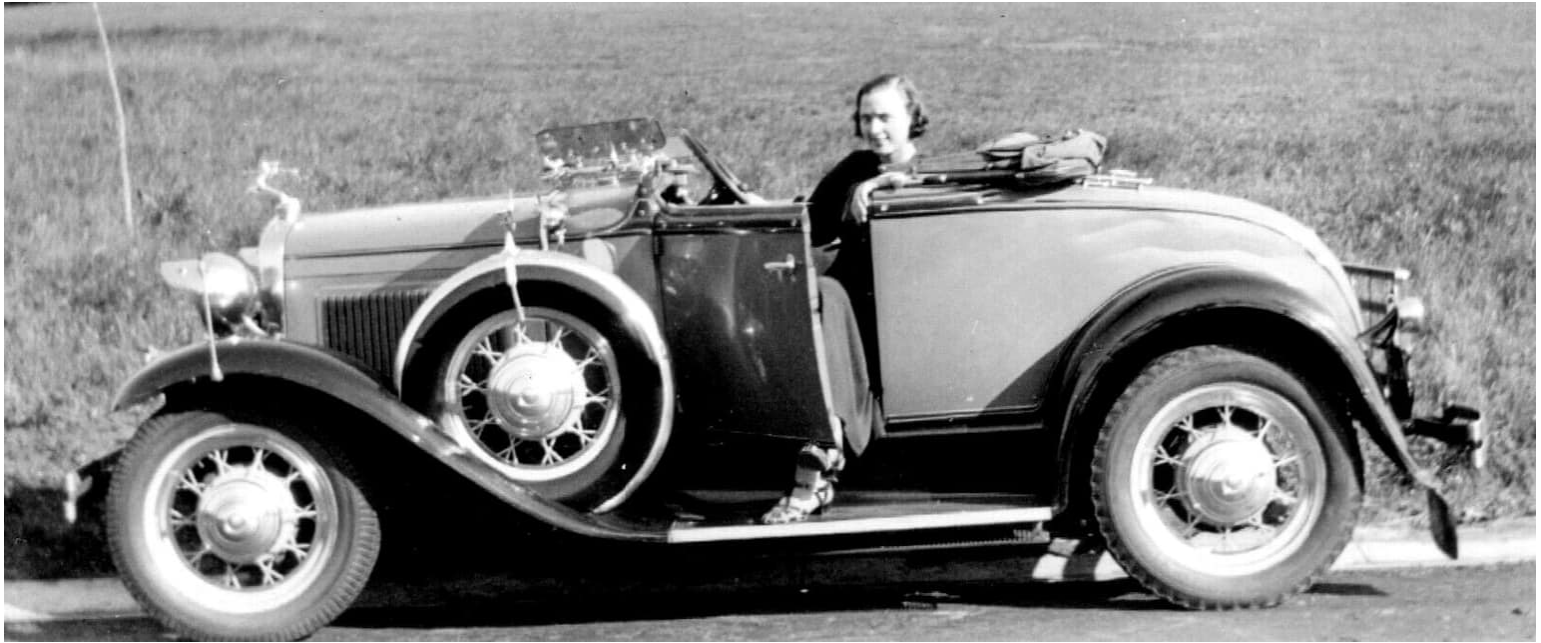
Director's Reports

- President's comments: Doug congratulated Gary Strumph on receiving his 50 year MAFCA membership pin.
- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt - Linda read minutes from the last meeting as they were not published in the newsletter
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Collopy - August beginning balance \$5324; income from dues and Xmas party. August Ending balance \$5585.91.
- Newsletter Report: Steve Lech - Don McCall is looking to sell his car. Information will come later in the newsletter.
- Sunshine Report: Norma Collopy October birthdays and anniversaries read. Jim Johnson passed away. Lloyd Seahoffer is in convalescent hospital.
- Directory Report: no report
- Tour Director:
 - Discussion of future events. Sign in sheets were provided for October, November, and December events. Cheech Marin Museum - October 6; Veterans Day Parade - Nov 9; Christmas Luncheon - Dec 7. Other events coming up: New Year's Day Tour with Temecula A's.
 - Looking for volunteers to organize tours and tech seminars for 2025.
 - Richard gave an update about the Christmas luncheon . Optional Secret Santa \$25 gift. Please label if gift is for a man/woman/unisex.
- Merchandise Report: Carole Bromley - no new information
- Car Show Update: Steve Lech - No update

Old/New Business:

- Marlin recommended and shared about an upholsterer in the area.
- Barry shared information about a car show in Redlands Sylvan Park October 12, benefiting Lighthouse for the Blind.
- Doug thanked Barry for serving as president several years ago to keep the club going.





Presentation:

- Jeff Westley volunteered to manage a tool lending program. Items will be listed in a spreadsheet that Jeff will manage and club members could contact other members to borrow the tool. Agreements would be between the lender and the borrower. Spreadsheet will be updated as needed and published on the website.

Model A questions/advice

- Jeff Westley has wheels available for free to anyone who would like them.
- Gary suggested that we implement a way to let members know what parts are available and/or needed. Steve agreed to publish any information in the newsletter as long as he receives it by the 10th of each month
- Doug shared that he went to Model A days at the Gilmore Museum and that they plan to expand the Model A museum in the near future.
- There was some discussion about people driving long distances in their Model As such as to this year's national tour of Civil War battlefields
- Gary asked for advice on disposing of large amounts of oil.

Opportunities

- Model A Driver: Wayne Epley
- Name Tag: Tom Jahn (not present)
- Opportunity Drawing: Brandt
- Refreshments provided by
- Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30



Members' Cars for Sale: 1930 Model A Roadster Pickup



1930 Roadster pickup. Older restoration. Run good and is ready for touring. Has Mitchell transmission and modern shocks for front, need to be installed. Interior and top are in good condition. Asking \$18,000.00 or best offer. Christine Wood, Riverside, Ca. (951)858-1648.





Members' Cars for Sale: 1931 Model A Tudor Sedan



1931 Tudor sedan - Black with blue pin stripes – in excellent condition. Always garaged. Upholstery is in good shape. Current owner is 3rd owner – the 2nd owner refurbished it. Pushbutton starter. 12v system. Whitewall tires. Located in Riverside, CA - \$18,000 - Questions directed to Don McCall – 951-780-5252. (Always maintained (during Don's ownership) by longtime Model A mechanic Dieter Lange of the Orange Blossom Model A Club).



If There Were No Floorboards, Would You Drive as You Do?

(Originally published in Touring Topics, July, 1927 - Part 1)

You press a pedal here and a pedal there. You snap a switch and move a lever. Frequently you do several things in combination, sometimes skillfully—sometimes otherwise. You are quite a busy person at the wheel and you seem to be doing things with full knowledge of what's happening under the floor boards.

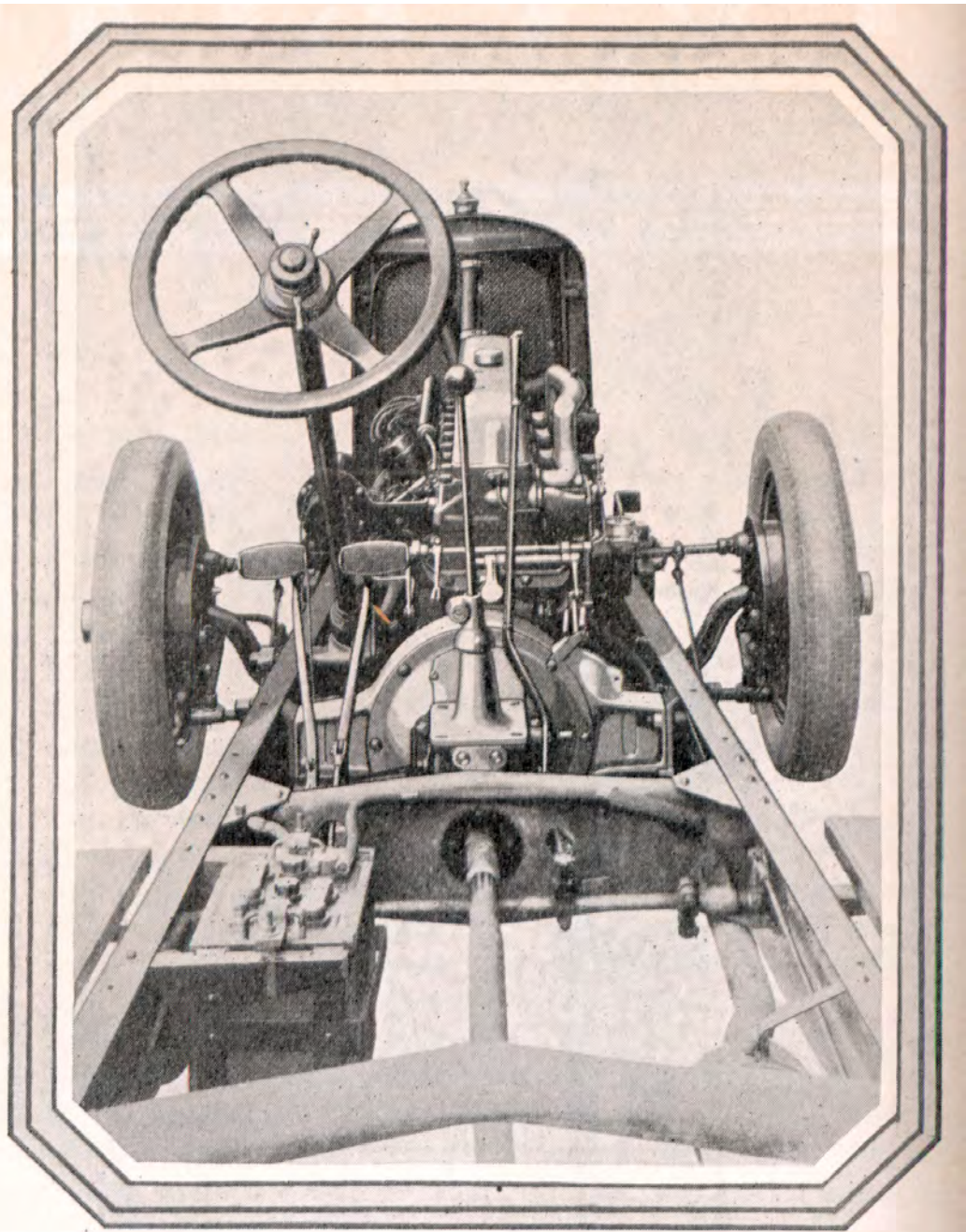
But do you really know? Isn't it a sort of mechanical process born of habit?

When you were learning to drive—if you were like many other millions—your instructor kept telling you to press out the clutch when you wanted to shift gears. Your natural inclination was to leave the clutch just as it was and shift to suit yourself. Constantly he warned against that natural inclination until, finally, you decided that his way was right. Rather you found that it became easier for you to press out the clutch before shifting because it was becoming a new habit with you. Today you do it instinctively.

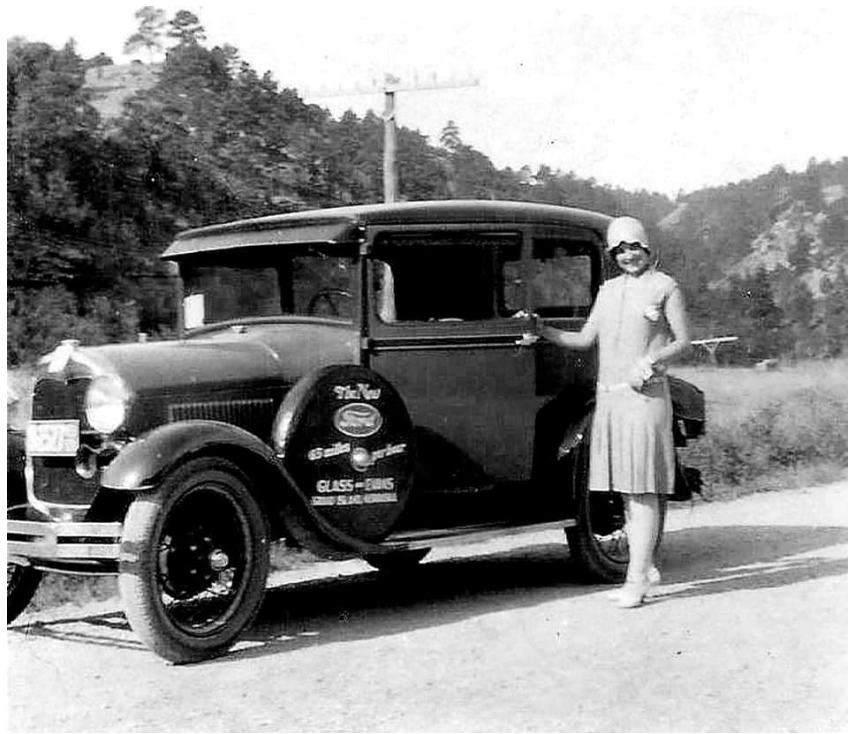
Do you do it consciously upon any rare occasion? Does your mind ever center on the reasons behind your act? Do you ever rip up the floor boards and take a look at the whole process?

Everything becomes so much more intelligible when the works are exposed. Even the seasoned motorist who has followed automobiles since Dobbin first got scared out of his senses finds it something of a revelation to drive a car minus the usual coverings. Get behind the wheel of a stripped chassis and see.

Better still (because it's more practical), take up the floor boards of your car and drive it for a half hour. The clutch of the modern car is encased so there is no danger of your getting a foot mixed up in the works. The exhaust pipe runs all the way out to the rear of the car so that there will be no fumes to endanger you. As a matter of fact what you will learn through this half hour jaunt will be one of the greatest safeguards in your driving. For you will drive more skillfully, more understandingly!



Does your car look this way to you when you drive it, or are the movements of pedals and levers just an automatic process trimmed in floor mats and upholstery?



I recommended this plan to a friend of mine who was having trouble shifting gears. I suspected that the real trouble was his inability to feed gas properly. The first thing he complained about when the floor boards were taken up was the fact that he had no way of resting his heel when he wanted to operate the accelerator.

“Doesn’t that suggest to you the advantage of using the hand control of the throttle now and again ?” I asked him. “I’ve always suspected that you were an ‘accelerator driver’ ; now I know it.”

“What do you mean by an ‘accelerator driver’ ?” he queried. “I’m no speeder and you know it.”

“It isn’t a question of carelessness in the top ranges of speed but in the lower ones,” I explained. “You are careful to avoid pressing the accelerator all the way down to the floor, but you’re careless about how you handle it during the first stage of its movement. In fact, you use it too much at this point. That’s why I called you an ‘accelerator driver.’ You should use the hand control more.”

This was promptly demonstrated to him, for he was now obliged to use the hand control. Of course he could have poised his foot on the accelerator and struggled to feed gas steadily, but he found the hand control proposition easier. And he found it a revelation, too ! First he pulled the small lever on the steering post up until the car was traveling at the desired speed. Then he pulled the lever down. In doing so he pulled it all the way to the point where it stopped. Then when he went to shift he did the job so noiselessly that he couldn’t believe his ears.

“It shifted all right then,” he decided. “How do you account for it ?”

“Just your intelligent use of the hand control of the throttle,” I told him. “Evidently you have been driving with the lever moved up slightly so that the engine has been idling too fast. That makes your clutch and clutch gear of the transmission revolve too fast when you want to shift. It accounts for your bad shifting to date. If you had been accustomed to using the hand throttle the annoyance would not have happened.”

Immediately he was sold on the idea of driving with the curtain raised on the works. One thing he noticed in particular was the speed the engine ran even when the throttle was closed to the idling position. With the boards in place and the floor covering down, the noise was so deadened that he was obliged to watch the flickering ammeter indicator to know whether the engine was running when waiting in noisy traffic.

Continued next month

Ford Model A Club of America
Riverside / Corona – Orange Blossom A's
2233 Karendale Circle
Riverside, CA 92506



September 5, 2024

To: Club Members

Subject: 2025 Membership Renewal

Membership dues. Membership dues are due no later than December 1, 2024. This will assure that you will continue to receive our club newsletter and are included in the new club directory that is created in December.

Your club membership renewal is easy. Just cut out the renewal notice below, add any membership information that needs to be updated and give or mail it to me. Make check payable to: Orange Blossom A's. Please do not send cash. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Collopy, Club Treasurer – 2018-2024
(951) 776-7660 or email: jcollopy@yahoo.com

 **Cut and return with your renewal** _____

STEP 1 - Choose your renewal type: One Member \$20.00 Two Members \$25.00

STEP 2 – Confirm your membership information, write in updates if needed.

Primary member: ANY CHANGES?	Secondary (Spouse) member: ANY CHANGES?
Name: Address: Home phone: Cell phone: Email address:	Name: Home phone: Cell phone: Email address:
MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) membership number:	

STEP 3 – Mail this form and check to:
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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

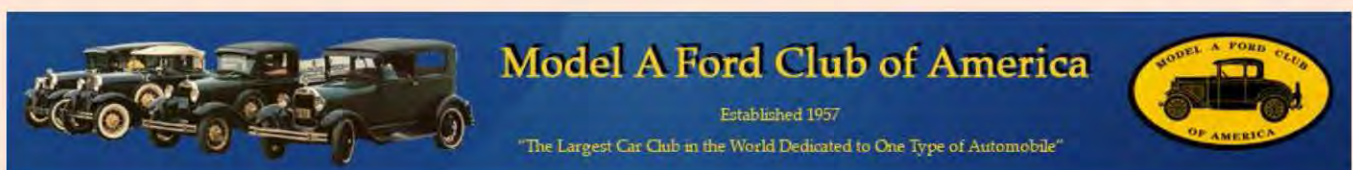
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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

October 2, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

November 6, 2024 = Regular Monthly Meeting - Fritts Ford

December 7, 2024 = OBA Xmas Party!! (Note - No Regular Monthly Meeting)

Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club

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