The Blossom Trail a's Model A Ford Club of America, Reedley chapter

The Fuel Line Connection



September 2025 Est. 1994



Don Williams in his new '31 Slant Window Sedan.

From the President's Pen

Hello fellow Model Aers!

We are in the month of September and we are ready to get rid of the summer heat. This month we would like to say Happy Birthday to Sandra Eitzen on the 14th and Happy Anniversary to Arnold and Susan Chakerian on September 20th.

Lots going on this month. On Friday, Sept. 5th is the Fish Fry at Tollhouse Market and Grill from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 13th is the Swap Meet and All Ford Car Show in Orcutt sponsored by the Santa Maria A's. Sept. 20th is our Kingsburg Historical Park tour and BYO picnic lunch hosted by Arnold Chakerian. **Just**

added-Saturday, Sept. 27 we're invited by Sierra Club to participate in the Caruthers Fair Parade @9, lunch to follow and free admission to the Caruthers Fair, Sept. 29th to Oct. 3rd is the CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang.

That's all for now. Reminder to the Executive Committee to meet at the Tapley's on Thurs., Sept. 4th at 7 pm. See you on Sept. 9th for our Club meeting at 7:00 PM at the Mobile Home Park Clubhouse. Bring a raffle prize and a cultural advancement to share.

God Bless You, President Alan

**About the picture: Don is happy with his newest Model A, this 1931 Slant Window Sedan which he purchased on lucky August 13th. He has a few things to do to make it street legal, safe and dependable but he's very excited to get started.



Peggy Riley is our **Sunshine** Representative. She needs to know when members are ill, have surgery, or are in the hospital. Please call her at (559) 259-6106 if you have something to share or request prayer. Everyone is encouraged to call or send a card to anyone who misses a meeting.

Keep these folks in your thoughts : Sandra Eitzen, Barbara Tapley & Peggy & Jim Riley-as they endure continuing medical treatment

SEPTEMBER Calendar: Fairs and Allergies

Sept 01	Labor Day
Sept 05	Fresh Fish Fry at Tollhouse Market 3-5 pm.\$20.00 per person, call Todd
Sept 09	Blossom Trail A's Meet@ KRMHC Clubhouse @7:00 PM
Sept 13	Swap Meet @7 & All Ford Car Show @9 in Old town Orcutt (Santa Maria)
Sept 14	Sandra Eitzen-birthday
Sept 20	Arnold's Tour to Kingsburg Historic Park @10:00 AM, BYO picnic lunch
Sept 20	Arnold & Susan Chakerian-anniversary
Sept 27	Multi Club Trip to Caruthers Parade, lunch and Fair.
Sept 29-Oct 0	3 CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang

OCTOBER Calendar: Football and Harvest Festivals

Oct 02	Phyllis Borba-birthday
Oct 12	Don Williams-hirthday

Oct 14	Blossom Trail A's Meet @ KRMHC Clubhouse @7:00
Oct 16	Peggy Riley-birthday
Oct 18	Todd Riley Multi-Club Food and Tour @?? in ??
Oct 19	Todd & Irene Riley-anniversary



Blossom Trail A's General Meeting August 12, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Alan Borba. Arnold Chakerian led the club in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Alan Borba, Arnold Chakerian, Jerry & Sandra Eitzen, Robert Fransen, Gordon Oakley, Jim & Peg Riley, Todd Riley, Robert & Barbara Tapley, Tamyra Tomlinson, Ken & Marilyn Wall, Linda & Don Williams.

Birthdays this month: Fred Dupras-4, Jerry -18, Linda W.-19, Rachel F-26, Robert F.-31.

Anniversaries this month: Arnold and Susan Chakerian-20, Alan and Phylis Borba-27 and Ken and Marilyn Wall-28 (66 yrs.!).

<u>Minutes</u>: The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved as printed in the newsletter.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Arnold presented Linda Roushall's unofficial report showing raffle income from several meetings. There have been no other changes since the last meeting; the unofficial report was accepted. Linda R. will give her official report at the September meeting.

- Old Business: Arnold found a white "bomber" style jacket. The link will be shared in the next newsletter. Remember, jackets must be lined to be embroidered.
- The Executive Board plans to meet soon to review the member surveys regarding the club bylaws about member participation in events (club tours, regional and national events), club meetings, and fundraisers. They will make a report at the September meeting.
- Alan said everything is going well for the 2026 Selma Swap Meet.
- Peggy R. gave a report of the ice cream social event hosted by the Charter Oaks, August 9th at the Bockman's. Everyone really enjoyed rootbeer floats and/or ice cream served from the A & W truck (created from a vintage Milk truck) in the shade of a large oak. Members from five different clubs were present.

- There is a Santa Maria A's SWAP meet at 7:00 am on September 13th in conjunction with the All Ford Car show in Orcutt which begins at 9:00 am.
- The 2025 CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang is September 29th -October 3rd, spots are filling up. Hotel prices are good through September 15th. Several members plan to attend.

New Business: Alan reminded the club of the Auto Swap August 30 at the Paso Robles fairgrounds. Gates open at 7 am. This SWAP is for all makes and models of cars. Todd R. shared information about a "Fish Fry" tour Friday, September 5th at Tollhouse Market. The Model Aer's will have the restaurant from 3-5 pm. If you want to caravan meet at 168 and Temperance at 2:30. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00/person. Look for the flier in the next newsletter. See Todd R. for more information.

<u>Technical Advisor</u>: Jerry did not have anything to share.

- <u>Tours</u>: Todd reminded the club that the ladies' luncheon sponsored by the Sierra Club is Saturday, August 16th. Ladies can contact Irene R. if they have not RSVPed and still wish to attend. The men will go to Coney Island Pizza after dropping off the ladies at Mimi's Cafe. Contact Todd R. if you need more information about the meeting location to caravan to Mimi's.
- Don and Linda W. are hosting the August 23rd breakfast at Kady's Kitchen in Kingsburg. We are to be at the restaurant by 8:30 am.
- Arnold will host a tour to the Kingsburg Historical Park on September 20th at 10:00 am. Members are to bring their own picnic lunch.
- Tomlinson's announced a date change for the Turkey Run in November. It will be November 22 nd . More details will come at the next meeting.

<u>Sunshine</u>: Peggy shared that everyone is doing fine. Remember to contact her if you are ill.

Fuel Line: Linda W. reported there was no new news.

<u>Historian:</u> Alan stated the books are up to date. He will bring another album to the next meeting.

<u>CCRG</u>: Those attending this year's CCRG, the hotel prices are good through September 15th.

MAFCA: Jim indicated that there was no new news.

Calendar reminder: Next meeting, September 9th, No one has refreshments for Sept.

Cultural Advancement: Alan and Arnold both shared cultural advancement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tamyra Tomlinson, Secretary





The August 9th Ice Cream Social at Dave Bockman's estate near Ivanhoe. Attended by Alan Borba, Gordon Oakley, Jim & Peggy Riley, Todd & Irene Riley, Robert & Barbara Tapley & Don &

Linda Williams from the Blossom Trail A's Club. But there were 5 Clubs invited and about 64 folks there enjoying root beer floats, desserts and lots of Model A talk in the shade.



Don & Linda Williams' August 23rd Breakfast at Kady's Kitchen in Kingsburg

We met at Kady's Kitchen at 1701 Simpson Street in Kingsburg on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 23</u> at <u>8:30 am</u>. Thirteen happy breakfasters had a good visit and a good breakfast. We saw 2 Model A's in the parking lot but it was already heading toward triple digits. Don showed everyone pictures of his new Model A sedan.. --Don & Linda Williams



August 16th. Ladies Luncheon at Mimi's Restaurant with Blossom Trail A's, Charter Oak A's, The Happy Honker Model A Club and the Sierra Model A Club.















Some of the lovely ladies who attended the event. And the 3 winners of the Create a Hat contest, all from the Charter Oak Model A Club.

The Chauffeurs treated themselves to lunch at the Coney Island Grill after they dropped off their ladies at Mimi's for the Ladies Luncheon. The Ladies had one last photo shoot in front of the restaurant as they bid each other Adieu.





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... to join the Reedley Blossom Trail A's Model A Club

The Model A Ford Club of America is dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford and its era. Anyone with an interest in Model A's is welcome to attend our meetings and join the Reedley Chapter. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month in the Kings River Mobile Home Park Clubhouse at 1300 W. Olson, Reedley at 7:00 PM.

All members of the Blossom Trail A's are expected to also be members of MAFCA. For a MAFCA Membership, the application is available online at www.mafca.com. Just click on Join MAFCA!

Write to the Reedley Blossom Trail A's at P.O. Box 26, Reedley, CA 93654.

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Breakfasts. Tours and Refreshments for 2025

Month	Breakfast	Tour	Mee	ting Refreshments
January			1/9	Ken & Marilyn Wall
February	2/15 Eitzen breakfast at M & J's		2/13	Jerry & Sandra Eitzen
March	3/15 Selma Swap		3/11	Jim & Peggy Riley
April	4 /3, 4 & 5 CCRG Jamboree in Visalia		4/8	Alan Borba
May	Jim & Peggy Riley		5/13	Robert Fransen
June 6/21 T	odd- Red Caboose 8:30 A,Tapley's Ice Crean	n Social 6:30 P	6/10	Todd Riley
July	Roushall's		7/9	Rob & Barbara Tapley
August	Don & Linda Williams Breakfast @Kady's i	n Kingsburg	8/12	Don & Linda Williams
September	9/20 Kingsburg Historic Park & Picnic A	rnold Chakeriar	n 9/09	
October	Todd & Irene Riley		10/14	4 Arnold Chakerian
November	11/16 Tomlinson's Turkey Run		11/11	l The Tomlinson's
December	12/10 Christmas Dinner & Officer Install	ation	12/09	9 Christmas Party

Ford Model A Cooling System Back Flush - Yet Another Way

Danny Enos, Cuesta Crankers, San Luis Obispo, CA. October 2020.



Chemicals: 19-25oz size Dawn dish soap; 3 gallons of distilled water; 32oz bottle of NAPA's Macs #1400 Radiator Cleaner; 32oz bottle of NAPA's Macs #1300 Anti-Rust; Full strength Anti-freeze at your discretion. You still might find the #1400 and #1300 in the 14.5oz containers. They are good to use. Macs changed concentrations. The 14.5oz works same as 32oz.

Flush Adapter Boots: One 2" x 1 ½" Flex Coupling and one 1 ½" x 1 ½" Flex Coupling, and two 1 ½" PVC Bushings with a ½" threaded female end that accepts a garden hose. That's four pieces total. These items are available in your hardware store plumbing section. Insert the PVC bushings into the Couplings and tighten to make each Boot. Two garden hoses will also be required. This is an opportune time to replace radiator hoses and/or bose clamps if needed, as well as lubing the water pump before the cleaning.

Henry and Edsel left us a nifty, efficient cooling system. It works much better when it's clean, Over-lubricating the water pump, release of minerals from tap water, and rust work together to reduce its cooling efficiency. This guide offers a step by step procedure for grease removal, flushing, and system prep for your driving season.

- Start with grease removal. Add the Dawn pots and pans cleaner to your radiator and drive the car 15 or 20
 minutes to heat up the engine and circulate the degreaser, then drain the radiator. Note: Others have used
 Pinesol and other brands of cleaners. The idea is to use a good detergent to remove the large containments
 before proceeding.
- Fill the radiator with tap water and the #1400 cleaner. Drive the car enough to heat up the engine again and circulate the #1400, then drain. Phosphate is the important ingredient in the #1400 cleaner.
- 3. Radiator Flush: This is best done by first removing the hood and radiator support rods with the assistance of a helper, but not a must if you can handle it. Disconnect your upper and lower radiator hoses. Put the boots on the hoses first as follows. Screw the 2" x 1 ½" Adapter Boot onto the end of a garden hose and attach it to the radiator inlet neck at the top. This serves as your discharge hose. Confirm the radiator cap is on. Screw the 1 ½" x 1 ½" Boot onto the garden hose from your faucet and attach it to the bottom of the radiator. Run water until the discharge is clear, about two minutes. The purpose is to back flush the radiator from the bottom through the top, opposite normal flow with the pressure from your garden hose. A particularly good job can be done with the radiator out of the car, but is not a must.
- 4. Block Flush: Connect your water source hose to the 2" x 1 ½" Boot then connect that boot to the water outlet neck at the top of the head. Connect the 1 ½" x 1 ½" Boot and garden hose to the side inlet neck for your discharge. Turn on the water and flush until clear. Again, this is opposite normal flow.
- 5. Recall that system volume is 3 gallons. Reconnect all hoses. In this order, fill the radiator with the #1300 Radiator Anti-Rust, Anti-freeze (if using), and distilled water as needed. The #1300 is a rust and corrosion inhibitor, and surfactant such as Water Wetter, Purple Ice, etc. It will turn the water in the radiator a milky white. The radiator only needs to be filled to the point where the radiator tube openings in the bottom of the upper tank are covered. Do not fill to the top of the tank. The Model A radiator will often seek its own water level and will discharge the water in an over filled tank due to expansion as the engine heats up.

Tollhouse Fish Fry



Sept 05, 2025
Time: 3pm - 5pm
Tollhouse Market and Grill
28524 Tollhouse Rd.



Tollhouse, CA 93667

All of the Clubs will meet on Hwy 168,(Tollhouse Rd) about 1 mile Northeast of Academy Rd at the "Academy College Historical Marker (pullout)" at 2:00pm, Friday, Sept. 5th and then caravan

together to the "Tollhouse Market and Grill" \$20.00 per person







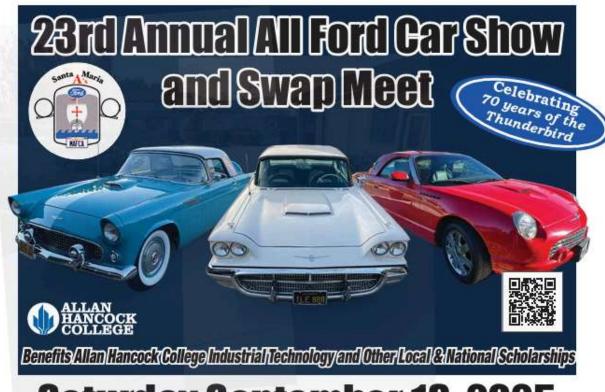


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Please RSVP with Todd Riley if you know you're going.



Saturday September 13, 2025

Car Show • 9 am-3 pm | Swap Meet 7 am

AWARDS • RAFFLE PRIZES • 50/50 • MUSIC • Non-Food Vendors Welcome!

ENTRY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: www.santamariamodelaclub.com

Old Town Orcutt

at the Orcutt Union Plaza • 201 S. Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455

Contact Jay McCord (805) 598-8133 • Curt Warner (805) 478-1231

*** It's time to once again select officers to serve our club. We should be selecting a Nominating Committee in September who will be calling you. Be prepared to say "Yes!" (a) -Editor ***

September 20th Kingsburg Historical Park Tour & lunch

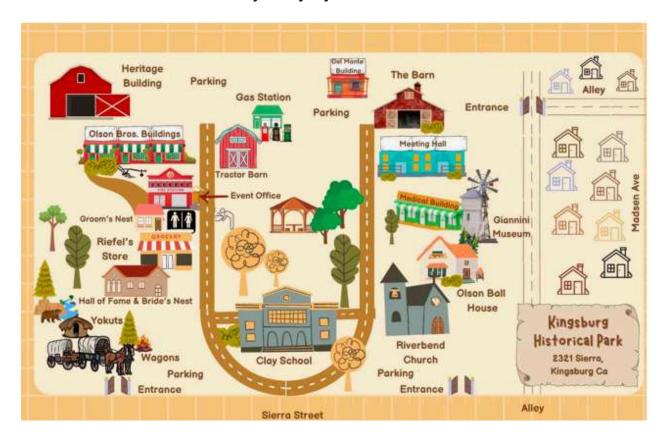
Bring: a picnic lunch and a lawn chair on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The tour begins at 10 AM at Kingsburg Historical Park, <u>2321 Sierra</u>, <u>Kingsburg</u>.

We will explore Kingsburg's vibrant history at *Kingsburg Historical Park's* many engaging exhibits while discovering the captivating stories of the town's past. Classic cars, a vintage gas station, bottle shop, and an old grocery store are just a few of the exhibits. Docents will be available.

We will enjoy our picnic lunches near the gazebo after touring the grounds.

Our hosts: Arnold & Susan Chakerian (559-393-1753 for questions).

Remember: Modern cars are always okay if you can't drive a Model A!



** We still need a volunteer to submit 75 word max. Club news to the Restorer magazine 5-6 times a year. Why not volunteer?

—Editor**



September Tour Caruthers Fair and Parade Saturday, September 27

The city of Caruthers is celebrating its 102nd Caruthers Fair, the longest running free gate fair in California, with a parade.

Sierra Chapter will again participate in the parade! The Reedley, Visalia, and Porterville clubs are also invited. The Caruthers Fair Committee is very excited to have our Model A's in their parade.

After the parade, we will have lunch at <u>Danny's Doughnuts</u>. (Charles highly recommends the hamburger, fries, & soda!) After lunch, enjoy the fair if you wish.

Gather: Chandler Airport (510 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno) or in Caruthers.

Meet at Chandler Airport @ 8 AM, Depart @ 8:15 AM Sharp!

Note: Caruthers is only 14 miles from Chandler Airport.

We will travel straight down Marks Ave. All of the Model A's will meet at the Caruthers High School parking lot on Tahoe Street just south of Raider Ave (near the football field). We will travel as a group to the parade staging area.

Parade Line Up: 9 AM, Parade starts at 10 AM

Questions? Contact our hosts: Charles & Virginia Diffey @ 559-304-8054

***When your wife is mad at you, go buy another Model A.

She'll still be mad and you'll be living in the garage; but, at least you'll have another car! —Thanks to the Sierra Club Flying Quail



September 29th to October 3rd Welcome to the <u>2025 CCRG Grand Tour</u> to Solvang



Please join us as we explore the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, the pristine coastline, and historic sites in Santa Barbara.

- Starting Monday Sept. 29th thru Fri Oct. 3rd our host hotel will the Corque Hotel 400 Alisal Road Solvang, Ca. Room rates are \$132 nightly plus tax. Phone 1-800-248-6274
- Registration is \$110 per person and includes the pizza party and Italian dinner.
- Here is the itinerary with lots of free time to enjoy this quaint Danish town:
- Monday Registration will open at 4pm. Pizza and salad will be served on the patio at 6pm (BYOB). A short drivers meeting will follow dinner.
- Tuesday your day to enjoy the sites. Lunch and dinner on your own.
- Wednesday Drive to Santa Barbara for tours. Groups will leave in about 15 minute intervals then rendezvous with
 the Santa Barbara Chapter for our tour. There will be several options for lunch and dinner to enjoy on your own.
- Thursday Another free day to visit the area and maybe make the short drive to the neighboring towns. We will be
 having a delicious Italian dinner at the Veteran's Hall. Social time is 5pm with dinner at 6pm. BYOB if inclined.
- Friday saving good bye until we meet again.

We hope you will join us for relaxing and fun Model A drives through this unique area. If you have any questions or need the registration form, please call (805) 748-5538

Dave and Cyndi Krill

Not-So-Famous Quotes from Famous People

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

—George Bernard Shaw

In ancient times, cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this!

-Author Terry Pratchett

The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them.

-Novelist Paulo Coelho

There is no such thing as "Just a cat."

-Author Robert A. Heinlein

What greater gift than the love of a cat.

-Charles Dicken

If cats understood technology and had opposable thumbs, they'd rule the world.

-Author Phyllis Cast



1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster

Older restoration been garaged and unused for several years. Selling for a family who are liquadating an estate. Car was restored around 1972 and still in lacquer paint. engine runs quiet, transmission does not howl, brakes function but need freshening up. Front end will need a little attention because of periodic wobble. It will need new tires and the windings in the horn repaired. This is a nice car that just needs some love and attention again. It be a great driver!

Upholstery is very nice and top is aged but in decent condition with boot. Paint has flaws and has age. Motivated seller so please contact if interested.

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Additional photos

available at https://www.charteroakas.org/swap-meet

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Back To School Wardrobe For The Stylish Schoolgirl Of 1930 And 1931

By Anne Neely-Beck

Milledgeville GA

Imagine crisp autumn mornings, the school bell ringing through golden leaves, and girls stepping out in tailored plaid dresses with collars starched just so. For shoes, polished Mary Janes complemented argyle knee socks, while a felt cloche hat fashionable and practical—framed their keen eyes as they hurried down the brick path. Each ensemble was thoughtfully chosen, reflecting the spirit of the times.

In an article in Woman's Home Companion, titled "Until She is Twelve" gave answers for mother's on how their girls should be dressed. Simplicity was the word used, keeping the line of the dress simple and making it with sturdy material. The fashion of these years balanced youthful exuberance with the refined elegance that marked the early years of the decade, blending practicality with a playful sophistication.

Although Montgomery Wards Catalog, thought different. They were producing dresses by mass and wanted to sell them for a reasonable price. Patterns played a starring role, with cheerful checks and gentle florals stitched on frocks that swung just below the knee for 8 to 12 set and above the knee for the younger set. Amidst the routine, each girl's wardrobe told a quiet story of family pride, resourcefulness, and the gentle hopefulness of a new school year.

If you made your girl's clothes you could follow the advice of Woman's Home Companion. You could also use many of the Needlecraft patterns found in most Needlecraft magazines of the era. I choose to talk about 1930-1931 because I have quite a collection of these years as our cars are all 1930's and 1931's.

Accessories added the finishing touch—a knitted scarf in a cheery hue, or perhaps a petite satchel slung across a determined shoulder, carrying books bound in brown paper and pencils sharp as ambition. As the air chilled, girls bundled in woolen coats with velvet collars and neat rows of buttons. Gloves, sometimes hand-stitched by mothers or older sisters, kept fingers warm on frosty mornings.

Below are examples for you to look at.

(Article and pictures from the MAFCA website. -Editor)

Montgomery Ward Catalog 1930-1931



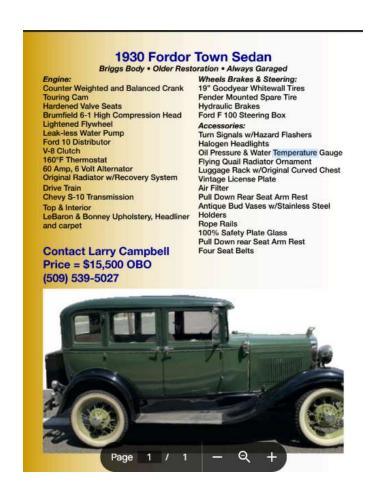








Pictorial Review 1930 School Frock patterns suitable for 8 to 16 years



Ron Barbour, a member of Modesto A's is looking for a "Model A Trailer."

Ron's words:

I am looking for a pickup bed trailer with Model A or Model B wheels to pull behind my 1930 Tudor.

email: lovemy1930tudor@yahoo.com

My phone number is (805) 748-3535, I screen my calls so they will have to leave a message. My preference is email.