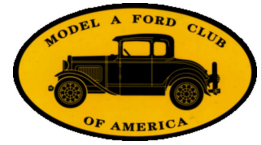


The Blossom Trail A's Model A Ford Club of America, Reedley chapter

The Fuel Line Connection

October 2025 Est. 1994



**Ken & Marilyn
Wall at
Kingsburg
Historic Park
with their
1930 Model A
Tudor Sedan.**

From the President's Pen

Hello fellow Model Aers! Welcome to the month of October. I hope all is well with all of our members. Sorry we missed the Kingsburg tour. I am sure Arnold will report on it.

Phyllis and I will be traveling from September 24th to October 15th. We will be in Baltimore, New York City, Chicago and then to Wisconsin for a wedding. V.P. Arnold will take care of the October 14th meeting at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. I hope you can all attend. Todd will be sharing the details of his October 18th tour. November 22nd is the Tomlinson's Turkey Run and December is our Christmas Dinner and Officer Installation. I will see you all at the November 11th meeting where we will elect the 2026 Club Officers. Stay well. This month we would like to say Happy Birthday to Phyllis Borba-2nd, Don Williams-12th, Peggy Riley-16th and Happy Anniversary to Todd & Irene Riley on the 19th.

God Bless You,
President Alan

****About the picture: Ken and Marilyn Wall drove their Model A to Arnold's tour of Kingsburg Historic Park on September 20th. It was only a mile away from where they garage their A so they saved on gas!**



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 : **Wyatt Tomlinson**-who had eye surgery at U.C. Davis on Sept. 24. **Barbara Tapley**-upcoming surgery for loose screws in her back surgery site, **Fred Dupras**-was ill last month, **Ron Dupras**-still in physical therapy post extensive shoulder surgery, **Sandra & Jerry Eitzen & Peggy & Jim Riley**-as they help each other through continuing medical treatment

OCTOBER Calendar: Football and Harvest Festivals

Oct 02	Phyllis Borba-birthday
Oct 12	Don Williams-birthday
Oct 14	Blossom Trail A's Meet @ KRMHC Clubhouse @7:00
Oct 16	Peggy Riley-birthday
Oct 18	<i>Todd Riley Multi-Club Tour & BBQ @Whited's in Elderwood.</i>
Oct 19	Todd & Irene Riley-anniversary

NOVEMBER Calendar: Time Change and Turkeys

Nov 01 *Turn your clocks back an hour at bedtime for Daylight Savings*
Nov 06 **Robert & Rachel Fransen-anniversary**
Nov 11 Blossom Trail A's Meet@ KRMHC Clubhouse @7:00 PM on Veterans Day
Nov 21 **Jerry & Sandra Eitzen-anniversary**
Nov 22 *Tomlinson's Turkey Run*
Nov 27 *Thanksgiving & Arnold Chakerian-birthday*



Blossom Trail A's General Meeting September 9 , 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Linda Roushall, Tamyra Tomlinson, Ken & Marilyn Wall, Linda & Don Williams. Randy Campbell was a guest.

Thank you, Alan, for providing refreshments.

Birthday this month: Sandra Eitzen-14 & Arnold and Susan Chakerian have an anniversary 9-20.

Minutes: The minutes from the August meeting were read. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes and Arnold seconded it. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Roushall's unofficial report reflected raffle income from several meetings; the unofficial report was accepted. Linda R. will give her official report at the October meeting.

Old Business: For those wanting jackets, remember jackets must be lined to be embroidered. Gordon Oakley showed us the jacket he ordered through Amazon for a good discount. Try to have your jackets by the October meeting as they all need to be embroidered at once. Ivory jackets are okay.

Barbara T. presented some information about non-profit status rules Linda R. will check to see what our designation is so we know how to proceed with the fundraiser, bylaws/requirements for our club . A club vote was tabled until the October meeting.

Alan said everything is going well for the 2026 Selma Swap Meet.

A report was given about the 8/23 breakfast at Kady's hosted by Don & Linda Williams. Todd gave a report on the September 5 Fish Fry tour/dinner at Tollhouse; fifteen to twenty people attended representing four different clubs. Todd gave a report on the 8/16 Ladies' luncheon hosted by the Sierra Club at Mimi's . Everyone enjoyed themselves.

There is a SWAP meet coming up on September 13th in conjunction with the All Ford Car show in Orcutt/Santa Maria which begins at 7:00 am. The 2025 CCRG Grand Tour to Solvang is September 29th -October 3rd , spots may be filled up. Several members plan to attend.

New Business: Todd announced the Sierra Club tour to be in the Caruther's Parade September 27th . Several clubs are also invited to attend that event, (Reedley, Porterville and Visalia).

Technical Advisor: Jerry did not have anything to share.

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Tours: 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. Picnic tables on the grounds.

There is a multi-club tour to Woodlake on October 18th . It will be a barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs. More details will be shared at the next meeting.

Tomlinson's announced a date change for the turkey run in November. It will be November 22nd . We will meet at Georgia Penner's, 239 South Reed at 9:30 am. Refreshments will be provided. The tour will end with lunch at the Tomlinson's.

The Christmas Party will be on our regular 2nd Tuesday in December meeting night. Linda R. and the Borbas are hosting. Installation of officers will take place after dinner.

Sunshine: Peggy shared that Fred Dupra is ill. Ron Dupras retired July 7th . Everyone else is doing okay. Remember to contact Peggy if you are ill.

Membership: Gordon Oakley is a new member officially.

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

Historian: Alan stated the books are up to date. He will bring another album to the next

meeting.

CCRG: Nothing new.

MAFCA: Jim indicated that there was no new news.

Calendar reminder: Next meeting, October 14, refreshments by Arnold Chakerian.

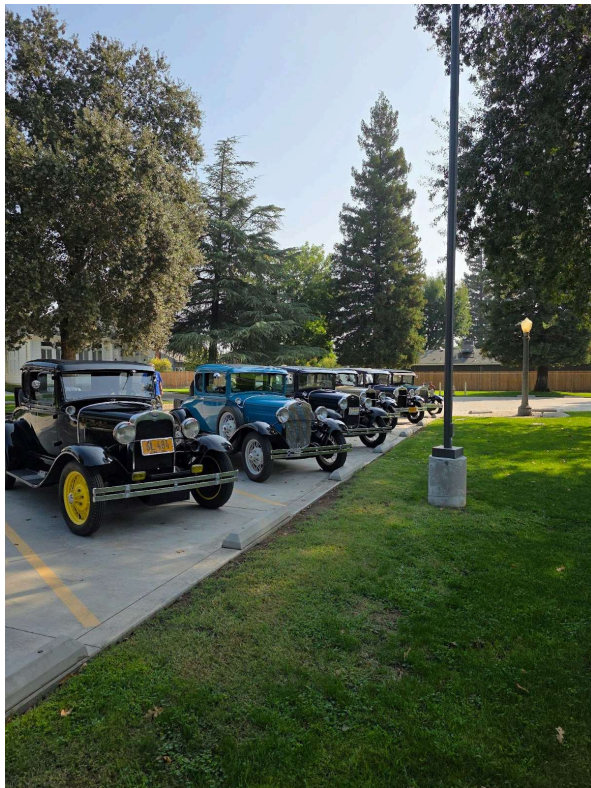
Cultural Advancement: There was no cultural advancement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamyra Tomlinson, Secretary

September 20th- Arnold Chakerian's Tour and Picnic at Kingsburg Historic Park



On Saturday, September 20th, the weather was working in our favor as we had a convoy of 3 meet at Cricket Hollow. I led Don & Linda Williams and Robert and Barbara Tapley on a tour over some back roads at Model A speeds to the Kingsburg Historical Park. Once we arrived, we were joined by 3 more Model A's driven by Ken and Marilyn Wall, Gordon Oakley and Randy Campbell with his wife. About the time we decided to take some pictures for newsletter covers, Robert & Rachel Fansen joined the group in their "new" Model A pickup. The entire park and buildings were open to us to wander through. Needless to say there was a lot of interesting historical farm and ag equipment, old cars and buggies and much more. Kingsburg has a rich history and is doing a good job of preserving it.

Lunch provided us with a time for good conversations. It was an enjoyable morning with great friends. —Arnold Chakerian



Caruthers Parade & Fair on Sept. 27th

The Sierra Club invited our Blossom Trail Model A Chapter to join them this fair morning for a delightful small town parade on the opening day of the Caruthers Fair.

Jim & Peggy Riley, Todd

Riley, Don & Linda Williams & Robert Fransen's Model A's were part of the 8 car line up down the street from Danny's Donuts. We had goodies and great conversation while we waited. A woman who was driving a Thunderbird with a local dignitary in the parade came to admire the cars and inquire about selling a Model A someone had inherited. Don Williams gave her contact information. Then it turns out that Jim Riley had met or done business with the local dignitary and there we were, making connections over Model A's. Just as it should be. Afterwards some of us watched the parade before lunch, some went on to the Fair & others to parts unknown. A Great Day to Drive Your A !
—Linda Williams





Friday, September 5th

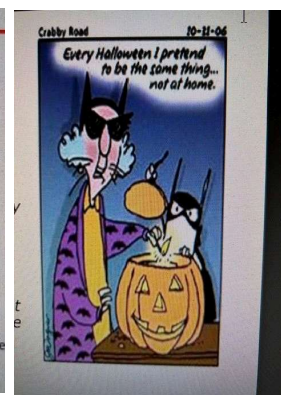
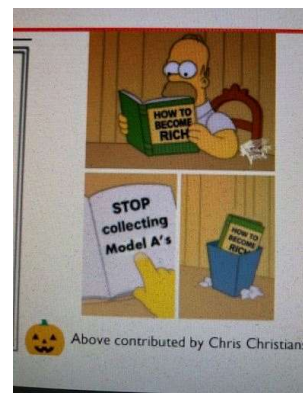
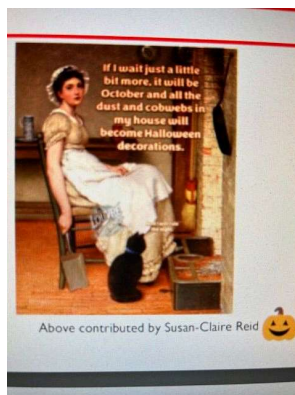
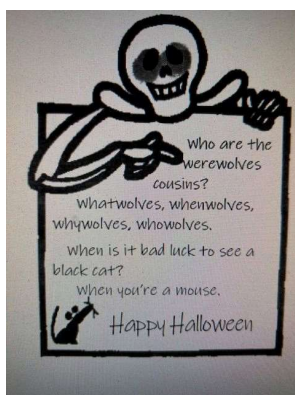
Tollhouse Fish Fry

36 Members of 4 Model A Clubs (Fresno Sierra, Reedley Blossom Trail, Visalia Charter Oak and Happy Honker) met in Tollhouse for an early-bird fresh fish fry especially scheduled for our group by the Tollhouse Market & Grill on Friday, September 5th. Attending from Blossom Trail A's Club were Jim & Peg Riley, Todd & Irene Riley and Robert Fransen with his daughter.

The meal was \$20.00 per person and it was enjoyed by all.



***Thanks to the Sierra Club's Flying Quail newsletter & the Charter Oaks Acorn News for information and pictures.-Editor



**Fresno Sierra Model A Club
& The Early V8 Club
On October 18th, 2025**
Have invited the Charter Oak and Happy Honkers Model
Clubs to another Great Day at the
Bob & Debbie White Car and Memorabilia Collection
in Elderwood, CA
The Early V8 Club is going to provide a
BBQ Hot Dog & Hamburger Lunch

The V-8 Club is BBQing a Hot Dog & Hamburger Lunch.
The cost of lunch will be covered for
Sierra Chapter Members who Attend.

*Elderwood is near Woodlake. Address is 36296 Road 196. Meet at
the Chevron on Kings Canyon & Clovis at 9:30 and Depart at 10
AM. We will pick up the Reedley Club on the way at Manning &
South Hills Valley Rd 120. Bring chairs!*

Our Hosts:
Todd Riley
&
Bob Sharp



Remember to
Bring Chairs!



Todd Riley
invites the
Blossom Trail
A's on this tour
& BBQ lunch on
October 18th.

The grounds and
the collection are
varied and
memorable. The
BBQ lunch is

always great! I
assume the
lunch cost is
covered by our
club. There's
plenty of parking
and lots of room
for car talk in the
shade. Pray for a
clear dry day
since we park in
the dirt! Details
will be shared at
the Oct. 14
meeting.

—Linda Williams &
The Flying Quail
newsletter

Volunteering is Opportunity

If you have a couple of hours each month to give to the club, we could use your assistance. We have openings for (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Oh, sorry, [insert name] was kind enough to continue as our [office] for another two years.



My wife asked me why I was doing the dishes while sitting down.

I told her it's because I can't stand doing them.

***My thanks to the Script A News these two bits of information & the joke. The fashion article below is from the Columbus, Indiana "Going Places" newsletter –the Editor



I learned why the screwdrivers have this specific shape...! How did I not know this for the last 40 years?

for



Fashions of 1920s & 1930s



In the 1930s, as full weekends and reduced weekday hours became more common, people began to shift from work attire to more casual and sporty clothing during their leisure time. Influenced by movie stars and the wealthy, men started wearing short sleeve knit shirts, shorts, and swim trunks. Despite the high summer heat, suits, sport coats, long sleeve shirts, and long pants were still worn year-round, with casual clothing reserved for specific activities like sports or vacations.

Men's sport coats in the 1930s were colorful and bold, featuring big patterns and unique textures. They were paired with solid light pants or patterned trousers, introducing a new casual style to otherwise formal attire. Trousers were wide and came in various colors and patterns, with lighter fabrics preferred in summer and materials like corduroy in fall and winter. Grey and light tan were preferred over dark colors. Light wools were gradually being replaced by light flannels, linen, sailcloth, gabardine, and rayon blends. In fall/winter, the brown corduroy pant was a comfortable, soft, and casual pants option. *Information from Vintage Dancer Website.*

Excerpts from the 2025 October MAFCA President's Article

With autumn colors in abundance and temps more bearable, this is a great time of year to get our Model A's out on the road and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us...But what of those members of your club who are having difficulty keeping 'ole Betsy running? Whether it's the widow or single lady (or guy) who needs help, or the Newbie who just feels lost when it comes to working on their Model A, there are many of us that need that assistance. I want to take time to acknowledge a couple of chapters that have come up with a great way to serve their fellow MAFCA members.



First, the Diamond Tread chapter of Downey, California where my cousin, Chuck Mayhew, is a member. Several years ago Chuck and a few other club members decided to band together and visit folks in their chapter who needed help in getting their cars running. They would plan a Saturday morning or afternoon and schedule visits to various members to 'checkup' on them. And whatever was needed, whether it was an oil change and lube job, front end alignment or ignition issue, they would get the car on the road again. They call themselves "Henry's Helpers" and endeavor to do just that.

Another such group is the San Fernando Valley chapter where Arthur Bender and Wade Ratzlaf and their group of volunteers, calling themselves the 'A Team', assist folks in a similar fashion. I'm sure your local chapter may have 'Helpers' like this so don't hesitate to reach out to them. I've heard firsthand accounts from MAFCA members who were helped by these groups to get their Model A's functioning and on the road again. And some have volunteered to do the same and join in the fun. Kind of a 'Pay It Forward' attitude.

Of course there is an ulterior motive at work here, any guess what that might be? ..Tours are so much more fun when everyone's cars are in working order. Fewer breakdowns mean more miles traveled and sights seen and... more time to sit and enjoy that meal that we never seem to miss.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down and don't forget to honk that horn!

Ed Tolman