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THE ORANGE BLOSSOM A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



OBA's Vintage Car Show a Success!

On November 1, the Orange Blossom Model A Ford Club of Riverside, California hosted our 3rd Vintage Car Show. The day was beautiful, there was lots of enthusiasm for vintage cars, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Fully 36 vehicles registered, of which 33 showed up to display their cars in the parking lot of Riverside's Elk's Lodge on Brockton Avenue. The day started bright and early at 7:00 a.m. with set up. We were very fortunate to have the assistance of the Martin Luther King High School's Honors Club - 10 high schoolers came out to help set up, tear down, sell tickets, and act as runners too. Thanks to the King High Honors Club!



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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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DEC			
6 (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 TBD location. White elephant gift exchange (optional participation) \$30.00 per person gift limit.	Richard
TBD	TOUR – TBD Christmas Day Parade Join us to participate in a local Christmas Day parade. Decorate your car and dress the part.	Looking for a Christmas parade near Riverside.	Marlin
JAN 2026			
1 (Thur) 2026	NEW YEAR DAY TOUR Invite from Temecula A's	An annual extravaganza organized by the Temecula A's More details to follow.	Rudy Perez
7 (Wed)	Club Meeting	Frittsford – Second floor 6:30pm	TBD

**OBA's 2026
Event Calendar
will be
published in the
next newsletter!**





Club Activities



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The show started at 9:00 and so did judging. For 3 hours, people got to look at vintage cars, have their car judged, and talk cars and show things off. We even got a performance by the dance troupe of Follies Rouge, who came and performed near the end of the show!

The point of our Vintage Car Show is to display and celebrate stock and only slightly-modified vintage cars. So often, especially here in Southern California, car shows are dominated by hot rods, muscle cars, and street rods. We believe that, while those are fine, the vintage stock cars, showing how automobiling existed “back in the day,” gets shoved aside - hence our vintage car show. In talking to some of the participants and guests, they are in complete agreement with us!

At high noon, the judging was over and the winners were announced! All of the participants were very happy with the results, as were the winners, who were very deserving of their awards!

The OBAs would like to thank everyone who took part in the Vintage Car Show. Additionally, we would like to thank Marlin Brandt for coordinating the judging and judges, making sure that that aspect of the show went smoothly. Also, we need to thank Rick Perez for his design and construction of the trophies, and the team of members who helped sand, stain, and build the trophies too!

Thanks to everyone for a very successful Vintage Car Show - we will see you in 2026!





Club Activities



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The Winners!

Club Activities

(Judging Results)

Class	Winner	Year	Make	Model	Name
1900 - 1927	1	1915	Ford	Model T	Cesar Mendez
1928 - 1931	1	1929	Ford	Tudor	Doug Diller
1928 - 1931	2	1931	Ford	Model A	Geoffrey Westley
1932 - 1945	1	1941	Mercury	4-door	Ronnie Bauman
1932 - 1945	2	1941	Hudson	Commodore Convertible	Jim Fisher
1946 - 1953	1	1948	Willys	Jeepster	Richard Perez
1946 - 1953	2	1951	Hudson	Hornet	David Johnson
1954 - 1959	1	1959	Nash	Metropolitan	Judy Kanouse
1954 - 1959	2	1954	Chevrolet	Station Wagon	Will Capps
Best Patina		1929	Ford	Model A	Matthew Horowitz
Best Commercial		1931	Ford	Model A	Josh Ferguson
People's Choice		1928	Ford	Phaeton	Albert Valenzuela
Best In Show		1954	Kaiser	Darrin	Harold Rodgers





Club Activities



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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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Your Club

Officers

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

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Tours/Events = Marlin Brandt
Website = Marlin Brandt
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Vintage Car Show = Steve Lech
Christmas Party = Richard Knowlton

President's Message

Hello OBA members,

October was a busy month for our club. On the 4th, we drove out to the San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse in Redlands for a tour of the school and a mystery craft. Thank you Tracy Lech. On the 26th, Norma and Jeff Collopy took us to Cal Baptist for a Sunday Brunch with a nice drive afterwards. November 1st was our Car Show! I feel that it was a great success! The only reason it was a success, was due to all the hard work of Steve Lech and the many volunteers from our club. Thanks to all of you.

Don't forget club dues are due and if you are planning on joining us at our Christmas luncheon in December, please pay for both ASAP.

Food for thought:

"When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane."

OBA's 2025 President

Doug



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Treasurer's Corner

by Jeff Westley

- ☐ Want to join the club? Ask Jeff Westley, 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

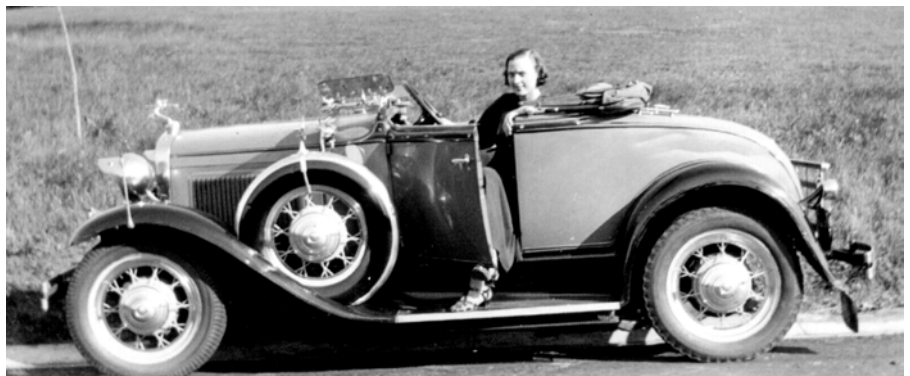
by Norma Collopy

As we enter November the month of Thanksgiving, sometimes we don't realize just how lucky we are. If you have a place to sleep, food and family you are blessed. But we also need to acknowledge these blessings with gratitude. Gratitude can be as simple as a thank you or even a smile. It costs you nothing but is contagious. So Happy Thanksgiving to those friends who feel like family. Celebrating a special birthday or anniversary for the month of November are:

Birthdays; Mary Lou Scott, Gary Struempf and Jan Epley

Anniversaries: Marlin & Linda Brandt,
Judy Kanouse & Ronnie
Bauman, Sandy & Phil
Emerson

Also wishing a speedy recovery to our friend
Dennis Ruh, who will
have had his shoulder
surgery by the time the
newsletter is distributed.
Best wishes buddy!





Meeting Minutes

by Linda Brandt



Orange Blossom A's, date October 2, 2025

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Knowlton
- Members Present: 23
- Guests: 0

President's Message:

Doug read a bumper sticker "I'm old, I can't hear your horn and I can't see your finger!" Doug also reminded members about the Route 66 tour. Look on Dennis Nettles's Facebook page for pictures

Director's Reports

- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt - September minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Westley; Previous Balance: \$4360.89 Current Balance: \$4674.89
 - Expenditures: \$143.38 pending for trophies
 - Income: September Opportunity drawings; car show registrations
- Sunshine Report: Jeff Collopy read October birthdays and anniversaries.
- Tour Director: Marlin Brandt
 - Sign ups available for October - December Events.
 - October events. Oct 4 - San Timoteo School House - Contact Marlin Brandt; Oct 11 - Magnolia Baptist Marketplace and Car Show-Contact Rick Perez; Oct 18 - Trophy Building at Rick's; Oct 26 - Sunday Brunch at Cal Baptist - Contact Jeff Collopy
 - November events. Nov 1 - Car Show; Nov 8 - Veteran's Day Parade - Contact Marlin Brandt; Nov 15 - Cabot's Pueblo Desert Hot Springs - Contact Marlin
- Car Show Update:
 - Car show is on November 1st. 9:00 - 1:00. Check in starts at 7:00 a.m. More flyers available. Steve read the list of volunteers, answered questions, and we ironed out some details. Let Steve know if you would still like to volunteer or if you have any questions.
- Newsletter Report: Steve Lech - contact Steve if you want to add anything to the newsletter

Old/New Business:

- Elections are coming up. If you currently hold a position you must let board members know if you will not continue.

Model A questions/tech talk

- Doug shared some more anecdotes about his trip across the country this summer with Ed Tolman. He's now considering driving up to Alaska. He also shared how the Burtz Block did in Ed's car. There was some vapor lock in the heat, but typically the car ran very well. They had to address some oil leaks as well.
- D & G, Ed Tolman's shop in Pomona is currently running an ad in the Restorer.

Opportunities

- Model A Driver: Doug Diller
- Membership: Deiter Lange (not present)
- 50/50: Richard Knowlton

Refreshments: Provided by Steve & Tracy Lech/Ronnie & Judy. November refreshments will be Collopy

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30 pm



Meeting Minutes

by Linda Brandt



Orange Blossom A's, November 5, 2025

- Meeting Called to order @ 6:30
- Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Knowlton
- Members Present: 13
- Guests: Tomas Warren 29 Coupe, 29 Roadster Pickup

Director's Reports

- President's comments: Doug thanked Steve for organizing the car show. It was a success. He also thanked Marlin for coordinating judging and others for all their contributions.
- Secretary's Report: Linda Brandt - October minutes were not published in the last newsletter. October and November minutes will be published in November newsletter
- Treasurer's Report: Previous balance \$4674.89. Current balance \$4913.45. Income and expenditures mostly from car show
- Tour Director:
 - Discussion of future events. Sign in sheets were provided for November, and December events. Nov 8 - Veteran's Day Parade , Nov 15 - Cabot's Pueblo Desert Hot Springs - Contact Marlin New Year's Day Tour with Temecula A's.
 - Marlin thanked all the members who coordinated events throughout the year. Looking for volunteers to organize tours and tech seminars for 2026.
 - Richard gave an update about the Christmas luncheon . Optional Secret Santa \$30 gift. Please label if the gift is for a man/woman/unisex.
- Newsletter Report: Steve Lech would like pictures of the carshow for the newsletter.
- Sunshine Report: November birthdays and anniversaries read. Dennis Ruh had shoulder surgery recently. Get well card sent.
- Directory Report: A draft will be available in January.
- Car Show Recap: Steve Lech - 36 registered cars. Judging and registration went quickly because of using Car Show Pro. Considering another venue for next year. We had King High Honor students helping at the event. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Expenditures - \$1271.64; Income - \$1759.00 Profit \$487.36.

Old/New Business:

- Club Dues and Christmas Party money can be sent to Jeff Westley. Nov 30 for Christmas Party and Dues by Jan 1.
- Elections/Officers - all existing officers and directors will continue next year.
- Pictures of trophies will be sent to the Restorer.

Model A questions/advice

- Steve H. asked and got advice about electronic ignitions and timing.

Opportunities

- Model A Driver: Steve Lech
- Name Tag: Doug Diller
- Opportunity Drawing: Ed Cleveland
- Refreshments provided by Jeff and Norma Collopy
- Meeting Adjourned @ 7:24

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

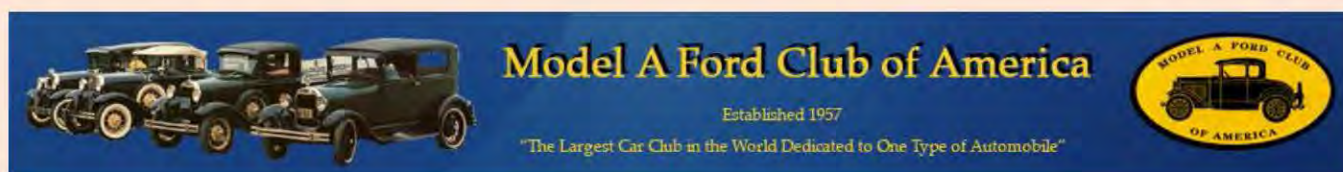
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Model A Ford Club of America, (MAFCA) membership is separate from our club. Benefits include:

- 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)
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Last Name		
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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



Hop in! We're headed to the Orange Blossom Model A Club Meeting!

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Upcoming Regular Meeting Dates:

December - No Meeting

January 7, 2026 - Fritts Ford

February 4, 2026 - Fritts Ford