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



OBAs Enjoy a Busy August!

Wow! The club was very active in August. Lots of stuff going on but a bit of unfortunate news. For many reasons, the Club has opted to cancel this year's Vintage Car Show and concentrate on making next year's better. There were just too many things working against us this year - but we promise that next year's will be worth waiting for!

As for club happenings, well, we had three main ones in August. On August 3 we took a drive out to Perris to enjoy breakfast at Corky's. About a dozen members came and several drove their cars despite the ongoing heat!



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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 09.05.24

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\$\$ = Entry Fee

Date	Event	(Departing) Time/From	Coordinator
SEP			
7 (Sat)	EATS – Beat the Heat Club Breakfast \$\$ Flo's Farmhouse Café - Riverside	UPDATED 9/4/24 - Departing at 8am from Fritts Ford. Attempting to reserve the club room....	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
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



Club Activities



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On August 10, resident Model A Guru Marlin Brandt treated us to another tech seminar, this time on LED headlights, the pros and cons of them, and the installation of them. All attendees came back from the seminar with a better understanding of what's involved in converting a Model A to use LEDs.

Two weeks later, on August 24, the club invited members of the Paradise Valley Model A Club of San Bernardino to a joint drive and tour of the Norton Air Force Base Museum. This museum, on the northwest corner of the old Norton Air Force Base, is a great tribute to the base and those who served there while it was an active base (it's now the San Bernardino Airport). A small group of dedicated volunteers does a wonderful job interpreting the history of the base and we're glad we got to see it!



OBA members discuss the pros and cons of LED lights on a Model A Ford.



(Page 1) Several Model As of the Orange Blossom Model A Club and the Paradise Valley Model A Club line up outside the Norton Air Force Base Museum.

(Left) Gary Strumpf talks with a docent at the Norton Air Force Base Museum.



Your Club



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President's Message

Hello OBA members,

Unfortunately, I have to start off this newsletter with some sad news. OBA member Jerry Woods passed away on August 17th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Christine and family. I did not know Jerry personally but members that I have talked to, said he was a great guy. He will be missed. RIP Jerry.

On a happier note, we had a busy August. On the 3rd, we toured to Corky's Kitchen and Bakery. On the 10th, we had a tech seminar on LED bulbs for your model A and on August 24th, we had a tour to the Norton Air Force Base museum with lunch afterwards at Woody's restaurant. We had 5 of our members drive their model A's, Ronnie in one of his classic cars and 2 model A's from the Paradise Valley club joined us. All of these events were arranged and led by Marlin, so a big thank you to him. I'm sure he would like some help coming up with future tours and tech

seminars. If you have an idea for something let him know. On a personal note, I will be heading to Hickory Corners, Michigan for Model A days at the Gilmore Museum September 19-21, looking forward to it. Anyone else going?

Food for thought: "Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow."

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
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Sunshine Report

by Norma Collopy

Sunshine report
September 2024

My goodness how this summer has flown by and we are entering the fall season. Now that it is cooler weather it's a great time to dust off your cars and take a ride. This month is also a great chance for us to celebrate several members enjoying their birthdays or anniversaries. Please note that I send out all the greeting cards at the beginning of the month so if you are receiving a note early that is the reason.

On a very sad note, one of our members, Jerry Wood, passed away last month. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife Christine and his family. RIP Jerry.

September Birthdays

Phil Messenger
Helen Knauer
Debby Phillips
Cesar Mendez
Kathy Westley
Beverly Simpson
Jim Treadwell

September Anniversaries:

Steve and Tracy Lech
Barry and Tina O'Connor
Jeff and Norma Collopy
Rafael and Eva Cardenas



CHECK THAT FLOAT WEIGHT!



(or, My Carburetor Float Saga)

By Steve Lech, Orange Blossom Model A Club of Riverside, CA

I'm hoping I can save someone else the issues that I've just had. My 1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan would die every time I slowed down or stopped. Often, even the act of taking my foot off of the throttle button led to it dying – not sputtering, not acting like it wanted to stay running – just dead! So, I started with the obvious – I cleaned out the fuel lines and everything was fine. Put it back together - still died. Dozens of people online and other places said check the float level. Over a period of several weeks, I checked it, rechecked it, rerechecked it, and even rererechecked it. I shimmed the valve up, down left, right, back, and forth and still the problem persisted – in fact, if anything, it got worse.

I purchased a fuel level gauge from Renner's Corner next. I hooked it up as instructed with the instructions saying that the fuel level should be $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch below the top of the bottom casting. I checked the fuel level with the gauge and it was a full inch below the casting! There was no way I was going to shim my way out of that much. Then, someone on Ford Barn said to check the weight of the new float I had put in. Some of the imports may be too light. The floats are supposed to be 31.5 grams give or take – my little scale indicated that mine was just 25!! In other words, it was fully 20% too light! As an experiment, I glued 6.5 grams of washers onto the float, reassembled the carb and reinstalled it - guess what! No more problem!! The car not only slows down without dying, it does so without sputtering! Word to the wise - check the weight of your new floats and don't use the imports!!! (this one was made in Argentina. Luckily I purchased 2 of them at the same time!!! LOL).

A few people (including the person I spoke to where I purchased the float) said the weight of the float should not matter. Yes, it should, and my experiment proved it. The float, at 20% lighter, was floating ON the gasoline, not IN the gasoline. Think of a floatie toy in the pool by itself. It floats on top of the water, until you get on it and it goes below the water line - it's still floating, but lower. Well, the float was much higher in the carb, and no amount of shim-ming I did would change that fact. With more weight, the float rides lower (where it is supposed to be) and is doing its job now. That said, I'm going to purchase a proper float because I don't know how long the superglue will last in a gasoline environment!



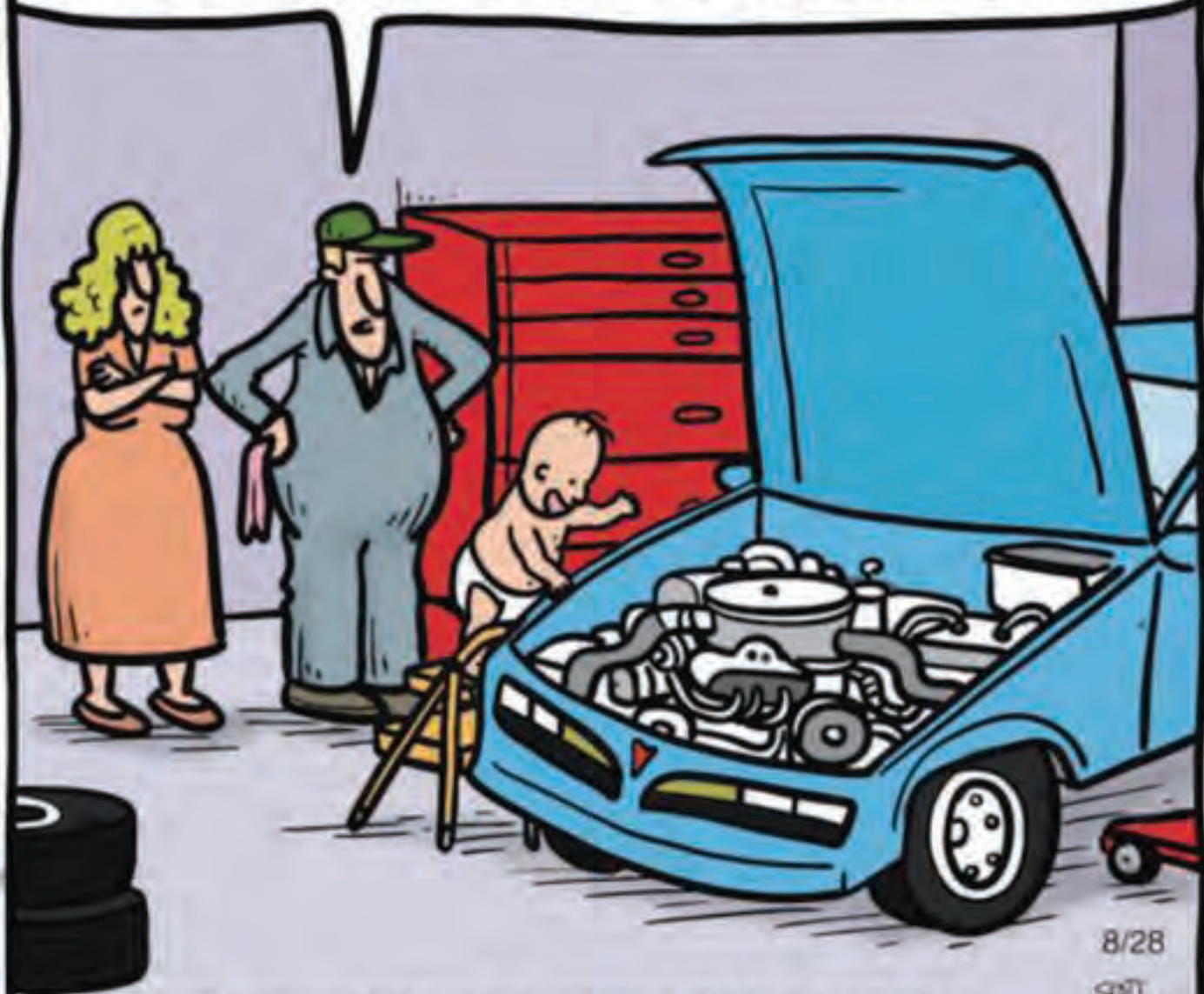
(Above) The non-US made float that caused the issue.

(Below) The fuel level was 1 inch below the casting top!





HE KEEPS POINTING TO THE IGNITION COIL,
BUT IT'S CLEARLY A SPARK PLUG ISSUE.
I GUESS THE PEDIATRICIAN WAS RIGHT, WE
DO NEED TO WORK ON HIS MOTOR SKILLS.



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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

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- For more info & map: <https://obamodelford.com/riverside>

PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 12, 2024

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) _____ S M L XL XXL XXXL Trailing show car? ☐ YES ☐ NO (trailer parking is not guaranteed)

Participant _____ 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 wave 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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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

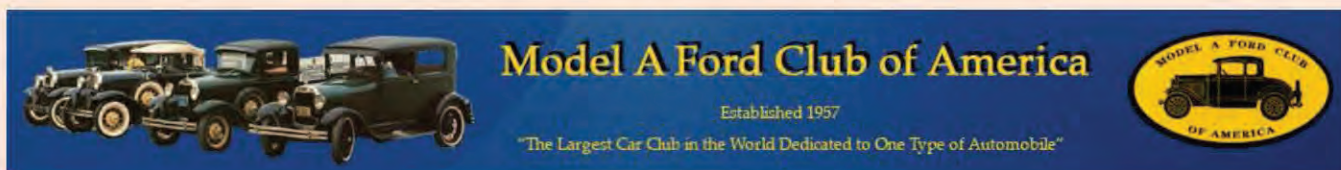
MAFCA is the largest automobile club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We are also a historical society dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. Our chapter operates as a California not-for-profit corporation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



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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