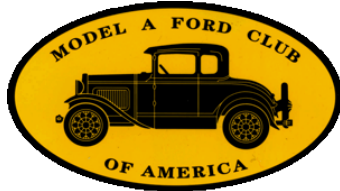


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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

LABOR DAY - September 4th

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NEXT MEETING - September 5th

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Village Café (near Bellflower and Carson)
4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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SEPTEMBER TOUR - September 9th

Pio Pico State Historic Park
Whittier, CA 90606

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RED HOT SPARKS - September 12th

Annual roundtrip on Amtrak from Fullerton to
San Juan Capistrano

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NATIONAL CREAM-FILLED DONUT DAY

September 14

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WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café (near Bellflower and Carson)
4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach 8:30 a.m.

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THE STEERING WHEEL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Members of the Diamond Tread Chapter,

I trust this message finds you well as we enjoy the rest of our summer warmth. It is with great pleasure that I come before you as the president of our esteemed Diamond Tread Chapter, eager to share the latest updates, celebrate our collective achievements, and look ahead to the exciting endeavors that lie before us.

As summer reaches its end, our enthusiasm for the Model A Ford and the bonds that unite us continues to flourish. Our recent gatherings have been a testament to the vibrant spirit of our community, as we've come together to exchange stories, share knowledge, and revel in the beauty of these classic automobiles. The friendships we've nurtured and the memories we've created are the heart and soul of our chapter.

As we embark on the journey through September, I encourage all of you to mark your calendars for our upcoming events. Our tour director has been hard at work curating experiences that will not only deepen our appreciation for the Model A Ford but also foster the strong sense of camaraderie that defines our chapter. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or new to the world of classic cars, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

In the spirit of camaraderie, let's also take a moment to reflect on the recent passing of J.C. Stephenson, a longtime member of our chapter. J.C.'s dedication to the Model A Ford and his presence at our gatherings will be missed. As we celebrate his contributions and honor his memory, let us draw inspiration from his commitment to our shared passion.

As we navigate August and the opportunities it presents, let's continue to engage, share, and learn from one another. Our chapter is a community who finds joy in the rumble of engines, the gleam of polished chrome, and the stories that make each Model A Ford unique. Together, we shape the present and future of our beloved hobby.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your dedication to our chapter, and your shared love for the Model A Ford. Here's to an August filled with camaraderie, adventure, and the timeless allure of these remarkable automobiles.

Warm regards,
Dennis Stephens
President, Diamond Tread Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2023

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

Minutes of the General Meeting, August 1, 2023

- President Dennis Stephens opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by Vice President Jim Runyon. There were 17 members and guests and seven Model A's in attendance.
- The program was Kenny Lee from the Whittier Chapter discussing the Burtz Engine Build.
- Kenny won a Burtz Block at the Orange County Chapter Pancake Breakfast raffle in 2022, and built the engine as directed, with some necessary modifications. His excellent handout points to the exacting care and modifications he conducted to get the engine running properly. All together, an informative handout and a great presentation.
- Secretary LeRoy Kehret, finding no additions or corrections to the July minutes, moved for those minutes to be accepted as printed in the newsletter on line. Seconded and carried.
- Treasurer Louise Beckley gave the bank balance and received a "Thank You" from the Orange County Club for the contribution to their raffle at the Pancake Breakfast in April.
- Editor Rex Bartholomew, Hospitality Chair Pauline Issa, and Publicity Chair Bonnie Ryan had no report to give.
- Membership Chair Vicky Bartlett, Fundraiser Bob Toerge, and Webmaster Mark Simons were absent.
- Tour Director Larry Ryan mentioned the Lomita Rail Road Museum tour on Sat., Aug. 19th and the Whittier Bailey House Ice Cream Social by the Whittier Historical Society on Sun., Aug. 27th. San Bernardino Chapter's swap meet will be Sat., Sept. 30th, and O.C. Model T Club's parts swap meet will be Sat., Oct. 7th. Details in the newsletter.
- Henry's Helpers Chair Chuck Mayhew said the group got Larry's '31 Chevy running.
- Old Business: Walkie-talkie radios were purchased and given to Larry for club tours.
- New Business: none.
- Refreshments were provided by Larry and Bonnie Ryan. Rex Bartholomew will provide next month.
- Since Bob Toerge was absent, there was no raffle this month.
- Barry and Louise Beckley have a 50th Anniversary on Aug. 4th.
- Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 5th at the Village Cafe.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,
LeRoy Kehret
Secretary



SEPTEMBER TOUR

Pio Pico State Historic Park

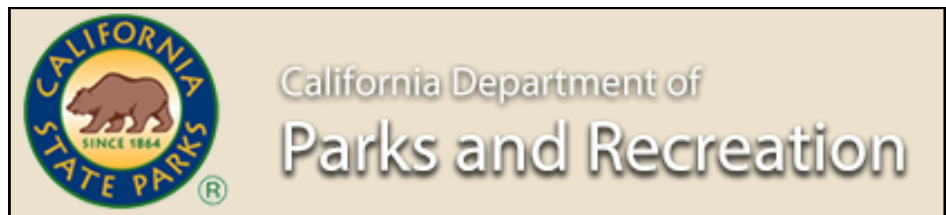
Meeting date: Saturday, September 9th
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting place: Wienerschnitzel
 11610 Alondra Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650
 (across from old Excelsior High School)

For September, we will motor over to Pio Pico State Park at 6003 Pioneer Boulevard in the city of Whittier. There will be bird watching and exploring the park's features including; a fifteen room adobe with interpretive displays, an horno (bread oven), and a dovecote*.

We will be leaving our meet-up spot at Wienerschnitzel no later than 10:30 a.m. Maps will be provided. We would love to see you there! Please RSVP by email to lryan41724@msn.com or call me at (562) 484-8415.

Larry Ryan: Tour Director

*dovecote: a structure to house pigeons or doves



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

The purpose of our club is to enjoy, preserve and protect Model A Fords.

To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for our members and to aid them in their efforts to restore their Model A to its original likeness. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help its members to become better acquainted, encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities, including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. All monies shall be used for club activities and functions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

RAILROAD MUSEUM TOUR REPORT

By Pauline Issa and Rex Bartholomew

Photos by Pauline Issa

The Diamond Tread August tour was to Lomita Railroad Museum, a hidden Southern California gem that you would never expect to find in a residential neighborhood. Club members met up at McDonald's in Long Beach at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19th. After a smooth tour through the Southbay (no breakdowns!) we arrived at the museum with 11 people and 7 Model A's. We could not park all together because a large group was there ahead of us, but we all found parking. We had a wonderful time, and the weather was absolutely perfect, with no sign of the impending hurricane! After we wrapped up, a few members headed to Spire's for further hijinks. We hope to see you at the September tour to Pio Pico State Historic Park!



TOUR REPORT (continued)



2023 Board of Directors

President	Dennis Stephens
Vice President	Jim Runyon
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Membership Chairman	Vicky Bartlett
Hospitality Chairman	Pauline Issa
Historian / Publicity Chairman	Bonnie Ryan
Tour Director	Larry Ryan
Fund/Picnic Coordinator	Bob Toerge
Webmaster	Mark Simons
Henry's Helpers	Chuck Mayhew
Editor	Rex Bartholomew



Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: September 12th

Annual roundtrip on Amtrak from Fullerton to San Juan Capistrano.

An email with times and cost details will be sent approximately 1 week in advance.

All ladies of Diamond Tread and Whittier Chapters are welcome

The Red Hot Sparks Meet on the 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month



- Muriel Reyes*
- Bill and Debby Power*
- Ryan Terlaje*
- Dennis Stephens*
- Pauline and Habib Issa*
- Jim Barger*
- Monica Terlaje*
- Arnold Valencia*
- Patty McCaughan*
- Dennis McConkey*
- Ron Boan*
- Charlie Sento*

MILE MARKERS

Happy Anniversary

- Mark and Becky Simons*
- Gary and Patty McCaughan*

HOSPITALITY

- September: Rex Bartholomew*
- October: Chuck Mayhew*

W.D. DUNHAM FORD

By J.H. Graham

Henry Ford introduced his model T passenger car, in 1908 the same year that 26-year old Walter Dix Dunham arrived in Los Angeles. In 1916 Dunham became one of the first Authorized Ford dealers. In the fall of 1925 he moved to a new larger home where the Angel City got its first look at the new and improved 1926 model T in colors other than black. Dunham sold the first one to a local dance hall operator who paid for it in pennies.

In September 1925, Dunham bought the former home of retiring Ford dealer J.E. Coberly. Located at 122 E. Washington Blvd at the southwest corner of Los Angeles St., it was double the size of the old location. He also took over Coberly's used car department at 1918 Main St.

Dunham's new showrooms displayed the 1926 model year model T. The closed body styles came in a variety of colors like Channel Green and Windsor Maroon. There were a number of other improvements as well as new safety features, which Ford played up by gearing his advertising toward lady drivers.

Los Angeles got its first look at the 1926 Channel Green coupe at Dunham's showroom in early October 1925. The purchaser was Fred H. Soloman, proprietor of Solomon's Penny Dance De Luxe at Ninth & Grand.

Only a few months into the new year, Ford would stop production of the model T. The last one came off the line on May 27, 1927, the same day that Lindy landed in Paris.

W.D. Dunham was there to sell Ford's next big thing, the new Model A, and then the V8 Ford. He rode out WWII when Ford and other American auto manufacturers quit making passenger cars to concentrate on the war effort. In 1953, Dunham Ford merged and became Frank Taylor Ford.

W. D. DUNHAM

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BREAKFAST TIME!

The Diamond Tread weekly breakfast is still going strong, with good conversation and good food! We do this every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Village Café at 4148½ North Viking Way in Long Beach (near Bellflower and Carson). There are plenty of seats and we always have spots out front to park your A's. Hope to see you there for the 2-2-2 and a coffee!

Photo by Rex Bartholomew



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

At our August 1st general membership meeting, Diamond Tread members were treated to an interesting discussion about installing a new Burtz engine block. Kenny Lee Whittier Chapter of MAFCA walked us through the process of installing the engine he won at the pancake breakfast. It is not as easy as it seems!

The monthly series will continue in September:

Speaker: Pauline Issa of Diamond Tread
Date: September 5th (general membership meeting)
Title: The Story of My 1928 Model A Ford



FUN AND GAMES!

By Chris Risdon

Match the car wrecked in the following TV shows or movies Write the letter of the correct vehicle in front of the show title. First response with all correct answers wins a prize!

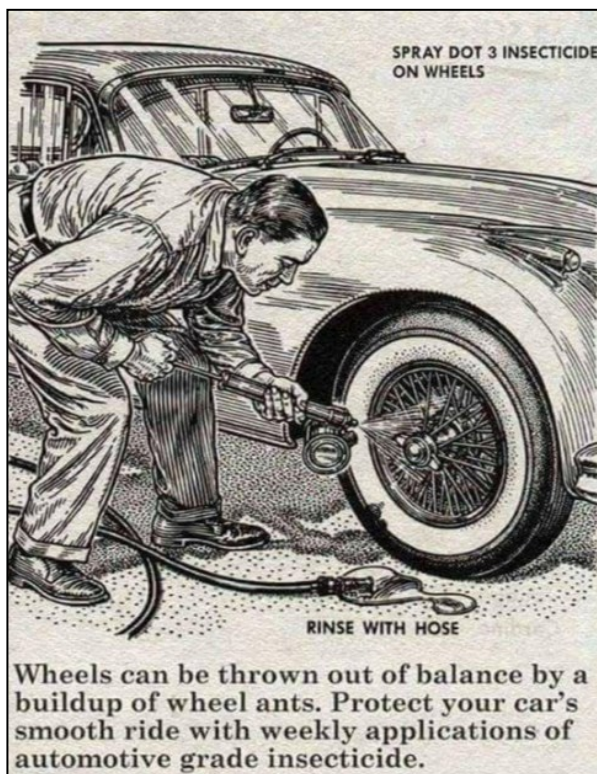
	Mahogany (Diana Ross)	A	Citroen SM
	Italian Job	B	Daimler SP250
	Harper (Steve McQueen)	C	Citroen 2CV Truck
	Vanishing Point	D	Too many to list
	Pink Panther (Peter Sellers)	E	Dodge Challenger
	Mod Squad (TV)	F	Lamborghini Miura
	The Longest Yard (Burt Reynolds)	G	Porsche 356 Speedster
	Viva Las Vegas (Elvis and Ann Margaret)	H	Iso Griffo
	Gone in 60 Seconds (The Original)	I	1951 Mercury Woodie

EDITORIAL MUSINGS

It is football season again!

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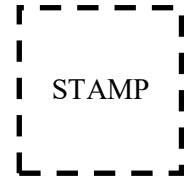
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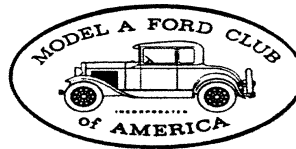
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