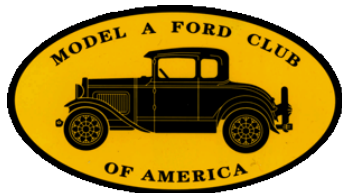


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER EVENTS

NEXT MEETING - October 3rd

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

OCTOBER TOUR - October 14th

Modjeska Historic House
Silverado, CA 92676

RED HOT SPARKS - October 10th

19Seventy Lascari's Italian at 11:30 a.m.
16255 Whittier Blvd. Whittier, CA

HALLOWEEN

October 31st

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 - OCTOBER 2023

Dear MAFCA Diamond Tread Chapter Members,

I trust this message finds you all in the best of spirits and good health as we welcome the splendid month of October.

Vicky Bartlett has arranged a thrilling series on electric vehicles as part of our distinguished speaker series. Vicky's dedication to enhancing our chapter's experiences is truly remarkable, and we are fortunate to have her among us. The "Exciting Electric Vehicle Series" promises to be a captivating exploration of the past, present, and future of automotive technology. In this rapidly evolving era of innovation, electric vehicles are at the forefront of change and this series will provide us with the opportunity to stay informed and engaged. Chris Risdon will cover a range of topics, from the history of electric vehicles to the latest technological advancements and their impact on the automotive landscape. Whether you're a seasoned Model A enthusiast or a newcomer curious about the world of EVs, there will be something for everyone. This series not only broadens our horizons but also unites us as a community.

Our chapter is more than just a club of vintage car enthusiasts; we are a family that shares a passion for preserving history and embracing the future. I urge each and every one of you to mark your calendars, extend the invitation to friends, and actively participate in these enlightening sessions. Let's make the most of this opportunity to learn, connect, and strengthen our chapter's bonds.

Now, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional individuals on our board of directors. Our club is truly fortunate to have such dedicated individuals guiding us. Chuck Mayhew, as the director of Henry's Helpers, is tirelessly committed to assisting members in keeping their Model A's running smoothly. Beyond that, he keeps us informed about other club shows and events, ensuring we stay connected to the wider vintage car community.

In addition, both Chuck Mayhew and Charlie Sento demonstrated extraordinary kindness by assisting JC Stephenson. They went above and beyond by mowing his lawn and helping him set up his medical bed. Their actions exemplify the true spirit of camaraderie and support that our chapter represents.

As we embark on this electrifying journey of electric vehicles and continue to support one another, I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events and sharing in the excitement of the "Exciting Electric Vehicle Series."

May this October be a month filled with knowledge, camaraderie, and a deeper appreciation for our Model A's and the ever-changing world of electric vehicles.

Wishing you safe travels and heartwarming moments of kindness, both on and off the road.

Warm regards,
Dennis Stephens, President, MAFCA Diamond Tread Chapter

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2023

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA Minutes of the General Meeting, September 5, 2023

- President Dennis Stephens opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Flag salute was led by Vice President Jim Runyon. 20 members and guests present.
- Dennis introduced Bill Bahr, the Tour Director of the Long Beach Model T Club, owner of a '31 pick-up and new member of Diamond Tread Chapter.
- Secretary LeRoy Kehret corrected last month's minutes to read "Barry's '31 Chevy", then finding no further additions or corrections, moved the minutes of Aug. 1st be approved as printed on the web page. Seconded and carried.
- Treasurer Louise Beckley read the bank balance.
- Editor Rex Bartholomew had nothing to report.
- Membership Chair Vicky Bartlett announced two new members, stickers for your rosters with their names will be available next month. Dues and advertisements for 2024 will be \$30 before Jan. 1st. Vicky is looking for a Program Chair to replace her. Red Hats are to take the Amtrak from Fullerton to San Juan Capistrano at 11:41 a.m. Tuesday. Seniors \$27.04. It was MSC to present gift to future program presenters, a \$12.00 MAFCA stainless steel travel mug.
- Hospitality Chair Pauline Issa discussed possible locations at Sizzler or Frantone's for the Installation Banquet in December.
- History/Publicity Chair Bonnie Ryan had no report.
- Tour Director Larry Ryan said that the Bailey House tour (thanks to Kenny Lee) and the Lomita Railroad Museum tour were great and enjoyed by all who attended. The Pio Pico Adobe tour this coming Saturday will leave the Wienerschnitzel on Alondra at 10:00 a.m. Bill Bahr has invited us to join the Long Beach Model T Club in touring the 150th anniversary of the Point Fermin Light House on May 11, 2024, and the Los Angeles Ford Factory sometime in the future. TBA.
- Fundraiser/Picnic Coordinator Bob Toerge moved for the approval of the Chapter Picnic at the La Palma Park, Sat. Oct. 7th at 11:00 MSC (editor note: the picnic has been cancelled since the meeting)
- Webmaster Mark Simons was absent.
- Henry's Helpers Chair Chuck Mayhew mentioned the group worked on Mark Simons' starter, and Jim Brenny's carburetor. Sept 18th is J.C.'s memorial drive and garage sale TBA
- Pauline Issa provided the program; The enjoyable story of her Model A Sports Coupe, purchased 55 years ago, in parts, but put together soon after, rewired by Chuck, Larry and Charles and driven to Quartz Hill Parade by back roads.

MEETING MINUTES (continued)

- Refreshments tonight provided by Rex Bartholomew; next month by Chuck Mayhew.
- Raffle by Bob; a Car Care Kit won by Rex, Model A Driver LeRoy, membership chip not present, and 1/3, 1/3 by Chuck and Pauline, \$37.00 each.
- Next Month's meeting will be Tues., Oct. 3rd. The program will be Diamond Tread member Chris Risdon. (Sept. is the nominating committee, Oct. the election slate is announced, Nov. is the election, and Dec is the installation.)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
LeRoy Kehret
Secretary



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.

PIO PICO ADOBE TOUR REPORT

On Saturday September 9th, a devoted group of Model A enthusiast left the Norwalk Wienerschnitzel for an easy trip to the Pio Pico Adobe in Whittier. The Adobe (a.k.a. El Ranchito) was the final home of Pio Pico, the last Governor of California under Mexican rule, and major figure in early California history. Our tour was led by a knowledgeable docent. This 5-acre site was restored in 2004 by the state.

Attendees were Chuck Mayhew in his newly restored late 1931 pickup truck, Barry Beckley's 1928 Roadster, and the Ryan's in their 1929 Sedan. Steve and Lorliene Sixt, Linda Seagroves, and Pauline Issa brought their modern iron. After the tour was over, we drove over to The Hat restaurant in Temple City. The pastrami was great for lunch!

Larry Ryan, Tour Director



OCTOBER TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT

Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens

Meeting date: Saturday, October 14th
Meeting time: 8:00 a.m. (depart at 8:30 a.m.)
Meeting place: Costco Gas Station
 5401 Katella Avenue Cypress, CA 90630
 (Cross streets Walker and Katella)

The October Tour is deep in Orange County to the Modjeska House. This drive is 28-miles (one-way), and the off the beaten path route is certainly scenic. Diamond Tread has a 10:00 a.m. docent reservation for a maximum of 20 persons. Please RSVP me via voice or text at my cell phone or email me at LRyan41724@msn.com! The fee to tour this historic house is FREE!



Larry Ryan, Tour Director

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Diamond Tread was invited by the Whittier Chapter to the Jonathan Bailey House Ice Cream Social on August 24th. What a great time!



2023 Board of Directors

President	Dennis Stephens
Vice President	Jim Runyon
Secretary	LeRoy Kehret
Treasurer	Louise Beckley
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: October 10th at 11:30 am

**Where: 19Seventy Lascari's Italian
16255 Whittier Blvd., Whittier**

Hosted by Pauline Issa

RSVP to Vicky Bartlett by October 4th:

Cell (213) 445-2962 (Text or Call)

Or email vickybartlett60@gmail.com

**All ladies of Diamond Tread
and Whittier Chapters are welcome**

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

MILE MARKERS



- Jim Brenny*
- Jennie Fotinakes*
- Bob Toerge*
- Susan Deogracias*
- Gene Burdo*
- Vicky Bartlett*
- Norman Saw*

Happy Anniversary

- Chuck and Imelda Mayhew*
- Joe and Mona Franco*
- Dennis and Maddie Stephens*
- Gary & Emma De La Cerna Gaffney*

HOSPITALITY

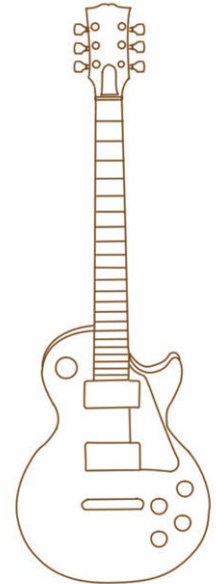
- October: Chuck Mayhew*
- November: Mark Simons*
- December: Installation*

OH YES, NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new members who joined in September!

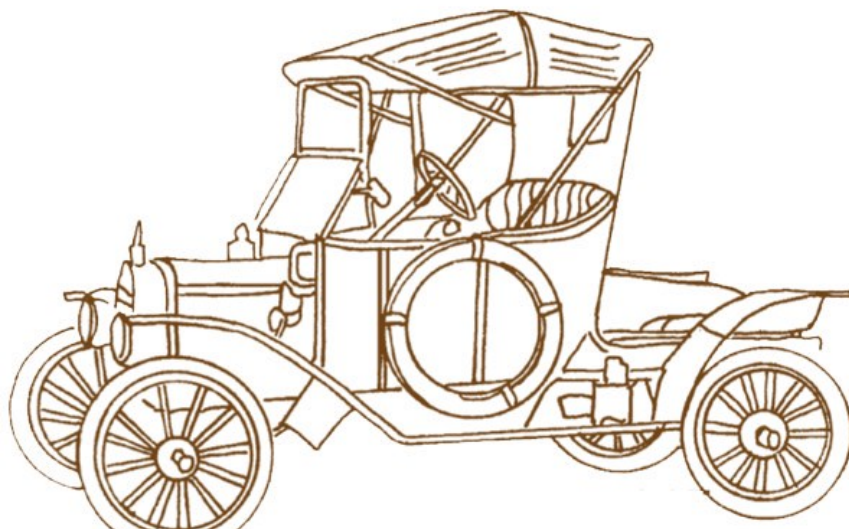
Norman Saw lives in Lakewood and is already known to a number of our members as a regular attendee at our weekly Village Café breakfasts with his friend Chuck Mayhew. Like Chuck, Norm worked for many years at LAX. In June, Norm retired from Fedex after 35 years as an Avionics Maintenance Technician at the level of leadman. Norm worked in a variety of jobs! In 1969 he started at the Pico Rivera Ford Plant installing brake pedals for 4 years until he moved up to installing headliners. After doing those jobs, he was very motivated to study electronics.

For fun, Norm has enjoyed traveling to many countries around the world during his vacations. Also, when he was 16, he started playing guitar which led to joining many groups and bands over the years. Norm currently is in three bands in which he frequently plays guitar and bass in gigs and jam sessions. Rawk on!



Bill and Deborah Bahr also live in Lakewood. Bill purchased his 1931 Model A Pick-Up in 2019. It was discovered by his brother and nephew with no “For Sale” sign in a Nebraska used car lot amongst modern Hondas and pick-ups. It belonged to the 83-year-old car lot owner who only wanted to sell his truck to someone who would keep it original and not make it into a hotrod. At the top of the truck’s current to-do list is to replace the wiring harness.

Bill is a member of the Long Beach Model T Club and had chatted with Larry Ryan at the Long Beach Model T swap meets. For several years as the current Tour Chairperson for the Model T Club, Bill has been extending invitations through Larry our Tour Chairperson to include Diamond Tread in the Model T Club activities and tours.



At our September meeting, he told us about a 3-day Model T tour to 29 Palms in October with a few open spaces and invited us to the 100th anniversary celebration of the Point Fermin Lighthouse in which the Model T Club has a major role. So put May 11, 2024 on your calendars, as we will be welcome to assist with the celebration!

HENRY'S HELPERS ON DUTY



On September 15th, Diamond Tread Henry's Helpers were well-represented by Chuck Mayhew and Larry Ryan. This dynamic duo installed a new front-mounted toolbox on Linda Seagrove's gorgeous 1931 Coupe, and got it done with no instruction sheet!

Henry's Helpers would be happy to help you out with your Model As too - we appreciate that these fellows are there for us in times of need!

Photo by Larry Ryan

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

At our August 1st general membership meeting, Diamond Tread members were treated to an engaging presentation from Pauline Issa who spoke about her Model A while providing fun anecdotes about growing up with this automobile. Tidbits included tales of her short-circuit wiring troubles and her tomato can horn cover that lasted at least 57 years. She is grateful that Henry's Helpers rewired and went through her car in 2021!

The monthly series will continue in October:

Speaker: Chris Risdon, Diamond Tread Member,
Master Technician, Automotive Technical Writer,
Historian, and Hobbyist

Date: October 3rd (general membership meeting)

Title: Electric Vehicles

Part One (this Month): The History of Electric Vehicles

Part Two: Electric Vehicles Today

Part Three: Electric Vehicles in the Future



RED HOT SPARKS FIELD TRIP

On September 12th the Diamond Tread and Whittier Chapter Red Hot Sparks took their annual roundtrip on Amtrak from Fullerton to San Juan Capistrano. There was beautiful weather and good camaraderie - what a relaxing day out!



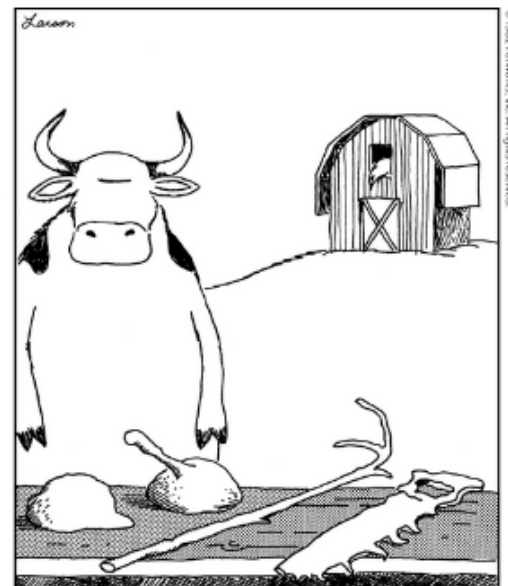
EDITORIAL MUSINGS

There were no entries for last month's contest, so there is no winner. If you don't play you can't win!

I might be forced to replace the contest section with Maxine cartoons, and I don't think I could live with myself.

I would love to hear about your Model As, club activities and hijinks! I might even publish them, with pictures and everything!

Please send any submissions, pictures, tour reports, remembrances, or stories to me at editor@diamondtread.com



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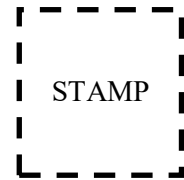
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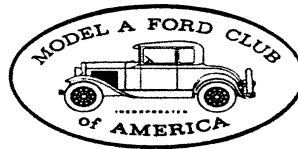
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