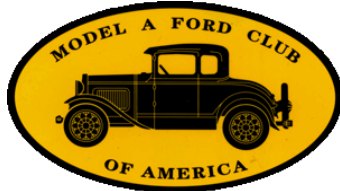


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DECEMBER EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - December 2nd

Sizzler from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
10153 Artesia Blvd Bellflower CA 90706

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NO DECEMBER MEETING
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RED HOT SPARKS - December 12th

Lascari's at 11:30 a.m.
1360 S. Beach Blvd, La Habra, CA

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GRISWOLD CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR
.....

La Mirada, details to be announced

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CHRISTMAS - December 25th
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXCURSION - TBD
.....

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

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



THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - DECEMBER 2023

Dear Club Members,

As the year draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the memories made, the friendships forged, and the countless adventures we've shared with our beloved Model A Fords. It's been a year filled with the joy of driving our vintage treasures, and now, as we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May the festive spirit of Christmas fill your homes with warmth, your hearts with joy, and your garages with the sweet anticipation of more Model A adventures in the coming year. As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the season, let's remember the shared passion that brings us together—the love for our timeless Model A Fords.

I'd like to extend a special note of gratitude to our outgoing board members. Your dedication, hard work and passion for our club have been the driving force behind our success this past year. Your tireless efforts have truly made a difference, and we thank you for your commitment to preserving the legacy of the Model A Ford.

I'm also pleased to extend a warm welcome to the new board members who will be steering us into the future. Your willingness to take on this responsibility is commendable, and we look forward to the fresh ideas and energy you bring to the club. Together, let's continue to build on the foundation laid by those before us and make 2024 a year filled with exciting events, memorable drives, and camaraderie.

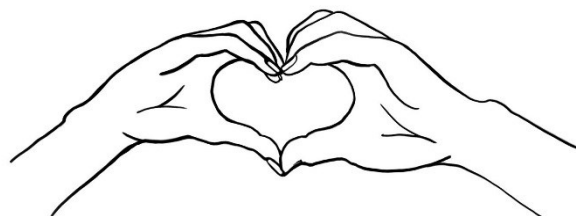
As we bid farewell to 2023, keep an eye out for announcements about our year-end celebrations and upcoming events for the new year. There's always something exciting happening in the Diamond Tread Model A Ford Club.

Thank you all for being a part of this incredible journey. May your holidays be filled with laughter, love, and the joy of the open road.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dennis Stephens
President Diamond Tread chapter of MAFCA



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2023

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
Minutes of the General Meeting, November 14, 2023

- The meeting was opened by President Dennis Stephens at 6:30 p.m.
- The Flag Salute was led by Vice President Jim Runyon.
- President Dennis said that there will be no breakfast next Thursday, Thanksgiving.
- Vice President Jim mentioned Bonnie's report in the Restorer about J.C. Stephenson's passing, and that all MAFCA chapters over 50 years old will receive a brick in their name on the walk at MAFFI. Jim had a copy of the minutes of the SCRG meeting.
- Secretary LeRoy Kehret, finding no additions or corrections, moved that the October minutes be accepted as posted on the newsletter on-line. Seconded and carried.
- Treasurer Louise Beckley gave the bank balance and mentioned the correspondence.
- Editor Rex Bartholomew reiterated the Toys-for-Tots contribution to replace the usual raffle at the Installation Banquet on December 2nd, Bellflower Sizzler, corner of Artesia and Woodruff, 11 a.m.
- Membership Chair Vicky Bartlett collected dues for Louise, and passed around a sign-in list for the banquet.
- Tour Director Larry Ryan said next Saturday's tour to Santa Monica will be cancelled due to predicted rain. A December Christmas Lights tour to the Griswold House in La Mirada will be announced by e-mail. The Annual Holiday Excursion, the last Sunday in December is still on. Larry is always open to suggestions for possible tours.
- Henry's Helpers Chair Chuck Mayhew said they worked on Jim Barger's brakes, Dennis' windshield swing arms, and every Tuesday at J.C.'s garage, preparing for a garage sale TBA.
- Fund Raiser/Picnic Chair Bob Toerge and Hospitality Chair Pauline Issa were absent; Publicity Chair Bonnie Ryan and Webmaster Mark Simons had no reports.
- The Program was the second installment of Chris Risdon's presentation on Electrified Vehicles, this one on the current status of EVs.
 - The handout and discussion were informative and enlightening.
 - HEVs (Hybrid Electric Vehicles with two power sources)
 - PHEVs (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles, HEV with a shorter-range rechargeable battery)
 - EVs (Electric Vehicles with no gas engines)
 - Very heavy, 5,000 lbs. +
 - The battery alone weighs 1,100 lbs.
 - They must be plugged in to be charged
 - Discussion on the problems with EVs.

MEETING MINUTES (continued)

- The Election of Officers (Bob Toerge has resigned as Fundraising / Picnic Chair)

President: Dennis Stephens	Hospitality: Pauline Issa
Vice President: Jim Runyon	Publicity Chair: Bonnie Ryan
Secretary: Bill Paige	Tour Director: Larry Ryan
Treasurer: Louise Beckley	Fundraising/Picnic Chair: TBD
Editor: Rex Bartholomew	Webmaster: Mark Simons
Membership Chair: Vicky Bartlett	Henry's Helpers Chair: Chuck Mayhew
- With no other nominees forthcoming, it was Moved, Seconded, and Carried to issue a White Paper electing the Board of Directors in one vote.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
- Refreshments were provided by Mark Simons, next month is the Installation Banquet.
- Raffle results:
 - Membership Chit: Runyons, \$20.00.
 - Four foot shop light: Dennis Stephens
 - Model A Driver: Larry Ryan
 - 1/3,1/3,1/3: Rex and LeRoy, \$26.00 each

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.

BONNIE AND CLYDE DAYS

By Doug Scott

As published in the Dallas Model A Ford Club *Quail Tale* Newsletter

Pilot Point, TX held their annual reenactment of the Bonnie & Clyde bank robbery scene from the 1967 movie. As we do each year, several DMAFC members volunteered the use of their car and participated in the event. Keiss Weiss was the sheriff and wore a period correct suit and hat and his .38 revolver was also a vintage 1927 police handgun. He drove his '31 Slant equipped with a siren and red lights which is perfect for his role.



Jerome Hanson also played the role of sheriff in his 1928 Tudor. Doug Scott drove his '31 Slant as the getaway car. A large crowd enjoyed both performances of the day. The club was given a prime parking location on the north side of the square. We had 10 Model As for the public to view, take pictures, and ask questions. Several shared memories about family members who owned a Model A. Fortunately, the Barrow Gang escaped unharmed and will return for another performance next year. Thanks to Bill Holcomb for organizing our participation again this year.

Editor note: this seems like a fun event, and it is a cool vintage main street. Looks like the whole town came out for this performance!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MAFCA



2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

We are happy that you are renewing your membership with Diamond Tread Chapter.

Diamond Tread Membership Dues for 2024 are: \$30.00, if paid in 2023; and \$35.00, if paid in 2024.

To be included in the 2024 Roster, please pay before January 31, 2024.

Make Check Payable to: M.A.F.C.A. DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER INC.

First Name

Last Name

Birthday (Month/Day)

Name: _____

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Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Wedding Anniversary (Month/Day): _____

Model A(s) Owned (Year & Model): _____

Please return in person or mail to:

Diamond Tread Chapter MAFCA – Membership

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Date Submitted with Payment: _____

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: Tuesday December 12th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Lascari's
1360 S. Beach Blvd, La Habra
RSVP by 12/8 to Marilyn Gentry**

**562-743-5820 or
coopy11141@yahoo.com or**

Pauline Issa 562-864-5780

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

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

MILE MARKERS



*Wayne Wiedle
Becky Simons
Lorliene Sixt
Ken Hutchinson
Gary Gaffney
Luke Sayer*

Happy Anniversary

*Richard and JoNell Hickock
Tony and Muriel Reyes
Steve and Lorliene Sixt
Rex and Lisa Bartholomew*



December: Installation



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



**MAFCA Diamond Tread Chapter
Christmas Luncheon and Installation of Officers**

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Where: Sizzler Bellflower
10153 Artesia Blvd, Bellflower, CA 90706

For Parking: Lots of parking off of Artesia Blvd, around the restaurant and in larger attached lot. Restaurant entrance is at the corner of Artesia Blvd and Woodruff Ave.

Time: 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Cost: Pay at Cashier as you walk in; bring your drink, tray & receipt to our seating at the back of the restaurant.

Musical Entertainment provided by Jay Munns.

We will pass around an empty pitcher for tips to servers
(suggested at least \$2 per person).

Unlimited coffee, tea, soda and water by servers.

Names of Attendees _____

of Attendees _____ **Phone #** _____

Space is Limited to 50 persons. Reserve Early or By November 26, 2023:

Call either Pauline at 562-864-5780
or Vicky at 213-445-2962

To indicate whether you plan to attend or not.

TOYS FOR TOTS



Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the December 2 Diamond Tread Installation Luncheon. All toys collected will be delivered to our local Marine coordinator. Please food items or realistic-looking toy weapons.

Thank you for your support!



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

At our November 14th general membership meeting, Diamond Tread members learned about the current state of electrified vehicles in the United States from Chris Risdon. This monthly series will conclude in January:

- Speaker:** Chris Risdon, Diamond Tread Member,
Master Technician, Automotive Technical Writer, Historian, and Hobbyist
- Date:** January 2nd (general membership meeting)
- Title:** Electrified Vehicles: Part Three: Electrified Vehicles in the Future

EDITORIAL MUSINGS

- I would love to hear about you! About your cars, your families, your weekends, your joys and sorrows, or anything - big or small.
- Don't forget that members can post free For Sale notices in the newsletter. If you have some old cars or parts, this is a fun way to sell them.
- It's annual dues time. Pay before the end of the year to receive a discounted rate.

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



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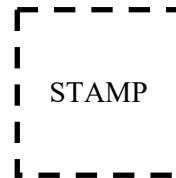
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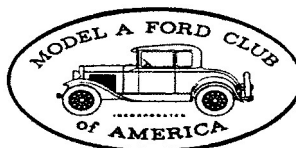
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