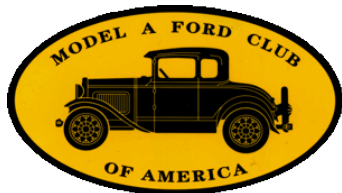


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: JANUARY 2024



JANUARY EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY - January 1st

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NEXT MEETING - January 2nd

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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RED HOT SPARKS - January 9th

Olive Garden at 11:30 a.m.

11171 183rd Street, Cerritos, CA

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JANUARY TOUR - January 20th

Santa Monica Museum of Flying

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NATIONAL CHEESE DAY - January 20th

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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 - JANUARY 2024

Dear Club Members,

I hope this message finds you well and surrounded by the warmth of the holiday season. As we bid farewell to another year, I want to extend my sincerest wishes for a joyous and fulfilling Christmas to each and every one of you.

Reflecting on the past year, we've experienced both challenges and triumphs as a community. Through it all, your resilience and dedication have been the driving forces that have propelled us forward. As we move towards 2024, I am filled with optimism and hope for a year of prosperity, growth, and shared accomplishments.

Before we embark on the new year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to two individuals who have played pivotal roles in guiding our organization. Leroy Kehret and Bob Toerge, outgoing board members, have devoted their time, energy, and expertise to serve our community. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their unwavering commitment.

I am also pleased to welcome two new members to our board, Norman Saw and Bill Paige. Their passion and dedication to our shared goals are evident, and I have no doubt that their presence will enhance the strength and effectiveness of our leadership team. Together, let us embrace the opportunities that the coming year holds and work collaboratively towards our common objectives.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for your ongoing support and engagement. As we celebrate the holidays and look forward to the new year, may the spirit of unity and goodwill prevail among us all. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Dennis Stephens
President, Diamond Tread Chapter of M.A.F.C.A.

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.

JANUARY TOUR SANTA MONICA MUSEUM OF FLYING

Where: Santa Monica Museum of Flying is a 28-mile drive from Norwalk (56 mile round-trip)

Address: 3100 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica CA 90405

Cost: Adults are \$10.00, Seniors are \$8.00.

When: Saturday January 20th, meet at 8 a.m. and depart no later than 8:30 a.m.

Meet: Wienerschnitzel at 11610 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk

There is a FS3000 flight simulator that you can fly for an extra \$8.00.

I really need some input on future tours. I have planned tours to March Field Air Museum and the Southern California Museum in Perris. These tours are ambitious, and are over 65 miles one way. What do you think? Please give me a call - let's talk about where you would like to go. I know everyone has places where they would like to take their Model A's!

Larry Ryan, Tour Director
(562) 484-8414

www.museumofflying.com



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER BOARD INSTALLATION DECEMBER 2, 2023



2024 Board Of Directors

(from left to right)

* **Bonnie Ryan - Historian and Publicity Chairman**

* **Chuck Mayhew - Henry's Helpers**

* **Larry Ryan - Tour Director**

* **Jim Runyon - Vice President**

* **Bill Paige - Secretary**

* **Dennis Stephens - President**

* **Pauline Issa - Hospitality**

* **Norman Saw - Picnic/Fund Coordinator**

* **Rex Bartholomew - Editor**

* **Vicky Bartlett - Membership**

* **LeRoy Kehret - Outgoing Secretary**

(Not present: Mark Simons, Webmaster and Louise Beckley, Treasurer)

DIAMOND TREAD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 2, 2023

On Saturday December 2, we had a great turnout at the Bellflower Sizzler for our annual board installation and holiday luncheon. Diamond Tread had a room to ourselves where we enjoyed our meals, had fellowship, and sang along to our favorite Christmas tunes.

Many thanks to Sizzler for great service, and extra thanks go out to everyone who planned everything to make this event run so smoothly.

With the beautiful weather, it also gave our members a chance to show off their beautiful Ford Model As!



DIAMOND TREAD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 2, 2023

Diamond Tread did a fantastic job of filling up our room at the Bellflower Sizzler, and it was neat to see the Model As parked right outside the windows as we ate. Jay Munns put together a thoughtful (and professional) program, interweaving the histories of classic Christmas songs with some fabulous piano playing that we could all sing along with. We had a raffle for some prizes, but this year we minimized the gaming aspect and asked members to bring a new unwrapped toy to help children in need for Christmas. Diamond Tread went above and beyond and brought dozens of neat things for the kids to enjoy. We are very proud that our members rose to the occasion and gave generously!

Event Photos by Pauline Issa and Rex Bartholomew



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President	Dennis Stephens
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Secretary	Bill Paige
Treasurer	Louise Beckley
Membership Chairman	Vicky Bartlett
Hospitality Chairman	Pauline Issa
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Tour Director	Larry Ryan
Fund/Picnic Coordinator	Norman Saw
Webmaster	Mark Simons
Henry's Helpers	Chuck Mayhew
Editor	Rex Bartholomew



Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday January 9th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Olive Garden
11171 183rd Street, Cerritos**

RSVP by Friday, January 5th

**to Betty Boan, Hostess at
bettyann.boan@gmail.com
or (562) 420-2845 (home)**

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

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

MILE MARKERS



- Mike Wheeler*
- Cindy Harris*
- Margie Sayer*
- Frank Deogracias*
- Deborah Bahr*
- Mark Simons*

Happy Anniversary

No anniversaries in January!

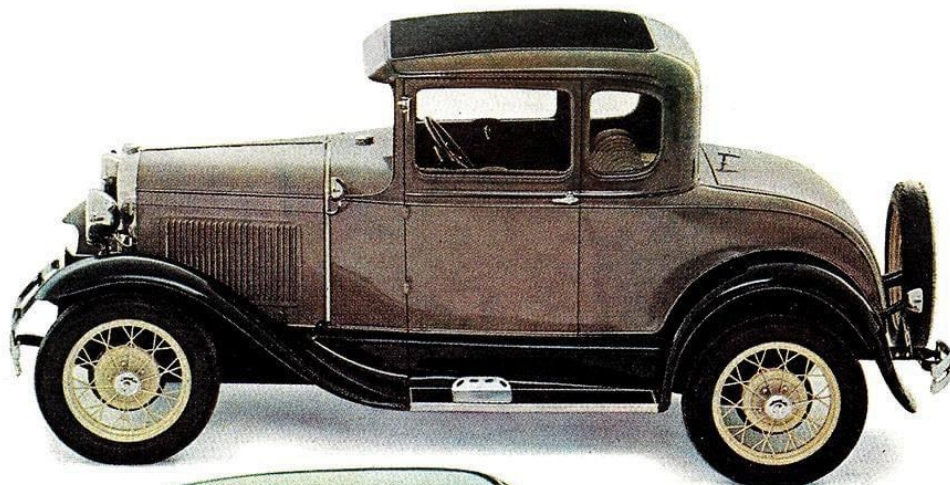
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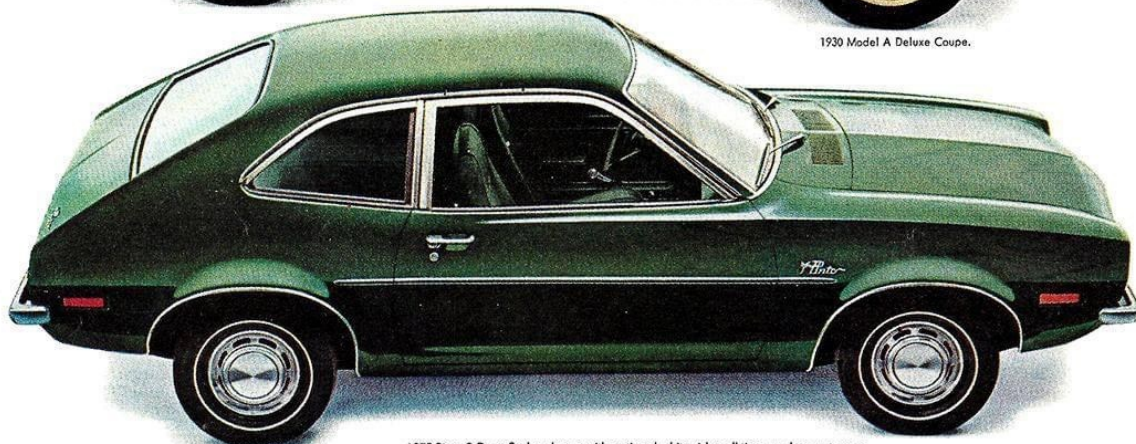
*January: Pauline Issa
February: Rex Bartholomew*

FORD HISTORY

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1930 Model A Deluxe Coupe.



1972 Pinto 2-Door Sedan shown with optional white sidewall tires, and accent group.

When people shop for a small car, they look for some very simple basic values. Dependability. Economy of money and style. Good mileage and long life.

Those basics are our birthplace. The Model T, the Model A, the first mass produced station wagon — name a basic idea, and chances are Ford built it.

Now to Ford Pinto.

Pinto is as simple and solid a small car as there is in the world. And it's priced lower than the three leading imports; lower than its major U.S. competitor. Yet it has every basic modern necessity.

A gutsy little engine that gets the same economical

kind of gas mileage as the little imports.

A solid-as-a-rock four speed transmission. Sports car steering. A welded steel body with six coats of paint.

Ball-joint front suspension, and a wide stable stance on the road. Pinto doesn't have to fear a superhighway.

And finally: Pinto gives you comfortable interior leg and shoulder room — yet it's only 1½ inches longer than the leading little import.

See the Pinto at your Ford dealer's. It's 40 years newer than the Model A — but it's still the same basic idea.

When you get back to basics, you get back to Ford.

FORD PINTO

FORD DIVISION



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: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

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
P.O. Box 4563
Downey, CA 90241

Date Submitted with Payment: _____

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

At our November 14th general membership meeting, Diamond Tread members learned about the current state of electrical vehicles in the United States from Chris Risdon. This monthly series will conclude in January, 2024:

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

Date: January 2nd (general membership meeting)

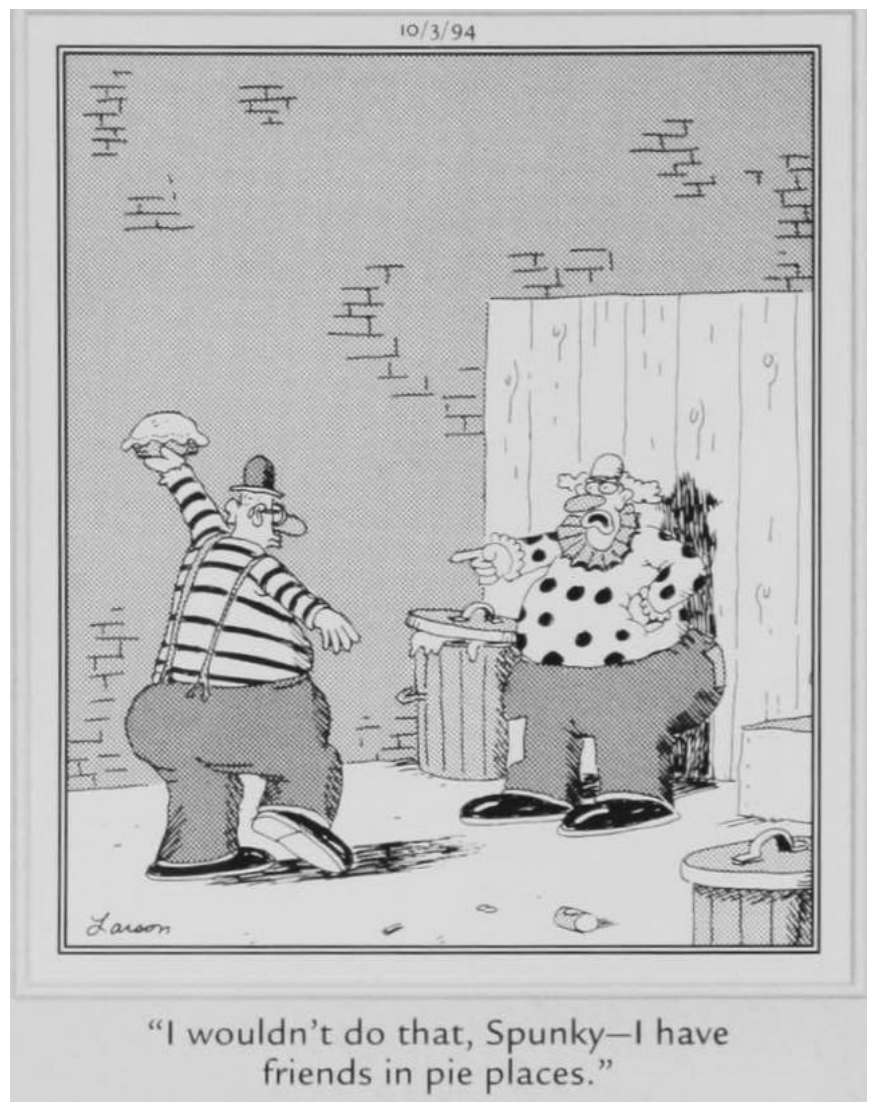
Title: Electrical Vehicles: Part Three: Electrical Vehicles in the Future

EDITORIAL MUSINGS

- Many thanks to LeRoy Kehret, it has been an honor working with you for the past year!
- 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, please renew ASAP.

Please send any submissions, pictures, tour reports, remembrances, or stories to:

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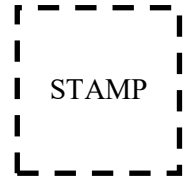
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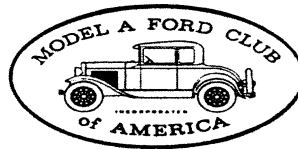
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