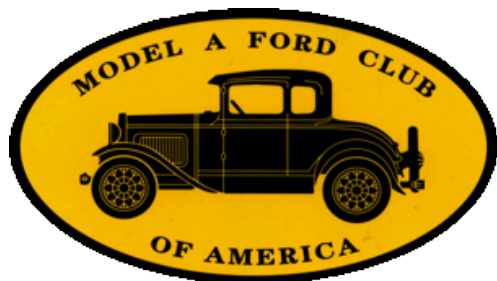


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MAY EVENTS

MAY DAY– MAY 1st

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NEXT MEETING - May 7th

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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MOTHERS' DAY - May 12th

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RED HOT SPARKS - May 14th

California Grill at 11:30 a.m.

6751 Painter Avenue, Whittier

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MEMORIAL DAY - May 27th

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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 - MAY 2024

Dear Diamond Tread Chapter Members,

As we enter into May, we welcome the beginning of the car show cruise season. It's that time of the year where we dust off our cherished antique cars, fine-tune their engines, inflate those tires, and give them the gleam they deserve.

Each of our vehicles holds a story, a piece of history that we proudly display to fellow enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike.

I encourage you all to connect with Chuck Mayhew to stay updated on the times and locations of our upcoming events. These gatherings are not just about showcasing our automobiles; they're about fostering a community, sharing our passion, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Furthermore, don't forget to mark your calendars for our scheduled meetings. Beyond the camaraderie, we have exciting activities planned, including raffles, door prizes, and engaging speakers who will enrich our knowledge and appreciation of the automotive world.

So let's rev up our engines and make this cruise season one to remember. See you all at the events!

Warm regards,
Dennis Stephens
President, Diamond Tread chapter of MAFCA

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.

APRIL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Minutes

Club Meeting

Date April 2, 2024

Time 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Dennis Stephens

In Attendance

Bonnie Ryan, Larry Ryan, Rex Bartholomew, Chuck Mayhew, Bill Paige, Tom Endy, Ginger Stone, Ben Stone, Timmy Stone, Dennis Stephens, Louise Beckley, Barry Beckley, Vicky Bartlett, Pauline Issa, Linda Seagroves, Jim Runyon, Wayne Wiedle, Greg Witz, LeRoy Kehret, Monique Risdon, Chris Risdon, Norm Saw, Emma DeLaCerna, Gary Gaffney, and four Model A's.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March meeting as printed in the April *Diamond Tread News* were approved.

Reports

Dennis: Asked for hands of those who will be participating on Saturday the 27th in the 'La Palma Festival of Nations Parade'. He then requested a motion for two \$50.00 cash prizes to be donated to the Orange County Club for their picnic raffle. Motion made and approved.

Jim Runyon: Reminded us of the Orange County Pancake Breakfast, Sunday 14th of April. Due to traffic congestion, we will need to enter the park through the back entrance.

Louise: Reported positive balance in the club checking account. The motion was made and approved to donate two hundred dollars to the 'Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund'.

Henry's Helpers: Chuck helped Jim Brenny with his ignition; Chuck, Charlie and Luke helped Jim Williams with new valves in his engine.

Larry: April Tour will be OC Pancake Breakfast, meet at McDonalds on Katella at 6AM for departure at 6:30. For the La Palma Parade meet at Charlie and Joan Sento's at 8:30 AM on the 27th.

Vicky: Handed out 2024 rosters to all members in attendance, if you were not there, please pick yours up at the May meeting. Vicky introduced Our newest member Greg Witz ('29 Fordor) ... Welcome Greg! Next, we were happy to be introduced to Mr. Tom Endy and the Stone Family.

Speaker

Our Distinguished Speaker Ben Stone brought his outstanding Tudor for all to see. With the help of technical director, Mom/Ginger, Ben presented a very detailed and interesting PowerPoint of the Tudor restoration and customization. He brought along his brother Timmy, age 13, to represent the age Ben was when he started the project. Our club had many questions of Ben afterwards, the very technical ones he referred to his mentor and Grandfather, well known to the Model A community, Tom Endy. Ben now drives his Model A daily to high school and is probably the envy of all the guys on campus, if not quite all the girls.

Next meeting: May 7th at The Village Cafe

Bill Paige, Secretary

HUBLEY CARS

The Hubley Company of Pennsylvania made accurate metal replicas of Model A Fords and other cars for many years. There are seven Model "A" Ford body styles available: Four Door Sedan, Station Wagon, Coupe, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Victoria, and Phaeton.

The kits contain several metal body castings and an assortment of plastic parts. It does take some time to clean up all the pieces and paint them, but the results are well worth the effort. This is a great family participation project for the younger members, as everyone who races a car must be involved in some part of the building of it.

The original Hubley and Gabriel models can still be located in swap meets, antique stores, eBay, and many times sitting on a shelf if you have been a Model "A'er" for some time. The Scale Model version can be purchased in the larger hobby stores. All the parts are interchangeable between Hubley, Gabriel and Scale Model.

One day many years ago, someone got the idea that it might be fun to "race" these model cars down a track similar to the "Pinewood Derby" that the Boy and Girl Scouts use. The Hubley Derby is a gravity race using the die cast 1/20 scale metal models made by Hubley, Gabriel, and Scale Model. Many of our meets now have an event for "the kids" - racing their toy Model A cars. Usually only appearing in local and regional MAFCA events, the "Hubley Derby" came into the national spotlight when it was an official event at the 1994 Tacoma MAFCA/MARC National Meet.

The race is a great participant and spectator sport. The crowds really get involved in the runoffs and cheer for their favorites. The format is side by side racing on a three-lane track with elimination races until the age group champion is finally crowned. Some of the fiercest competition is in the 18 and over age group.



From The Restorer

Hubley Derby in Loveland - photo by Jason Binkley

UPCOMING TOUR

Diamond Tread has scheduled a tour to Rotors, Warbirds and Wheels Fest FREE Airshow on May 4, 2024. Over 8,000 guests are expected.

Includes: helicopter and airplane rides (probably not FREE), flybys, parachute jumpers, a huge static display of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft, classic cars, trucks and hot rods, live music, a beer/wine garden, food and material vendors, and activities for kids.

This show will be at San Gabriel Valley Airport, and further details will be provided by Larry Ryan (562-484-8415), the Diamond Tread Tour Director. Hope to see you there!

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members: Greg and Koko Witz who live in Fullerton. You will find their listing at the very end of your copy of the new 2024 Diamond Tread Roster, because their name is near the end of the alphabet. We now have 62 member families in Diamond Tread!

Greg was introduced at our April meeting and his enthusiasm for their 1929 Fordor Sedan with the Briggs Body and life is catching. He has had his A for ten years and he loves driving it whenever he gets a chance. He shared that he has learned alot about A's in the last decade because he has rebuilt everything - the engine, the front end, the transmission, the brakes, and the rear end (the axles were broken!).

I had an opportunity to interview him and his wife Koko over the phone and learned that both their first dog and their first Model A arrived soon after he retired. Take time to introduce yourself to him when you see him at a meeting, weekly breakfast, or tour.

Vicky Bartlett, Membership Chair

IN SEARCH OF...



Editor note: Diamond Tread received this request, and if you have any information about this truck it would be nice if you would share it with Dale. Thanks!

Hi,

I am a member of the national club and the Houston club as well. I am hoping to find some history on this p.u. that I purchased a year ago in October. The seller couldn't come up with anything and since he was in Long Beach, I was hoping someone around there might recognize it and get in touch with me. Mainly I am wanting to know what may have been done on the engine through the years. It runs well but I am afraid to drive it hard until I know. The number is the same on the frame and engine, A 3460596.

Thanks in advance for helping,

Dale Muenzler
(512) 289-0027



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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: Tuesday, May 14th at 11:30 am

Where: California Grill

6751 Painter Avenue, Whittier

Hosted by Vicky Bartlett

RSVP before Friday, May 10th to Vicky at (213) 445-2962 (call or text) or e-mail

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

MAY MILE MARKERS



*LeRoy Kehret
Joe Franco
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Betty Boan
Pamela Wellmann*

Happy Anniversary

*Chris and Monique Risdon
Frank and Susan Deogracias
Ronald and Pamela Wellmann*

HOSPITALITY

*May: Dennis Stephens
June: Wayne Wiedle
July: Ron Boan*

LA PALMA CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The City of La Palma's Community Activities and Beautification Committee proudly presents the 2024 season of Concerts in the Park. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a night of music! Food Trucks will be available at each concert. Musical guests to be announced.

When: Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

- July 11

- July 18*

- July 25

- August 1**

*Hometown Heroes Concert

**Civic Expo & National Night Out

Where: Central Park, 7821 Walker Street

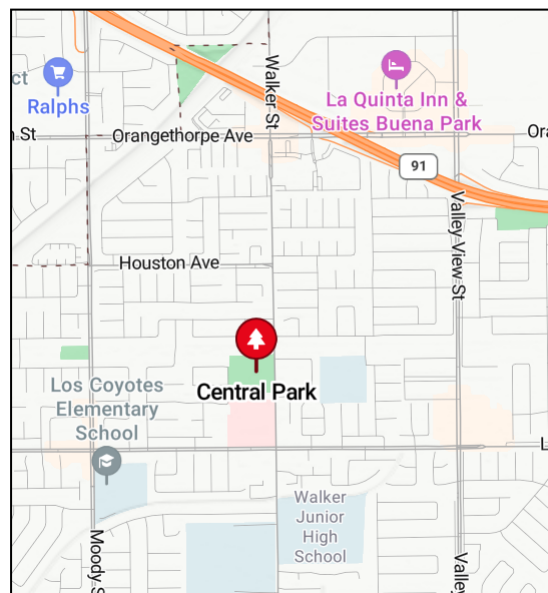
Cost: Admission and parking are free



Summer Concerts in the Park are coming soon, so put them on your calendar now. Everyone needs time to relax and be with friends. The fresh air and open space at the park are very relaxing. If you like animals, with all the dogs at the park, it's like a trip to the zoo. You see large and small dogs, dogs that are well trained and a few that are not. The music is always good with a different band every week with music from different years. Last year we also had pizza for dinner from one of our members. So, put La Palma Concerts in the Park on your calendar now for this summer - you won't be sorry!

Larry Ryan

Tour Director



MODERN DAY MIRACLE!

Earlier this month my son and I were driving, with three other Model As from Santa Anita, to the CCRG Jamboree at Clovis. When we stopped for gas in Pixley, 230 miles from home and 70 miles short of our destination, our '29 blind back exhibited a fierce reluctance to run without complaining (loudly).

While stopped on the road trying to decipher this unusual knocking and banging, we were approached by a fellow in a white pick-up asking if we needed help; his business was just around the corner. At his location it was determined that continued driving of the '29 Lady would severely jeopardize the integrity of her engine.

So he asked where we lived, then said he was heading our way the next week, hauling hay. Would we like him to trailer the Lady back home for us? By the way, he had an extra car. Would we like to borrow it until he brought our baby back home? True to his word, he delivered the faulty Ford to us as promised, free of charge, and trailered his Malibu back to Pixley, with our eternal gratitude.

That's why I believe in angels!

LeRoy Kehret, (believer) Diamond Tread

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Our popular monthly distinguished speaker series will continue in May, 2024:

Speaker: LeRoy Kehret - longtime Diamond Tread active member

Date: May 7th (general membership meeting)

Title: Automotive Design

Summary: LeRoy will discuss the unique designs of a few of his favorite vehicles.

Ben Stone was our distinguished speaker at the Diamond Tread April meeting, and brought his outstanding Tudor for show and tell. He started restoring his A at the age of 13, just as the COVID shutdown got started. Ben did a great job with his presentation, and answering all of our clubs' questions. It was special to have his grandfather at the meeting, and many members already knew Tom Endy. This young man has proven his dedication, and with this attitude he will be a success in his future endeavors!

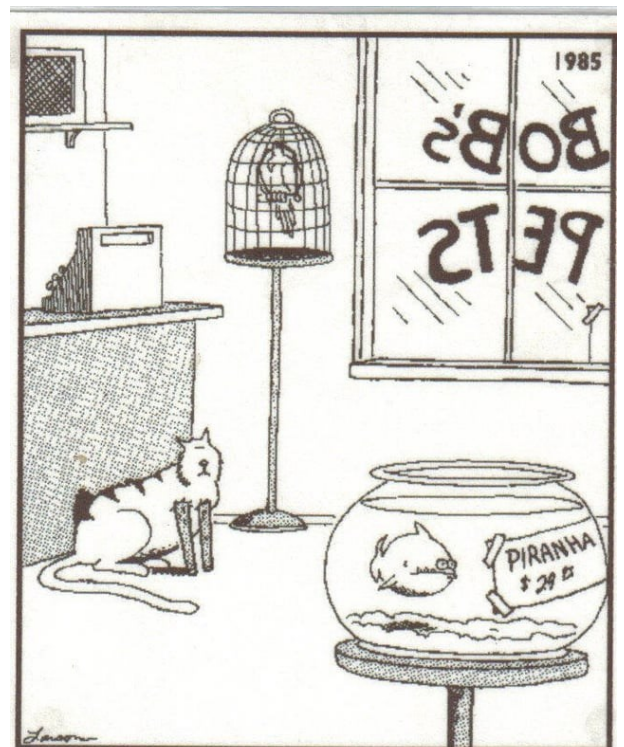


EDITORIAL MUSINGS

- I love southern California summer!
- Big thanks to Dennis Stephens, Pauline Issa, Bill Paige, Vicky Bartlett, and Larry Ryan for always providing newsletter content - I really appreciate you!
- The Orange County Model A pancake breakfast is one of my favorites. So many good memories with my dad and son.
- 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.

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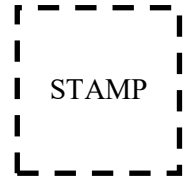
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