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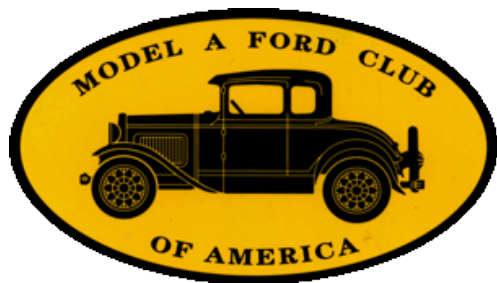


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JULY EVENTS

NEXT MEETING - July 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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INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4th

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RED HOT SPARKS - July 9th

Chili's at 11:30 a.m.

4931 Candlewood Street, Lakewood

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JULY TOUR - July 22nd

Model T Club Swap Meet

Veterans Stadium

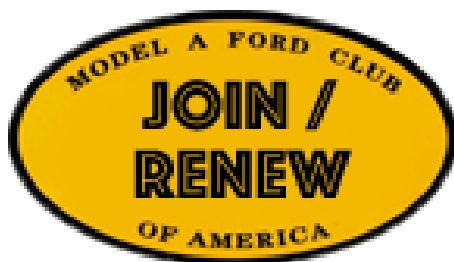
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WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

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



THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JULY 2024

Dear Members,

It's been an eventful month for the Diamond Tread Model A Club, and we're excited to share some highlights with you.

May was packed with adventure thanks to our dedicated Tour Director, Larry Ryan, who led not one, but two thrilling tours. These outings provided fantastic opportunities for members to bond, explore, and create lasting memories. If you haven't had the chance to join one of our tours yet, you're truly missing out on the camaraderie and excitement shared among our fellow enthusiasts. At our last meeting, we had the pleasure of delighting tour participants with some fantastic door prizes. It's always a joy to recognize and reward those who actively participate in our club's events.

Speaking of events, the car show cruises have resumed on Mondays and Wednesdays, drawing participation from several of our members. If you're interested in joining these cruises or have any questions, our dedicated member, Chuck Mayhew, will be more than happy to provide details and assist you in any way he can.

Looking ahead, we're less than six months away from our highly anticipated installation banquet. This is an excellent time for all of us to start thinking about available positions and the future of our club. Your thoughts and suggestions will be invaluable as we work toward creating an even brighter future for the Diamond Tread Model A Club. As always, your active involvement and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind our club's success. With your continued support, we look forward to reaching new heights and creating even more memorable experiences for our members.

If you have any ideas, feedback, or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your input is valued and appreciated.

With 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.

JUNE CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Date	June 4, 2024
Time	6:30 PM
Meeting called to order by	Dennis Stephens

IN ATTENDANCE

Pauline Issa, Linda Seagroves, Chris Risdon, Monique Risdon, Rex Bartholomew, Pam Kehret, Leroy Kehret, Louise Beckley, Barry Beckley, Darwin Kibby, Wayne Weidle, Luke Sayer, Jim Runyon, Chuck Mayhew, Ed Tolman, Bill Paige, Dennis Stephens, Bill Bahr, Greg Witz, Bonnie Ryan, Larry Ryan, Vicky Bartlett, and 5 Model A automobiles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April meeting as printed in the May Diamond Tread News were voted on and approved.

REPORTS

- Dennis: Welcomed all. Requested VP Runyon to lead us in Flag Salute
- Louise: Reported positive balance in the club checking account.
- Chuck: Reported Henry's Helpers, Chuck, Charlie, Larry, and Luke helped out their fellow club members: Jim Brenny, Joe Beason, Dennis Stephens, and even Chuck Mayhew with Model A ailments during the time since our last meeting.
- Pauline: Reported the Installation and Christmas Party will be at the Bellflower Sizzler on December 7th. Brought up possibility of our club sponsoring a Model A Rally. Tabled for next month.
- Larry: May tour was to Whittier Narrows with the Whittier Model A Club for the LA Dept of Water and Power picnic. It was a good time for those that participated. You are missing out if you miss these fun tours! Then reported that Chuck blew his fuse. I thought oh no, he must have gotten really upset. Upon further reporting discovered it was the fuse on his Model A. It evidently held the tour up only 3 or 4 minutes, but that was enough for Larry to break out the "Rusty Jack Award" which he has held for a number of years. He showed it to the club and explained you receive it if your Model A breaks down on a club tour. Where upon he bestowed The Rusty Jack, encased in an outhouse, upon Chuck.
- Vicky: Introduced Pam Kehret, a member for some 18 years but we had not enjoyed her company in a long while. Vicky also introduced her new cute little rescue dog.

OLD BUSINESS

In that we did not meet in youth awareness month of May. It was pointed out that we always encourage youth to become interested in our hobby. M.A.Y. also stands for Model "A" Youth, therefore we do encourage them more in May. MAFCA offers two ways to encourage young people. The Model A Youth Restoration Award, (MAYRA) (which our club contributes to yearly) and the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund. A motion was made to contribute \$200.00 to the Scholarship Fund, the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES (continued)

SPEAKER

Our Distinguished Speaker this evening was our own LeRoy Kehret (MAFCA member for 42 years). We always enjoy Leroy, and to hear him speak on the unique designs of a few of his favorite (mostly expensive) vehicles was a pleasure. He also introduced us to the designer Gordon Buehrig who had a hand in designing many of these vehicles and perhaps influenced the design of the Model A. A big thank you was given to LeRoy for all his research and preparation for this interesting talk and superb handout.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

- Followed by refreshments (thanks Wayne!), fellowship and raffle.
- Leroy was the winner of a drawing for driving a Model A to meeting. Chuck won both special raffles donated by Chris. The big winners were Monique Risdon and Darwin Kibby.

NEXT MEETING

July 2nd at The Village Café.

Remember to wear your Club name tag. It helps your fellow club members to quickly come up with your name (realizing that some of us are a little slow at that these days). ALSO, if you buy raffle tickets you receive one extra ticket FREE for wearing your name tag.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Paige, Secretary



Photo by Louise Beckley

JULY TOUR

Our July tour will be to the venerable Long Beach Model T Cub swap meet at Veterans Stadium in Long Beach. See the flyer below for event details.

Meet up is at Diamond Tread President Dennis Stephens' house at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday July 20. His address is 5405 East Harvey Way in Long Beach 90808.

See you there! Larry Ryan, Tour Director, (562)484-8415



Long Beach Model T Club 70th Annual Parts Exchange

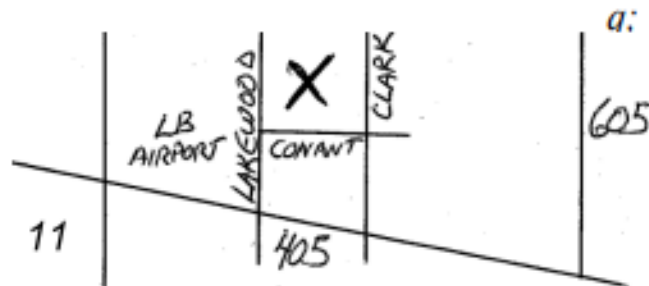


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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: Tuesday, July 9th at 11:30 am

Where: Chili's

4931 Candlewood Street, Lakewood

Hosted by Joyce Simmons

RSVP before Friday, July 5th to

Joyce at (562) 928-7422

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

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

JULY MILE MARKERS



Richard Hickock

Steve Sixt

Kerri Stephens

Ann Hutchinson

Dawn Henry-Conceicao

Ronald Wellmann

Maria Azucena

Happy Anniversary

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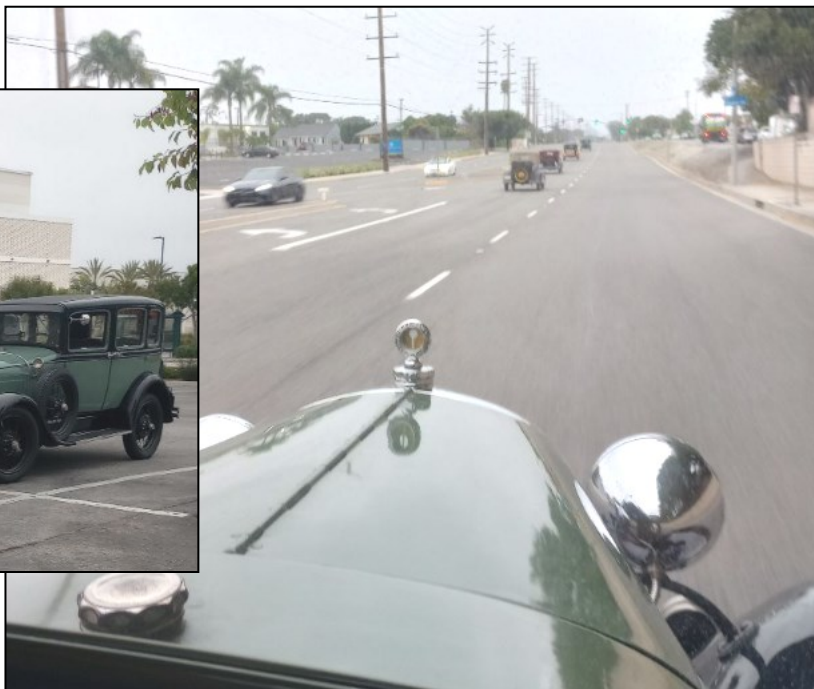
July: Ron Boan

August: Larry and Bonnie Ryan

JUNE TOUR REPORT

On June 1 Diamond Tread and the Whittier chapter toured to Whittier Narrows Recreation Area for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power picnic. We met four cars from the Whittier club, for a total of ten Model As! Lunch was provided to anyone that brought a Model A. Like last year's trip with the Whittier chapter, and it was a lot of fun. See you Model A fans for the July tour to the Long Beach Model T Swap Meet!

Larry Ryan, Tour Director, cell 562 484 8415



Photos by Louise Beckley



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Diamond Tread is excited to announce that our next club meeting promises to be an informative and engaging event. We will be hosting a special question and answer session with three esteemed members of our club, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.

Meet our distinguished panelists:

Chuck Mayhew: Retired aircraft mechanic and leader of Henry's Helpers

Wayne Wiedle: Past President of the Palomar A's

Darwin Kibby: Past Technical Director and current Treasurer, Orange County Model A Ford Club

This unique opportunity allows you to ask questions, seek advice, and learn from the expertise of these accomplished individuals in the Model A community. Whether you have technical inquiries, historical curiosities, or simply want to glean insights from their vast experiences, this session is not to be missed.

To ensure that we cover a wide range of topics and make the most of this opportunity, we kindly ask you to submit your questions ahead of time. Please feel free to send your questions via text or email to Dennis Stephens, our club President. We look forward to a lively and informative discussion that will undoubtedly enrich our understanding of Model A Fords and our club's history.

Date: July 2, 2024 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Village Cafe in Long Beach

Should you have any further inquiries or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation. Together, we continue to uphold the spirit of camaraderie and knowledge-sharing within the Diamond Tread Model A Club.

Warm regards,

Dennis Stephens, President, Diamond Tread Chapter of MAFCA



Photo by Pauline Issa

EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Summer is here, and it will be a hot one! Make sure you and your Model A are ready:

You:

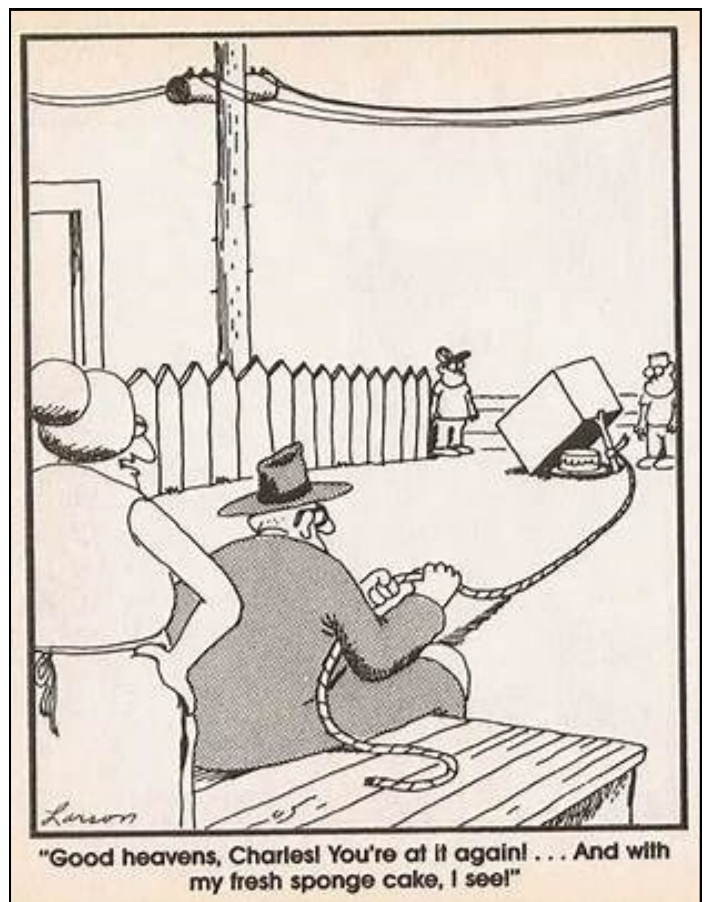
- Always keep well hydrated
- Protect yourself with a hat and sunscreen
- Eat lots of ice cream

Your Model A:

- Inspect the cooling system, including the radiator, hoses, and water pump
- Ensure proper coolant levels
- Inspect tire tread depth and sidewalls (dry rot is not your friend)
- Have a functional spare tire, jack, and lug wrench
- Pack a first aid kit, flashlight, and basic tools
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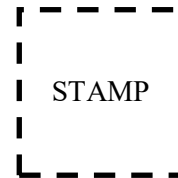
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