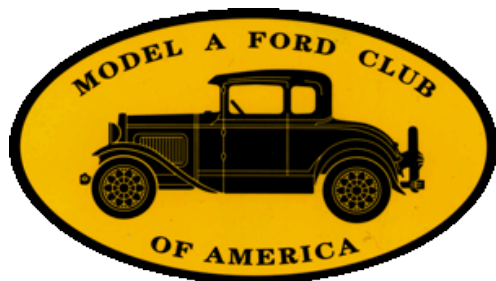


# DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LABOR DAY - September 2nd

#### NEXT MEETING - September 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

#### RED HOT SPARKS - September 10th

Train Journey to

San Juan Capistrano

### INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

September 14th

#### MODEL T HILL CLIMB - September 14th

See page 6 of this newsletter

#### 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 - SEPTEMBER, 2024

Dear Diamond Tread members,

I hope this message finds you well. As the president of this esteemed organization, it is my pleasure to serve and lead our dedicated group of individuals. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of our mission and the impact we make in our community.

I would like to encourage all members to stay active and engaged in the club's activities. We have many exciting events and initiatives planned for the upcoming months, and your participation is crucial to their success.

I would also like to remind everyone of the significance of teamwork and collaboration. We are stronger together and by working together, we can achieve great things.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members of the club for their dedication and hard work. Together, we can make a positive difference in our community and beyond.

Thank you and let's continue to make a difference together.

Sincerely,

Dennis Stephens  
Chapter President

## 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.

# AUGUST CLUB MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	August 6, 2024
<b>Time</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Location</b>	The Stephens Home
<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Dennis Stephens

## IN ATTENDANCE

Darwin Kibby, Jim Runyon, Mark Simons, Dennis Stephens, Bill Paige, Jim Williams, Linda Seagroves, Chuck Mayhew, Vicky Bartlett, Bonnie Ryan, Larry Ryan, Pauline Issa, Kerri Stephens, Maddy Stephens, Rex Bartholomew, Bill and Cooper Bahr, LeRoy Kehret, Monique Risdon, Chris Risdon, Frank and Nadia Azucena, Steve and Lorliene Sixt, and five great-looking Ford Model A's.

## REPORTS

- Dennis: Introduced his puppy, called upon VP Jim to lead us in Flag salute.
- Jim R: Lead the flag salute. Recapped items covered in board meeting.
- Bill: Called for motion of approval of July minutes as published in the August Diamond Tread News. Made and carried.
- Pauline: Jay Munns has been hired to again perform at the Christmas Installation Party on December 7th. The Area Model A event that has been under discussion will be put off until next year.
- Chuck: Reported he would replace Norm Saw for raffle duty. Please buy lots of tickets.
- Larry: This month's tour will be on Friday the 9th. Meet at Village Café at 9AM, following breakfast we will proceed to Rancho Los Alamitos for a private tour of home and grounds.
- Mark: As webmaster he wanted to thank Vicky for her editing. In return Vicky thanked Mark on behalf of us all for his very professional website that is always up to date.
- Vicky: Introduced long time club member Frank Azucena and his daughter, Nadia, who was influential in talking dad into buying another Model A at the Model T swap meet at Vets Stadium last month. (1931 Slant window fordor). Vicky then introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Cooper Bahr, son of our own Bill Bahr. Cooper will be returning to medical school in Pennsylvania later this week.

## SPEAKER

We were honored to have Cooper Bahr, a very accomplished public speaker. After earning his bachelor's degree he spent several years working with eye physicians and is very knowledgeable. He may have said this more politically correct, but it kind of came out as all you old codgers need to be aware of glaucoma, cataracts and astigmatism. He proceeded to explain all these conditions easily and thoroughly and fielded many questions. When he concluded, he had our many thanks and Vicky, on behalf of the club, presented Cooper with a steel MAFCA mug.

## MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

### NEXT MEETING

September 2nd at The Village Café.

### MEETING ADJOURNED

- At 7:21
- Followed by refreshments (thanks Larry and Bonnie), fellowship and raffle.
  - Lucky LeRoy won again in the Drive your Model A raffle.
  - Larry got the door prize donated by Dennis.
  - The 3 big winners were Chuck, Larry, and Darwin (again!).

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Paige, Secretary

## SEPTEMBER TOUR PLAN

Our September 21st tour will be to Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach. Rancho Los Cerritos is a Long Beach landmark and is located on indigenous Tongva-Gabrielino land. Today, the 4.7-acre site includes the historic Temple Adobe, which was built in 1844 and is lovely! See [www.ranchloscerritos.org](http://www.ranchloscerritos.org) for location details.

Meet up at **11:00 a.m.** for an optional brunch at Village Café, 4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach. We will be leaving the restaurant at **12:30 p.m.**, so meet us then if you are skipping the brunch.

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



# SCRG UPDATE

We got a great update from the MAFCA Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) and the good works they are doing on our behalf. This was provided by David Frazee, SCRG Secretary and MAFCA Palomar Chapter President, and he asked that we share some updates with Diamond Tread members.

First is the SCRG supported Vintage Car Show in Riverside on October 26th (see page 8 of this newsletter). If you are interested in this event being a tour destination, please contact Larry Ryan and let him know you would like for this to be a Diamond Tread supported event. Maybe one of our members will win a gas card. The farther you drive, the greater chance you have to win!

The second event will be the first Grand Tour for the SCRG from November 6th through 10th. The tour will start in Barstow on Wednesday with an evening jaunt to the Calico ghost town, a Thursday tour through Big Bear Lake ending in Palm Springs, and then Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in Palm Springs, with Sunday being for the drive home. That way, people unable to leave work on the weekdays, could just drive to Palm Springs on the Friday night and participate in the Saturday drives. SCRG will be finalizing plans and posting registration pages soon.

The third event is in the brainstorming stage, but it involves "passing the baton" from one club to another during May 2025 in conjunction with Model A Youth Month. This would be sharing a special object from one chapter to another, with a public location for the exchange. Perhaps the public location would be a school. The energy of the meeting greatly increased as members brainstormed unique high profile events for their chapters. So many ideas came up that the final decision as to whether or not to hold it was tabled until a future meeting.

Stay tuned for more!

## SCRG Vintage Car Show



[www.scrmmafca.com](http://www.scrmmafca.com)



# HILL CLIMB FUN!



## Model T Hill Climb



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

DISCOVERY WELL PARK  
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Join us for a ceremonial Model T Hill Climb! Watch as Model T vehicles conquer the hill to recreate the climb that was a source of entertainment in the 60s and 70s. After the climb, join us at Discovery Well Park to get a closer look at the vehicles that started it all and join us in the Community Room at the park where you'll get a see a full display of artifacts and materials from the Long Beach Model T Club and listen to individuals who were part of the original hill climb. Light lunch will be provided, so don't miss out!



For more information or to RSVP,  
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<b>Editor</b>	Rex Bartholomew

### *Red Hot Sparks Luncheon*

**When: September 10th**

**Where: San Juan Capistrano**

Meet at Fullerton Train Station by 10:10 a.m.

Round Trip Ticket for Senior is \$28.80

Train leaves Fullerton Train Station at 10:41 a.m.

Arrive to San Juan Capistrano at 11:24 a.m.

Lunch at approximately 12 Noon

At the Tavern at the Mission

Return Train leaves SJC at 3:34 p.m.

Arrive to Fullerton at 4:17 p.m.

Hosted by Rena Beinbrech

RSVP (562) 505-4947

by Friday, September 6th

All ladies of Diamond Tread  
and Whittier Chapters are welcome



## SEPTEMBER MILE MARKERS

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*Jim Barger*

*Monica Terlaje*

*Arnold Valencia*

*Patty McCaughan*

*Dennis McConkey*

*Ron Boan*

*Charlie Sento*

*Happy Anniversary*

*Mark and Becky Simons*

*Gary and Patty McCaughan*

**HOSPITALITY**

*September: Chuck Mayhew*

*October: Norman Saw*

*November: Vicky Bartlett*

*December: no general meeting*

# REALLY COOL CAR SHOW



**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Show Car Check-in: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Show Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Elks' Lodge

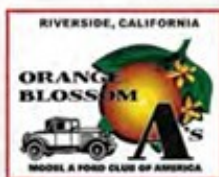
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- For more info & map: <https://obamodela.wixsite.com/riverside>

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 12, 2024**

PRINT CLEARLY – ONE CAR PER FORM – Confirmation will only be emailed

✕ **Mail form to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's – 2233 Karendale Circle, Riverside CA 92506**  
**Enclose Check or Money Orders payable to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Car Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle only one) S M L XL XXL XXXL Trailing show car?  YES  NO (trailer parking is not guaranteed)

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TERMS:** The show organizers ("organizers") reserve the right to choose and adjust car classes and awards. Cars will be placed in classes by the organizers based on their model year and/or other class requirements. Trophies and awards will be announced at approximately 1:00pm. Winners must be present at announcement to win. Organizers reserve the right to refuse registration for vehicles that do not meet the show car classification requirements. All such mail registrations will be returned. There will be 50-50 opportunity drawings throughout the day and the winner will claim 50% of the opportunity donations collected for the event. The opportunity drawings will occur approximately on each hour from 10:00 – 1:00 pm. The winner must be present at announcement to win.

In consideration for accepting my entry to this car show, I the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin and assignees, do hereby waive any and all rights and claims against any person, persons, and/or organizations affiliated with the Orange Blossom Vintage Car Show. I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless, the Riverside/Corona Orange Blossom A Ford Model A Club, Riverside Elks Lodge, Model A Ford Club of America, any and all other related sponsors and organizations from any claims, actions, damages, liability and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees on account of injury to my person/property, or results in death, while observing, or participating in any way in this car show including travel to and from this event. This registration form must be signed above as part of the registration to be accepted.



# AUGUST DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

Cooper Bahr is a second year medical student at Drexel University in Philadelphia. He grew up in Lakewood, attended Long Beach Poly High School, then CSULB.

Prior to medical school, he worked at an ophthalmologist's office, specializing in glasses, contacts, and educating patients about cataract surgery. By the way, Cooper is the son of Diamond Tread members Bill and Deborah Bahr.

Cooper gave a very engaging presentation on cataract surgery, glaucoma, and general eye health.

Thank you, Cooper!

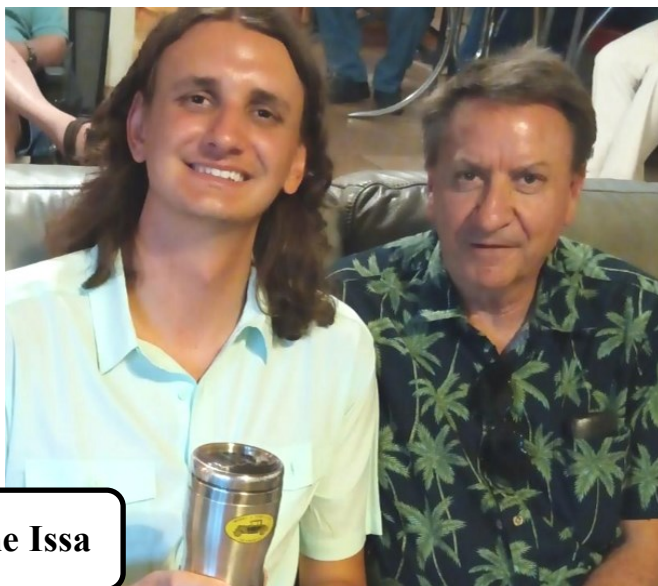


Photo by Pauline Issa

# IN SEARCH OF

Diamond Tread member Chris Risdon is looking for doors for a 1931 Victoria slant windshield body. He has a truck, so picking them up will not be an issue. Actually your editor has a truck, so I can pick them up too! Please call him at 949-378-6290. Thank you!

# GREAT SHOWING!

8 Model A s were at the weekly Diamond Tread breakfast at the Village Café on August 15, 2024 in Long Beach.

We would love to see you there, please see page 1 of this newsletter for details!



Photo by Pauline Issa

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Our popular monthly distinguished speaker series will continue in September:

**Speaker:** Randy Gross

Member of Santa Anita A's & Twin City Model A Chapter of Minneapolis, MN

**Date:** September 3rd (general membership meeting)

**Title:** Rebuilding Brakes and Steering Boxes

**Summary:** The story of Randy's skill in rebuilding brakes and steering boxes including modern steering for Model A's

## EDITORIAL MUSINGS

At the August general meeting we had the pleasure of becoming reacquainted with long-time club member Frank Azucena and his daughter, Nadia. Frank recently bought a 1931 Model A slant window Fordor at the Model T swap meet at Veterans Memorial Stadium last month. It is a beauty!



Photo by Frank Azucena

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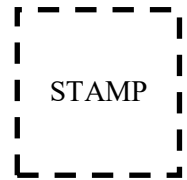
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