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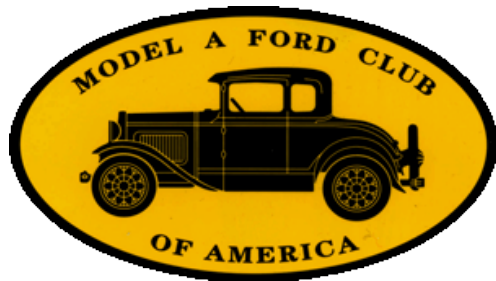


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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING - October 1st

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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OCTOBER TOUR - October 5th

Orange County Model T Club

Fullerton, CA

See page 4 for details

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RED HOT SPARKS - October 8th

BJ's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

11101 183rd Street, Cerritos

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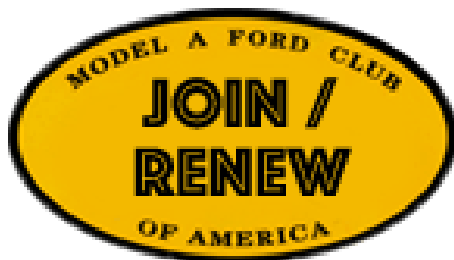
HALLOWEEN - October 31st

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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 - OCTOBER, 2024

Greetings, Diamond Tread Chapter members!

If you haven't been able to attend our monthly meetings recently, you've missed some fantastic and informative presentations. In recent months, we've had a talk on cataracts and cataract surgery, a session on Model A brakes, and an insightful discussion on upgrading to an F-100 steering box. We also hosted a panel of Model A maintenance and repair experts who answered your burning questions.

These presentations are not only interesting but also highly educational. If you have suggestions for future speakers, please reach out to Vicky Bartlett with your recommendations.

In August, we were fortunate enough to enjoy a guided tour of a local Rancho, and Tour Director Larry Ryan has arranged another exciting Rancho tour for September. These tours are always a great opportunity to have fun, connect with fellow members, and learn something new.

We hope to see you at the next meeting or tour!

Safe travels,

Dennis Stephens
President
Diamond Tread Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America (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.

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Date September 3, 2024

Time 6:32 PM

Meeting called to order by Dennis Stephens

IN ATTENDANCE

Norman Saw, Chuck Mayhew, Bonnie Ryan, Larry Ryan, Rex Bartholomew, Jim Runyon, David Orozco, Randy Gross, Wayne Wiedle, Pauline Issa, Linda Seagroves, Louise Beckley, Barry Beckley, Dennis Stephens, Greg Witz, Jim Brenny, Bill Paige, Frank Azucena, Nadia Azucena, Jim Barger, Mark Simons, and SIX Fords 93 years old and older. This is the most A's we have had at general meetings all year.

REPORTS

- Dennis: Introduced new member, David Orozco. Glad to have you, David!
- Jim: Led the flag salute. Recapped items covered in board meeting.
- Bill: Called for motion to approve August minutes as published in the September Diamond Tread News. Made and carried. Opened discussion regarding November meeting that will be on election day, evidently no one present will be working at the polls nor flying to Washington for a victory party, therefore November meeting will remain on the 5th.
- Louise: Reported positive balance in our club's treasury. Orange County Model T Swap Meet is on October 5th in Fullerton.
- Pauline: Next year's Model A event for area clubs is still viable, working on possibilities at Pio Pico Park.
- Chuck: Reported Henry's helpers have several Model A projects in the works, including the Spearman's blind back sedan that has not run in a few years.
- Larry: This month's tour will be on Saturday the 21st. to Rancho Los Cerritos. The revised meeting place will be Dennis's Home. Saturday the 14th is Long Beach Model T Club's hill climb in Signal Hill.

SPEAKER

Randy Gross, known by many for his interest and dedication to the Model A hobby, showed us examples of many of things he makes in his shop: drums, brakes, steering parts and more. Many of these items not available anywhere else. He wanted it clearly known that he was not here to sell us anything, just to let it be known they are available and that he is available for any questions or concerns related to the hobby. A mighty interesting presentation.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Followed by refreshments (thanks Chuck!), fellowship and raffle. Our new member David won the door prize.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Paige, Secretary

OCTOBER TOUR - SWAP MEET!

Our October tour will be to the Orange County Model T Ford Club car show and parts exchange at Searchlight Ministries in Fullerton. This is a great annual event that is organized by a first-class organization. See www.ocmodelt.com for club chapter details. It will be fun!

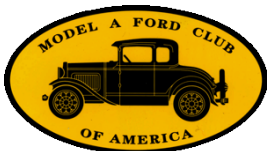
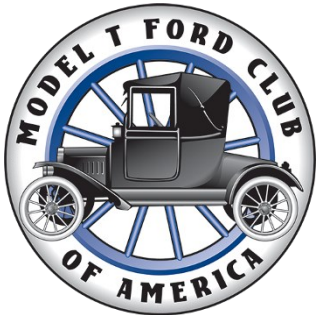
Meet up is at the Wienerschnitzel at 11610 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk at 6:00 a.m., with a departure time of 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 5th. This is across the Street from Excelsior High School.

See you there!

Larry Ryan

Tour Director

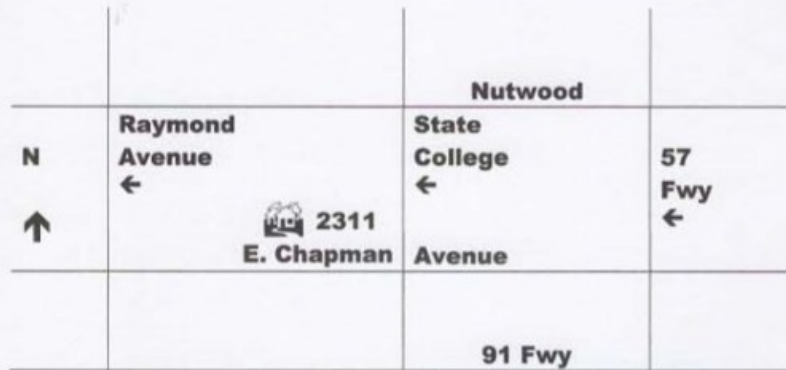
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27th ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY MODEL T FORD CLUB PRE WAR (WWII) PARTS EXCHANGE & CAR SHOW

Searchlight Ministries
2311 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
Vendor Set Up - 6 am Buyers-7 am – 1 pm **RAIN OR SHINE**



Spaces will be assigned as you come in.

Pre War (WWII) Cars & Parts Preferred. Tools and Supplies OK!

Space Reservation Donation - \$20.00 received by October 4th

October 5th day of Swap Meet Donation - \$25.00

Swap Meet coordinator: Jack Smith (714) 529-6653, jmodelt@aol.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$ _____ No. of spots _____ 20 x 20 each

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Mail to: Dale Moody, 331 S. Flower Avenue, Brea, CA 92821

HILL CLIMB FUN!

On September 14th, Signal Hill celebrated its 100th Anniversary with the famous Model T Hill Climb. Several Diamond Tread members joined the festivities, and took advantage of the free lunch and snacks! Our members were gracious enough to share some photos, which we will share with the club on the next few pages. It was a blast!



Photos by The Beckleys



Photo by Mark Simons



HILL CLIMB FUN! (cont.)



Photo by Mark Simons



Photo by The Beckleys



Photo by Pauline Issa

Photo by Chris Risdon

2024 Hill Climb Participants

Vehicle #	Driver Name	Vehicle Information
1	Mike Spaziano	1920 Touring
2	Charles Elessner	1913 Touring
3	Chris Craig	1914 Speedster
4	Cene Carothers	1912 Torpedo Roadster
5	Tim O'Carman	1922 Touring
6	Jasen Andersen	1921 Depot Pack
7	Glen French	1915 Touring
8	Lana Stephens	1916 Touring
9	John Van Farvald	1920 Touring
10	Ed Archer	1915 Speedster

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2024 Board of Directors

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Membership Chairman	Vicky Bartlett
Hospitality Chairman	Pauline Issa
Historian / Publicity Chairman	Bonnie Ryan
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, October 8th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: BJ's Restaurant
11101 183rd Street, Cerritos
Hosted by Mary Ann Johnson**

**RSVP before Friday, October 4th to
Mary Ann at (714) 931-3779
All ladies of Diamond Tread
and Whittier Chapters are welcome**

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

OCTOBER MILE MARKERS



*Jim Brenny
Jennie Fotinakes
Emily Dominguez
Bob Toerge
Susan Deogracias
John Wedendorf
Gene Burdo
Norman Saw
Vicky Bartlett*

Happy Anniversary

*Gary and Emma Gaffney
Chuck and Imelda Mayhew
Joe and Mona Franco
Dennis and Maddie Stephens
Greg and Koko Witz*

HOSPITALITY

*October: Norman Saw
November: Vicky Bartlett
December: no general meeting*

NEW MEMBERS

We have new members! - David and Anna Orozco live in Norwalk and own a 1931 Model A Coupe which has been passed through David's family since the mid-1940s.

Originally owned by his Dad's God-father, the coupe was given to David's parents so that his Mom would have a daily driver while Dad was at work. David says that the car was dear to his Mom's heart especially when she drove it daily for 5 years. Eventually it was stored in the family garage while his Dad was anticipating a son to whom he could pass it on with the understanding that the car be kept original.

David's older brother preferred a Ford Mustang, but when David turned 16 he was pleased to work on the car, get it running and learn how to drive it. Now that David has retired, he is ready to work on it again and get it back on the road.

Welcome to Diamond Tread, David and Anna!



Photos by the Orozcos

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

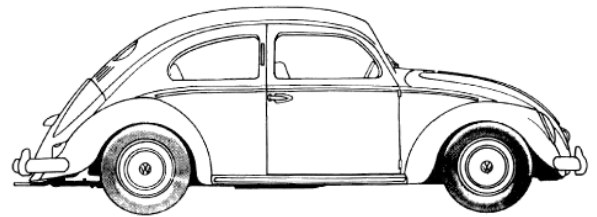
The popular Diamond Tread monthly distinguished speaker series will continue in October:

Speaker / Moderator: Vicky Bartlett
Diamond Tread current Membership Chair & Program Coordinator,
Diamond Tread past President and Editor

Title: YOUR First Car
YOU, the members in attendance, will share in about a minute or two, the memory or a photo of your first car. This is a repeat program from a Diamond Tread meeting held 11 1/2 years on April 10, 2013. (Vicky has notes :-)

Date: October 1, 2024 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Village Cafe in Long Beach



September's distinguished speaker was Randy Gross of Mel's Model A Parts & Services. This is the best shop to get OE-style brake shoes, backing plates, and freshly made drums. Randy was an engaging speaker that answered the questions well, and I (your editor) would not hesitate to do business with him. Especially clever were the parts that he uses in his F-100 steering retrofit. I did some research online and there are nothing but rave reviews about the quality of his parts and customer service.

It was cool to see such a great turnout to hear him speak last month, and we hope to see you at the next meeting!



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EDITORIAL MUSINGS



Hi there!

Please note that the Riverside Vintage Car Show in October has been cancelled.

I hope you all had a great summer - it seems like it flew by!

Please send me tour pictures!

editor@diamondtread.com

Rex Bartholomew
Editor
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VINTAGE Car Show
OCTOBER 26 2024
ORANGE BLOSSOM MODEL A CLUB
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Show Car Check-in: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Show Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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- REGISTRATION FEE after OCT. 12 - \$45 per show car (Buy show T-Shirt While They Last)
- For more info & map: <https://orangeblossomclub.com/riverside>

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

MAIL PER FORM - Confirmation will only be emailed

✕ Mail form to: Orange Blossom A's - 2233 Karendale Circle, Riverside CA 92506
Cash/Check or Money Orders payable to: Riverside Orange Blossom A's

Participant Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: () - _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

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Participant _____ Date: _____

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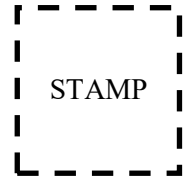
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