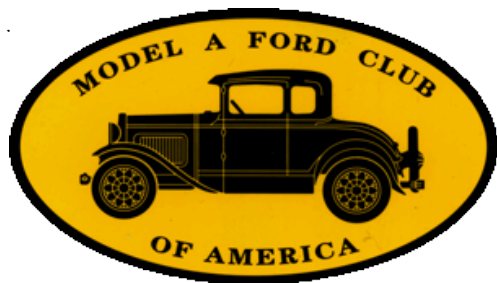


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: JANUARY 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY—January 1st

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GENERAL MEETING - January 7th

Village Café at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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RED HOT SPARKS - January 14th

BJ's Restaurant at 11:30 am

11101 183rd Street, Cerritos

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INAUGURATION DAY - January 20th

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 20th

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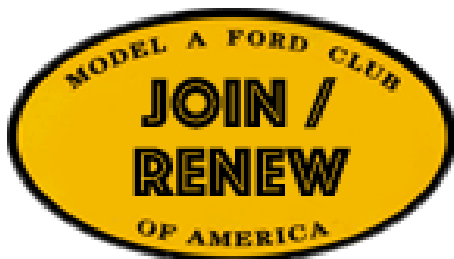
WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:30 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JANUARY, 2025

Greetings, Diamond Tread Chapter members,

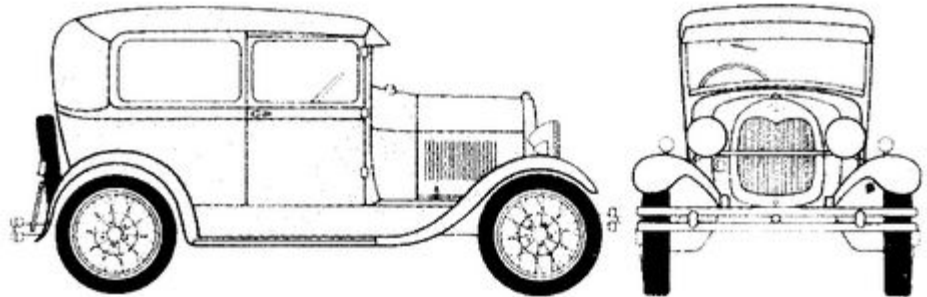
As my term as president comes to an end, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to all of you, especially our incredible board members. It has been an honor to lead this club and work alongside such passionate, dedicated individuals.

To the board members, thank you for your support, creativity, and commitment. Every achievement we've celebrated has been a reflection of your hard work and collaboration.

Your ideas, energy, and willingness to go the extra mile have truly made a difference. While I'm stepping down as president, I look forward to continuing to support the club and watching it grow under the new leadership. I am confident that the foundation we've built together will pave the way for even greater success.

Thank you all for making this journey so meaningful. Here's to the future of our club!

Dennis Stephens
President 2023 and 2024
Diamond Tread Chapter



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.

DIAMOND TREAD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 7, 2024

On Saturday December 7, 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 with Jay Munns.

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 gorgeous Ford Model As!



Photos by Pauline Issa and Rex Bartholomew

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER BOARD INSTALLATION DECEMBER 7, 2024

2025 Board Of Directors



Photo by Pauline Issa

Bill Paige - President

LeRoy Kehret - Vice President

Louise Beckley - Treasurer

Pauline Issa - Hospitality

Norman Saw - Picnic/Fund Coord.

Rex Bartholomew - Editor/Secretary

Vicky Bartlett - Membership

Chuck Mayhew - Henry's Helpers

Bonnie Ryan - Historian and Publicity Chairman

Mark Simons - Webmaster

Bill Bahr - Tour Director

THE RUNYONS

Jim Runyon wants us to know that this week his wife Dianne lost a long battle with Alzheimer's and died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday morning. Dianne's sweet smile and loving heart will be missed so very much by our Diamond Tread members. Jim and Dianne married when they were both 19, which was 56 years ago. Please remember them and their family at this difficult time with your prayers, cards, love, or good thoughts.



NOW IN THE MAFCA STORE

From 1928 through 1931, the Ford Motor Company produced nearly 540,000 trucks and another 352,000 commercial chassis. That's over 11% and more than 7% of total Model A production, respectively. Today, the Model A Ford pickup in all its forms remains a cherished emblem of Henry Ford's ingenuity.

This book delves into the fascinating history of the Model A pickup, showcasing articles and insights from 64 authors. It's packed with drawings, photos, and descriptions that will captivate any enthusiast. You'll find answers to questions like: Which came first, the open cab or the closed cab pickup? How many were made each year, and what were their dealer prices?

Whether you're curious about epic Model A pickup road trips or just want to see a load of golden retrievers in the back of a pickup, this book has it all. Spanning 204 pages, it's an essential addition to any Model A enthusiast's library.

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MESSAGE FROM ED TOLMAN

From the MAFCA Vice President's Desk:

December brought us the National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City! This was a great event!

Registration is open for next year's National Tour to Civil War battlefields of Virginia, hosted by MAFCA's Dallas Chapter. The dates for this event are June 15 to 22, 2025. Registration forms can be found on the MAFCA website or the Dallas Model A Club's website. Accommodations are self-serve, so please book your rooms soon.

The 2025 National Awards Banquet will be held in Mobile, Alabama, hosted by the Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club.

Finally, our 2026 National Convention will be hosted by the Blue Mountain As of Pendleton, Oregon, assisted by several neighboring chapters. This is already gearing up to be a memorable event. The convention date has been set for May 31 through June 7, 2026. Please mark your calendars!



2025 Board of Directors

President	Bill Paige
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Hospitality Chairman	Pauline Issa
Historian / Publicity Chairman	Bonnie Ryan
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Fund/Picnic Coordinator	Norman Saw
Webmaster	Mark Simons
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Editor	Rex Bartholomew



Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, January 14th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: BJ's Restaurant
11101 183rd Street
Cerritos, CA**

Hosted by Betty Boan

**RSVP by Friday, January 10th
to Betty at (562) 420-2845 (home) or**

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**All ladies of Diamond Tread
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*The Red Hot Sparks Meet on the 2nd
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- Margie Sayer*
- Frank Deogracias*
- Deborah Bahr*
- Mark Simons*

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HOSPITALITY

- January: Linda Seagroves*
- February: Pauline Issa*
- March: Norman Saw*
- April: Wayne Wiedle*
- May: Jim Runyon*
- June: Rex Bartholomew*
- July: Vicky Bartlett*
- August: LeRoy Kehret*
- September: David Orozco*
- October: The Beckleys*
- November: Mark Simons*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MAFCA



2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

We are happy that you are renewing your membership with Diamond Tread Chapter.

Diamond Tread Membership Dues for 2025 are: \$30.00, if paid in 2024; and \$35.00, if paid in 2025.

To be included in the 2025 Roster, please pay before January 31, 2025.

Make Check Payable to: M.A.F.C.A. DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER INC.

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

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

Speaker / Moderator: Chris Rini

Automotive Librarian

Title: The Pathfinder Expedition

Date: January 7th (general meeting)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

Our January program speaker will be Chris Rini. He has combined his love of cars and research by becoming an automotive librarian. He bought a Model T Ford when he was 14, drove a Model A after college, and enjoys research rabbit holes.



He will be speaking on the Pathfinder Expedition. We will hear the true story of the 1912 attempt to blaze a path from Los Angeles to Mexico City by car. Four wheels, three months, two men, one car. No roads. Did they make it? Find out at the January meeting!

WANT TO JOIN MAFCA?

How To Join MAFCA:

1. Join online and get instant access (www.mafca.com)
2. Print and mail in a membership application
3. Call 562-697-2712

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- “The Restorer” Magazine (bimonthly)
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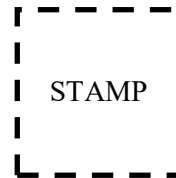
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