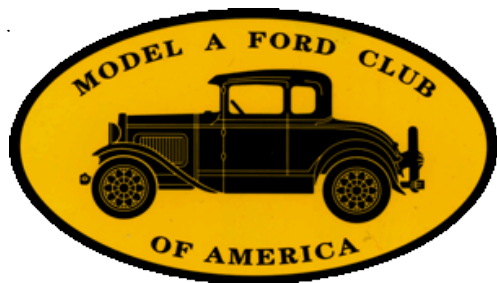


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: FEBRUARY 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUNDHOG DAY - February 2nd

GENERAL MEETING - February 4th

Village Café at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

RED HOT SPARKS - February 11th

Olive Garden at 11:30 am

13500 Whittier Boulevard., Whittier

VALENTINE'S DAY - February 14th

PRESIDENTS DAY - February 17th

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - FEBRUARY, 2025

Hello, Diamond Tread Chapter members,

I am thankful for the opportunity to be Diamond Tread's "steering wheel". But it is the column, the rods, the steering box, the worm gears, etc. that makes the steering wheel function. I appreciate our forefathers that set the club up 56 years ago, all those leaders and members since then and the members and board members now that make our "steering wheel" function. It is a pleasure to be part of this long established, active club of Model A enthusiasts. I look forward to getting to know many of you that I have not met and getting to know better those that I have.

A special thank you to this year's board members for stepping up and committing their time and talents to taking our club through this next year. But wait, YOU could be a board member too. The position of Program Chair is still open! If interested in this position, or if you would like to present a program or have ideas for a program, please contact me.

Thank you, looking forward to the year ahead and your participation.

Ahooga!

Bill Paige
President
Diamond Tread Chapter



**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

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.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Diamond Tread Chapter General Meeting Minutes - January 2025

Date / Time: January 7, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Location: Village Café, Long Beach

Participants: 23 meeting attendees, 2 Model As driven to meeting

General Business:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- The flag salute was led by Vice-president LeRoy Kehret
- Bill Paige reminded members to wear their name tags to the meetings

Louise Beckley, Treasurer:

- Updated checking account balance
- In December, paid annual P.O. Box fee (\$200) and Jay Munns for Christmas entertainment

Mark Simmons, Webmaster:

- 6 of Henry's Helpers came to help with his head gasket replacement
- Davis Orozco asked how he could observe these events, and it was suggested that he contact Chuck Mayhew for future educational automobile repair dates

Program:

- The Diamond Tread distinguished speaker for January was Automotive Librarian Chris Rini
- Chris gave a presentation of the 1912 Pathfinder Expedition from Los Angeles to Mexico City
- Be sure to look up Emil Lewis Holmdahl, a true American original

Post Meeting Activities:

- A moment of silence in honor of Diane Runyon
- Bill Paige won the prize for driving his Model A tonight
- Member at large: no winner
- Door prizes: 9 Long Beach Transit gift bags provided by member Bill Bahr (thank you, Bill!)
- Raffle winners: Dennis Stephens and Bill Paige
- Refreshments: Linda Seagroves

Rex Bartholomew,

Diamond Tread Secretary

DECEMBER TOUR

Diamond Tread's December tour was to the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California Holiday Motor Excursion starting at Arcadia Regional Park. On December 29, members met up at the Wienerschnitzel in Norwalk at 5:30 a.m., with a departure time of a very foggy 6:00 a.m.

Thank you Louise Beckley for the pictures!



Photos by the Beckleys

2025 Board of Directors

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Tour Director	Bill Bahr
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Webmaster	Mark Simons
Henry's Helpers	Chuck Mayhew
Editor	Rex Bartholomew



Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: Tuesday, February 11th
at 11:30 am

Where: Olive Garden
13500 Whittier Boulevard
Whittier, CA

Hosted by Marilyn Gentry
RSVP by Friday, February 7th
to Marilyn at (562) 743-5820

All ladies of Diamond Tread
and Whittier Chapters are welcome

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

FEBRUARY MILE MARKERS



*Greg Earhart Jr.
Koko Witz
Arthur Babigan
Lisa Miller*

HOSPITALITY

*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*



Arnold and Isabel Valencia

FUN FORD REMEMBRANCES

Diamond Tread member Joe Beason sent images from a vintage Ford souvenir postcard book.

These postcards show how organized Henry Ford was, and the incredible vision he had to mass-produce the modern automobile for the common man.

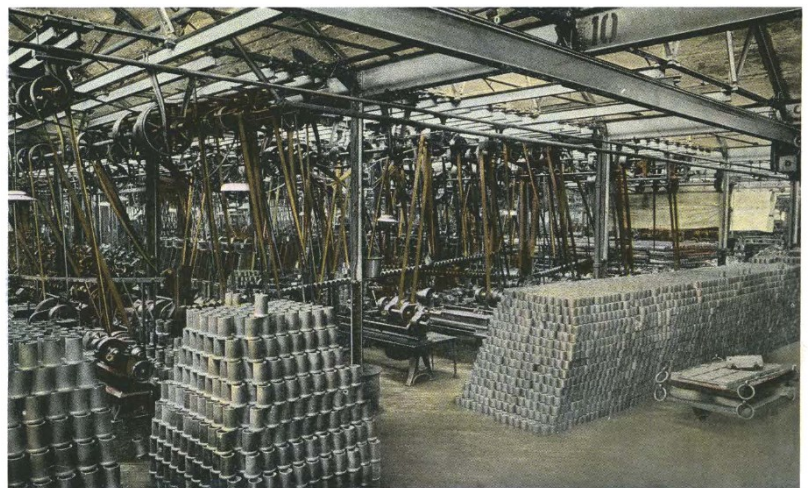
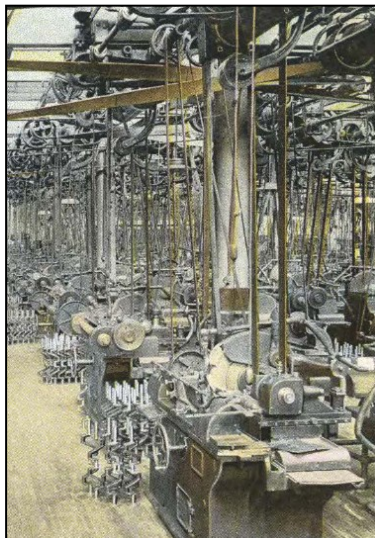
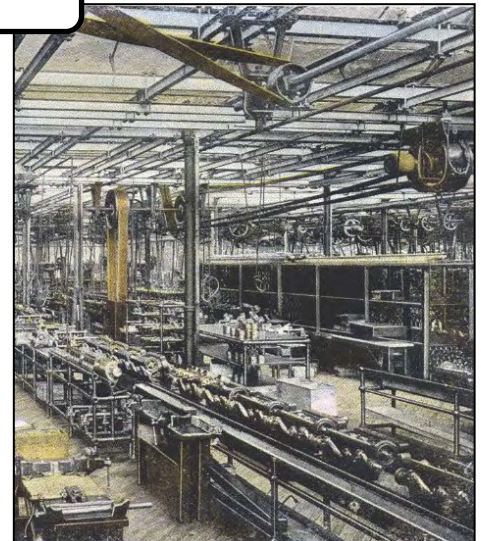
Thank you for sharing, Joe!



Photos by Joe Beason



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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

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

Speaker / Moderator: Pauline Issa
Diamond Tread Member

Title: My Interesting Work Experiences

Date: February 4th (general meeting)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

MAFCA TECH Q AND A

Q. - I have 2 Model As which can be difficult to start. Checked the gap between the rotor and the cap, I found the gap is .060". Ordered a new one and the gap is .080". I understand the gap should be .025 to .035. What is the best way to fix this?

A. - The rotor tab can be bent up or down, closing the gap as you bend it upward. The tab itself is pretty thick, so make sure you have hold of it and use a couple set of pliers to hold and band at the same time. You don't want to put the stress on the plastic part, just the metal.

Q. - I am getting ready to replace the tires on my 31 Victoria. Any thoughts on radials over regular bias ply tires?

A. - On a Model A that is well maintained with nothing worn out and with properly functioning shock absorbers, there is almost no difference in ride or handling between radials and bias ply tires. With that said, a lot of people praise the radial tires and the improvement on cars with less than ideal suspension or other issues.

Q. - I have a 1930 pickup truck. When I bought it there were no fuel filters/strainers installed. The truck had not been run more than 10 miles in the last 10 years. The fuel system fouled in the fuel shut off valve, and the carburetor. I drained the tank, cleaned the shut off valve, rebuilt the carburetor, installed a filter in the tank at the shut off valve and installed the strainer in the carburetor. I also want to put either a WIX filter or a brass screen in the sediment bowl. However when I put either of them in the bowl, it leaks. I've tried both rubber and cork gaskets. Any suggestions?

A. - If using the 3039 type fuel filter in a glass bowl, the filter element rim needs to be against the glass and the rubber or cork gasket on top. Having the filter in the fuel bowl won't save the fuel shutoff from getting fouled by junk, only cleaning the tank and/or using the "pencil" type filter in the shutoff input will help prevent that.

EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Hello there!

I am always pleased to post for sale ads, or announcements of parts you are looking for. Drop me a note and I will include it in the Diamond Tread News.

Please send me event and tour pictures!

Rex Bartholomew
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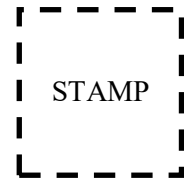
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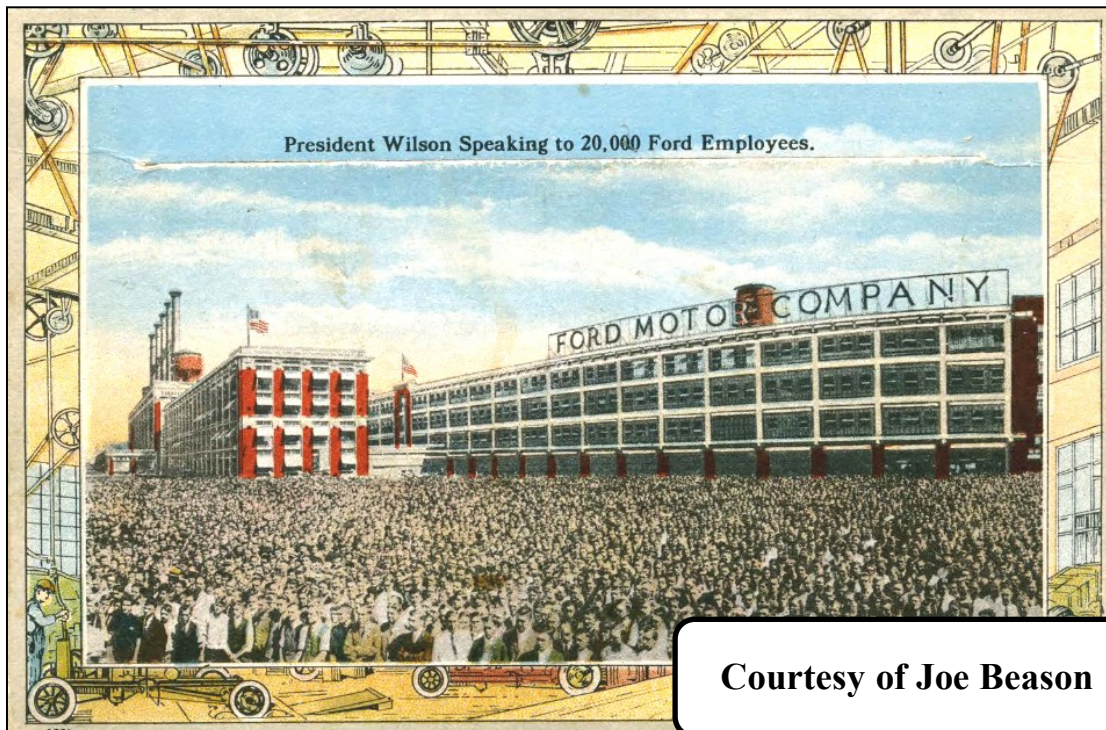


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