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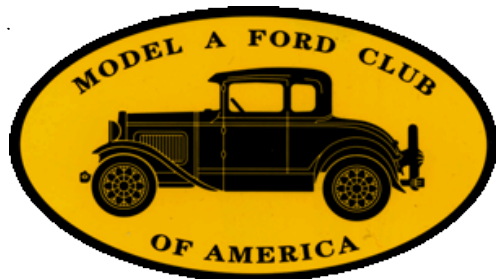


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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING - March 4th

Village Café at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

RED HOT SPARKS - March 11th

California Grill at 11:30 am

6751 Painter Avenue, Whittier

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY—March 17th

FIRST DAY OF SPRING - March 20th

OCMAFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March 23 - See pages 5 and 6 for details

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JANUARY, 2025

Hello all, moving forward:

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself –Henry Ford

I appreciate the progress our club has made. At the last meeting we needed a program coordinator, Pauline immediately volunteered and was appointed. Leroy volunteered to lead the review of the by-laws, Rex and Larry promptly joined his committee. Additionally, Chuck, our technical director has organized an excellent learning experience scheduled for Saturday, March 8th. Bill Bahr, our new tour coordinator is diligently learning and planning; you will find information about two upcoming tours in his column. I encourage everyone to continue contributing ideas, plans, and their time. This exemplifies Henry's idea of "moving forward together"!

As I mentioned in last month's DTN these are some of the parts the Steering Wheel needs to control the Diamond Tread on the pavement.

We look forward to seeing all members at our scheduled events.

Thank you,

Bill Paige
President, Diamond Tread Chapter of 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.

FEBRUARY 2025 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Village Café, Long Beach

Participants: 18 Meeting attendees, 5 Model As driven to meeting

General Business:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- The flag salute was led by Vice-president LeRoy Kehret
- Bill Paige announced that Pauline Issa will be the interim program chair
- Bill Paige advised members that we are starting a committee to revise bylaws and called for one member to join
 - Larry Ryan volunteered for the Bylaws Committee to join Leroy Kehret and Rex Bartholomew
- Bill Paige asked members if they would like to attend seminars on Model A maintenance, and there was overwhelming support
- Steve Sixt asked if we would still be meeting at Village Café, and the answer was “yes”
- Gary Gaffney announced that in April he is taking a tour through the Santa Ynez mountains to Solvang, and invited other members to join

Reports:

LeRoy Kehret, Vice President:

- Central Coast Regional Group is planning a tour in Vidalia on April 2 to 5

Rex Bartholomew, Secretary/Editor:

- Submitted January minutes as shown in the February newsletter for approval
- Reminder to get newsletter submission in by the 15th of each month

Louise Beckley, Treasurer:

- Updated checking account balance
- Diamond Tread taxes are done
- Has submitted roster of club officers to MAFCA

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Vicky Bartlett, Membership:

- Club roster will be completed by the March meeting
- Advised we would no longer collect membership late fees as it is not in the bylaws

Pauline Issa, Programs/Hospitality:

- Will visit Homestead to see if it would be appropriate for the Henry Ford picnic

Bill Bahr, Tour Director:

- Advised that he can take waste automotive fluids to be recycled
- Please give him containers that you do not need back
- Updated the tour events, a list will be included in the March Diamond Tread News

Bill Paige, President:

- Announced board's desire to donate to the Orange County MAFCA Pancake Breakfast - motion carried

Program:

The Diamond Tread monthly distinguished speaker for February was Diamond Tread member, Pauline Issa

Pauline gave a presentation about her career at Los Padrinos juvenile hall and working for the Superior Court

Closing Activities:

- Larry and Bonnie Ryan won the prize for driving their Model A tonight
- Member at large: Frank Azucena
- Door prize winners: Frank Azucena, LeRoy Kehret, Barry Beckley, Rex Bartholomew, and Gary Gaffney
- Raffle winners: Frank Azucena (twice)
- Refreshments: Pauline Issa
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

OCMAFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



OCMAFC - 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California

7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection

Adults \$10 /

Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)

Pancakes

Sausage

Eggs

Juice

Hot Cocoa

Hot Coffee



For more info contact:

Mike Edmonson

714-615-5751

PANCAKE BREAKFAST PARKING

Entrance & Parking

All cars will enter/exit on Shaffer St off of East La Veta Ave.

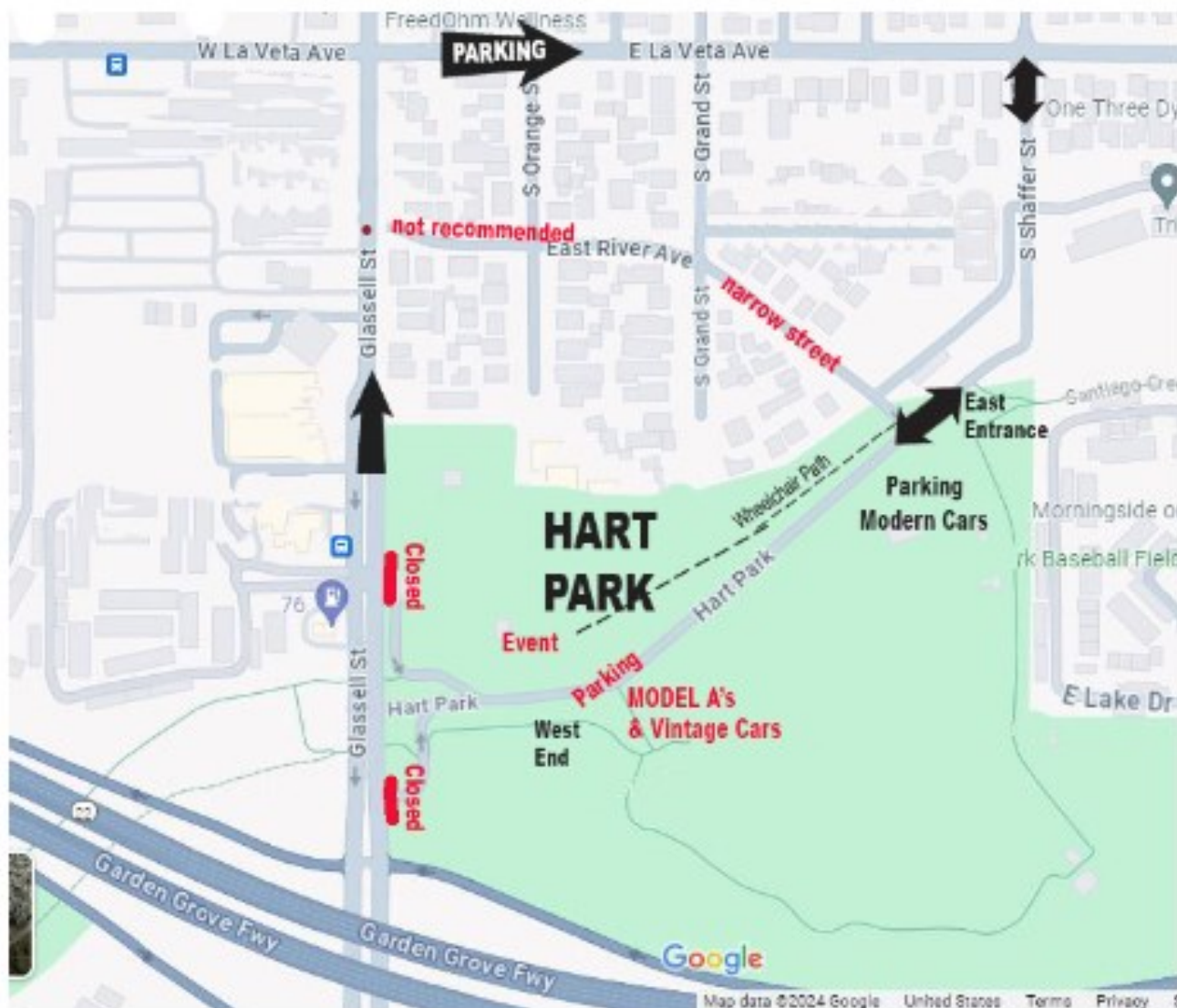
Modern cars will park immediately at the East end of the parking lot near entrance.

Model A's and vintage cars will continue thru the parking lot to the West end.

Best access for handicap and wheelchairs is the Modern car parking area at the East end of lot. Handicap parking at West end of the lot requires climbing steep, concrete stairs to the event.

Thank you for your cooperation.

OCMAFC



2025 Board of Directors

President	Bill Paige
Vice President	LeRoy Kehret
Secretary	Rex Bartholomew
Treasurer	Louise Beckley
Membership Chairman	Vicky Bartlett
Hospitality Chairman	Pauline Issa
Historian / Publicity Chairman	Bonnie Ryan
Tour Director	Bill Bahr
Fund/Picnic Coordinator	Norman Saw
Webmaster	Mark Simons
Henry's Helpers	Chuck Mayhew
Editor	Rex Bartholomew



Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, March 11th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: California Grill
6751 Painter Avenue
Whittier, CA**

Hosted by Liz Lee

**RSVP by Friday, March 7th
to Liz at (562) 818-7948 or
elizmlee@verizon.net**

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

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

MARCH MILE MARKERS



**Gary McCaughan
Darwin Kirby
Imelda Mayhew
Wayne Switzer
Mark Williams
Frank Azucena
Mark Conceicao
Ralph Neely
Jim Williams**

Happy Anniversary

**Jim and Jan Williams
Mike and Vicki Spearman
Larry and Bonnie Ryan**

HOSPITALITY

**March: Norman Saw
April: Wayne Wiedle
May: Jim Runyon
June: Rex Bartholomew**

OBITUARY: STAN LUCAS

Born to Leslie and Amy Lucas in December, 1938, Stan was a quiet, headstrong middle-child, preferring to read comic books and play with toy trains over working on the farm. He began collecting vintage cars in his teens. “I drove a 1920 Dodge to school in the seventh grade,” he shared of life in rural Clements, California.

After graduating from UC Berkeley in Mechanical Engineering in 1962, Stan traveled to New Zealand, worked briefly in the defense industry, and taught physics and math at Pacific State University. But ultimately, he found his calling as an entrepreneur.

Ventures included The New US Golf, Inc; brasier manufacturer Form O-Uth Manufacturing Co, Inc; and the antique mall, Pieces of the Past. In one early endeavor, Stan owned coin-operated laundry machines in several apartment buildings and would travel around to the machines each week with coffee cans. Filled to the brim, each can held \$75 in quarters—an impressive haul in those days.

In 1976, Stan began acquiring industrial real estate in southern California. He then expanded into the design, construction, and management of multi-tenant buildings. Most recently, he began developing housing communities in Northern Nevada, with plans in the works to add 5200 homes, roads and commercial buildings in the region.

Stan took greatest pride in Lucas Automotive Engineering. Stan started this business in 1957, making explosion whistles and steering wheels for early Fords. This grew to encompass the manufacturing of hard- to-find tires for antique car collectors worldwide. It was a perfect marriage of his enterprising spirit and his own passion for collecting planes, trains and automobiles.

Stan’s team specialized in acquiring and restoring steam powered vehicles, including miniature trains, steam boats, a steam engine for a Bessler airplane, and an unrivaled collection of Stanley and Doble steam-driven cars. Stan showed off his collection at car shows and parades from Pebble Beach Concours d’ Elegance to Amelia Island and the Rose Parade.

Standouts from his unmatched collection include a 1911 Oldsmobile Limited that won the 2006 Ansel Adam’s award at Pebble Beach; a one-of-a-kind 1928 Lincoln LeBaron Aero Phaeton; and the infamous Thelma Todd Death Car, the 1932 Lincoln Phaeton, in which the young film star was mysteriously found dead in 1935. When asked which of the cars was his favorite, Stan would say, “The next one I buy.”

Stan’s other collections include antique farm equipment, an enviable library of books on transportation and world history, and an eclectic assortment of bells and whistles—he truly had them all.

Preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Amy, as well as his two siblings, Raymond and Linda, and dear friends, Roberta, Len, Harry & Bill, Stan died peacefully at his home in Venice, California, on January 11, 2025, surrounded by his chosen family, John, Scott, Garret, Carmen & Helen.

Stan’s contributions to the antique automobile world will be missed by all who marvel at his wonderful time machines. His legacy will continue at Lucas Classic Tires, serving the vintage and classic car community he treasured. A Stan Lucas Memorial Car Show will be held in the springtime, followed by a final tour through the Lucas Car Collection.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

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

Speaker / Moderator: Jacob Grossen

Title: The Epic Story of his 1929 Pick-up

Date: March 4th (general meeting)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

Our March program speaker will be Jacob Grossen, member of Whittier Model A Club. Jacob bought the truck body, which had served for years as a piece of yard art. It is an interesting build, and a tribute to American ingenuity.

If you want to share in one of our monthly programs, please contact Pauline Issa to arrange for a great experience!



Photo by Pauline Issa

TOURS

Orange County Model A Breakfast

March 23, 2025 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Hart Park

701 Glassell St. Orange, CA

Solvang Diamond Tread Tour

April 22 thru 24 (Tuesday-Thursday)

More information will be handed out at the

March meeting

Tour Leaders:

Larry Ryan (562) 484-8415

Gary Gaffney (310) 482-0406

King Richard's Antiques

April 26, 2025 2:00 p.m.

12301 Whittier Blvd. Whittier, CA

Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance

June 7, 2025

Central Park Library

Goldenwest and Talbert Huntington Beach, CA

Cornerstone Church Pancake Breakfast

June 15, 2025 7:00 a.m.

1000 Studebaker Rd. Long Beach, CA

Model T Swap Meet

July 19, 2025 7:00 a.m.

Veterans Stadium Long Beach, CA

Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment

August 30, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Huntington Beach Central Park

Huntington Beach, CA

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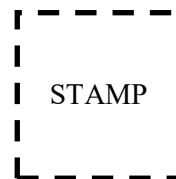

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