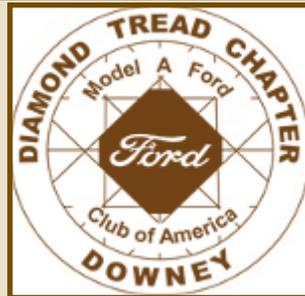
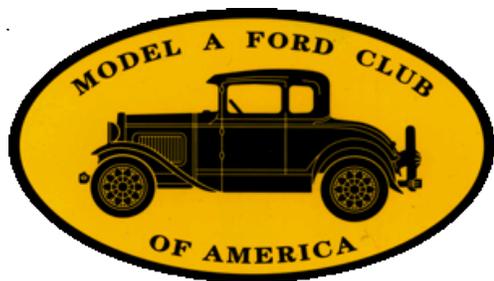


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: June 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING - June 3rd

24 Hour Real Estate at 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

RED HOT SPARKS - June 10th

BJ's Restaurant at 11:30 am
11101 183rd Street, Cerritos, CA

CORNERSTONE CHURCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST - June 15

INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4

LEISURE WORLD PARADE - July 4

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 - JUNE, 2025

Hello Diamond Tread members of the Downey Chapter of the Model A Club of America.

For our June meeting, we will be returning to Downey. Long-time members Vicki and Mike Spearman have graciously secured a venue for our club's meeting. Vicki, a real estate agent in Downey, has kindly offered her office's conference room. She provided LeRoy and me with a tour, and we were both impressed by its suitability for our needs, including an arrangement where all chairs face the front of the room! We invite you to join us at the June meeting to see the venue firsthand.

24 Hour Real Estate is at 8635 Florence Avenue, just west of Lakewood Blvd. The driveway to a well-lit, video-monitored parking lot is on the building's west side. From the parking lot entrance, access the second floor via elevator or stairs. The office is near the elementary school where our pre-COVID meetings were held.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Wayne and Martie Wiedle for graciously hosting our May meeting at their lovely residence. Additionally, we are thankful to The Village Café for accommodating us for such an extended period.

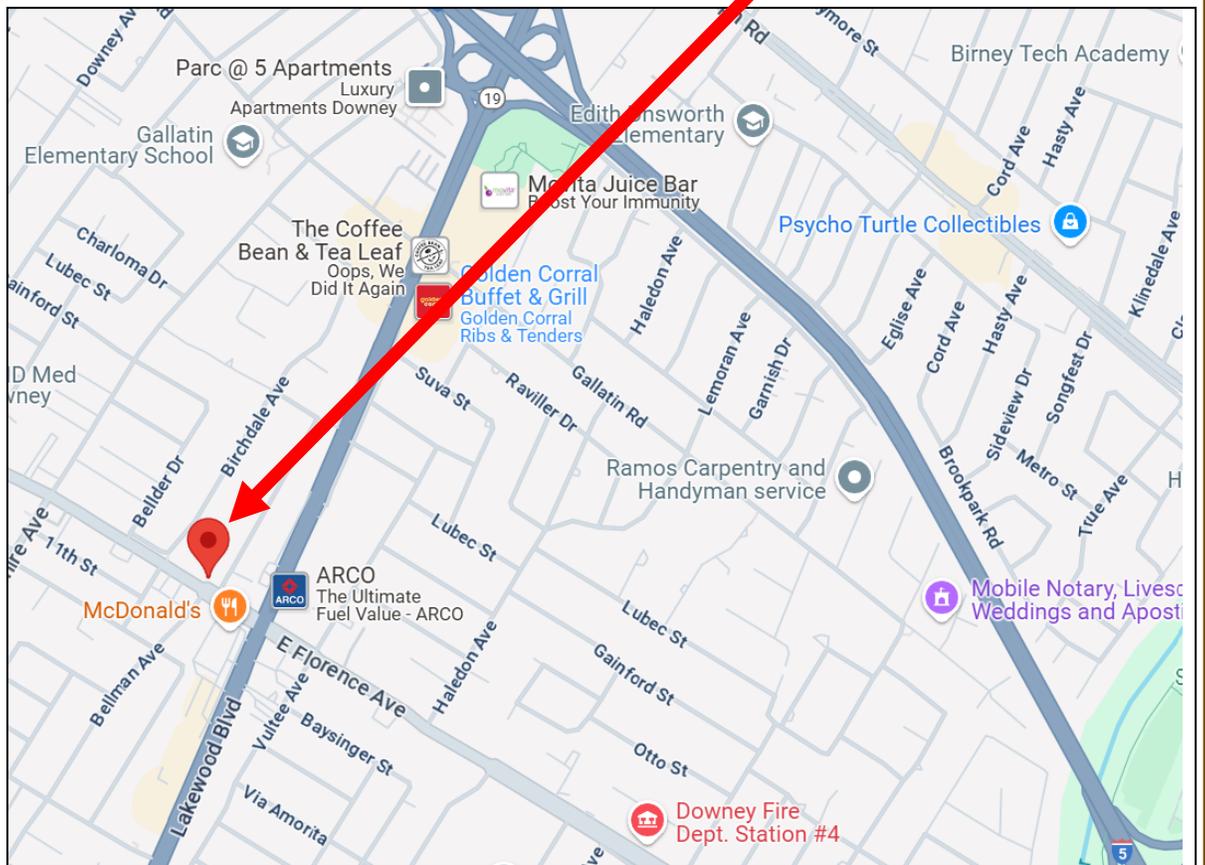
Thank you to the members who suggested meeting locations.

24 Hour Real Estate

Please refer to this issue for reports on the Solvang Tour and the Pt. Fermin excursion, both of which were thoroughly enjoyable.

As always,

Bill Paige
President



MAY MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2025

Location: Wiedle Residence

Participants: 22 meeting attendees, 5 Model As driven to meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- The flag salute was led by Vice President LeRoy Kehret

Bill Paige, President:

- Thanked Wayne and Martie Wiedle for opening their home to us for tonight's meeting
- Diamond Tread can no longer have meetings at Village Café due to restaurant's insurance policy
- The club is seeking a new meeting place, but will not solicit ideas this evening
- Bill urged the club to show their appreciation for the Village Café by still attending the weekly breakfasts

Committee Reports

Rex Bartholomew, Editor and Secretary

- Moved that April meeting minutes be approved and submitted; seconded and approved

Louise Beckley, Treasurer:

- Updated checking account balance
- Diamond Tread received a thank you note from Orange County MAFCA for our pancake breakfast donation
- Reported on Mt. Baldy Tour with Santa Anita As
 - 3 Diamond Tread Cars, 18 total Model As

Vicky Bartlett, Membership:

- No report this month

Bonnie Ryan, Historian / Publicity:

- Bonnie reported on Solvang tour with Whittier Model As and Corvette Club
 - 5 Model As and a Hootenanny

Bill Bahr, Tour Director:

- Two upcoming tours (passed around sign-up sheets for both):
 - May 17 at Pt. Fermin Lighthouse
 - June 15 at Cornerstone Church pancake breakfast and car show

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Program

- The Diamond Tread monthly distinguished speaker for May was member Larry Ryan discussing his Model A ownership journey
- The program included:
 - The history of Larry's first car, before he took a break to bring up his family
 - After the family break, of course, there were more cars!
 - A discussion about the differences between owning Model As and other antique automobiles
 - A narrative about the Ryan's Grand Canyon epic journey
 - Larry wrapped up with how he got his latest Model A

General Business

- Gary Gaffney: Chariots Car Club will meet every Wednesday through Labor Day
- Jim Runyon: Provided tonight's refreshments – thank you!
- Norm Saw: Final ticket sales for raffle

Raffles/Prizes

- No winner for driving a Model A tonight (administrative difficulty)
- Wayne and Marti: umbrella
- Rex: umbrella
- LeRoy: Bendix
- LeRoy: flag
- Bill Bahr: 50/50

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rex Bartholomew, Secretary



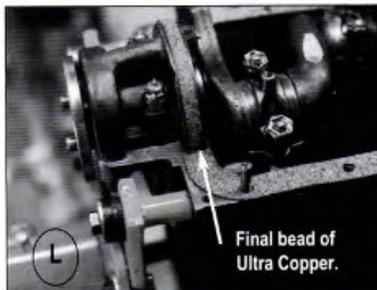
DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

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.

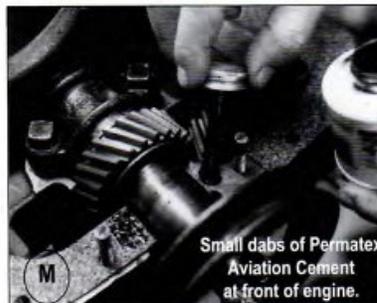
The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. All monies shall be used for club activities and functions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

LEAKLESS PAN GASKET (Part 3 of 3)



gasket ends and then a dab on the top of the pan gasket.

Notice that no other Ultra Copper or Aviation Gasket material is used. The pan gasket is **put on dry on all other surfaces.**



(N) Take a rope gasket that has been soaking several days in a jar of engine oil and place it in the groove at the front of the pan. It can either be pounded lightly in place with a socket that is about the right size to fit the curve (O) or rolled in with a round bar (P).

(Q) Trim the rope gasket with a sharp single-edge razor blade about 1/16 inch above the pan surface. The same applies to the timing gear cover rope gasket if you have had the timing gear cover off. If you are just replacing the pan and pan gasket without removing the timing gear cover, it is not necessary to change the timing gear cover rope gasket half, as long as it is in good shape and not leaking.

There is an alternate O ring gasket to replace the rope gasket available. It requires removing the crankshaft for installation and is beyond the scope of this article. Besides, I want to show that a quality leakless installation can be done easily with traditional materials.

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(R) Now the oil pump is put in place. Use the retainer made from a pipe fitting tapped to hold a machine screw if the engine is in the car. The oil pump will stay in place if the engine is on an engine stand upside down without the retainer.

(S) Using the four guide pins in the corners, front and rear of the block, the pan may be eased into place. If your guide pins are longer than 1 1/2 inches it may be difficult to get the pan in place in the car because of the front cross member. In this case get the pan almost in place and then insert the guide pins in front and rear of the block through four pan bolts holes, then slide the pan all the way home.

(T) Put in the pan bolts and tighten them evenly. Remove the guide pins and put bolts in those locations. About five or six foot-pounds is enough. It would be wise



to put the flywheel housing dust cover in place first before inserting pan bolts at the rear of the pan to avoid dropping a bolt into the housing. Any of the pan bolts or timing cover bolts that do not go into blind holes in the oil chamber should have a small amount of Permatex Aviation Gasket Sealer on the threads to prevent oil from seeping out.

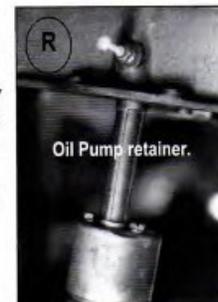
Remember that the rope gaskets at the crank pulley have been soaking in oil. The pressure on these gaskets when the pan is bolted down will force some of that



Submitted by Mark Simons
from the March/April 2002
The Restorer



soaked oil out over the first few miles of driving. From then on, after that small amount of oil is wiped up, you will have a truly leakless pan gasket using regular materials and a minimum amount of adhesives. There is no sticky goo to ooze out and get on your fingers. There is no sticky or hard cement to remove or chip away at some future date when the pan is off once again for some other engine work. Most of all, your pan gasket does not leak oil!



This does work and it is simple. Give it a try next time you remove and replace a pan. You'll be pleased with the leakless result!



MT. BALDY TOUR REPORT

Diamond Tread joined Santa Anita As on Thursday May 1 for their tour up Mount Baldy. We started with donuts and coffee and a car show at the Royal Oaks (a retirement center where a few of their members live). We drove up Mount Baldy, had lunch, and after the trip down we had ice cream in the park. These were the 3 cars from Diamond Tread, and 18 cars all together. Diamond Tread was represented by the Beckleys, Darwin Kirby, and the Ryans.



Photos and report by
Louise Beckley



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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: June 10th
at 11:30 am**

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

RSVP before Friday, June 6th

**Call Mary Ann at
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**All ladies of Diamond Tread
and Whittier Chapters are welcome**

*The Red Hot Sparks Meet on the 2nd
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- Bill and Sherrell Paige*
- LeRoy and Pam Kehret*
- Ken and Ann Hutchinson*

HOSPITALITY

- June: Rex Bartholomew*
- July: Vicky Bartlett*
- August: LeRoy Kehret*

TOURS

**Cornerstone Church
Pancake Breakfast**
June 15, 2025 7:00 a.m.
1000 Studebaker Rd. Long Beach, CA

Leisure World Parade
July 4, 2025
Seal 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

Lyons Museum
September 6, 2025
Santa Ana, CA

Orange County Swap Meet
October 4, 2025
Costa Mesa, CA

Long Beach Model T Tour
October 23-25, 2025

International Print Museum
November 3, 2025
Carson, CA

Gunther's Yard Tour
December 7, 2025
Long Beach, CA



Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour

October 5-13, 2025 – Southern California Regional Group



The SCRG would like to invite you on a fall tour, guaranteed for adventure. We will be meeting up with a group going from Chicago to Santa Monica and seeing sites in our own backyard that most of us have never seen before. You'll need to make your own hotel reservations, but mention that you will be on the Model A Tour in case a discount has been arranged at that hotel.

October 5th, Arrive at the SureStay Plus by Best Western, 71487 Twentynine Palms Hwy Twentynine Palms (760) 367-9141 total w tax \$113. To see the stars, we'll visit Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center 9697 Utah Trail just outside Joshua Tree National Park. Bring chairs and blankets. \$10 donation per vehicle.

October 6th, Take Highway 62 to AZ highway 95 north to the London Bridge at Lake Havasu for lunch, then back into California on Highway 40 and north on the Needles Highway, to end after 219 miles at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort 1650 S Casino Dr, Laughlin, NV (800) 227-3849 total w tax \$94

October 7th & 8th, Take Highway 68 to the 93 to I-40 to Williams, 148 miles to Grand Canyon Railway and Hotel 235 N Grand Canyon Blvd, Williams (928) 635-4010 Grand Canyon Railway Tickets \$70 round trip each – park entry which is not included \$17.50 for single time entry for each adult. Lifetime National Parks military pass \$20, Senior (62+) "America the Beautiful" lifetime pass \$90 bought online incl. fees, potentially takes longer than two weeks to arrive by mail. This pass can also allow you to Total for two days of standard room for two, train to and from park, and entrance fee totals \$708 including tax. This does not include south rim bus tour. Bus tours are available all along the south rim between train arrivals and departures, which cost \$47.50 per without lunch and \$67.50 with lunch.

October 9th, Join the Route 66 tour and drive 115 miles on Route 66 to El Trovatore Motel, 1440 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ (928) 753-6520 \$99

October 10th, Leave Kingman to visit Oatman, and Topock (population 2) after 68 miles end at Best Western Colorado River Inn 2371 Needles Hwy, Needles (760) 326-4552 \$138

October 11th, Visit lots of towns you've never been to while driving 150 miles to Quality Inn on Historic Route 66, 1520 E Main St, Barstow (760) 307-8003 \$95

October 12th, Hotel MDR 13480 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey (310) 822-8555 \$250 about \$280 incl breakfast

October 13th The Santa Anita club has invited us to meet them for lunch on the 13th at Legends 1155 E., Route 66, Glendora and some of them will drive with us to the pier.

To register, fill out this form & send it and send a check for \$20 made out to SCRG to 107 Wilton Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90004

Name _____ Additional Adult _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____ Email address _____
 MAFCA Member # _____ Chapter _____

Circle the dates you plan to go with the tour: October 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

SOLVANG TOUR REPORT

On April 22-24, 4 Model As and 1 hotrod toured to Solvang. We arrived in town with a Corvette club! Gary Gaffney and Larry Ryan planned this tour. Those who went together on the 8 1/2 hour trip were the Ryans, the Beckleys, and Bill Paige. The Lees and Jacob Grossen from the Whittier Club also attended. Norman Saw followed us in his modern car in case there were problems. The only mishap was when Bill's speedometer broke and was making a ruckus - so we took time out to disconnect it! On our full day in Solvang we ate breakfast together, visited the mission and had supper together with the Corvette gang before the hootenanny at Gary's motel. He and Norman played guitars and sang with anyone who wanted to join in. It was fun!

Coming home, the Whittier guys chose the freeway. We only joined for part of that adventure!



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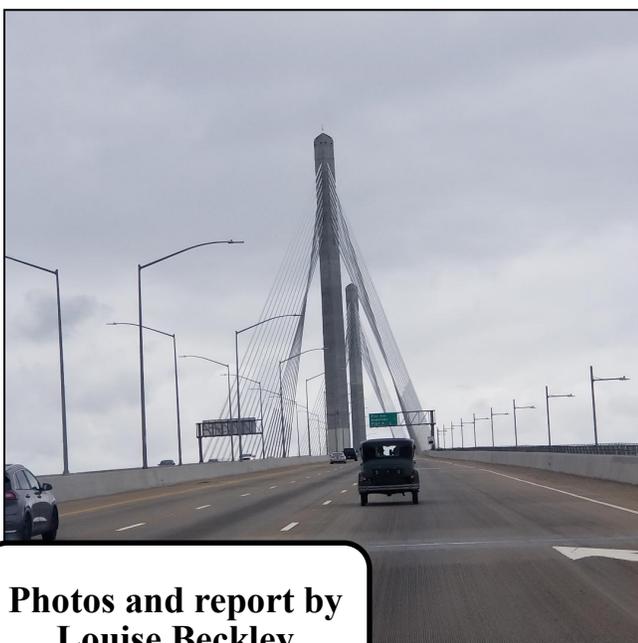


PT. FERMIN LIGHTHOUSE TOUR REPORT

On May 17, Diamond Tread took a tour to the Pt. Fermin Lighthouse in San Pedro. Our classic automobiles provided ambiance for the tea and craft fair at the lighthouse. Tour Director Bill Bahr led the tour in his modern truck and 5 Model As carried the Beckleys, the Ryans, our prez Bill Paige, Charlie Sento, and Ed Tolman, a member of our club AND also president of MAFCA. Ed has a new Burtz engine he is breaking in before the national tour in Virginia.

Driving through the harbor we couldn't help noticing the street name as we waited for a LONG train to pass. On the way home we went up and down the Vincent Thomas Bridge and then Gerald Desmond Bridge. From the distance these looked pretty high and scary, but we did fine on both bridges.

There were burrowing squirrels everywhere with people trying to feed them and pet them. Apparently they don't have rabies. *(editor note: they might carry bubonic plague, though)*



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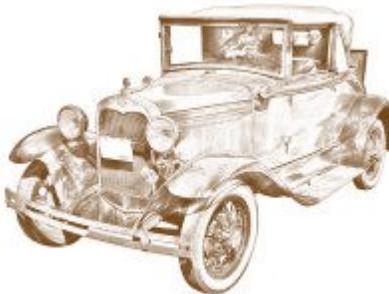
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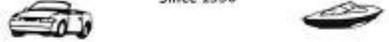
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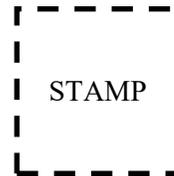
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