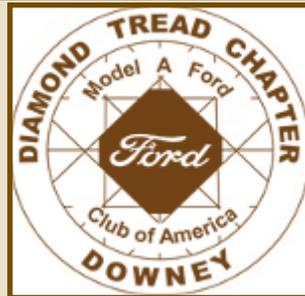
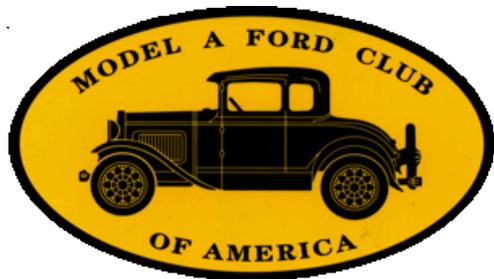


# DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING - July 1st

24 Hour Real Estate at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4th

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### LEISURE WORLD PARADE - July 4th

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### RED HOT SPARKS - July 8th

California Grill

6751 Painter Ave, Whittier

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### MODEL T SWAP MEET - July 19

Veterans Stadium Long Beach

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### WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach



## THE STEERING WHEEL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JULY, 2025

Hello everyone,

It appears that our club has been experiencing numerous opportunities recently, and with the advent of summer, our activities are in full swing. Three cars from our club joined seven cars from the Whittier Club for the DWP picnic at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. Additionally, on Father's Day, eight of our cars participated in the Cornerstone Church car show alongside many other vehicles, ranging from Model T's to a Cybertruck. We would like to extend our congratulations to Wayne, who won a plaque for best of show with his Roadster, top down.

Our next event will be the 4th of July gathering at Leisure World. Following that, on the 19th, we will convene at Veteran's Stadium for the renowned Model T Swap Meet.

It is indeed an exciting time to be out and about with our Model A's. If your car has not yet made its spring and summer debut, now is the opportune time.

Best regards,

Bill

Reminder:

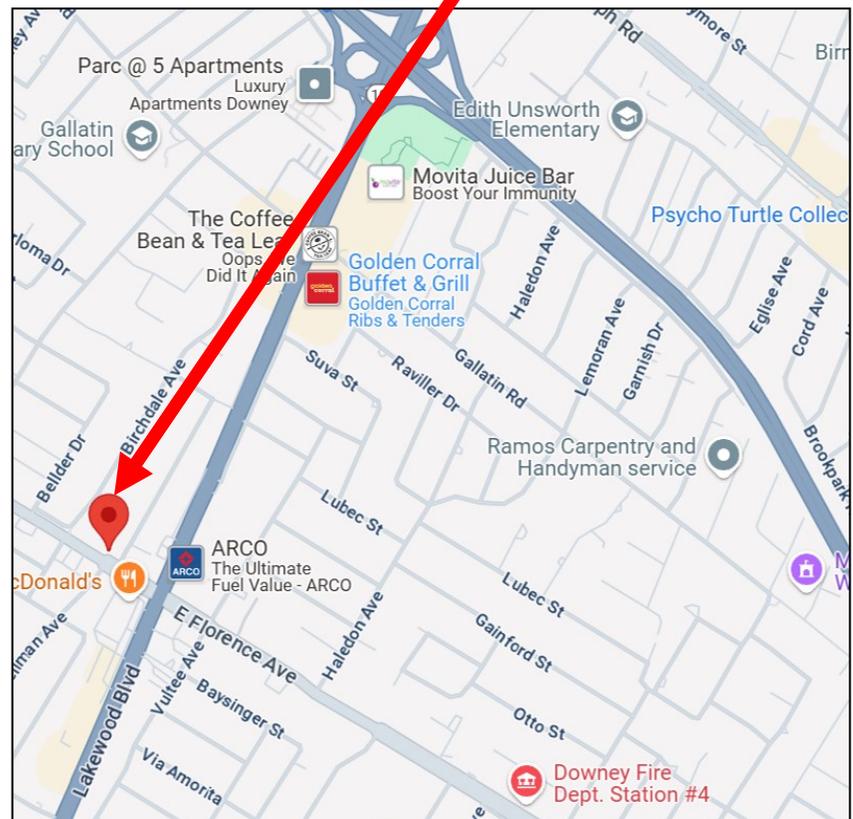
Diamond Tread's new meeting location is 24 Hour Real Estate at 8635 Florence Avenue, just west of Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

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.

**24 Hour Real Estate**



# JUNE MEETING MINUTES

**DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER**  
**of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**General Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2025**

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

Participants: 22 meeting attendees, 2 Model As driven to meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- The flag salute was led by Vice President LeRoy Kehret

### **Bill Paige, President**

- Thanked Vicki Spearman for organizing the new Diamond Tread meeting place and allowing us to meet at 24-Hour Real Estate

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Bill Bahr, Tour Director**
  - Two upcoming tours (passed around sign-up sheets for both):
    - June 7 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Retiree Picnic at Whittier Narrows
    - June 15 Cornerstone Church pancake breakfast and car show in Long Beach
  - Vicky Bartlett: 2025 is the 50th anniversary of MAFCA Santa Anita As
    - August 10 celebration breakfast at Pasadena Elks Lodge
  - Bill Paige: Seal Beach Leisure World Parade on July 4
- **Rex Bartholomew, Editor and Secretary**
  - Moved that May meeting minutes be approved and submitted; seconded and approved
- **Vicky Bartlett, Membership and for Louise Beckley, Treasurer in absentia**
  - Provided financial information
  - Diamond Tread received a thank you note for Model A Youth Restoration Award donation



## MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

### Program

- The monthly distinguished Diamond Tread speaker for May was Carl Laski with the second installment of his series on his Model T fire truck and Los Angeles fire-fighting personalities. The first installment covered the time of his grandfather's era of fire service.
- This second program included details of his father's fire career and included many neat photos from that era. Subjects were:
  - Firefighter stories
  - Humorous anecdotes and practical jokes
  - Model T fire truck history
- The third (and final) installment will update us on happenings during Carl's life

### Closing Activities:

- Ticket sales and refreshments
- Raffle prizes:
  - Darwin Kibby: insulated Snap-On bag
  - Larry Ryan: umbrella
  - Mark Simons: vintage Ford thermos
  - Larry Ryan: 50/50

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

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.

# CORNERSTONE CHURCH FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day: June 15, 2025

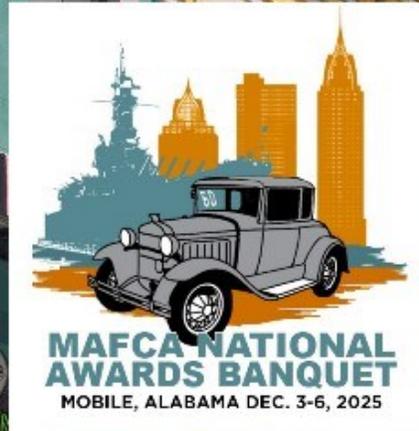
Super fun tour and car show at  
Cornerstone Church in Long Beach.  
Great Diamond Tread representation  
and a pancake breakfast to boot!

Many thanks to all!



Photos by  
Carl Laski

# MAFCA AWARDS BANQUET



## Model A Ford Club of America National Awards Banquet

Born to Celebrate  
**Mobile, Alabama**  
December 3-6, 2025

register at <https://www.gulfcoastmodelaclub.net>



### Bus Tours

29th Annual Magic Christmas in  
Lights - Bellingrath Gardens

USS Alabama Battleship  
Memorial Park

Mobile History Trolley Tour

### Seminars

Fashion with Sherry Winkhofer

Mechanics with Paul Shinn

Secret History of Mobile with Todd Duren

History of Alabama Roadways with Dr. Martin Olliff



## 2025 Board of Directors

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<b>Editor</b>	Rex Bartholomew



## Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: July 8th  
at 11:30 am**

**Where: California Grill  
6751 Painter Ave, Whittier  
Hosted by Vicky Bartlett**

**RSVP before July 3rd  
Phone 213-445-2962**

**Or email to [vickybartlett60@gmail.com](mailto:vickybartlett60@gmail.com)**

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

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

## JULY MILE MARKERS



*Richard Hickock*

*Steve Sixt*

*Kerri Stephens*

*Ann Hutchinson*

*Dawn Henry-Conceicao*

*Ronald Wellmann*

*Maria Azucena*

*Happy Anniversary*

*Mark and Dawn Conceicao*

*Ed and Monika Tolman*

*Bill and Debby Power*

**HOSPITALITY**

*July: Vicky Bartlett*

*August: LeRoy Kehret*

*September: David Orozco*

# TOURS

**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 SCRGR 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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

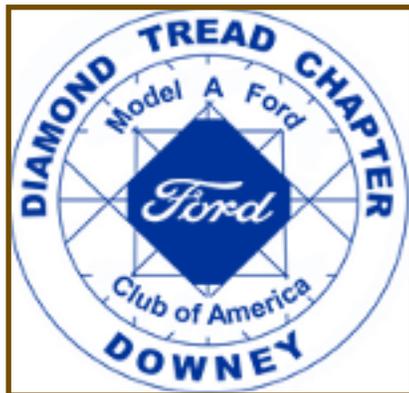
October 12<sup>th</sup>, Hotel MDR 13480 Maxella Avenue, Marina del Rey (310) 822-8555 \$250 about \$280 incl breakfast

October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 SCRGR 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



# LONG BEACH MODEL T SWAP MEET



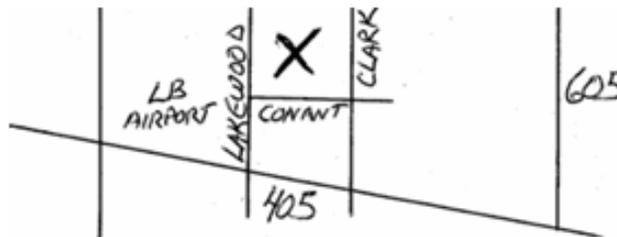
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Hello there!

Many thanks to Vicki Spearman for providing place for us to meet!

Please send me event and tour pictures!

Rex Bartholomew

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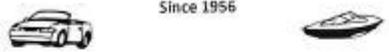
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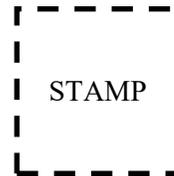
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