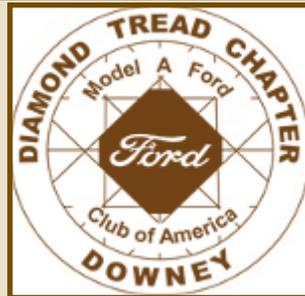
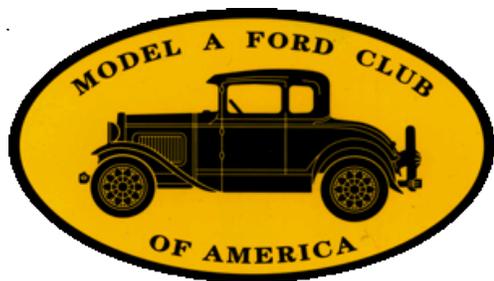


# DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: August 2025



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING - August 5th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

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### EARLY FORD V-8 SWAP MEET - August 9th

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### 50 As FOR 50 YEARS - August 10th

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### RED HOT SPARKS - August 12th

Original Roadhouse Grill

15156 E. Whittier Blvd, Whittier

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### CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT - August 30th

Central Park, Huntington Beach

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### 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

Greetings all you Model A enthusiasts,

Seems to me, we have had a lot of fun club and Model A activities this Spring and Summer.

At this writing we are coming close to the big, busy Model T Swap meet at Veteran's Memorial Stadium. (It will be the last one at the Stadium that we have known all our lives, as it is scheduled for demolition and replacement).

Carl Laski expressed his gratitude upon receiving the gift certificate from our club in recognition of his three antique fire truck presentations. He shared that he and his wife visited the Village Café for breakfast the following morning; it was her first experience at the establishment, and they both greatly appreciated the meal.

It is good to meet with other clubs, see their cars, see old friends, meet new people. August 10th with Santa Anita A's will give us one of those opportunities. They need your help and your Model A's help for their big 50th Anniversary event scheduled for Sunday August 10th. To be held at the Elks Club in Pasadena. They are looking for at least 50 Model A vehicles to attend their 50th. We are all invited to join in the fun. More information is on page 9 of this newsletter.

And to end August, looking forward to the Civil War Reenactment in Huntington Beach on the 30th,

It's a great day when you drive an A,

Bill



**Diamond Tread at La Palma Central Park  
Photo by Pauline Issa**

# JULY MEETING MINUTES

**DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER**  
**of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**General Meeting Minutes, July 1, 2025**

**Location:** 24-Hour Real Estate, Norwalk

**Participants:** 25 meeting attendees, 3 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**

- Welcomed visitors
- Group introductions
- Details for Friday July 4 tour to Leisure World
  - Meet at Hof's Hut in Seal Beach, depart at 8:00 a.m.
  - Bring fliers for entrance
- Details for Model T Swap Meet on July 19
  - Depart Bill Paige's house at 6:30 a.m.
- August 10 tour with Santa Anita As for their 50th anniversary celebration
  - 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Pasadena Elks Lodge (\$17 for breakfast)
- Concerts in the park in La Palma start on July 10, Model A display on July 31
- No more coffee at meetings as not much is being used

**Committee Reports:**

**Louise Beckley, Treasurer**

- Presented the bank balance

**Chuck Mayhew, Henry's Helpers**

- Luke and Larry helped rewire Norm Saw's car

**Norm Saw, Fund Raising and Picnic**

- Driving a Model A prize went to Jim Barger
- Tool bag went to Michael (visitor)
- Pedicure kit to Nadia Azucena
- Box of oranges to Linda Seagroves

## MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

### Program:

- The monthly distinguished Diamond Tread speaker for July was Carl Laski with the third (and final) 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 and the second covered his father's era. Tonight covered his era and his vintage Ford fire truck.
- Subjects were family stories, humorous anecdotes, and Model T fire truck history

### Closing Activities:

- Ticket sales and refreshments
- Raffle prize: Larry Ryan (x2): 50/50

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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.

# COOL TOUR!

Diamond Tread will be taking a tour on August 30 with our friends of the Long Beach Model T Club to the Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment.

We cannot guarantee that Abraham Lincoln will be riding a horse while carrying a surfboard, but there will be horses, cannons, flags, pageantry, marching, bugles, authentic uniforms and period correct weaponry all ready for dramatic battles.

There is the bonus of food, music, vendors and educational talks. What a fun day!

Contact Tour Director Bill Bahr for additional details and watch for announcements about the meet-up time and location.

## CIVIL WAR DAYS!

★ *The HB Historical Society presents* ★



★ A FREE LIVING HISTORY EVENT ★

*Saturday & Sunday*

**AUG. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

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<b>Editor</b>	Rex Bartholomew



### *Red Hot Sparks Luncheon*

**When: August 12th  
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Original Roadhouse Grill  
15156 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier**

**Hosted by Pauline Issa**

**RSVP before August 8th**

**Phone 562-864-5780**

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

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

## AUGUST MILE MARKERS



*Bill Harris  
Pam Kehret  
Greg Witz  
Chuck Mayhew  
Chris Risdon  
Vicki Spearman  
Monique Risdon*

### *Happy Anniversary*

*Barry and Louise Beckley  
Luke and Margie Sayer  
Darwin and Pam Kibby*

### HOSPITALITY

*August: LeRoy Kehret  
September: David Orozco  
October: The Beckleys*

# TOURS

## 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

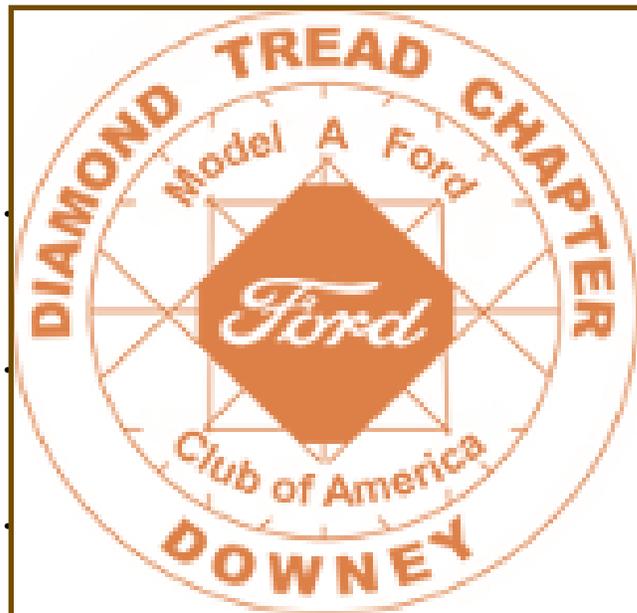
October 23-25, 2025

## International Print Museum

November 3, 2025  
Carson, CA

## Gunther's Yard Tour

December 7, 2025  
Long Beach, CA



## Report from the Diamond Tread Tour Director

The morning of the 4th of July, the Diamond Tread Club went to Leisure World car show. We had a good turn out and were staged at a nice place; all of us were together!

Some highlights:

- The event has nice clean restrooms
- I bought a chocolate donut from the Helms Bakery Truck; that is something that I haven't had for over 60 years!
- The spectators had some touching stories about the Model A cars; they remember riding in the rumble seats

Thank your for going on a Diamond Tread tour!

From your friend,  
Bill Bahr.

# 50 As FOR 50 YEARS

Santa Anita As has been promoting the August 10th car show at the Pasadena Elks Lodge and getting a good response from our members and from outside clubs.

We have reached out to all the club presidents and newsletter editors from Conejo to Orange County. We've also been attending local parades and events and inviting every Model A we see.

Fifteen Santa Anita A's cars have signed up already. Will we make our goal? Will you help us make it?

The Elks have a great chef and a good breakfast is available for purchase. \$17.00 and RSVP is recommended so they know how much food to have on hand.

Contact our Activities Director Janet Beggs at [janetbeggs17@outlook.com](mailto:janetbeggs17@outlook.com) or questions can be directed to Jim Kroeger at 626-710-6592.



**SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2025**

**8:30 TO 11:00 AM**

**PASADENA ELKS LODGE**

**400 W. COLORADO BLVD. PASADENA, CA 91105**

<p><b>Sunday Aug 10 8:30 – 11:00</b></p> <p>Meet @ 400 W. Colorado Blvd Pasadena</p>	 <p>A - <u>August</u> + All <u>A's</u></p> <p>B - <u>Breakfast in the Basement</u> ♦ \$15</p> <p>C - <u>Car Show</u> ♦ <b>meet at @ PASADENA ELKS LODGE</b></p> <p>Let's Show The Public 50 Cars For Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! <i>coordinated by Mark Hensel</i></p>
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# EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Hello there!

Here is a some city of Downey trivia:

- Downey was founded in 1873
- The current Mayor of Downey is Hector Sosa
- Downey is the birthplace of the Apollo space program and Taco Bell
- Downey has the oldest operating McDonald's in the world (right across the street from our meeting place)
- Many of Downey's settlers came from Ireland
- Downey was founded by and named for the former and youngest ever governor of California, John Gately Downey, who was born in Ireland.
- The largest employer in Downey is Kaiser Permanente
- Bob Meusel from the New York Yankees (who played with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig) lived and died in Downey
- Karen and Richard Carpenter moved to Downey in 1963, originally to an apartment complex called the Shoji on 12020 Downey Ave
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, musician and parody artist, was born in Downey
- Author Tom Wolfe wrote about Downey. His article "The Hair Boys" was about Harvey's Drive-in and the fashions that the hair boys wore. He claimed that Harvey's was one of the great unacknowledged centers of fashion in the world.

Please send me event and tour pictures!

Rex Bartholomew

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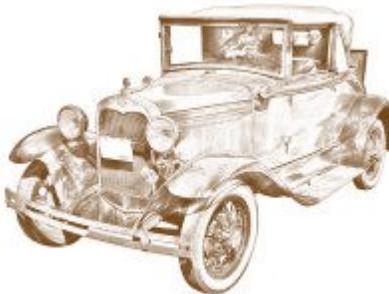
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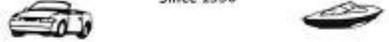
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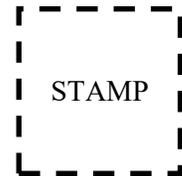
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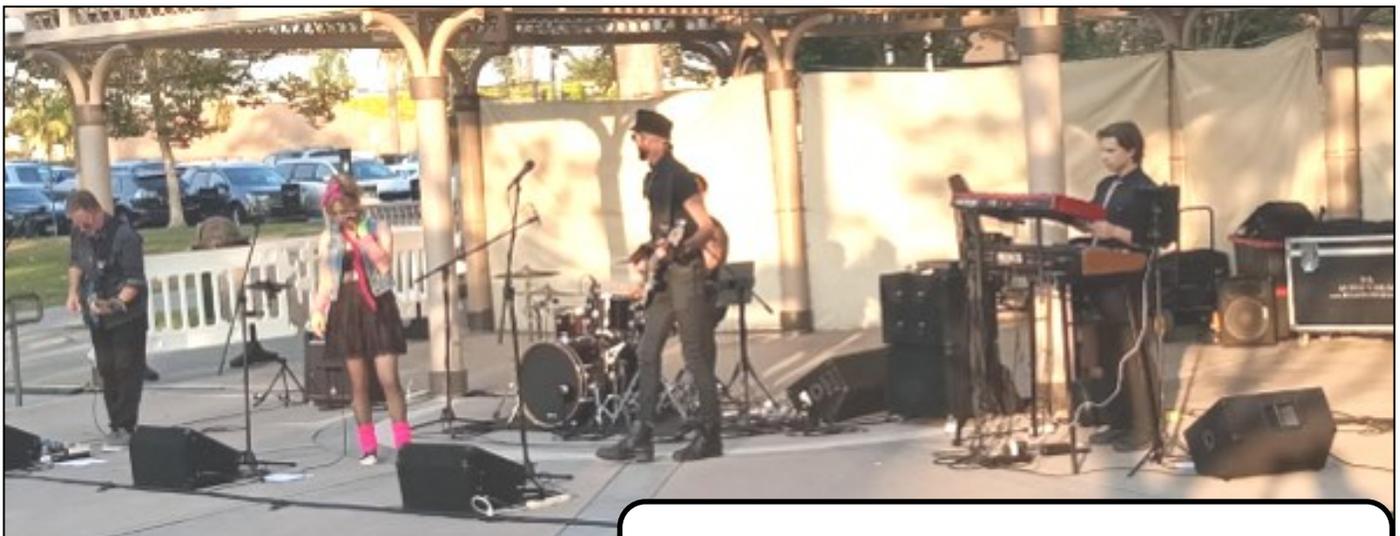


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