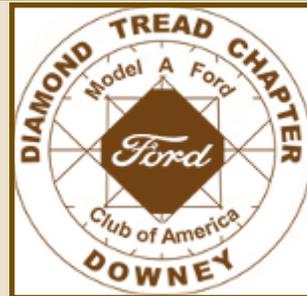
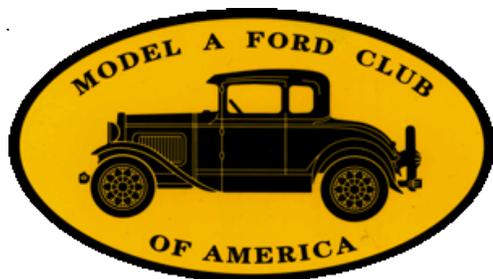


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LABOR DAY - September 1st

GENERAL MEETING - September 2nd

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

RED HOT SPARKS - September 9th

Train Journey to

San Clemente

PATRIOT DAY - September 11th

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

September 13th

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

Recently I have enjoyed phone calls with a continuous member of our club since the 1980s, Jeanne Jaite. She and her husband were very involved in the active Diamond Tread Club of the 80's and 90s; she has many stories that most members will not remember.

In 1990 there was a major fire at the Universal Studios back lot (story below), where 21 period cars were destroyed, including 2 from Diamond Tread, one of the cars was Jeanne's Fordor. They heard about the fire and drove up there and watched it burn, which must have been heartbreaking. Did you know DT had a softball team that played against other chapters for at least one season? One time on a DT tour while 15 or so model As were stopped at a rest stop along the coast, a bus full of seniors pulled over just to reminisce and admire the cars. She also remembers being in two parades organized by the City of Downey.

After her active years in Diamond Tread Jeanne bought a Harley Davidson and put 289 thousand miles on it across 49 states!

We also want to thank Ms. Jeanne for her most generous donation to our club last month, the latest of others she has made. In that she is confined to her bed following an accident in 2022, Chuck made a motion to have a drive-by her house with the Club cars, Jeanne is appreciative of the idea and is considering it.

If any of you long time members have stories or memories of the past that would be of interest to us shorter time members, please consider submitting them to our editor, Rex.

Happy trails,

Bill



November 6th 1990

A massive fire started deliberately on the backlot destroyed a fifth of the standing sets. The total damage was estimated at up to \$50 million, and was started in a Brownstone Street alley by a security guard with a cigarette lighter. The flames were fuelled by gale-force winds and took hours to get under control.

It was described as one of the largest fires in Los Angeles history and took 400 firefighters from 86 companies in the LA and Burbank areas along with 6 helicopters to get it under control.

Sets that were damaged or destroyed included:

- New York Street (recently seen in *Dick Tracy* - destroyed)
- Ben Hur set (destroyed)
- Courthouse Square (gutted, except the Courthouse). The sets as seen in *Back to the Future 1 - 3* were rebuilt to different designs - only the Courthouse is original.

The security guard was hired to protect 21 period cars that were being used in the Sylvester Stallone film "*Oscar*", which were also destroyed in the fire, and was believed to be working for a private company called 'Burns Inc.'

He was sentenced to 4 years in prison in January 1992.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2025

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Norwalk
Participants: 22 meeting attendees, 3 Model As driven to meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- We wished the Beckleys a happy 52nd wedding anniversary
- The flag salute was led by Vice President LeRoy Kehret
- Guests – Jonnie and Bobbi Glenn

Bill Paige, President

- International Model A Day is September 13th
 - Santa Anita As will be celebrating at Good Shepherd Church in Arcadia
 - Diamond Tread has been invited
 - Also, Sunday is the 50 As for 50 Years event in Pasadena
- Introduced Ed Tolman, tonight's speaker
- MAFFI membership - \$100 for 3 years
- New tri-folds are available tonight (include new meeting place)
- Concert in the park in La Palma on Thursday, August 7

Committee Reports:

- **Louise Beckley, Treasurer**
 - Presented the bank balance
 - Jeanne Jaite gave Diamond Tread another generous gift
 - Chuck Mayhew motioned that we acknowledge her gift with a drive-by
 - Seconded and approved

- **Bill Bahr, Tour Director**
 - Saturday August 9 – Vintage Ford V-8 Swap Meet
 - Sunday August 10 – Santa Anita As 50th anniversary activity
 - Also, Lane Victory event on Sunday the 10th
 - Saturday August 30 - Civil War reenactment in Huntington Beach

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Program:

- The monthly distinguished Diamond Tread speaker for July was Diamond Tread member and MAFCA President Ed Tolman
- Subjects:
 - Details of his 7209-mile epic journey to the June 2025 MAFCA National Tour in Virginia
 - His Burtz engine install and trip preparation
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Closing Activities:

- Ticket sales and refreshments
- Prizes:
 - Driving a Model A prize went to Bill Paige
 - 50/50: Rex Bartholomew

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.

NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to new members Jonnie and Bobbi Glenn who joined Diamond Tread at the August meeting!

Jonnie was introduced to the Diamond Tread Chapter by his neighbor Wayne Wiedle, attended several chapter meetings and has been enjoying the Thursday morning breakfasts at the Village Cafe.

Having had experience restoring old cars for a number of years, he is definitely a Ford enthusiast. Jonnie owned a 1931 Model A Pickup in the 70s which he now regrets he no longer owns. He has owned his 1965 Mustang for 30 years, and recently purchased a 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan, which he is looking forward to driving every week, as well as taking on tours.

Be sure to introduce yourselves!



RETIREMENT SALE!

After 45 years of dedicated service restoring and maintaining Ford Model As, Jim Nichols of Jim's Automotive Services is retiring. To mark this milestone, a wide selection of new and used car parts, along with shop equipment, is available for immediate sale. All reasonable offers will be considered - **EVERYTHING MUST GO!**

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Thanks, Jim for your support
of Diamond Tread!



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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: September 9th

Where: San Clemente

Meet at Fullerton Train Station by 10:10 a.m.

Round Trip Ticket for Seniors is ~\$32.00

Train leaves Fullerton Train Station at 10:41 a.m.

Arrives in San Clemente at 11:38 a.m.

Lunch at approximately 12 Noon -12:30 p.m. at Fisherman's Restaurant on the Pier

Return train leaves San Clemente at 3:20 p.m.

Arrives Fullerton at 4:21 p.m.

Hosted by Rena Beinbrech

RSVP (562) 505-4947

by Friday, September 5th

All ladies of Diamond Tread and Whittier Chapters are welcome

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

SEPTEMBER MILE MARKERS



Muriel Reyes

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Dennis Stephens

Habib Issa

Pauline Issa

Jim Barger

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Dennis McConkey

Ron Boan

Charlie Sento

Happy Anniversary

Mark and Becky Simons

Gary and Patty McCaughan

HOSPITALITY

September: David Orozco

October: The Beckleys

November: Mark Simons

December: Holiday Program

TOURS

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Lyons Museum

September 6, 2025

Santa Ana, CA

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Orange County Swap Meet

October 4, 2025

Costa Mesa, CA

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Long Beach Model T Tour

October 23-25, 2025

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International Print Museum

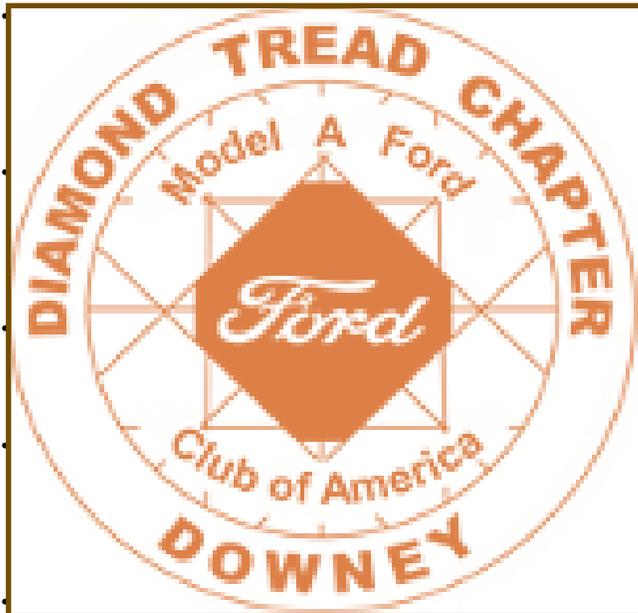
November 3, 2025

Carson, CA

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Gunther's Yard Tour

December 7, 2025

Long Beach, CA



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Diamond Tread was well-represented at the La Palma summer concerts in the park. We look forward to these every August and would love to see you and your Model A there in 2026!



Photos by Louise Beckley

50 As FOR 50 YEARS

Editor - A nice message that was sent to our president, Bill Paige:

Well Bill we did it! Thanks in part to Diamond Tread we gathered more than 50 Model A's to help celebrate Santa Anita's 50 years as a MAFCA chapter. Actually the final count was 75 cars along with 10 hotrods. I was told that we set a record for the number of cars at an event hosted by a single MAFCA chapter in Los Angeles County excluding National Conventions.

We had great weather as it wasn't too hot, chapters got to mingle with each other, new friendships were begun and old ones rekindled. Even the MAFCA President was in attendance.

Please pass on a sincere thank you to your members at your next general meeting for making the trip to Pasadena to help us celebrate. We couldn't have done it without you.

Jim Kroeger - Santa Anita A's



EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Hello there!

We are very proud of our own Jim Williams who earned the Best of Show trophy at the Chariots Car Club show! I'll give a dollar at the September general meeting to the first person to tell me the year and model of the show-winning car.

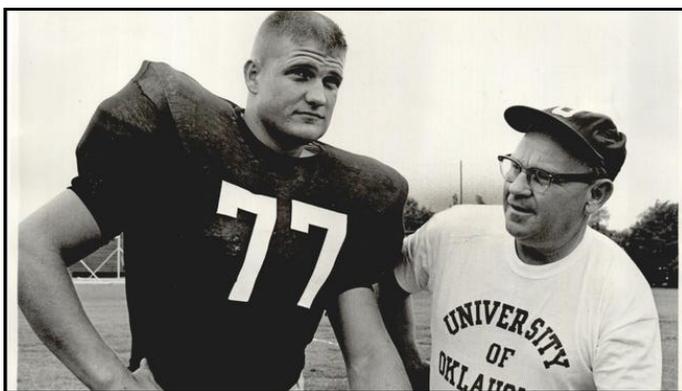
I love getting photos like this!



Picture and Cartoon from Pauline Issa

Diamond Tread's popular monthly program will feature member Ralph Neely. Ralph will be giving a talk about unique Model A and Model T tools. This will certainly be quite a discussion and there may be a show and tell session if we are lucky.

Here is a different Ralph Neely:



Please send me event and tour pictures!

Rex Bartholomew

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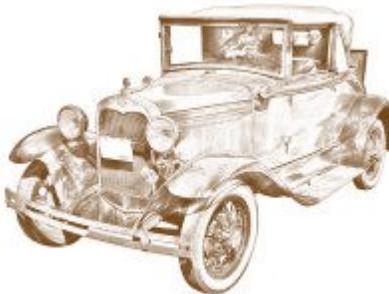
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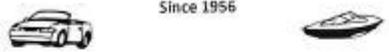
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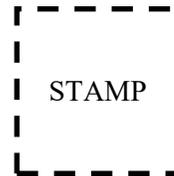
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