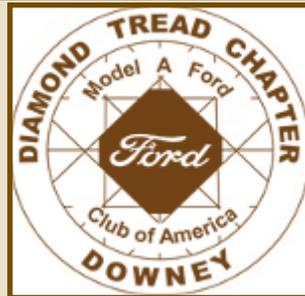
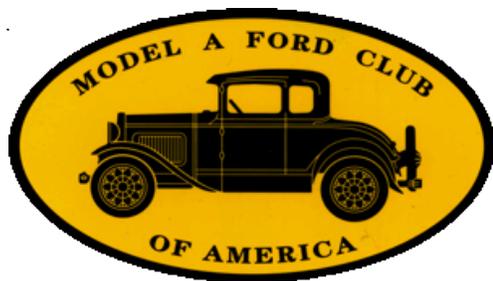


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



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GENERAL MEETING - March 3rd

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

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FULLERTON TRAIN MUSEUM—March 7th

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RED HOT SPARKS - March 10th

Steak Corral at 11:30 a.m.

11605 Washington Blvd, Whittier

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY - March 17th

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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

Hello all you 'A' people,

Valentine's Day has past, hope you gave your sweetheart some air or a wash, some wax or maybe a drive. Really hope you did something very special for the special person in your life that puts up with you being out in the garage with your sweetheart hour after hour.

Saint Patrick's Day is coming up this month, the day that among other things is associated with luck. How lucky we are to have our club and our friends and our automobiles (especially our Model 'A's).

May March bring you and yours lots of luck.

Until we meet again,

Prez Bill Paige
Diamond Tread



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

- General Meeting opened by President Bill Paige and Vice President Leroy Kehret led the flag salute
- Bill welcomed Wade back and had him introduce his dad, and Don. Bill also introduced Ken Hutchinson and Arthur Babigian.
- Bill P. spoke about the upcoming Orange Co Pancake Breakfast, he wanted us to approve three \$50.00 bills for their auction this year instead of car parts, and asked for motion to vote on doing that. Larry R said, "Yes, Let's do it!" motion, second, and passed unanimously.
- Bill P. showed a picture of a goldenrod t-shirt with Diamond Tread logo on left chest and a big one on back. Pauline will talk to her neighbor who does custom t-shirts for a business.
- Minutes of Jan. 2026 motion presented to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter for January 2026, second and passed
- Vicky B. thanked us for the get-well card we sent her last month after having a heart attack and 2 stents placed. She feels much better and is relaxing more to recover.
- Vicky B. then spoke about our new roster for new members and update in it for 2026. Only about 10 people have not paid their dues and she called them this morning and told them they will be dropped from the roll if they don't pay by the end of this week, 2/7/2026. She is happy to announce that we now have about 7 advertisers and if you look at the Feb. newsletter, you will see their ads at the end of the newsletter.
- Vicky B. said, lastly, she wants to talk to the new ladies in our club to join the Sparks ladies once a month for lunch on the second Tues of the month at 11:30AM - about 1PM. We meet with a few ladies from the Whittier Model A Club. Places we go to are posted in our monthly newsletter. Feb. 10 is next lunch at BJ's in Cerritos Mall off 183rd St. at Studebaker Rd. We favor the round tables at the front of the restaurant, they have great lunch specials and servers are easy to get along with. Fun Food Fellowship Come!

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Louise B. gave the account balance. In May last year, she sent \$200 to Youth Scholarship fund and the club received a thank you letter from Youth Scholarship board member Jo Johnson and Louise read the thank you letter to us.
- Bill B spoke on the tours he has planned for once a month. Our meeting place will usually be McDonalds Restaurant on Spring at Palo Verde in Long Beach. He will provide us each with a flyer next meeting if we approve of the tours tonight. We agreed to the tours and will get a flyer with directions and dates and times in March.
- Bill P. opened the floor for members to talk about their ideas and thoughts.
- Wade invited us to the San Fernando Valley Chapter car show/swap meet on Oct. 4 at the Nethercutt Museum (new location). He will bring in a flyer.
- Bill P. adjourned the general meeting at 7:10 p.m. to buy raffle tickets and have some cookies and cuties brought to us by Linda S. then sit back down to see who wins the door prizes and \$5 for bringing their Model A, and the money raffle.
- 7:25 p.m. Bill P. asked us to sit back down and Larry R had Chuck M talk and thanked all the guys who helped Larry R. get his new transmission and new engine put into his car. Chuck thanked Norman S. for the pizza lunch he brought them. They had Larry R. 's car on the road in two days.
- 24 members came tonight to the meeting. We had many door prizes given away and Larry R. and Johnnie each won \$32.00 and club was given \$32.00.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline Issa, Secretary



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NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to our Newest Members: the Ratzlaff Family of Newhall, which includes parents Wade and Stacie with their fourteen-year-old twins Cody & Shelby.

At our January meeting, Wade Ratzlaff, who is a member of Orange County MAFCA, and the new president for San Fernando Valley MAFCA visited Diamond Tread in an effort to learn about successful chapters. He was impressed and joined us at the end of the meeting.

Wade's participation with Model A's goes back to twenty years ago when he encouraged his parents to join a local Model A Chapter after they had purchased their first Model A. The rest is history: the senior Ratzlaffs--Don and the late Carolyn Ratzlaff of Fullerton--became very active in OCMAFCA as well as SCRG (Southern California Regional Group of MAFCA). Don was a visitor with Wade at last month's meeting.

Back to Wade: besides being an active member of San Fernando Valley, Orange County, and now Diamond Tread chapters; he was previously active in Santa Barbara MAFCA. Wade's first A was a 1930 AA lumber truck* he purchased in 2000 and has used it frequently as a daily driver for errands and shopping. Last year he bought his Dad's 1929 Tudor, and just recently he purchased a 1931 Model A Sport Coupe.

Wade commutes from Newhall to work in Commerce as a network engineer, while Stacie is a Kaiser pediatrician. Wade has a metal shop in the barn which they had built in their backyard.

Vicky Bartlett

Membership Chair

*The AA truck is now for sale. It has a Warford Overdrive. It will be advertised on our website at www.diamondtread.com



SCRG HAPPENINGS

Southern California Regional Group (SCRG) Model A Ford Club of America Spring BBQ

Sat Mar 21, 2026
11AM-2PM (Lunch will be served)
4241 Emerald Cir
Cypress, CA 90630



All Members of SoCal MAFCA Chapters Welcome



Please RSVP:
562-833-9497 or
Jennifer.L.Ferrario@gmail.com



SCRG Tour to Pendleton, Oregon May 26th to May 31st 2026



The Southern California Regional Group of MAFCA would like to invite you to join us on a Tour to the MAFCA Convention in Pendleton, Oregon being held May 31, 2026 to June 7, 2026. All of our overnight stays on the Tour have a Best Western Hotel. We will try to get a group rate when we know how many people are going. So please register with us as soon as possible. You also need to register with the Pendleton Convention, see 2026mafcanationalconvention.com

You may join the group at anyplace along the road, just let us know when and where you will be. CB radios will come in handy as cell service may not be available everywhere. You may drive your vehicle at any speed you like, we will all get there. Your input is welcome. Contact Paul Winchester at pwin99@aol.com

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 _____

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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, March 10th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Steak Corral
11605 Washington Blvd.
Whittier**

Hosted by Liz Lee

**RSVP before Friday, March 6th to
Liz at (562) 818-7948 (text or call)**

**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 Kibby
Imelda Mayhew
Frank Azucena
Wade Ratzlaff
Mark Conceicao
Ralph Neely
Jim Williams*

Happy Anniversary

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

HOSPITALITY

*March: Wayne Wiedle April: Pauline Issa
May: Steve Sixt June: Vicky Bartlett
July: Chris Risdon August: Leroy Kehret
September: Dennis Stephens
October: Larry & Bonnie Ryan
November: Ralph Neely*

TOURS

Fullerton Train Museum

March 7, 2026 (Saturday)

200 East Santa Fe Avenue

Fullerton, CA

<http://fullertontrainmuseum.org>

Good day Diamond Tread Club, It is tour time! Meet at 8:30 a.m. at McDonald's - 6407 East Spring Street in Long Beach. Or you can meet us at the museum around 9:15 a.m., and the major cross streets are the 91 Freeway and Harbor Blvd. Come in your regular car if the Model A is a bother this time.

This is next door to a working Amtrak Station. You will see a lot of trains going on the tracks next to this museum. There is a pedestrian bridge right over the train tracks which is a nice photo opportunity - come and enjoy the tour!

Bill Bahr

Tour Director

American Honda Collection Hall Cars and Coffee

April 11, 2026 (Saturday)

1919 Torrance Blvd

Torrance, CA

www.honda.com/collection-hall

Orange County Model A Ford Club

Pancake Breakfast

April 12, 2026 (Sunday)

Hart Park

7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

701 S. Glassell Street

Orange, CA



May - Stanley Ranch Museum in Garden Grove

June - Cornerstone Church Car Show and Pancake Breakfast in Long Beach

July 18 - Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet in Cypress (new location)

September 5 - Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

October - Long Beach Model T Club Tour to the Grand Canyon (3 days)

December - Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Orange County Model A Ford Club

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12, 2026

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

7:30am-11am

We look forward to seeing you & your Model A's (& other classics)



Adults \$10
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NEWS FROM ED TOLMAN!

Greetings All,

(Diamond Tread, Santa Anita, Orange County, Pomona Valley, Temecula Valley & Orange Blossom MAFCA Chapters)

Our machine shop, D&G Products, Inc. has now begun rebuilding Model A and Model B engines as well as building Burtz motors. I've been doing it as a hobby for 6 years now but it became a much bigger 'hobby' than I had envisioned and so the next generation has picked up the ball, my sons Markus and Andreas.

Many folks have asked about a seminar or facility tour and so we've decided to do one on a larger scale for several clubs in the area. We plan on grilling hotdogs with all the condiments and serve with water and soft drinks as well. So it would be nice to have an estimate of how many to expect from each club. I'll send out another email 2 weeks ahead of time to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Date: Saturday May 9th from 10am to 2pm

I hope I'm giving you all enough advanced notice so that plans can be made. We plan on having several engine blocks set up in various machines to show how things are run, including a Blanchard grinder, cylinder boring machine, line boring machine, etc.

We should have plenty of parking as we are located next to the UP railroad tracks giving parking on both sides of the street. And Model A's are encouraged of course!

Our address is: D&G Products, Inc.
 1256 West First Street
 Pomona, CA 91766
 (909) 623-0477

This should be a fun event with lots of time to sit and visit too as we'll have plenty of tables and chairs set up for that. Please let me know if your clubs can attend and we'll start the planning as we could easily have over 100 guests. We will have flyers printed and ready for you once we know if there is an interest. Thanks!

Regards,

Ed

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Editor's note: Ed is a great guy and has a wealth of Model A experience and knowledge. Your A is in good hands with him!

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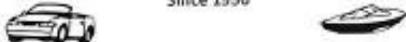


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