

DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



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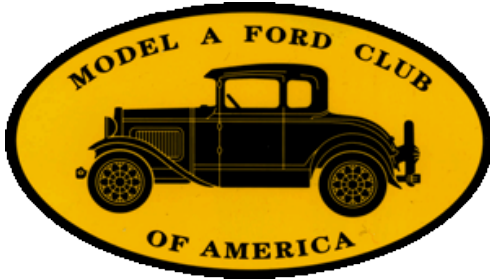


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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING - August 4th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

LA PALMA CONCERT IN THE PARK

August 6th

Central Park - see page 8

RED HOT SPARKS - August 11th

Chili's at 11:30 a.m.

12030 Lakewood Blvd, Downey - see page 7

SAN PEDRO FIRE BOAT TOUR

August 22nd - Tour, see page 8

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Members,

I'm writing just after returning from the Long Beach Model T Swap Meet at Veterans Stadium on July 18, with the dust barely settled and the caffeine still doing its job.

Our club caravanned through the large swap meet, ran into a locked gate, turned around, and gave everyone a bonus parade lap before finally reaching our assigned spot. We backed seven sharp-looking Ford Model A's into a line along the fence, then set up tables and chairs between the cars. We laid out the Golden Rod Model A trifolds, along with the essentials: donuts and water. When the forgetful leader checked his car and discovered the Downey banner was missing, Norm came to the rescue in his modern car - proof that newer vehicles do have at least one good use.

We took turns staffing the tables and hunting through the meet for the treasures we were sure were waiting just one aisle over. Our Model A's drew plenty of attention, and we enjoyed talking with longtime Model A owners, new owners, and folks still trying to convince themselves - and possibly their spouses - that they need one. They came from all over Southern California, including a few from our area. We think one, and possibly two, may join us for breakfast this week, which proves donuts are still a powerful recruiting tool.

Overall, it was a productive and enjoyable morning, and nobody even had to push-start anything. Thanks to everyone who participated, and we missed those who could not be there - especially Chuck, who is still healing but making progress. Keep at it, Chuck; we're saving a chair, a donut, and plenty of friendly teasing for you.

Happy trails - drive your A, and try not to follow it through a locked gate!

Bill Paige, President



MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes July 7, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

24 members present (no guests)

- General Meeting was opened by Bill P. and he asked our V.P. LeRoy, to lead the flag salute.
- Bill P. announced that the T-Shirts were still being worked on and are not available tonight.
- Larry R. spoke about Chuck going in hospital and a card is going around for us to sign.
- Wayne spoke about Tom of the BLT repairman group, that Tom is recovering from his stroke and is recovering very nicely in rehab. Wayne asked us not to call Tom for help. Ok to call to encourage him but don't mention help needs for car repair. Mark asked everyone to sign the get well card for Tom that his wife will decorate and Wayne will take it to Tom.
- Larry, Leroy and Wayne received certificates for taking dignitaries from La Palma thru parade route in La Palma. Larry mentioned that we are should bring our Model A cars to La Palma Central Park and park together as we have in the past. Concert in the park starts July 9 and goes to Aug. 6, 2026. Be there before 6pm and concert goes to 6:30 - 7:30pm. Model A cars park off the dirt to the far right of the stage area.
- Louise read two thank you letters, one from Orange County Model A Pancake Breakfast stating that it was well attended even though it rained. 400 people (maybe 200 Model A cars) showed up and they appreciated our donations for the raffle. The other thank you card was from Ford Model A Director of Youth Fund Scholarship for kids interested in Model A cars as a hobby. Louise stated that on July 4 (last minute invite) a few members took their cars to Morningside Retirement Village for parade after they were fed breakfast with a high school band from Buena Park playing in the parade, and a couple of firetrucks paraded with lots of other old cars.
- Bill B., our tour guide, said that a lot of us were in our old cars for the Cornerstone Church Father's Day Pancake Breakfast that was well visited by all sorts of old and new cars. Then the next week we showed up for the Signal Hill Model T run and festive booths and watching Jeff Hood go up the hill in his Model T car. He also said many of us appeared in old cars for the Ford Prototype coffee and donuts to see a clay prototype Ford that will be coming out at the end of the year. It was fun to draw and write on the clay prototype car that was there.
- Bill B said to meet at Bill P. house 6am Saturday July 18 to follow each other to Veterans Stadium so he can guide us in to park together .
- Bill B said to keep Aug 22 open for tour to Fireboats in San Pedro. More info to come on time to meet.

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Pauline asked if everyone read the June newsletter and everyone said yes. So she asked for a motion to accept minutes as read, motion to accept, second and passed. Thank you!
- Bill P. called a recess for 15 min. so we can get some refreshments brought to us by Monique and Chris with an extra treat of white or chocolate milk with our recess cookies. Yah! And buy raffle tickets for drawing of 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3.
- Bill P. called meeting back to order and handed the meeting over to Norman to do door prizes and money raffle.
- Door prizes to: Ken Hutchinson: bag of Linda's home grown tomatoes. Frank: Model A mug. Nadia: book of California. Linda: jigsaw puzzle. Chris: a set of 2 Wicked series books. Louise: Disney commemorative cup. Bill B.: a 2027 calendar. Pauline: a 2026-2027 calendar.
- Leroy won the driving pool as he drove his car tonight.
- And now for the big money wins from raffle tickets:
- 1/3 1/3 1/3 raffle: Bill P., Rex, and the club.
- Bill P. thanked Monique for snacks and everyone applauded.
- Bill P. adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM saying Ed Tolman will speak about his Model A drive to Alaska at August 4th meeting, be sure to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Issa

Secretary



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

The purpose of our club is to enjoy, preserve and protect Model A Fords.

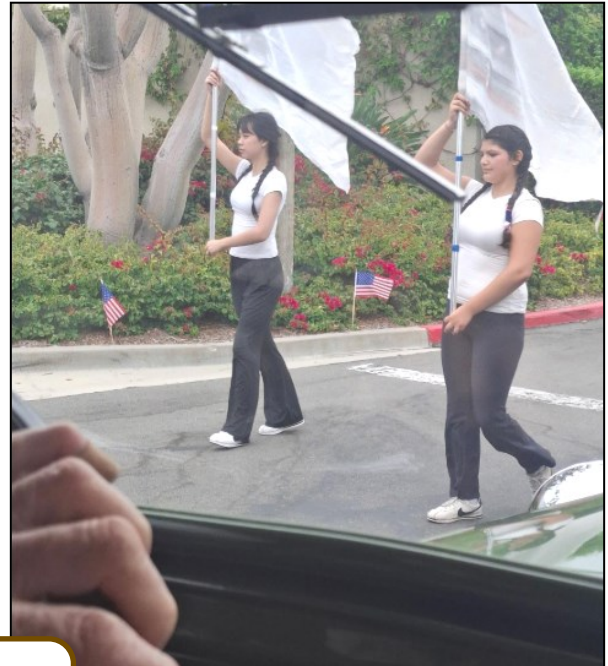
To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for our members and to aid them in their efforts to restore their Model A to its original likeness. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help its members to become better acquainted, encourage and maintain the spirit of good 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.

FULLERTON MORNINGSIDE PARADE

The Ryans and Beckleys participated in an auto parade at Fullerton Morningside Retirement Community on July 4th. We had a light breakfast and then milled around enjoying the cars and the ambiance.

The residents were out in great numbers enthusiastically waving flags and hands and dressed in red, white and blue. We joined at least 40 other classic cars, police, a firetruck, and marching band from Buena Park High School driving around the facility 2 times.



Photos by
Louise Beckley



FULLERTON MORNINGSIDE PARADE



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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: August 11th, 11:30 am

Where: Chili's

12030 Lakewood Blvd, Downey

Hosted by Joyce Simmons

RSVP before August 7th

Phone 562-928-7422

**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
Chuck Mayhew
Chris Risdon
Vicki Spearman
Monique Risdon*

Happy Anniversary

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

HOSPITALITY

*August: LeRoy Kehret
Sept: Dennis Stephens
Oct: Larry & Bonnie
November: Ralph Neely*

TOURS AND EVENTS

August 6th - La Palma Concert in the Park

Central Park 7821 Walker St, La Palma, CA 90623

Be there before 6pm and concert goes to 6:30 - 7:30pm. Model A cars park off the dirt to the far right of the stage area.

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August 22 - San Pedro Fire Boat Tour

Tour meet-up 9:00 a.m. at McDonald's 6407 E. Spring St. Long Beach

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September 5 - Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

140 Richman Street, El Segundo

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October 16 to 18 - Route 66 Long Beach Model T Club tour to the Grand Canyon

More information to come

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December 5 - Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation

Time and location TBD

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Late December (date / time TBD) - Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California**Holiday Motor Excursion Car Cruise 2026**

Arcadia County Park in Arcadia

A wonderful opportunity to experience vintage vehicles on the road during the holiday season. With a focus on 1932 and older stock vehicles, the event brings together a variety of classic cars and car enthusiasts for a special holiday gathering.



ROUTE 66 TOUR REGISTRATION

Registration Form, October 16- 18, 2026

Long Beach Model T Club

Kingman Tour on Route 66



About You

Name _____
 Passenger Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Mobile Phone _____
 Email _____

Tour Registration

\$125 Per Participant, Includes:

- Tour Kit, Keepers of the Wild Admission
- Dinner at Mr. D's Route 66 Diner (Friday)
- Lunch in Valetine, AZ (Saturday)
- Dinner at Cracker Barrel (Saturday)
- Breakfasts at Tour Hotel

About Your Car (Optional)

Year _____ Make _____
 Model _____
 Tour Car Insurance Carrier _____

Questions or Comments

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Mailing Information

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Dining Information

Friday: Dinner: **Mr. D's Route 66 Diner**
 Saturday: Breakfast at Hotel, Lunch: **Valentine, AZ**
 Saturday: Lunch on Route 66. Dinner: **Cracker Barrel**
 Sunday: Breakfast at Hotel

Drivers Signature _____

Passengers Signature _____

Liability Release

Liability Release: Individuals intending to participate in the Ghost Town Tour held from Friday, October 16, to Sunday, October 18, 2026 in the Kingman, AZ area does hereby: (1) release the Long Beach Model T Club inclusive of directors, staff, volunteers and agents from any liability arising out of said event; (2) release all other participants and officials from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) warrant that the undersigned has personally read and understands the regulations. I have read the above and accept the terms.

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Kingman Tour On Route 66



October 16 - 18

Los Angeles Fire Boat Tour



Saturday, August 22nd
9:00 AM

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If not a member consider joining!

**This is our regular group enjoying being together at the
La Palma concert in the park this summer.**

Photo by Louise Beckley

