

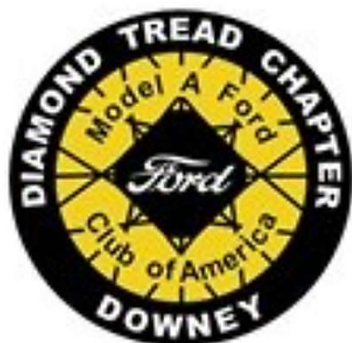


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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING – October 6

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

RED HOT SPARKS – October 6

BJ's Restaurant, Cerritos

See page 10

MAFCA ELECTION VOTES DUE October 15

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

See page 8

AMERICAN HONDA COLLECTION October 17 See page 8

HALLOWEEN – October 31

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – December 5 See page 5

BREAKFAST - Thursdays Village Café at 8:00 a.m. 4148 ½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL

Dear Members,

Autumn has arrived, and the leaves are beginning to change. It's the perfect weather to take your Model A for a drive or enjoy a picnic.

You may have heard that the June 2027 MAFCA National Convention in Durango is already sold out, so please make other plans for June.

One final item: nominations. We have volunteers for three of the five open positions, but we still need a president and an editor. Would you consider volunteering for one of these roles or encouraging another member who would be a good fit? It is important to have a full slate by the October meeting. If you have questions about either position, please call me.

Thank you for your dedication to Diamond Tread.

Bill Paige
President



MAFCA ELECTIONS

MAFCA is having an election to choose new members for the National Board of Directors. This is a 2-year commitment.

You can vote for up to five of the seven nominees, including Diamond Tread's own Ed Tolman.

You should have received your ballots with your MAFCA renewal notice. I guess this would be a good time to encourage you to join MAFCA!

Ballots must be postmarked no later than October 15 to be counted. If you have any questions about the candidates, contact Ed, as he is familiar with them.

Vote early and remember, "membership has its privileges!"



MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA General Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey
Participants: 37 members, 1 guest (Tim Miller)

- General Meeting opened by Bill P. asking Leroy to lead the flag salute
- Vicky B introduced two new members: first was Jim Morris of Long Beach and asked him to tell us about his Model A. Then she introduced John Miller who spoke of a truck he bought sight unseen from New Jersey and had it shipped to his house. It unfortunately got damaged in route to CA. He introduced his son Tim, who may also be joining our club. Tim is helping his dad with repairs, and he is interested in Model A cars too.
- Bill P asked if Rex could put suggestions from Ed Tolman re: MAFCA elections in newsletter and Rex said he would be happy to do suggestions in next newsletter.
- Mark told about the free phone app to help you know, based on info you input , your MPG, RPM, time to destination as well as the speed limit and your speed. Get the app from the App store.
- Bill P: BLT men want to know if any of our members want to join them on Sept. 12 to put in 2 transmissions and an overdrive or observe them working. There will be free donuts and coffee and you will learn a lot whether you observe or work with them from 8:30 to 2PM. Frank has been and plans to go again, he said it's really good. 5881 Iroquois, Westminster.
- Louise read a note from Jeannie Jaite thanking us for the card and for the Diamond Tread She enjoyed reading about Ed Tolman's trip to Alaska. Best Wishes to us all.
- Bill B. talked about this Saturday the annual Civil War reenactment in Huntington Beach. Larry will lead us at 8:30am from Der Wienerschnitzel at 11610 Alondra to Huntington Beach library parking lot. Free parking and viewing. Bring a chair, visit the booths and talk to soldiers. Bring your water and lunch or bring money to buy grilled food and they do have salads also.
- Bill P. asked Chris to explain the snacks tonight as Chris wanted to celebrate Bill B's retirement with cake and water. He is finally retired from Long Beach Transit Machine shop and repair of buses. So, we are taking a break to buy raffle tickets and share cake and congrats to Bill B. We had a homemade card for him too.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

- Bill P. called meeting back to order and Norm did the door prizes: Linda won \$5 for driving her Model A to meeting, Barry won search engine from Ford, Tim won a tube of grease, Bonnie won Snap-on tool bag, Larry won a tube of grease. The money raffle went to Nadia, Chuck, and the club.
- Larry asked for hands raised who were going to meet him Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to drive together to Huntington Beach Library. He counted and Bill P. adjourned meeting at 7:55 p.m.
- Post Script: Vicki S. called Frantone's Pizza and they did not have any Dec. Saturdays open for our luncheon. Bill P. called Downey Sizzler and booked the banquet room, and they said we know how much fun you had last year and welcomed us with open arms on Dec. 5th from 11am to 3pm. Write that on your calendar! After you order your food and pay, then come to where they have a set up for our club. We will have prizes for a raffle and of course the money raffle also. Thank you, Bill P. for getting that done asap.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pauline Issa, Secretary



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.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

MAFCA DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

DECEMBER 5, 2026

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Sizzler

10315 Lakewood Blvd

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- Order and pay at the cashier as you enter: bring your drink, tray, and ticket to the banquet room.
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HUNTINGTON BEACH CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT



Chuck, Norman, Barry, Jim, and Johnny waiting for Larry and Bonnie so we could head on down to the Civil War reenactment in Huntington Beach. Louise taking pictures.



Sitting in the breezy shade enjoying the costumes, people, and dogs walking by.

LUG NUT REMINDER

LUG NUT WARNING!

by Bill Lancaster — Sunnyvale, California

This is to inform Model A'ers that a potentially dangerous situation exists with some currently available wheel lug nuts. After much research, consultation with knowledgeable Model A'ers, and careful review of an "AR" wheel lug nut drawing, it has been concluded that there is a potential safety problem with some reproduction lug nuts. Significant wheel and hub damage can, and in two specific cases has, resulted from using these "unacceptable" lug nuts now on the market. If left unnoticed, the wearing condition could ultimately result in the loss of a wheel. It is believed, however, that significant wheel looseness would first occur, providing a warning of the impending serious safety problem.

The two cases were unrelated and had somewhat different conditions leading to the determination that some reproduction lug nuts are not safe to use, and therefore are unacceptable. In both cases, there was no indication that a problem existed when these lug nuts were installed. They tightened up like acceptable lug nut. However, it was later determined that these new lug nuts were not fully seated.

In the first case, the problem was discovered only after driving with the faulty lug nuts for over a thousand miles. While returning from a long tour, a loose wheel was recognized. The driver pulled off the road. The wheel was loose, yet the lug nuts were tight! The wheel was replaced with an undamaged wheel and original type lug nuts.

In the second case, after installing a set of 23 reproduction lug nuts, it became necessary to remove the wheels after driving about 100 miles. Three lug nuts on one wheel were

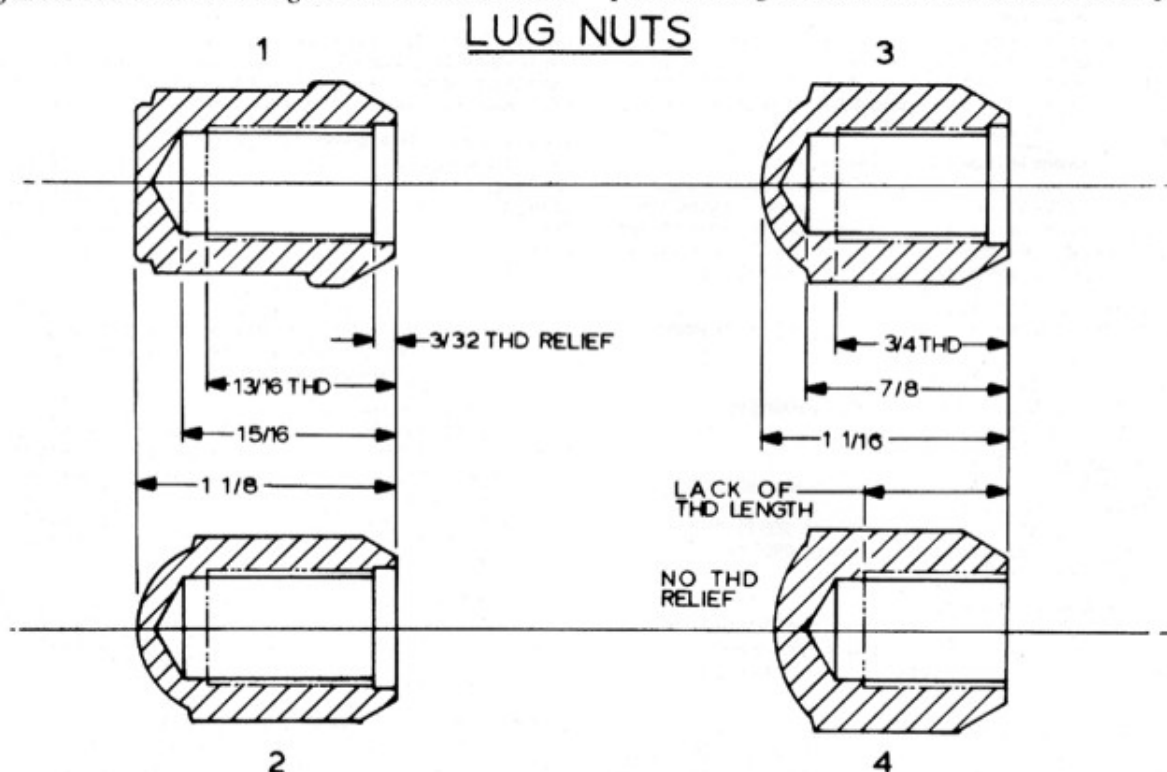
very hard to remove. They were found to have damaged the threads on the hub stud. Prior to using them, all the lug nuts and studs were chased. The threads were again chased, and the lug nut thread length was verified to be correct. This included tap drilling deeper to provide .75 inches of full thread on these three lug nuts. After driving a couple hundred more miles, the lug nuts were again hard to remove. After much frustrating analysis, it was determined that a thread relief exists in a normal lug nut that did not exist in these defective lug nuts!

The enclosed sketch shows these conditions. The first cross-section is the "AR" lug nut. The second is our best estimate of the 11/16" hex size lug nut used for a short time after the "AR" nut was replaced. Lug nut number three is the most common Model A lug nut. The fourth cross-section is the unacceptable reproduction lug nut, which lacks adequate thread depth and lead-in thread relief.

If you have reproduction lug nuts of the common type, check to see that they have the following characteristics:

1. The overall length must be at least 1-1/16 inches.
2. At the entrance, there must be no threads for the first 3/32nds of an inch.
3. The tap drill depth must be at least 7/8 inch, and
4. The full thread length must be at least 3/4 inch (which can be checked with a 1/2-20 UNF x 3/4" long bolt).

It is hoped that this information will provide a warning to Model A owners of a serious safety situation concerning reproduction lug nuts and a means to check their acceptability.



TOURS AND EVENTS

October 3 – Orange County Model T Club Parts Exchange and Car Show

2311 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton 92831

7 a.m to 1 p.m.

October 16 to 18 – Route 66 Long Beach Model T Club Tour to the Grand Canyon**October 17 - The American Honda Collection Hall**

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Hours: 9 a.m.-12 noon (for car clubs, gates open at 7:30am)

Tour meet-up: McDonald's 6407 E. Spring Street Long Beach, depart at 8am.

December 5 – Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation

Time and location TBD

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

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Photo by
Bill Bahr

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Bill Bahr
Tour Director



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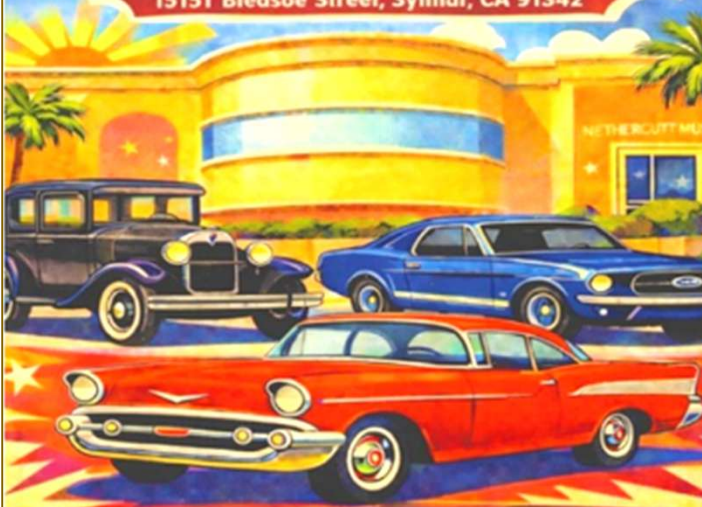
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When: Tuesday October 6
11:30 a.m.
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Where: BJ's Restaurant

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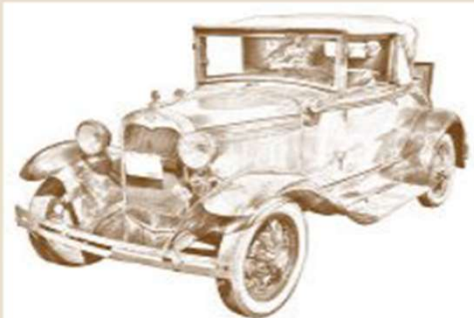
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