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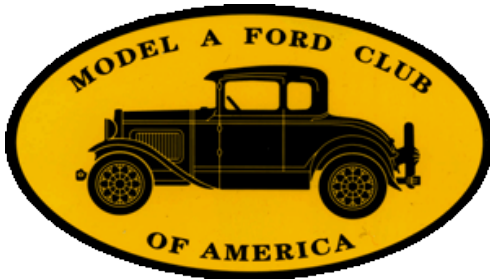


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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING - July 7th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

RED HOT SPARKS - July 14th

The Old Spaghetti Factory at 11:30 a.m.

110 E. Santa Fe Ave, Fullerton - see page 7

LONG BEACH MODEL T CLUB SWAP MEET

July 18th - Tour, see page 10

AMERICAN HONDA COLLECTION HALL

CARS, BIKES, and COFFEE

August 15th - 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

Keep DT Goldenrod Trifold Flyers in Your Model A

Use Every Conversation to Grow the Hobby

When people stop to talk about your car, it is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm and introduce them to the hobby. If you are not sure what to say, the Goldenrod Flyer can help guide the conversation.

Keep flyers in your car so you can hand one to admirers and walk through it with them. It highlights interesting facts about the Model A, provides Diamond Tread contact information and explains how easy it is to get involved with the club.

What to Emphasize

- They do not need to own a Ford Model A, just have an interest in them.
- The club can help them find a Model A when they are ready.
- Helpful members are available to show how simple the car is to work on.
- Make them feel welcome. Invite them to come and visit a meeting or breakfast.

If you have flyers in your car, please familiarize yourself with them. Make sure they have the newest Club contact information. Flyers are available at each club monthly meeting, or you can contact me.

Remember

- If we don't help to expand interest in the hobby, the club and the MODEL A, there will be nobody out there in the future to buy your car!
- It's not the destination it's the "A" ride.
- Meeting is on July 7th at 6:30pm. We would really like some of those that haven't joined us for a long time to come and enjoy the fellowship.

With warm regards,

Bill Paige,
President of this fine club



MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes June 2, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

20 members present (no guests)

- LeRoy opened the meeting and asked all to stand for flag salute: a coworker of Vicki S. put a flag image on the big screen and it was on for whole meeting - which was really pretty waving in the wind for our primary election day.
- Pauline stated tonight was last meeting to order t-shirts or polo shirts, the order will go in Friday June 5, 2026. Members will pay when items are delivered.
- Pauline asked if all read the May meeting minutes in the Diamond Tread Newsletter, could she have a motion to accept the minutes as read. This was motioned, seconded, and passed.
- Vicki S. brought up fact we are in Downey Patriot Newspaper for meeting at Gallatin Elementary School on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and the board agreed to have Steve update the newspaper for free under community events to first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 24 Hour Realtors with membership@Diamondtread.com as the contact.
- Bill B. handed out the June tours and showed us three more tour flyers for us to take pictures of and go in modern cars or in Model As: 1) June 13, Model A and modern Fords for coffee and donuts at 3555 E. Conant St, Long Beach from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 2) June 27 Model T Hill climb Signal Hill 10a.m - 11a.m. race up hill, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. food, Model T displays and music. Lastly 3) BBQ July 5 RSVP bring your own chair for BBQ with other club members Model A and modern cars at Wade's in Newhall. RSVP to WRATZY@gmail.com.
- Wade talked about how lucky his fall from a barn was as he was working a ladder and fell 2 stories landed on his feet, wedged between the spare tire and back of car. When he woke up he hollered for help as he was wedged in a standing position and could not get out. His son came, took the spare tire off and helped him out. They did not feel he needed paramedics and he was able to continue his work the next day.
- Snack break and raffle time called by Leroy for 15 minutes.

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Leroy called the meeting back to order and handed it over to Norman for door prizes and money raffle : Larry won \$5 for driving his Model A to meeting, door prizes went to:
 - Crossword puzzle Vicky B.
 - Vintage calendar to Wayne
 - Wordsearch to Larry
 - Cookies in tin box to Wade
 - A bag of Bill Bahr's freshly picked tangerines went to Mark and a bag to Mike
 - Bonnie won a patch for her purse or jacket
 - Chuck won a small metal tool in pouch with instructions
- Now for 1/3 1/3 money raffle to Rex \$33. And Larry \$33. And to club \$34.
- Leroy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with all saying yes in favor.

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.

FATHER'S DAY TOUR REPORT

On June 21 (Father's Day!), Diamond Tread supported the Cornerstone Church Car Show and Pancake Breakfast in Long Beach. A great time was had by all!



Photos by
Carl Laski
and
Pauline Issa



FATHER'S DAY TOUR REPORT



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2026 Board of Directors

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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: July 14th, 11:30 am

**Where: The Old Spaghetti Factory
110 E. Santa Fe Ave, Fullerton 92832**

Hosted by Jeanette Falzone

RSVP before July 10th

Phone or Text 760-927-6199

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

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

JULY MILE MARKERS



*Richard Hickock
Steve Sixt
Kerri Stephens
Ann Hutchinson
Dawn Henry-Conceicao
Stacie Ratzlaff
Ronald Wellman
Maria Azucena*

Happy Anniversary

*Mark and Dawn Conceicao
Ed and Monika Tolman
Bill and Debby Power*

HOSPITALITY

*July: Chris Risdon August: Leroy Kehret
Sept: Dennis Stephens Oct: Larry & Bonnie
November: Ralph Neely*

TOURS AND EVENTS

July 18 - Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet at Veteran's Memorial Stadium

7 a.m. 5000 E Lew Davis Street, Long Beach

August 15 - American Honda Collection Hall Cars, Bikes, and Coffee

Tour meet-up 8:30 a.m. at McDonald's 6407 E. Spring St. Long Beach

9 a.m. to noon 1919 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance

September 5 - Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

140 Richman Street, El Segundo

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

More information to come

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**

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.



Seen at the Ford
Coffee and Cars.

All car designs
have clay
prototypes built.

June 13, 2026 in
Long Beach

Photo by
Pauline Issa

RESTORATION GUIDELINES

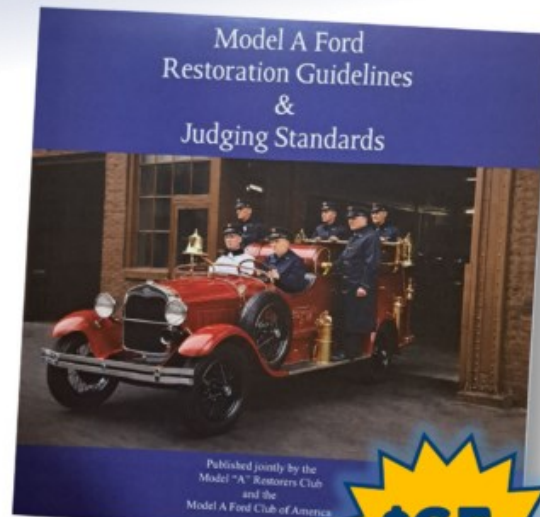
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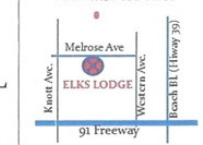


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