

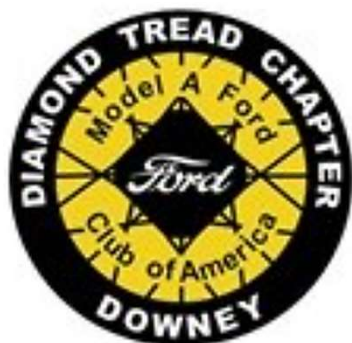


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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING – September 1

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

LABOR DAY – September 7

RED HOT SPARKS – September 8

Train Trip to San Juan Capistrano

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Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

September 5

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

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American Honda Collection – October 17

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December 5 – Diamond Tread Holiday

Luncheon and Officer Installation

Time and location TBD

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148 ½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Diamond Tread Members

Diamond Tread needs a new President. Could that person be you? Please take a moment to consider the question seriously. If you have been thinking about serving on the Board, bringing fresh energy to the podium, or helping guide the club's future, this is the time to step forward.

Election Timeline and Requirements

As 2027 approaches, the club has several year-end responsibilities to address, including nominations and elections.

Under our by-laws, nominees must be presented to the membership at the October meeting.

All members who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to run for the Board of Directors.

Board members are elected to two-year terms.

The board positions up for election this year are President, Vice President, Editor, Webmaster, and Tour Director. If more than one candidate runs for an open position, the candidate who receives the most votes on the November ballot will be elected to that position.

How to Become a Candidate

If you would like to be considered for any of these positions, please let the nominating committee or any board member know of your interest. Or just call me at 562 338-8769.

Now, with business out of the way, I hope you have enjoyed our sunny summer. Have taken your "A" for many drives and enjoyed the road. Still, lots of good weather on the horizon, and time for another drive or two or three or more. As Paul Shinns says, "your Model A will enjoy it too"

Have an "A" day and an "A" day all the month of September.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President,

Bill Paige



MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA General Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

Participants: 31 meeting attendees

- Bill P. opened meeting and asked Leroy K. to lead the flag salute.
- Bill P. told us that the BLT guys are still working and installing transmissions and overdrives for Model A cars. Tom of the BLT is recovering very nicely from stroke,
- Bill P. asked Bill B., our tour guide to come up and explain August 22, 2026 tour. Bill said we are leaving Palo Verde and Spring St. McDonald's to go together to Fire Boat Museum next to USS Iowa in San Pedro. There is a parking lot at the museum and \$10 fee. Hope you all can make it; we will park together and tour the museum with a docent. *(editor note: this tour was cancelled due to boat maintenance issues)*
- Louise told people to join us at the last two concerts at La Palma Central Park as it is a fun and relaxing evening out to listen to good music. Google the park for details, bring your own drink and food and sit with us for a nice evening out, we are in the shade.
- Pauline said the new shirts will be available at break, to come down to her car and she will hand out the remaining few. \$30 per shirt. Thank you!
- Pauline asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter: motioned, seconded and passed.
- Bill P. introduced Ed Tolman who presented his road trip in his Model A with his grandson who just received his permit to drive.
 - They trailered their Model A to Jack's place and did Pendleton, Oregon. After that meet, he left his trailer and he and grandson drove from Oregon to Skagway, Alaska.
 - He used a drone to get some great pictures of the scenery and road and their road stops. In one park, someone came to him and told him drones were not allowed because it was a providence park. No noise, no distractions. So, he put the drone away and a forest ranger came and asked who was flying the drone? Ed said I was, but I put it away as this gentleman just explained the no-fly drone rule to me. The ranger did not cite him, probably because it was put away before he got there.
 - Good job, Ed. Thank you for a very wonderful presentation of your adventure with your grandson and him driving your Model A.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

- Bill called a break to get our club shirts and hurry back to buy raffle tickets and get snacks.
- 7:45PM Bill called meeting back to order and handed it over to Norman for door prizes and money raffle
- Several door prizes were handed out, too many in fact to keep track of, and the 1/3 money winners were Nadia, Larry, and the club fund.
- Thank you to Leroy and Pam for delicious dump cake and water and cookies!
- Tonight, we had 31 in attendance and out of that 8 ladies came out to hear the presentation. Good crowd, good fun, and good food. Thank you all for attending!

Sincerely 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.

TANKLAND TOUR REPORT

August 22, 2026 was a nice day to drive the Model A's.

A group of us drove up to Tankland! There was so much to look at. Everyone learned something new. So much to see. The museum and is home to over 175 military vehicles & outdoor exhibits dating from 1933 to the present.

We were grateful for the shade tent. A couple of the Diamond Tread members want to come back with their grandsons. In attendance were:

- Josh & Chris (Kenny McKernan's neighbors)
- Kenny McKernan
- Luke Sayer
- Mark Simons and his grandson, James
- Bill Bahr
- Bill Paige
- Larry Ryan

Thank you for stepping on the gas pedal of your Model As!!

Bill Bahr
Tour Director



A-SPEED APP

Brian McGuiness, a longtime Model A Ford enthusiast, introduces A-Speed, a free iPhone app he created specifically for Model A owners.

The app offers GPS-based speed and RPM readings, fuel and mileage tracking, driving statistics, achievements, and nearby gas station locations — all with complete privacy.

Webmaster Mark Simons' experience with the A-Speed app is as follows:

"When you first open A - Speed, the app asks for permission to access your location. I chose 'Allow While Using the App,' which works well for basic features. For more advanced functions, such as accurate MPG tracking, selecting 'Always Allow' is recommended.

The main screen displays a GPS - based speedometer along with an estimated tachometer. You can swipe left or right to switch between different layouts.

Beyond the initial vehicle setup, the app lets you fine-tune details such as your typical shift points between gears, idle RPM, redline, and any overdrive information. It also includes fuel-related tools like mileage estimates, MPG calculations, and even a nearby gas station finder with directions.

Overall, the app is thoughtfully designed, easy to navigate, and capable of giving Model A drivers useful insight into both their car and their driving habits. The tachometer is an estimate based on the values you enter, but it's surprisingly informative.

In my case, I normally use Waze for navigation because it shows GPS speed and posted limits. Waze doesn't offer the Model A-specific features that A-Speed does, and there's no issue running A-Speed in the background while using another navigation app."



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to two new families who joined our Diamond Tread Chapter after visits to our booth at the Long Beach Model T Swap Meet in July:

Jim and Dianne Morris of Long Beach recently purchased a 1929 Roadster Pickup. They have a second home in Garner Valley and had joined the Temecula Valley Model A Chapter about four months ago. Dianne retired 1 ½ years ago from a 40-year career in the field of motion picture production. Jim will retire soon from his company JCL Traffic Services.

Jim and Dianne both plan to be active in our club and have fun going on local tours. The Roadster is in Garner Valley now, but they look forward to bringing it to Long Beach soon and Jim particularly is eager to learn how to work on the truck.

John Miller also lives in Long Beach. For 28 years John was employed by Southern California Edison handling major accounts until he retired in 1996. Next, he worked for 28 years building clean rooms for hospital labs and pharmacies and currently works as a consultant in the same field. A year and a half ago, John purchased a 1930 Pickup, which was in New Jersey. Unfortunately, it was badly damaged during transport, and he has been repairing the damage ever since.

John's son, Tim, lives near John and has been assisting him with the repair of his Model A. In his spare time, he likes tinkering, off-road activities, and VW German engineering. Recently Tim purchased a motorcycle, which is also keeping him busy.



TOURS AND EVENTS

September 5 – Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

140 Richman Street, El Segundo

October 3 – Orange County Model Town 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

Arcadia County Park

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

Hello!

I went to the Early Ford V-8 swap meet on August 8. There I met about 1/3 of the Diamond Tread Club swarming the seller of Model A parts and tools. After the Model A parts were sold the seller's table was pretty bare. I am glad that the Diamond Tread Club found out about the swap meet. 100-year-old parts are getting hard to find!

Thanks for going to the Early Ford V-8 swap meet!

Bill Bahr, Tour Director

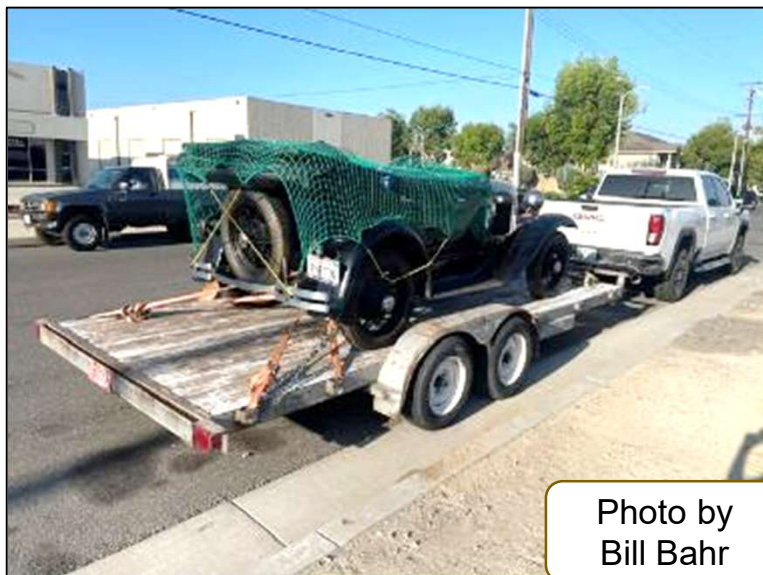


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Bill Bahr

TOUR AND EVENT FLIERS

**Annual
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Saturday— September 26, 2026**

Little League Headquarters
6707 N. Little League Drive
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20 X 20 Vendor Space \$35.00

Vendor gate opens—Saturday by 6 AM

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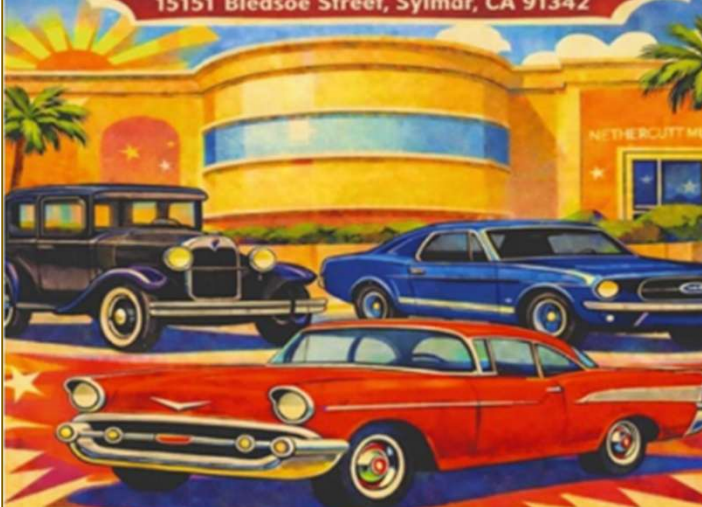
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RED HOT SPARKS

When: Tuesday September 8

Where: San Juan Capistrano

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

Senior round trip is approximately \$32.00

Train leaves Fullerton 10:41 a.m., arrives in San Juan Capistrano 11:24 a.m.

Lunch: Tavern at the Mission

Return leaves SJC at 3:37 p.m., arrives Fullerton at 4:20 p.m.

Hosted by Rena Beinbrech, RSVP (562) 505-4947 by Friday, September 4th

All ladies of Diamond Tread and Whittier chapters are welcome

Red Hot Sparks meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

SEPTEMBER MILE MARKERS

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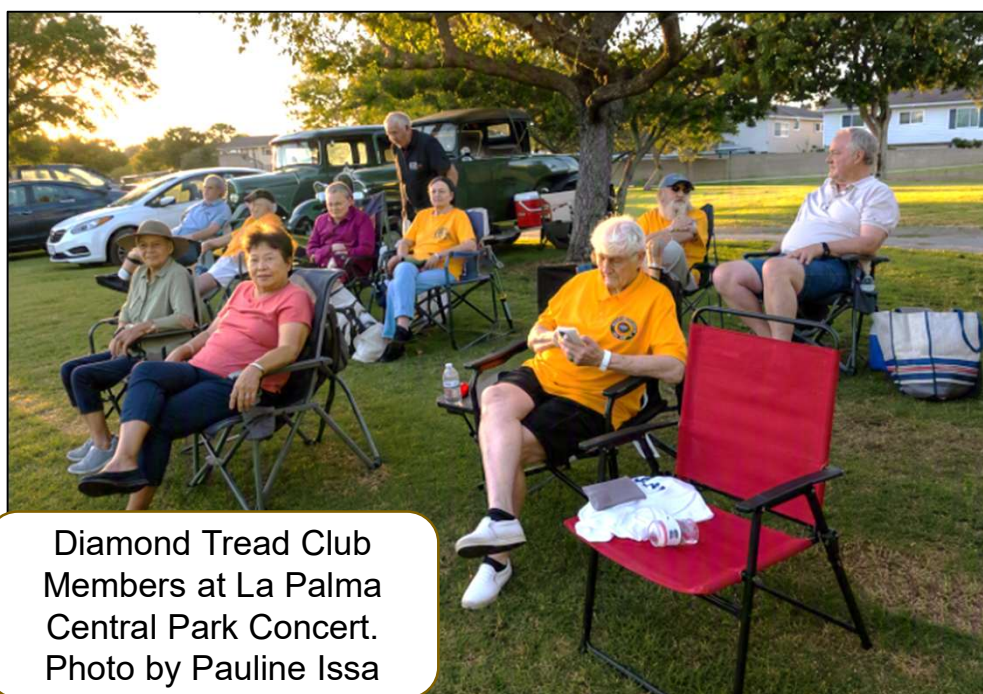
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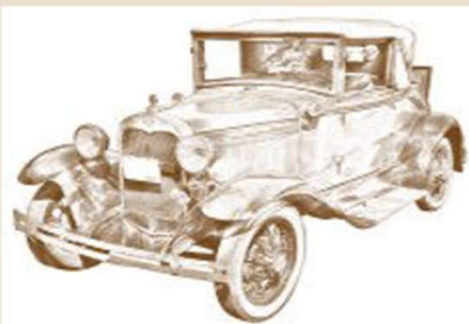
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 Members at La Palma
 Central Park Concert.
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