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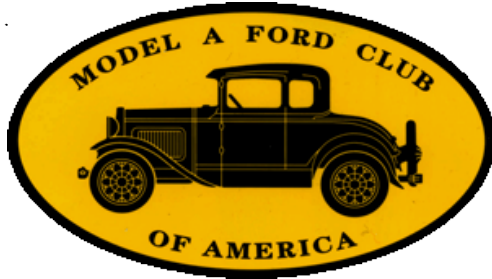
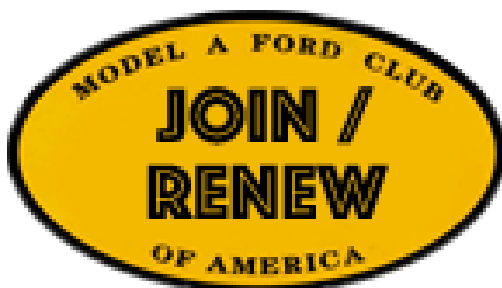


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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL FOOL'S DAY - April 1st

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GENERAL MEETING - April 1st

Village Café at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUP
JAMBOREE - April 3 through 6**

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RED HOT SPARKS - April 8th

Olive Garden at 11:30 am

11171 183rd St, Cerritos

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SOLVANG TOUR - April 22 through 24

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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 - APRIL, 2025

Hello all members

Why the Flying Quail?

While I may not be a birdwatcher, I appreciate observing the Flying Quail perched atop my radiator as it soars ahead of me. It is said that Mr. Henry Ford, an enthusiastic birdwatcher, remarked, "A quail flushes out of the brush like a firecracker going off." He desired for the Model A to be associated with the energy of a firecracker and the quail's swift escape. Hood ornaments were fashionable during that era, and Henry personally oversaw every detail of the Flying Quail's design, ensuring its wings appeared as though it was just beginning to take flight.

This iconic mascot became a dealer accessory priced at three dollars. The company recommended that salespeople showcase the Model A to customers, highlighting its styling before handing over the Quail mascot for the customer to replace the stock cap and observe its sleek appearance. In one year, 250,000 Flying Quail radiator caps were produced.

This is why the Flying Quail stands as the mascot of the Ford Model A.

If you missed the March meeting, you missed a fine presentation by a young man, Jacob Grossen, who has/is building his 29 pickup from the ground up. Now, if you don't make the April meeting you will miss the 1st part of a presentation by Carl Laski about his vintage fire truck.

We had many nice-looking Model A's and a large turnout at the lubrication seminar. Linda spent most of the two hours working under or on her Yellow Model A at the direction of Wayne and Jim with helpful suggestions from some of the attendees. Linda drove her A away nicely lubricated with new motor oil. If we do something similar again, it has been suggested we try to make it easier to hear and perhaps observe. Thanks to all who turned out for our first attempt.

Please join us at the general meeting on Tuesday the first of April - can't get to know you if you are not there!

Bill Paige
President
Diamond Tread Chapter



**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2025

- President Bill Paige opened the General Meeting at 6:31
- Vice President LeRoy Kehret lead the Flag Salute
- President Bill Paige offered a Henry Helpers service demonstration to a lucky Model A owner, Saturday the 8th, to be determined by a raffle tonight, and an invitation to accompany the Santa Anita A's tour to the Central California Regional Group's Jamboree on April 3-6.
- Vice President LeRoy Kehret commented on the upcoming CCRG Jamboree and the Bylaws Revision Committee
- Treasurer Louise Beckley gave the bank balance and said she had received no mail
- Editor Rex Bartholomew and Membership Chair Vicky Bartlett were absent, but Vicky sent word that the 2025 Diamond Tread Rosters would be available next month
- Hospitality Chair Pauline Issa regarding a possible Henry Ford Picnic; the Temple-Heritage Park can only be visited Thursday thru Sunday
- Historian/Publicity Chair Bonnie Ryan had no comment
- Tour Chair Bill Bahr:
 - The Orange County Model A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 23. Departure is from the McDonald's on Katella in Los Alamitos at 6:00 a.m.
 - Plastic containers are available for used motor oil, which Bill will dispose of.
 - Bill presented the tour schedule for the entire year.
- Fundraising Chair Norm Saw; "Buy raffle tickets!"
- Henry's Helpers Chair Chuck Mayhew:
 - Norm's car was worked on by Charlie, Larry, Luke and Chuck (the Four Gospels)
 - Mark's engine was swapped out in four and a half hours
 - Don't buy battery cables from local auto parts suppliers; special cables are necessary for 6 volt cars. Chuck has them available for \$20.00 a set.
- Larry Ryan (for Gary Gaffney) discussed the Solvang Tour April 22-24

MARCH MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- The program was presented by Jacob Grossen, a member of the Whittier Model A Ford Club. He had been looking for a Model A for about a year, but was reluctant to come up with the necessary funds. So he found a 1929 Model A frame and rusty pick-up cab, did a lot of metal work, used a six cylinder engine, rims, and rear-end from a 1981 Ford 150 pickup, and showed us the work-in-progress. The total so far is \$3,500. A photo of his truck is in February's Diamond Tread News. He is currently looking for a Model A pick-up bed, "the rustier the better!"
 - Raffle results:
 - Linda won the door prize; a pair of gloves, and the opportunity to have her Model A serviced by Chuck on Saturday the 8th; the Model A drivers allowed their prize to be delayed a month
 - 1/3, 1/3 won by the Azucenas and Joe Beason
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
- Minutes submitted for approval by
LeRoy Kehret, Secretary Pro-Tem



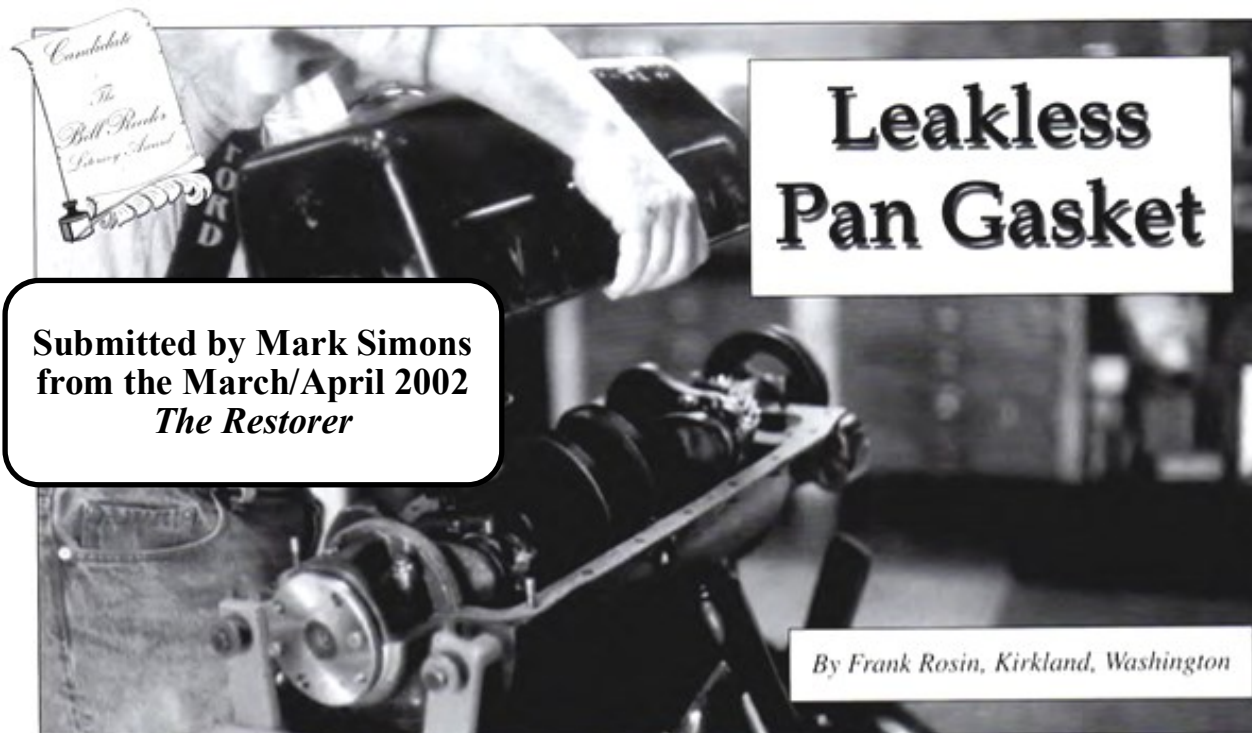
DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

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.

LEAKLESS PAN GASKET (Part 1 of 3)



Leakless pan gasket? You bet! Our Model A Ford engines can be plagued with oil leaks, but it is not necessary to have an Exxon Valdez under our car. There may be a drip now and then no matter what we do, but it need not come from the pan gasket.

Gary Duff, who belongs to the Evergreen A's in Seattle, a long-time engine re-builder and machinist, was kind enough to share his method of installing the pan gasket. Many cars in our area do indeed have a leakless pan gasket using engines that he has rebuilt. The ones I have done remain leakless also. This procedure will work on an A or B engine, on the engine stand in the shop, or from underneath the engine still in the car.

(A) You will need to make four guide

pins from some 5/16 x 18 bolts about 1 1/2 inches long if you don't already have them in your tool box. They will come in handy when putting on the valve cover as well as the engine pan. Simply cut the heads off the bolts. Bevel the cut edges slightly with a file or grinder. Cut a slot in the top with a hacksaw so they can be removed with a screwdriver after the parts are in place.

If you are doing the pan while the engine is in the car you will need a retainer to fit the 1/8 pipe threaded hole in the side of the engine to hold the oil pump in place. The retainer is a small pipe fitting tapped to hold a machine screw. The retainer is screwed into the threaded hole and then the machine screw inside the retainer is tightened to hold the oil pump in place. This retainer has been the subject of previous articles in *The Restorer*

and other publications. Later the retainer is removed and the regular pipe plug is put in the hole.

(B) You will need two kinds of adhesives, three if the engine is in the car, and some lacquer thinner for cleaning. These adhesives are used in very small amounts. This is the key...use very small amounts and only in the places necessary. They are Permatex Aviation Form-A-Gasket Sealant, Permatex Ultra Copper, and some contact cement only if the engine is in the car. DURO is one among many contact cements that seems to work well.

Since I am presently rebuilding a B engine, I have photographed the steps on the B. There is no difference between the A and B engines in doing this gasket installation with two small exceptions. These will be explained as we go along. The same Model A cork gasket set is used for both.



MESSAGE FROM LINDA

Thank you Henry's Helpers and the Diamond Tread Club for servicing my 1931 Model A Ford last Saturday, March 8.

There was a very good turnout and the car was serviced extremely well.

I learned a lot; I am very happy with it and I just want to thank you!

Linda Seagroves



2025 Board of Directors

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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, April 8th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Olive Garden
11171 183rd St, Cerritos**

Hosted by Marilyn Freese

RSVP by Friday, April 4th

to Marilyn at (562) 431-5032

or email to: jfreese109@gmail.com

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

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

APRIL MILE MARKERS



***Louise Beckley
Ed Tolman
Bill Bahr
Zachary Wakefield
Poem Beason
Bill Paige
Carolyn Ingwersen
Katherine McCaughan
Jeanne Jaite***

Happy Anniversary

***Charlie and Joan Sento
David and Jody Thomas
Bill and Deborah Bahr***

HOSPITALITY

***April: Wayne Wiedle
May: Jim Runyon
June: Rex Bartholomew
July: Vicky Bartlett
August: LeRoy Kehret***

TOURS

Solvang Diamond Tread Tour
April 22 thru 24 (Tuesday-Thursday)

More information will be handed out at the
March meeting

Tour Leaders: Larry Ryan (562) 484-8415
 Gary Gaffney (310) 482-0406

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King Richard's Antiques

April 26, 2025 2:00 p.m.
12301 Whittier Blvd. Whittier, CA

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Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance

June 7, 2025
Central Park Library
Goldenwest and Talbert Huntington Beach, CA

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Cornerstone Church Pancake Breakfast

June 15, 2025 7:00 a.m.
1000 Studebaker Rd. Long Beach, CA

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Model T Swap Meet

July 19, 2025 7:00 a.m.
Veterans Stadium Long Beach, CA

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Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment

August 30, 2025 9:00 a.m.
Huntington Beach Central Park
Huntington Beach, CA

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

The popular Diamond Tread monthly distinguished speaker series will continue in April:

Speaker: Carl Laski, Long Beach Model T Club Member

Title: My Vintage Ford Fire Truck (Part 1)

Date: April 1st (general meeting)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

This is the same 1917 fire truck that Carl has, and it is beautifully restored.

Pictured are volunteer firemen Deputy Fire Warden Charlie Smith and Hugo Schmidt in the driver's seat.

These two men comprised the entire volunteer fire department for Lomita starting in 1912.



EDITORIAL MUSINGS

Hello there!

It is nice to see Diamond Tread member Wayne Wiedle helping the Model A community!

Please send me event and tour pictures!

Rex Bartholomew
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The Exceptional Crew

by Tom Endy

Recognition is hereby given to the individuals of an exceptional BLT crew that installed a Mitchell overdrive, sync transmission, V-8 clutch, machined flywheel, and rebuild bell housing, all in six hours from when the car arrived at the work place. Four BLT members were on hand at 1 PM when the car arrived from Yuma, AZ on a trailer. Three more BLT members showed up a short time later. By 7 PM the job was completed. The installation raised \$1200. for the Model A Youth Restoration Program.

Bryan Thompson - Santa Anita A's
Brian Huffman – Orange County
Wayne Wiedle – Diamond Tread\Palomar
Eric Engle – Orange County
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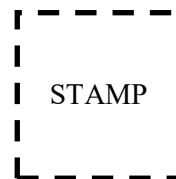
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