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UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING – November 3
24 Hour Real Estate at 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

HENRY'S HELPERS CAR CARE CLINIC
November 7
President Bill Paige's House
4903 Arbor Road
Long Beach CA 90808

RED HOT SPARKS - November 10
See page 10

VETERANS DAY - November 11

THANKSGIVING – November 26

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – December 5
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HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION
December 27
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BREAKFAST - Thursdays
Village Café at 8:00 a.m.
4148 ½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL

Howdy all you "A" people,

This is an interesting and fun article:

The author, Trisha Evans, Membership Chair of MAFCA, urges Model A enthusiasts to actively bring new people into the hobby - not just by showing the cars, but by teaching someone to drive one and sharing that experience widely. Her article in The Flying Quail is four pages. Too long for this Newsletter, but worth the read if you missed it: https://mailchi.mp/4274ef2608e5/the-flying-quail-august-21079600?e=96b61bfacb

However, if we don't find volunteers for President and Editor of our club, guess Diamond Tread won't have to worry about the future of the hobby!?!

Elections are set for the November 3rd Meeting. Please dig deep in your soul, could you help keep our club alive?

How about some of you with experience offering to mentor someone you think would be a logical candidate until they can do it on their own.

I have enjoyed being the President for the last 2 years. However, I cannot continue. Would be happy to mentor the new President for a month or 2.

Thanks for your earnest consideration,

Bill Paige
President



MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey
Participants: 19 members, 1 guest (Dave Hamilton)

- General Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with Bill P. asking Leroy to lead the flag salute

- Leroy then read a story from 1929, ”Light’s Golden Jubilee” commemorating a grand celebration hosted by Henry Ford to honor the 50th anniversary of Edison’s 1879 invention of the practical incandescent lamp (the practical electric light bulb).

- Leroy said that Henry Ford was interested in preserving tools, designs and automobiles (this story is on the Diamond Tread website). To help us realize we need help on the board for a president and editor, Leroy told us the story of little red hen who wanted help to make bread, who would help gather eggs, no one, so she gathered the eggs herself and baked the bread. When the bread was made, she asked who will eat this bread with me? The rooster, the pig, the cow all volunteered to eat the bread. The moral is we need to help with board positions. Thank you for listening, now it is time to help.

- Bill P. read a letter from someone asking our club if anyone knew who a Model A Coupe in the picture he showed. Larry R. said yes that was Greg Earhart’s car, he passed away 2021. Bill will reply to the letter.

- Bill P. announced a service seminar on November 7 where a raffle winner will have their Model A oil change and lube. This is a teaching seminar, come with your chair, watch and ask questions. At the November 3 general meeting those interested will put their name in a hat and one will get the servicing done by Chuck M. and Henry’s Helpers.

- Chuck M encouraged us to use the trifold Model A Club pamphlet to hand out when someone talks to us about our Model A, so they see the universal use of Model As is still active.

- Vicky B. told members she has envelopes with 5 new name stickers for the roster, and to get a set tonight for their 2026 roster books.

- David said CW Moss is moving and Chuck said they are moving to expand and will tell us when we can go to the new address (they are not ready for customers in Anaheim, near the old Fry’s Electronic store). The CW Moss Orange location is closed.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

- Pauline asked for a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Motion was accepted, seconded and passed.
- Bill P. declared a 15 min break for raffle tickets, snacks and get your stickers of 5 new members for your 2026 roster. We thank Bonnie and Larry for water and snacks tonight.
- Meeting came back to order and Dave Hamilton talked about the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, CA. swap meet. Low attendance on Saturday, but Sunday was well attended. Next year should be better on Saturday and Sunday as this was the first year at the Nethercutt.
- Our guest, Dave Hamilton, was happy to help by handing out door prize tickets. Prize winners were many: Jonnie, Kenny, Bobbi, Mike, David G., Dave H., Ed T., Pauline, Larry, and Chris. The money raffle winners were the club, Larry, Vicky and Kenny. $5 for driving a Model A to the meeting was Larry.
- Ed T. wants to know if anyone has a 1973 roster and would like to sell it or copy it for him to have. That is when he joined our Model A club.
- Bill P. asked for motion to adjourn meeting, Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

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
Downey, CA 90241

- Order and pay at the cashier as you enter: bring your drink, tray, and ticket to the banquet room.
- We will be treated to the musical stylings of club favorite Jay Munns!
- Servers will provide unlimited refills of coffee, tea, soft drinks and water throughout the luncheon
- An empty pitcher will be passed around for the servers' tips – recommended $2 minimum
- Bring an unwrapped gift (or two) for Toys for Tots!

Please R.S.V.P. to
Pauline Issa at
(562) 213-7007

FORMER DIAMOND TREAD CARS FOR SALE

Editor's note: Please see this notice below. This is from an email sent to President Bill Paige.

I am Mike Toerge, son of my late father, George Toerge. George was a member of Diamond Treads for decades. My brother, Bob Toerge, is still a member. My brother is no longer able to drive my father's collectible cars. It has come time to sell them.

Neither car has been driven for a couple of years, but last time they were driven they ran fine. They have been garaged but not in quite the pristine condition as depicted in the photos. Before we submit these cars to the market, Bob and I thought we would contact you and the members of Diamond Tread, some of whom may have known my father and these cars, to see if there was interest in purchasing one or both.

I know my father would like it if these cars stayed within the Diamond Tread club family. The cars are in Downey and can be easily viewed. My hope is you will share this with your members. My cell is (714) 742-8114 or my email is mltoerge@gmail.com

Thank you.

Mike Toerge

1935 Ford Pick Up with Flathead



1928 Ford Model A Roadster



TOURS AND EVENTS

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December 5 – Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation
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December 27 – Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California Holiday Motor Excursion Car Cruise 2026
Arcadia County Park
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. Call Ted Bowers at (310) 948-6306 for rules and times.



Diamond Tread Tour to the Honda Collection in Torrance on October 17th



HOLIDAY MOTOR EXCURSION



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MAFCA



2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

We are happy that you are renewing your membership with Diamond Tread Chapter.

Diamond Tread Membership Dues are: $30.00 & payable before or at the January General Meeting.

To be included in the 2027 Roster, please pay before January 31, 2027.

Make Check Payable to: M.A.F.C.A. DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER INC.

First Name Last Name Birthday (Month/Day)

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Please return in person or mail to:

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RED HOT SPARKS

When: Tuesday November 10
11:30 a.m.

Where: Steak Corral

11605 Washington Blvd

Whittier, CA 90606

Hosted by Bonnie Ryan

RSVP to her cell phone (562)282-8701

by Friday, November 6th

All ladies of Diamond Tread and

Whittier chapters are welcome

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

NOVEMBER MILE MARKERS

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October 17, 2026

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Red Hot Sparks October 6, 2026