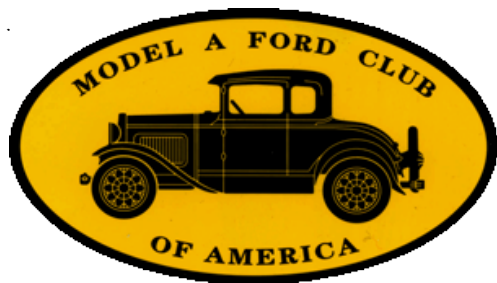


# DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING - June 2nd

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

### RED HOT SPARKS - June 9th

California Grill Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

6751 Painter Ave, Whittier 90601 - see page 7

### FORD ELECTRIC CAR DESIGN CENTER

June 13 - Event, see page 8

### CORNERSTONE CHURCH CAR SHOW AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST - June 21 (Father's Day)

Tour, see page 8

### SIGNAL HILL AMERICAN 250th ANNIVERSARY

June 28 - Event, 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

**Hello Diamond Treaders,**

Looking back on our spring adventures, we've enjoyed beautiful weather and a terrific lineup of outings. Highlights included the SCRG Spring BBQ, OC Pancake Breakfast, Fullerton Train Museum, La Palma Parade, Stanley Ranch, and the Tolman Family Machine Shop.

We've been especially fortunate to get our cars out early and ready for summer adventures. From what I've read, many Model A enthusiasts in other parts of the country have had to delay their spring awakening due to less favorable weather.

While we've been enjoying time on the road, it's also interesting to reflect on the history behind our club's name.

### Why "Diamond Tread"?

During Model A production, Ford purchased tires from multiple suppliers at the same time, including Goodyear, Firestone, Goodrich, and U.S. Rubber. This approach helped avoid supply bottlenecks. Because Ford did not assign specific tire brands to particular models or body styles, any Model A could have come equipped with Goodyear tires, depending on what was delivered to the assembly plant that day.

The Goodyear Diamond Tread was the company's signature "balloon tire" design from the late 1920s through the early 1930s. It featured:

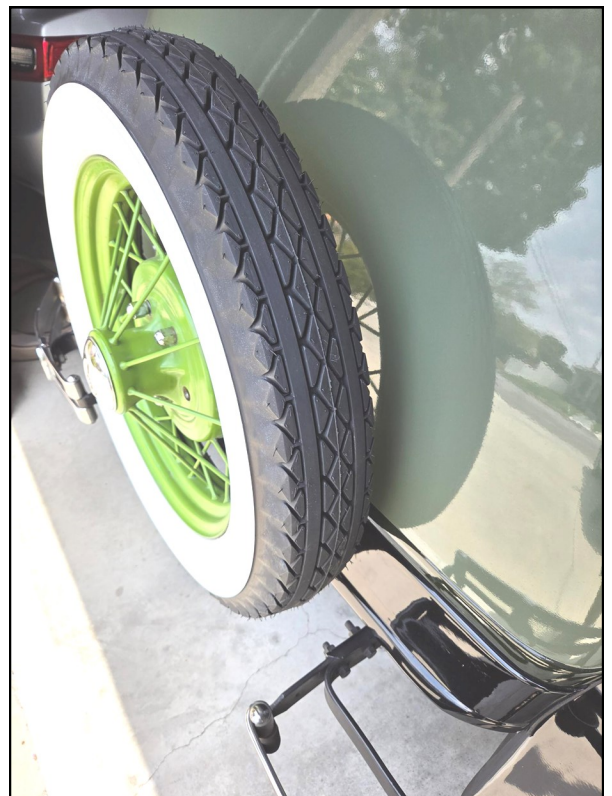
- A repeating diamond-shaped block pattern
- Excellent traction on dirt and gravel roads
- A distinctive, period-correct appearance
- One of the most recognizable tread designs of the early automotive era

This likely explains why our charter members chose "Diamond Tread" as the name of our club.

Enjoy the road and those wonderful Model A's. I'm looking forward to many more summer adventures together.

Wishing you all a healthy and enjoyable summer,

*Bill Paige, President*



# MEETING MINUTES

**DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER**  
**of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**General Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026**

**Location:** 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

24 members present (no guests)

- Bill P. called the general meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked Larry R. to lead flag salute.
- Bill P. explained M A Y is Model A Youth month! So we promote our club to younger generations.
- Chuck M. explained the board wants to do something for Model A Restoration Award and the Scholarship Fund and the board agreed we should send \$200 to each group for a total of \$400. Motion, second and passed. Louise B. will mail out the checks.
- Bill P asked Vicky to talk about the roster; she will mail out rosters that are not picked up tonight. She asked if anyone lives by members that are not present, to take a roster to them and save postage. Chuck M said he would take Charles and Joanie their roster.
- Tour Director Bill B. spoke about where we are meeting at 9am on Saturday May 9 for the tour to Pomona for a tour of Ed and son's garage and BBQ.
- Bill B. described the Diamond Tread tour to Stanley Ranch Museum and asked if anyone that went on May 3 would tell how it went. Larry R volunteered and told how pleasant and fun it was to see the museum. For more details Google the Stanley Ranch Museum. Next year Bill B. will arrange a Diamond Tread tour there along with Whittier Model A Club and Long Beach Model T club. We are going to organize a pot luck BBQ for lunch after that tour. The event will be closed to the public as the public times are 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.
- Bill B., showed us a large poster of the 2026 line up of Honda race cars. They have open house 3 times a year and he will set up a tour for us to go and park together and see the cars at the corporate office.
- Bill B. he showed us two tire patch metal tools: one old and gritty and the other cleaned up at his work shop where he works in Long Beach, showing the difference in looks. He thought we would enjoy seeing them and he passed them around in a box. What a difference getting the one cleaned up and painted made. Thank you Bill B.!
- Bill P. told about the Cars and Coffee in Long Beach - Ford cars only - on Saturday June 13 in Long Beach. More to come as we can meet and tour there in our Model As and the T-birds can join us as they are Ford cars.

## MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Louise B gave the financial report and told us she received a letter from Model A Restoration Award group and she brought it so we could read it if we wanted. She also received a letter from MAFFI if anyone wants to read about what they do.
- Bill P. paused the meeting for 15 minutes to get a snack, buy your raffle tickets, and sign up for t-shirts or polo shirts (Pauline has the list ready for those who still need to sign up)
- Bill P. called the meeting back to order and asked for a show of hands of members going to Pomona this Saturday so he can give Ed a head count from our club.
- Bill P. gave the floor to Norm Saw to begin the door prizes and money raffle: door prizes went to Norm (book about dogs), Chris (Star Wars jigsaw puzzle), Johnny (jigsaw puzzle), and Larry (Chicken Soup for the Soul book).
- Cash winners: Bill P. \$35, Chuck \$35, club \$35.00.
- Rex made a motion we accept minutes from April meeting, seconded, and passed.
- Bill P. adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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.

# D & G PRODUCTS TOUR REPORT 1

May 9, 2026 was the Diamond Tread tour to the D&G Products open house. It was fantastic!! The Model A engines on stands and sitting on roller carts were everywhere. All the different type heavy machine tools were interesting to look at. Their whole team and family were very friendly. Such a nice treat to see. Thank you for the open house celebration!

Bill Bahr, Tour Director



Photos by  
Bill Bahr  
and  
Chris Risdon



# D & G PRODUCTS TOUR REPORT 2

Here are photos of our trip to Ed Tolman's machine shop open house where he does Model A things. We had hot dogs with all the fixin's and there was a very good turnout from several Model A clubs. Diamond Tread had 3 Model As there, and at least 15-19 people connected to our club!

Louise Beckley, Treasurer



Photos by Louise Beckley and Chris Risdon



## 2026 Board of Directors

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### *Red Hot Sparks Luncheon*

**When: June 9th, 11:30 am**

**Where: California Grill Restaurant  
(outside on their patio)**

**6751 Painter Avenue, Whittier 90601**

**Hosted by Vicky Bartlett**

**RSVP before June 5th**

**Phone 213-445-2962**

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

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

## JUNE MILE MARKERS



- Mona Franco*
- Linda Seagroves*
- Fran Earhart*
- Loree McConkey*
- JoNell Hickock*
- Tony Reyes*
- Jonnie Glenn*
- Barry Beckley*
- Maddie Stephens*

### *Happy Anniversary*

- Dennis and Loree McConkey*
- Jim and Melissa Barger*
- Bill and Sherrell Paige*
- LeRoy and Pam Kehret*
- Ken and Ann Hutchinson*

## HOSPITALITY

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

# TOURS AND EVENTS

**June 13 (Saturday) - Ford Electric Car Design Center Open House**

8 to 10 a.m. 3555 E. Conant Street, Long Beach.

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**June 21 (Father's Day) - Cornerstone Church Car Show and Pancake Breakfast**

8 to 11 a.m. (set-up by 7:30 a.m.) 1000 Studebaker Road, Long Beach

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**June 28 (Sunday) Signal Hill American 250th Anniversary**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Food to Buy; Games; Kids Events

10 to 11 a.m.: Model T Hill Climb.

Drive modern cars, and park at Browning High School.

2180 Obispo Avenue, Long Beach

Aa free shuttle will take you to Discovery Wells Park

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

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

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**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

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**September 5 - Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo**

140 Richman Street, El Segundo

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

More information to come

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**December 5 - Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation**

Time and location TBD

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**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.



# STANLEY RANCH TOUR REPORTS

I want to thank all of the Diamond Tread Club members for coming out to the Stanley Ranch Tour. It is nice to see each other again! This site is full of history. The people who lived in the 1880's worked so hard. I wish that I could thank the people who saved the historic objects. That way us of the next generations could enjoy them. I thought it was fun to hear about the deaf fire dogs that could calm the horses who pulled the older firefighters' equipment. The 1926 fire truck has been restored to fantastic condition. Thank you for coming to the Stanley Ranch Tour!

Bill Bahr, Tour Director

It was neat to see the old houses, jail, post office, barber shop (with a barber chair), shoe making machine for different size shoes, a dental office on one side in back and a doctors office on the other side.

We also were impressed with the school house with one teacher for grades 1 thru 6, so the people living on the 40 acres could have their children educated.

The barn that Walt Disney worked in had the original table he worked on his animation and posters of the old Disney movies, a projector, and a closet that kept inventory of goods marked on the inside door from the early years in Los Angeles. The barn was bought and brought to Anaheim from Burbank but did not fit in the scheme of things so it was donated to the Stanley Farm to fit in with the heritage houses there.

We toured three houses and the jail. The jail had pictures of the first guy to murder a family for their property but a little boy saw him burying them in a yard, told his father, and somehow the police came in time to arrest him. He did not want to be hung and had his brother bring strychnine so he passed away in jail on his own terms.

We were on tour for 2 hrs. with docent Debbie and she was a lot of fun telling the story of houses coming to the village.

The last item was an outhouse that was behind a grocery store that went up after the house was moved to the village. No one wanted to bring it to the village until someone finally was contacted to move it or tear it down, so the village volunteers went and brought it back and put it behind the first house that did not have a bathroom. So it fit in with the property.

For more info google Stanley Farm and Heritage Village. Next year Bill B. will set up a tour with Diamond Tread, Whittier Model A Club and his other club Long Beach Model T club. We will also organize a pot luck BBQ for lunch after that tour. The event will be closed to the public as the public times are 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

They encouraged us to come back to volunteer yard work time. See ya!

Pauline Issa,

Secretary



# TOUR FLIERS



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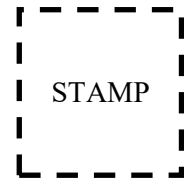
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