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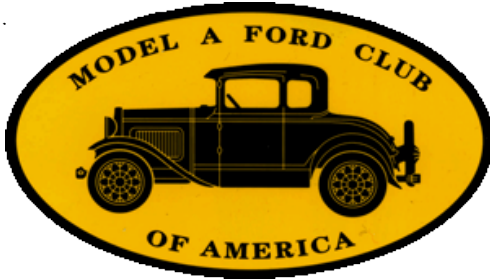


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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY / OFFICER INSTALLATION

December 6

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RED HOT SPARKS - December 9th

Olive Garden at 11:30 a.m.

11171 183rd Street, Cerritos

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CHRISTMAS DAY - December 25th

GENERAL MEETING - January 6th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Model 'A'ers

The unpredictable November weather in Southern California has impacted several of our club's planned events. Many activities have been rescheduled, postponed, or, unfortunately, canceled. I appreciate the understanding and cooperation shown by club members during these adjustments. Your flexibility ensures that safety and enjoyment remain top priorities.

Despite the challenges brought by the weather this month, November 19th turned out to be a beautiful day, allowing our club to participate in St. Anthony's High School's 11th-grade retreat, which turned out to be a thoughtful and enjoyable event for those that attended. The day began with students attending a showing of the classic film *It's a Wonderful Life* at a local theater. The movie's scenes, featuring a variety of 1920s and 1930s automobiles, sparked the students' curiosity about vintage cars.

Upon returning to campus, the students were greeted by a remarkable surprise: ten Model A Fords arranged for display by our club. The cars provided a tangible connection to the vehicles they had just seen on screen, creating a memorable hands-on educational experience. The students eagerly explored the cars and truck, sitting inside, taking photos, pushing the air horns and engaging with our club members. Their intelligent questions reflected genuine interest and enthusiasm. Our members were thoroughly impressed—not only by the students' curiosity but also by their exceptional manners and cheerful smiles throughout the event.

It looks like we will have good weather on the November 22 tour to the International Printing Museum. We will see! I extend heartfelt thanks to club members for their dedication and willingness to adapt during this busy and unpredictable season. Special appreciation goes to those who volunteered for the St. Anthony's retreat, helping foster a love of automotive history in the next generation.

No club breakfast on the 27th...take time to be thankful for our blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,

Bill

Thank you Bill for the kind words and for helping make for a memorable retreat for our junior class!

On behalf of our St. Anthony community, please express our gratitude to the Diamond Tread Model A Club for their presence and sharing!

Very much appreciated!

*Mario Cordero, Director of Campus Ministry
St. Anthony High School*



MEETING MINUTES

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

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey
Participants: 22 meeting attendees
Guest: Jeff Hood from Long Beach Model T club, our guest speaker for the evening

- The Board met at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Bill Paige
- The flag salute was led by Vice President LeRoy Kehret

Bill Paige, President

- Election night: discussed the slate of board candidates for 2026
 - All openings were uncontested
 - All candidates were elected:
 - Louise Beckley – Treasurer
 - Vicky Bartlett – Membership
 - Pauline Issa – Secretary
 - Vicki Spearman – Hospitality
 - Steve Sixt – Historian
- The club sent healing wishes to Mike Spearman
- Provided a reminder for members to renew their club dues
- 3 upcoming events (Bill sent around a sign-up sheet):
 - SCRG Picnic on November 15 in Cypress
 - Ford reception on November 15 in Long Beach (meet at Bill's house at 7:30 a.m.)
 - St. Anthony High School vehicle display on November 19 in Long Beach
- International Printing Museum tour moved to November 22
 - Tour will meet at McDonald's (6407 E. Spring St., Long Beach) at 9:15 a.m.
 - Arrive at Carson museum location for 10:00 a.m. guided tour
 - \$12 Admission / \$10 Seniors

Louise Beckley, Treasurer:

- Reported bank balance
- Members can pay 2026 dues tonight

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Bonnie Ryan, Historian:

- Reported on October 24 Trunk or Treat event
 - 5 Diamond Tread Model As participated

Vicky Bartlett, Membership:

- Members only need to submit a membership renewal form if there are changes
 - Membership forms on diamondtread.com, be sure to use the correct form
 - No difference in price depending on submission date and dues are due January 6, 2026 (\$30)
- Roster update stickers are available from Vicky

Bill Paige, President:

- MAFCA National convention is in Oregon in June 2026
 - Would like members to consider having a tour in support of the event
- Program: Jeff Hood gave the club a cool description of his Model T fleet, with an in-depth discussion of his Martin-Parry bodied truck
 - Monique Risdon was his audio/visual consultant
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Closing Activities:

- Ticket sales and raffles; refreshments by Pauline Issa

Respectfully submitted, Rex Bartholomew, Editor / 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.

MEET THE McKERNANS

Our newest members Kenny and June McKernan from Los Alamitos. Kenny's interest in Model A's began when he was 5 years old. His father purchased a Model A for his two older brothers to fix up and use to go to school. Kenny has been playing with cars ever since.

After Kenny graduated from high school he went on a 5-month mountaineering trip throughout the Pacific Northwest. Upon his return, he worked with his brother in the air conditioning trade and retired after 28 years. He then opened his own handyman business and now is fully retired.

June worked as a Chief Operating Officer for a dermatology group for 36 years. She had built out 27 dermatology practices and consulted with many practices throughout her career. She has spoken at numerous dermatology conferences in the United States and has served on advisory boards with pharmaceutical and insurance companies. She still actively serves on Medical Group Management Association's board.

Kenny met June through June's work. He installed air conditioning in the medical building she managed, and he was the engineer they sent out to lay out the surgical center she was building out for a client. They are celebrating 26 years of marriage and have 3 grandchildren, ages 8, 6, and 3.

Kenny purchased his first Model A coupe in the 1990s. He and his stepson restored it from the ground up and sold it to Jay McCord after enjoying it several years. He also had a 1929 Speedster, which was built by a neighbor, Ron Ryker, and sold it to Ron's son. Kenny then bought a 1940 Ford 4-door sedan. He restored it and sold it after a few years. He was gifted a 1940 Ford 2-door hotrod from a neighbor who passed away. It's a beauty.

Still, something was missing until Kenny purchased a 1930 Victoria. The car was from Texas and sat in a garage in Loma Linda for 10 years. He had to remove the body to get VIN/frame number for CHP to register the car. Now he is in the process of putting it all back together. Kenny and June are excited to be Diamond Tread members and go on tours with the group.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

MAFCA DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DECEMBER 6, 2025

11 A.M. TO 2 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

2025 Board of Directors

President	Bill Paige
Vice President	LeRoy Kehret
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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, December 9th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: Olive Garden
11171 183rd Street
Cerritos**

**Hosted by Marilyn Freese
RSVP before Friday, December 5th to
Marilyn Freese (562) 431-5032**

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

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

DECEMBER MILE MARKERS



*Wayne Wiedle
Becky Simons
Lorlene Sixt
Ken Hutchinson
Kenny McKernan
Jan Brenny
Gary Gaffney
Luke Sayer*

Happy Anniversary

*Richard and Jonelle Hickock
Tony and Muriel Reyes
Steve and Lorlene Sixt
Rex Bartholomew and Lisa Miller*



TOURS

Gunther's Yard Tour

December 7, 2025

3639 Senasac Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808

Gunther's Yard is a beloved private collection and event space known for its vintage vehicles and nostalgic Americana. It is a unique and privately maintained collection founded by the late George Gunther, and run by his family. The Yard is best known for hosting the annual Gunther's Yard Show, a gathering that takes place on the first Sunday of December each year.

The Yard features an impressive array of antique motorcycles, classic trucks, vintage cars, trains, military vehicles, and hit-and-miss engines. It is not a commercial venue but a passion project, and the event has a warm, community-driven atmosphere. It's a favorite among collectors and fans of vintage machinery.

Gunther's Yard also offers vintage props and vehicles for film rentals, including a 60" searchlight mounted on a vintage truck. The Yard is not open to the public year-round. Access is typically limited to special events like the December show or by invitation.

If you're into antique vehicles or nostalgic Americana, this hidden gem is worth keeping on your radar!

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Eight of our cars showed up in support of Saint Anthony High School School's junior retreat. After the students watched It's a Wonderful Life, they came out to see our cars. This 1946 Christmas fantasy drama stars Jimmy Stewart and is a classic for many people.

Diamond Tread was proud to share the limelight this great movie with our cool cars on Wednesday, November, 19, 2025.



Photos and
Story by
The Beckleys

NOTES FROM ED TOLMAN

I'm writing this to you from the legendary AACA Swap Meet in Hershey, PA. It's my second year attending, and this time I made the cross-country drive from Southern California with a friend - just in case... and you know what that means. We're shopping!

Known far and wide as the Grand Daddy of all Automobilia swap meets, this four-day extravaganza is perhaps the largest of its kind anywhere in the world. It's a paradise for collectors, restorers, and enthusiasts alike, offering everything from rare parts to vintage literature—and, of course, plenty of good conversation.

The event wraps up with an incredible car show featuring everything from Brass Era beauties to 1980s classics. With well over 100 awards presented, it's a true celebration of automotive history and craftsmanship.

And the setting? None other than the expansive grounds of Hershey Chocolate World - more than 20 acres of pure automotive heaven. Officially, this is the AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet, but for many of us, it's simply "Hershey."

If you've never been to Hershey, add it to your bucket list. And if you have, then you already know: there's nothing quite like it.

Next stop: Las Vegas!

After the excitement of Hershey, I'm headed to another major automotive event—the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, running from November 4–7. I'll be attending with the Cardinal Speedvise Company, where they'll be displaying a unique line of vises designed for serious builders, tinkerers, and restoration pros.

To help draw a little extra attention to the booth—and to the hobby we all love—I'll also be showcasing my 1931 Budd Cab Pickup Truck. Not only is it a great conversation starter, but it's also a way to proudly represent the Model A Ford Club of America on a national stage. We may be in a sea of hot rods, custom builds, and cutting-edge tech, but there's always room - and plenty of appreciation - for the classics.

If you're planning to be in Vegas for the show, I'd love for you to stop by and say hello. We'll be in booth #39007, South Hall. Whether you're into tools, trucks, or just want to talk Model A's, we'll be there flying the flag for this great club and the cars that brought us all together.

Enjoy the Fall in your Model A while you still can!

Ed Tolman

Diamond Tread Member

MAFCA President



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MAFCA



2026 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 2026 Roster, please pay before January 31, 2026.

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

First Name

Last Name

Birthday (Month/Day)

Name: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Family Member: _____

Family Member: _____

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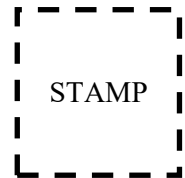
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2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

Hosted by The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Tour Highlights

4 Days of Driving Tours to: Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico) - Mesa Verde National Park -
Million Dollar Highway - Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek Pass

A fun Day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (a can't miss event)

Car Games, Ice Cream Social, Model A Car Display, Hubley Derby, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and More



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