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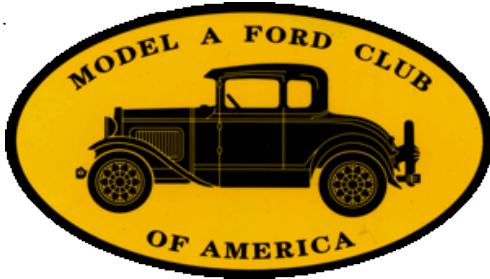


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UPCOMING EVENTS

ORANGE COUNTY MODEL T SWAP MEET

October 4th

Costa Mesa, CA

GENERAL MEETING - October 7th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

RED HOT SPARKS - October 14th

BJ's Restaurant at 11:30 am

11101 183rd Street, Cerritos

FIRST MODEL A BUILT

October 21st, 1927

WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Model Aer's,

“Whether you think you can or think you can't - you're right.” - Henry Ford

I would like you to think you can volunteer for a position of club officer or nominate another member as a candidate. A chance to make an impact on club events and activities, build friendships and community, share your ideas, and experience personal growth.

Pauline Issa is heading the nominating committee, please give her a call to discuss your interest or suggestions, 1-562-864-5780. Or if she calls you, please 'lend her your ear'!

We will be discussing the slate of nominations at the October 7th meeting. Elections will be at the November meeting. Support our Diamond Tread Club and make a difference.

Talk about an active club, four Saturdays in a row, first a large turnout for the Civil War reenactment, the following week was the amazing Lion's Dragstrip Museum, a fun time on 13th at Santa Anita Club's car games, and on the 20th some members will be participating in the La Palma Parade.

Thank you for all that participated on the tours, and I hope others will come out to join us for these special times together.

Warm regards,

Bill Paige
President, Diamond Tread



President Bill!

MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA General Meeting Minutes, September 2, 2025

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Norwalk

Participants: 26 meeting attendees, 4 Model As driven to meeting

- 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
- Guests – Kenny and June McKernan (just purchased a Victoria!)

Bill Paige, President

- Introduced Ralph Neely, tonight's speaker
- Tours the next 3 Saturdays (handed off to Bill Bahr):
 - September 6 – Lions Dragstrip Museum (\$12 admission)
 - Larry Ryan gave a report on last weekend's tour to the Civil War reenactment
 - September 13 – International Model A Day tour to Arcadia (Santa Anita As) \$10 admission
 - September 20 – La Palma Festival of Nations parade
 - 4 to 6 cars have been requested (sign-up sheet tonight)
- Pauline is Nominating Committee chair and will be contacting members to volunteer for the Diamond Tread board
 - Reserved Sizzler for holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Program:

- The monthly distinguished Diamond Tread speaker for September was long-time Diamond Tread member (since 1974!) Ralph Neely
- Subjects:
 - Model T and Model A special tools
 - His Model A club and car history

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Closing Activities:

- Ticket sales and refreshments
- Raffle Prizes:
 - Driving a Model: Larry Ryan
 - Jigsaw Puzzle: Rex Bartholomew
 - Wordsearch Puzzle Book: Linda Seagrove
 - Eggstractor: Jim Runyon
 - Old Farmer's Almanac: Bill Bahr
 - Coffee Cup: Dennis Stephens
 - VW Camper Cookbook: Ralph Neely
 - 50/50: Larry Ryan and Chuck Mayhew

Respectfully submitted,
Rex Bartholomew, 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.

NEED REGISTRATION HELP?

A quick note from Bill Bahr, our Diamond Tread Tour Director. There is nothing better than someone with first-hand experience!

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MODEL A and MODEL T TOOLS FOR SALE

Ralph Neely, long-time Diamond Tread member and speaker at our September meeting, has original Model A, Model T, and other antique tools for sale.

You heard all about some of these tools at last month's meeting and now is the chance to make your wildest dreams come true.

This is your best chance to own a piece of automotive history that you can use, enjoy, and pass on to the next generation of Model A enthusiasts, wrench-turners, and knuckle-busters!

Get 'em while the getting is good!

Contact Ralph at (562) 429-1858, or you may be too late!.



CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

Hey Diamond Tread!

We had 13 members and a few Model A's come to the Huntington Beach Civil War Tour. Very nice day for sitting in the park! Both Union and Confederate soldiers took up arms to conquer Central Park. A lot of interesting history displayed before our eyes. The living historians did a fantastic job. Living in tents. Eating beans and hard tack. This event has been going on for a long time. We will come back. Thanks for coming!

All of us who came today learned something new.

Bill Bahr. Tour Director.



2025 Board of Directors

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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

**When: Tuesday, October 14th
at 11:30 am**

**Where: BJ's Restaurant
11101 183rd Street
Cerritos, CA**

Hosted by Betty Boan

**RSVP by Friday, October 10th
to Betty at (562)420-2845 (home)**

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

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

OCTOBER MILE MARKERS



*Jim Brenny
Bob Toerge
Susan Deogracias
John Wendendorf
Gene Burdo
Norman Saw
Vicky Bartlett*

Happy Anniversary

Chuck and Imelda Mayhew

Joe and Mona Franco

Dennis and Maddie Stephems

Greg and Koko Witz

Gary Gaffney and Emma DeLaCerna

HOSPITALITY

*October: The Beckleys
November: Mark Simons*

TOURS

Orange County Swap Meet

October 4, 2025

Costa Mesa, CA

Long Beach Model T Tour

October 23-25, 2025

International Print Museum

November 3, 2025

Carson, CA

Gunther's Yard Tour

December 7, 2025

Long Beach, CA



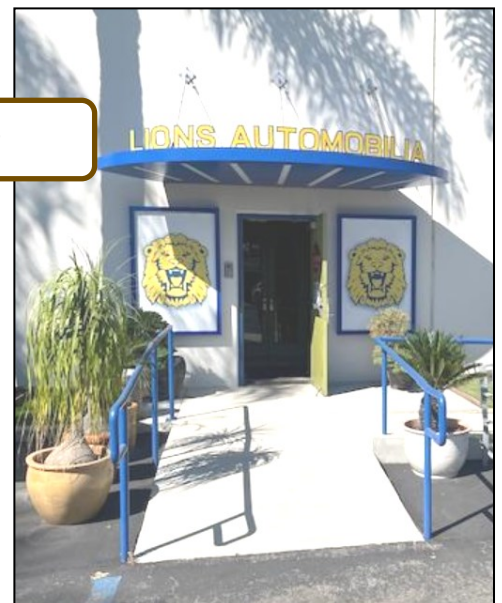
Good day Diamond Tread club.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Lions Drag Strip Museum. 6 cars and 15 members. We parked outside of the museum, then we started to walk to the entrance. I heard 2 of the members say to me. "Are we in the right place?"

Then I opened the door and we walked inside. WOW there was row after row of fantastic automobiles!! The worker who we paid gave us a quick explanation and showed us around. We got to sit in 1 of the 10 original 1960's TV Batman cars. Such a "jaw dropping place." Just a blend of art work and car displays! Amazing! Thanks for enjoying this tour. There was at least 2 or 3 cars that triggered some memorable moments from your life. These car club tours bond the Diamond Tread Club together. Thank you for coming!

Bill Bahr, Tour Director

Photos by Bill Bahr



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

I worked for 2 hours on Saturday September 13, then joined Diamond Tread at the Santa Anita As International Model A Day celebration. There was a “Gymkhana,” and I did not know what it was. It was a driving skill competition: half was 2 people in a car and half was single person skill testing.

Bill Paige, Larry and Bonnie did a good job as the first two cars to compete. We were learning how each event worked, and did average at best in 2-person competition. Then I did the 5 single-person tests, and I ended up winning the blue ribbon for first overall for the singles! I also was the best for the day at the ring toss!.

That was the best 6-hour sick day I ever had!!

Bill Bahr, Tour Director



Vicky Bartlett with Honey with the Azucena Family: Maria and Frank with grandson Frankie and daughter Nadia watching the gymkhana



SCRG MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Jennifer Ferrario, David Frazee, David Knapp, Doug Diller, Bob Reeves

Minutes

- 9:00 Meeting Began
- Jennifer introduced David Knapp as the new SCRG Secretary

National Tour

Jennifer initiated discussion around the 2027 national tour bid. She shared a presentation whereby it was named “California Dreamin” with a hub and spoke tour centered out of Salinas. Co-chairs are David Frazee and Jennifer Ferrario. June 20-June 27, 2027. Discussion ensued about possible events that could be part of the Tour – seminars, raffle, farewell dinner, 17-Mile Drive tour. Utah’s tour did not have a tour leader or tour follower, just directions. There was no repair tent. Jennifer felt we should have a repair tent to help encourage younger participants. Doug just went on the National tour and there was no repair tent there either. He said they just broke up into smaller groups and the groups just helped each other. They did ‘messaging’ when something was needed outside the group. Jennifer thought a tour leader would be helpful. Sign ups for events and days to optimize attendance. Destinations proposed: Monterey – Cannery Row, 17 Mile Drive / Santa Cruz / Mission San Juan Bautista / San Jose Winchester Mystery House.

Grand Canyon/Route 66 Tour

Second order of business is the Grand Canyon Tour—The first comment was that something burned down there that will impact the tour. What burned was not mentioned or known. The tour schedule begins October 5th in Twentynine Palms, proceeds to Havasu on the 6th, Williams on the 7th & 8th, and joining the Route 66 Tour Group on the 9th to head back West to Kingman. Some research needs to be done on if the current fires will impact the October tour dates.

November Meeting

Third order of business was a November in-person meeting at Jennifer’s. Could we have a BBQ? Consensus was yes. Discussed possible dates, needing to avoid SEMA which is November 4-7. Consideration was the weekend of the 15th but David Frazee could not make that. November 1 was also not a good date as there is a car show in Riverside (1959 and older cars; flyer on SCRG website).

Other Business

Discussed the Grand Canyon tour and the need for coordination of meet-up points. The plan is to meet up with the Route 66 group and there are 4 cars confirmed. Frazee indicated that Rob wanted to know how many would attend the Santa Anita lunch at Legends in Glendora. They needed a head-count by September 5th. Obviously the 5th has passed, but this point was not addressed as if it had flexibility. David F indicated he had lots of folders he could share with David K and gave an update of the budget. It was commented that the SCRG has funds which should support planning of the National Tour proposal/bid.

Meeting concluded 9:36.

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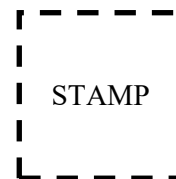
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