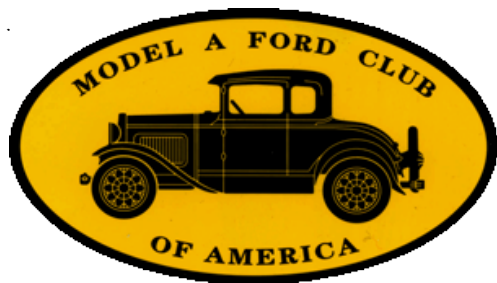


# DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM - MAY 3rd

Tour - Garden Grove

### GENERAL MEETING - May 5th

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

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

### D&G TOUR - MAY 9th

1256 W. 1st Street, Pomona: See page 10

### RED HOT SPARKS - May 19th

Olive Garden Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

13500 Whittier Blvd, Whittier 90605

See page 7

### WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach

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## THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It can be a small world!

Our Victoria came off the assembly line in March of 1931. Our neighbor and precious friend Pat was born in April 1931. Pat was delighted when Sherrell and I took her for her first ride in our Model A around our neighborhood on her birthday.

But wait, that is not all; I randomly turned on Pepperwood Ave. and she said, "I am glad you turned here; this is the street my parents lived on." Proceeding up the street I saw Jonnie Glenn tinkering with his Model A so we pulled into the driveway behind him. Introducing him to Miss Pat. Turned out it was her parents home, Jonnie remembered her mother when he purchased his home from her in 1971. It was a great day for all of us and our friend is still excited about the car and the adventure, she insisted on some photos.

Hope to see you again at the May meeting!

Bill, Diamond Tread



# MEETING MINUTES

**DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER**  
**of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**General Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026**

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

- Bill P. opened meeting and asked Leroy to lead us in flag salute
- Bill B. stated that this Sunday is the Orange City Model A Club pancake breakfast at 7AM to 11AM. And it is wrong to say it is a car show, the city allows us to bring our As to the pancake breakfast as it is a fundraiser but not a car show. Anyone wishing to go as a car club, please meet at 6:45am at Spring and Palo Verde, he will hand out maps so we can all follow. Anyone not meeting at 6:45am, he has maps to give out tonight. See him at snack break.
- Happy Birthday to Bill B. today is his birthday!
- Wayne explained the May 9, 2026 car tour to Ed Tolman and son's new garage in Pomona. They are having open house and want us to attend, there is plenty of parking and he will be hosting a free BBQ hot dog lunch. This open house is from 10-2pm. It's off the 10 freeway. Direction will be posted on our website and in our May newsletter.
- Vicky B. stated that the club rosters for 2026 are available tonight, see her at snack break or after the meeting.
- Wayne said Jim Nichols has a transmission still in a box for sale. He didn't state a price, just give Jim Nichols a call, if you are interested.
- Pauline asked if everyone present read the meeting minutes for April, and are there any corrections. She stated she needs a motion to accept the minutes as read. A motion, second and passed. Thank you.
- Larry stated he has a flyer on a car for sale for \$19,500 fully restored 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan. Contact Steve at 626 260 7594 if interested.
- Wade spoke of 3 swap meets: a swap meet at 6707 N. Little League Dr. in San Bernadino on 4/18/2026 and Packing House swap meet in Redlands on 4/25/2026 and a prewar swap meet in Bakersfield Brass at Minter Airfield on 5/3/and 5/4 2026 .
- Bill B. gave us a fun thing tidbit he is allowed to do after the Grand Prix is over, he takes a city bus (he works for LBC Bus Transit) and can drive it as fast or slow as he wants and for as long as he wants. He has done this for 10 years after the Grand Prix is over. It takes them weeks to tear the track down. Too bad he retires soon. What a fun thing to remember.
- Bill P. recognized our guest, Tom Hutchinson. Tom spoke about his 1930 Tudor that is for sale. He lives in Downey near Stox Restaurant.

## MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Bill P. announced a 20 min. break to get raffle tickets, club roster, and a snack.
- Bill P. called meeting back to order and asked if anyone had the magnets with Diamond Tread Logo for car doors from years ago. Larry and Vicky said they have a couple and will bring them to the May meeting. Bill P. thought if anyone wanted to order them, we could do that for the road trips we take as a club. That will be discussed in May meeting so we can see the magnet logos.
- Table raffles were won by several people and two sets of 2 tickets to Grand Prix was won by Chris and Linda. Money raffle was won by Nadia and Jim and club fund.
- 26 in attendance with one guest: Tom Hutchinson
- Bill P. adjourned meeting at 7:50pm.

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.

# HELP FROM THE FLYING QUAIL

## Jim's Tech Tips "Installing Spring Shackles"

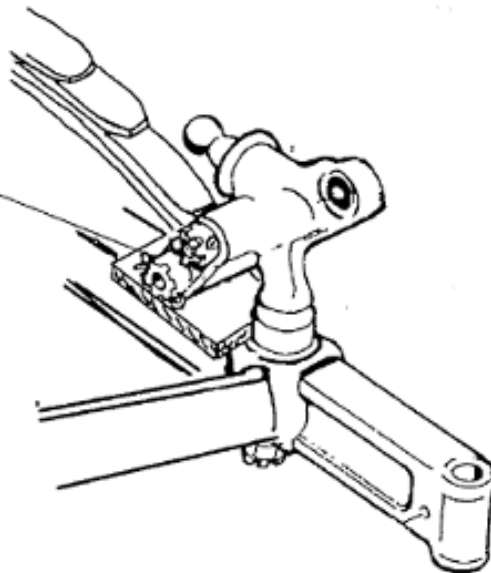
We have had two members replace their rear spring recently, which prompts this Tech Tip.

Install the shackle, put the bar across the end, and install the nuts. Go ahead and tighten them down snug, just to get everything seated properly.

NOW, back out the castle nuts one full turn. Keep turning that direction until the slot in the nut lines up with the drilled hole. Now install a cotter pin.

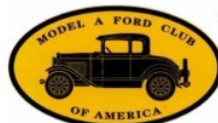
If you tighten this nut up and leave it tight, you don't allow the shackle to float around and move as needed. This doesn't let the grease work its way around inside the bushings. This will shorten the shackle bushing life.

Snug these nuts up, but then loosen them one full turn, plus whatever it takes to get a cotter pin installed



Until next time... *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim Cannon



The Flying Quail

Sign Up Today!



# STANLEY RANCH TOUR

Diamond Tread's May 3rd tour will take us to Stanley Ranch in Garden Grove. You can tour several buildings, including the garage that was used as a studio by Walt Disney in 1923. It was then located at his Uncle Robert Disney's North Hollywood property. Walt worked on his animation machine as well as drew his characters in the garage. The structure was donated, dismantled, then reassembled at its current location. Several former cartoonists and friends of Walt, including Mickey and Minnie, helped dedicate it's rebirth just a few miles from Disneyland.

There are 16 other historical buildings on the two acres of Stanley Ranch that were donated to the historical society by Agnes Stanley in 1970. A year later, her son, Emerson, donated the Ware-Stanley House, a barn and tank house.

Be sure to get a brochure about the museum and village that explains in detail the history of the buildings as well as what's inside them. The Ware-Stanley House was built in 1891 by Edward Ware, a horticulturist, who co-developed the Eureka walnut and introduced the first Valencia orange trees to the area. Several other structures were donated and moved to the impressive historical village over the years, many fortunately saved from demolition, to educate and entertain current and future generations.

You'll see the old Schoolhouse, where visiting student programs put pupils back in the 1890s; they wear era costumes, learn from McGuffey Readers, write on slates, and sit at antique desks. A post office, built in the 1880s, has package weighing scales, letter-sorting boxes, and a postal carrier bike. You'll see a barber shop and electric shoe shop as well as an early dental room, complete with equipment, the medical bag, and other memorabilia from Pioneer Garden Grove Physician Dr. C. Violette.

The Schnitger House, a California bungalow from 1916, has displays of early Garden Grove businesses and a photography collection of vintage cameras. Part of Arthur and Helen Schnitger's residence is dedicated to early musical instruments and shows off a piano, clarinet, horn, accordion and other instruments as well as fascinating period furniture and appliances.

The village even has a replica of the first Fire Station, complete with Garden Grove's first fire truck, a 1926 La France, a 1926 smoke mask, signal lanterns, firefighting apparatus, and a letter from Governor Ronald Reagan to the retiring fire chief.

On the site are plows and other farm equipment, a lumber building, blacksmith shop and auto garages (plans call for the Reeder Garage to be part of an old-time gas station). Be sure and visit the general store, where you can purchase historical books, vintage postcards, t-shirts, and other items.

Don't miss it (and take pictures)!



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### *Red Hot Sparks Luncheon*

**When: May 19th, 11:30 am**

**Where: Olive Garden Restaurant  
13500 Whittier Blvd, Whittier 90605**

**Hosted by Marilyn Gentry**

**RSVP before May 15th**

**Call or Text (562) 743-5820**

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

*The Red Hot Sparks Meet on the 2nd  
Tuesday Of Each Month (but not this  
month)*

## MAY MILE MARKERS



*LeRoy Kehret  
Joe Franco  
Larry Ryan  
Betty Boan  
Pamela Wellmann*

### *Happy Anniversary*

*Chris and Monique Risdon  
Frank and Susan Deogracias  
David and Anna Orozco  
Ronald and Pamela Wellmann*

### HOSPITALITY

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

# TOURS

**May 3 (Sunday) - Stanley Ranch Museum in Garden Grove**

Tour meet-up 12:45 p.m. at McDonald’s 6407 E. Spring Street, Long Beach  
Arrive at 1:30 p.m. 12174 S Euclid St, Garden Grove, CA 92840

**May 9 (Saturday) - D&G Products Tour**

See page 10  
1256 West 1st Street, Pomona

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

7 a.m. 1000 Studebaker Road, Long Beach

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

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

**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

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

140 Richman Street, El Segundo

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

More information to come

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

Time and location TBD

**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.



# OCMFCA PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

This year's Orange County Model A Ford Club Pancake Breakfast was unusual! There was a powerful rain storm just after I got my food. Soggy pancakes. Most people left by 10 a.m. Hoping for better weather next year!

Bill Bahr

Tour Director

Photos by Bill Bahr



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## D & G PRODUCTS MAY TOUR



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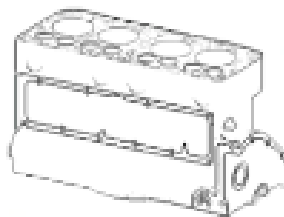
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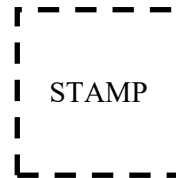
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**Wayne Wiedle chauffeured Michele Steggell, former La Palma mayor and current leader of the La Palma Foundation at the Festival of Nations Parade.**

**Also representing Diamond Tread were Bill Paige, LeRoy Kehret, and Jonnie & Bobby Glenn. Thank you for supporting our community!**

