

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Diamond Tread Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America, and its principal office shall be in Downey, California.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of our club is to enjoy, preserve and protect Model A Fords.

Section 2. 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.

Section 3. 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.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership, Voting Rights, Dues & Qualifications

A. Membership; is defined as a principal plus those family members living in the same household. The membership shall be entitled to receive the club's publication known as the Diamond Tread News, a copy of the membership roster, a copy of the bylaws, notices of the club activities, to participate in club competitions for prizes, and limited to two votes, (members must be 18 years or older to vote.) Members are encouraged to belong to the Model A Ford Club of America.

B. Charter Membership; is for those who were the founding members of Diamond Tread and who have unbroken membership. Charter active members are vested as lifetime Diamond Tread Members. These members are as listed in the current published Diamond Tread Roster.

Section 2. Requirements for membership shall not insist upon the actual possession of a Model A Ford, but must have interest in the objectives of the club and an active desire to participate in the activities and events of the club. An applicant must be of good character and must display sincerity of purpose. An applicant for membership must remit the annual dues with the application.

Section 3. Dues

A. Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Membership. Dues are payable on or before the January general meeting each year. Diamond Tread Charter Members dues are waived.

B. Dues paid by a new applicant on or after November 1st of any year shall constitute payment of the full dues for the ensuing year.

Section 4. Fiscal Year is January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be one general membership meeting per month, to be held at a time, place and day to be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. There shall be at least one (1) Board meeting per month. Time and place to be set by the Board. All members of the club are invited to attend the Board Meetings.

Section 3. Special meetings can be called by the President.

Section 4. Four (4) Board members and presiding officer shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The affairs of this club shall be managed by its Board of Directors. All Board of Directors shall be members of MAFCA.

Section 2. The Board is authorized to spend up to \$50.00 without approval of the membership.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Tour Director, Membership Chairman, Historian and Publicity Chairman, Fund Raising Coordinator, and Hospitality Chairman.

Section 4. Duties of the Board of Directors

A. President: Shall be the executive officer of the club and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the affairs of the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Ensure that all Board members perform their duties adequately, vote only to break a tie, and write a monthly³ article for the Diamond Tread News.

B. Vice-President: Shall assume the duties of the President in his or her absence, in the event of the resignation or removal from office of the President, to succeed to the office for the remainder of the President's term. To act as Diamond Tread Ambassador, which includes greeting and introducing visitors, and being a host/hostess for new members at general meetings. Attend Southern California Regional Board Meetings as the Diamond Tread representative.

C. Secretary: Shall take minutes of all meetings (Board and General). Type the general meeting minutes for publication in the Diamond Tread News. Have available at each general meeting, a copy of the minutes from the previous board meeting.

D. Treasurer: Shall supervise and maintain detailed records of all receipts and expenditures of this club and present this information in a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors and the membership. Will collect and deposit in a bank designated by the Board of Directors all funds received by and belonging to this club. Be prepared for an annual audit of the accounts during the month of January or at time of leaving the position. In the event of an audit a committee of three (3) will be selected by the President for the audit. The treasurer shall take care of the timely filing of state and federal tax forms. Any state/federal

corporation matters will be handled with the assistance of the President and Secretary, if necessary. Shall do or designate someone to pick up mail at the Post Office at least once a week. The Treasurer shall be authorized to issue checks on the club treasury for expenses incurred by a Board member, not to exceed \$100.00 without the approval of the Board.

E. Editor: Shall publish and distribute Diamond Tread News monthly, no later than the first week of each month, to each membership household and to other interested parties approved by the Board of Directors. New and outgoing editor will publish the January issue. All articles for publication are to be submitted to the Editor by the 20th day of the previous month. Shall be responsible for newsletter advertisement, sales and follow-up.

F. Tour Director: Shall plan, coordinate and execute all tour activities. Keep the membership informed of club and outside activities of interest and write a monthly article for the Diamond Tread News.

G. Membership Chairman: Shall accept all membership dues, and create and distribute a membership roster by the March General Meeting. Provide current roster to MAFCA. Keep Editor updated with new membership information and changes for current members. Provide each new member with a membership packet consisting of a new member welcome letter, family application, badge(s), roster, bylaws, tour guidelines, and list of spare parts to be carried on tour.

H. Historian and Publicity Chairman: Shall keep a pictorial history book of all club activities. Publicize all club activities in the Restorer, current trade publications, local newspapers and radio.

I. Hospitality Chairman: Shall be responsible for coordination of refreshments for all general meetings. Have guest book and meeting attendance book available; obtain signatures of everyone present. Send appropriate cards. Responsible for coordination of holiday / installation dinners and special dinners.

J. Fund Raising Coordinator: Shall be in charge of all fund raising activities, including the publicity, making and distributing flyers and appointing committees. Responsible for monthly raffle.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section 1 Board members and the President shall be elected by the membership. The ballot shall designate all candidates who wish to run for President and the candidates for the other open positions on the Board. If there is more than one candidate for the open position, the candidate receiving the most votes will become a Board Member. All Board Members shall be elected for a two (2) year term. All members 18 years of age or older are eligible to run for the Board of Directors. For your ballot to be counted, you must be present at the November General Meeting where the balloting will take place. The Election Committee will count the ballots and announce the new officers at this meeting.

Section 2 All members are to be notified by the Diamond Tread News of an upcoming election for officers. Each member will be invited to be a candidate by the October General Meeting of each year. An Election Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee is to consist of not less than three (3) club members who are 18 years of age or older. The ballot process may be eliminated if no more than one person is nominated for each vacant position.

Section 3 Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed only by the vote of at least four (4) Board members.

Section 4 Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Preference will be given to those who ran for the Board.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1 Proposed Amendment:

A By the Board of Directors submitting such proposed amendment to the general membership for a vote after a majority of the Board approves said amendment.

B By any member submitting same to the Board of Directors by means of a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the membership.

Section 2 Approval

Upon approval, the Board must submit the proposed amendment(s) within 30 days from the Board of Directors meeting. The proposed amendment shall become part of the bylaws if passed by a majority vote cast at the time of the balloting. You must be present at the General Meeting (following a notice in the Diamond Tread News) to receive and vote on the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE VIII EMBLEM

The club emblem shall be a replica of a Model A Wheel with the tire black and the name, Diamond Tread Chapter Downey, in black lettering on the tire, as designed by the club, March 1969. Any shirt, jacket, or vest shall be of goldenrod, or like color with Diamond Tread emblem on the back.

ARTICLE IX NEWSLETTER

Diamond Tread News shall be the official publication of the club. The front cover shall be maintained as it was designed in March, 1969, on goldenrod paper, if available, with the drawing of a '28-'29 Roadster.

Bylaws Committee: July 31, 1987 - Robert Trousil, Richard Hayes, Jeanne Nepper and Lois Smith.

Revision Committee: April 28, 1993 - Robert Trousil, Wm (Doc) Ingwersen, Wayne Switzer and Lois Smith

Revision Committee; August 21, 1997 - Robert Trousil, Wayne Switzer, Cal Chesbrough, Norm Pickell, and Lois Smith - Chairperson.

Revision Committee: February 16, 2010 - George Toerge, Bart Bartholomew, Kay Trail and Bill Van Loenen. Revisions adopted May 12, 2010.