



January 2025 President's Message

2024 was the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Long Beach Model T Club and one busy year. We partnered with the City of Signal Hill for their Centennial and were invited to several city events. Leonard Glick spearheaded the resurrection of the Hill Climb and was our liaison for several of the Signal Hill events. In June, fourteen members participated in the National Tour in San Diego, with Charlie Plessner receiving an award for driving the farthest to attend the Tour. The July Swap Meet was a great success as always due to Jeff Hood's hard work in organizing and putting on the Meet. In October John Bowman, once again, put on a three day tour to Barstow that included Calico Ghost Town. It was a fun filled adventure including Calico Ghost Town, Peggy Sue's Diner, the Bottle Tree Ranch and scenic drives. The Monthly Garages and Breakfasts hosted by Tom Leroux were always a fun time, and well attended. I tried to keep track of the cars being fixed but lost count.



The Christmas Party this year was a great success and thank you to all that came. We had about eighty-eight people in attendance. Thanks go to those members that worked diligently to make the party a success. Several members donated items for the raffle and door prizes. Special thanks go out to Reggie Leroux for organizing the sign-ups and handling the raffle tickets. Thanks to Jeff and Jane Hood for obtaining an interesting and fun array of gifts for the raffle. Thanks to Mike Plessner for his Holiday music, it is always a Holiday treat.

Many other club members have gone above and beyond. Glenn French, who has been a pillar of the club at meetings, on tours and as the editor of the Magneto News. It was an honor to present him with the Life Member Award. John Bowman for organizing the October tour, being the club secretary and keeping the website up to date. His organizational skills are second to none. Jim Clift, for painting and tricking out a special edition bike for Tom Leroux. Chris Craig for diligently working on the club memberships and keeping the membership Roster in order. Thanks to the other LBMTTC board members; Gene Carrothers, Doug Mullin, Jon Traw, and Bill Bahr, who worked tirelessly to keep the club moving.

Special mention goes out to those that took their cars to events and represented the LBMTTC. Carl Laski, who polished up the brass on his fire truck and took it to six different events for display and to represent the LBMTTC. Alex and Teresa Kennedy attended three events and wore period correct outfits. Jeff Skinner, who is like the Energizer Bunny, representing the Club at many events with his award-winning cars. He has been going strong since 1976 and keeps going.

There have been several other members that have stepped up to the plate and participated in talks, the Hill Climb, presentations and many other things. If I have not mentioned you specifically, I thank you. It is my honor to be the President of such an organization of individuals that care about the hobby, the mission of the LBMTTC and fellow members. Let's make 2025 another great year.

Respectfully Submitted

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