

December 2026
President's Message

Several months ago, Dave Seiler, Tour Director with the Orange County Model T Club invited me to join their tour of Los Angeles County Fire Station 15 in Whittier on October 24, 2026. Dave's grandson, Parker is a firefighter assigned to Truck 15. The tour included 7 Model T's and 2 Model A's. Parker provided a wonderful and fun tour of the fire station and Truck 15 which is the fire department's toolbox on wheels. I parked the Model T fire engine next to Truck 15 and the difference in size was amazing!

During Halloween 2025, I was sitting on my driveway handing out candy to trick or treaters. I spotted a family across the street and one of the kids was wearing a fireman costume. This family turned out to be one of our neighbors, Debbie and Steve who would often watch their grandson, James who is 4 years old. I opened the garage door, turned on the red lights, and invited the family over to see the fire engine. James enjoyed sitting behind the wheel of the fire engine while wearing his fireman costume. After Halloween, I told Debbie that I would like to give James a ride in the fire engine; however, this proved to be a bit of a challenge. On many occasions, I would stop by the grandparent's house after a car event or drive around the neighborhood only to find out that they were not watching James that day. When I returned from the tour of Fire Station 15, I was so happy to see the grandparents and James come around the corner. Carl and James finally went for a ride together! James really liked ringing the bell.

I will see you at the LBMTC Holiday Banquet on Sunday, December 13, 2026.

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