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with an auto, crafts and antique flea market

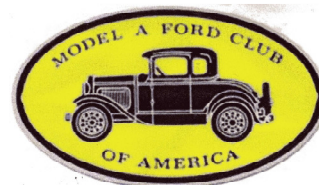
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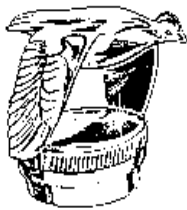
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FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE



Our **40th Sully Antique Car Show** will be Father's Day, June 16th. If you intend to enter your car in the show and have not registered it, please get your registration form to Bill Benedict by June 14th. Equally important, if you have signed up to help with the show, please make sure you are at your assignment on time. I look forward to a large membership turnout on this our 40th anniversary of the show.

Scholarship winners have been selected by the Scholarship Committee. The GWC scholarships will be presented at the Sully Antique Car Show at 3:00 p.m., prior to the presentation of the car trophies.

The **50th anniversary** committee, in conjunction with the Board, is planning an exciting **celebration** luncheon for Club members to be held on July 21st at the Mount Vernon Inn. Reservation details and entrée selections are included in this newsletter. Reservations must be made by July 5. Fifty people have already signed up and we are limited to 100. If you have not made your reservations, I suggest you do so as soon as practical.

Another fun-filled **picnic at the Jaeger's home** on the Potomac River is planned for Sunday, June 23. Make sure you make your reservation ... details are listed in this newsletter. As a final note, I want to thank our sister clubs, Colonial Virginia, Old Dominion, and Skyline Model A Ford clubs for sharing their newsletters with our membership every month. This is a great way to share information and pictures with others in our hobby.

Wishing you fun and safe driving in your Model A,

Charlene Beckner
President

FROM THE EDITOR

These recent 90-degree days remind me that it's time to skedaddle out of Washington for the summer before the sidewalks start to melt. This year Alice and I are headed north to Alaska by way of Denver to visit the "kids" along the way. We'll be in that same little Scion that was our transportation 2 years ago when we lit out on our 60-day camping trip around the country. Only this time it will be for 70 days and only half as many nights staying with friends and relatives. We've added a luggage rack to the roof to give us more room inside the car. We've also bought a bigger tent to hide in when the bears come around. I don't know why we keep testing the limits of our marriage like this but I'm beginning to understand how the early couples felt heading west in their Conestoga wagons with all their possessions stuffed in the back. Just hope we don't have to deal with wild Indians. On the way back, I plan to drop in on the new Model A Museum. I'll have a full report of what I saw in the September Script.

When I get back, I'll begin working on a 50th Anniversary special Script issue for mid-October. I hope to fill it with old photos and articles from past Scripts telling the history of the club. Actually, Dave Henderson's column in the Script has been doing that for quite a few years. But maybe I can get some of the old timers to write about early members and wild things they did on tours.

While I'm gone, Doug Tomb will be wearing the editor's hat, so don't forget to email your articles, columns and photos to him. He'll be doing the July and August issues. I'll be getting back the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend and will probably start working on The Script the Wednesday following, so folks aren't rushed to submit their columns over the holiday. Meanwhile, Departure Day is June 26th. See you at Sully!

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Charlene Beckner at The Fairfax City Library. Also in attendance were Doug Tomb, Gil Beckner, Clarice Shaw, Bill Sims, Chuck Kunstbeck, Suzan O’Neale, Bill Worsham, Greg Shepherd and Woody Williams.



Meeting minutes from April 24, 2013, were approved.

Gil reviewed the budget as of May 20, 2013, and the proposed budget for the 50th anniversary celebration. A motion was made to adopt the anniversary budget. The motion was passed unanimously. Gil also informed the board about a one-year CD coming up for renewal and his suggestion that the money would earn more interest if converted to a money market. A motion was made to adopt his suggestion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Suzan reported that the scholarship committee has reviewed all applications and they have selected four awardees, who will receive their awards at the Sully show.

Bill Worsham informed the board that he has the ads ready for publication in the Washington Post. Bill has received the upfront money from the food vendor. Everything is on schedule and he expects a good show.

Chuck reviewed the program for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Bill Sims said that the deadline for *Script* articles is Sunday, June 2, 2013. Bill will also be creating a separate special 50th Anniversary issue.

Doug Tomb provided an update on future meeting programs—an “alternative hobby” night for June and July will be an outdoor flea market. Doug is working on future programs.

Clarice reported that everything is on track for the Jaeger picnic on June 23, 2013. Clarice also has a definite date for the Warhurst picnic, September 23rd, 2013. The cost per family will be \$5.00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (June 1988)



The generator seminar at Hank Marsh's last month was a huge success. About 25 members brought theirs, some with more than one. They began arriving before 9:00, and were still at it at 6:00 pm. Complete rebuilding could be accomplished, with everything needed to do so, and the finished product tested. Included were a hydraulic press, a tool for turning commutators, a growler and a test stand. Paul Gauthier's generator had a problem: it ran backwards when tested. Always ready with solutions, Millard Springer solved it by determining that the field coils were 180 degrees off. By the end of the day, over 30 generators had been rebuilt. Everyone enjoyed rejuvenating their generators, the good fellowship, and the food!

Bill Worsham reflected about what was certainly the most ambitious undertaking of our chapter ever, putting on the 1978 MAFCA National Meet, which we had done just 10 years earlier. Did we really know what we were getting into? Well.....He took us behind the scenes and described how it all came to be, and the numerous problems that had to be solved; advertizing, security, hotel accommodations, seminars and entertainment, to name a few. There had been little awareness of the scarcity of indoor space large enough to accommodate such a large event. The National Guard Armory in Washington, D. C., came to mind, but the cost would have been prohibitive. The Thomas Jefferson Center in Arlington turned out to be the eventual solution, but the county was reluctant to grant approval for a car show there. Member Ned Thomas, a one-time Chairman of the Arlington County Board, knew his way around and, with John Dingle and Gordon Sanford, the trio convinced the authorities that the meet would be good for the county, bringing in several thousand tourists. In the process, numerous meetings were held with supervisors, planners, Chamber of Commerce members, and, as Bill put it, everyone else except the local dog catcher.

Sully was fast approaching and to help members relax afterwards, the program for the next meeting would be a movie of the meet.

As usual, there were more non-Fords than Fords for sale in the swap column, and as for wants, not everyone was seeking Model A parts either, but antique golf clubs?

Dave Henderson

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APPLE BLOSSOM MEET FLEA MARKET

The Shenandoah Region of the AACA held their annual car show and flea market at the Jim Barnett Park in Winchester, VA, on Saturday, May 11. The gates opened at 0700, so Clem & I left his house at 0530.

We got to yakking as I was driving west on I-66, and we suddenly found ourselves on Rectortown Road heading north out of Marshall. It was a beautiful morning, with a slowly approaching cold front creating an undulating sea of mist over the low piedmont hills. It was a great scene, and since we had time, we stayed on this “road less travelled” for the few remaining miles before joining US 50 and a turn west.

When I looked at a map as I was writing this, I noticed that the Upperville Colt and Horse Show (<http://www.upperville.com/>) is located right where the little section of VA 713 joins Rectors Lane before you reach US 50. This meant nothing to me at the time; but it does now.

The Upperville show is the oldest horse show in the United States, founded in 1853 by a man who would later rise to the rank of Colonel in the cavalry of the Confederate States of America. While serving under Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, he was badly wounded on May 11, 1864, at the Battle of Yellow Tavern. Both General Stuart and Colonel Mosby were, on occasion, his house guests. This scion of Virginia gentry was Colonel Richard H. Dulany. His home, just west of Middleburg, was Welbourne. But I digress.

Clem and I rolled into our parking spot a few feet from the entrance to the flea market. In the past we’ve found many Model A parts (carbs and carb parts; water pumps; generators, etc.) and a few oddities (a nice word Clem uses to describe things like the hand-held air raid siren I found a couple of years ago), so we were eager to see what we would find this year. Well, after nearly 3 hours we’d found nada – zip – zero Model A treasures. Oh we did find a few Model A parts, but there weren’t many, and none followed us home.



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Clem checks out some Model A “stuff”



(Photo by Jim Gray)

May Pop Exemplar

We did, however, find an example of one of Clem’s favorite tire brands: the “May Pop” (it may pop today, or it may pop tomorrow, but sooner or later it will pop).

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APPLE BLOSSOM MEET (Cont.)

Then we focused on what Clem likes to call "rare finds", like the 1933 Hudson Standard 8 four door sedan with its 4 suicide doors and unique-to-1933 headlight design; and the 1929 Chevy Coupe with its apropos West Virginia "Rodent" vanity plates.



(Photo by Jim Gray)
The 1933 Hudson Standard 8



(Photo by Jim Gray)
The 1929 Chevy Coupe "Rodent"



(Photo by Clem)

Jim, Nick Arrington and Warren Barbee, Jr. with Warren's custom stainless swamp coolers

Clem also spotted a Shell canister on one table, but the owner didn't know anything about it, except that she wanted \$20 and Clem wanted to spend \$5; so it was another pass. I think it was more painful for Clem to pass on the fine concrete pig he spotted.

After a brief chat with the Shenandoah AACA president, Barry Smith, we enjoyed a fine breakfast at the Papermill Place and a chat with a WWII Navy vet there by himself for breakfast. Somehow his eggs were free. After an uneventful drive home – staying just ahead of the rain later in the day, I prepped Ruby for our Mothers' Day trip to Welbourne.

Jim Gray with Clem Clement

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO SUSPEND SALE OF E-15 GASOLINE

Colonial "A" News, June 2013, Volume 40, Issue 6. pg. 10

The ethanol gasoline blend known as E10 has already caused concern and hesitation, especially among owners of vehicles not designed to run the fuel, and despite the mounting questions over its use, the Environmental Protection Agency last summer approved the use of E15 gasoline, increasing the amount of ethanol in pump gasoline. Two bills recently introduced in Congress, however, seek to suspend that approval.

House Bill 875 and Senate Bill 344 address concerns with the destructive byproduct of the higher ethanol additive, formic acid, which can contaminate fuel systems, melt plastic and rubber, and corrode some metals. The EPA began allowing gas dispensaries to offer E15-laced gasoline in June of last year, and the Renewable Fuels Association has stated that the E15 blend was extensively tested by the EPA before approving its use and is safe for virtually all vehicles manufactured after 2001.

However, with the implementation of E15-based fuel, many new car manufacturers have weighed in on the subject, with producers such as Nissan, Chrysler, Toyota, BMW, and Volkswagen announcing that they will not cover fuel-related claims on their new car warranties. Other companies like Ford, Mercedes, and Volvo will not honor any drivetrain warranties in vehicles that use E15. The American Automobile Association (AAA) has also issued statements that further testing of the E15 blend is needed and that the labeling on refueling pumps is insufficient to warn consumers of the possible damage that could occur with the E15 blend.

Both bills have the backing of SEMA, and the wording of each bill differs slightly. HB875 asks that the use of E15 be suspended for an additional 18 months while more testing is done. The Senate bill would suspend the sale of E15 entirely. SEMA is especially concerned for classic car enthusiasts whose cars see less road miles over the course of a year and allow the fuel to sit idle inside their fuel systems for even longer periods of time. The same concerns should also apply to anyone who owns a lawn mower, chain saw, weed trimmer, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, or ATV as all of these machines also sit idly by for extended periods of inactivity.

The lack of use and infrequent refilling of the fuel system is where most of the problems have occurred to date. HB875 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, while SB344 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. SEMA urges you to contact your Senator or House Representative to express your opinions on these bills. A list of contacts for your lawmakers is available on the SEMA Action Network page. from *Ken Ehrenhofer – MARC*.

My car is older than 2001. What should I do?

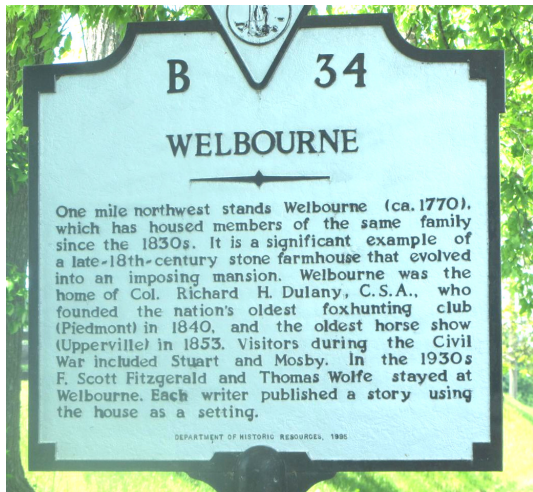
Don't fill your fuel tank with E15, simple as that. Even though the new fuel is coming to market, the gasoline or E10 you fill your tank with now will still be available. There is a twist, though. At gas stations that use blender pumps (a single spout that dispenses all octanes) you'll have to purchase at least 4 gallons of E10 to insure any E15 in the hose is diluted to safe levels in your fuel tank. *Fuel pumps will be required to have a 4-inch-square label warning motorists not to use the fuel for uncertified engines.* With that in mind, the best advice if you have an older car is to stick to stations that have not switched over. (Emphasis added)

[Gas stations store each of the grades they sell in separate tanks; however, they generally get it from the same supplier. If the supplier to that station has switched over to E15, it is most probable that all the grades they sell will contain 15% ethanol. STA-BIL is your best last line of defense; avoiding these stations (if possible) is better yet. Bottom line: get, carry, and use STA-BIL or some other fuel stabilizer at every fill-up. -Jim Gray]

GRAY WITH AN A

Many years before the Roaring Twenties and its Lost Generation, WWI, the Civil War, and even the Revolution, Welbourne was a country home in Middleburg – a small settlement half-way between Alexandria and Winchester, bisected by what would later be called “The John Mosby Highway”.

Approaching Welbourne today, after nearly a mile of dusty gravel road, you’ll turn through a gate guarded by two angry concrete geese perched atop stone pillars.



(Photo by John Leydon)

Welbourne Marker



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Ruby at the gate

Hearing their wild honking in your mind as you turn, you wonder what the ruckus is about - when you suddenly notice it's two great baying fox hounds announcing your drive through a broad meadow to the main house. Realizing you're going to stay - like the other ancient cars parked in semi-circular formation - the hounds suddenly bound off to announce the next arrival. Welcome to Welbourne. >>>>>>>>



(Photo by John Leydon)

Our Model As at Welbourne

GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

This 1770 country estate house has suffered little modernization in her 243 years, during which there have been roughly 50 major recessions and depressions. Countless visitors of note – from Colonel John Singleton Mosby and J.E.B Stuart to F. Scott Fitzgerald and Thomas Wolfe have all been graciously welcomed in her time. Today she welcomes guests to her bed and breakfast incarnation, where reviewers gush of the “shabby chic” of this grand old dame - more a museum without a clock than a house.

But is she shabby, or just chic? Would she be the same if she were a completely restored original; a disemboweled thing with entrails scrubbed clean of patina, erased of years; reassembled in a modern vision of what we thought she was with conveniences unimagined in the original? Would she still be able to even faintly whisper of her time - when brother fought brother; sons lay down in Flanders Field; or when economic calamity engulfed humanity?

I have to thank John Leydon for making our time travel to Welbourne possible. John’s appeal in last month’s Script for “4 or more Models As” to add ambiance to the 1770 Welbourne estate for a “Zelda’s Tea Party” had a certain appeal. When I called, John told me the tea was an event to raise money for the Mosby Heritage Area Association (MHAA). Even though it was a Mothers’ Day trip, Kathie chose not to go, but told me to go ahead. After visiting Welbourne’s web page; (<http://www.welbourneinn.com>), and seeing the following write up on the MHAA web page, I was hooked:

<http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org/news.html>



F. Scott Fitzgerald & Zelda, “The original Flapper”
(Caption by author)

Welbourne

A tea party hosted by F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, in commemoration of Scott’s visit to Welbourne in 1934, and the story he wrote for the Saturday Evening Post about his time there, called “Her Last Case.”

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

Step back in time to 1934! Sit on the veranda and hear the love letters from Welbourne in the 1920s and 1930s between the home's owner, Elizabeth Lemmon, and Fitzgerald's editor from the North, Max Perkins. The two had a very close relationship, via pen, though it was thought to have remained strictly platonic. Nonetheless, the letters between the two friends were poignant and affectionate.

These letters were published in *As Ever Yours* (The Penn State University, 2003) which will be available for sale by Second Chapter Books. Other books relative to Welbourne, tea and F. Scott Fitzgerald will be available.

Reservations required. Guests will be asked to arrive 30 minutes early to allot for time visiting the home and grounds.

Catered by Market Salamander.

I found and read "Her Last Case" from *The Saturday Evening Post*¹, and re-read *The Great Gatsby*, noting mention of a single marque: "...the only car visible was the dust covered wreck of a Ford."

So on May 12, 2013, our little band of seven "old sports" in Model As arranged and dusted our props, providing ambiance for latter-day flappers and toe-tappers as they enjoyed their tea.

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(Photo by John Gillespie)

Karilyn & Chuck Kunstbeck; Brandon & Greg Girmus; John Leydon & Sewall Tyler; Jim Gray

GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

Greg's son Brandon joined us on this trip. He restored a prize-winning jeep while in high school, and won a GWC MAFCA scholarship in 1999. He just earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon, and is moving to Michigan this Labor Day weekend to take his first job with Chrysler.



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Brandon, John Gillespie, John & K.K.



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

A main floor guest room



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Modern Flapper with Greg's car



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Our picnic at Welbourne



(Photo by Karilyn Kunstbeck)

Marshall Ford



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

**"I guess this is going to be in the Script"
Sewall and his bumper part ways.**

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

After our cars were ogled and photographed for the two settings of the tea, our time was past. The other three cars left Welbourne for a tour of local back roads planned and led by John in Sewall's car. I headed home to help Kathie celebrate Mothers' Day with family.

I heard later that the 3 touring As enjoyed a memorable trip along country lanes, which included a drive-by of the oldest extant Ford Dealership in the country (Marshall Ford), and the unceremonious dropping of Sewall's bumper in the road. It may just be hearsay, but I'm told he shouted something like: "Nuts?!"

Today Welbourne is a Bed & Breakfast Inn and the site – for the month of August – of a Jazz Camp, teaching invigorating music along with the Charleston and other Roaring Twenties dance favorites. But take note, young toe-tappers, flappers and "musicians with ambitions to warm up an orchestration..."², the blaze of the '20s burned hot and fast - F. Scott Fitzgerald died at age 40 after years of alcohol abuse; "The original Flapper" Zelda died 8 years later in an asylum fire.³ Even the economy nearly died, crashing into the Great Depression on October 29, 1929, fueled in part by the explosive excesses of the Roaring Twenties.

Many great automobile companies (e.g. Baker, Jordan, Stutz) disappeared in the early 20th century, but not Ford. No, Fitzgerald's metaphor for the forlorn "un-rich", they were Fords that carried us to Welbourne. Watching the innocents presume the grandeur of Zelda's decade, I wondered where our nostalgia for a time we never knew and a life we never lived comes from. I suppose it's in our DNA and in our souls; our hope that in our time, we'll get it right.

"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Jim Gray

Notes:

1. *The Saturday Evening Post*, November 3, 1934, pg. 10.

2. Lyrics from the song "Red Hot Chicago" from the 1930 Musical *Flying High*, lyrics by B.G. DeSylva & Lew Brown; music by Ray Henderson.

3. Zelda Fitzgerald died when the Highland Mental Hospital in Ashville, North Carolina, burned to the ground on March 10, 1948; she was voluntarily committed, and being treated for schizophrenia.

SUNSHINE REPORT

I heard that club member and tool chairman Benny Leonard was down with a case of pneumonia. Let's all wish him a quick recovery. If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned to the club, please drop me a line or another club officer. We need to stay in touch with and support our members when they need it and our Sunshine Report gets the word out.

Greg Shepherd
Membership Chair

50th Anniversary Celebration!

Mt. Vernon Region
Model A Restorers Club
George Washington Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America

Sunday, July 21, 2013

12:00 P.M.

Mount Vernon Inn
George Washington's Mount Vernon
3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia
(Directions and Parking Instructions to be published later)
\$10.00 each per member and spouse

\$30.00 per guest

Entrée Choices:

1. Roasted Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Cornbread and Peanut Stuffing
2. Petite Filet Mignon with Bearnaise Sauce
3. Salmon with Sambal Sauce

Parking Information:

PLEASE NOTE: If approved by the National Park Service, reserved Model A parking in the circle at the entrance to Mount Vernon will be limited. **As a result, reserved parking spaces will be assigned in the order reservations are received.** In addition to selecting your menu entrée, please specify whether you are bringing your Model A and whether you want a reserved space in the circle. When reserved spaces at the circle are exhausted, spaces will be set aside in the general parking lot for parking your Model As.

Reservation Information:

Mail check made payable to GWC, entrée choice and Model A parking request to:

Charlene Beckner
8071 Counselor Road, Manassas, Virginia 20112

OR

Pay at the June 19 general membership meeting

No reservations will be accepted after July 5

CRICKET AND THE NIGHT VISITOR

Since articles for the Script should somehow be related to the Model "A" or Club events I will caveat this short narrative by saying that I do mention Cricket, our '31 Tudor, toward the end of the article.

As those that attended May's meeting of the GWC know, I finally managed to get from the great city of Luray, Virginia to one of our meetings this year. I even managed to stay for the entire meeting and enjoyed Marc Kuklewicz's presentation on Model "A" rims. After the meeting I headed back to Luray and got home about 11:00. I opened the garage coming up the drive (trying very hard to avoid the sandpiper nest right on the edge of the road) and drove the truck in. I started in the house and punched the button to close the garage door. The door started down then quit. I punched the button again and the door came back up. Again, and it started down and quit again. I thought there must be something blocking the safety sensors so I walked over to the door thinking maybe I didn't pull in far enough. No problem there. Then I looked down at the sensors and the wires coming down the wall between the two spaces were shredded from the floor up a couple of feet. I mean there were pieces of wire everywhere. I went in the house and asked Carol if she had been out to the garage and she denied any culpability. I asked her if she had heard anything and she replied in the negative to that query also. So I went back out to the garage, got a flashlight and started looking around.

I started to notice that things had been moved or knocked over all around the garage. I looked under the cars and all along the edges of the walls and could find nothing. I finally got over to a table top that's supposed to go into the basement at some time in the (distant) future and pulled it away from the wall to look behind. There was a critter looking back at me! One of Puxatony Phil's relations. A Marmota monax; whistle-pig; land-beaver; woodchuck; a damn groundhog! I called Carol to come look at our visitor then opened to closest garage door and tried to shoo her (Carol says it was a he but I'm sure it was a she!) out with a broom. Of course, being a woman, she ran to the other side of the garage under Cricket. (I said I would mention something relating to the Model "A".) We opened all the garage doors and she apparently ran out at some point because we couldn't find her after that. Apparently she had decided to visit while I was working out in the shop and left one of the garage doors open. Probably later in the day when I was getting ready to head to the meeting. I locked her in when I left. Being unable to get out the door must have upset her and she decided to take it out on the wiring. Oh, she also left several calling cards around the garage. I spent Thursday morning cleaning up the mess but I still have to repair the wiring. As my neighbor said, "At least it wasn't a polecat!"

Jim Cartmill



CAFFEINE DOUBLE CLUTCH, MAY 9, 2013

The third Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) met at the Fair Lakes Silver Diner in Fair Lakes on Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Seventeen of us gathered once again for this informal breakfast chat about anything and everything. We had 3 Model As and 1 early Ford V-8 this time because of the threatening weather. I was glad the rain held off until after Ruby got me home.

Ken and Helen Burns came in their '41 Woodie; Jim Baker came in his '31 Town Sedan; Benny and Sharon Leonard came in Miss Alley; and I drove Ruby. Clem and Sandy; Bill and Carol Benedict; Wayne and Jane Chadderton; Andy and Ellen Jaeger; Bruce and Loretta Metcalf; and Art Zimmerli came in moderns.

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(Photo by Jim Gray)

Benny explains "I just fix things"



(Photo by Jim Gray)

His audience considers his claim



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Loretta, Clem, Sandy and Keith Randall agree: Eat Well, Do Well!

CAFFEINE DOUBLE CLUTCH (Cont.)

Once again our server (Jennifer this time) did a fine job of sorting out everyone's order, and once again the food was hot and tasty.

It was good to see Jim Baker; he and Connie have returned to the area for the summer, so we hope to see more of them in the future.

Ken, the editor of the early Ford V-8 Club's newsletter the *Valve Clatter*, passed around the May edition in which Clem told the story of his first car, a rare 1940 ragtop he called simply "FORTYMERC". Ken also passed around the national Early Ford V-8 magazine, which included a story about the very same car, now restored and with a real convertible top installed.



(Photo by Clem Clement)

FORTYMERC restored



(Photo by Clem Clement)

Clem in her in 1956

Art told us that he still has a problem with beaver dams "down country"; but bigger issues have diverted his efforts to control the problem. When Clem, Benny and I were helping Steve Zimmerli work on Art's Model "A" a few weeks ago, Steve realized that he and Benny's son had gone to school together. So much for Steve's work – he snatched Benny's cell phone and caught up a few years as the rest of us we got the A running fine. At our CDC, Art and Benny reminisced about the hidden junk yards and wild reputation of Braddock road "in the olden days."

The diner's manager, Emdad Haque, came out and looked at our cars for a bit, and as I was getting ready to go, Keith dropped by to look at Ruby. He told me he now has a '38 Ford, but that some time ago he had to pass on a '31 Coupe and a '30 Tudor from family. He said the Coupe was in pretty rough shape, but that he was still looking for an A. He'd even gone looking for one with Benny, but the last one they looked at was even sadder than the ones that had been family.

The next CDC is scheduled for the Fair Lakes Silver Diner on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. Come join us if you can. Bring your appetite and something you want to talk about; we'll listen.

Jim Gray

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 1st, receipts are \$9,779 and expenses are \$7,776. The Board approved an additional budget of \$5,000 for the Club's 50th anniversary celebration, which will be financed from the Club's general funds. This budget includes funding for room rental, party favors, food, door prizes, plaques and awards.

Gil Beckner, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 2 new families to welcome this month:

Melnick, Paul and Meredith

4922 35th Street North
Arlington VA 22207
(H)703-534-8965
paul.melnick@melnickandmelnick.com

Son and daughter in-law of well-known club member Jack

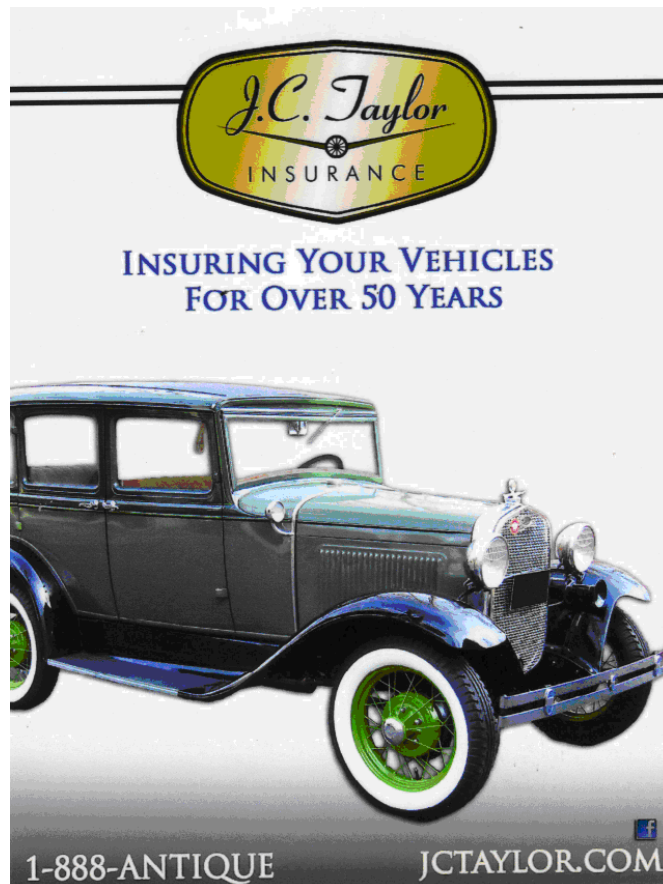
Tavishati, Randy and Sherry

15722 Spyglass Hill Loop
Gainesville, VA 20155
(H)703-754-7511
RandyTA@Comcast.net

They own a 1930 Pickup truck.

Please welcome them to the club and update your rosters with their information. As always, if you want an updated electronic PDF version, drop me a line and I'll email it right out.

Greg Shepherd
Membership Chair



The advertisement features a central logo for J.C. Taylor Insurance, which is a yellow oval with a black border containing the name 'J.C. Taylor' in a cursive font and 'INSURANCE' in a sans-serif font below it. Below the logo, the text 'INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS' is written in blue, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the ad is a photograph of a dark-colored vintage sedan with white-walled tires and a chrome bumper. In the bottom left corner, the phone number '1-888-ANTIQU' is displayed, and in the bottom right corner, the website 'JCTAYLOR.COM' is shown next to a small Facebook icon.

FAIRFAX ANTIQUE CAR SHOW MAY 18, 2013



(Photo from NVRG June 2013 *Valve Clatter*)

Photo from our Model A vantage point

The Northern Virginia Region of the Early Ford V-8 Club (NVRG) held its 16th annual car show in front of Fairfax City Hall on Armed Forces Day - Saturday, May 18.

A cool overcast turned rainy and cool – hovering around 60 – with scattered showers throughout the morning. Although rain forced cancellation of the “Take-Apart-T”, it didn’t seem to dissuade too many cars from attending. Of the 95 registrants, 19 were no-shows – including Ruby, who, after gagging on some coagulated ethanol, spent the day whimpering in the hangar. But I had to go; I had a mission. For the first time in several years, the NVRG had added a “Best Model A” Trophy to their list of awards, and my consulting company (IO Gestalt) was the sponsor.



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Whatdaya’ mean, cancelled?



(Photo by Clem Clement)

Rain judging with Jason Cunningham

The NVRG allows each trophy sponsor to determine the winner of that trophy; I decided to use this show as a warm up for Sully judging. I’m indebted to Clem and Jason Cunningham for helping me judge the Model As, and although the NVRG doesn’t identify any car but the trophy winner, I’m happy to report that Joe Thorpe’s ’29 Tudor won the trophy; Rick Heyer’s ’30 Ice

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FAIRFAX ANTIQUE CAR SHOW (Cont.)

Cream Truck placed second; and Paul Gauthier's '30 Blindback placed third. Thanks to everyone who braved the elements to join the show, and congratulations to the winners.



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Joe Thorpe's '29 Tudor)



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Best Model A

Perched on our vantage point in front of City Hall, 9 Model A Fords represented over 13% of the field. Paul Gauthier was there with his '30 Blindback; Greg Girmus with his '29 Sport Coupe; Rick Heyer (from the Greater Baltimore Model A Club) with his '30 Ice Cream Truck; Joe Thorpe with his '29 Tudor; Clem with "Smokey" – his '30 Cabriolet; Chuck and KK Kunstbeck with "Honey Bun" their '31 Deluxe Coupe; Buddy Jenkins with his '31 Sport Coupe; John Dougherty, with his '30 Fordor Sedan; and Phil Foss (a local Model A owner, not yet in the club) with his '30 Tudor. Phil likes to refer to his windowless '30 Tudor as the "open air model". It's a car he's owned for over 50 years; his high school ride home from basketball practice in frigid Chicago winters of yesteryear. >>>>>>>



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Model A Lineup

FAIRFAX ANTIQUE CAR SHOW (Cont.)



(Photo by Jim Gray)
**“Best Commercial” and second place Model A
 Rick Heyer’s ’30 Ice Cream Truck**



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)
**Third place Model A, Paul Gauthier’s
 ’30 Blindback)**



(Photo by Jim Gray)
Smokey basks in the “Seattle sunshine”



(Photo by Jim Gray)
Phil Foss’s “Open Air” ’30 Tudor



(Photo by Clem)
Chuck’s unrestored ’31 Deluxe Coupe



(Photo by Clem)
...with optional blue rain cover

FAIRFAX ANTIQUE CAR SHOW (Cont.)



(Photo by Clem)

Your dentist: "Avoid sugary snacks!"



(Photo by Clem)

Scott Leaf's '33 Packard "Mayor's Choice"



(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Fire Safety Training Trailer



(Photo by Jim Gray)

Honey Bun was here

In addition to fine bluegrass music and good food served up by the Lion's Club, the NVRG arranged to have the Fairfax County Fire Safety mobile training trailer on site. This is a great way to show kids the "whys and hows" of fire safety.

I think it's significant to note that the NVRG runs a 50/50 with their show, and this year's winner was Bob Bohatch. When Bob found out that the NVRG gave the other half of the 50/50 to the Armed Forces retirement Home (AFRH), he sent them a check for \$100. What a great tribute on this Armed Forces Day to the many, many true American heroes living there! Like the fire safety trailer, this is a GREAT idea.

My hat's off to the NVRG for another wonderful show – it may have been damp weather, but it was bright in spirit and deep in fun. Hope to see you all there next year.

Jim Gray

PICNIC AT THE JAEGER'S

WHEN: Sunday June 23, 2013

WHERE: Jaeger's Riverfront Home, 811 Bay Street, Woodbridge, Virginia

DIRECTIONS: From 495 take US 1/Jefferson Davis Highway, south to a left onto Featherstone Road (Shell Station on the corner), go 1.7 miles to a right onto Bay Street, go .3 miles to arrive at 811 Bay Street.

TIME: 11:00 – 3:00 Lunch will be served at noon

COST: \$5.00 per family/household

Bring a dish to share at the picnic: salad, vegetables, veggies and dip, beans, fruit, chips and dip, cookies, cake, or pie. Please bring the required serving utensils.

CATERED LUNCH: Pulled pork with buns and barbeque sauce; cole slaw and corn. Drinks will be provided.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

Checks should be made out to GWC, Model A Club of America, and mailed to Clarice Shaw at 4605 Tapestry Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032 no later than Monday, June 17, 2013. Or, you can email me at momsph8ton@verizon.net with your reservation and I will collect the monies at the June general meeting.

NO reservations will be accepted after Tuesday, June 18, 2013.

COMING EVENTS

June 16 Sully Car Show

June 22 3rd Annual Car Cruise in and Free Family Fun. Noon til 3:00. No entry fees or judging. Special area of parking lot set aside for antique cars. Moon bounce, face painting, DJ, food. \$250 Crowd Favorite prize. Dash plaques. Briggs Chaney Marketplace at intersection of Columbia Pike and Briggs Chaney Rd, Silver Spring, MD. For more info, call John at 703-903-8631 Ext. 12.

June 23 Jaeger Picnic

June 24-28 MARC National Meet, Lexington, KY

July 21 GWC 50th anniversary celebration at Mount Vernon. (See p. 14 for details.)

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

Good set of '31 fenders for Cabriolet – especially front (plain or welled). Call 215-478-1936; or e-mail John Leydon @ jkleydon@gmail.com

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(Photo by Chuck Kunstbeck)

Woody Williams training future Sully judges at the May meeting seminar.



**Father's Day Car Show at Sully Historic Site
in Chantilly, Virginia**

with an auto, crafts and antique flea market

Sunday, June 16, 2013

10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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