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## **FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE**



July 21 dawned as a typical hot and humid July day; however, Club members were not deterred as they began preparations to attend the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Fourteen members braved the sweltering heat and drove their Model As to the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch with beautiful accommodations. We celebrated our Club's history, recognized members' contributions to the Club and the hobby, and enjoyed the time to catch up with friends. It was a wonderful event celebrating our Club's fifty years as a MAFCA Chapter. A special thank you to Jim Gray for the wonderful article in this newsletter chronicling the day's events.

Speaking of celebrations, July 30th was Henry Ford's 150th birthday.

We will continue to honor our anniversary at the October 16 general meeting with a Club History Night. The August meeting will feature new Club member Cliff Green talking about the history of tires and September will feature a front end restoration workshop.

The Club website has been updated by Webmaster Greg Shepherd to include a downloadable 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration commemorative history handout, and the members' cars photo pages have also been redesigned.

The Club picnic at Warhursts' home will be held Sunday, September 29. Look for further details later in this newsletter. Also, it is not too early to mark your calendars for our Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 7.

Wishing you fun and safe driving in your Model A,  
Charlene Beckner  
President

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Our Newsletter Editor is still on his travels, the latest report coming from Alaska. He should be back in time to send out the September issue. Stay tuned.

As for the Assistant Editor, he is just gearing up to head off on vacation at the end of the month. I am heading up to New Hampshire for a change of scene.

These used to be my old car hunting stomping grounds when I was in High School. We used to go over to Lest P. Swinnerton's junk yard in Center Harbor, NH. Lester was pretty old (to us at least), walked with a limp, and was a real NH Yankee. He had run his junk yard for many years by the late 1960's, and it was full of what were once "old cars". Model T Fords, Model A Fords, Cadillac, Nash, Studebaker, Reo, Buick, Essex, and on and on. Lots of parts too.

These cars were now "antiques" and he knew it. He would let us wander the yard, and thru the sheds, as much as we wanted. If, we found a part we needed, we would bring it up front to his "office". He would look it over and name a price (it was always a high price). While we thought it over, Lester would cite his mantra, "A little time, a little gas, a little luck, and you just MIGHT find one someplace else". Thank goodness for Ebay.

Bill will be back at the end of August, so send your future items to him. Thanks, Doug Tomb.

## FROM THE SMOKE FREE ROOM

The George Washington Chapter, Inc.  
Board of Director Meeting  
Fairfax City Library  
July 24, 2013



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Charlene Beckner at the Fairfax City Library with the following present: Charlene Beckner, Gil Beckner, Bill Worsham, Benny Leonard, Howard Minners, Clarice Shaw, Suzan O'Neale, Greg Shepherd, Doug Tomb, and Woody Williams. The next Board meetings will be at the Fairfax City Library in August, at the Warhurst Pig Pickin' in September and Woody Williams' home in October.

Charlene reported that Chuck Kunstbeck has resigned as Secretary. Woody Williams will fill in the rest of the year.

The Board will meet on August 10<sup>th</sup> to review bylaws.

The August program will be a presentation by Cliff Green talking about automobile tires, September meeting may be on restoring brakes and the October meeting will be club history night.

The Treasurer reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration came in under budget.

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin will be given to all club member families who come to the club meetings between August - December. They must be picked up, they will not be mailed. Bingo will be played at the Warhurst Pig Pickin' on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Script deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup>, send materials to Doug Tomb.

Howard Minners reported on the MARC National Meet in Lexington and was tasked to provide input on Hunter Fannee's car and Stan Johnson's Brady Award to the Script editor.

Suzan O'Neale shared information on the Model A Youth Restoration Award and the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, combined programs of MARC and MAFCA. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Submitted By Woody Williams

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## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

For our 25 anniversary celebration Bobby Harrington had contacted the White House, asking if our outing could be held on its lawn. A good try, but it was no dice. Nevertheless, a pig picking picnic to celebrate our 25th was definitely in the planning, and was projected to take place in October. A variety of events being considered included a road rally, car games, prizes, and lots of food.



At the board meeting, Membership Chairman Jerry Breedlove reported that 4 new members brought our total to over 240. President Peyton Randolph noted that total MAFCA membership was also up by 1,024 to 12,979. The need for more Sully judges was discussed and it was voted by the board that persons entering a vehicle for judging would also have to become a judge, but for another class.

Howard Minner's son Brad reported in on his four week inter-term course in antique auto restoration at McPherson College, located in a small rural Kansas town about 200 miles west of Kansas City. He explained how he and the others in the class were given a Model T to hack away at, and by the time their session was over, some of them actually were able to drive it around.

The college also offered a two year degree for those who wanted total immersion, such as Past President Richard Dove who attended, and went on to be a member of the faculty, which he is to this day. It was said that students in other programs at the college referred to the restoration guys as "autocrats".

The August program was on rebuilding the Trico windshield wiper motor, conducted by John Kandl. Members were encouraged to become somewhat familiar with the wiper's anatomy and by reading up on them in the Judging Standards.

The wonderful MAFFI Museum is now open, and is destination of many Model A'ers, and the subject of numerous current articles. Funny thing though, organizationally it didn't start out to be what it became. To clarify, it seems that the original concept for a Model A museum dates to 1985, when an organization named the "MAFCA Foundation" was formed.

GWC Chapter's John Shepherd and Howard Minners were there from the beginning, and Howard and our late member John Dingle were life members. A few years later President Edie Jones announced the organization had grown to 500 members and \$20,000 was in its account.

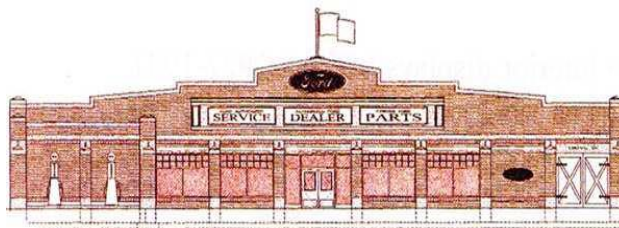
It was said however, that MARC's feathers were perhaps a bit ruffled by the prospect of a museum being under a MAFCA banner, so in order to widen appeal to members of both national clubs, the Model A Ford Foundation, MAFFI, was formed and took over the museum dream. The rest is history, what an amazing accomplishment, the entire Model A community has reason to be proud!.

Dave Henderson



## JULY CLUB MEETING REPORT

The July 17, 2013 GWC Club meeting was our annual Outdoor Flea Market for members and guests, held in the outside parking lot of the American Legion Hall.



We had a good turnout of member vendors, and an equal number of bargain hunting members too. It was a pleasant evening, and the rain held off, so a good time was enjoyed by all.

I found two items that I couldn't live without, and before the evening was done, they followed me home. One was a nicely restored Zenith carburetor, restored by a club member, who had done a complete rebuild, inside and out. The second was a restored generator, by another club member, which looks great, and if mine ever goes on the blink, I can swap it out and keep driving, and then do the troubleshooting at my leisure.

Of course I brought these items right home to show to my wife, but in all the excitement, they got left in the car. After a couple of days, I finally remembered to bring them in, but my wife was off shopping, so I just put them on the shelf in my workshop. But don't worry, I will tell her all about them, some time, when I remember, and I will be very specific about it too. I will tell her, "I bought some old car parts, once."

Start getting those parts ready for the Club's indoor Flea Market, which takes place at the American Legion Hall during our January Club meeting.

Doug Tomb.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 2 new families to welcome this month:

**James & Sharon Kolody**  
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They came to the July swap meet and were so impressed they joined.

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Been a long time coming as I think we have all met and seen Ashley at events over the years. In fact, I just saw her get a driver award at the recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon.

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.

-Membership Chair, Greg Shepherd

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

As mentioned last month, club member Joe Thorpe suffered a stroke and is currently working through rehab. Please put him and his family in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

Long time member Sandy Clement had a scare this month but has recovered nicely. I got to see her at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon up and about. Seems all she needed was more iron in her life which I'm sure Clem is out looking for right now.

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.

-Membership Chair, Greg Shepherd



## Complete with Cherry Pie

On Sunday, July 21 2013, 63 members and guests of the George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (GWC MAFCA), and the Mount Vernon Region of the Model A Restorers Club (MVR MARC) gathered at the Mount Vernon Inn for a splendid luncheon commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. There, in a period-decorated restaurant on the grounds of George Washington's home in Virginia, we celebrated our club's heritage while looking forward to its future. Costumed servers brought us filet mignon, turkey and salmon meals made complete with cherry pie, as President Charlene Beckner led us through a well-designed program of congratulations, recognition, and promise.



(photo: <http://www.mountvernon.org/visit-his-estate/plan-your-visit/mount-vernon-inn> )

**Mount Vernon Inn**



(photo: Bill Cassels)

**Laura & Greg Shepherd sign in with Charlene**

Thirteen Model As carried twenty-one of us through a steamy morning to the Inn. Bill Beardmore; Bill Benedict; Jim & Carol Cartmill; Bill & Marylee Cassels; Clem Clement; John & Deborah Dougherty; Andy & Ellen Jaeger; Scott Leaf & Debbie MacKenzie; Benny Leonard; Paul Melnick with his mother Margi Melnick; John & Carmon Molina; Jerry & Cindy Olexson; and I (Jim Gray) all braved the sponginess that is a Model A in July in the mid-Atlantic. Through the graciousness of employees of the Inn, who let us use their reserved parking spaces, we had guarded fenced parking for our cars so we could relax while dining.

(photo: Bill Cassels)





## Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)



(photo: Jim Gray)



(photo: Jim Gray)

When I arrived at 11:00 AM, Tom Terko directed me to our parking area, and Gil parked me.



(photo: Jim Gray)

When we entered the dining area, Charlene checked us in and gave us each a place card with a commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin designed and procured by Woody Williams attached. Man! Those Beckners were everywhere, doing everything!



(photo: Jim Gray)

**John Molino & Carmen pose with his Cabriolet...**



(photo: Jim Gray)

**...for Greg "Shep" Shepherd**

## Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)



(photo: Jim Gray)



(photo: Jim Gray)

**John Dougherty, Clem Clement, Shep and I relieved Gil from parking duties; he was melting**



(photo: Jim Gray)



(photo: Jim Gray)

### **The club's heritage in charters and photographs**

The commemorative handout, put together by Charlene and Gil, Bill Worsham and Woody Williams, contained a history of the club, summarized here:

We can trace the origin of the GWC MAFCA / MVR MARC to 1949, when a club known as the Model A Club of America (MACA) was founded by Willard Kidd and Jack Knowles among others. Willard was the bridge tender at the Memorial Bridge, and he drove his 1931 Deluxe Roadster to work. That car is now owned by Bill and Carol Benedict, and Bill drove it to this celebration.

The Model A Restorers Club (MARC) was formed as a national club in 1952, and the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) was formed in 1956. Two years later, in 1958, MACA became the Potomac Chapter of MAFCA.



## Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)



(photo: Clem Clement)

**Bill & Carol Benedict...**



(photo ; Bill Cassels)

**...and their '31 Deluxe Roadster**

The Mount Vernon Region of MARC was chartered in 1962. Several members of both clubs decided to form a MAFCA chapter in the Mount Vernon area of Virginia. The George Washington Chapter of MAFCA was chartered on May 11, 1963 with a limit of 17 members. Ten years later, member Mac Spears proposed that this limit be repealed, and on November 23, 1973 it was, with membership being opened to anyone with an interest in the Model A. A new Board of Directors was elected that day, with Joe Thoma elected President; Bill Worsham, Vice President; Bill Condon, Sr., Secretary; and Andy Jaeger, Treasurer. Bill Condon, Sr. started our regular monthly newsletters the following January 17; which were continued later by John and Jenny Dingle.

Andy Jaeger and Bill Condon, Jr. organized our first annual car show, which was held at Jerry's Ford in Alexandria, Virginia on May 9, 1974, and featured 75 cars. At the same location the next year, Andy and his team drew 150 cars to display. Unfortunately... or should I say very fortunately... the dealership felt they could only handle 100 cars, so we were forced to find a new location.

Bill Worsham chaired our next show on June 13, 1976 at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, Virginia, where 38 annual shows organized by Bill have been held since. This show, now held annually on Father's Day, routinely features between 300-400 cars; is the financial heart of our club, and is a significant source of revenue for the Sully Historic Site, part of the Fairfax County Park system. This car show is also recognized as one of the most beautifully sited and well-run shows in the area. This year's show, on June 16, 2013, was our 40th Antique Car Show.

On February 2, 1978, the George Washington Chapter subsumed the Mount Vernon Region, MARC charter and became a dual MAFCA/MARC club. Later that year, on June 28, the club hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> annual MAFCA national meet at the Thomas Jefferson Center in Arlington, Virginia with John Dingle serving as chairman. Later that year, Andy and Ellen Jaeger hosted our 10<sup>th</sup> annual picnic at their lot on the Potomac River. This lot, now the site of their beautiful home, is the location of an annual picnic to this day.

*The Ford Script* was first published in September, 1980, by Dave Meyersburg; its first electronic version was introduced in January, 2011.

### Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)

One of the club's adventures in the 1980s was its purchase of a Special Delivery Model A at Hershey. The wrangling and angst over this club car project resulted in a few frayed nerves, a stronger set of by-laws, and ultimately a stronger more cohesive club.

The club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August, 1988 with a huge pig picking; this "pig picking" remains an annual tradition. Over the years we have travelled the highways and by-ways of the local area, with tours to the Shenandoah Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) meet in Winchester, Virginia; covered bridges; antique centers; and historic sites as destinations. Jerry Olexson, a 36-year member who served the club as Secretary and Treasurer at various times, as well as Chairman of the Sully Flea market and Car Corral for 18 years, recalls coming home from work one day soon after he got his first Model A in 1977, a 1931 Deluxe Tudor. His decision on refreshing or restoring stared back at him; a posse of then-young club members had removed the body from its chassis and begun the disassembly. After overcoming his shock, restoration followed, and Jerry drives that car to this day.

The club has several events it has participated in for many years, including the Antique Car and Train Shows hosted by Clem and Sandy Clement; Small Parts Day, and indoor and outdoor flea markets. More recently, Woody Williams has organized a series of overnight tours to out-of-the-way areas of interest and historical significance, while Janet Merkel's Shenandoah weekends have gained a big following. Both Woody's and Janet's tours have become highlights of tour schedules not only for our club, but for several other clubs from Williamsburg to Staunton, Virginia to Baltimore, Maryland. In fact, Woody's success in tour organization led to our club's selection to host the *first* MARC National Tour in Charlottesville, Virginia from September 20 - 23, 2009, with Woody as Chairman. The tour, with over 250 cars, was a great success, and created the template for national tour meets that have followed.

Club members have participated in numerous National Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July Parades, as well as local holiday and community celebrations. We've also worked with other local clubs supporting the Antique Auto Assembly at the National Armed Forces Retirement Home, and several Wounded Warrior events. In March, 2011, club members and their cars worked for director and car enthusiast Clint Eastwood in filming his movie *J.Edgar* in the Washington DC area.

We elected our first lady President, Charlene Beckner on December 2, 2010, and she directed the organization of this, our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, on July 21, 2013.



(photo ; Bill Cassels)

Past Presidents Woody Williams, Clem Clement, Bill Worsham, Jim Cartmill and Stan Johnson join current President Charlene Beckner for well-deserved recognition.



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(photo ; Bill Cassels)

**President Charlene recognizes Andy & Ellen Jaeger**



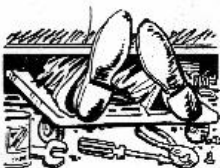
(photo: Bill Cassels)

**And Bill Worsham**

We were blessed to have many of “the history makers” with us at the anniversary luncheon. In addition to the five past Presidents, Andy and Ellen Jaeger were honored for their long service to the club. Andy for being the longest continuous member of the club, and Ellen, our resident “vest Betsy Ross”, who has sewn countless numbers of our hallmark yellow vests over these past 50 years. We should remember that Andy initiated our annual car show tradition, and has served the club in numerous capacities over the years. We also must remember the Jaeger’s selfless sharing of their little bit of heaven on the Potomac with all of us for our annual post-Sully picnics.

The “Godfather” of the GWC MAFCA / MVR MARC, Bill Worsham, was also honored both at this luncheon and at our last Sully show for all he has done for the club, for Sully and for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Ashley Williams was the youngest driver to receive MARC recognition for driving her Model A. Ashley, a multiple winner of scholarships from the club, is now doing graduate work at the University of Florida in Gainesville on a full scholarship, while working as a Teaching Assistant. Ashley is one of the many recipients of the \$23,500 in club scholarships awarded since 2009. In the picture on the right, Howard Minners, our National Liaison, is presenting Stan Johnson with this year’s highest MARC award, the Kenneth G. Brady award. Stan received the award for making the dream of a world-class Model A Ford museum a reality – raising over \$1 million in donations and pushing the project from inception to completion. It’s fitting that Howard, a past recipient, presented this year’s award, for he was instrumental in getting the project started before Stan took over from him as President of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI). These three club members personify the drive our members have demonstrated in both preserving the past and shaping the future of the Model A Ford hobby; not just for our club, but for Model A aficionados everywhere.



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(photo: Bill Cassels)

**Youngest Driving Award - Ashley Williams**



(photo: Bill Cassels)

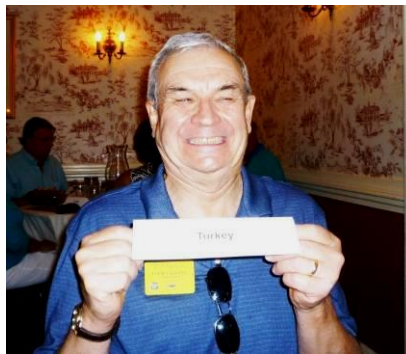
**Stan Johnson, recipient of the 2013 MARC  
Kenneth G. Brady award**

The room was filled with the jocularly typically found at our club gatherings. As noted in the program, our club has weathered the past 50 years well. We are a diverse group of individuals from all walks of life united by our interest in the Model A Ford. I would add that it's very much a family. To get a feel for the atmosphere of the luncheon, just look at the following pictures from around the room.



(photo: Jim Gray)

**"Hey Betty, who cares?"**



(photo: Jim Gray)

**Clem, it says "Turkey"**



(photo: Bill Cassels)

**Cartmill funny business**

I looked over at the table where Howard and Eleanor Minners were sitting, visiting with Jim and Carol Cartmill and Marylee and Bill Cassels. I remember wondering how long it would take for her to get used to this bunch. Howard told me later that they had gone to high school together and had the same Latin teacher at Garden City, NY high school. He said they had gotten married on June 15, the day before Sully, and then had gone off on their "honeymoon" to the MARC National Meet in Lexington, KY. Before they got married, she had only been in a Model A once – and it was a fire engine at the Model A Museum Grand Opening in Hickory Corners, MI. Bill and Jim both told me later that she seemed at ease with all the car chat, so I guess she's getting used to all this after all. Welcome to our Model A world, Eleanor!



## Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)



(photo: Bill Cassels)

**Howard and Eleanor Minners**



(photo: Clem Clement)

**Kathie Gray and reporter at work**



(photo: Jim Gray)

**Suzan O'Neale, Youth Development Chair**



(photo: Clem Clement)

**Charlene speaks to the club**



(photo: Bill Cassels)



(photo: Clem Clement)

**A rose for the ladies; Gil gives Marylee Cassels hers, and Benny Leonard takes one to Sharon**  
For those of us who drove our cars, it was hot, indeed. My shirt was dripping by the time I'd driven the 20 or so miles home; I can only imagine how Cricket, carrying Jim and Carol Cartmill, must have felt after driving her 94 miles home to Luray.

## Complete with Cherry Pie (Cont'd)

Charlene had assistance from many on the board in bringing this anniversary celebration together. Andy Jaeger, Benny Leonard, Chuck Kunstbeck, Tom Terko, Bill Worsham, Woody Williams, Greg Shepherd and Gil all put in many hours working out the details. Thanks to Stan Johnson for bringing the charters for Tom Quigley (past President and current Club Historian) who was unable to attend; and to Bill Worsham for the photo albums at the history table; to Woody for putting together the very interesting photo collage in the commemorative handout; and finally, to Greg Shepherd for printing the handout (and serving as Membership Chairman; Webmaster; resident geek and Sunshine representative... we're all glad you inherited your grandfather's Model A, Shep, and we're very lucky you found us).

For my part, I would like to thank Charlene and Gil Beckner; Jim Cartmill; Bill Cassels; Clem Clement; Howard Minners; Jerry Olexson; and Woody Williams for their contributions to this article.

Jim Gray

## Berryville: "Pageant of Steam and Gas Show"

Four of us rolled from my place about 8 AM Friday morning, July 27, for the dust and steam of the Berryville steam show. Well, not really. Three of us (Dan Danielson, Glenn McKinnon and I) rolled; we picked up the fourth (Benny Leonard) on the way, and had a planned meeting with another member of the group (Bruce Metcalf) at Berryville. There was no designated adult for this sortie, so you know discipline and mature discussions were not to be had... which was bad, because hot ham and bean was on the menu for lunch.

There was more general merchandise than I've seen in years. There wasn't a ton of car stuff, but there was plenty of old stuff: tools; farm iron; glass ware; metal ware and just plain ole' goodies. One guy had 4 huge tables of little stuff @1 dollar each: wheat pennies; jar tops; jewelry; smalls; you know, just an impressive group of things. We saw one Model A doodle bug running, and a hundred or so tractors.



(photo by Clem Clement)

**Yep... I used to be a Model A**

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## GWC MAFCA / MVC MARC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collage

This collage was created by Woody Williams as part of the commemorative handout, and is representative of the energy of this club.



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Permission to publish my telephone number in future membership rosters? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ask about Optional new member package - extra \$10.00.)

**MAFFI Membership Application Form**

Over Seventy Years Ago...Henry Ford created his legendary Model A Ford, now an icon of Americana representing the transition from flappers to breadlines as the depression rolled across the continent. You can help to preserve Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931 by joining the Model A Ford Foundation. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of historical information and memorabilia of this time of change in America. Your membership donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help us with our many projects and worthwhile goals such as the Ford Parts Project and the building of research centers in many locations. Exciting new projects are on the horizon and you can be a part of them!

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Family Membership:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Annual \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Three Year \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$350.00

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Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, P.O. Box 95151, Nonantum, MA 02495

**George Washington Chapter Inc. Model 'A' Ford Club Application**

Names- First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Model A's owned 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

For members with email the dues are \$20.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31<sup>st</sup> = \$15.00, Joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> = \$10.00, Joining after September 30<sup>th</sup> = \$5.00. Email is the preferred way as it helps on club costs as well as emails are sent about club events, invitations and other related activities.

For members without email the dues are \$30.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31<sup>st</sup> = \$22.50, Joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> = \$15.00, Joining after September 30<sup>th</sup> = \$7.50.

Please visit us at: [www.gwcmoford.org](http://www.gwcmoford.org)

Any questions can be directed to our membership chair Greg Shepherd at 703-476-6496.

Send check payable to the GWC and completed application to:  
GWC – Membership Chair  
3715 Brices Ford Ct  
Fairfax, VA 22033



## **Berryville: "Pageant of Steam and Gas Show" (Cont'd)**

The small engine area was full of running "sheenes." My favorite was a huge one lunker that when it fired, it fired a slug of exhaust in the air with such force that it knocked leaves off of 40-foot high tree branches. The ground shook when that thing fired. It was absolutely magnificent! The steam cooked ham and bean soup we had a little later was the best I've had there.

I bumped into Eric Sumner and some Model A Folks. I understand Nic Arrington was there later and had some good finds. There was a pink '48 Plymouth for sale. Several period ladies hats with their hat boxes @ \$3 each, which seemed cheap, but I don't so good look in a frilly hat box. Did I mention the superb steamed ham and bean soup?!

After the show we stopped at Bruce Metcalf's lovely home to look over his nice '30 Model A coupe. Benny gave him some advice on seat belt installation, and then we all slobbered over Bruce's Vincent bike that he's rebuilding.

Then it was back to the real world and a nappy for this old man. To remember all this greatness, I'll just have to revisit it at the show's website: <http://www.svsgea.com> . Good stuff... really good stuff.

Clem Clement

## **CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont.)**

### **Opportunity for Club members**

For those who might be interested in this opportunity that was sent earlier, the end time has change from 4 PM to 2 PM. As before, please use the contact phone below if interested...

Our September event," **The End of a Summer A Fair**", will be held **September 19, 2013** from 10AM-2PM at the Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads location. Residents and staff will be in attendance. A variety of booths, from Goodwin House and the community, will be part of the fair. We look forward to seeing some of your members' cars at the fair. We believe we can accommodate 10-15 cars. Please let us know how much space you would need for that number of cars.

**Goodwin House**, a continuing care facility and nonprofit organization, is located both in Falls Church and Alexandria. All levels of care, from independent living to nursing care, are available at both locations. For more information, feel free to view our website, [www.goodwinhouse.org](http://www.goodwinhouse.org).

Carol Deal, Assisted Living Activities Coordinator, will be the primary point of contact for the fair. She can be reached at [703-820-1488 ext 7185](tel:703-820-1488). Dee Pekruhn, head of Resident Services, would also be happy to answer any of your questions about the fair. Her extension is 7221.

Hope to see you in September. Please let me know if you need any other information.

Sincerely, Carol Deal - Goodwin House Incorporated



## Treasurer's Report—Sully Antique Car Show-2013

### 40<sup>th</sup> Sully Antique Car Show Financial Results---Final

I never get tired of saying “yet another financial success story”:

Incoming Receipts--	\$14,283.00
Outgoing Expenses	<u>4,369.58</u>
Net Proceeds	\$ 9,913.42

The net proceeds of Sully are used for college scholarships and significantly subsidize the cost of club sponsored activities. This is all made possible by the significant contribution our members make of their time and effort to make the show an annual success. Thank You!

Gil Beckner  
Treasurer

### Annual Club Picnic

The annual Club Picnic will be held at Bob and Billie Warhurst's home, 5709 Quietbrook Road, Fairfax, Virginia on Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Come join your fellow Model A Club members for an afternoon of old cars, good food and lots of fun with family and friends. Bring a dish to share (with any utensils needed) and your lawn chairs. The Club will furnish the main course and drinks. Plans include a BINGO game with a few prizes.

The cost of the picnic is \$5 per household. Give your money and number of people coming to me at the August Club meeting. You may also sign up at the September Club meeting; just give your money and number of attendees to either Gil or Charlene. Reservations need to be made by September 24, 2013.

Clarice Shaw, Activities Chairperson

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**August 20 - Breakfast at the Silver Diner** Come for breakfast at the intersection of Fair Lakes Parkway and West Ox Road. Start time is 9:30 AM. Bring your Model A and join others from the NVRG e V8 Club too. Contact Clem for further directions. See you there.

**August 21 - GWC General Meeting** We are having a presentation on the history of tires by Club member Cliff Green. The topic will be Fordlandia and Ford tires, a history of how Ford became involved in tire technology. In order to sell more cars, the weak link of tire reliability had to be solved, and Henry Ford was determined to do it. Come and hear the story.

**September 8 - 12th Annual "Fabulous 50's" Themed Classic Car Show\*, Sunday 09/08/2013 Herndon, VA.** A salute to the Greatest Generation, with a separately judged class for the pre-WWII vehicles. Hosted by the Dulles area chapter of the AARP. Downtown Herndon at 777 Lynn Street. Information/ Questions [brent@aarpdulles.org](mailto:brent@aarpdulles.org)

**September 18 - GWC General Meeting** We are having a presentation by Bennie Leonard on the ins and outs of the Model A Front end, what to look for on yours to determine it's condition, and what it takes to restore it. The Program will be in conjunction with a Front End Clinic, with details to follow. Come and learn how to get the Model A driving straight again.

**September 29 - Annual Club Picnic** It will be held from 11:00 to 3:00 PM at the home of Bob and Billie Warhurst. Come join your fellow Model A Club members for an afternoon of old cars, good food and lots of fun with family and friends. Stay tuned.

**October 16 - GWC General Meeting** We are having Club History Night. This is a follow on to the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon at Mount Vernon. All members are welcome to come and tell us stories about the Club's history. Bring on those stories. Tom Quigley will share some of the Club history from the Club archives. Come along and be ready to listen.

**A friendly reminder about Clem's monthly get together . . .** Just a reminder that we hold a monthly breakfast get together with the NVRG e V-8 Club, at the Silver Diner, intersection of Fair Lakes Parkway and West Ox Road. Start time is 9:30 AM.

If the weather is nice drive your Model A, your V-8, or other vintage vehicle – there will be spaces set aside for those cars. If you're going to attend let Clem know so we can have SD assemble a large enough table to accommodate everyone. Please contact Clem Clement for future planned gathering dates.

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

### **For Sale**

#### **Anniversary Pins**

At the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration, anniversary pins were given out to all participants. The Board has decided to give all member families, that were not in attendance, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin. This pin can be picked up at the remaining 2013 general meetings, the pig pickin' picnic and the Christmas Party, from Woody Williams. One per family and they must be picked up, they will not be mailed. Additional pins may be purchased for \$2 per pin.

## CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont'd)

### For Sale

**From long time club member Dick...contact Jack Canard** at the number below if interested.. A friend of mine has a 2006 Dodge Dakota for sale. The truck is in excellent condition. Club Cab, ST Pickup 2D 6 1/2 ft bed, Color: Red, Mileage: 9,500 + or -, Engine: V8 4.7 Liter, Transmission: Manual 6-Speed, 2 WD, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Cruise Control, CD (Single Disk), Pickup Shell, Steel Wheels, Extra set (4 wheels) of steel rims/wheels with Top Line Snow tires mounted - \$400 extra, Each set of tires have less than 5,000 miles of use, The truck is in like new condition, it has been kept in a garage for its life except for the last few months. New battery, The truck was rust-proofed and under coated when it was new (Zeibart), Price is \$11,000. The vehicle can be seen at the Kena Shrine Center. Call Jack Canard on [571-766-8440](tel:571-766-8440) if interested.

**Offered for sale** are (6) 19" Goodyear tires and tubes with original "Dill" metal valve stems. These tires are believed to be originally manufactured in the 1930's, and would be the perfect finishing piece to that "show car" restoration. The tires are in excellent condition with only moderate signs of aging. Call George P. Smolenyak at 703-969-1715.

**Gas welding unit**, complete with oxygen/acetylene tanks, gauges, hoses and all assorted related supplies, all on a handy, portable, wheeled cart and ready for your welding and brazing jobs on your Model A or other projects. Only \$135 for \$500 value. Val Zadnik [703-892-6720](tel:703-892-6720).

This **toolbox** is handcrafted from cherry wood to show and protect the tools that originally came with the New Ford. The tools are securely held by Velcro strips and rest in a felt pad. \$250 plus shipping. Satisfaction guaranteed. Return item within 10 days of receipt for a refund, minus the actual postage it took me to mail it. Email Sewall Tyler [atdoverdam.sewall@gmail.com](mailto:atdoverdam.sewall@gmail.com) for more information. Phone: [540-687-5125](tel:540-687-5125). Tools are NOT included.



### Wanted

**Please contact the person below directly** if you can help this fellow Ford owner:

**Wanted - A bare front axle for a 1946-48 Ford Car.** A friend of mine was in an accident and bent his axle. If anyone has one please give me a call. He does not need the spring or brakes or spindles. Thanks, Tom Gormley 203-405-1893 or [t27sedan@aol.com](mailto:t27sedan@aol.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont'd)

### Wanted (Cont'd)

**A super nice, correctly restored 1931 Model A Roadster.** It has to have an exceptional pedigree, restored by a recognized national restorer or a restorer with an established reputation in Model A circles. It has to have only the best parts, body and paint work. It has to have won multiple AACA competitions and a good ownership history. It has to have been restored correctly as they were originally built, correct finishes, trim, drivetrain, etc.

Here's my office number in case you would rather contact me by phone: [703-767-4878](tel:703-767-4878). If you know of anyone that is selling a car like this, we would be interested in taking a look at it.

Thank-you, Tony Pang [Anthony.Pang@dtra.mil](mailto:Anthony.Pang@dtra.mil) [571-289-2591](tel:571-289-2591)

**Opportunity for Club members....** Please respond to Niamh below.

Good morning, I came across the AACA website, and the GWC contact information, while searching for information regarding antique and vintage car rental / service in the Washington D.C. area.

My fiance and I are getting married on November 1st in the Capital, just a small private ceremony the two of us and a justice of the peace. I was interested in trying to track down any information regarding the availability of renting an antique / vintage truck for a few hours during the day / early evening as a surprise for my fiance to take us to our ceremony site as well as a tour of the city. He has always loved classic trucks and aspires to own and restore one some day, so I felt this would be a nice surprise for him on our special day.

Are you aware of any members within the D.C. chapter of the AACA or GWC who might be able to assist me in this endeavor.

Thank you in advance, Niamh Brady [brady\\_niamh@hotmail.com](mailto:brady_niamh@hotmail.com) 978-835-2687

### To Rent

Offered on a first come, first served basis is very affordable indoor and outdoor collector-, antique - and exotic - **vehicle storage**. Indoor storage is climate controlled and regular vehicle exercise, battery maintenance and occasional general vehicle inspection are available. Outdoor storage is an accessible and marked parking lot. Owner is encouraged to provide their own cover if desired, however the above-mentioned optional indoor storage amenities are available for outdoor storage. Please call George Smolenyak Jr. @ 703-969-1715 with specific needs and to discuss cost.

New vacancy: can store one Model A, or comparable small-sized car, in a modern, secure **garage building** in the GMU vicinity of Fairfax. \$85 per month. Contact Dave Henderson at 703-938-8954 or by email at [jrdshen@verizon.net](mailto:jrdshen@verizon.net)



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### **EDITORS DISTANCE AWARD - AWARDED FOR THE FIRST TIME**

The prestigious GWC Editors Distance Award is being awarded for the first time to a Club member. This award will be given each month to the Club member who reads their copy of The Script from the furthest location from the Club meeting place at the American Legion Hall.

This month, it was reported that none other than the Club Editor, Bill Simms, reported that he read the July issue of the Script while he was visiting in Dawson City, Yukon Territory, on his way to Alaska. Congratulations Bill.

To qualify for this award, a Club member should send an email to the Script Editor, with the Date, Time, and Location that you were reading your copy of the Script (electronic versions qualify too).