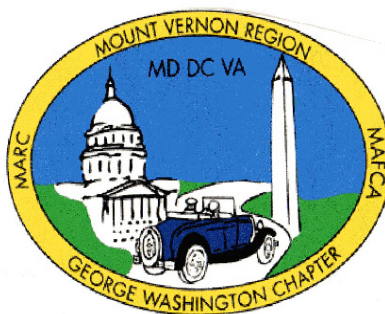


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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



“Dear Members,

Well, now that Spring has really sprung, it is time to get that Model A out for some serious driving. How about a Sunday drive in the countryside? Nothing too elaborate, just a one-day excursion.

Well, it turns out that Jim and Kathie Gray had the solution this past weekend. They helped to put together a really great Sunday tour out to Jim and Edna Cross's farm, and then to the local Willowcroft Winery in Leesburg.

Beverly and I hitched a ride with Sam and Robin Rentsch. He has a very nice 1930 Model A touring, and it was ready to go. The weather was sunny and nice, so off we went. As you probably know, a back seat is a terrible thing to have empty, especially in a Model A Ford.

We caravanned out with two Model A's, and came back with three. Others caravanned from Vienna. That worked well, since we knew we had others to help out if needed.

We had a very easy drive from Great Falls out to Leesburg, along Route 7. We went to the Cross Farm and saw Jim's collection. I will let you read about the specifics when you read the trip report. There were 15 Model A's in attendance and on display. Wow!

Well, now that we know how to have this kind of Model A fun, the Club should do it more often. Where would you like to take your Model A for a Sunday drive? It doesn't have to be too involved, just two cars or more, and a local destination.

Based on the number of waves we had as we drove along, getting your Model A on the road is the best way to stir up some interest in our cars (and maybe some new members too).

And don't forget, once you get that Model A all shined up for Sully, it needs a Sunday drive to make sure it is really ready to go. Let me know where you are going and I will put the word out so you have some company.

This past Sunday's tour was a great success. I think we need to do this again. Soon!

And don't forget, take a friend along on the drive with you. An empty seat in a Model A is a lot of fun wasted.

See you down the road,

Doug

FROM THE EDITOR

With some help from my buddy Roland, I managed to get my A going again after almost 10 months sitting idle. The good news was I didn't need a new battery. Even better, my A just hummed along this past Sunday all the way out to the Cross Farm in Leesburg without so much as a hiccup in 110 miles.

Bruce Metcalf is going to be doing The Script for the next 3 months, so send all your columns and articles to him this summer. I will resume the editorship in September.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Location: Fairfax City, Virginia.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm and dismissed at 9:00pm

Attendees: Doug Tomb, Jim Gray, Woody Williams, Jerry Olexson, Paul Gauthier, Bill Sims, Jim O'Neale, Howard Minners, Greg Shepherd, Susan O'Neale and Benny Leonard.



Old Business Discussion included the following items and the disposition the Board chose if a decision was required.

Sully progress report was provided by Woody Williams in the absence of the Sully Chairperson. All plans and action items are progressing as planned. There will be a May 7 walk-through at 6:30pm by the Sully Committee and Park officials. Club members are urged to sign up as a volunteer at the Sully Show June 15.

The club's planned participation in the Washington, DC, Memorial Day parade is on schedule and sign-up documents can be obtained from Paul Gauthier as well as details. The Small Parts Day at the Merkel Farm had 22 members signed for participation.

The Sawdust and Wine Tour is scheduled for Sunday May 4 and to date 14 members so far have signed up. Departure will be from the Bob Evans Restaurant on routes 50 and 28 at 9:00am.

A Program and Calendar of club Events was distributed and discussed. The more immediate events in the next two months included: Sully Judging at the May 21 meeting, Outdoor Flea market at the July 16 meeting. Also in July is the Blackberry Delight Tour to Skyland in Shenandoah National Park. June program is to be determined. The Board discussed the possibility of an August tour. A full Program list will be published in the forthcoming edition of the Script.

A report on the Club's Scholarship-sponsored program was provided. To date the club has dispersed over \$25,000 since the inception of the program in 2008. This year's applications are being submitted and committee review is pending. A full report and recommendations will be submitted to the Board at the May meeting.

Treasurer provided a monthly update of expenditures and to date 15% of the FY 2014 budget has been spent. Expenditures for Sully are expected to significantly increase over the next two months.

Articles for the May issue of the Club newsletter, The Script, should be submitted to the Editor no later than May 4

Membership Chair reported that the club roster is nearing completion and is in the final proofing stages before going to the publisher.

Tool Chair reported on inventory and usage of club's tools.

National Liaison with the MARC and MAFCA club events was discussed. A report of forthcoming national events will appear in the Script at a later date for members to decide on attendance.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

The New Business items discussed at the meeting included the following:

A discussion on the issue of the Board's ability to vote via Proxy was presented and a motion was made to table the issue for future discussion at a more appropriate time.

Concern was expressed over the standing of Insurance Liability coverage provided by the parent organizations, MARC and MAFCA at national events and local chapter events. Information apparently was not sufficiently available for the Board to arrive at a definitive conclusion. More information is required from National Headquarters at this time. The club President will issue a letter to the National organization office to further explore the implications and understandings of insurance coverage

Other Matters for discussion related to the following items:

The matter of a club sponsored bus trip to the Model A Museum in calendar year 2015 will be explored in more detail as well as possible coordination with one of the nearby Model A Clubs. The Board directed that membership be canvassed through the Script with the intent of seeing the level of interest, possibly planned for 3rd week in September to coincide with National Model A weekend.

The May Board meeting is scheduled for the 28th of the month.

The June Board meeting is scheduled for the 22nd at the club picnic event.
Minutes submitted by,

Jerry Olexson
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1989)

At last we were at our new digs, the Mclean American Legion Hall. Thanks went out to long- time member of the Mclean Post Joe Ramey, who was instrumental in their making the hall available for us, and to Al Meeks for having scouted out obtainable locations. The first meeting turnout was impressive, 100 members, and a unanimous vote was cast to sign a one year lease. Our membership count stood at 224, and there were still some stragglers who were not yet signed back up.



Ed Wiencek's "Tune Up Day" at his garage was met with rain, and lots of it. That didn't deter a plentiful showing of members eager to re-invigorate their A's. Of course, the prospect of also enjoying John Kandl's masterful hamburger grille work had to be figured into the success equation too. A visit to Ed's was always interesting. He always had in-progress project cars such as a Hudson converted to a pickup, a 1912 Paige, a supercharged Graham, a Nash Met, and a '24 Chevy to wrench on, and wrench he did in his own inimitable way.

Want a Sully '88 tape? "Just bring a blank VCR tape to the May meeting and Andy Pogan will make a copy for you". A special favor offered by Andy, who must have been busy preparing his '30 Tudor for a trek to Toledo for the Annual MARC Meet. Sully was coming up

THE GWC 25 YEARS AGO (Cont.)

on Sunday, June 11th. The 33rd. Annual Skyline Meet was the same weekend, Saturday the 10th. Of some concern, but attendees there who wanted to do Sully too had organized to form-up after their breakfast at the Mimsyln, the host hotel, on the 12th to caravan to our show. Another car event in the works for May was the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Invitational. Registration included museum admission, a '40's band, clowns, the assembly car, fishing, rides, and a pig roast lunch, all for just 4 bucks!

It was reported that for the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Parade celebrating George's 237th one, Rod Van Pelt had adorned "Sally", his \$75 '30 Deluxe Roadster purchased in 1938, with a full-side banner touting our GWC Club. Rod's family roots in our country dated from 1632, likely surpassing GW's, whose grandfather came to Virginia in 1657. Rod sold the A when he entered military service in 1942, but when he came back after the war he re-purchased it, dragged it out of a barn in Vermont, and drove it back to Virginia in the dead of winter.

Hard to believe the swap column this month was in our Ford Script. Offered for sale was one ping pong table, a 24 x 24 x 18 used tank and for those savoring at least something having wheels, there was a '65 Plymouth Valiant. Not one Model A morsel.

A SPECIAL MOTHERS' DAY POEM

Art Callan is the volunteer Executive Director of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. He has spend many years in the Model A hobby with MAFFI. His good-natured wife once wrote this tongue-in-cheek poem about her situation.

The Model A Wife by Pat Callan

**My life is ruined by those men
who spend most evenings in our den
speaking of another girl,
her body's buff and streamlined curl,
her tired, demanding regimen
and what to buy her. How and when
to hide the money that they spend
They open wallets, bills unfurl;
My life is ruined.**

**"The choke's not getting oxygen,"
(same old problem once again)
In lust, they'll give their cars a whirl -
but for a wife? No, not one pearl,
That's the way our years have been.
My life if ruined.**

SULLY 2014

Plans are now shaping up for our 41st annual car show at Sully Plantation on June 15th. The fliers are ready and can be picked up at our general meeting.

If you have not done so, please sign up to help with the show. Help is needed in all areas. If you can't make it to the meeting, please call a committee chairman.

Remember, Sign up to help and you will receive one of the following:

- One free car registration
- \$10 Discount on flea market space
- Four gate passes for your family or friends
- \$10 Discount on car corral space

Thank You,

Bill Worsham
Annual Meet Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The hard copy of the Roster is done and I'll have copies at the coming membership meetings. Please pick one up if you can as it will help cut down on cost of mailing the roster.

We have 2 new families joined this month. Nice to see the club growing

Edwin & Betty Gumb

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Burke, VA 22015
703-764-0785 (home)
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EdGumb@gmail.com

They have no car yet...but are looking for a 4-door model. If anyone has a lead, please forward it their way.

Rande Young

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He doesn't have a car either but wishes to have one...and someday soon too!

Sunshine Report

If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned to the club, please drop me a line or another club officer. I can always be reached at Shepman@gmail.com or 703-476-6496.

MAY'S PROGRAM

The program for this month is being run by Woody and Jim O'Neale; it's our annual "how to judge at Sully" program.

GRAY WITH AN A



Billed as the "Sawdust and Wine Tour," it was a one-day trip to Loudoun County to visit Jim & Edna Cross' estate followed by a picnic lunch at Lew Parker's Willowcroft Winery. By way of an executive summary, it was grand!

Those of us fond (or like me, too fond) of a good breakfast, met at the Bob Evans in Chantilly. The scheduled departure time was 9:00 a.m., so I had a little while to pre-think the tour... again. Bill & Carol Benedict arrived shortly after I did, so our time was well spent discussing the intricacies of this and that. Soon Paul Gauthier, Andy & Ellen Jaeger, Jim & Connie Baker, Milford Sprecher, Greg Girmus, Tom & Carol Terko, and Benny & Sharon Leonard had arrived. After Buzz Potter's son, and our special guest, Bill arrived with his girlfriend, Elyse Kudo I lost track... I couldn't figure out how he'd modified a Model A into a bright red Dodge Viper. Soon we had an impressive convoy headed to the JEBRAA Farm on Lime Kiln road, picking up John Leydon and Sewall Tyler along the way.

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)



Daisy Mae welcomes us (J. Gray)



Carriage Service (Sims)



Beautiful weather (J. Gray)



14 Model As came to visit (J. Gray)



**A '12 40hp Pierce-Racine-Case;
you sit on the gas tank! (Leydon)**



**'22 T Coupe with
Rocky Mountain Brakes (Leydon)**

GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

Doug and Beverly Tomb were able to swing by Sam and Robin Rentsch's house, and bring them in Sam's Phaeton. Bill and Alice Sims; Woody and Linda Williams; Jerry and Cindy Olexson; and Bruce and Loretta Metcalf joined us, as did Jim and Emily Scheidel and Bill and Rickie Beardmore from Maryland. By the time all had arrived, we had 14 Model As lining the driveway in front of the "Cross and Son Carriage Works."

Jim's car collection is stunning. More stunning is that everything must work – no "hangar queens" here; nope, just a look around the rafters at all the tour participation banners lets you know that these are all rolling works of art. I came away realizing that you can never have enough garage space.



'11 Brass era T (Leydon)



'10 Brass era Buick (Leydon)

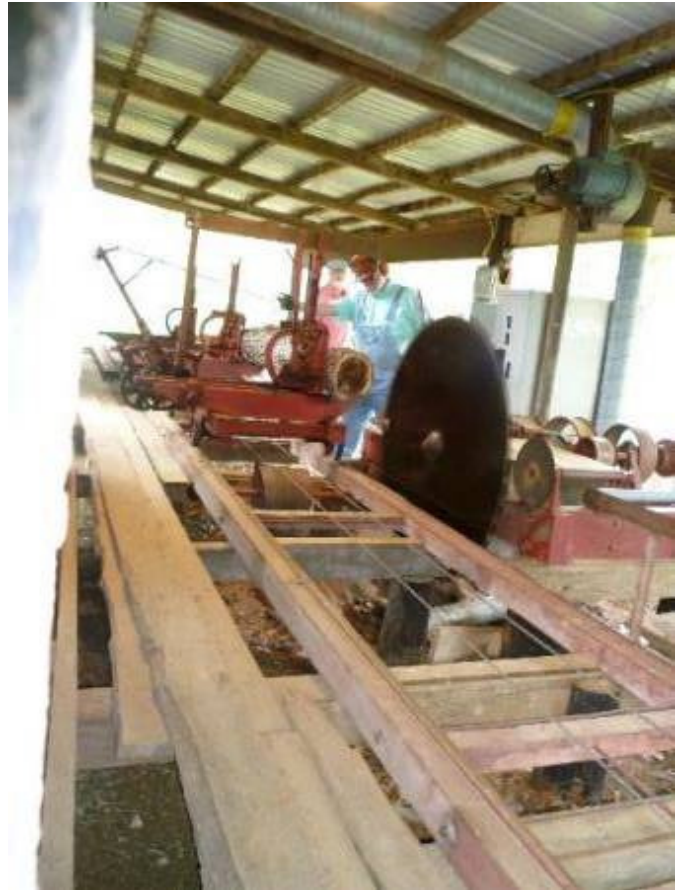
I was pleased to see the '25 Model T Touring car in which Jim and Edna drove cross-country from New York to Seattle. There were moments from the presentation they gave the club about that tour that none of us can forget.

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)



The service pit (Leydon)



Jim Cross sawing cedar (J. Gray)

After the ‘static display’ of Jim’s amazing car collection came the namesake portion of visit – the making of sawdust with the demonstration of Jim’s vintage tractor-driven sawmill. Jim cut a walnut log and several cedar logs into dimensional 1” planks and several 4 X 4 cedar posts. I overheard some of the ladies wondering out loud if they could collect some of that cedar sawdust to make sachets – it certainly was aromatic enough. I think something like that would be much better smelling than the mothballs to protect the wool interior in my car.

Act II

Our second stop was at the oldest winery in Loudoun County, Willowcroft (<http://willowcroftwine.com/>). Owned by fellow clubber Lew Parker and his wife Sharon, it sits on top of the Catoctin Ridge overlooking the beautiful Loudoun Valley. If you missed the tour, you need to go visit Willowcroft. Lew has established a hard-won reputation for consistently fine-crafted national award-winning wines over the past 30 years. Step into his tasting room and learn why.

Lew’s tour was informative and complete; I took notes, but I’ll need a bit of time to digest them all. Touring the vineyard reminded me of my parent’s grape growing years. They grew Seyval Blanc and Chardonnay grapes for Beachaven Winery in Clarksville, Tennessee. It was hard,

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

endless work. My hat's off to Lew for his success. My parents had a lot of grape vines, but nowhere near the 9 – 10,000 Lew and Sharon have.

Although they missed the Cross Farm, Jason Cunningham brought Monica Tansey, Joanna Linn and Mike Dygert to Willowcroft in Jason's Roadster.



(Leydon)



(Leydon)



Lew Parker's '31 Huckster (Leydon)



Sharon Leonard & Lew's Hemmingway cat, "Slate" (J. Gray)

GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)



Our bucolic picnic (J. Gray)



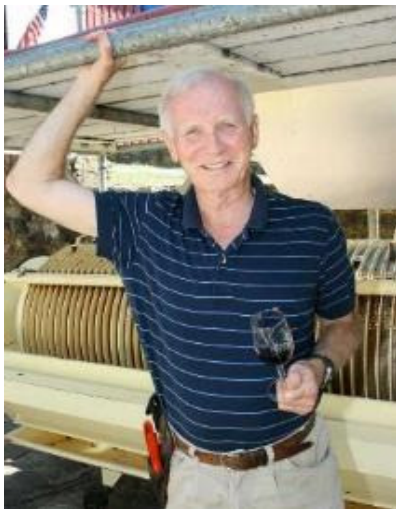
In the tasting room (K. Gray)



Doug, Beverly, Robin and Sam ready to go (J. Gray)



Monica, Joanna and Jason wait for Mike (J. Gray)



Thanks to Lew Parker ... (willowcroftwine.com)



...my vintage picnic chest is now complete! (J. Gray)

Jim Gray

DON'T GIVE ME NO LIP!

I was working on a rear end down at the Model A Garage a few days ago and was about to the point where I would be putting new bearings, grease seals and snap rings in the rear hubs. I carefully examined the new bearings—you may remember my article on Cricket's bearing problems—and they looked good. Then I started looking at the grease seals. That led to a confusing conversation with myself in what's left of my mind. It went something like this:

“Okay, I know these things need to be installed properly, but which side should face the bearing? I know, it's this side. Wait a minute--maybe it's this side. No, I know it's this side. But how do you know that? I looked it up the last time we did this. Yeah, but what did you find out? I don't remember, can't you? No. Where did I find the information? I don't remember that either. You'll have to research it again you dummy! Okay, tomorrow maybe.”

Next morning, bright and early, (Actually it wasn't very bright—the sun wasn't close to being up) I started searching. I looked at Bratton's catalog, which has great diagrams and sometimes tells you in the part description how a part should be fitted. I couldn't find anything there, but the grease seal description had a great suggestion to put the seals in the refrigerator to shrink them a bit to make it easier to fit them in the hub! Next I tried the Service Bulletins—nope, “Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook”— “...replace the bearing and grease seal if there are signs of wear.” Okay, let's try the internet. I would say I Googled it, but I now have Windows 8, so I Binged it.

After maybe thirty minutes of trying various searches on grease seals, all I managed to discover is that there is a more technically correct name—lip seals. Technically correct—is that like politically correct? Trading lip seal for grease seal in my searches didn't really accomplish anything, but Bing loves to give you a bunch of images that you can look at, so in desperation I clicked on them. Of course there were more images than you could shake a stick at but I scrolled through the first twenty or so and saw something that looked familiar so I clicked on that one. Low and behold—my answer.

Below is a picture that shows the same thing I found on the internet only with Model “A” grease seals—or lip seals if you want. The side of the seal on the left in the picture is the side that goes away from the bearing and the one on the right shows the side that should go toward the bearing.

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DON'T GIVE ME NO LIP! (Cont.)

My photography effort was hampered by a lack of good lighting (and the man behind the camera) but I think you can see that on the side of the seal away from the bearing (left) the rubber seal (actually its neoprene) adheres to the metal seal rim, while on the side toward the bearing (right) the rubber is open around the rim. If you want to look on the internet for yourselves try "lip seal orientation" in your browsers search engine and look for images. You probably already knew all this didn't you?

To give credit where credit is due, the picture I found on the internet was from "Rebuilding a Sherman Step-Up Transmission" written by John Smith and credited to www.oldfordtractors.com. Although not about a Model "A" transmission, I found the article very informative. In addition to the seal, it shows some of the wear you might run into in rebuilding a transmission with pass/fail pictures. The article also has some neat tips on taking things apart.
Jim Cartmill

SKYLINE DRIVE: BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL, JULY 25 TO JULY 27

It's been a couple of years since we've gone to Skyline Drive, but here we go!

Our club will be attending the Blackberry Delight Festival at Skyland Resort on Skyline Drive. During the festival, the park service will sell many food items, including desserts with, what else, blackberries! They will also be having blackberry wine and beer. I believe they will be offering samples of the drinks for you to try. There will be games, crafts and entertainment all day long on Saturday.

We'll be leaving on Friday, July 25, and return home on Sunday, July 27. Skyland is holding 31 rooms for us in the Craigin and Appledore buildings. These rooms do not have air conditioning, but they do have ceiling fans. We have always stayed in these rooms and I don't ever recall being uncomfortable. Skyland is always 10 degrees cooler than at home. The room rates are \$116 per night, plus tax and surcharge. To make your room reservations, call 1-877-247-9261 and reference the group booking code: 5A2704. Deadline for reservations is June 25, 2014. Your reservations should be made as soon as possible since there are limited rooms at that rate. Skyland is upgrading 48 of their traditional rooms in the lower level of the park with new furniture and air conditioning. If interested in these upgraded rooms, the price will be \$154 per night plus tax and fees.

Lisa Meadows will be there on Friday night to entertain us with music in the Conference Hall (across from our rooms). Of course, on Saturday evening, we'll have our own entertainment and fun.

I'm hoping the Rapidan trip to President Hoover's summer retreat on Saturday morning will be available again this year. The park service won't know until they make a schedule for July. For this 3-hour trip, the park service takes 12 people by van to Rapidan Camp. I'll let you know if this becomes available.

I'll have more information as it gets closer to July. Let me know if you have any questions. Email me: gmjm64@verizon.net or call me at 301-262-6587.

Even if you can't come for the night, come and join us on Saturday for the fun and blackberries.
Janet Merkel

SMALL PARTS PROGRAM AND WORK DAY, APRIL, 2014

In an effort to make our time at Small Parts Day, our April program featured three different work stations. The objective was for members to get ready for the work they planned to do at Janet Merkel's farm on April 26.

Luke Chaplin handled generator and starter issues; Tom Terko brought his cutaway Zenith carburetor to help explain carb rebuilding considerations; and Clem and Benny handled distributor questions. It was good to see so many folks – from old timers to new members – stay late working on projects and taking notes.

Our hats are off to all the experts – thanks Luke, Tom, Benny and Clem. Sharing your knowledge helps keep this club alive and its members' cars running right.



Luke makes his point with Val



New member Dan Norton works with Tom on carburetors



Benny and Clem promised no lies...



...but then Stan and Tom showed up

After our busy and well-attended preparation program, Janet welcomed about 40 of us to her farm a few days later so we could put what we'd learned to work. But first we had some doughnuts and coffee, and a bit of visiting... and then another doughnut or two. And some lunch – did I mention the great barbeque and coleslaw accompanied by Janet-made potato salad and

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SMALL PARTS DAY (Cont.)

pineapple upside down cake? Maybe this train of thought is why Doug thinks we should just rename this splendid annual event our "Parts Picnic" and be honest with ourselves!

But really, we got a lot of work done. Craig Sawyer was there from the Southern Maryland club testing jets and adding to the expert advice Tom had shared during our program. Paul Gauthier had approached Craig with a carb that had been a long-time problem. Craig gave it a complete overhaul, and my guess is that it'll make Paul's car sing. >>>>>>



Even with a great line-up of As...



Sharon preferred Blossom, the pygmy goat



The ladies visited...



And so did the guys



But the ladies are really better at it

SMALL PARTS DAY (Cont.)



I'm here for the barbecue!



Not smooth enough!

Thanks again to our experts and especially to Janet and her family. She opens her garage and her heart to us for this event, and her family helps her make it happen. That's what makes it so special. I now have two newly rebuilt distributors, Paul has a newly tuned carb, and Sharon has a great friend in Blossom. Janet tells me she enjoyed all the company, so it seems as if it was yet another great annual Small Parts Day.

Jim Gray

Photographs by Phil McCormick and Jim

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2014 NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE

It was a beautiful day for a parade. It was a touch brisk in the morning when several of us gathered at the Pan Am Shopping Center in Fairfax, VA, but the day warmed up just enough to be comfortable.

Clem; Benny and his son Mark; Andy and Ellen (with Rick and Anne Anderson); Glen and George Bates; Paul Melnick with his son Theo and a neighborhood friend, Rande Young; and Jason Cunningham driving Sam and Robin Rentsch in Sam's Phaeton, were all to meet me at the Pan Am McDonalds for a quick bite before driving to our rendezvous point across from the Air and Space Museum on the Mall. But that's not quite how it went.

Jason and the Rentschs had a car issue in Great Falls; George Smolenyak got them going again, but not until after we had had to leave the Pan Am meet point. By the time we got to DC, Constitution was closed, and our group got broken into 2 and 3-car elements winding our way across the city as we encountered detour after detour caused by events at the International Monetary Fund building, the World Bank, and the Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival. Usually the cherry blossoms are past peak by the time this parade caps off the festival; not this year – they were at absolute peak, so the Tidal Basin area was jammed with spectators.

We finally got everybody together at our meeting point by about 8:45 a.m. By 10:00, we began to inch our way to the parade start point at 7th Street and Constitution, right in front of the National Archives.

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Robin & Sam Rentsch with Jason driving



Rodney McNeil, Joanna Linn, Mike Dygert, Jason & Jesse Cunningham



"Bob" gets a name



The American and the Japanese queens get ready

CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)

Robin Rentsch cut the tags off of the unnamed Dalmatian riding in Old Smokey, and informed Clem he needed a name. Fortunately, international Dalmatian “namer,” Ben, came along with his family and chose the correct name; “Bob.” With that official act out of the way, we were formally ready to parade.

Grandstand Tickets were sold out well in advance this year, and the standing crowds along Constitution were animated. The Grand Marshal was Darrell Green, and there were a host of performers who gave performances during the parade, including *American Idol* Season 12 winner Candice Glover, Sheena Easton, Regina Belle, Brandon James, Hay Sean, and Miss America, 2014, Nina Davuluri. With all these performers, the organizers had two designated performance areas: one across from the Archives, and a second at the terminus of the parade. The net result for us was we did a lot of stopping and not so much going. But the parade was aired, by tape-delay, on WUSA 9 from noon – 2:00 p.m., and CBS offered it in a nationally syndicated broadcast.



The parade was led by a giant balloon majorette that was spun around and around by her handlers; the Wizards cheerleaders (<http://washington.cbslocal.com/photo-galleries/2014/04/12/2014-cherry-blossom-parade/>) were a little more down to earth, however. We saw ladies from the Roller Derby, but didn't see the “Swede Demon” from the Herndon Show last September. The hand-jiving poodle-skirted “Gottaswing” group, a few groups behind us, was also featured at last year's Herndon Car Show.



Rande Young, Paul Melnick and Paul's son Theo



Rande: “Aren't Gold Cup hats just GRAND?!”

CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)



Mike Dygert in Jason Cunningham's Roadster



Jennifer Harvey and Sarah Stogsdill



We bring Old Glory to the parade!



George and Glen Bates



Going home

CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)



Good bye 'till next year!

Here's a little more about the parade, including two links to YouTube videos that show our cars. The first just shows a glimpse: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwiSUqKQR8Q>, but is accompanied by this great history of the Festival:

Bob will be back on April 11, 2015... will you?

"Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The gift and annual celebration honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries.

Today's National Cherry Blossom Festival has grown from modest beginnings into the nation's greatest springtime celebration. A group of American school children reenacted the initial planting and other activities, effectively holding the first "festival" in 1927. The festivities grew again in 1935, sponsored by civic groups in the nation's capital. The Festival was expanded to two weeks in 1994 to accommodate a diverse activity schedule during the blooming period. Over the years, millions have participated in Festival events and viewed the flowering cherry trees. In 2012, the Festival expanded to five weeks (from 16 days in recent previous years) to provide a grand tribute to the 100-year anniversary of the gift of trees. Today, more than 1.5 million people visit Washington, DC each year to admire the blossoming cherry trees and participate in diverse programming that heralds spring in the nation's capital."

The second video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fr58G9Mvr3Y> shows all the cars at about the 20 minute point.

Jim Gray

Pictures by Clem, Jason Cunningham, Rande Young and Jim

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COMING EVENTS

May 10 Shenandoah Region AACA Apple Blossom Meet in Winchester.

May 17 City of Fairfax Antique Car Show, 10:00 to 3:00, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. (Old Town Fairfax). Arts, crafts, retail shops, farmers' market, Blue Grass Band Festival, Fairfax Museum, self-guided walking tours, fire department public education trailer. Preregistration deadline May 9th (\$10). For more info, go to www.visitfairfax.com or www.nvrg.org or email info@nvrg.org.

May 16-18 Carlisle Import Nationals.

May 17 Armed Forces Day (Sat) NVRG Early V-8 Club Fairfax Car Show; there will be a separate Model A trophy again this year – Clem & Benny are the judges.

May 19 Caffeine double clutch Clutch (CDC) for May. The breakfast group is planning to meet at the Fairfax Silver Diner again at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Clem Clement by email (clem.clement@cox.net) or phone ([703-830-5597](tel:703-830-5597) (H); [571-239-1701](tel:571-239-1701) (C).

May 21 GWC General Meeting. Sully judging seminar and hands-on training.

May 26 Memorial Day Parade.

May 31 Church Event. They have a web page to fill out if you are planning on going...Jeremy Rivera will be the main point of contact. Please contact him at: jrivera@dcmetrochurch.org. The form we are using [Classic Car Show at DC Metro Church 5/31](#). We hope to garner enough interest to hold this as part of our outdoor event on Saturday.

May 31 Car Show at Sunrise Senior Living from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. by a club member. About 20 antique cars are needed to be put on display for their enjoyment. Sunrise is located at 1778 Fountain Drive, Reston, VA. It's at the intersection of Fountain Drive and Bowman Towne Drive, just north of Reston Town Center. The residents will greatly appreciate seeing your cars. Contact Dick Javins if you can be there. Javinsmd@aol.com or H-703-281-3444, C-703-887-3166

June 8 Celebrate! Gaithersburg will be returning to Olde Towne Gaithersburg. The City of Gaithersburg will be hosting a classic car show to showcase the craftsmanship of these cars. This is a juried classic car exhibition, with no fee for registration should you elect to participate. Participants will parade in at 12pm and cars will be on display until 4:30pm. Fire extinguishers required and For Sale signs prohibited. The festival is open from Noon to 5pm. Visitors to the Celebration will be able to view the car show for free vote on their favorite. Time: 12 pm – 6 pm Location: Olde Towne Gaithersburg, MD Registration fee: None If you have any questions, or if this is an event in which you may want to participate, please contact Lauren Neal at lneal@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

June 15 Sully Car Show at Sully Plantation.

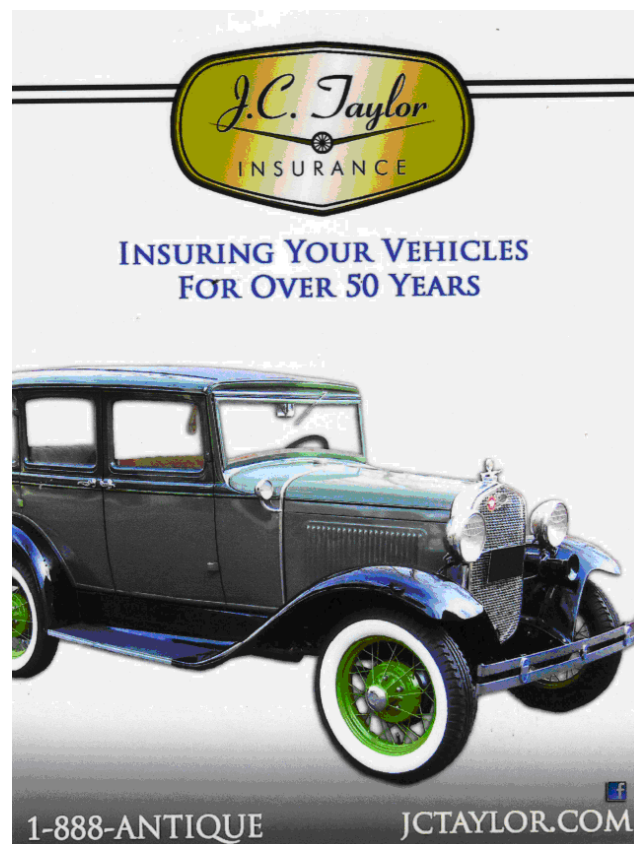
June 22 After-Sully picnic at the Jaeger's home. (Info in June Script.)

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

July 4 National 4th of July Parade in downtown Washington.

4th of July Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation. The registration is free, **but cars must be pre-registered** to be in the show. Contact Brian Hanifin, Recreation Program Coordinator at (703) 255-6352 (o), (571) 722-8569 (c), (703) 255-6399 (fax), bhanifin@viennava.gov or go to their website at www.viennava.gov

July 25-27 Blackberry Delight Tour to Skyland in Shenandoah National Park – led by Janet Merkel. (See article in this month’s Script, p. 15.)



WANT ADS

For Sale

1929 Woody Engine/transmission/shifter tower rebuilt, new tune up (plugs, points, coil), new battery, fan belt, gas gage, ammeter, gas lines and filter, excellent running condition, body and wood in great condition. Upgrades: hydraulic brakes, sealed-beam headlights. NADA pricing: low--\$15,900; mid--\$24,600; high--\$30,600. Asking \$\$23,750. Call Jim Chesley at 703-830-2129 (h) or 703-362-2129 (c).



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WANT ADS (Cont.)

1931 35-B Model A Standard Phaeton - Restored in 2002, the car has won the Marc Touring Class Award of Excellence and the MARC Touring Class Preservation Award. It is featured in Jim Schild's book *Original FORD MODEL A, The Restorer's Guide*. Has LaBaron Bonney Top and upholstered seats; door arm protectors; side curtains with storage bag; luggage carrier; rear mounted spare tire; and "wind" wings. Safety equipment includes seat belts, both front and back seats and turn signals. The car is in pristine condition and comes with a lightweight car cover and also a Technalon car cover. Painted Kewanee Green with an Apple Green strip and black wheels. Cans of paint samples are included. Driven with care and always garaged and covered, needs a caring caretaker. Asking \$30,000. Contact C L Shaw @ momsph8ton@verizon.net or 703-503-5782



1929 Ford Model A Roadster. I have not yet advertised it because I wanted to give any of our club members first chance. If you, or someone you know, would be interested please get in touch with me. The car is at my home here in Winchester. \$25,000. Call me at 540-1565. Thanks, Jim Tillery



One of our Greater Baltimore members who is quite ill has some equipment he wants to sell, and he asked if I would send a notice out to Model A'ers in the surrounding area to see if there is any interest. Anyone who is interested or has any questions should contact Jim Kellett directly at 410-592-6344 or <jkellford@hughes.net>. I would encourage interested parties to act quickly. Thanks, Betty Fisher, editor, The Steering Column
Upright Blast brand sandblast cabinet on four legs with vacuum catcher, \$350.
Portable Eastwood 110-volt sandblaster on wheels, \$250.
Rear axle race puller, \$75.

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Sully Volunteer Statement

Fathers Day, Sunday June 15, 2014

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC is a big and active club, and running it takes money. Our primary moneymaker is our annual Fathers' Day car show at Sully Plantation. Volunteers - working 2 hours at a time - make this show work.

To get you working in the right area, please identify where you can help run the show by placing a check next to the committee(s) where you would like to work.

- Judging.** In this job, you'll see the best cars up close and personal. This is appearance judging, so don't be intimidated. If you like old cars (and you must!), I'll bet you'll love judging.
- Old Car Parking.** We need members for a couple of hours at a time to get the old cars parked where they need to be. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go!
- Registration.** This job will give you the opportunity to know the cars as they arrive for judging. Each car will have to get credentials from you to drive onto the field.
- Front Gate.** This is one of the most important jobs we have at Sully, because you have to direct the flow of cars at the main gate. With all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job.
- Flea Market.** This is the perfect job if you don't have enough fleas (and who does?) Getting the field laid out and marked is crucial to having a successful flea market. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job!
- Car Corral.** Park those wonderful "for sale" machines, and see if you can avoid buying one. This is a tough job if you have car-buying money just burning a hole in your pocket!
- Snow Cone Booth.** This is, undoubtedly, the BEST job on a hot Sully day. Work under shade with lots of ice... now that's cool!
- Information Booth.** This is our outreach to the public, and focal point about the details of the show. You'll get to talk to a lot of good folks, and, if you are on the first shift, watch all the Model As drive by on their way to their judging field.
- Trailer Parking.** Maybe the best kept secret job at Sully. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!
- Help Where Needed.** If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our meet chairman will work with his committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed.

Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worsham, at 703-250-5474