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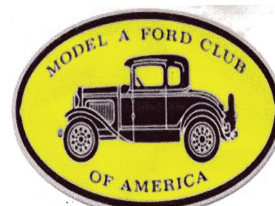
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Jason Cunningham, our new Activities Chairman, and friends



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GRAY WITH AN A



With 2016 now history, it's time to get ready for a very Model A 2017. At our last BOD meeting on December 21, we bade farewell to Howard Minners and welcomed Jason Cunningham. Fortunately for all of us, Howard's position as National Club Liaison has been accepted by Stan Johnson.

Take note: no other Model A Club in the world, regardless of national club affiliation, can boast of having two such giants of the hobby as members.

Howard's list of achievements is so vast that I've asked Bill to re-run the article Stan provided in January of last year after we'd designated Howard as a Life Member. From restorer, to leadership positions in the three national Model A Clubs (MARC, MAFCA and MAFFI), to fine-point judge, to expert in upholstery and advertising, Howard is truly a model "Model A" man. This will be the first GWC BOD in 32 years without Howard's sage input; fortunately, we have Stan, a Model A Ford tour-de-force in his own right to assume the position of National Club Liaison. A stroke of luck for us, since Stan, as President of MAFFI, was the driving force behind getting the long-dreamed of Model A Ford Museum sited and built.

As for those elephants I mentioned in my first column in January 2016, we're still nibbling at 'em. Progress has been made on revising the by-laws as I suggested we needed to do, and we've dipped our toe into better leveraging technology to help us manage your Club. One area specifically has been Jerry's foray into using Google Docs for coordinating our budget inputs into a single spreadsheet – BRAVO, Jerry! That's exactly the kind of thinking we need. We've got James, Shep and Jason working on making our Go Pro camera more useful to the membership, and the speaker system we purchased last year has been put to good use several times already. One other big area where I would like to employ technology to make us more efficient and effective is in the judging process at Sully.

According to the exceptionally fine records Woody left us when he stepped down as Chief Judge, we judged 171 cars last year with 51 judges. We missed 19 folks who had signed up, but were unable to make it for a variety of reasons, while other of our judges were delayed entry onto the field by traffic – a problem we'll discuss when we meet with the staff at Sully. Bottom line: we were successful, but it was also stressful. We hope to reduce the stress this year while streamlining and improving the process. Those of us on Bill's committee have already been working on this year's show. As Bill says, all we need is a good day. Look for more information on Sully as we get closer – and yes, we will once again have additional food under the mansion for our volunteers.

And what else do we have planned for this year? James tells me this is "The year of the Engine" for programs, so starting in February, we can look forward to technical talks on things that keep your Model A running strong – like the carburetor, the distributor, timing, choice of spark plugs, tuning your engine, what to use for coolant, the water pump, the lubrication system and other things engine. Meanwhile, our new Activities Chair, Jason Cunningham, presented a FULL CALENDAR of great club activities and local car events to the BoD at our December meeting – go to the web site to see all Jason has laid out for us. I personally am already looking forward to those national parades. Sign up and join us – where else will you get ½ million or more people to look at your car while encouraging you to blow your "Ahooga" horn?

Speaking of activities and events, we have a big national event right here in our neck of the woods this year. The Hub City Club of Hagerstown, MD, will host a MARC National Meet from Sunday, July 30 – Friday, August 4 in Gettysburg, MD. Their web page <http://hubcitymodelaclub.com/marc-meet-2017/> indicates many of the available hotel rooms in the immediate area are sold out already, so if you want to go, you may need to start working on a room now. Note that the Hub City Club has not yet asked us to help in any way, but a recent

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

phone call (earlier today, Jan 3), left me with the impression that they might. Having suspected this change, I asked Greg Shepherd to send out a request for interested individuals to contact the BoD and let us know if you will be available. It seems they had a bit of a tough time getting the whole process rolling, but I'm assured they are rolling now... stay tuned.

Kathie and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Let's together make one final resolution for the New Year – Let's all get out and drive our Model A Fords more in 2017 than we did in 2016!

Jim

P.S. If you have not returned your Sully volunteer sheet, please do that as soon as you can. Having said that, I just realized I didn't give Shep a sheet when I paid... but he knows I volunteered to be Chief Judge this year, so I guess I'm off the hook.

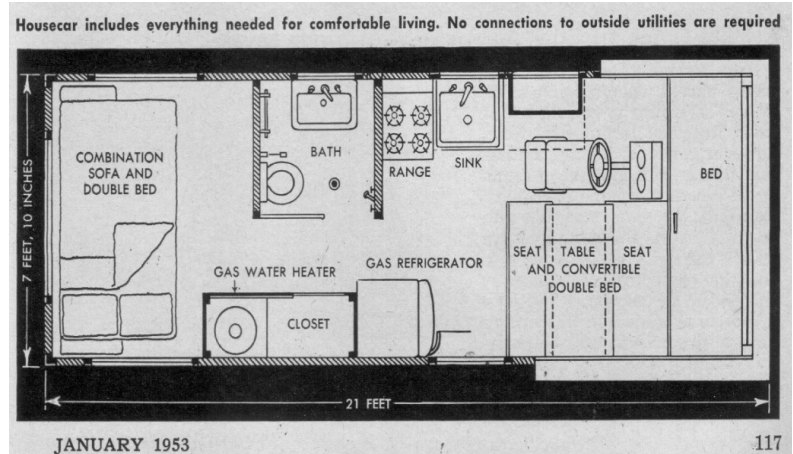
FROM THE EDITOR

The Brown Bag Night was really a success last month. I scored 2 “unpopular” prizes (ie—no one tried to take them away from me during the course of the night)—a flashlight and some old Popular Mechanics and Popular Science magazines. The flashlight turned out to be a really high-quality item that's so powerful, it's become our go-to flashlight when seeking out things in dark corners of our house.

But the magazines really got my attention after I got them home. The Popular Mechanics was published in January 1953, when I was 7 years old. It's full of old ads like the Charles Atlas one for those 99-pound weaklings (I definitely met the criteria) and one I found proclaiming The World's Greatest Hobby For Men And Boys! We can teach you to MOUNT BIRDS! How did I miss out on THAT growing up? Alice was particularly interested in the ad for a booklet that would show you HOW TO MAKE MONEY IN ART. She's been doing art for 60 years and still hasn't managed to make money with it.

Then there are high-tech tips like clamping a clothes pin with Get Gas! written on it to the column shift lever to remind the driver to fill 'er up when the tank is getting low. Didn't they have gas gauges back then? Of course they did. How else would you know to use the clothes pin? Maybe I'm missing something here.

But I came across what must have given Winnebago its inspiration—a 5-person house car. Now you didn't have to haul a camper behind you every time you wanted to go camping without a tent. I could use that.



So you never know what gems you may get when you attend the Club's annual Brown Bag event. I may include more exciting ideas from the past in future columns. Stay tuned!

Bill Sims

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors November-December Meeting December 21, 2016

Call to Order. The October Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Gray at the home of Roz and Stan Johnson, Springfield, Virginia. The meeting was a combined November-December, as well as a joint meeting of the 2016 and 2017 Boards.

Attendance. Board Members present included Jim Gray, James Kolody, Doug Tomb, Jason Cunningham, Howard Minners, Bill Worsham, Greg Shepherd, Benny Leonard, Tom Quigley, Bill Sims, Milford Sprecher, and Stan Johnson. Absent were Jerry Olexson and Bruce Metcalf. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved by Board Members prior to being published in *The Script*.

President's Commentary - Howard Minners. Jim Gray recognized Howard Minners, outgoing Board member for his long service on the GWC Board, and his service to the entire Model A community. Stan Johnson reviewed Howard's service to the National Model A organizations, including Howard's long Presidency of the Model A Ford Foundation; his efforts to assemble and organize valuable collections of original Model A upholstery samples, factory photographs and era advertisements for the Model A Ford; as well as supervising the indexing of Factory Engineering Drawings at the Benson Ford Research Center in Dearborn. Also, Howard served for 3 years as Secretary of the Model A Restorer's Club. For this and other work, Howard was presented several years ago with the Ken Brady Award, the top award of the Model A Restorer's Club. Early on in Howard's 32 years of service to the GW Chapter, he served as Newsletter Editor, winning the top MARC award, and more recently has been the liaison between the National Model A Ford organizations and the George Washington Model A Ford Club. His service on the Board will be missed even though he plans to continue full participation in Club activities. A hearty and sincere round of applause followed to show Howard our admiration and appreciation.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Jerry Olexson provided an email accounting of the Treasury position as of December 21, 2016. Actual expenditures so far in 2016 stand at \$18,970 (not counting scholarships) compared to actual income \$18,947, a difference of \$23. The Scholarship's funds (five \$1,000 awards to five students) totaling \$5,000 were taken from the Memorial Fund, leaving \$9,052.88 in that account. Total holdings of the club are \$55,496.24. A discussion took place regarding the amount and number of scholarships for 2017. Upon the recommendation of Tom Quigley, Youth Development Chairman, it was decided to keep the number and amounts the same as 2016.

Review of Positions and Transfer to 2017 Officers. Jim Gray reviewed the slate of Club officers for 2017 in which Jason Cunningham will serve as Activities Chairman; Doug Tomb will serve as Secretary; and Stan Johnson will serve at National Club Liaison. All other positions will remain the same as 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Revision Committee Report. President Gray deferred action on the By-Law revisions at this meeting in order to have more time for coordination and planning for the coming year. The suggested revisions will be in line with Virginia state guidelines for non-profit organizations. The two areas of concern are the ability for Board members to be able to vote on key issues even when not physically present at the meetings, and guidelines for dissolving the Club should that ever become

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

necessary. The State guidelines on disposition of remaining funds, and reference to those guidelines need to be addressed in the by-laws.

Sully Committee Report. Bill Worsham reported that he has filled all positions for the 2017 Sully Car Show. This year's hat pin design will feature the long-time car registration team of Bill and Carol Benedict. Some tweaking of the car classes will be made to accommodate actual cars entered.

Tool Chairman. Benny Leonard reported that maintenance work on the Club Smith Compressor still needs to take place before the Club can sponsor a Sandblast Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Programs. Vice President James Kolody led a discussion regarding the meeting programs for 2017. It was suggested that a theme for the programs would be beneficial in planning the programs. A tentative list was developed which will be finalized at the January board meeting on January 25th. The theme for 2017 will be The Year of the Engine. A tentative list included:

Jan - Indoor flea market.

Feb - Engine cooling system – radiator, fan, water pump, internal cooling chamber, hoses, thermostat.

Mar - Engine oil system – oil pump, valve chamber, oil supply and return passages, system pressure.

Apr - Era repair literature – taken from era manuals and magazines – language, tips, procedures, safety.

May - Sully preparation – last meeting before Sully, final coordination, judges training, and recruitment.

June - Distance driving tips/spare parts/tools – long distance preparation, convoy tips, recommended spares.

July - Outdoor Swap Meet + prep for Gettysburg National Meet July 31-Aug 4.

Aug - Fuel System/Carburetor – gas tank, fuel filter, supply lines, adjustment, carb restoration and operation.

Sep - Coupe Restoration Project review – Benny Leonard's review of total rebuilding of his 1930 coupe.

Oct - Engine checks and tune-up – compression test, timing, spark plug replacement, overheating, gauges.

Nov - Exhaust system – manifold droop and resurfacing, glands, muffler options, back pressure.

Dec - Brown bag gift exchange.

James stated that anyone with ideas, or willing to set up and present a program should email, write or call him.

National Club Liaison. Chairman Howard Minners pointed out that the MARC Membership Meet next year will take place in Shipshewanna, Indiana, 23-25 March 2017. The MARC Annual Meet will take place July 30- Aug 4 in Gettysburg, PA. The latter is a rare opportunity to attend a national meet near to home.

Editor. Bill Sims stated that the deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, January 2nd.

Club Apparel. Efforts continue to get a high-resolution Club logo for use on Club apparel items.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Activities. Jason Cunningham led a discussion about proposed club activities in 2017.

Jan – None scheduled.

Feb – Train Day at the Clements' house; AACA Swap Meets Howard County & Riverside Park.

Mar – Tool Show in Damascus; Mason-Dixon show, Frederick Fairgrounds.

Apr – Cherry Blossom Parade; GWC/Merkel Small Parts Restoration Day.

May – Memorial Day Parade; White's Ferry Picnic.

Jun – GWC Sully Car Show; Jaeger Picnic.

Jul – July 4 Parade; Point of Rocks/Sugarloaf Mountain Tour.

Aug – Kent Island Tour (overnight).

Sep – Warhurst Pig Pickin'; Apple Pie Tour, Poolesville, MD.

Oct – Oak Hill Mansion Tour; Orange Virginia Tour; Willowcroft Winery Tour.

Nov – Middleburg, Virginia Shopping Tour.

Dec – Fairfax Train Station – December 2 & 3; Annual Christmas Party, December 2.

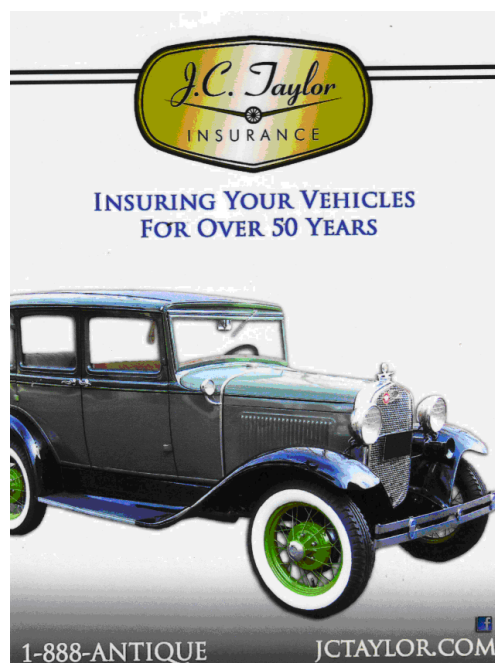
Jason invited comments and additional ideas. He also mentioned a tour of the Northern Neck of Virginia as a possibility. A refined plan will be developed during the January board meeting.

Doug Tomb reported that there were 67 people at the Annual Christmas Party on December 3rd. Total cost was approximately \$3,300, with \$880 from attendees and \$2,479 from the Club treasury. A reservation at the Fairfax American Legion Hall has been made for Saturday, December 2, 2017 for our next Christmas Party.

Membership. Chairman Greg Shepherd announced that two of the sons of Val and Donna Zadnik have joined the Club. Shep has made the new board changes on the Club website. During ensuing discussions, it was suggested that a Club event be planned to drive a group of Model A's over to Jason Dryers home for him to enjoy. Jason donated his Model A for raffling off to begin the Model A Museum fund drive. This event earned \$45,000 for the museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Stan Johnson
Secretary



HOWARD MINNERS RETIRES FROM THE BOARD

Howard Minners is now permanently retiring from the GWC Board after more than 30 years of service to our Club. He has been an active Model A Ford enthusiast at both the local and National levels for many years. On the local level, Howard has been an active Model A owner, managing the restoration of his 1930 Cabriolet so well that it won top National Awards, including the *MARC of Excellence* and *Henry Award*, and also the MARC Preservation, and MAFCA Award of Excellence. Howard drove the Cabriolet as a part of the GWC caravan to the MARC-MAFCA National Meet at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He has served many times as a judge at the Sully Car Show.



Howard has served on the GWC Board in many capacities for the past three decades. He was the Newsletter Editor from 1985 to 1988. During this time *The Ford Script* was designated as MARC's Best Newsletter. From 1988 to 2001, Howard served as the club's Assistant Treasurer and more recently served as the GWC's National Club Liaison.

At the National level, Howard served as the MARC National Secretary for 4 years and is a MARC Senior Judge as well as a Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Master Judge, serving at many National Meets. He has been honored in the past by the Model A Restorers Club with the *Ken Brady Award*, the top annual award for service to the Model A hobby given by MARC.

In addition, Howard served for six years as the President of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. and later as Vice President and Project Manager. During that time, MAFFI managed several important preservation activities, including indexing the official Ford Factory engineering drawings on file at the Benson Ford Research Center in Dearborn, Michigan. In addition, he and his late wife Gretchen organized and cataloged collections of Original Upholstery materials, Factory Photographs and Ford Advertisements. This expertise was used when they served as fine point judges at many National Meets.

Howard has been a key member of the national Model A Ford Ad Collectors special interest group, which he helped to organize as a Chapter of MAFCA and a Region of MARC. He has served as the group's President and is recognized as an expert in this aspect of the Model A hobby.

In 2015, in recognition of this outstanding and exceptional service to the George 'Washington Model A Ford Club and the National Model A hobby, Howard Minners was awarded the honor of being designated as a Lifetime Member.

Stan Johnson
Secretary

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LEE DONG

Feb. 18, 1945 - Dec. 24, 2016

We received a sad email from Colorado just the day after Christmas. Lee, a long-time member of the GWC (since at least 1995) had passed away early Christmas Eve morning. Leland Wilcox Dong and his wife Peggy had been long time residents of Alexandria before they moved to Colorado a few years ago. But whenever work would bring him back to the DC area, Lee would make every effort to attend a meeting or swap meet and work the crowd getting caught up.

Peggy told us that Lee had suffered from heart disease for many years, and that he was last admitted to the hospital on December 23; he died early the next morning.



Here Lee is demonstrating his vintage armature turning machine and its use in rebuilding Model A Ford generators at one of our Small Parts Day preparation seminars.

Here is a web page you can visit if you wish to leave a message for Peggy and Lee's family:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Leland-Dong&lc=2551&pid=183226425&mid=7225471>

Jim Gray

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1992)



The cover story in the Ford Script for January '92 was about the new cutaway engine unveiled at the December meeting. It had been promptly put to use as a visual aid during the distributor and timing presentation made by Millard Springer, Jerry Breedlove, and Don Temple at the December meeting. The engine's brightly painted components were visible through generous size openings, and internal functions could be observed as the engine was hand cranked.

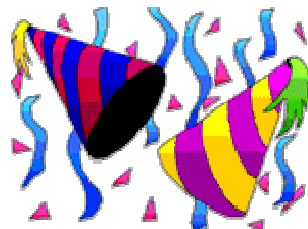
Since a question had come up at the general membership meeting about "piston slap", a two-page explanation about it appeared in the Script. It is the knock caused by the piston moving side to side as a result of forces acting on the piston under the influence of the angularity of the connecting rod as the crankshaft rotates. It went on to say that while it is not possible to prevent the piston from moving from side to side, the noise could be reduced by minimizing the clearance. Thus, the early solid skirt piston was improved by a design dubbed the constant clearance piston, which incorporated a slot in the skirt that controlled the expansion caused by heat and enabled a reduction in skirt-to-cylinder clearance..

Writing in the President's Corner column of the Script, President Andy Pogan said that in looking forward to 1992 we had an enthusiastic and well qualified Board of Directors that had already begun plans for the coming year. Included were to be the popular traditional activities plus some new ones that it was hoped would broaden member participation. Examples of "traditional" are the January Indoor Flea Market and Clem's Train Day, traditional even then, and to this day too. Andy asked Board members to entertain ideas for getting new members involved in their restorations and to make their cars roadworthy. The upcoming Small Parts Repair Day at Walt Bratton's was going to be helpful in that regard. Membership count was reported to be up to 259 with 3 additional members signing up.

Jim Cartmill, who had previously edited a column in the Script based on the Service Bulletins, was considering the possibility of doing a new series, inspired by Millard Springer's comment at the last meeting that there was a lot of information that could be found in the Owner's Manual. He stated he would be using the Floyd Clymer book, "The Ford Model A Service Manual and Owners Handbook of Repair and Maintenance," adding "How's that for a big name?" He would draw on the experts in the Club if and when any conflicts arose or when questions came up.

This month in the Script's swap column, 4 Model A's were offered, 2 roadsters, a tudor, and a fordor with the notation, "Saved from the street rodders." While there were two later-model Ford vehicles for sale, this time there were no "Brand X's." Peyton Randolph offered K. R. Wilson tools, and Julio Rodriguez a filling station gas pump with the top globe glass cracked and needing restoration. (I ended up with it, thus adding one more "cracked in the head" thing around here).

Dave Henderson



MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sunshine Report

Sadly, member Leland Dong died Christmas Eve. I heard from his surviving wife Peggy. They moved to Colorado a few years back but some members might remember Lee from various swap meets and his excitement around the Model A. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

As a reminder, one of the bonuses for belonging to the club is our Sunshine report which gets the word out for members that have challenges in their life. All you have to do is contact me with the information you would like to share and specifically mention it's for the Sunshine report, and I'll get the info out our members. This is a great and easy way to get the word out. Please take advantage of me!



Website Report

Big updates to the website at this time of year as I post all of last year's Scripts for easy reference as well as update the Board of Directors and take my first shot at Events for 2017. Please keep me honest and report any corrections needed.



Membership Report

We have 3 new members that joined this month. Please add their information to your roster.

Jay McCarty
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He is looking forward to owning a Model A in the next 2 years. Let see if we can help him with that. Welcome!

Rudy & Jenny Zadnik
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Jerry & Vickie Zadnik
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They are both related to long time member Val and Donna Zadnik. (I think the last name gives that away) and Jerry is a now a proud owner of Val and Donna's 1931 55-B Tudor Sedan. Congrats! And welcome to the club.

We have had a good response on collecting dues for 2017. But we still have about 100 people outstanding. The cost is the same as previous years: \$20 for members with email and \$30 for those legacy members that receive the Script on paper.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION (Cont.)

The membership application that can be used for renewal is below. Please print out and indicate in the application form any changes to your info (phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc...) when you mail the check in. Also included in the Script is the Sully sign-up sheet for 2017. You can print and fill this out to include with your renewal check.

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Greg Shepherd (GWC Membership Chair)
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Please get your dues in soon for 2017 to help me out. The hard deadline is:

February 28th, 2017

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Any questions can be directed to our membership chair Greg Shepherd

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REPORT THOSE MARC MILEAGES

It's time for the GWC Report to MARC on the Mileage Program so I would appreciate your emailing me your current odometer reading for the Model A's you have registered in the program. Joe Curatola got the jump on me and already sent me his. I would like to complete the report by the end of January if at all possible.

Hope you put lots of miles on you cars! Thanks!

Jim Cartmill
GWC Mileage Program Coordinator

A WORD FROM THE CLUB'S NEW ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

I felt guilty. I knew I had just committed a heinous act against the environment.

As a seven-year-old, riding in the rumble seat of grandma's Model A was a consistent highlight of my summer visits to her in Vermont. However, on this particular trip, through no fault of my own, the wind had briskly whipped the top of my Chocolate milk bottle out of my hand into the shrubbery that lined that tranquil gravel lane.

It was the first time I had ever littered, and when the car came to a stop, I, on the verge of tears, confessed to my grandmother. She of course rolled with laughter and assured me it was fine.

These are among the many fond memories I have riding with "Ozie" in the car, which I am now thrilled to own.

This year, after seven years in the club, I take on the role of Activities Chairman. While it's a bit of a daunting task, I do see one huge bright side: each event I organize is an opportunity for YOU to get out and enjoy your car. Not just tinker, not just pamper it in the garage (nothing wrong with either) but to actually get out and do the one thing you can't do at a museum – Drive it!

But not just that, these are opportunities to SHARE your car with kids and grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Reach out! Invite others. Share the joy.

We already have a full slate of exciting Model A adventures coming up this year. Take a moment, and consider who you could invite along with you. You're sure to give them a lifetime of memories.

Jason Cunningham



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ANNUAL BROWN BAG GIFT EXCHANGE

Our annual brown bag gift exchange was held a week early (on December 14, 2016) this year, since our regular day would have been just 4 days before Christmas. This early date didn't seem to throw folks off, because we had a large turnout, with lots of things changing hands.

Jim Cross upped the ante on his very popular blue bird house gifts by adding in a new feeder, which incorporates a wine bottle. Edna complained that she had to drink all the wine so he could make these feeders this year... there were no dry eyes.

I got a Swiss Army knife type of combination tool and a couple of Model T wrenches – fine with me. The entertainment value of watching the hunt for that one you saw so-and-so get a few rounds before your number was called is incalculable.

Kathie was sure I was avoiding her number since she didn't get called until the end. This turned out GREAT, as she is now the proud owner of one of those Edna wine bottle bird feeders. Thanks, Jim & Edna.

And thanks to all of you who put the details of this together – James & Sharon Kolody; Benny & Sharon Leonard; and Paul and Laurel Gauthier. Thanks too to all the ladies who brought the great treats, and to Mark Kuklewicz, who coordinated our food service.

A fun time, once again, and a great evening of socializing.

Jim



Paul Gauthier scores a bird feeder (temporarily)



A WINTER'S DAY OUT IN DECEMBER

It was cold and wintry, the day when Milford Sprecher organized a short tour of Point of Rocks, MD. Throughout the days before the 11 December tour, the weather forecasters kept lowering the forecasted high temperatures for that day. Originally, the prediction was for a clear sunny day in the 50's. But by the time the actual day came around, it changed to overcast and temps would not get out of the 30s. The latter was the case.

Regardless, the intrepid group was determined to complete a year-end tour of the beautiful country side of Northern Montgomery County, Maryland, and Northern Virginia's Loudon County.

The Marylanders left from Rockville, MD, at the site of the regular Sunday morning Shady Grove Cruise In. The group joined at historic White's Ferry, but there was one casualty along the way, as Chuck McDonald's 1931 slant window sedan suffered a blown head gasket on the route. Milford had planned to drive his 1930 Town Sedan, but on a system check the night before found a leaky and noisy water pump. While replacing the water pump, cold or greasy fingers lost a grip on the fan and water pump assembly, causing it to fall to the floor and breaking a piece off the cast aluminum fan! He was not as bold as Jason or Tom and chose to take a modern car rather than his 28 Model A roadster.

As the General Jubal Early powered its way across the Potomac River, it conveyed Milford and Lynn Hudson in the Miata; Jason Cunningham and friend Matthew in Jason's 1930 Deluxe Roadster; Don and Alice Silbert in the Mustang with a heater. Tom Quigley waited on the Virginia shore in his 1930 Standard Roadster.



If you look closely you can see one Model A and the Miata and Mustang. Well, maybe not. Regardless, they are there.

From the ferry we tracked through small scenic roads, viewing the rolling farmland and natural settings. In spite of the coolness, it was very pretty. The countryside around Lovettsville and Taylorstown was very enjoyable. At the higher elevations, there was clear evidence of a recent snowfall.

It is interesting to note that all 4 vehicles were "convertibles," lending a wish for this to be named a "ragtop tour". However, "Freeze Your A Tour" might be a better title (especially for those without heaters installed!) Of course, only the modern cars had heaters. The roadster occupants had grit, a suitable replacement for heating! The temperature for the day did not rise above freezing.

The group stopped for lunch at the Aroma Café in Point of Rocks, where we overwhelmed the kitchen's ability to prepare food quickly. For good measure and to amply demonstrate the intrepid nature of our group, we stopped for ice cream at Rocky Point Creamery just outside of town

Tom Quigley separated from the group at the end and returned to Virginia by way of White's Ferry. In addition to the various greeting and smiles seen on the return trip. I could see that others were mouthing the words, "Aren't you cold?" to which I replied gingerly, "Hell yes!"



Milford Sprecher and Tom Quigley

CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK THIS WINTER

“Wheels for the World” is not a new book. It was originally published in 2003, but it is new to me. I bought a copy to read, later learning that the Club library has one that can be borrowed.

I have read a lot about Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company over the years, but one can never know enough. This book, by respected historian Douglas Brinkley, added quite a bit to my knowledge of Henry Ford and Ford Motor Company, and was published in conjunction with Ford Motor Company’s 100th birthday and with the cooperation of the Ford family and the company.

I think it is well known that Henry Ford was not an immediate success but was on his third company, which became the Ford Motor Company we still have with us today. Henry was full of ideas and must have had quite an appealing personality that attracted talent and investment to his companies. His first company, the Henry Ford Company, went broke but was resurrected as Cadillac! While persistent, Henry was not known as a particularly hard worker. He was also a great tinkerer but couldn’t quite finish product development. With the founding of the Ford Motor Company, he found his stride and almost instant success with the first Model A and then the Model N. His real tour de force was the Model T, a car that was developed as kind of a skunk works project at the company’s Piquette Ave. factory.

Equally or maybe even more important to Ford’s success was his finance chief, James Couzins. The Dodge brothers were early investors and suppliers, who used the dividends from their stock to start manufacturing their own line of cars to compete with Ford. The amount of money that the early investors made from their Ford stock was phenomenal, even greater than some of the Silicon Valley fortunes we know of today.

In addition to having an inexpensive and reliable car, Ford was also focused on manufacturing efficiency. He may not have invented the assembly line, but he perfected it. He also famously vertically integrated his manufacturing process, in part because he wanted to control all aspects of production and because his suppliers could not provide the quantities required to produce as many cars as he wanted to produce.

His employee William Knudsen left and went to GM and Chevrolet in the late 20’s when Chevrolet went from being an also-ran to outselling Ford and the Model T. As we all know, the Model A was a huge success. But the market had changed; General Motors was driving innovation and the Model A was only produced for four years.

The book continues through the rest of Ford’s 100 years, chronicling the tragedy of Edsel Ford, the reinvention of the company by Henry Ford II and up through the Edsel, the Taurus and the ascension of Bill Ford as Chairman of the company.

Henry Ford’s other pursuits are described, including aviation, Greenfield Village, union relations, his famous anti-Semitism, his isolationism and opposition to both world wars, and his farm experiments, including being an early proponent of ethanol as a fuel.

Henry Ford, Edsel and Henry Ford II are fascinating figures, as is the history of their iconic company. For me, the end of the book lagged a bit and did not have the level of analysis that the earlier chapters did. The company has had many boom and bust cycles, getting reinvented a number of times over the decades. For those who want a good overview, this is an excellent book.

Milford Sprecher

COMING EVENTS

[Club events are in bold]

January

January 11 - Wednesday CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

January 13-15 – Cabin Fever Model Engineering Show & Auctions, Lebanon, PA. For info, go to www.cabinfeverexpo.com

January 18 - Monthly Meeting – Annual Club flea market. No general meeting.

January 20-11 – “Automania” in Allentown, PA. Check the Carlisle website for information.

February

February 8 - Wednesday CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

February 11 - AACA Parts Meet (Chesapeake Region) , Howard County Fairgrounds

February 12 - Old Car and Train Day, Sun. Noon - 5 PM, Clem Clement’s House (see info in February Script

February 15 - Monthly General Meeting

February 18 - AACA Parts Meet (Sugarloaf Mt Region), Riverside Park

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Sully Volunteer Statement
June 18, 2017

Please send completed form to the club membership chair or the Sully committee chair.

NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ **EMAIL** _____
ADDRESS _____

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC primary fundraiser is our annual Fathers' Day antique car show at the historic Sully site. Club members are asked to commit and volunteer two hours to make this show a success. From the list below, please identify where you can help 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. If you like old cars (and you must!), I'll bet you'll love judging. Training will be provided at a general membership meeting prior to the show.

___ **Show Car Parking** - We need help to get the show cars parked where they need to be. This includes set up of the show field on Friday prior to the show and/or helping show cars on the day of the show. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go! I can help Friday ___, I can help Sunday ___, or I can help both days ___.

___ **Registration** - This job will give you the opportunity to see the show cars as they arrive for the show. Each car will have to get their registration packets from you to drive onto the show field.

___ **Front Gate and Trailer Parking** - This is one of the most important jobs at Sully show. You will direct the flow of cars at the main gate and with all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!

___ **Flea Market** - Getting the field laid out and marked off prior to the show is crucial to having a successful flea market. Also, help is needed on the day of the show to ensure vendors are in their designated spots. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job! I can help Friday ___, I can help Sunday ___, or I can help both days ___.

___ **Car Corral** - Help participants by showing them where to 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 surrounded by lots of ice, flavorings and water ... 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.

___ **Sully Pin Sales** - You will sell current and past year's collectible Sully pins at the show. These pins are unique because they honor a club member.

___ **Help Where Needed** - If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our "Help Where Needed" chairman will work with committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed. You will be contacted with regard to your assignment prior to the show.

Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474. Send completed form with your dues (if re-upping) to Greg Shepherd, 3715 Brices Ford Ct., Fairfax VA 22033 or send form only to Bill Worsham, 3903 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.