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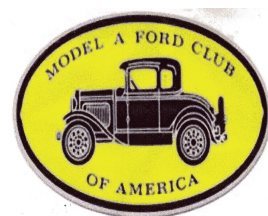
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## GRAY WITH AN A

### Gray with Hay Fever in an A



Time passes in its own way; in fact this past month, in the seeming passing of 3 days – from July 12 to July 15, Kathie’s and my travels took us from the 1890s to the 1940s and back, as we travelled from 1799 Woodlawn Plantation and Frank Lloyd Wright’s 1941 Pope-Leighey House to a commemoration of WWI and WWII at the 1798 Oatlands Historic Site. All of these places are owned and operated by the National Trust for Historic

Preservation; none gets any federal money, and all could use all the help they can get to survive in today’s competitive world.

With this in mind, the director of Woodlawn invited the Picnic Theater Company to stage a play on Wednesday, July 12 on the lawn of the Pope-Leighey house. It was Noel Coward’s *Hay Fever* – a biting satire of the self-absorbed set in between-the-wars 20<sup>th</sup> century England. The play revolves around a family of 4 so self-consumed that they don’t bother to mention that each has invited a guest for the weekend. Early the next morning, the 4 guests – each convinced that this house was inhabited by lunatics – decide to make a run for it... and Ruby was to be their getaway car.



Fran Holuba, Daniela Kelley McInerney, Antonio Olivo, Nova Daly, Christina Sevilla, Charles Kovatch, Emily Lenzner, and Robert W. Gerber with Ruby under the car port at the Pope-Leighey house

## **GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)**

Woodlawn was the first site operated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon, he gave it to his nephew, Lawrence Lewis and his new bride, Eleanor "Nelly" Parke Custis in 1799. George & Martha wanted to keep Nelly, Martha's granddaughter, close to Mount Vernon. The newly-married couple built the Georgian/Federal house designed by William Thornton, architect of the U.S. Capitol.

On this very site sits another architectural masterpiece – the Usonian (thought to mean "the United States of North America") house was commissioned in 1939 by Loren Pope, a journalist in Falls Church, VA. In 1946, the house was sold to Robert and Marjorie Leighey. In the path of an expansion of Highway 66, Mrs. Leighey gave the house to the National Trust, which relocated it to nearby Woodlawn and granted her lifetime tenancy. Mrs. Leighey occupied the house at Woodlawn until her death in 1983.



**Antonio Olivo and Emily Lenzner with Ruby**

Just three days later we were at the sumptuous Oatlands Historic Site, also owned and operated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation... and interestingly, once the residence of David Finley, Jr., the founding chairman of that trust, and first director of the National Gallery of Art.

Our visit to Oatlands, done in conjunction with the NVRG early Ford V-8 club, was to honor the 100th anniversary of "The Great War" and the 75th anniversary of WWII – a war in which an organization called the Roberts Commission led the rescue of innumerable works of art through their teams of "Monuments Men" imbedded with

## **GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)**

combat forces in Europe. What's this connection? David Finley, Jr., led that commission too.

Miss Ruby was our time machine. We enjoyed the comic genius of Noel Coward parked in the carport of a Frank Lloyd Wright house on the grounds of a mansion designed by the architect of the U.S. Capitol at the behest of the father of our country. Days later she delivered us to the grounds of a country mansion whose previous owner led the effort to save much of the great art of the world, and created the framework for the preservation of many of the great architectural works of art in this country.

There are many more waves of time to catch in Ruby, like our upcoming trip to see Mike Pangia's Lindbergh airplane on Kent Island this September. Join us. Get in your time machine and enjoy the passing of your time.

Jim

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR**

Loretta and I decided to meet up with the MARC National Meet Colonial A's contingent and John Leydon in Aldie for lunch. They were an enthusiastic bunch and I wish I had asked them their route from Williamsburg that looks slim as far as good Model A roads as they passed Richmond. The fellow I sat next to at lunch was a pilot and I believe he said that had owned a Pietyenpol. I looked them up and they had the radiator right in the pilot's view, which gave them a good challenge, sort of like Lindbergh had.



## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM**

GWC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Call to Order: The July Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Gray at the Red, Hot & Blue restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)**

Attendance: Board members present included Jim Gray, Stan Johnson, James Kolody, Benny Leonard, Bruce Metcalf, Jerry Olexson, Greg Shepherd, Doug Tomb, and Bill Worsham. A quorum was present. Absent were Jason Cunningham, Tom Quigley, Bill Sims and Milford Sprecher due to travel and other commitments.

President Jim Gray asked for the following Committee Reports:

### **Minutes:**

June BOD minutes were approved and published in the July Script.

### **President's report:**

- By Laws: We published the second of two proposed changes in the July Script. They will be voted on separately at our annual Membership meeting in November (Wednesday, November 15th).
  - Budget: Jim requested the Board come up with projections for next year, for each Club area.
  - Judging at Sully. The after action report was distributed. We had one complaint about the judging form out of 45 judges; none from those who were judged.
  - Life Membership. Two completed nominations were submitted by the June 30 deadline. Jim will appoint a committee to review them and make a recommendation to the Board.
  - The Presidents' meeting at the Gettysburg meet is on August 1 at 3:00 p.m. Stan Johnson or Jim Cartmill will attend for the Club.
- Vice President - James- Programs.
- James reported that there were 22 folks at the July Club Flea Market meeting.
  - James reported on the upcoming Monthly Meeting programs as follows:  
August - The Model A Ford fuel system.  
September - Mike Pangia on his Lindberg airplane.  
October - Benny's Model A coupe restoration.  
November - GWC Annual Membership Meeting, with pie and ice cream.  
December - GWC Brown Bag, Wednesday, December 13th

### **Secretary's Report:**

Doug reported on the location of the upcoming Board meetings:

August - Red, Hot & Blue in Fairfax, Wednesday, August 30th.

September - Silver Diner in Tysons.

October - Stan Johnson will host at his home.

November - Red, Hot & Blue in Fairfax, on Thursday, November 16th

December - Transitional BOD Meeting at P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax, VA on Wednesday, December 20th. This meeting is for all old and new BOD members and their spouses.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jerry reported on the post Sully GWC Club financial condition. Not all of the Sully receipts are in, and Bill Worsham will report on the final results in his Sully Report in the Script. The Club is in a good financial position, with a current cash liquidity of \$49,000.

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

All bills paid are current. The next round of outlays will be for rent, our MAFFI contribution, the Pig Pickin' Picnic, the Kent Island Tour and, of course, our Christmas Gala.

### Annual Sully Meet:

Bill reported that Sully staff believes we had 5K folks on the field at our show. The Sully Committee "Hot Wash" report was discussed. Bill will present this in his Sully Report in the Script. There was discussion about the need for a portable ATM machine so attendees can get cash. This may help attendance, and may benefit the flea market vendors. This could be a revenue center for the Club as well.

### Activities:

Jason was at a conference and was unable to attend.

- Caffeine Double Clutch is August 9 at the Fairfax Silver Diner, 9:30 a.m.
- We had 3 cars in the National Independence Day; see write-up in the July Script. We need more Model A's. This is the BEST way to get folks to see our cars still running and honking!
- Jaeger picnic. We had 37 there – great weather and great food. Ellen Jaeger wants to move the picnic back to Sunday next year.
- Plans are in the works for a one day tour on Saturday, August 26th to Whites Ferry and beyond. Stay tuned.
- Northern Neck tour? Model T driving school? Tom Quigley says we need a big private area with roads on it – hard to do. Further investigation is needed.
- The Kent Island Trip, September 9th & 10th, now has 15 signed up to go see Mike Pangia's Lindbergh plane on Kent Island. Keith Randall from the NVRG is the lone non-GWC member signed up.
- Warhurst picnic planning - Kathie Gray & Sharon Leonard will meet with Debbie Capp and Billie Warhurst next Monday to coordinate a date in September
- Christmas Party planning – Jason has formed a committee to help him: Laurel Gauthier; Cindy Olexson; Kathie Gray, and a few others – they are sourcing decorations, prizes and center pieces.
- BIG NEWS is that we have a new GRAND PRIZE - \$360 worth of a gift certificates from Bed & Breakfast.com – the world's largest B&B site.

### Youth Development:

Will discuss program for next year at the next BOD meeting he can attend.

### Membership / Webmaster:

Shep reported on the New MARC membership drive. Details to follow.

We have a current membership of 180. We had no new members this month.

Shep reported that our logo is with an artist. We need to identify a vendor for shirts and hats marked with this new logo who can provide them on demand to members.

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

### Assistant Editor:

Bruce noted that we had a larger than usual July Script. 34 pages! Also, that the August Script deadline is July 31. In addition, we also need a club photographer – one with a decent camera.

### National Club Liaison MARC, MAFCA and MAFFI:

2017 MARC Gettysburg meet: Stan reported that several members are planning to attend the meet. Stan is arranging a gathering for our members in Gettysburg. John Leydon has offered to lead a group up to the meet via backroads from his home south of Leesburg. He will meet up with the Colonial As who are traveling up the "back way" through Middleburg, Purcellville, Harpers Ferry, etc., are stopping at the Aldie General Store for lunch where any GWC members are welcome to join the convoy.

John Leyden or Jim Cartmill will stand in for President Jim Gray at the MARC President's Meeting.

Stan reported on the MARC Youth Rolling Chassis effort. They need parts. Stan will broadcast a list of what they need.

Also, Stan reported on the Youth Restoration Award Group, who are actively promoting youth restoration projects involving the Model A Ford. The GWC also is looking for ways to encourage getting young people involved in Model A Ford restoration activities.

### Property Manager:

Benny reported on the Fairfax 4th of July Parade. [Jim Gray] It was a great parade, and the GWC was represented by 3 cars. We got a ribbon and Benny, et al got free lunch!

- Benny plans to have the Club compressor running at Sully next year. It needs a new air tank, plus other work. This will be tackled over the winter.
- Sully signs – Benny is evaluating what repairs will be needed for next year.
- The club bought 1 complete set of the new Model A Ford Judging Standards. These will be added to the Club Library, and are available for Members review.

### Old Business

The December Club Monthly Meeting will be moved one week ahead of normal, due to the holiday calendar. The November Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15th, and the December Monthly Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13th.

2. We will be asking Club members to help supply soft drinks for the September and October Monthly Meetings while Mark Kuklewicz is not able to join us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Doug Tomb  
Secretary



## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

It was official, Meet Chairman Bill Worsham proclaimed that Sully '92 had yielded the best profit ever made by our club and thanked all members who had helped make it work.

President Andy Pogan posed a challenge to members to try their skill at diagnosing a problem, saying that his trusty Tudor had provided some "uncharacteristic excitement" for him on the way back from work one day. It seems that after running great for 15 miles it began making a series of strange soft backfires as he slowed to a stop from about 40 mph. The engine stalled, would restart, but wouldn't idle. Off-idle it would run fine with no power loss or misfire. No adjustments of the spark, throttle, or dashboard mixture controls would make a difference until the mixture control was opened about 3 turns, which yielded a rough fast idle. The gas tank was about half full..... To be continued next month, that is if the September '92 Script holds the answer. Those are the clues, what do you think?

Assistant Treasurer Howard Minners lauded the 30 members who had contributed a total of \$350 to our Memorial Fund. The voluntary contributions were made as an effort toward sustaining Club activities on a long term basis. An example given of ways to do so was support for technical seminars with outside speakers, or other educational events. A three-member committee comprised of board members Ellen Deason, Howard Minners, and Andy Pogan was appointed to oversee the separate management of funds received, and it was recommended that they be kept in a conservative investment so that they would safely grow in value.

"Why is There an "E" In Ford?" was the title of Rick Menz's Ford Script article about the Ford logo. (The "e" was the little loop at the end of the crossing of the "F"). The logo was a modification of the style of Henry Ford's own signature, first used in 1895 and dated from a 1909 trademark that Ford's first chief engineer, Childe Harold Wills is believed to have designed. In 1928 the Ford script-in-oval with deep royal blue background was first used on the 1928 Model A Ford. The Metro Times (Detroit) decreed in 1989 that the Ford logo was the best of all. A Ford corporate identification department, set up in the mid-60's to standardize company signage, had considered a number of new options but decided old Henry had a better idea with his scripted oval trademark and retained it.

Dave Henderson

## **UNDER THE MAGNOLIA TREE AT OATLANDS HISTORIC SITE, JULY 15, 2017**

At O-nine hundred hours or thereabouts, Gay Harrington, Jim McDaniel, Hank Dubious, Leo Cummings and I gathered our early Ford V-8s together at the Fair Oaks Mall parking lot for our tour.

It was clear and warmish as we down Route 50 and Route 15 to the beautiful Oatlands Historic House and Gardens. We were directed to park around the



circular driveway in front of the mansion, and were joined by John Sweet, Don Pauly, Wayne and Jane Chadderton, Steve and Art Zimmerli and Jim and Kathie Gray.

Our mission was to help Oatlands commemorate 100 years since WWI and 75 years since WWII at their "From the Front Lines to the Home Front: Oatlands and WWI and WWII" event on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Military displays and vehicles were located near the carriage house, and numerous special displays of personal family memorabilia were located throughout the mansion. President Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt; President Harry S. Truman; General George C. Marshall; and Henry Cabot Lodge were all frequent guests at Oatlands before and during WWII.



We grabbed our chairs and stuff and gathered in the deep shade under a huge magnolia tree. Gay brought a banner which Wayne hung on his pop-up tent for all to see. (I understand all things Wayne are owned by Jane, but I dunno.) We lounged about all day long talking cars with the many visitors and just resting.

## OATLANDS HISTORIC SITE (Cont.)

Several toured the mansion and all visited the military displays and booths on the property. The “Pop-Pop” kettle corn folks were there so we stuffed ourselves. The



invited chow truck did not show, so Steve Zimmerli and John Sweet drove to Leesburg and brought back fried chicken and pizzas. Mighty fine of them.

Several of the military jeeps brought visitors to our circle. In the display area, I helped a 97-year-old dad get a ride in one of these jeeps. He was thrilled. I asked his daughter if she wanted to ride with him, but she declined saying “this is so



special for Dad and he needs to be with his uniformed brothers”. (Just then I got something in my eye.) Dad had



## **OATLANDS HISTORIC SITE (CONT.)**

been stationed at Luke Field during the war teaching fighter pilots, which those of us who flew know was an impossible task.

A good time was had by all.

Clem

Pictures by Jim

### **ANNUAL SUMMER FLEA MARKET – JULY 19, 2017**

We had a decent showing of fleas at our outdoor flea market for those of us who attended to pour over. Everything from super straight '31 VA tags to a complete front end to a rather bedraggled-looking "Kari Keen" trunk was available.

Jason Cunningham and James Kolody brought out the refreshments and folks flocked to them like bees to honey.

Clem's front end went home with him, but I measured it and assured him it would fit in my truck bed for our annual trip to Hershey in October.

The club's old Babbitt-melting set-up went home with Luke Chaplin, who might actually use it.

Randee Young gifted me with a copy of John Shepherd's *Model A Musings* sold by Dick Johns; then she bought several more of his books for herself. I've read a bit of that John's *Musings*, and am reminded of how particular he was – from timing a Model A with a strobe light to aligning the drive train, he made sure you realized that the devil was in the details.

George Smolenyak, Jr. brought 2 sets of very nice license plates, of which 1 set sold. He later offered Rande counsel on a roadster she was hoping to go see the following Saturday.

Howard and Eleanor Minners joined us for a bit. And Dave, John and Jean Henderson were there selling Dave's meticulously-restored smalls.

We also had Tom Terko, Jamie Lucas and wife Mary, Benny Leonard, Milford Sprecher, Andy Jaeger, Bill Worsham, Andy Koerner, Don White, and me.

Jason talked a bit with a visitor who stopped in, but he'd left before I could get over and introduce myself.

Set, as it was, on a warm evening in the middle of a busy July, it was not a huge showing. But it was a fun evening with a lot of interesting banter. I moved a few things at bargain basement prices; but I needed for them to find a new home, and they did.

Jim Gray

## PAGEANT OF STEAM, BERRYVILLE, VA

We had a wonderful trip and day out in the dirt and mud enjoying the 51<sup>st</sup> annual "Pageant of Steam" in Berryville. No free-range animals were injured and no truths were abused during this outing

Five of us (Jim Gray, Dave Eadie (WB&A), Benny Leonard, Dick Johns and I) rolled Friday morning at 0-700 hours from my home in my Ford Expedition. Quite a motley crowd surrounded by all that luxury. We picked up Dan Danielson at his Gainesville home, and Bruce Metcalf met us at the show. Jim Gray was driver and even though Dave Eadie was with us, we had no designated adults. But we had guidance... from the far, far back seat - Dan was served as our designated backseat driver in charge of ensuring a prompt, timely and tidy arrival and departure. But he refused to wear a skirt.

The weather was threatening with a forecast for heavy rain in the late afternoon. I note that none of the stuff we saw would have been hurt by rain; much of it, in fact, could have used the washing up.

The trip took us thru such fine villages as Delaplane, Paris, Waterloo, Boyce, Millwood, Claytonville, Briggs and Berryville. Then a left and a right to the poorly marked and ploughed up entrance road top the fairgrounds. We parked close and hit the ground runnin'.

First find was mine, I think. This nice lady



had 3 tubs of small toy cars/airplanes/boats, etc. I offered her \$10 for each of the 3 tubs. I needed help from Jim Gray carrying the

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huge box they were dumped into as she wanted her tubs back.

While there we met Luke Chaplin, Howard White, and Jim Cross with grandson Tommy.

Luke got a Model A brake wrench and I a universal pumpkin dog bone. Dave was delighted with his find of the book *Around The World in 80 Days*.

Jim got a pair of cast iron park bench sides without the bench; Ms. Kathie approved. Dick grabbed a siren for the tootin-horn display in the Kids' area at next year's Sully. Jim also grabbed a super neato Ford gas measuring stick. I had never seen such. It measured the depth of gas in your 28/29 Model A Ford gas tank. How do I know it was not for the 30/31 Model A? It only went up to 10 gallons and the 30/31 tank is 11 gallons big. A real prize. I hope Jim shows it off at the next Club meeting. Dick pointed out a Marx train set which followed me home. I hate it when they offer trains at a steam show! The clean set included a black electric loco and tender and 4 four-wheel passenger cars named Borgata, Montclair, Montclair, and Observation. The tail car was lighted. The set also came with a transformer and track. I also saw another Marx set, a Hafner loco and an American Flyer steamer. I left these as they were out in the rain and too costly.

I have been asked how to describe Berryville steam show, but that's almost impossible. Try this: It's not in Berryville (it's held at the Clark County Ruritan Fairgrounds 1 mile west of

town); the pageant includes tractors and fixed and mobile steam engines, many of which have been passed down through families; it's an entire weekend of clankin' and steamin' and smoking with some antiquin' and junk-sellin' thrown in. It's a small-town American carnival and fair without the amusement park rides or the carnies. Rick Custer of the Shenandoah Valley Steam and Gas Engine Association (who put on the show) describes it this way: "It's a way to demonstrate and show respect for our

## PAGEANT OF STEAM (CONT.)

ancestors. Most people today don't realize the hard-physical work that our ancestors had to put out."

To me, it's just the same as Cowtown, only different. There's always a great variety of fleas and lots of friendly folks. You can always see some kind of wheeled vehicle in motion, often being driven by very young serious-faced kids. You can watch steam-powered hay-bailers in action, experience lots of hit-and-miss engines popping and puttering, and see a fine collection of tractors, doodlebugs and other stationary and wheeled contraptions.

But most important of all, you can get a steaming big cup of killer country ham and white bean soup at the cook's tent - the chance to join others with a cub of country glory. You can't miss soup tent – it's just past the tool guy on the left... you know, near where the old dog nearly got squished by the steam tractor earlier that morning.



Now this soup is super-special. The workers start months ahead getting in product, organizing, and etc. Days before comes the ham dicing & etc. Steaming started at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning. Everyone queues up for a big Styrofoam cup filled to the top by the "ladies of the soup." Chopped raw unions are available, if you're up to it. After grabbing a stack of napkins and saltines, everybody sits family-style under a large tent near the spray-mister. To each his own on the choices of hot sauce; I chose Tom's and suffered all afternoon. Then it's casual conversation about tour finds, the weather, the youngsters driving tractors, the old Ford TT work truck and steam tractor driving about and the whole operation. Golly peace in paradise unbothered by the steam whistles tooting and the weather. I dream about this moment thru the cold winters... hot ham and bean soup at the Berryville show comin' the end of July. Bring it on!

At the very end of the thrilling romp around the meet, Clem and Dick found a yellow mushroom jack. Clem hadda have it, but his wimpy counselors voted "NO". It was the rare yellow color!!! None of us could figure out how is worked so therefore it was more valuable. A tenner would not break it loose; the owner said \$35 or I keeps it. I lost sleep over it last night. I coulda' been the onlyist guy in the world with a yellow mushroom jack...

Meanwhile, Dan was busy buying important stuff: like shop supplies for his store and first responder fire and police flags to hang on his store walls.

While wandering thru the small motor section I spoke with a fella from Jersey about the cancelling of THE PUMPKIN RUN. He commiserated that it was a sad day for us real folks and he also said COWTOWN was closed. I fell ova with shock and flopped around on the ground like a beached flounda!!! After I recovered and got my wits together, we

## **PAGEANT OF STEAM (CONT.)**

compared notes and I realized he was talking about some gas engine show at Cowtown, not the *real* COWTOWN. Man, gimme some air! And COWTOWN's not at Cowtown anymore!

As is our habit, we drove through the pre-auction section of the show to visualize what will be up for sale on Saturday. This year the fabulous selection seemed to be better than in recent years. Our #1 was an orange-suede tractor with a 10" tree trunk growing thru it. Imagine the possibilities here: I'm thinking yard art. There was also a wooden water wagon that leaked, many lawn mowers, several tractors and many things un-describable.

With all the excitement behind us, we dropped in on Bruce to cool down with adult beverages and a snack while we talked about his MG, his Model A and his Vincent bike, which was under repair. Seems the powder coating of the front struts caused an issue during reassembly due to the thickness of the coating. Bruce was a fine host to us as we cooled down and laid plans for other further events (Loretta was off playing cards and we missed seeing her). Good judgment on her part. Of all of us, only Dan was wise enough to drag home an extra cup of that magic bean soup... he claimed it was for a friend, but I bet it was for reloading.

We all got home after dropping Dan off at his store. By all accounts, it was a great day out in the middle of America. Can't wait till next year.

Clem

Pictures by Jim and Dave

## **WHITE'S FERRY TOUR**

On Saturday, August 26 you're invited to join me for a small local tour around the Potomac and Monocacy River basins. We will gather at 11 AM on the Maryland side of White's Ferry where there are plenty of picnic tables near the river. Bring a picnic lunch with you. The one-way ticket is \$5 cash or \$8 round-trip (You'll only need the one-way ticket).

After lunch, we'll drive out through scenic Poolesville and follow route 28 up to the Monocacy River Aqueduct. The abandoned aqueduct is part of the C&O Canal system, and has a fascinating civil war history you'll want to discover. The remarkable engineering involved in directing a canal over the Monocacy River is a remarkable feat, and I'm sure you'll enjoy seeing it.

After that, we will drive to rugged and rural Sugar Loaf Mountain and drive to the summit (well, almost the summit). This short, mildly steep drive is easily done in a Model A (I've done it many times) and provides a little taste of mountain driving on a very small scale. We then descend the mountain (having hopefully gained wisdom!) for an even more transcendent experience: Ice cream! The Rocky Point Creamery in Point of Rocks Maryland marks the northern-most point of our tour. The ice cream is fantastic and comes from dairy produced locally.



## **WHITE'S FERRY TOUR (CONT.)**

From there, a quick jaunt over the Point of Rocks Bridge brings us back into Virginia and southbound on route 15. From there, we'll disperse and head home.

Here's a brief schedule outline (times are approximate):

11 AM – White's Ferry Picnic

12:30 PM – Monocacy River Aqueduct

1:45 PM – Sugar Loaf Mountain

2:30 PM – Rocky Point Creamery

There is no cost to attend (except for food along the way). I hope you'll join us.

Jason Cunningham

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

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 its 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**

Not a lot has been updated on the webpage this month so I want to take this time and remind everyone about our related sites page. Its at:

<http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/relatedsites.asp> And not only are there quick links to all of our club sponsors (they are the ones with the graphic ads on this page), but there are other links to magazine sites, relates car technologies and helpful car pages for the Model A Ford.



## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Slow month as no new members joined. But everyone can help to get the word out. Forms are on the website (<http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/membership.asp>) and people can mention the club to neighbors, friends and family. We prorate membership so its just \$10 for the rest of the year. Makes for a great gift!



## **MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE**

A new arrival at the Model A Museum is a 1931 Right Hand Drive Deluxe Phaeton which is currently on loan from MAFFI member, Tom Mack of South Carolina. It will be displayed as a part of the "A"round the World Exhibit. Make plans to come and say, "Hello" to this beauty during Model A Day, September 16<sup>th</sup>!

We had a visit recently from the cars in the Great Race which made for a busy day at the Gilmore. Lots of excitement and lots going on at the Museum!



## **RUNNING ENGINE PROJECT**

Benny Leonard has donated an engine block to mount on a small trailer owned by the club. Parts are needed for final assembly and starting of the engine. The engine will be used for technical sessions and for demonstrations at the annual Sully Car Show. The following parts are needed:

1. Distributor complete, (have cap and rotor)
2. Manifold, Intake & Exhaust & Gasket
3. Water Pump rebuild kit & Fan, nut & woodruff key
4. 1930 Water Outlet neck and gasket
5. Radiator Hose set
6. Battery cables and disconnect switch

If you have one or more of these items and are willing to donate them, please contact Benny at: [benshar100@gmail.com](mailto:benshar100@gmail.com).

## **CDC BREAKFAST**

The next CDC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 9:30 am at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner. 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway Fairfax, VA 22030 (Corner of Fair Lakes Parkway and West Ox Road.) This is a great opportunity to get out for a couple hours of good food and great company. Very informal, grab a seat and talk with the folks around you: V-8 lovers, Model A fans and folk with an affinity for trains. Come on out it is cool and friendly inside the Silver Diner!

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## **7TH ANNUAL MODEL A DAY AT THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM**

September 16, 2017 @ 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Gilmore Car Museum / Model A Ford Museum  
6865 W Hickory Rd  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

The Gilmore Car Museum is the proud home of the **Model A Ford Museum**, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A! On Saturday, September 16th, hop in your Model A and head out to the Gilmore Car Museum for the **7th annual Ford Model A Day** and celebrate the heritage of a trusty American car with friends and family.

Special events and activities will be held throughout the day including a swap meet, a Model A Hall of Fame induction, special seminars, and more! Bring your Model A or come as a spectator, this show and swap meet will be sure to please as hundreds of Model As gather in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the Gilmore's Historic Campus.

**Spectator Admission: \$12.00/person, children 11 and under free**

**Model A Exhibitor: \$10.00**

**MAFFI Members: Free to the Gilmore Museum**

For more information, please visit [www.MAFFI.org](http://www.MAFFI.org)

Or contact:

Lou Ironside – Model A Ford Foundation

[\(810\)798-8803](tel:(810)798-8803)

[louironside@aol.com](mailto:louironside@aol.com)

## **YOUTH MODEL A RESTORATION PROJECT FUNDING**

Do you know of a young person who is restoring a Model A Ford? Funds to support such an effort are available from the Model A Restoration Award Organization, a joint effort of the Model A Restorers Club and the Model A Ford Club of America.

The rules include the following: The applicant must own or possess a Model A or AA Ford. The applicant must be at least 12-years of age, but not yet 22 and actively restoring his or her Model A with the intention of keeping it and entering it in judging at some time in the future.

For more information visit the website at <http://modelarestorationaward.org/>. See letter on the back page.

Stan Johnson

## **DAMASCUS MOTORS CRUISE-IN**

Fun show at the. Easily 100 cars and a good sized crowd. This event was free to enter and garnered a good sized crowd. I arrived about 8:30 am and left at noon. The flow in was continuous all morning. There were several booths for food, fleas, shirts, and baseball caps. Tommy and Carol Terko and Milford Sprecher were there. The Take-apart T was drawing a large crowd as were the several military vehicles. Four real Model A's, several modifieds, and 2 A-rats in the Collision Co. building. Two modified early Datsun Zs with later engines were tearing up the place. Model A roadster #39 was thereafter recent fun runs at TROG! The hotrod still has sand in it after 5 washings. The owner said the time on the streets of Wildwood in the evening with all the cars parked outside was as much fun as the racin. I peaked in all the buildings enjoying the many car projects in the works. Cars I loved included the Boss Hogg Caddy, #39, the '38 restorod Ford pickup, and most everything. The two A-rats were in Collision Co building. They are thrown together by locals. I did not get to see the engines, but I think they were Model A. Nice quality workmanship. I'm not sure the Essex front end is OEM!



I spoke with both Owners Andy and his Dad Bobbie of Damascus Motors. Both welcomed us to bring a tour by any Monday/Wednesday or Friday. Tour could include the junk yard as well, which is someplace else. Fall/winter would be best. I recommend

## **Damascus Motors Cruise-in (Cont.)**

a GWC/eV-8 group tour. The place was former Chevy dealer with 40 some booths. I took my '39 Peekup (named Uncle Raeman) for a 90 mile run yesterday to the cruise in. He did swell. This spring we replaced the '35 tranny with a '37 case with '39 gears. No more squealing in third gear! (in the old setup the uni was loose, the uni scraped the bell housing and the end shaft had 1/2 inch forward/back play. Dunno why as yet but it lays in a pile waiting for study. At the eV-8 National here I grabbed a pair of used rear shocks. My left was shot so now the ride is better. He still has a "Dutch roll" which keeps me on my toes. Heater valve is closed but the heater still heats on long runs. I'll loop the hoses next. He bucks a little on acceleration so the pot will get a redo. At the show he was loved for the originalnesses of the wrinkles and patinas. They loved my clock which is on the front right hubcap. (PITA as when I stop, I have to jack up the front to rotate the time to get the cardinal point on the clock at the top). The battery meter has always showed a bit low. After the trip it showed in the normal range. Strange gauge. The womens were back screamin for a ride...I run 'em off as I was busy. The trip back took 2 hours bumper to bumper in DC traffic. I sweated off a couple of pounds. I'm learning how to drive the truck. I'm 6'2" so I need to turn my right foot 45 degrees to the side to get reach the support stud and gain better clutch engagement. That action on my part is getting better. The clutch still chatters a bit on engagement (Anti chatter rods very tight.)

All-in-all a fun day on the road.

Clem



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## **LUCKY DAY AT THE GETTYSBURG MEET**

Clem, Benny, Dick Johns and I got lucky... although we were all busy for most of the first week of August, we agreed we could make a quick run to say hi to friends and check on the flea market at the Hub City Club-sponsored MARC National Meet in Gettysburg on Monday, July 31.

We all felt pretty lucky because the run up was uneventful and we parked right in front of the hotel and almost immediately found coffee.

Lucky because we found fleas we needed (and a couple we didn't).

Lucky because we unloaded a large group of Clem's, Benny's and Dick's excess items MARC had requested to help the youth team build up a rolling chassis.

Lucky because we saw (in no particular order):

Hugh Smith; Jim Cartmill, Luke Chaplain; Bill & Judy Worsham; Tom and Carol Terko; Donny and Judy Temple; Milford Sprecher; Howard Minners; Brad & Kirstin Minners; Jim & Suzan O'Neale; Andy Pogan, Woody Williams; Luke Chaplin; John Leydon (only a fleeting glance – he was deep in conversation with someone); Jeff & Debbie Kichline (Have you seen these two svelte youngsters recently: If not, go up and see 'em... they look GREAT!); Walt Bratton; and Don Jenkins & family (who own and operate Joe's Upholstery Shop in Frederick, MD).

Lucky because the reception desk said they had nearly 500 cars signed up for the meet, and we got to gawk at nearly all of them.



Lucky because the day was warm, cheery and wonderful, the banter quick and humorous, and, of course, always truthful.

Lucky because Don Jenkins fixed Clem's cabriolet problem and gave me some heavy upholstery material to repair the piping on the rumble seat back cushion where the lock has torn it up on the 14-year-old restoration of my 1931 "Ruby".

Lucky because we ignored and disproved the basic argument of Nobel Laureate Daniel

## **GETTYSBURG MEET (Cont.)**

Kahneman's *Thinking, Fast and Slow* that only a well-reasoned decision is a good decision.

Lucky because our trip home included a lunch stop at the wonderful Frederick Municipal Airport "Airways Inn" Restaurant.

Lucky to be able to laugh that "The Skull's" half-sandwich board sign offering great deals on license plates resulted in zero, zilch, nada and no sales... but he looked pretty snappy wearing it.

Lucky because our fast decision to go to Gettysburg turned out as incredibly well as it did.

Yep, we four old vets were all mighty lucky; and we know it.

Jim



## **MUSEUM OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CAR SHOW**

We decided to enter our '31 Coupe in the MSV show, open to all cars over 25 years old. The oldest was a 1919 Essex and there was a good selection of stock cars, hot rods, and British cars. There were two other Model As, but I only was able to talk to one owner, who lived in Winchester. It started to rain at the end, so I got some experience driving the car in the rain and wiping the fog off the inside of the windshield.



Bruce Metcalf

## **COMING EVENTS [Club events are in bold]**

Calendar as of August 1, 2017

### **August**

9 - CDC at the Silver Diner

16 - **GWC August Monthly Meeting** <http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/>

23 – **GWC BOD Meeting**

26 - **Day trip which includes a Potomac crossing at White's Ferry and a picnic**

### **September**

4 – Labor Day Show in Fairfax (not in Clifton anymore)

? – **GWC Pig Pickin' Picnic**. . Details to follow.

13 – CDC at the Silver Diner

20 – **GWC September Monthly Meeting**

16 – Bull Run AACA Edgar Rohr 42nd Anniversary Car Show

Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA. Antique and street rod cars and trucks (over 150 vehicles last year!) 1992 and older. Fifty "class" trophies, 14 special awards. Flea market, car corral, door prizes, silent auction, and special display of unique antique commercial vehicles, two Model-T Ford assembly demonstrations, and more. Free trailer parking, free spectator admission and free garage parking across from show field. Takes place in historic downtown Manassas, a short walk from unique shops, farmer's market, and International Food Festival. Sponsored by Bull Run Region, AACA. Rain or shine! Information: Darryll Baker, (571) 294-7853 or [darryllbaker@aol.com](mailto:darryllbaker@aol.com). See flyer at Club website, <http://www.bullrunaaca.org/rohr/gallery.php>



## WANT ADS

### For Sale

#### 1931 Model A Ford

It is definitely a show car, in excellent condition and runs great Located in Ocean Pines, MD, always garaged. Can possibly bring it to Northern VA area for serious buyers. Short video showing the car and it running: Video Link

Asking \$35K

Please contact

Gary Quinn

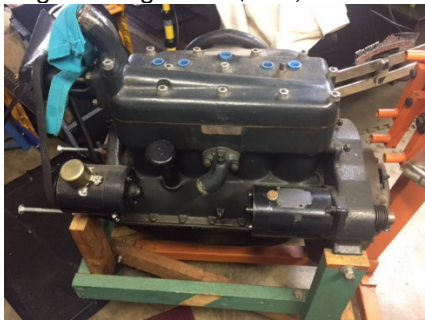
703-581-4857

theq111@aol.com



### Engine, Transmission, bell housing and transmission top

I am ready to sell my spare Model A engine. I used it several years ago while my current engine was rebuilt. Also I have a spare transmission minus reverse gear, spare bell housing and a top to a transmission. Parts believed to all be 1930 versions. Located in VIENNA VA  
Eng and eng stand \$350, rest will accept a responsible offer



Please contact

Phil McCormick

703-801-6854 (c)

703-938-9704 (h)

[vze1qpog@verizon.net](mailto:vze1qpog@verizon.net)

**Briggs body sedan.** Right Hand Drive. Manufactured in Argentina. Older restoration showing signs of age and some paint failure and rust issues but mechanically robust and a good daily driver. Grey interior is in good condition. All documentation from most

## WANT ADS (Cont.)

recent restoration c. 1998. Car has seen very little use the past several years, but starts and runs well. Unique trunk custom made for the vehicle. Car is currently located in



Owings, MD 20736

Asking \$6500

Please contact

Charles Krafft

410-257-2379

chaskrafft@comcast.net

**For Sale:** 1931 matching VA license plates. Selling on behalf of the family of a very elder gentleman. Family is asking \$250 dollars. Plates appear to have been refinished a couple of decades ago and never used. One is excellent: the second is good as base color is slightly faded and electrician's tape holding plates together deteriorated onto base color. Pictures available upon request. Bud Pratsch [703-620-2518](tel:703-620-2518) or [LPRATSCH@VERIZON.NET](mailto:LPRATSCH@VERIZON.NET)

**1929 rolling chassis** w/ engine, trans, all new brakes & hardware, frame cleaned & painted, on wheels & tires w/ extra wheel, engine hood, fenders & running boards. Would make a great build for a street rod or a really good restoration project.

Other parts include:

1 block

2 cranks

3 cams

3 heads

box of pistons, rods, bearings & gaskets

1 trans w/ bell housing, flywheel & clutch

1 radiator

2 firewalls (new)

leaf springs

5, 21" wheels

5, 19" wheels

1929 truck cowl w/ windshield frame

## **WANT ADS (Cont.)**

Please let me know if someone might be interested. Can be sold separately or all together.

Thanks,  
Mike Kalcheff  
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July 22, 2017

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Dear Model A club,

This is not a request for funds, so please read on.

Over the years since the Model A Youth Restoration Award program (MAYRA) was founded in 1995, your club has been a generous contributor and we thank you so very much. We want you to know that your contributions have meant a great deal to our young restorer beneficiaries.

Since its inception, MAYRA has made over 75 individual awards to youth restorers. Prior to 2016, we normally made 9 or 10 awards biennially. In 2016 at the MARC National Meet, we had only four recipients, two of whom were prior recipients. And of the four, only one will be eligible to receive an award at the MAFCA National Convention in 2018.

Our concern is the number of applicants for the 2018 awards. We now find ourselves in unfamiliar territory. Because of generous contributions from MARC and MAFCA Model A clubs, vendors and others, we have sufficient funds for the 2018 award season. What we need now are the young people who are restoring Model A's to apply. We believe they are out there and we would like your help in finding them. We encourage your club to focus on youth outreach and spread the word about our program. Everyone benefits.

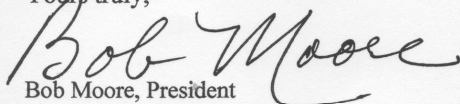
Our philosophy has always been that the future of the hobby rests with attracting and retaining youth. We believe our financial assistance encourages young Model A restorers to make progress with their restorations, thus keeping them motivated.

We thank you for your past contributions. While we are not asking for your financial support now, we don't want you to forget about us. If the outreach to youth is successful, and the number of applicants increase, we will again need your support.

Information and application for the program are available on our website "[ModelARestorationAward.org](http://ModelARestorationAward.org)".

Thank you for your help in sustaining our hobby. Feel free to contact me or any of our Board Members with your suggestions on locating youth who are in the restoration process and attracting other youth to the hobby. Phone numbers are on the website. Please read this letter at both your board and club meetings and if possible, include in your newsletter.

Yours truly,

  
Bob Moore, President