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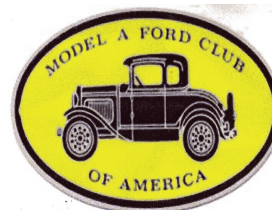
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## GRAY FROM A TO Z



Merry Christmas from my garage to yours! My 1929 Special Coupe Glinda; my 1931 Deluxe Coupe Ruby; and my first new car, my 1970 Datsun 240Z Zelda, are ready to enjoy the season.

My final Club trip will be in Zelda to deliver the toys donated by the GWC to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy collection campaign.

Congratulations to our two new

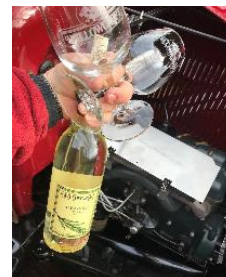
Honorary Life Members: "Team Benedict" (Bill and Carol Benedict) and Paul Gauthier. Together, these individuals have dedicated nearly 100 years of time to the GWC, from serving as the single input to our great Sully Car Show; to fulfilling nearly every officer and Board of Director position; to creating our fine scholarship program; and working the flea market at Sully. It is this type of selfless support that keeps this Club alive and vibrant.

And welcome to our newly elected Officers and BOD members!

The 70 of us who gathered for our annual Christmas Party on December 2 enjoyed a fine meal in a beautiful setting. We donated more than 50 toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program and awarded hundreds of dollars' worth of excellent prizes. These included gift certificates from Bed & Breakfast.com, the world's largest B&B site; two car-saving high tech fire extinguishers; beautiful Christmas table decorations; a beautiful Jim Cross original cedar Bluebird House; wonderful picnic/lap throws; 8 bottles of Willowcroft wine (with glasses); and a beautiful Jim Beam 1929 Model A Police Phaeton decanter. What an amazing night! Your Activities Chairman, Jason Cunningham did a superb job as Master of Ceremonies, and his committee (comprising Cindy Olexson, Laurel Gauthier and my wife Kathie) put in countless hours finding gifts and arranging the hall.

Jason kept us busy with 2 tours last month, each of which drew 13 cars. The first tour was to Sugarloaf Mountain, which we reported on last month.

The second, to Willowcroft Winery, happened after our deadline for the November Script. I hate to say that I was the only entrant for the Manifold Cooking Contest, but, to the victor go the spoils: a fine bottle and 2 Willowcroft glasses went home with me to keep the "Rolling Chef" perpetual trophy company... until the wine is gone.



I have been honored to have served as your President for the past two years. We've had great parades, great programs, great tours, two great Sully shows – where I am now serving as Chief Judge – and strong participation. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of your Board of Directors, and the dedication of all of our fellow Club members.

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

Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, November 16, 2017

The November Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Jim Gray at the Red, Hot & Blue restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Attendance:** Jim Gray, James Kolody, Jerry Olexson, Doug Tomb, Bill Sims, Bruce Metcalf, Jason Cunningham, Stan Johnson, Bruce Metcalf, Shepherd, and Bill Worsham were in attendance; a quorum was present.

Benny Leonard, Tom Quigley, and Milford Sprecher were absent due to travel and other commitments.

**Minutes:** October BOD minutes were approved and published in the November Script.

### **President's Report:**

- By Laws: The proposed changes to the Club bylaws were approved at the Club Annual Business Meeting held Wednesday, November 15th. We had 42 members present, and the vote was unanimous. It was agreed that the bylaws, with the revised articles, will be published on the Club website.
- Budget: President Gray reiterated that the Board turnover meeting on December 20th will give new and old board members a chance to discuss their budget line items for 2018.
- Board members need to RSVP to Jason by December 8th for the Turnover Meeting.
- Sully 2018 preparation. There was discussion about having a special section, near the flea market area, where the hit-and-miss engines, the Club air compressor, and other noisy special exhibits will be located. We hope this will be an attraction for children of all ages attending Sully.
- Life Membership. Two completed nominations were submitted by the June 30 deadline. President Gray announced that the Committee has made its recommendation. After discussion by the Board, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Committee. The results will be announced at the Club Annual Christmas Party on December 2nd.

### **Vice President** – James - Programs:

- The Club Brown Bag gift exchange will be held on Wednesday, December 13th (NOTE: This is one week earlier than usual). The Club membership is reminded to bring a suitable gift, in the \$15 to \$25 price range, for either a men's or women's gift. No Junk! Santa will be watching!

### **Secretary's Report** – Doug:

- The December transitional Joint BOD Meeting will be held at P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax, VA, on Wednesday, December 20th. This meeting is for all old and new BOD members (as well as for those serving the Club in the appointed BOD positions) and their spouses.
- Doug reported that with Bill Worsham's retirement, we will need to change the official address of the Club from Bill's work address. It was agreed that the Club will use Bill's home address as the official address of the Club for tax and other business mailing purposes.

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

### **Treasurer's Report** –Jerry:

- Jerry reported that all the Club bills are current. The main outstanding Club expense for the year will be the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2nd. The books will be ready for the Board Turnover Meeting on December 20th.
- The Club is in a good financial position, with the final numbers reported after the Christmas Party.

### **Committee Reports**

President Gray asked for the following Committee Reports:

### **Annual Sully Meet** – Bill:

- The Sully Committee will hold its first Sully 2018 meeting in January.
- There was discussion about putting excess Club items in the Sully Gift Shop for sale as agreed at the joint Sully Committee and Sully staff meeting following Sully 2017. This would be a revenue source for the Club, as well as for Sully.
- Greg and Jason agreed to help the Club with social networking help for the Sully Show. Bill reported that the Sully staff would also like to help out with social networking to help boost the Sully Show attendance.

### **Activities** -- Jason:

- Caffeine Double Clutch is December 13 at the Fairfax Silver Diner, 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Party planning – Jason's committee is hard at work and has many of the details under control. They are sourcing decorations, prizes and center pieces. We have 55 members and guests signed up so far.
- BIG NEWS is that we have a new GRAND PRIZE - \$360 worth of gift certificates from Bed & Breakfast.com – the world's largest B&B site, which will be awarded at the Christmas Party. We will also have the usual Model A Ford decanter raffle.
- Jason reported on the Sugarloaf Mountain Tour. We had 13 cars, and it was a fun day.
- The Willowcroft Winery Tour was also well attended, also with 13 cars (11 Model A's, 1 Nash, and Keith Randall's 1938 Deluxe Fordor). Jim Gray won the manifold cooking contest.
- Jason noted that we had 15 Model As on the Kent Island Tour.
- Jason is planning our Oak Hill Tour in May, and another Kent Island Tour, at a date yet to be determined.
- We are also planning a weekend tour to Orange, Virginia. Details to follow.

### **Youth Development** – Tom: (unable to attend)

- Will discuss program for next year at the Joint BOD Meeting in December.

### **Membership / Webmaster** – Shep:

- Design for the new Club logo is with the artist; we are waiting for his rendition of the design.
- Club dues for 2018 are now due. They are \$20 per member/ family.

### **Editor** – Bill:

- Jason has access to a good camera, and will fill in as he can as our Club Photographer.
- Bill Sims says he will accept photos from any member. Articles are always welcome.
- The deadline for the December Script is December 4th, after the Club Christmas Party.

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

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

- The 2018 MARC “Mountain Memories” National Tour will be held in Elkins, West Virginia, which is only a 3-4 hour drive away from DC at modern speeds; and perhaps 5 at Model A speeds. It was suggested that the Club should hold a tour prep clinic so members can prepare their cars for the drive. The tour will be September 17th thru 20th, 2018.

### Property Manager – Bruce reported for Benny, who was unable to attend:

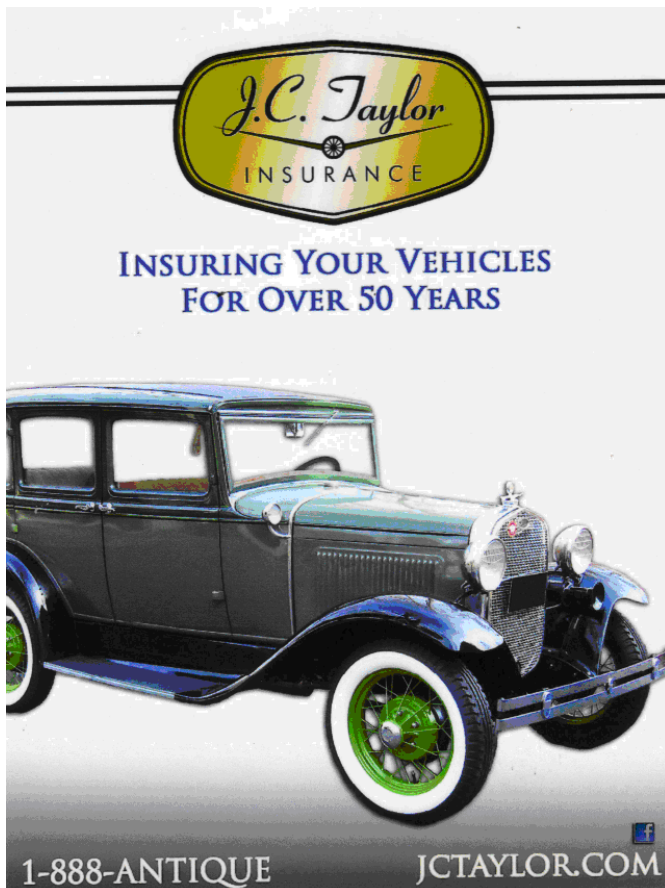
- Before the club can show its compressor at Sully, we need to replace its air tank. Benny and Bruce requested a budget of \$800 to cover the upcoming replacement and modifications necessary to make the compressor safe for operation. We will put out a call for volunteers when needed.

## Old Business

1. The December Monthly Meeting, our Brown Bag Gala, will be held Wednesday, December 13th.
2. President Gray will handle drinks for the Brown Bag meeting. We need a volunteer to cover for Mark Kuklewicz until March 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Doug Tomb, secretary



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## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Vice President Trueman Burn listed the slate of officers that had been voted in, and once again we would have Andy Pogan as president. In his President's Corner column in the Script, he looked back upon the past year and cited the good memories from it. Membership had continued to grow, participation in Club activities had been very good, a new record had been set by driving 48 Model A's to the September Club picnic, and Club members had been consistent trophy winners at car shows throughout the year, capped by Millard Springer's "Henry" award captured at the MARC National Meet in June. He said, "1992 had been great, but rather than live in the past, let's look ahead and make 1993 even better!"



Don Temple reported on the November board meeting, which was held at the Merkel's home, saying that Millard had made a motion that met with approval to try to get Model A historian George DeAngelis to give a talk at our June meeting. Howard Minners would also check with Doc Kalinka to see if he would give us a talk at one of the spring meetings. Don went on to report that January would be our annual indoor flea market, and that George Merkel had reported a good sign-up for the Christmas party. He was checking on having a family night for the meeting in April, which would include a pot luck dinner to which everyone would bring a dish.

Two new members were announced in the Script, one—the late Marvin Meyers. For the December program, Gene Rorick would make a presentation on the subject of upholstery and headliner installation with props and teaching aids, and Don Jenkins volunteered to help. Walt Bratton's small parts repair day was tentatively planned for a January Saturday. Millard announced that no one had gotten a perfect score on last month's authenticity-of-parts quiz, but a high number recognized that a 1/2" crack in a fan was an unsafe condition

Jim Leatherwood wrote about his forty-year interest in Model A's. Starting with a \$25 '29 roadster, which he discovered in a field and parlayed into a gem that he later sold for the princely sum of \$900, he then went on to a '31 Deluxe Roadster, which rekindled his interest after a 30-year lapse, and, finally, concluded with a top-award-winning restoration by Millard Springer of a 6200-original-mile coupe. In researching its original owner, Jim found him to have been an eccentric who distrusted banks and hoarded a ton and a half of silver coins! They were later discovered when his house burned. Jim went on to say that his prized coupe was being housed in a heated and air conditioned garage, but, unfortunately, there would be no silver found if the house burns down because his money had all been spent on Model A's.

Dave Henderson



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Sunshine Report

Some info to pass on... Lets keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers:

- Rickie Beardmore is in the hospital with a heart problem.
- Benny Leonard has completed the last of his radiation treatments
- Not to be out done, Mark Kuklewicz also completed his last radiation treatments.
- Jim O'Neal had some extensive shoulder surgery and is recovering at home.

We wish them all speedy recoveries!



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

We continue to receive a lot of likes and followers on our new Facebook and Instagram pages. Join in the fun at: <https://www.facebook.com/GWCmodelA/> and <https://www.instagram.com/gwcmodeLA/>



### Membership Report

And speaking of memberships, it's that time of year again where dues are due! The board has decided to keep the amount the same so it's still only \$20 for a full year membership. This includes access to the monthly newsletter as well as exclusive activities like the Willowcroft and Eastern Shore trips, our high-profile parades like Memorial Day and July 4th as well as our Holiday and summer parties.



We have had good response from the membership so far. I have received about 40 renewals but still have a way to go. Before the Holiday season really gets going, please get your dues in!



Please make a check out for \$20 to GWC (\$30 for those grandfathered in that get the paper copy of the Script) and mail it to:

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## **MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Jamie Lucas, Stan Johnson, Mark Routt, Benny Leonard, Tom Quigley, Bill Worsham, Greg Shepherd, Doug Tomb, Bruce Metcalf, Bill Sims, Jason Cunningham, James Kolody  
(not present: Milford Sprecher)

This is your BOD for 2018. Our losses were Jay Melton, Jerry Olexson, and Jim Gray. Stan Johnson will take over as Vice President and Program Chairman, Jamie Lucas will replace him in the National Liaison job; Doug Tomb, last year's Secretary, will be our Treasurer; replacing him as Secretary will be Mark Routt. Franklin Delano (Tom) Quigley will be returning to serve his fifth term as our President. He last served four consecutive terms from 2007-2010. He's a glutton for punishment.

Bill Sims

## **MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE**

Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 1400 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of our favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 200 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area this year! You could help us make that goal by ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. It would make a great gift for that loved one in your family who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in this issue of the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick. It will be in place at the Museum by next September.

Merry Christmas and thank you.  
Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator

(From Stan Johnson—The web address to download the brick order form is:  
[http://www.maffi.org/My\\_Homepage\\_Files/Page7.html?graphicParm=Brick](http://www.maffi.org/My_Homepage_Files/Page7.html?graphicParm=Brick))



## WILLOWCROFT WINERY TRIP

On social media, one popular hashtag\*, “#roadsterweather”, is often used by car guys with rag top cars to express a remarkably good day for driving with the top down. November 12, the day of the Willowcroft Winery Visit, was not #roadsterweather!

Averaging 34 degrees on the hour-long drive across White’s Ferry from my house, we arrived with rosy cheeks, freezing ears and a desperate need to have some coco.

In spite of the cold, we had a fantastic group turn out. The 26 other members of the club who came in 13 vintage cars met at the winery were Jim Gray in his '31 Deluxe Coupe, Kathie Gray in a modern, Jim and Connie Baker in their '31 Town Sedan, Bill and Carol Benedict in their '31 Roadster, Jim and Edna Cross in a modern, Jason Cunningham and Loriel Dutton in his '30 Roadster, Tank and Barbara Edwards in their '29 Tudor, James Kolody in his '31 Coupe, Benny and Sharon Leonard in their '30 Coupe,

John Leydon in his '31 Cabriolet, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf in their '31 Coupe, Lew Parker in his '31 Huckster, Matthew Pearson, Chris Kennedy and Matthew's friend Elizabeth Snow in his 1932 Nash, Keith Randall in his '38 Ford Deluxe Fordor, and Bill and Alice Sims in their '31 Town Sedan.

Jim Gray was the only attendee to participate in the exhaust manifold cooking contest. His grand prize winning salmon with veggies smell delicious, although it did require a little additional time on the idling engine due to the cold.



Members enjoyed a picnic lunch in the winery’s club room in the loft of the barn before venturing out for a tour of the vines and the various locations where the red and white wines are produced.

On the way out, Jim Gray discovered he had a dead battery. Thankfully, Jim Baker had jumper cables and had him up and running in no time at all. Jim made some adjustments to his alternator and made it home safely.

Jason Cunningham



*\*A hashtag is a word or phrase (without spaces) beginning with a pound sign used to group and organize related content. Examples include “#fordmodelA”. A search for that hashtag on Instagram brings up 16,106 pictures (presumably all of Model As) that are tagged with that phrase.*



**SEEN AT WILLOWCROFT**



Chris Kennedy, Matt Pearson and Loriel Dutton sampling the hot coco



More diners in the club room



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## **WARNING ON LONG LIFE ANTIFREEZE**

(Article forwarded by Phil Roche, written by Dave Tulawitzky, first published in Jim Cranes Western Michigan Buick Chapter newsletter.)

Antifreeze manufacturers have reformulated their products for long life and the inhibitor attacks, among other things, silicone compounds—the most commonly used base for gasket sealants. It also attacks lead-based products (solder and Babbit), some yellow metals (cam bearings, radiators), and conventional gaskets and packing materials.

The warning here is to NOT use coolants with OAT inhibitors in your antique car. You need to read the product label and use only IAT (Inorganic Additive Technology) inhibited antifreeze.

OAT stands for “Organic Acid Technology” based corrosion inhibitors and they are designed to have longer service life than that of IAT coolants. Unfortunately that feature comes with a bad side effect for older cars. One fellow decided to change antifreeze in his antique car. His regular brand was out of stock so he bought the “advanced” formula. Four weeks later he found pools of antifreeze under his car. The antifreeze had dissolved the old gaskets. It was formulated with OAT inhibitors.

Here are some tips for finding IAT coolants:

1. Prestone says that all of its current antifreezes are OAT formulas.
2. Peak says that their antifreeze and coolant is an IAT formula. The container is blue. It is important that it not say “long life.” Peak Sierra brand is propylene glycol for those who prefer that. It, too, uses an IAT formula.
3. Zerex says that Zerex Original Green is an IAT formula. It comes in a white container. Do not use their G-05 formula in the gold jug.

### Club comments:

I'm using Prime and Advanced Auto Parts antifreeze coolants. They say “Extended life.” Neither say OAT/IAT. They are both green. – Clem

Try “Conventional GREEN Formula” “PEAK” Antifreeze & Coolant. It's good for “All Makes and Models: 1989 and earlier”-----says so on the gallon container!!!! I use it in my “A” and '59 Cad. I have articles written on it somewhere around here if you want me to find them and send to you. The newer stuff is not good for old cars! -- Rick Menz

It is true. Don't even use any modern antifreeze that says long lasting, or heavy duty. They are acid based and will erode the head gaskets and lead solder on the radiators. They are all made for the new aluminum core radiators. CARQUEST makes a house brand antifreeze for older vehicles (read ones with copper core/lead solder radiators). – Doug Cox

This AACA link backs up Benny's thoughts about the newer, extended life anti-freeze <http://forums.aaca.org/f162/urgent-warning-extended-life-anti-freeze-292163.html> -- Bob Hartig



## GWC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017



On December 2, the club held its annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Hall, Post 177. This was the first year that I have had the privilege of organizing and coordinating this highly anticipated event.

We had 72 members and their spouses RSVP for the Christmas Party, which was up significantly over the 64 people in 2016. Always an encouraging sign as we welcome new members into the club.

One of those new members is Mark Routt and wife Christiane, who joined the Club this year and were participating in their first Club Christmas Party. Mark is jumping in with both feet as he will also be serving on the board this coming year. Other new members in attendance for the first time were Jim and Diana Ryan, Bob Royer and Mr. Scott Wallace, Daniel and Beverly Marks, Clay Christian and his wife Rachel Eddy. It was a pleasure to have them join us.

One remarking highlight from the part was the fantastic array of raffle prizes. Paul and Laurel Gauthier drove more than 500 miles across the upper peninsula of Michigan tracking down some truly unique prizes, including a diamond shaped wood bird house (won by Rachel Eddy), a 2.5' high faintly Nordic Santa figurine with braided beard, and a throw blanket from MARC with Model As on it.

Outgoing President Jim Gray traveled perhaps the furthest from home, grabbing a pair of beautiful, water-proof picnic blankets that fold into a briefcase. He picked them up during his recent trip to the Pacific Northwest.

I had the joy of MCing the raffle giveaway, and tried to do it with gusto! Despite my attempts to diversify the range of winners, luck certainly seemed to follow certain people! Phil and Betty McCormick each won two bottles of Willowcroft wine, each coming with a pair of stemmed glasses. They're ready for Christmas!

Interspersed with all the fun was a meaningful time thanking the old board for their work, and welcoming the 2018 board. I also took a few moments to thank and honor Jim Gray, who has worked tirelessly for the Club and has earned his well-deserved break. I presented him with a framed picture of his car at Kent Island with a mat signed by many of the board members and their spouses.

Another unique feature this year was the board's decision to award two Lifetime Memberships to two very deserving members. The first was to Bill and Carol Benedict, who have contributed mightily to the financial health of the Club. Their tireless efforts coordinating Sully registrations have absolutely earned them this distinction.

The second was Paul Gauthier. Those who have known Paul and his contributions to the Club will know his investment, like that of the Benedicts, spans years, if not decades. He has held many of the board positions and even this year, is still investing and helping make the club great. It was a true pleasure to honor him for his service.

It was a spectacular party that bought lots of laughs a great memories. I hope you'll join us next year!

Jason Cunningham

**SEEN AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Barbara Edwards and Edna Cross, the party Welcoming Committee



Jerry and Cindy Olexson with departing First Lady Kathie Gray



Lining up for some good eats



The President's corner: Jim Gray, Tom Quigley and Doug Tomb, with past and rising First Lady Elizabeth Quigley



Doug and Beverly Tomb talking with Marylee and Bill Cassels



Bennie Leonard breaks up Phil McCormick

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS AT THE PARTY



Jason presenting Jim with photo of Jim's car at Kent Island



Passing of the President's gavel from Jim Gray to Tom Quigley

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDEES



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## **COLD WEATHER STORAGE TIPS**

**(from Jim Palmer, editor of The Ridge Runner, Blue Ridge Model A's)**

**Looks like the cooler weather may finally be working its way in. Holidays are here and the old cars will be put away for the winter. Here are a few tips to make sure your Model A is stored properly and will be ready to go again next spring.**

### **Cold Weather Storage Tips:**

-Make sure your gas tank is full. This will reduce the amount of moisture that can be absorbed into your fuel system. This also reduces the rate at which gasoline will turn to varnish. Like I'm always saying, use "Ethanol Free" fuel, especially for storage.

-Use Anti-freeze. Not only will this keep your engine from freezing, but it will also keep rust from forming in your cooling system.

-Wash the car and apply a good wax. Don't forget to clean the interior too. Do this early in the day so it will have plenty of time to dry before you put it in the garage.

-If you have a convertible top, leave it up. Convertible tops can develop some nasty creases when stored in the down position. Also store your car with the windows up tightly to prevent any insects or varmints from getting inside. Don't forget to make sure your floorboards are in place for the same reason.

-Now, take the car for a nice drive, 30 minutes or so, to get all the moisture from the engine and exhaust system before it is put away for the winter. This will also help keep rust at bay.

-Change the engine oil before storage. Dirty oil is contaminated with acids and moisture which can cause premature damage to your engine. If you believe your car is going to sit for a year or more, then remove the spark plugs and pour some "upper cylinder lubricant" into the engine. I like Marvel Mystery Oil for this.

-If you are storing your car in the basement or other damp location, then I would recommend spraying some WD-40 on all exposed metal surfaces under the hood and chassis. Don't even bother wiping it off, just spray it on to keep the rust away.

-To keep flat spots from forming on your tires, over inflate them slightly, or put the car up on Jack stands if possible.

-Keep that battery charged. A fully discharged battery will go bad in just a few days. Use a low amperage "Battery Tender" if you have one, or charge the battery every few weeks. Keep the battery disconnected during storage by removing the fuse, or one of the battery cables.

-The best thing you can do for any car in storage is to visit it at least once per month and take it out for a nice drive. This will keep the battery charged and all your mechanical parts moving like they are supposed to. This is not only good for the car, but good for the owner as well.

## **DECEMBER'S PROGRAM: BROWN BAG CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**



The December program will again be the rip-roaring Brown Bag Gift Exchange. We will operate under the same rules used over the past several years.

Each person will bring a nice gift, “wrapped” in a brown bag – and this bag will be your admission to the event. Lady-specific gifts should be marked on the outside with a large “L”. The bags are placed on a table in front of the room. Each member gets a ticket stub in exchange for his bag. The other half of the ticket goes into a bowl.

“Nice Gift” means “No Junk!” - Find something among your Model A holdings that you would like to get as a gift if you didn't already have it. If you can't find something, a new part or tool in the \$10-\$20 range would be just right. (For example, last year one GWC member purchased two hood prop kits, one for his own car and one for the brown bag gift exchange.)

Then comes the fun! When the meeting begins, a ticket is drawn from the bowl. The holder of that ticket comes to the front and selects a bag from the table, turns around and opens the bag so that everyone can see the gift. When the *oohs* and *ahhs* have subsided, he/she draws a ticket from the bowl, hands it to the Master of Ceremonies, and returns to his seat with the gift. The new number is called out and the holder of that ticket comes forward and announces his/her decision, 1) Take a gift that has previously been unwrapped, or 2) Select and open a new bag. If he/she takes the previously opened gift, then that person (who relinquishes the gift) comes back to the front to 1) take a bag or 2) a previous gift, but not the one just relinquished.

Each subsequent ticket holder comes forward and has the chance to take any previously opened gift or take an unopened bag from the table except that the third holder of a given item gets to keep that item. (Example: Tom opens up a carburetor, Karen takes the carburetor from Tom, Benny takes the carburetor from Karen and gets to keep it).

The fun is always increased when someone opens a gift that multiple people are eager to own. So wrap a gift up in a brown bag and come to the meeting ready for a good time. In the end you will go home with a nice gift and pleasant memories.

## **LED HEADLIGHT BULBS**

I recently chanced upon an interesting British firm called Classic Dynamo and Regulator Conversions. [dynamo = generator] They sell a line of 6 volt LED headlight bulbs called the “Double Dipper,” available with the standard BA15d base used in the stock Model A headlamp. They claim much better performance than halogen bulbs, which I've been using for a long time. I decided to take the plunge and bought a pair for a total of 60 pounds sterling including shipping – about \$80. The bulbs arrived yesterday and I popped them in late this afternoon as it was getting dark. Yikes! My shop was suddenly flooded with brilliant blue-white light resembling my 2015 Dodge Ram headlights. They made the halogens look like weak flashlight bulbs. With good reason, the company counsels proper aiming so as not to blind other drivers, something I never worried much about in my Sport Coupe. Current draw is tiny: 0.52amp and 1.04a low/high @ 6 volts. In addition to bulbs, they sell a lot of other neat stuff that looks to be of high quality. They also rebuild generators and cutouts/regulators. The website is: <http://www.dynamoregulatorconversions.com>.

Bill Shields

**COMING EVENTS**

**December**

December 13 – (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

**December 13 – Monthly Meeting One Week Early! - Brown Bag Gift Exchange. (See p. 18 for the rules.)**

**December 20 (Wednesday) Board meeting at P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax, VA at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for all old and new BOD members and their spouses, including our appointed position members and their spouses.**


**January**

January 10 - Wednesday CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

**January 17 - Monthly Meeting – Annual Club flea market. No general meeting.**

**March**

March 23 and 24 Registration is open for the 2018 Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA , 2018 Parts Meet. Again in 2018, Maryland's largest and most outstanding antique auto parts swap meet will be held over two days inside the Carroll County Agriculture Center . The information and registration, go to <info@carrollcountyyagcenter.com or phone 301-674-5431. This year, for the first time, an early bird registration (not later than February 21, 2018) nets a savings in booth space.

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This is an excellent car and I would prefer to sell it to someone in the club. Asking \$30,000; more invested. My contact information: 703 965 8157, <[jimconniebaker@mindspring.com](mailto:jimconniebaker@mindspring.com)>, 11700 Bobs Ford Rd. Fairfax VA 22003

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