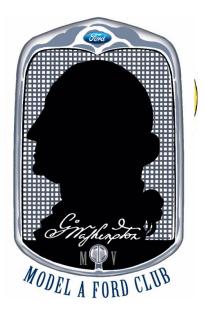
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With our current high temperatures, I thought this photo of Chuck Kunstbeck's Coupe in the snow might cool us off in spirit, if not in fact.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There is one thing about Virginia/Maryland/DC summers. None of them are exactly the same. The same applies for this summer. Because of the heavy rains received, my home sump pump ground to life for the first time in 12 years. That is both a good and bad thing. Good because it prevented a flooded basement and bad because when the sump pump expels excess water, it means it is raining outside. When it is raining the pleasures of driving a model A are rather extremely limited – if they exist at all. With the amount of rain we endured for the past month, I doubt if there is enough Rain-ex in

the supply system to meet the need of Model A drivers. But we endure. The Saturday flea market in July went on as scheduled despite the rain. Next time we need more buyers and no rain.

I challenge any of our members to announce and organize a one-day tour. Contact Jason Cunningham and let him know about it then Greg can publish a notice to members about the tour. It does not have to be a complex affair, just an opportunity to drive our cars about the area and enjoy the sights and enjoy a little camaraderie. One opportunity includes a trip to the local Paradise winery near Clifton, VA on 13 August. Benny Leonard is planning to go, so why not join him? Take advantage of the chance to ply the roads around Clifton. That is a beautiful part of Northern Virginia. The wine is not bad ether!

I also challenge each of our members to purchase a T-shirt (or another item) that sports our club logo. Greg Shepherd has the logo posted on our web site with a few suggestions for suppliers. I am hoping everyone will consider the chance to "show our colors" as we meet or tour in our cars. I hope to see you on the road soon!

Happy touring! Tom Quigley

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

This is a little later than usual because I went to the NASCAR road course race at Watkins Glen over the weekend. Those cars won't get many fine points judging points for parts made in Detroit. My current A challenge is boiling over. First, I thought the thermostat had stuck shut, so I tried a new one with not much improvement, Next, no thermostat, which only boiled over near the top of the Blue Ridge on Route 7, not bad! Someone suggested a ³/₄" washer whose OD matches the hose ID, but that did well driving to the other side of Winchester for a car show, then boiling over on a subsequent shorter trip. Clem tells me to backflush it, but I haven't done that yet. The water I drain out isn't rusty, but I'll keep at it, I love driving the thing. To close this out, I want to thank Dave Henderson for his work on "THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO".

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

GWC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

The Meeting was called to order by President Tom Quigley at 7 PM at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, VA. Attending we Tom Quigley, Stan Johnson, Greg Shepherd, Benny Leonard, Bruce Metcalf and Jamie Lucas. A quorum was not present.

A written budget status report was reviewed and accepted. A complete Sully Car Show financial report will be reviewed at the next board meeting. A tentative report is that this year's show was good, but not record-breaking. Overall the budget status compares favorably with last year's budget at a similar point in the year.

Jason Cunningham reported in by phone that the Kent Island Trip overnight accommodations are completely booked. Also, the Christmas part planning is underway. Jason is seeking gifts and centerpieces for the tables.

Stan Johnson reported that work is underway to prepare a presentation on how to use the Club's wheel straightening stand and the wheel painting rotisserie equipment. The August program will consist of a live explanation of the equipment coupled with video of using both machines.

The September program will be use Benny Leonard's Bootleg Coupe restoration, coupled with the history of the use of the Model A during the Prohibition Era to transport illegal alcohol.

Bruce Metcalf reported that he will be editing the August Script, with a deadline for content from contributors being August 4th.

Benny Leonard reported that he and James built a secondary shed to house the recently completed club engine. Cost of materials was \$150 which President Tom Quigley approved reimbursement.

Greg Shepherd reported that all rosters have been mailed, and all of the name tags that were ordered have been distributed. Greg and Bruce will work together to develop an explanation of how to use the club apparel system now on the GWC website. A preferred shirt design, color and logo will be developed and demonstrated at a coming club meeting and used as a gift at the Christmas party.

Tom Quigley stated that the Sully Car Show "How To" booklet is nearing completion. Several function site write-ups have not yet been received. The goal of the booklet is to put in writing all of the procedures, contacts, coordination, and requirements connected with planning and conducting the annual antique car show.

Tom announced that it is time to begin the nominating process for next year's officers. Both the President and Vice President positions will be open. A nominating committee will be appointed in accordance with the by-laws which require two former club presidents and one other member at large, as a minimum, develop the new slate. Members willing to serve on the board should identify themselves to Tom or other current officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

This was tour season, and the tales of a multiple of them came to the Ford Script Editor's desk. President Andy Pogan reported in with "We're back!", referring to returning from the 1993 MARC meet that was held in Winston-Salem, N. C. About 20 cars from our chapter went and returned, without any major problems. Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for some of the mid-westerners who blew their engines mountain climbing. Our attendees' problems consisted of a broken fan experienced by George Merkel, an overdrive that wouldn't stay in gear and had to be tied down by Walt Bratton, and, George again, with a battery that died. They returned victorious too, Millard Springer's '30 Town Sedan was the TOP scoring car at the meet. He received a Master Restoration Award. Don Jenkins received a second-place award for his '29 Leatherback Fordor, and Bill Toohey got a third-place trophy for his '30 coupe. Barbara White gave the woman's perspective as a newbie attending a National Meet. She said she was

amazed that any car over 60 years old could endure such a long trip, and that "those Model A guys" were something to behold when there is a problem. While in Winston-Salem some of the groups visited Old Salem, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and mansion, the Stroh's Brewery, and a shopping mall.

Judy Springer wrote of the tour to Amish country, starting with a gathering in Frederick Md. at Bob Evans for a high cholesterol breakfast. In the lineup were the Springers, Joe Young and Carolyn Willbrandt, the complete Bratton family, the Hollins, the Beardmores, the Pearls, the Kraffts, and the DeWitts, all in various Model A's, and the Eastos in modern iron. The primary focus of the trip was to visit Bud Schwalm's engine rebuilding shop in Paradise. Pa. Members received a red-carpet welcome by the Schwalms. The men folk settled in to enjoy learning some of the fine points of engine rebuilding while the ladies headed off to nearby outlets and Amish craft shops to search for super deals. Sunday was less structured, with some members going off to do their own thing. Noted was the visit to an old-timey diner with lots of stainless, vinyl, and formica. It was said the waitresses were quick witted and the juke box at the counter was a bonus. Judy went on to say "another great breakfast, assuring that we'd all have to diet when we got home". Also on the agenda was a visit to the Gast Classic Motor Cars Museum, a ride on the famous Strasburg Railroad with lunch in its 1935 era dining car, and a stop at Gene Renninger's at Bird-in-Hand to look at cars and some parts to buy. With the group still "traveling on their bellies", they stopped at a roadside frozen custard stand, and then wound things down antiquing in New Oxford before returning home.

But wait, there's still more.... Pat Roberge and Ellen Deason reported on the annual Bridgewater Volunteer Firemen's lawn Party. About a dozen nineteenth century steam and oil powered behemoths formed the nucleus of the event, plus chugging antique gas engines, tractor pulls, antique cars, and a flea market. A tour season not soon to be forgotten.



Dave Henderson

PIG PICKIN' AT THE WARHURST ESTATE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 11 AM - 3 PM

Look familiar? Well it should, because it's almost PICNIC time again!

Join us on Saturday, September 8, 11 AM – 3 p.m. for our annual Pig Pickin' picnic, hosted again by Billie Warhurst at her elegant estate in Fairfax.

We'll have a BBQ lunch (beer, sodas and water provided by the club), followed by bingo called by the famous James Kolody with good prizes.

You'll also be able to relax by the side of the pool and tell a few tall stories if you're so inclined



Please bring a side dish to share. Also feel free to bring your bathing suit for a splash in the beautiful pool. Remember that there are his and hers locker rooms in the pool house located on either side of the incredible outdoor kitchen.

Sign up with an email to Jason Cunningham at: jjcunningham@gmail.com. The cost is \$5/member couple, or \$10/non-member couple.

Send your check made out to GWC Model A Club to Jason Cunningham (<u>9812 Dellcastle Road,</u> <u>Montgomery Village, MD 20886</u>), and mail it by Tuesday, August 28.

ALSO, since Jason will be out of town for the event, *PLEASE either call me (410-353-0381) or send me an email* (<u>jrg240z@cox.net</u>) to tell me that you're coming and how many will be in your party. We need a good headcount in advance to know how much food to order. I will have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting and will accept cash and checks.

Don't forget to drive your Model A or other classic car. The quality of the car show we get at this event is always AMAZING! Clem & Sandy; Benny & Sharon and Kathie & I will be bringing this together for Jason and the club – please join us for what promises to be a grand time.

Jim Gray

WEBSITE REPORT

The club's Scholarship website was updated to highlight our winners for the year: http://www.gwcmodela.com/scholarship.asp

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lazy days of summer. Good time to take a drive and meet people that might be interested in the club.

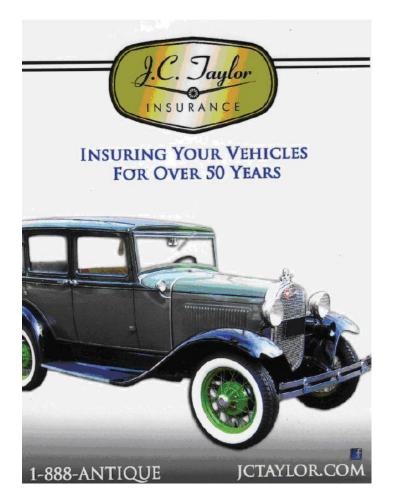
SUNSHINE REPORT

Fellow club members; we received this recently from Carol Randolph, daughter of the late Peyton Randolph.

"My mother, Hellen Randolph, has entered Hospice care. There may not be too many people left who knew her. If anyone wants to visit, now is the time while she's still somewhat alert."

Carol asks that anyone who would like to visit her mother to please contact her first on her cell number: 301-651-6422.

Jim Gray Sunshine Chair





SATURDAY MEETING/SWAP MEET A DAMP SUCCESS



Buyers gather around one of approximately 10 sales locations

Saturday, July 21st, the day picked for the "test run" Saturday Meeting, dawned cloudy with a forecast of rain. Despite the gloomy forecast, about two dozen members came to sell and buy Model A parts and memorabilia. The event was scheduled from 10 AM to 2 PM, but the light drizzle turned into a genuine downpour, causing the event to end early. At least 10 members laid out displays of items for sale.

There was a good array of Model A and other Ford parts. Brad Minners had a K R Wilson brake arcing tool for sale, Luke Chaplin had a number of electric items, including a larger-than-normal generator for a flathead Ford V8, plus a flathead Mercury V8 intake manifold. Tom Quigley's trailer won the "Heavy Metal" prize with Model T and Model A rear ends, driveshafts, Model A wheels and tires, 2 Model A frames, and even a roadster cowl. Tom pointed out that most of the stuff belonged to Stan Johnson.

As the rain increased and the crowd thinned, Stan declared that he was going to take everything of his left on the big trailer to the scrap dealer, and therefore everything (axles, frames, wheels, a cowl, etc.) on the trailer was FREE. A number of people decided to "save" the precious items, and by the time the big trailer pulled out of the lot, it was either empty, or the remaining contents were claimed for later pickup.

Despite the rain, most people declared it a successful test of the Saturday Meeting option. The attendance was about the same as a regular Wednesday night meeting. At least one person

SATURDAY MEETING/SWAP MEET (Cont.)

attended who is unable to come to the Wednesday night meetings. Quite a few of the "regulars" were not at the swap meet, perhaps due to summer vacations, or inability to come to a Saturday meeting because of other obligations. The event was held at the Fairfax American Legion, a different location than our normal meeting location in McLean. The Board will consider all of this at the next monthly board meeting.

A list of people who attended, but not all (forgive me), included: Benny Leonard, Stan Johnson, Tom Quigley, Luke Chaplin, Howard Minners, Brad Minners. Jason Cunningham, Milford Sprecher, Mark Kuklewicz, James Kolody, John Leydon, John Dougherty, Don White, Scott Wiliams, Bill Sims, Billy Condon, Lynn Condon, Phil McCormick, Wayne Parker, and Jim Baker. My apologies to anyone overlooked in this list.

A discussion at the meeting about the idea of holding occasional Saturday meetings resulted in a few ideas.

a. One was to have a meeting in which several events would take place - brake adjustment, presentation on overdrives, etc

b. Another was to include a short tour after the morning session - e.g. (1) a drive to one or more garages of members, (2) a drive to a local history site, gun museum, battle of Chantilly, etc.

c. Drive to a group picnic site at some nearby park, each with their own picnic basket.

d. Perhaps over time, slowly transition to a calendar that would have the winter meetings on Wednesday evening in McLean, Summer meetings at various locations on Saturday.

The foregoing were ideas expressed but have not been discussed and do not represent any changes planned in the near future.

Stan Johnson

RESERVE YOUR SPOT: KENT ISLAND TOUR & LINDBERGH'S PLANE (SEPT 29-30)

I'm exciting to announce our big Fall tour: A trip back out to Kent Island (Sept. 29-30). Here are a few details about the trip:

- Dates: Saturday/Sunday, September 29-30
- Sign-up: Email Jason Cunningham (jjcunningham@gmail.com, 301-648-4201) ONLY 15 SPOTS
- Reserve your Room at Kent Manor Inn by July 27 (<u>410 643-7716</u>)

VISITING LINDBERGH'S PLANE

Located just over the Bay Bridge, Kent Island is packed with lots of historic charm, unique to our region. The tour's first stop will be Kentmorr, a grass strip airfield that is home to a bi-plane once owned by Charles Lindbergh. At the airfield, we'll park our cars along the runway, and enjoy a brief presentation by Mike Pangia, the plane's current owner, and enjoy a free, catered picnic lunch. Once there, we'll hold a photo shoot where each attendee will have the opportunity to have their car (owners optional) photographed with the classic aircraft.

KENT ISLAND TOUR (Cont.)



VISITING OLD WYE MILL

Once finished at the airfield, the club will drive through the scenic country roads of the Eastern Shore to the Old Wye Mill, the oldest continuously operated grist mill in the United States. Still powered by moving water, the mill offers a look back at rural life on the Eastern shore.

CRUISING THE CHESAPEAKE

After touring the Old Wye Mill, we'll head to the coast for a private charter yacht cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. Enjoy breathtaking natural scenery of one of our region's greatest natural asset – the bay!

STAYING AT THE HISTORIC KENT MANOR INN

Next, we'll be heading to the Historic Kent Manor Inn, where we'll be spending the night. This waterfront property has a dock, free lawn games, free bikes, free kayaks and paddle boats, and many other amenities. We'll relax there before heading out to dinner.

INTERESTED?

We have 15 spots available. To sign up, email Jason at <u>jicunningham@gmail.com</u>CONTACT JASON BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS, THE TOUR MAY BE FILLED UP.

You will need to call to reserve your hotel room at the Historic Kent Manor (<u>410 643-7716</u>) by July 27.

See you there!



GRAY WITH AN A



For a car guy, having a chance to see the incredible LeMay "America's Car Museum" a SECOND time inside a year is reason enough to anticipate a great trip to the far northwest.

But to be guests for two weeks in a home with a view of both Mt. Rainer and the Olympics made the offer irresistible.

That and the fact that I've known our hostess since I was 15 AND she owns both a '79 Vette and a '55 MG TF.

Well, I thought it couldn't get better. But it did.

First, our hostess really knew how to get this going... as Kathie and I were decompressing with a bit of wine after our mid-morning arrival, we noticed a fog bank rolling in. But the orange and red flames licking through the gray murk quickly let us know this was no fog bank.

Several hours, 10 pieces of fire equipment and 22 firefighters later, the 3 acre wildfire on the bank behind our hostess's house was finally out. We all kept spraying the hoses on hot spots in the mulch around the house for another hour or so. More wine was called for.

Then there was the business of the trip – moving family stuff from a storage area to our hostess's house and loading it all into a POD. Had to get that done fast, because we had set aside our first Saturday in the area to attend the "Brits on the Green" all British car show on the northeast side of Lake Washington. What a show! I knew these anglophiles had great taste when they chose my favorite car at the meet to be "Best in Show" – a 1926 6 1/2 Liter Bentley.



GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

After admiring the impossibly expensive – both then and now – Bentley, I came across an example of the only Brit car I'd ever owned, a plebian Triumph Herald. I hadn't been enticed to buy it back in the day because of the Beatles "advert", I bought it because it was CHEAP. And, after a little work, it ran great. Then I returned to school at the University of Washington, leaving my keys with a younger brother... who wrapped it around a tree.

We saw two fine Morgans – one a '65 +4, and the other a 2018 Trike. I really like that Trike...[Ed. Note: 82 hp and 1155 lbs dry weight, I guess so. <u>https://www.morgan-motor.co.uk/3-wheeler/</u>)

The ladies liked the MGs!



I was surrounded the ENTIRE time at the Brit show by women... Kathie, her two sisters, Carla, our hostess, and Adah the babe magnet.

Next car event was my second within a year trip to the incredible LeMay Museum in Tacoma... just a long stone's throw from where we were staying. I thought a lot about fire engines there... and they had some beauties, but I also noted a lack of authenticity in restoration in a lot of the cars. Many, and ALL of the Model As, seemed to be prettied up, not really "restored". If you want Model A authenticity, go to Hickory Corners and visit the museum that Stan built.



GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

I don't know how accurate their nod to the motorcycle was, perhaps Bruce Metcalf can weigh in on this 1938 Triumph. Sure looked good to me... which I guess is the goal of the LeMay; looking good. And it all does.

Even their nod to racing – with a HUGE slot car racetrack and a gasser or two.

Me? I preferred their restored gas and oil pumps.

Next car stop was supposed to be the Goodguys 31st Pacific Northwest Nationals hot rod show, but first we were drawn to a bit of non-automotive culture in Victoria, BC.

Why Victoria? To see the incredible Butchart Gardens again... and one of my favorite cities anywhere. Little did I realize that the first stretch of paved road on Vancouver Island, outside the city of Victoria, was a purpose-built Model A road.

This several miles long straight stretch of macadam leading to the gardens had been laid down by Robert Butchart so he could run his 1930 Model A Roadster AT SPEED for a little automotive excitement. Mom had the flowers, he had his Model A. A match made in heaven.



GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

After we got back to Seattle, we did some sightseeing and tried to stay cool. Temps had been high the entire time we'd been in the Seattle area, and uncharacteristically, bone dry. So it was no surprise that our trip to the State Fairgrounds in Puyallup on Saturday, July 28 would be a hot one.

But that was O.K., because the Goodguys hot rod show proved to be unbelievable. There were literally HUNDREDS of modified everything driving conga line like through the crowds spontaneously cruzing the show. Some rods were great, some less so, all, by necessity, were LOUD.

My favorite rods were two: a Munster-style rod and a second stretch model – a hot rodded Franklin. Now THAT was a surprise!

And did I mention our host Carla is a car person? She owns a '79 Vette and a '55 MG TF. She was kind enough to allow me to drive both. As payback, I helped her with a few issues on the MG.After I figured out how to drive it, I gave her some lessons... a little like the blind leading the blind, I guess. But with the subtle hues of my Tommy Bahama Hawaiian shirt, I think I pulled it off just fine!

I guess this was what my Mom would have referred to as a "busman's holiday". That's O.K. with me... the "buses" and the ladies were all grand!

Send me back!

Jim Gray

CLUB APPAREL

To go along with the new GWC logo, we are changing how we can individually purchase shirts, hats, etc. with the club logo. For starters, go to <u>http://www.gwcmodela.com/logos.asp</u> There are several custom apparel businesses listed where you can upload the logo file and get just the style and color of shirt, hat, sweatshirt, jacket, or whatever you want. This is a great time of year to update your GWC wardrobe; all the cool kids are doing it!

ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO ASSEMBLY ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME WASHINGTON DC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m.-Registration/Refreshments

9:00 a.m.- Car Show Begins

10:00-11:30 a.m. Car Show Judging

11:45 a.m.- Nation's Capitol Model "T" Club Demonstration

12:15 p.m.- Award Presentation

12:30 p.m.- Car Show Ends



This Auto Assembly is free, Dash Plaques will be given out to the first 100 registered. Enameled Dash Plaques commemorating the event will be given to each participant. This event will be apart of the Annual AFRH/Community Fall Fest day from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. <u>Please enter at the intersection of Randolph and Rock Creek Church Road N.W.</u> Activities include a golf tournament, beer/bourbon tasting, petty zoo, military static displays and much more... Plan to stay the day after the car show is over for the Fall Fest. For details call 202-541-7637 or email Constance.Maziel@afrh.gov

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COMING EVENTS [Club events are in bold]

Calendar as of August 1, 2018

August

- 8 CDC at the Silver Diner
- 15 GWC August Monthly Meeting http://www.gwcmodela.com/
- 22 GWC BOD Meeting

September

- 3 Labor Day Show in Fairfax (not in Clifton anymore) https://www.labordaycarshow.org/
- 8 GWC Pig Pickin' Picnic.
- 13 CDC at the Silver Diner
- 15 Bull Run AACA Edgar Rohr 43rd Anniversary Car Show http://bullrunaaca.org/rohr/Rohr%20Show%202018.pdf
- 20 GWC September Monthly Meeting
- 29 & 30 Kent Island see details



WANT ADS

Sorry, none received!