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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is my final article as president of the Club. Last month's general membership meeting agreed with the nomination committee and accepted the new slate of officers. Congratulations to newcomers President Doug Tomb and Vice President Luke Chaplin and Treasurer/Secretary Paul Bjarneson. The other steadfast board members are continuing to soldier on to provide help and stability. The list of board members is in last month's Script.

I read an article that brought some great information that I would like to pass on to you. It relates to storing your car for the winter with some hints of how to do it and some things to avoid. (Wall Street Journal, 9/12/2018, "What's the Best Way to Store a Car?' by Heidi Mitchell). The ideal steps to take for a Model A or any car is to perform the following tasks:

- Change the oil. Old oil can contain contaminants or moisture that can damage to the engine
- Fill the fuel tank with gasoline to reduce the potential for condensation as temperatures rise and fall. Use a gasoline additive (stabilizer)
- Remove the spark plugs and put half a cap of oil in the cylinder top. This coats the cylinders and reduces the chance for rust. Replace spark plugs
- Attach a trickle charger to the battery or remove the battery and store it elsewhere
- Wash the car and clean it inside and out. A new coat of wax is a good idea to protect the paint
- Vacuum the interior. Mice love to dine on crumbs and pretzel remains. These can lure vermin into seeking sanctuary in your car. Some misdirected vermin like to chew on wires or rubber while visiting your treasure. Cleaning offers no incentives for them to visit and set up household there
- Jack up the car on jack stands. This prevents flat spots in the tires
- If appropriate, use a plastic vapor barrier under your car. Concrete absorbs and emits moisture like a sponge
- Consider placing foam boards around the perimeter of the car to prevent inadvertent scratches or dents in the sides of the car
- Do not engage the emergency brake. Sometimes the brake linings adhere to the drums if left in contact for a long time
- Stuff an oil-soaked rag into the tail pipe to discourage mice or leaves entering the pipe
- Keep the car in a cool place and cover it with a breathable car cover
- Ensure tire pressure is up to snuff
- Ensure your radiator antifreeze is not old. Old fluids tend to precipitate impurities or congealing matter that could present problems at start up or future operation
- Some folks use moth balls inside the car to discourage mice or critters

I am sure there are other tricks in storing your car safely, but this is a good start. If you can do all these tasks, hopefully your car will be able to start up (in a cloud of blue smoke) and provide you good service during the warmer months! I wish you all the best.

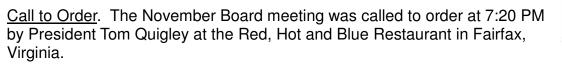
Happy touring! Tom Quigley

FROM THE EDITOR

Just a brief note that the deadline for January's Script has been pushed back a week because the normal deadline would've been New Year's Eve and also to incorporate the minutes of the joint Board meeting on Jan. 5th.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting November 28, 2018



<u>Attendance</u>: Board Members present at the meeting included: Benny Leonard, Doug Tomb, Jerry Olexson, Bill Sims and Stan Johnson, Milford Sprecher, Bill Worsham, Tom Quigley, James Kolody, Greg Shepherd, Jamie Lucas, and Bruce Metcalf. Jason Cunningham was in attendance via telecommunication.

<u>Secretary Report</u>: Jerry Olexson provided_a continuity-of-operations report for the Club 2018-2019. A copy was given to each Board member outlining the four significant issues transitioning from 2018 to 2019.

TO: GWC Board of Directors SUBJECT: Major Club Issues transitioning from 2018 to 2019 Date: November 28, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Many discussions of Board issues were resolved during the 2018 Operating Year and were reflected in our decisions and productive club activities and events. However several significant on going issues remain for the incoming 2019 Board. They are summarized here under continuing work in progress.

Issue # 1, Related to the new budget and the ongoing continued financial soundness of the club is the matter of the dollar level of Donations to support the earmarked Activities deemed important to but not necessary for internal operation of the Club. Conversely, the level of Operating Budget to support the Charter Objectives of the club requires addressing; all of which are dependent on and relate to the expected club income and stated Liquidity of Treasury Funds.

Issue #2, How does the Board bring meaningful collaboration among all the membership to sustain a viable interactive membership with the objective of sustaining continuing interest?

Issue #3, What is the type and level of program interest (social and technical and touring) that should be geared for the evolving demographics of the membership?

Issue #4, What elements are necessary in the Sully Event in the forthcoming years to maintain interest by the public and car hobbyist and maintain collaborative interest with the Fairfax Park organization. What improvements and changes are requires for sustaining public interest? Respectively Submitted, Jerry Olexson

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> Doug Tomb reported that an updated budget report would be entered in the December Script.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

The following Committee Reports were provided--

Sully Committee: Sully Chairman indicated there was no significant activity to report.

<u>Programs</u>: Stan Johnson presented to the Board a list of proposed meeting programs for the membership meetings in the month December. The list includes:

Club Christmas Party December 1. Cost \$25/couple and \$15/person.

December 19 "Brown Bag" fun meeting.

<u>Membership Chairman</u>: Membership Chairman Greg Shepherd reported he is in the process of collecting membership renewal dues for 2019. There are still 109 families who have not signed up as of this date.

<u>Script Editor</u>: Bill Sims would be handling Script publication. Deadline is December 3 for articles and information in the publication.

<u>Club Liaison</u>: Jamie Lucas reported that he has not received any new info on the Elkins, West Virginia, meet. There was no further information on any of the other national meets.

<u>Club Tool Chairman</u>: Benny Leonard reported on the status of the Club's tool usage.

<u>Activities Chairman</u>: Jason Cunningham briefed the Board on forthcoming activities, which includes progress on the Christmas Party, December 1. So far, a total of 63 are signed up for the event.

Youth Chairman: Nothing to report on at this time.

<u>New Business:</u> Milford Springer reported to the Board on his activity to sign up subscribers (advertisers) to sponsor the Script in 2019.

The Club is in dire need of volunteer(s) to manage the refreshment counter at the monthly meetings. In the meantime, Board members started the volunteer action for each month in 2019. A list of the volunteer for each month is attached. It is hoped that Club members will step up and take over the refreshment activity.

The new mailing address for Club mail is as follows:

George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club Inc. PO Box 971 McLean, VA. 22101

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The Board will meet on January 5 for a joint meeting of incoming new Board members and the 2018 outgoing Board members at the residence of Doug and Bev Tomb.

Jerry Olexson Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

What was our status 25 years ago....? A OK! President Andy Pogan said that the Sully show, under the skillful guidance of Bill Worsham, continued to be a terrific success, and that we spend more every year than Sully produces by increasing our expenditures on activities and programs but have been careful to not weaken our financial strength without increasing our already ample cash reserves. We have taken an active part in the MAFFI computerization and preservation of blueprints and engineering drawings for our cars so that they will continue to be available.



Membership is at an all-time high, even with a few drop-outs each year. Finally, we gave special purpose to the Memorial Fund, which pays part of the cost to bring in experts to talk at our meetings.

The December meeting would find members treated to a debate, discussion, and description by three club experts, Jim Cartmill, Millard Springer, and Howard Minners, on the more useful items of Model A literature, with Jim touting the Service Bulletins, Millard the Judging Standards, and Howard the virtues of George DeAngelis et al's book, "The Ford Model A as Henry Built It." Howard said, "Come out and decide for yourself which items of Model A literature are the most important for you."

Stan Johnson wrote about "Uncle Henry"; not Ford, but rather wife Rosalind's great uncle. It seemed he was a "car guy" in an earlier time. His property had been passed down in the family, and upon the passing of the generation following him, it finally became time to sell the property. Stan was appointed the duty of clearing out the garage, which he found to be impressive and ahead of its time, with oversize doors and large work areas all around the walls. Underneath the workbench there were many things that had not been moved since Henry put them there decades before. Found were instructions on how to hop up a Model T with speed accessories, tools, parts, screw-top cans and other fascinating things. He said that for him the clean garage yielded treasures that are fun to have, but the biggest reward is that he felt he now knew Henry better. The things reminded him of a fellow car nut that he never got to meet.

Dave Henderson



MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

Website Report

Has anybody had items made with our new Club logo? If so, send me a picture and I will get it posted to our social media and website. The logos are accessible on the website at: http://www.gwcmodela.com/logos.asp

Membership Report

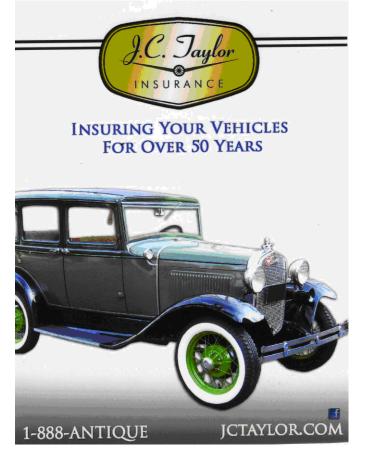
Reminder: it's that time of year again where dues are due! The amount is the same so it's still only \$20 for a full-year membership. This includes access to the monthly newsletter as well as exclusive activities like the Eastern Shore trips, our high-profile parades like Memorial Day and July 4th as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

Before the Holiday season really gets going, please get your dues in!

2 Ways to pay... either make the check out for \$20 to GWC (\$30 for those grandfathered in that get the paper copy of the Script) and mail it to:

Greg Shepherd 3715 Brices Ford Ct Fairfax, VA 22033

Or use PayPal... and my email address: <u>Shepman@gmail.com</u>. Make sure to pick friends and family for the transaction.







CLUB FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2018 YEAR TO DATE (12/05/2018)

	Income	Expenditure
Club Activities	\$4,171.78	\$10,662.57
GWC Sully Annual Car Show	\$14,994.75	\$8,325.68
Membership	\$3,634.00	\$2,310.71
Meeting Programs	\$74.62	\$197.13
Treasury	\$781.00	\$567.19
President – Misc	\$0.00	\$1,113.73
Club Tools	\$0.00	\$149.39
American Legion Hall Rental	\$0.00	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Totals	\$23,656.15	\$25,726.40
GWC Charitable Contributions		
Scholarship Awards (5)		\$5,000.00
MAFFI Donation		\$1,000.00
Armed Forces Retirement Home		\$500.00
Total Charitable Contributions		\$6,500.00
GWC YTD Results		

Beginning of year combined balance (01/01/2018)	\$40,680.30
Club Income and (Expenses) for 2018 YTD (12/05/2018)	(\$8,570.25)
Current GWC Combined Account Balance (12/05/2018)	\$32,110.05

Doug Tomb GWC Treasurer



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<u> ПРИВЕТ ДРУЗЬЯ</u>

Or in English, "hello friends!" In late September and early October, Carol and I took a cruise with Viking River Cruises over in Russia. We visited Saint Petersburg and Moscow along with several small villages between the two. Russia was not quite what I expected, and I thought I would share a couple of pictures with you. Below left is traffic in Saint Petersburg, to its right is the traffic in Moscow.



Remind you of anything? Northern Virginia maybe? Lots of Japanese cars. Lots of German cars. A few American



cars, mostly Fords and Chevys, but we did see one Cadillac.

The Russians do have some interesting approaches to safety. Notice the exclamation sticker on the Volvo in the picture to the right? New driver, less than six months experience.

Unfortunately, we did not see one Model "A"; however, in the village of Uglich, we were walking back to the boat past several souvenir venders when Carol spotted the pin below. I couldn't pass it up.



The heading on the pin is ИСТОРИЯ ОТЕЧЕСТВЕННОГО АВТОМОБИЛЯ, which our guide translated as Historic National Automobile, but, based on Russian to English translation applications I tried, may more closely be Historic Domestic Car. The second line is ГАЭ-A, which is GAZ-A. When I looked at the pin, I saw the car I thought "That's a Model A." and figured that ГАЭ-A indicated



A. and figured that TAS-A indicated it was an "A" made by GAZ Since GAZ (Gorkovsky Avtomobilny Zavod) was established in 1932 (according to searching the internet) the 1932 makes sense and might lend some credence to our guide's translation of the heading. I'm sure Stan Johnson can fill in lots of facts about GAZ. Anyway, it appears that the Model "A" is alive and well in Russian history.

Jim Cartmill

FROM RAGS TO A WINNER

By Sharon Johnson, MAFCA Era Fashions Committee

When I started into the Fashion area of the Model A Club I had no idea what I was doing. This was back in 1972.



There was a lady that came to all the swap meets and we became friends. She asked me if I would like to come to her house in Long Beach and see some of the items she had for sale. Of course, I said yes right away. A few weeks later, I pulled up to her little house and rang the doorbell. She opened the door and I could see behind her that there were boxes upon boxes of "stuff" as she called it. I looked and looked and just couldn't find the right thing. I was walking by a laundry basket and asked her if I could look it in. She said, "Sure but you won't find anything in there." I pulled out the most exquisite dress I had ever seen. It was cream lace with accents of pale green. I asked her how much and she said, "Oh I don't know, how about \$5.00?" As luck would

have it, I found silver and pale green shoes, pale green crocheted gloves, cream silk stockings, a pale green

cloche hat, a silver fox fur and green glass necklace. I think the whole outfit cost around \$75.

I won First Place and Best of Show with the outfit. It just goes to prove that you should look through everything if you ever get the chance, because you'll never know what you may find.



MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

This past Model A Day, we were fortunate enough to acquire Tim Kelly's Town Car and Town Car Delivery collection for a stellar display at your world class museum. The Board of Directors and trustees were sad to see the cars loaded up for their journey back to Connecticut at the festivities end. If only we had a Town Car of our own to display. As fate would have it, our President, John Begg, was introduced that day to Mr. Pete Walstrom of Washington, who was in attendance to see Mr. Kelly's collection. It turned out that Pete owned a 1929 Town Car and had thought of loaning it to The Foundation. He had restored it himself and wanted his efforts recognized and



enjoyed by people from all over the country. The two men spoke a few more times over the weekend, and ultimately a deal was struck to ship the car from Washington to The Gilmore for display. It is a stunning car and has taken its rightful place as the focal point in the showroom entrance as the classiest model offered by Ford for 1929. A portrait of Henry himself hangs above the car with a look of approval on his face. Plan a visit to your museum soon, and see this amazing Model A in person.

Greg Fish MAFFI Trustee

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN REVIEW

The annual Club Christmas party on December 1 was a resounding success. Each of the 63 people in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal and lively conversation with other members.

Outgoing President Tom Quigley gave a brief speech thanking everyone who worked hard to make the year a success. He also called the outgoing board onto the stage to thank them for their work, and subsequently welcomed the incoming board onto the stage for introductions.

This year there were three grand prizes – the traditional cedar bird house complements of Jim Cross, the traditional Model A car liquor decanter and a bottle of Lady Walker.

In addition to the grand prizes, more than 20 different raffle prizes were given away. These included two bottles of Willowcroft Winery wine with elegant stemmed glasses, two foldable picnic blankets, a set of drinking glasses from the Henry Ford Museum, tools, and many other items.

Many thanks to Edna and Jim Cross, Greg and Laura Shepherd and Loriel Dutton for their help shopping and preparing for the event. Without volunteers like them, it wouldn't have happened. Merry Christmas!

Jason Cunningham

SEEN AT THE PARTY











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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.
- 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 <u>http://forums.aaca.org/f162/urgent-warning-extended-life-anti-freeze-292163.html</u> Bob Hartig



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 <u>that</u> 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.





COMING EVENTS

December

December 12 – (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

December 19 – Monthly Meeting - Brown Bag Gift Exchange. (See p. 13 for the rules.)

January

January 5 (Saturday) -- Board meeting at the home of Doug and Beverly Tomb in Alexandria, 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. This will be a joint December/January Board meeting.

January 9 (Wednesday) -- CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

January 16 (Wednesday) Monthly Meeting – Annual Club flea market. No general meeting.

WANT ADS

For Sale

1929 Model A Sedan. Beautiful condition. Garaged 90% of the year. \$25,000. Contact Chris & Sherry Maggio at <u>grmaggio@cox.net</u> if interested.



Wanted

Matched pair of 1931 VA license plates. Any condition. Contact Bud Pratsch <u>lpratsch@verizon.net</u> or 703-620-2518

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2019 GWC Board of Directors

L to R: James Kolody, Bill Worsham, Jason Cunningham, Jamie Lucas, Bill Sims, Greg Shepherd, Bruce Metcalf, Doug Tomb and Benny Leonard. Not shown: Luke Chaplin and Paul Bjarneson.





