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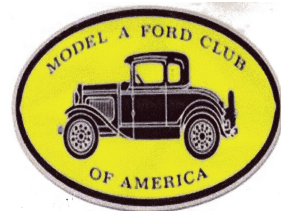
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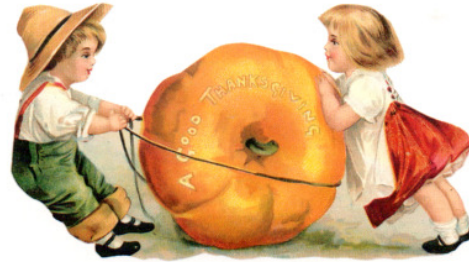


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Chapter members are encouraged to belong to both MAFCA and MARC national clubs and the Model A Ford Museum (MAFFI). The chapter Web page on the Internet may be accessed by:

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

As I write this, it is November and we are nearing the end of the Model A Ford driving season, for all but the most hardy Model A drivers. It is time for some indoor Model A Ford activity. Join us at the Monthly Meeting to find out what is planned.

The main Club activity for this month is the GWC Annual Membership Meeting. This year, that will take place on Wednesday, November 20th. This is when we vote on the slate of new Club Board members for 2020.

We need all of the Club members to attend this meeting, and Vote, as this is the chance for you to let everyone know what you would like the Club to do next year. The 2020 Board slate will be published in this month's Script.

The November Monthly Meeting is also a good time to sign up for the Club Christmas Party, set for Saturday, December 7th. Jason will report on all of the Club prizes we will be raffling off at the party.

We will have this year's Christmas party at the American Legion Post #177 in Fairfax again. This is a very nice facility, and this will be your last chance to experience it before they renovate the building, with construction going on for the next year or so.

At the November Monthly Meeting you can also pay your Club dues for 2020, so Greg doesn't have to keep reminding you.

The Club will provide soft drinks, cookies and an ice cream cake to help celebrate our successful Sully Car Show, and another good year for the Club. The membership is encouraged to bring a dessert of your own choosing, just to add to the goodies. The Club will have plenty of plates and utensils on hand.

And finally, our new Chairman designate for Sully 2020, John Dougherty, will be there to discuss what positions are available for the Club Sully 2020 Show. The Sully Car Show depends on you, the GWC members, to make it a success. Now is the time to step forward so we get our planning off to a smooth start.

One position that we need to fill is Sully Club Photographer. We need to capture pictures of the Sully scene during the show, as well as during the award presentations. We have had requests for the award presentation pictures from some of our Sully trophy winners, so this is an important function. If you have a member of your household who wants to practice their photography skills, this is a good opportunity.

See you at the November Meeting,

Doug

FROM THE EDITOR

I heard from Don Temple and he's going full bore on "Blaze" and it should be ready by next Sully, I'm hoping. The big hold-up will be finding upholstery now the LeBaron Bonney is no longer in business.

In a fruitless search for a past cover photo of Mark Kuklewicz, I discovered that my Script archives is missing January 2007. If anyone happens to have a copy of that issue that they'd be willing to part with, just bring it to a monthly meeting. I'd appreciate it.

REPORT FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board Meeting October 23, 2019



Call to Order. The monthly meeting of the Board was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Doug Tomb, in the meeting room at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

Attendance. A quorum was present. The members who attended via telephone conference call were: Jason Cunningham, Bill Sims and Milford Sprecher. The members who attended in person: Doug Tomb, Paul Bjarnason, James Kolody, Benny Leonard, Luke Chaplin, Greg Shepherd, and Jamie Lucas. Not present were: Bruce Metcalf and Jim Gray. Stan Johnson also attended as a non-Board member.

Minutes of Prior Meeting – Minutes of the prior meeting of the Board were published in *The Script*.

Agenda – Prior to the meeting President Tomb circulated an agenda via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Paul Bjarnason reported that he had given a financial report to the general membership, which summarized the year-to-date financial results the prior week to the general membership and that there have been no financial transactions since the prior week. The high points are:

- 2019 finances were on target, i.e., we met our budget targets almost exactly.
- For 2020 Budget - planning should begin soon. Members are encouraged to bring ideas to the table.
- Picnics - During 2019 we had only the Warhurst picnic, which cost the club about \$1,000, which was offset by a \$550 donation provided by the Warhurst family. Since in 2019 nothing was budgeted for picnics, due to a self-financing assumption, for the 2020 budget the Club should consider the validity of this assumption.
- Touring – so far we have not spent any of the \$1500 budget for touring. What is the future for our touring plans?
- Peyton Randolph fund – we just donated a cylinder head and related parts for the MAFFI AA Bus restoration project at a cost of \$482. Going forward we need to consider how to spend the remaining \$4,518 wisely and effectively.

Activities (tours/picnics) - Activities Chairman Jason Cunningham reported that planning for the Christmas Party is going well. The call for members to sign up for the party has gone out and some members have already responded. Checks will be forwarded to the Treasurer in groups as they come in.

Programs - Program Chairman Luke Chaplin reported on the planned programs for the remainder of the year and said that planning for the programs for 2020 must begin, now. A call for suggestions from the membership will be made in the upcoming Script. In November there will be a program on tractors manufactured cooperatively by Ford and Ferguson.

Scholarship and Youth Program – Plans and issues were discussed, but no decisions were made for the 2020 program. It was recognized that the Board needs to decide how many scholarships and how to choose scholarship awardees for 2020. Chairman James Kolody described the early plans for

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REPORT FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

a program at the school where he teaches and the Board discussed how the Club might support this program. Mr. Kolody said that he had all of the materials needed for his program and, therefore, that no money was needed.

Peyton Randolph Donation – At the last Board meeting Paul Bjarnason, James Kolody and Benny Leonard agreed to develop suggestions for the Board as to how to utilize the \$5,000 Peyton Randolph fund. At the last meeting the Board approved the donation of a cylinder head (about \$250 not including tax and shipping) to the MAFFI AA Ford bus restoration project and subsequently via e-mail additionally approved related installation parts for the cylinder head including: gaskets, studs and nuts. In this regard, the Board affirmed its e-mail vote approval of the total of \$482 spent for the parts, now leaving \$4,518 unspent in the Fund. Paul Bjarnason reported that he, James and Benny had developed the following possibilities for the Peyton Randolph Fund: 1 – uniforms and refreshments for the “Squad”; and 2 – further donations similar to the recent donation to the MAFFI AA Bus project. Mr. Bjarnason agreed to submit for publication in the Script a request for suggestions from the general membership on how to best spend the Peyton Randolph Fund. This matter will be continued.

Events – National Club Liaison Chairman Jamie Lucas provided an update. Events are featured on the Club’s website.

Script –Script Editor Bill Sims reported the deadline for the November Script is Monday, November 4 and that stories are sought for publication.

Board Nominations for 2020 – President Doug Tomb reported on the proposed slate for 2020 Club officers and Board members. Vacant positions are “activities” and “national club liaison”. If nobody steps forward to fill the activities position, the Board discussed having no overall activities chairman, but replacing this position with having a separate head for each activity. Milford Sprecher volunteered to fill the national club liaison position on the slate for 2020.

Board Resolutions – Two resolutions were adopted by unanimous consent:

1 - Be it resolved:

- Establish the “Squad” to help members get and keep their Model A’s on the road.
- Expand the role of the Club’s Property Manager to include management of the Squad.
- The operational policies for the Squad will include that: Club members will be invited to contact the Squad manager to request an assessment and assistance with repairs; the Squad will only work on the vehicles owned by members; work will be performed at the discretion of the Squad’s manager and based upon an on-site assessment; the owner will be present when the car is worked on so that the member can participate in and direct and approve whatever is to be done; the owner will order and pay for any parts needed; and if the owner does not have a location suitable for the repair of his or her car, the owner will be invited to take it (or have it towed) to a good location, if one is available.
- Any expenditures not specifically authorized by this resolution must be considered and approved by the Board. Authorized expenditures will be paid for out of the Peyton Randolph Memorial Fund and tracked by the Treasurer.
- The Squad’s Manager is authorized to buy refreshments and coveralls for the Squad – up to \$50.00 for each uniform and up to \$10.00 per volunteer per day, although members who are having their cars worked on by volunteers are encouraged to provide the food and refreshments as a “thank you”. Reimbursement to be provided by the Treasurer.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

2 - Be it resolved: A donation of a total of \$482.18 in parts to the MAFFI AA Bus project is hereby approved, including cylinder head nuts, studs and a gasket set.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Bjarnason
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In addition to his previous mention of the MARC National Meet coming up next July, President Jim Cartmill reminded members in the Script's President's Corner that though it was autumn, national events weren't quite over, citing the MAFCA National Meeting and Banquet, which was scheduled for December 8 thru the 11th to be hosted by the Alamo A's in San Antonio, Texas. Howard Minners pointed out that at that meeting an important item on the agenda would be to change the MAFCA constitution to remove the requirement that all local club members must join MAFCA in order for the club to be affiliated with it.



The Christmas Party was said to be right on track, the menu to be a subject of discussion at the next membership meeting. The announcement said:

"You better watch out

You better not pout

You better not cry

I'm telling you why

The George Washington Chapter's Annual Christmas Party is only four weeks away!"

Festivities were to be held at the K of C Hall in Arlington, and following a cocktail hour starting at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00, dancing would continue from 8:00 to midnight. Cost, \$15 per.

Clubbers participated in the Annandale Halloween Parade, during which the weather was said to have been perfect, 68 degrees and sunny. Ed Wienchek had all's cars decked out in streamers. Clem Clement came in his '30 Cabriolet with the top down and the rumble seat filled with two Redskinettes throughout the parade.

The November program would be presented by Millard Springer, covering properly refinishing chassis and other small parts. He planned to go through the process, showing proper preparation and use of several products recommended by him.

Rick Menz reported in on a visit to Australia, during which he was able to meet with members of their Adelaide club. He related how friendly the members were and described some of the differences their right hand drive cars had.

In service to the Club, Chuck Zierdt was preparing a display board and needed some early Sully plaques and issues of the Script to help fill in gaps in the Chapter's archives. Trueman Burn gave thanks to 24 Memorial Fund donors who bolstered the fund's balance upward to \$3,000. New members announced this month included George Smolenyak and Art and Charlotte Follansbee.

Dave Henderson

GWC - VOTE FOR 2020 OFFICERS

Part of our November Meeting is the annual vote for board positions for the next year. With the change in bylaws a few years ago, we are able to hold a membership absentee vote electronically. This allows those that can't make the meeting to still participate in the Club.

This is a vote for the entire proposed board... NOT individual candidates. One vote per paid membership.

The following candidates are running for office:

President	Doug Tomb
Vice President & Program Chairman	Luke Chaplin
Activities Chairman	*** OPEN ***
Editor	Bill Sims
Assistant Editor	Bruce Metcalf
Secretary	Jerry Olexson
Membership Chairman	Greg Shepherd
Treasurer	Paul Bjarnason
Assistant Treasurer	Milford Sprecher
Annual Meet Chairman	John Dougherty
Club Property Manager	Benny Leonard
Youth Chairman	James Kolody
National Club Liaison	*** OPEN *** (Milford Sprecher)

During the meeting, a floor vote will also be held and combined with the electronic results. Write-in names are still allowed during the meeting and ties will also be decided during the meeting.

Please reply to me by email to have your vote recorded before the monthly meeting on Nov 20th with your vote (yea or nay) for the proposed 2020 board. The last day to vote electronically is the day before the meeting (so Nov 19th).

Greg Shepherd
shepman@gmail.com

PEYTON RANDOLPH MEMORIAL FUND

The Board wishes to develop further ideas for how to use the donation of \$5,000 made by Carol Randolph in memory of her father, Peyton Randolph, who was a long time GWC member. At its last meeting, the Board approved the donation of a cylinder head and related installation parts (gaskets, studs and nuts) totaling \$482 to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. AA Ford bus restoration project, which leaves \$4,518. (Information on the MAFFI Model A Bus project is available at: <http://www.maffi.org/WContent/Bus.html>.)

So far, the Board has developed two possibilities for the Peyton Randolph Fund:

- 1 – uniforms and refreshments for the “Squad”; and
- 2 – further donations similar to the recent donation to the MAFFI AA Bus project.

However, we hereby request ideas from the general membership that would support getting and keeping Model A's on the road and the public honoring and remembrance of Peyton Randolph. Ideas may be brought up at our general membership meetings or provided to any member of the Board. Also, President Doug Tomb or Treasurer Paul Bjarnason would be glad to receive your suggestions at the contact information available on the Club website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had one new member join and one family re-join this month.



Alan Fischer
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Alan owns a 1931 Roadster. Update your rosters and please welcome him to the club.

Val and Donna Zadnik
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valanddonna@hotmail.com
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571-733-8958

Val and Donna gave their car (31 Tudor) to their son Jerry who is also a member of the club. They have rejoined after a year or so off. And are looking for rides to the monthly meeting if anybody is coming from the Woodbridge area. Please contact them if you can help.

And speaking of memberships, 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 tours, our high-profile parades like Memorial Day and July 4th as well as our Holiday and Summer parties. 2020 will also include one of our exclusive Rosters with all the tips and hints members expect.

Before the Holiday season really gets going, please get your dues in and help me not have to send out paper invoices!

Pay Dues

Please 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

This year I will be accepting payment via Paypal and Venmo. So, no excuses for not getting your payment in. 😊 For PayPal use my email: Shepman@gmail.com while for Venmo use my id: @Greg-Shepherd-92 to send the money.

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THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD

The Club By Laws state which Board positions are elected members of the Board Of Directors, as follows:

Section I The thirteen officers, also known as the Board of Directors, of the Club shall be the President, Vice President and Program Chairman, Activities Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Annual Meet Chairman, Membership Chairman, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Editor, Youth Chairman, National Club Liaison, and Club Property Manager.

Here is the slate of nominees we have so far, approved by the BOD at the October Monthly Board meeting, before being presented to the membership for voting on November 20:

President:	Doug Tomb
Vice president & Program Chairman:	Luke Chaplin
Activities Chairman:	** Open **
Secretary:	Jerry Olexson
Treasurer:	Paul Bjarnason
Editor:	Bill Sims
Annual Meet Chairman:	John Dougherty
Membership Chairman:	Greg Shepherd
Assistant Treasurer:	Milford Sprecher
Assistant Editor:	Bruce Metcalf
Youth Chairman:	James Kolody
National Club Liaison:	** Open ** (Milford Sprecher)
Club Property Manager:	Benny Leonard

We have two positions that remain open, although Milford Sprecher has volunteered to temporarily fill in until we have someone to permanently fill the position. If you know of a Club member who could fill these important positions, please let me know. Thanks.

Doug

Activities Chairman – This officer will be responsible for arrangements for all Club activities except the Annual Meet. In the absence of the President and Vice President he/she will additionally perform all duties incident to the office of President.

National Club Liaison – This officer will be responsible for disseminating national organization information to Club members.

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THE SQUAD

At its October 23 meeting the Board approved establishment of the “Squad”, which is a more formal approach to what the Club has always done, which is to help members get and keep its members’ Model A’s on the road. Equipment manager Benny Leonard was appointed to head the Squad. Benny has many years under his belt helping Club members with their cars and is, therefore, familiar with all aspects of Model A repair and maintenance. The Squad consists of Club members that are knowledgeable of the 1928 – 1931 Model A Ford. Volunteers will be provided with a uniform or coveralls to identify the worker, funded by the Peyton Randolph Memorial Fund. Squad members have a wealth of tools amongst them. Spare parts, too.

In the past, we have had requests from non-members for help with their Model A’s, along with a promise to join the Club. Often these promises were not kept. So, the Squad will only work on the Model A’s of Club members. As a first step, after a request is received, a phone call or an e-mail will be sent to the member asking to explain the problem and try to help them solve the problem. Next, if necessary, the Squad will visit to try to fix the problem, bringing the tools thought to be needed. The Squad will inform the owner what it believes the problem is and a proposed plan to fix it, for the owner’s approval. If any parts are needed, the owner will order the needed parts or, if a part is donated by a Squad member, the owner will either replace or pay the Squad member for it, as agreed to by the owner. If the owner’s garage is not suitable for the repair work, he or she may be invited to have their car transported to another work site, if one is available.

The owner must be present while the work is done and participate (help) to the extent possible. In addition to getting a Model A back on the road, one of the Squad’s goals is to help Model A owners to learn how to work on a Model A. It is suggested that the member who is having their car worked on provide refreshments and perhaps also food for the volunteers.

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

In an effort to keep our museum exhibits new different, we have appreciated our association with NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum) in Auburn, Indiana. They have been willing to use of our Model A Trucks and service vehicles of their exhibits and have made several improvements to display them. This has opened up areas in our museum to bring in newly donated vehicles and to showcase others. Dave Yarde, who is one of our Trustees, is also the Executive Director of NATMUS, and we appreciate his willingness to work with us on this effort. Also, a special thank you to Randy Czubko and his grandson Tyler, Stan and Mary Sorrels, Greg Fish, Jerry Morrissey and Lou Ironside for their help in the move.



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If you haven’t been to NATMUS, you should make it a destination. It is well worth seeing and it is adjacent to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, which also has an amazing showroom of beautiful cars.

Your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations is always appreciated. If you haven’t renewed your membership for 2020, please go to our website www.maffi.org and renew using PayPal or download a form and pay by mail.

Marsha Quesnel,
MAFFI Trustee

REMEMBERING MARK KUKLEWICZ



Mark and Susan in 1969



Mark's retirement award from the U.S. Department of Commerce

REMEMBERING MARK KUKLEWICZ (Cont.)

With Harry White and unidentified member at Small Parts Day at Walt's.



Straightening wheels with Mark Herndon.

Mark absorbing Stan Johnson's expertise at a Club meeting.



HERSHEY 2019 – THREE PERSPECTIVES

REPORT FROM HERSHEY 2019

It was a stormy night. Twice awakened by rain in the back seat of my F150. I was cramped but protected from what weather arrived outside. I was determined to see the night out in my cramped refuge. My sleep was initially blissful, and I awoke somewhat refreshed as the night lightened into morning. I was gratified and told myself that it was not such a bad night after all. Then I looked at my watch. It was 12:30 AM! Rats! It was not sunup; it was the parking lot lighting. Me and about 10% of the vendors stayed on site in varying levels of comfort for the auto show at Hershey. Wow. The back of my F150 was a lot smaller than I thought.

Regardless, the night did eventually break into day. At approximately 0630, I awakened, swearing that I would not do this again. As I prepared to emerge from the night's sleeping arrangement, I developed a leg cramp. (an affliction of my age, methinks.) It was one of those horrible leg cramps of excruciating pain that required immediate stretching! I HAD to get out of the truck immediately! As I did, I opened the door. This set off the alarm that beep-beep-beeped with clarity, until I managed to silence it. As I got out of the car, there were many oaths from unseen origins that thanked me for waking them up. So started the day. What a nice bunch of guys!

After a morning coffee, Stan Johnson and I set up our site, where we displayed valuable items of unknown origin that most car enthusiasts were seeking. We had Model A parts and Model T parts. We sat behind the tables bantering with the milling hordes of car enthusiasts who passed by. After a while, it was easy to identify interested buyers. Anyone with a sporty, color-coordinated outfit with no carry bag was a known gawker and not a buyer. Those with wagons and carts who suddenly veered our way were potential paying customers. Those were the ones we sought. And there were many.

Dealing with these folks was a study in human variability. Some were quick and decisive while other were dawdlers who never decided to purchase anything. One chap sorted through my stuff pulling out a handful of Model T bearings. He asked what I would take for them. I said \$15. He balked and said, would you take \$10? I indirectly answered, "Those parts would cost more than \$50 if ordered from a parts supplier. He dropped the lot and moved on. I sold the same lot to another gentleman for \$20 about 20 minutes later. By and large, people watching was the most fun part of the day. I would opine that 50% of the passersby were grey haired gents who sported baseball caps with an automobile logo or theme and a mustache.

Jim Gray and Benny Leonard were down the lane, as was Doug Tomb. We broke from the tables and cruised down to chat with them from time to time. Clem Clements was not at the show due to a previous engagement with a cardiologist, so we were on our own in that respect.

I had to laugh at one chap who was selling items in his motorized cart. His sign read, "For Sail". I had to double check the contents but there was nothing there for sailing. I think his spell check was not working. The weather was fine, and the clouds parted later in the day to reveal the approval of the weather gods on such an august and honourable affair.

Tom Quigley



HERSHEY: A TRANSITIONAL EXPERIENCE

This year, some of the "regulars" at Hershey were not going to be able to fill the spaces that they had already purchased. Clem was having a heart problem and Dick Johns had a change in plans, so Tom Quigley and I decided to fill in for the missing regulars. Tom had many Model T parts, and I had a mixture of stuff which was overflowing from my garage.

I have been going to Hershey for about 30 years but always as a roving buyer. This year was my first year as a seller, setting up in a booth and waiting for the buyers to walk by. Here's the difference—a seller has to prepare, transport and vend. I dug through my shelves and boxes and filled the back of my small Ford Ranger pickup with sawhorses and plywood tables for the wheels, bearings, transmissions, speedometers, and various other things that seemed excess to my needs. Then I covered it all with a tarp and tied it down. I filled the small cab with food, clothes, sleeping bag and water. My plan was to sleep in the passenger seat of the pickup which tilts back to nearly horizontal. I visualized staying three days and returning home on Friday.

Next came the drive North on Tuesday, the "set up day".. The Ranger pickup has 140,000 miles on it, so any long trip has a sense of adventure to it. But it ran smoothly the whole way. I arrived about 9 AM and found that Hershey is well organized—the signs led me to the Orange Field without any problem. Finding the exact space was a little more difficult, but soon I was unloading. My space was beside Tom Quigley's space so I left while partially set up to meet him at the local MacDonald's. I discovered the first problem as a result: who will be tending the store while I am gone? Answer: No One! If you are not at your booth when a buyer comes by, you will fail in your primary goal, which is to transfer your goods to a new owner, and minimize your load on the return home.

When Tom and I got to our spots and worked on setting up and arranging goods on the tables, we were surprised by the number of people who were already in the buying mode. Most of my "good stuff" went on that day, leaving a table of mundane things and missing the hot items that would cause a potential buyer to stop for a look. I came to the conclusion that buyer categories are like museum visitors, who are classified as one of three types; *Streakers*, *Strollers*, and *Researchers*. For Hershey, the last group would be called *Buyers*. The *Streakers* seemed to be determined to walk up and down every aisle while buying nothing, the *Strollers* seemed to be enjoying the experience with their wife or buddy, with no particular interest in mind except enjoying the spectacle of it all. On the other hand, the *Buyers* seemed to be determined to buy something, *anything* from your table, often anything marked \$1 or Free.

Before long it was late afternoon and the buyers were disappearing. We went with the early V8 group to Fuddruckers for dinner. When we got back it was dark and I set up my sleeping accommodations:\ Tilt the seat all the way back, spread out the opened sleeping bag, kick off the shoes, and climb in. At first it was comfortable, but as the night wore on I had the feeling of the person has who has gotten the rearmost seat on an aircraft just in front of the restroom, which doesn't tilt back. Slowly I was slipping down into the bottom of the sleeping bag. By 6 AM people began to stir, and before long it was time to get up and start vending.

By mid-day Wednesday I was surprised to find that I was essentially sold out. All I had left was a driveshaft, a Gemmer steering box and a pair of V8 exhaust manifolds, so I decided to fold up

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HERSHEY: A TRANSITIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont.)

and leave. I had already accomplished my goal of selling a pickup load from my garage, So I decided to leave Hershey and drive even farther North to the small river town of Selinsgrove, PA. That is the location of Susquehanna University where my grandson is in his freshman year. I thought a visit from his grandfather might be welcome, and it was. After a short visit Thursday morning, I drove back to Springfield with a good feeling of accomplishment and a minimum of things to put back on the shelves.

What I missed was being a *Streaker* or a *Stroller* at Hershey, viewing the awesome displays in all those stalls. I stayed away because I did not want to be a *Buyer* after finally clearing some of the past purchases from my garage. Maybe next year.

Stan Johnson

BENNY AND JIM DO HERSHEY - 2019

Hershey was very different this year. For starters, Clem was not able to join us since he was recovering from a medical procedure. After some planning over breakfast at Baker's in Dillsburg, Benny and I set up our booth in the Clem and Benny location, while Stan Johnson and Tom Quigley set up their booths in my spaces. From what I saw of their booth, they were doing a land-office business foisting NOS T and A parts onto the unsuspecting masses gathered in front of them.

Meanwhile, Benny and I were busy maintaining the high level of decorum expected of a Clem & Benny booth. The biggest difference was that we didn't need to declare an official "no-lie" zone, as Clem wasn't with us and we were both on our very best behavior.

Except maybe for Benny. I'd left the booth for a few minutes and returned to hear him regale Gay Harrington of the NVRG with a "Benny Tale." I didn't interrupt, but Gay's friend and I decided we needed an adult beverage as we listened to the goings-on. All that arm waving is always a sign of a tall tale.



With the best weather we'd ever experienced at Hershey, Benny and I were able to venture all the way to the booth immediately behind us and discover an extremely rare pickup truck. A Model A. With 20" wheels... now who's ever heard of that? Not Benny. Not me. But Luke had, and he told us it was a Martin-Parry bodied Model A before he left us to check out what Tom and Stan were selling.

For sure, this strange pickup required investigation. But not until day 2... after all, by the time all this reality hit us, we had to gather ourselves together with Tom, Stan, Doug and John Ryan (president of the NVRG this year) for a trip to Fuddruckers for dinner with the NVRG boys.

Now, if you ever get up to the Hershey Fuddruckers, don't forget to ask for a beer after you place your order. You see, they don't have a license to SELL beer, but they can GIVE IT AWAY... so they do, and we accept the gift. Because... well, it would be rude to refuse it. I think.

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BENNY AND JIM DO HERSHEY (Cont.)

Early the next day, we were visited by several groups of folks “from somewhere else”. I remember Bolivia, Germany and Denmark. One young Danish lady was apparently helping her boyfriend out by carrying not one, but two fenders from the age of heavy fenders. She assumed the appropriate weight-lifting poise and made all the appropriate noises while hoisting these two fenders, only to almost immediately drop them before donning a neat pair of white gloves and repeating her performance. I wanted to applaud when she got them up in the air, but thought it might break her concentration.



I was on the hunt for things rare and wonderful for my 1923 Gray... but hadn't found any yet. So I headed off for the Chocolate field to see what was over there.

For those who might think there aren't any more Model A parts, I was reminded that there are, and many of them come from Bert's Model A Store in Englewood, Colorado <https://modelastore.com/>

Never mind that many of these fine pieces have made several cross country trips to land here each fall in Hershey... there are still a LOT of good parts here.



I also happened upon the White Post Restorations booth, where I described a carb problem I have with my Gray... the booth guy politely feigned attention, but then offered a great tip. He allowed me to take a picture of the page in his booth book that listed the contact information for many of the outside companies and experts that they use at White Post. From this picture, I got the number of “The Old Carb Doctor” in North Carolina who is their go-to guy for all their concours restorations. I thanked him ... and grabbed one of the miniature candy bars they were giving out. After all, it was

getting close to Halloween, and we were in the chocolate field at Hershey.

Still stumped for one of the small pieces I needed (a spring steel clip inside one of my Gray headlights), I wandered back to our booths to find Benny gone. He was behind our spaces looking at that strange Model A Pickup I mentioned earlier. In green. With yellow wheels.

Luke, and the owner, told us this was an early 1928 Model A with a Martin-Parry body. Neither Benny nor I had ever heard of such a thing. >>>>>>



BENNY AND JIM DO HERSHEY (Cont.)

As we were poking around the pile of stuff (note: at Hershey there are LOTS of piles of LOTS of stuff), Benny picked up a rusty headlight drum and told me he thought it was pretty close to the Gray headlight drum I had in my truck. After fetching it, I saw he was right! Although this drum had an intact "Overland" lens in it, and the mounting bracket was different, the dimensions were right on, and after a little bit of haggling, I was the new owner.

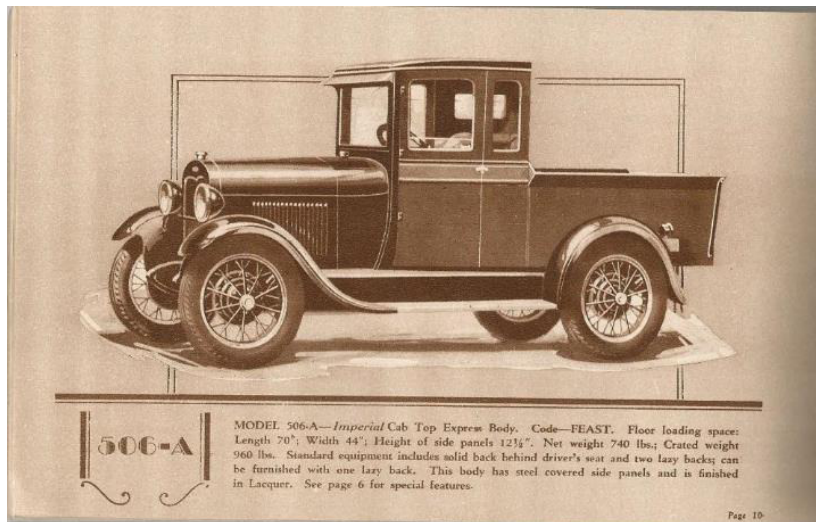
As I was haggling, Benny was inspecting the wheels and tires. And learning from the owner that this '28 Model A actually had a Model T rear end, and that only until early '28 were 20" wheels available.



When I got home I did a little searching and found reference to these wheels here: <https://aafords.com/aa-chassis/aa-1000-wheels/> in a table listing: "AA-1015 d1 20" steel spoke (rounded center hub) thru early 1928; AA-1015 d2 20" steel spoke (ridged center hub) mid 1928 thru January 1929"

The 20" steel spoke wheels on this Model A had the rounded hub, so are apparently "AA-1015 20" steel spoke wheels only available thru early 1928. I imagine this AA wheel may have been used on this A-framed pickup to get the wider 6" tread width of the AA rim.

According to the pickup's owner, this Martin-Parry body had been made just down the road in York, PA, and that it had a special order rear window in the cab. Page 10 of this catalog showed a truck almost identical to what we saw: <https://www.martin-parry.com/1928-dealers-catalog.html>



But this wasn't the end of discovery. In researching my Gray, I've found several references saying many of the auto makers were really just "assemblers" of a finite number of parts from a finite number of parts suppliers in early 20th century Detroit.

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BENNY AND JIM DO HERSHEY (Cont.)



This has given me hope of finding other vehicles that used parts I might need for my Gray. So as I soaked the rim of my new Overland headlight drum with Kroil, I wondered if I would find a spring clip or two I might be able to make work on my Gray.

What I discovered was that the clips were not just similar, they were IDENTICAL.

Mark up one more victory for interchangeability of parts. And one more small step to the restoration of my 1923 Gray Touring, which I have named "Miss Mary".

Jim & Benny
Photos by Jim and Benny

An advertisement for J.C. Taylor Insurance. At the top is a logo with the text "J.C. Taylor" in a script font and "INSURANCE" in a sans-serif font below it, all within a green and yellow oval. Below the logo, the text "INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS" is written in blue. The central image is a classic black and blue touring car with white-walled tires and green wheels. At the bottom, the phone number "1-888-ANTIQUE" is on the left and the website "JCTAYLOR.COM" is on the right, with a small Facebook icon to its left.

GWC AND THE HARVEST FEST TOUR TO THE DOUKENIE WINERY

October 19th proved to be an excellent day to enjoy taking a Model A for a ride through the Northern Virginia countryside. The weather offered the last warm vestiges of Fall with a light breeze and lots of sun. A stop at the Doukenie Winery for the Harvest Fest allowed a small contingent of GWC members to display some "A's" for all to see. They also had a chance to meet with the owner, George Bazzaco, and his Mom, Hope Bazzaco, with the Tasting Room Manager Bill Travis to have a wine tasting and learn about the different wines, walk the vineyard, and, last but not least, grab some BBQ and enjoy a fine Merlot in the picnic area... In short, a great road trip before tucking the "A's" away for the winter. The pictures tell it all...



Bill & Carol Benedict doing a "up close Model A tour" of the Doukenie Winery vineyard: (Look close--note the smiles on Bill and Carol's faces)



Bill Travis (Winery Tasting Room Manager), Doug, Wojo, Carol and Bill sampling the wine (Viticulture education, Doug asks a lot of questions...)

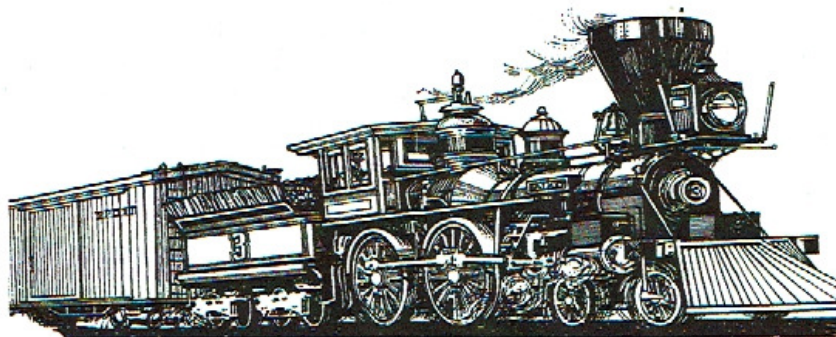


Doug and Wojo setting the A's up in the Vineyard



Doug and Carol enjoying the warm weather and the wine... while Wojo's grandson took the opportunity to go fishing....

30th ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW



DECEMBER 7th 2019 - SATURDAY 10 - 5
DECEMBER 8th 2019 - SUNDAY 12 - 4

Featuring

Model and toy train displays in G, Standard, O, S, LEGO, HO, N and Z gauges.

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2019 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

WHEN: **Saturday December 7, 2019**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the cash wine & beer bar will be open. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: American Legion Post #177
3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

COST: \$15 per member (\$25 per couple)

MENU: Choose one from the following:

1. London Broil (with red Bliss potatoes & green beans almandine)
2. Stuffed Pork Chops (with white rice pilaf & green beans almandine)
3. Turkey Breast with Stuffing (with red Bliss Potatoes & green beans almandine)



Dessert choices: chocolate cake, cheesecake or pumpkin pie.

All entrees will be accompanied by water, coffee or hot tea.

Beer and wine are served at the cocktail hour, and at dinner. Cash bar. BYOB is allowed, but they have to pour the drinks for you, out of your bottle. There is also liquor allowed, but again, they have to pour it for you.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to put under our tree for the *USMC Toys For Tots* drive.

Reservations will be accepted at the November Monthly Club meeting or you can send a check along with a note indicating your entrée & dessert choices to:

Jason Cunningham
9812 Dellcastle Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
jkcunningham@gmail.com
Please make checks payable to: GWC Model A Club

**RSVP by: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!
NO WALK-INS CAN BE ADMITTED**



COMING EVENTS

November

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

Nov. 20 (Wednesday) Annual GWC membership meeting to elect new officers.

December

December 7 & 8 - Fairfax Station "Train & Old Car" event. Sat. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sun. Noon - 4:00 pm. Fun! Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. For information, call 703-425-9225. The Holiday Train Show is the museum's biggest event of the year. It features model trains of many sizes to delight train lovers of all ages. Even Santa himself drops in from time to time. The show is held rain or shine. Displays are in and around the Station and grounds.

December 7 (Saturday) Annual GWC Christmas Party. (See p. 21 for details.)

December 11 – (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

December 18 – (Wednesday) Brown Bag Gift Exchange. Guidance will be provided in the December Script.

WANT ADS

For Sale

1926 Model T Truck Roadster. Very clean and runs great. Bought in Colorado in 2011. Engine works great and does not burn or leak oil. New top and has tight steering. Bought it for \$15,000 and have put about 100 miles on it. Tires fairly new and upholstery in new condition. Radiator in good shape. Ignition system has been changed to a distributor type with a mechanical advance in the traditional place. Kept in a hanger at Potomac Airfield in Friendly, MD. Asking \$15,000. Contact Mike Pangia at 201-360-0380 or mikelaw83@msn.com.



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