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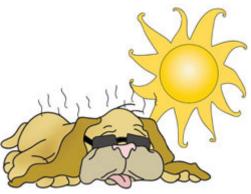
Nice picture of a Model A on the road, but apologies to the kind person who sent it, but I can't figure out who did!



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Next deadline: Monday, August 31

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We are now at the half way point in this year's summer season. It certainly has been a quiet year for Model A Ford activities.

Last Saturday I decided to do something completely different from earlier in the summer. I attended the first day of the Bratton's Swap Meet. This event was held in their parking lot, at Bratton's Mount Airy, Maryland business location.

There were more than a dozen vendors there, as well as Bratton's own extensive assortment of excess inventory for sale. Things were busy in the morning and quieted down in the afternoon. The weather cooperated nicely. It was warm and sunny, with a nice breeze most of the day.

Attendance was light, understandable given the current health situation. It was nice to get out and talk to other GWC Club members, and other Model A owners again. I shared the "GWC table" with Milford Sprecher. Luke Chaplin set up next to us. Club member Bill Beardmore and Hunter Fanney were set up across the driveway from us. Tom Terko was set up nearby. We had a visit by members Bruce Metcalf, James Kolody, and Brad Minners, as well as other masked members. Who was that masked man or woman?

Everyone observed the recommended social distancing, and use of a mask, as requested by the health guidelines. Milford and Luke reported a good number of sold items, and others reported finding items they needed as well. This showed that we could still enjoy our hobby and be safe.

Further, your Board is moving forward to make sure the Club is as active as we can be, given all of the cautions and restrictions. We want to move at a pace that the membership is comfortable with. All Club activities are outdoors now and we want to encourage everyone who participates to follow appropriate safety guidelines for wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing. We can have fun, too.

For August, we plan to have another Sit & Sip gathering on Saturday, August 8th (watch for details), and a special Wheel Straightening Day and Oil Change Session, at Benny Leonard's garage, on Saturday, August 22nd. See the August Script for details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at one of our gatherings this month.

Thanks, Doug

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

My son and I had a good time driving in my coupe on the 132 mile round trip to the Bratton's swap meet mentioned elsewhere in this *Script.* He drove back and I teased him that now when he drives his Tacoma, he'll be reaching for the spark lever out of habit.

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting July 22, 2020

<u>Call to Order</u>. The Board meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Doug Tomb, via teleconference.

<u>Attendance</u>; A quorum was present for the Board meeting to enable voting. The members who were present included Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb, John Dougherty, Benny Leonard, Paul Bjarnason, Luke Chaplin, Bruce Metcalf, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims and, Jerry Olexson.

Not Present, Note the position of VP Activities is vacant at this time. James Kolody, unable to attend

Board Meeting Agenda – President Tomb started the Board meeting and presented the agenda.

Item #1 The Board voted to continue holding meetings via telephone network. President Doug will explore the possibility of utilizing Zoom App.

Item # 2 To encourage safety of our members and to comply with all regulatory protocols issued by state and federal health agencies, the Board decided in the best interest to issue an official statement. It is the resolve of the Board to guide the club during the current health crisis.

"The Board of Directors requires all members attending club functions and related gatherings and events to comply with the current state and federal regulations in wearing protective masks and maintain adequate social distancing. "

At the appropriate updating of the GWC by-laws, the policy will be incorporated. As of now the above policy is in effect. Any future amendments will be issued to the club membership.

Item # 3 Resolved, that the August Club Meeting will take place on Saturday, August 22. This will be a combination of general meeting, a Technical Seminar and demonstration on Wheel straightening, and minimal Ford Model A maintenance opportunity for members driving their cars.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

Place: Benny Leonard's residence Lower Garage, 5441 Ladue Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030 Time: 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Refreshments: Coffee and donuts, water soft drinks and ice will be provided. Attendees are responsible for bringing their lunch as well as any supply items for their automobile repairs.

Item # 4 Treasurer reported to the Board that the club Treasury contained \$34,874.96. Furthermore, the Treasurer assured the Board that the reserve would be adequate to cover two years of club expenditures, even in the event the Sully Show is postponed in 2021. With the cancellation of the Sully Show in 2020, a major revenue source for the club, the Treasurer was requested to develop a financial plan incorporating disclosure of Discretionary and non-Discretionary expenses. This would provide The Board with a real time decision tool in the event of unexpected issues and allow for more meaningful control of expenditures in these uncertain times.

Item # 5 Board reported on opening of club events and encouraged the continuation of the momentum to increase club member participation. To date, this included 3 Sit and Sip events with several more planned for the months of August and September. Date and details will be announced. The Membership meet and flea market event was held at the American Legion July 22. This was an outside event and future meetings will be

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

planned around outside locations at least through September. The intent is to have club members be safe and assured. The Board confirmed that priority.

July 25 and 26 will be the flea market at Bratton's. GWC will have a table for members to use and sell any parts. Of course, the Board encourages all participants to socially distance and wear protective face masks complying with Maryland health regulations.

New Business: Milford discussed the possibility of a Maryland Model A driving tour in the September time frame. He is developing details and will submit the plan to the Board at the August 26 Board of Directors meeting if not sooner.

Script Editor requires material be submitted by August 1, for publication in the next Script issue.

Club Membership Meeting is August 22 at Benny Leonard's residence.

Next Board Virtual meeting is August 26

Meeting concluded at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Olexson Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

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Our annual "after Sully" pancake breakfast celebration at Andy and Ellen Jaeger's waterfront property was a big hit, with a number of members pitching in with the planning, acquisition of food, and the cooking. These were the pre-catering days and the fare was simple; basically just coffee, pancakes, and bacon, all you could eat. I don't remember any eggs or toast, just that everyone had a great time and lots of Model A's were driven there.

At the Board meeting at Lloyd Hoffman's home, the topic of "Clunker Bills" came up, with concern for a potential effect on our hobby. The national clubs were laying hands off and leaving it up to local chapters to address it because of applicable state laws which vary. There was the threat that regulations and anti-pollution standards could be enacted which Model A's could not meet. Andy Pogan became the chapter's point man and for keeping us informed about what was going on. Plans for a wheel straightening machine that had been ordered arrived, and an assembly party was planned for the near future. Millard Springer volunteered to lead the manufacturing effort, other volunteers were also sought. The U.S. Geological Survey still owned a Model A coupe which was a survivor from bygone days. I believe Benny Leonard made us aware it existed and some members showed an interest in helping the agency improve its condition. A team would look it over and estimate what the expense to put it back in good shape would be.

A lengthy cross country trip in Model A's made by the families of three members, Bill Beardmore, Walt Bratton, and Guy Pearl was described in depth in the Script. This trip spanned eleven states, extending to the west as far as Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming. Yes, there were problems. Guy Pearl had just completed a four month restoration on his '29 roadster and it hadn't been road tested until 1.00 A.M. in the dark on the day of departure. Leaving in the early A.M. in heavy rain, Guy's muffler came loose and had to be attended to. Then things settled down and they reached Columbus, Ohio the first day. The next day was a bummer, Guy's water pump failed, and Bill's A repeatedly died out, resulting in only 130 miles being traversed, and ending in Decatur, Illinois. On Wednesday they made it to Marysville, Kansas, having gone through Illinois and Missouri on the Pony Express Highway.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (Cont.)

Numerous interesting sites were visited and included driving across a suspended wooden plank bridge 1000 feet high, driving to the top of Pikes Peak, elevation 14,115 feet, and visiting Leadville, Colorado, the highest town in the USA. The trip is a testimony to the ruggedness of our Model A Fords and the determination of their owners.

Cars for sale this month in the Classifieds were a Dodge Dart, a Mercedes, a Ford TT truck, a half ton Chevy truck, and, to sanitize the listings at last, two Model A's!

Dave Henderson

JIM SCHEIDEL

We've just heard from club member Harry White that we've lost another long-time member of the GWC.

Master Sergeant James A. "Jim" Scheidel, USAF (Retired) passed away last Sunday, July 19 at the too-young age of 81.

A visitation will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 14908 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 on Wednesday, July 29 from 10 am until the start of the Mass of Christian Burial at 12 noon. Interment will follow at Jesus the Good Shepherd Cemetery, 1601 W. Mt. Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736.

Jim joined the Air Force in 1957 after graduating high school and marrying Emilie Habernak in his home town of Hartford, Connecticut. A Vietnam veteran, Jim retired from the Air Force in 1977 and worked for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMTA) and as a defense contractor.

Jim was very active in the old car hobby and over the past 30 years traveled more than 80,000 miles touring with his wife Emilie. He also was a member of and served as president of the Southern Maryland Model A Ford Club, the National Capital Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America. At the time of his death, he was the Secretary Treasurer of the Southern Maryland Model A Ford Club.

In addition to his wife Emilie he is survived by his daughters Susan Scheidel Deckert, (Grant), Cynthia Scheidel Vogel, and son James A. Scheidel Jr. (Lori). He leaves behind his 10 grandchildren Matthew Vogel, Grant Deckert II, Justin Deckert, Michael Vogel, Travis Deckert, Melissa Vogel, Holly Deckert, Mark Vogel, Mackenzie Scheidel, and Carly Scheidel. Sister-in-laws Betty Scheidel, Cecile Scheidel along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Jim's name to the "We Honor Veterans" organization through Calvert Hospice at https://calverthospice.org/make-a-gift/ or via phone at 410-535-0892.



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JIM SCHEIDEL (Cont.)

A personal note from Jim Gray:

Early on, we would occasionally drive over to Maryland for a picnic at the Eisenman farm in Dunkirk. Jim (always) & Emilie (sometimes) would join us, and Jim enjoyed setting up and helping run the "Car Games" - like "jousting" from the running board of a Model A. I can remember two times where Jim, as president of the Southern Maryland Club, arranged for us to have a crab feast, with the crabs donated by the SMC. I joined the club in 1996, and my earliest roster is from 1995. Jim and Emilie were in it. I know he had been in the club for a while before that, but I'm not sure how much before, but at least a quarter of a century plus.

SIT and SIP #4!

We had a good gathering of 17 enthusiasts, eight Model As, and five non-standard cars at the Sit and Sip on 11 July in the University Mall Parking lot! University Mall is next door to George Mason U. The 16 included Benny Leonard, Jeff Vangorder (1st outing with his "fresh" Model A!) Phil McCormick, Jim Gray, James Kolody, Bruce Metcalf, Jim Baker and John Dougherty with their Model As. The following Five guys (no pun) brought a great ride too. Keith Randall - '58 Ford, Wayne Chadderton - '53 Ford, Darryll Baker - '36 Chevy School Bus, Gerry Olexson - '74 VW, and Milford Sprecher - '?? Miata! We also had Paul Bjarnason, Luke Chaplin, Woody Hall, and CJ Schoepe (owner of Sully 45 Best in Show a red Corvette) with us to enjoy the cars, the speak, and the hot weather!! And, John Dougherty's daughter Jenna and her eldest son Aaron stopped by near the end of our gathering so Aaron could help finish off the donuts!! Aaron thought the School Bus was cool but quite different from the big yellow one he rides (was) to school.





SIT and SIP #4! (Cont.)

As with the first three Sit and Sips, all who attended enjoyed the opportunity to be out and visit with friends with a common interest -- great cars!! This time we even have a couple of pictures for proof. We do manage to keep our distance somewhat and masks were worn by several attendees (by all who entered the eateries!!

Not listed are many members of the shopping public who stopped by to admire and ask questions about the cars. That is always a highlight of the event. Who knows we may even bring someone new to the hobby.

Nearby to this report are details for #5 on 8 August (weather permitting)!

Ahoogha!

John and James.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

I got this note from Donna Zadnik on Saturday, August 1. Both she and Val would like to hear from members of the club. You will find their current contact information is Donna's note.

Just to let you know that Valentine Zadnik is still living, but challenged by Parkinson's. He and wife Donna are residing at Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Community in Woodbridge, Va. (703) 494-2524; <u>valanddonna@hotmail.com</u>.



Val is now 86 and spends most of the time in a wheelchair. Might like a note or two.

Our Model A is in our son Jerry Zadnik's garage, about 15 minutes away from us so we get to see it now and then. Please let us know of any Zoom activities you have scheduled and invite us. Thanks,

Donna Zadnik, wife of 61 years.

Jim Gray





BRATTON'S FLEA MARKET

Bratton's Antique Auto Parts in Mt. Airy, Maryland put on a flea market the weekend of July 25-26. Bratton's was getting rid of a bunch of used and discontinued parts and invited other clubs and individuals to reserve spaces to sell parts, as well. I secured a space for the George Washington Chapter and invited others to join me at the space.

I brought a canopy and three tables as well as a motley collection of parts to sell. Other club members had reserved spaces, too, including Hunter Fanney, Tom Terko, Bill Bass, Bill Broadmore, and Luke Chaplin.



We had a good turnout of members to join us on Saturday, including Bruce Metcalf and his son Sean. They drove Bruce's Model A from Berryville, too. Our group also included President Doug Tomb, who brought some parts, and James Kolody. Brad Minners stopped by to visit, as well. Members of the Hub City and Greater Baltimore clubs had spaces and were seen browsing the spaces.



Turnout was pretty good and most of us sold some of the parts we brought. I sold a Powerhouse generator, a few license plates, coils, and a rear axle hub puller, the latter to Doug Tomb. Luke sold a BMW turbocharger, among other items. Tom Terko sold a set of tires. Bill Broadmore probably did the most business of all of us. The afternoon was pretty slow, but we talked enough to keep us all engaged and also did some shopping.

BRATTON'S FLEA MARKET(Cont.)

Tom Terko, Luke, and I returned on Sunday. Luke brought his Ford flatbed to see if he could get some interest. Business was quire slow for everyone. Most everyone had wrapped up by noon. One can't attend a swap meet without finding a few treasures, though. I bought three inner tubes for my Model T, a Model A tool kit screwdriver from Hunter, and a re-bushed brake cross shaft from Bratton's. I ended up spending more money than I took in, but I was happy to see what I could and to catch up with other club members and the flea market wanderers.

Milford Sprecher

'SIT AND SIP' #5 !

Join us for 'Sit and Sip' #5 on 8 August at the Philomont General Store, 36550 Jeb Stuart Road, in Philomont, VA. A little earlier this time from 8 to 9:30ish.

The Philomont General Store was constructed over 100 years ago and sits at the crossroads of Jeb Stuart Road and the Snickersville Turnpike in the "wilds" of Loudoun County. We thought it time for a good stretch of the "A"s this time. James came across this location a few weeks back during a weekend drive. You know how hard it is for him to get fired up about anything but he is anxious for this one to happen!

If it is convenient and you want to caravan, James and I will meet you at the University Mall parking lot (across from GMU corner of Ox and Braddock Roads) NLT 7AM. We will leave at 7 with the aim of arriving at the store about 8ish! Our route will be Braddock to the Parkway to Route 50 to Snickersville Turnpike. The store does not open until 9 but owner Drew Bishop will open at 8 and have breakfast sandwiches and coffee ready (so skip your oatmeal and donut and bring some business to our host)!! When James and I were speaking with Drew this week, he mentioned a high school friend of his, whose name many of you may recognize (to be revealed next Saturday!).

Parking will require some courtesy! There is some room in front of the store and some behind the store. In addition, there is parking at the Philomont Community Center on the other side of the Volunteer Fire Department (next to the store) a very short walk. Please do not park in front of the Fire Department. Drew asked that we not take up all the spaces in front. His store also serves as the Post Office and many seniors start arriving after 9 (wait...that qualifies most of us)! Anyway, be understanding and let's not interfere with his regulars.

For those of you who may want more driving next Saturday, James will have a route to take you further into the "wilds" (nice scenery!) and it will bring you back to Route 50.

So, bring a car, a chair, a story, and a MASK!

We may have a weather event this week that could drag into next weekend. An email notice will be sent Friday evening if we have to cancel/postpone!

John and James.....AHOOGHA!!

MAFFI NEWS

MAFFI Newsletter Minute-Addition

Since MAFFI Model A Day has been canceled, The Four Points Sheraton, who was our Host Hotel, considers all reservations canceled. <u>If you still plan to visit the museum the weekend of September 18-19, you will need to contact the hotel directly to re-reserve your room.</u> (269) 385-3922. They will give you the best available rate possible.

If you had hotel reservations at any other hotel, you are responsible to cancel these. We apologize for this inconvenience.



45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

I'm sorry to announce that the Bull Run Region has canceled the 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, which had been scheduled for September 19, 2020. The fear was that the coronavirus pandemic -- which has already lasted much longer than originally anticipated -- would still be around in September, endangering the health of show participants, spectators and show personnel.

We'd be grateful if you'd advise your members of this cancellation. We're sorry to cause you this inconvenience and appreciate your help in having publicized our event. And we plan to be back with the Rohr show in September of 2021!

Sincerely, Jon Battle, Publicity Coordinator <u>detailed@verizon.net</u> (540) 364-1770

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Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Installing A New Fuel Line

When installing a new fuel line between the sediment bowl and the carburetor, you want to get the little brass ferrule locked down on the tubing about 1/8" from the end of the tubing. It is difficult to see where the ferrule is located on the tubing, though, when the end is inside the carburetor or the sediment bowl. Here's my little trick to getting it where you want it.

On the bench, before installing anything on the car, slip the tube nut and ferrule on the end of the fuel line like it will be installed on the car. See the photo. Place the ferrule on the tubing with 1/8" of tubing showing on the end. Gently press the nut up against the ferrule and mark that location with a little piece of masking tape.

Now when you install the tubing on the carburetor or sediment bowl, you hold the tubing in so that the tape is right at the edge of the nut while you tighten the nut. When the ferrule gets clamped down on the tubing, it will be in the right spot. You can take it apart to check.

I apply a few drops of oil to the threads of the nut and to the ferrule when tightening it all up for the first time, to help everything turn smoothly as it's being clamped in place. Teflon tape should not be needed on these tube nuts and ferrules; they are designed to seal with just the nut being tightened. It does not hurt to put a thin film on non-hardening sealant on the ferrule, though, before installing, for extra protection against weeping fuel.

I hope this helps the installation of your next fuel line easier. Have a Model A Day! Jim





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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!





COMING EVENTS [CLUB EVENTS ARE IN BOLD]

Calendar as of August 1, 2020

August

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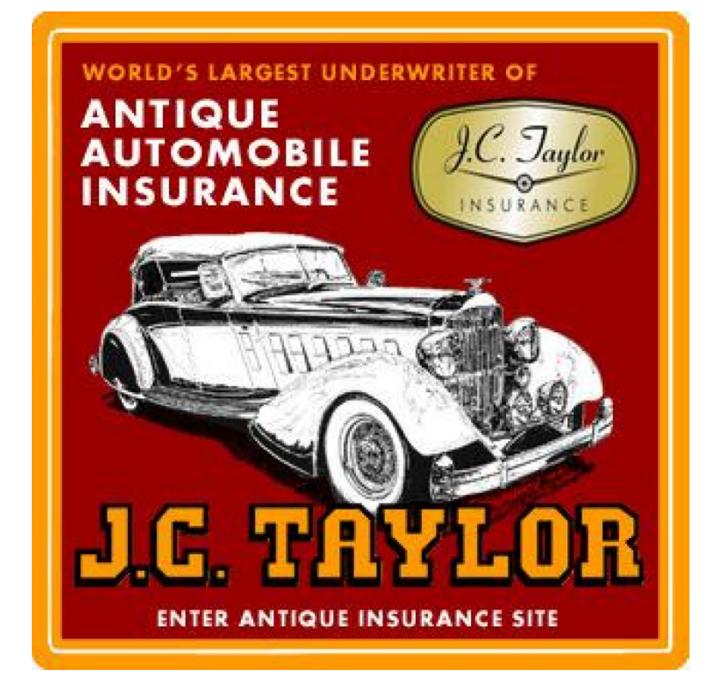
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WANT ADS

- No antique car storage spaces left but do have one outside space available for storing an RV. Dave. 703 938 8954
- Black 1930 Ford Model A 4-door sedan. All original, complete but not restored. Body in very good condition w/very little rust. Third owner. Bought in Adams County, PA in 1960's. Last ran in the 1980's. Kept under carport somewhat protected from weather. Additional photos available. Needs full restoration. Located in Kensington, Maryland.

Price \$5,000 obo Please contact Bob Boswell 301-949-4583 or boswellrj@verizon.net Expires Sept 11, 2020



Complete set of 21 inch wheels These wheels are in excellent condition. Lug nut hoes are good and no bent spokes. Wheels were checked for straightness, sandblasted, and powder coated. I prepared these wheels for my Henry Award winning coupe but discovered that powder coating wasn't acceptable so I found another set which I painted. These are truly bolt on and go. No issues.





\$750 firm for these five beautiful rims. Please contact Hunter Fanney Call or text 301 606 1936 Home phone - 301 253 0057 Model A "Jim Beam" decanters Set of 9 for sale, mint condition, unbroken seals with bourbon still inside; all with original boxes and packing materials (but includes masking tape residue on boxes!). Bought personally in the 1980's, some were very difficult to find even then! To view, see advertising in the MAFCA and MARC Magazines of the 1980's. They haven't made these in years! 1928 Fire Chief's Car (Coupe) 1928 Sport Coupe 1930 Fire Truck 1929 Police Car (Phaeton) 1930 Police "Paddy" Wagon 1930 Ambulance 1929 Ford Phaeton 1928 Pickup Truck (Closed Cab) 1929 Woodie Station Wagon When was the last time you had an opportunity at a set like this? I will sell as a complete set only, \$1300/make offer, plus delivery costs...we will need to discuss delivery/shipping arrangements/costs from Northern Virginia (I can meet you anywhere within a few hours' drive). COL Dick Johns, USA (Ret.) H: 703-541-2032 C: 540-270-2982 8110 Crosby St Mason Neck, VA, 22079 theskull@pga.com

1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan: Offered for sale is this beautiful, fully restored, 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan. This Briggs-bodied stunner was restored to an extremely high standard. Painted a gorgeous teal with brown mohair interior, it is accentuated by a host of accessories and options including a thermos-quail radiator Cap, fog lamps, hood prop, Rex-A-Co temperature gauge, and a Charming flower vase. Vehicle is fresh with just under 6,000 miles on the odometer and an undercarriage that is as clean on the underside as it is on the top. Although it may be mistaken for a show car, this Model A was restored to perform as good as it looks, with a completely rebuilt drivetrain and modern mechanical upgrades including a Nu-Rex extra high output alternator and 8-volt battery, as well as safety upgrades including turn signals and fuse mount. Asking \$26,900 OBO. Please don't hesitate to Call George @ 703-969-1715 with any questions, to schedule a test drive, or make an offer.

