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The late Bill Worsham by his 1930 Town Sedan, his pride and joy.



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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**



I am pleased to report that we have a slate of officers for the Board of Directors for next year. We had a couple of significant vacancies that were challenging to fill, but I am grateful that Club members stepped up to fill the open slots!

Thanks to John Leydon and Gene Rainville for their work organizing the picnic at Oak Hill on October 23rd. It was a last-minute arrangement, but we had a great turnout. I had not visited there before, so I was happy to have the opportunity to visit. Following up the picnic with a trip to Willowcroft Winery was a nice way to finish the day. Rain threatened, so some of us beat a hasty retreat. I actually made it home before it started to rain!

One of the highlights of the picnic was the opportunity to look at an unrestored 1929 Daimler owned by a friend of John Leydon's. It is a feat of engineering that takes a special kind of owner as there are probably few, if any, replacement parts available. The car was owned by the woman who founded Universal Tire and bought at her estate auction in Michigan.

I made a couple of trips over to Bill Sims's house to help him with his car. A spark issue turned out to be a loose fuse holder on the starter. Once that was addressed, I realized after looking at the spark plugs that the engine wasn't getting enough gas in spite of the fact that gas was dripping from the carb. A little choking and the car started right up and again a few days later. That car seems to have some gremlins, so I am not quite ready to declare victory. We need to address the leaking carb, but maybe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel!

We have a few new members and a returning member, Hank Zajic, who just bought Clem's cabriolet. While I know it was tough for Clem to pass along Smokey, it's great that it has gone to a good home. Hank and Melinda joined us for the drive to Oak Hill. It's great to expand our numbers with new owners and those who want to buy cars.

I am looking forward to next year when we look to have some fun tours and other activities planned.

Milford Sprecher

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

This month's issue has been a doozy to put together. There wasn't that much copy for Bill's section but lots of photos. I had enough to fill an entire issue. However, there were other events that had to be included as well as a major award for a long-time GWC member, which really bulked up the issue. So Hank Zajic's report on buying and driving Clem's cabriolet and Luke's report on progress on his AA rebuild will have to wait until next month.

Milford finally got my A to reliably start, but I think tour season is over. Hopefully, over the winter, Milford can resolve my "Gremlin problems" and I can get back to reliably going on our tours. Meanwhile, Blaze sits in North Carolina waiting for Donnie to find a decent painter and a company that produces good upholstery.

Congratulations to Howard Minners for his well-earned induction into the Model A Hall of Fame.

## **REPORT FROM THE BOARD ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

Minutes of Board Meeting  
October 26, 2022



President Milford Sprecher opened the October board meeting, held in person at the Red, Hot & Blue restaurant, at 7:05 PM. In addition to Milford, those present were Paul Bjarnason, John Dougherty, James Kolody, Gene Rainville, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims, and Doug Tomb. Absent were Luke Chaplin, Edna Cross, Stan Johnson, Benny Leonard, and Bruce Metcalf. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Milford opened the meeting by thanking John Leydon, Bruce Metcalf and Gene Rainville for their efforts to make the Oak Hill Picnic such a success. Milford noted the excellent turnout of Model A Fords, as well as other interesting cars. The picnic was a huge success and was appreciated by all in attendance. Milford also had a special Thank You for John Leydon, our host at the Oak Hill picnic.

Paul Bjarnason next gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the current balance in the Club checking account is \$38,233.23. Paul noted that the Board will need to appoint an auditor to perform the annual audit of the Club books at the beginning of the new year.

Gene Rainville next gave the Activity Report, reminding us that the Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show will be held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Club Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Club Brown Bag Gift Exchange Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Balls Hill Road Post 270 Hall. For the new year 2023, Gene will be using a new format for the Activity Calendar, and is looking for feedback on it.

Milford next asked for a report from the Club Nominating Committee, and Greg reported that all positions have been filled, except for Assistant Treasurer. There are several candidates that they still expect to hear back from. Once the slate is complete, it will be sent out to the membership, and voting will be held remotely by email, as well as at the November Monthly Meeting in person. Milford announced that pie and ice cream will be provided by the Club at the meeting.

Next, Milford mentioned that the November Monthly Meeting presentation would be given by Nick Arrington, with the topic, "Pointers on How to Successfully Sell an Antique Car".

John Dougherty reported that plans are already in the works for Sully 48 in 2023. John is in discussion with the Sully staff about plans for next year. Additional volunteers will be needed for judging, parking, and the field set-up. John reported that the weather will be partly cloudy, temperature in the low 70's, with a light breeze from the northwest.

There was discussion about combining Small Parts Day and Sand Blast Day next spring. Further planning is needed, and a suitable location will have to be decided in the new year.

A motion was then presented: "To investigate a suitable memorial recognition, in memory of Bill Worsham, by the Club". This was seconded, and was passed by unanimous vote of the Board members present. Milford will appoint a committee to report their findings to the Board at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Doug Tomb,  
Acting Secretary

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

President Millard Springer spoke of the nearing of the end of the driving season, musing that he hoped a few outings had been enjoyed, and it was too bad if a whole season had been missed because the A was inoperative. He mentioned the upcoming Small Parts Day held annually at Walt Bratton's and said to let Walt or Don Temple know in advance if any parts or special tools would be needed for your project.



Pres. Millard went on to discuss contemplating the purchase of an A, the ins and outs of acquiring a project, or one ready to go. "Driving a car that you have restored yourself can be very gratifying, but sometimes time and space make a different approach the more sensible one. Usually buying a completed car is cheaper than the cost of a total restoration." He said to look around at the people who have bought running cars or have had professionals work on them and see how much fun they are having driving them. After a discussion about winter storage, he concluded his President's Desk narrative saying that the most fun way to store your car for the winter is not to put it away at all and to get it out and drive it occasionally.

Editor Bill reported in on the Fall Foliage Tour, which had been washed out by a torrential downpour. He said that just about everyone who had signed up showed up in Hamilton anyway and were treated to a great buffet breakfast of omelets and Belgian waffles among other things. After brunch a few members went antiquing and found some treasures. Don Temple's comment was that our Club always will get some kind of attendance even in the worst weather when there is a meal involved.

Stan Johnson penned an article for the Script about Model A buyer types and their motivations for doing so. After analyzing his own and those of others he knew and giving it some thought, he developed an initial list. He asked, "Which of the following describes your interest?" Types listed were: The Driver, The restorer, The Mechanic, The Historian, The Nostalgist, The Accumulator, The Comradierist, The Sharer, The Thinker, and finally The Investor. "So, are you a D-N-M, an R-I-H or some other combination?" His conclusion was that we all share the bond of an overriding common interest: Henry's Model A.

Dave Henderson

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**GWC Survey**

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT** – The deadline for the survey is November 15, 2022. As of this writing (October 28, 2022), we only received 13 surveys. In order for the survey to more accurately depict the desires of the membership, we need around 60% input from our members. With 130 or so members, we are currently well short of that number. Please consider completing your survey within the next few days. Reminders will be sent out by separate emails. Thank you from the SPC.


**GWC Fall Tour**

On October 23, we had a wonderful Fall Tour that included a Picnic at Oak Hill Farm and Wine Tasting/Tour at Willowcroft Winery. The weather was a little chilly but still great. Thanks need to go out to John Leydon for hosting the GWC at his farm house at Oak Hill. We had around 18 Model As and several other antiques. It was a very enjoyable event; people had a good time. A more-detailed writeup of this event is published in this Script.

**Annual Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party is just a few weeks away. We will need an accurate count of members and guests along with food selections so that we can notify the Legion Hall. The Christmas Party will be at the Fairfax American Legion Hall Post 177. The date is December 3, 2022, with a social hour starting at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Please see page 24 in this Script for details.

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## MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

As you will have read in the MARC *Model A News* and the MAFCA *Restorer* magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minners became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

"The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course, here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article ... from a magazine called *Ford Dealer and Service Seal*. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

Thank you,

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI  
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# MODEL A FORD HALL OF FAME



Model A Museum  
Gilmore Car Museum Campus  
Hickory Corners, Michigan



Howard A. Minners  
Inducted 2022

Howard grew a deep historical interest in the development and era surrounding the Ford Model A. The introduction and advertising campaign for the New Ford caught Howard's attention, inspiring him to collect original era Ford advertisements and sales brochures from all over the world. His extensive international collection of Model A advertisements and sales brochures is now among the largest in the world. To share his knowledge, Howard formed the "Model A Ad Collectors Region" of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and the "Model A Ad Collectors Chapter" of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and published his quarterly newsletter, *Model A Ad Collectors*.

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## **HOWARD MINNERS INDUCTED INTO MODEL A FORD HALL OF FAME (Cont.)**

He and his wife Gretchen's meticulous restoration of their 1930 Cabriolet resulted in awards of a MARC of Excellence, a MAFCA Award of Excellence, as well as a Henry Award. Howard became a Master Model A Judge with an area of expertise in upholstery. Howard and his wife spent years researching and documenting the correct original upholstery for the Ford Model A. To share with fellow collectors what he had learned, he joined what would become The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) Upholstery Project. Howard and his wife spearheaded the Upholstery Project's research by collecting original upholstery samples from members of the Model A community and, so that all members could benefit from his research, he and his team compiled the material in binders containing samples of both original upholstery material and replacement material. One of those binders is now available for research at the Model A Ford Museum in The Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan, with the other two distributed to the two national Model A clubs.

In 1995, Howard became the President of MAFFI and, during two terms as president, he led The Foundation through a period of significant growth. Under his leadership and guidance, Howard organized a team of volunteers over several years to document and index the thousands of mechanical engineering drawings, which are stored in boxes in the bowels of the Benson Ford

Research Center of the Henry Ford. Because of this new, organized access to the original Ford parts drawings, reproduction parts manufacturers now are able to make more accurate replacement parts for our Model A's.

In 2009, when MAFFI was looking for a location for its new museum, Howard led the search for its new museum site. One year later, a memorandum of understanding was signed with The Gilmore Car Museum. At the time, Howard was also a member of the museum building selection committee. It was through his research in his personal Ford literature archives that he proposed what would later be selected as the general design of The Model A Museum building. Howard has been a long and dedicated Trustee of MAFFI and remains an active member of the MAFFI Investment Committee, insuring that the memberships' funds continue to grow and will be able to sustain the Museum's operations in perpetuity.

Howard has always had a strong connection to the Model A hobby. Early in his service to his local Model A club (the George Washington Chapter / Mount Vernon Region) Howard was entrusted to be the club's newsletter editor. Here, he transformed it into a valuable, relevant and focused publication which ultimately was awarded the coveted MARC Best Newsletter Award. He also served on the local club Board of Directors as well as the National Liaison to both National Model A clubs.

Howard was not only an active leader in his local club, and MAFFI, but he also passionately contributed to both MAFCA) and MARC and served for four years as National Secretary of MARC. While not busy judging cars, or hosting seminars at annual Model A National or Membership Meets, Howard could usually be found playing the piano, or ukulele, as background music for the era fashion shows or awards banquets. For his lifetime achievements, extraordinary service and significant contributions to the Model A hobby, in 2001 he was awarded MARC's highest honor: The Ken Brady Award.

With his significant contributions to the Model A community, Howard is most deserving of a place of honor in the Model A Ford Hall of Fame.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 2 new families join this month. See info below. Please add them to your roster and welcome them to the club.

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## DUES ARE DUE

The amount is the same as previous years, so it's still only \$20 for an email 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.

You can send in a check made out to GWC for \$20 (\$30 for those still grandfathered in that get the paper copy of the Script) and mail it to:

Greg Shepherd  
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Electronic payment is also an option:

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Those that have received Lifetime Member status do not have to pay. And while I appreciate people trying to get ahead by paying future year dues, this can become problematic if the dues are raised in future years, people leave the Club, etc... So, payment for future years will not be accepted and the payment canceled/not accepted. Thanks for understanding.



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We finally have a complete board slate for next year.

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Tools:	Benny Leonard

### **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Nick Arrington will talk about selling collector cars at our November meeting—“Pointers on How to Successfully Sell an Antique Car”.

### **SUNSHINE REPORT**

Sharon Leonard fell at Willowcroft Winery after the picnic on Sunday, October 23. She broke her hip and had surgery on Tuesday. She is already home and **DOING GREAT!** Doctors are pleased with her progress. She is happy to talk on the phone and welcomes your notes.

This really is sunshine!

Paul Gauthier was admitted to INOVA Fairfax Hospital on Sunday October 30. After numerous tests, he underwent surgery to correct aorta functioning and improve his circulation. He is slowly improving, but cannot take phone calls or have visitors. He will undergo further tests over the next several days, the results of which will determine his course of treatment.

If you wish to extend your concerns, please send cards or notes to the Gauthier home address. Please do not call the Gauthier home. Laurel thanks all of you who have called, and, since she spends her days at the hospital with Paul, apologizes for being unable to respond at this time.

We will provide more information when we have it.

Jim Gray  
Sunshine Chairman

**William Kenneth Worsham**  
**July 21, 1939 -- October 10, 2022**

William Kenneth (Bill) Worsham passed away peacefully on October 10, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Bill was born on July 21, 1939, at Georgetown hospital in Washington, DC, to John and Anna Marie Worsham. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Worsham, his son Kenneth Worsham and his wife Christine, and his grandchildren Meghan and Nathan.

Bill grew up in Washington, DC, and Arlington, Virginia. After graduating from Annandale High School, he joined the National Guard, where he was a radar operator at the Lorton, Virginia, Nike missile site. During this time, he was recruited to become a State Farm insurance agent. He worked hard and he grew his agency into a very successful insurance business. He retired in 2017 after 52 years. Bill made many lifetime friendships at State Farm and helped many get started in the insurance business.

Bill's life-long passion was antique cars and he loved his 1930 Model A Town Sedan. He was a member of the George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club for over 50 years. He served in many capacities in the Club but his main focus was the Father's Day car show at Sully Plantation. He was the chairman of the car show for over 40 years. Bill was a Ford man and he owned over 25 Fords throughout his life time. The Club was his second family and the friendships he made have endured throughout his life.

Bill enjoyed playing the guitar and singing. He liked writing songs and poems for people on special occasions. He volunteered with the Special Olympics for many years as a softball coach. He loved collecting car and aviation memorabilia. Bill always looked forward to making happy hour drinks and having his Jack on the rocks.

Bill exemplifies what it meant to be a husband, a father, a mentor and a friend. He touched many people throughout his life and helped lift many up. He loved his family and took exceptional joy in his grandchildren. Bill will always be remembered as a kind, sweet and gentle man. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Michael J Fox Foundation in the name of Bill Worsham.

<https://tribute.michaeljfox.org/tribute-page.php?id=2482&np=true>

[I have such fond memories growing up and being a part of the Model A Club. We would like thank everyone for all the years of camaraderie and fellowship. Your support, understanding and caring over the last couple of years really meant a lot to my dad and our family. God Bless.]  
Ken Worsham



## BILL (ALWAYS A FORD MAN)

(My Dad liked to write poems for people on special occasions. When I was sitting with him one night in the hospital, I penned this poem.)

Always A Ford Man  
Willing to lend a helping hand

Owned over thirty  
that t-bird was so pretty

Might have been his favorite  
Except for that ole 1930

His passion it became.  
The Model A was his dame

Always A Ford Man  
Eight decades it spanned

Sully was his terrain  
Hardly ever rained.

A great club they made  
Friendships he wouldn't trade

Pilgrimages to Hershey  
many treasures to be found

Always A Ford Man  
Loved that town sedan

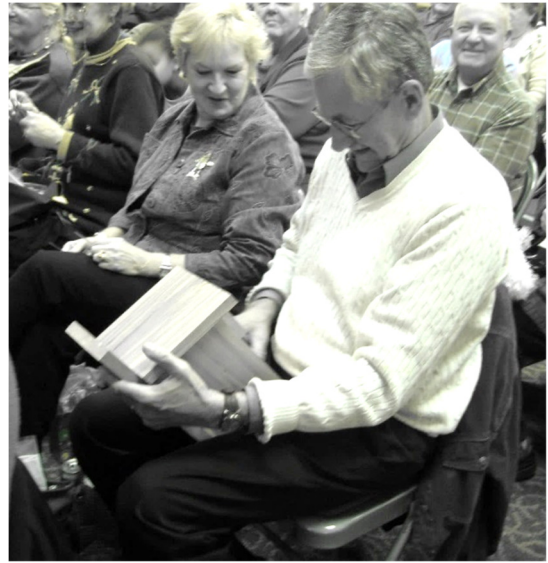
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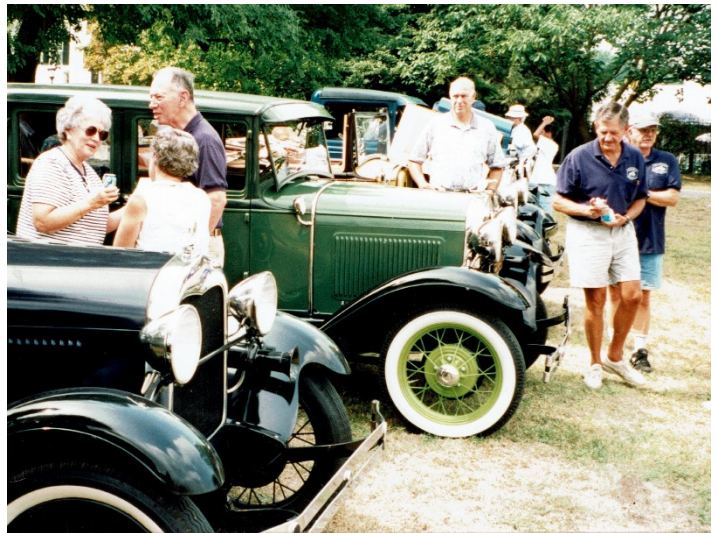
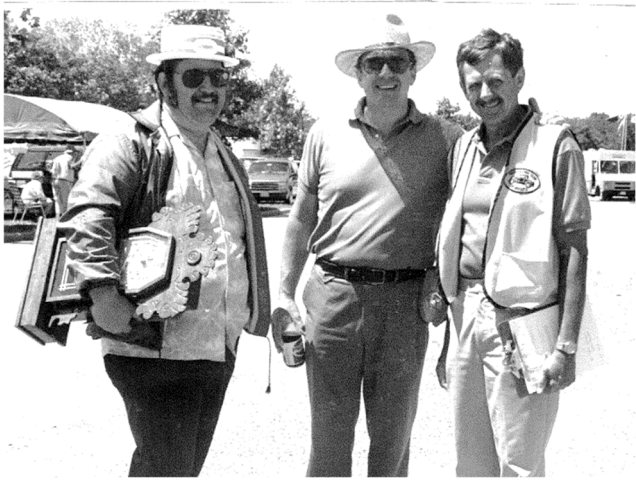
Cooking on the manifold  
That tuna was gold

Time to retard that spark  
Get movin' before dark

Always A Ford Man  
In heaven with his "A"

Ken Worsham







## **MY EXPERIENCE WITH MODEL A FORDS**

(This excerpt is from an article written some time ago and used in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue celebrating the Club's founding by Joe Thoma. It will be republished in its entirety next year when the Club celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.)

In a short while our Club membership and activity began to grow. Eager in my new role, I suggested we should consider holding an antique auto show and maybe even have a small flea market with it. That comment evoked a bit of laughter among the Club officer's as they choked and spilled some of their beer. Really! This was followed by some good-natured joshing as they told me of previous unsuccessful attempts to organize such an ambitious event. I respected their comments, but I couldn't abandon the thought; I was convinced the potential was near.

Somewhere in this timeframe I got a call from a relatively new member I had brought into the Club by the name of Bill Worsham. He said "they" were having a meeting to solicit nominations for a club president for 1974 and would I be interested? I chuckled a bit, said no because I didn't know anything about a Model A Ford and wouldn't know how to perform as president. Undaunted, he persisted until I agreed to think about it partly just to get him off the phone and give me time to think of how to gracefully decline. When I asked how long I had to think this over he said, "Oh, about 30 minutes." I shortly returned his call and said I would oblige if I could have Bill Worsham as my Vice President and an agreement to formally change the by-laws to delete the limited Club membership clause. (The existing by-laws limited membership to 17 people and we were already well over that number. I also felt we would need more people for the antique auto show I would now plan). I learned later that I had already been "drafted" as the Club president for 1974 and my acceptance as a nominee had merely confirmed my fate.

After 1974, I served on the Board of Directors for 5 years. Bill Worsham became the 1975 Club President, and he was as busy then as he is today in always promoting an improved car show for the next year. It was largely through his own perseverance that the Club secured Sully Plantation for our 1976 show. The Club had to have more money to hold this show and bought a 1929 Model A Tudor from Al Heine to raffle off. Bill asked me to chair the car raffle and although I forget our net gain, it was sufficient to provide the Club with enough money to pay off our first Sully show expenses. The raffle car was won by fellow Club member Alfred Black, who still owns and drives it.

Joe Thoma

## **REFLECTIONS FROM CLUB MEMBERS OF BILL WORSHAM**

I met Bill back in the early sixties. We both worked on Army Missile sites. He worked in Lorton on a Nike site and I worked in Fairfax. We would get together every now and then and have a cold beer.

Bennie Leonard

As a new Club member, I happened upon Bill at a restaurant in Fairfax. He recognized me as a new member and greeted me like I was a long-lost family member. I knew he was a big mover and shaker in the GW club and I was a rookie, yet he made me feel like I belonged. I bet every member has some short story like that which could be brought together in a I REMEMBER BILL WORSHAM article (in addition to longer ones by those who knew him best).

Stan Johnson

## HERSHEY 2022 - IN SEARCH OF A PLUG

I had several targets for Hershey this year, each related to the ongoing refreshing of my 1923 Gray Touring. One of those was a 2 3/4" tall Champion 6 spark plug.

The president of the Gray Manufacturing Corporation was Frank Klingensmith, the former #3 at Ford – so it's little wonder that my Gray bears a strong resemblance to the Model T.



But the car – and especially the engine -- was very different. Derived from the design for marine motors, my engine is a low-, rather than a high-, compression motor. This required a high- temperature spark plug to prevent fouling. Gray used the Champion 6. There were very few low-compression engines, and therefore very little demand for this hot Champion 6 plug. But it worked very well in the Gray.

When coupled with the Scoe variable venturi carburetor, a 1922 Gray Touring (nearly identical in appearance to my 1923) set a AAA certified "...world's economy record of 33.8 miles per gallon of gasoline from San Francisco to New York" on October 10, 1922, as reported on page 39 of *The Detroit Free Press* on October 22, 1922.



So where could I go to find this special plug? Why Hershey, of course; a source of many, many rare and mysterious items over my 20+ years of its 67-year history, and I hoped it would reward me again. I needed at least one plug, and could use a spare Stewart speedometer

pinion gear and a working Scoe Carburetor.



Needles in a huge haystack. I felt good about finding a plug, but much less sure of finding the gear or the carburetor.

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**HERSHEY 2022 - IN SEARCH OF A PLUG (Cont.)**



My first task was to get my “stuff” ready to sell on Monday. The fields were a little spare, then, so I walked.



From the pedestrian bridge the Chocolate field also looked spare; but “projects” – like this \$2,500 '23 T were still to be found.



A little way away, I came across this grand 1912 Locomobile and a nice '31 deluxe A Tudor.

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## HERSHEY 2022 - IN SEARCH OF A PLUG (Cont.)



And then this \$12,000 "teens" T fitted with a York-built Martin body and a '31 A sport coupe.



There were a few wonders in the car corral like this Pierce-Arrow, "America's Finest Built Motor Car". Already sold when I saw it Wednesday, it was a great beauty.

Even as they shift things around a bit, and some spaces appear bare, you can still find that needle in a haystack, like this rare little Champion #6.



I'll be back next year, in OBE 27 and OBE 28 with another wish list. And I'll sell more things to the German, Dutch, Canadian, Spanish and Mexican customers (who drove 5 days to get there) I had this year. Bring your walking shoes and come on up. I always have a spare chair.

Jim Gray

## FALL PICNIC AT OAK HILL

**The fall picnic lives!** Threats of rain, short invite notice, life conflicts ... yep, all of these. But we did it! 46 attendees, 21 antique and classic buggies, 17 of which were Model A's on a cool fall day that turned out beautifully (see website photos). Hooray ..... and thanks, Mom Nature!

We had 'returners', Hank and Melanie Zajic (driving their new family addition: *Smokey*, Clem's former 68B), the Old Guard (Benny and Sharon Leonard, Jim and Edna Cross, Hunter Fanny, Jim and Connie Baker *et al*) and even our youngest member, Zyan Griffin (4), whom we put to work keeping the fire burning - thanks Zyan!. Not about to list all 46 members and guests in between "venerable" and pre-school (47, counting Lew Parker at the tail end of the day). But here are some deserving kudos for the core worker-bees:

Gene and Lana Rainville (Master Shoppers and Wiener Chefs)

Sean Griffin (Ice Man)

Bruce and Loretta Metcalf (Burger Chefs)

Zayn Griffin (Fireplace Meister)

Barbara Edwards (Decorator)

John Leydon (Host & Photographer)

Tom and Gayle DeLashmutt (Oak Hill Proprietors)

Hank and Melanie Zajic (Traffic Controllers - thanks guys!!!)

Megan Carnahan (Tent, Signs & Balloons)

Lew Parker (Vintner & Vineyard Guide)

And, of course, thanks to Shep and Bill for getting the word out and beating the bush for a great turn-out.

About the cars: Among the 'A's, 17 showed up .... coupes, cabriolets, roadsters, sedans, town sedans, phaetons, and Zayn and his Dad (Sean's) pickup (four generations in the same clan!). Then we were treated to a little marque variety: Jim and Edna's '36 Ford Roadster, Malcolm Collum's '29 Daimler *Laundaulette*, Paul and Margaret Bjarnason's pretty '55 Studebaker *Golden Hawk* and Jason and Loriel Cunningham's '22 Cadillac Type 61 (7-passenger) Touring Car. Wow! Great turn-out guys and a fun show for members and guests alike.

After the picnic on the lawn at the old farmhouse, those interested headed for the Oak Hill formal gardens and some photo-ops of the main manse of the James Monroe Presidential Estate. Good to walk off the cheeseburgers, hot dogs and fix'ns before mounting up for a Metcalf-led ride through some gorgeous fall foliage and countryside to *Willowcroft* for dessert and wine overlooking Lew's spectacular fall view of the valley. Lew Parker never seems to tire of being the gracious host and tour guide of his vineyards, which are some of the oldest and most mature in Virginia. The wine's pretty good too!

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## FALL PICNIC AT OAK HILL (Cont.)

It doesn't take a genius to do the math: Pick a nice day with spectacular Virginia fall foliage, add about four dozen congenial folks driving some spectacular vintage cars ... lay out some delicious Angus beef and Kosher wieners plus tables full of other munchies and drinks ... cut a walking path to some beautiful gardens ... then trace a beautiful Model 'A' route into the hills for dessert at a venerable Virginia winery ... and what have you got?

### **A PERFECT DAY!**

So where were you ???

John Leydon







## **2022 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WHEN:** Saturday December 3, 2022

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the cash wine & beer bar will be open. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** American Legion Post #177

3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

**COST:** \$20 per person

**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.

Reservations will be accepted at the October and 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

[jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com)

*Please make checks payable to: GWC Model A Club*

**RSVP by: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.**

**NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!**

**NO WALK-INS CAN BE ADMITTED**



## **COMING EVENTS**

### **November**

Nov. 6 (Sunday) AFRH Classic Car Show This show is for the residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Home located in Washington, DC. The men and women who reside in the AFRH are all veterans who faithfully and devotedly served our great nation. 10:00 til noon. (See p. 14 for details.)

Nov. 9 (Wednesday) - CDC Breakfast – Fair Lakes Diner – 9:00 a.m. – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway.

**Nov. 16 (Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.**

**Nov. 30 (Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom – 7:00 p.m.**

### **Save these Dates for future planning**

**Dec. 3 (Saturday) – GWC XMAS Party - American Legion – Fairfax Va.**

**Dec. 21 (Wednesday) – BROWN BAG - Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m. These events are a lot of fun.**

### **December**

**Dec. 3 (Saturday) – Shepherdstown Christmas Parade, 10:00 a.m. Register at <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/lea8C1bvczmf3J0N9P> or just show up that morning. Questions, they can contact us anytime at [shepherdstownparades@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdstownparades@gmail.com) or 304-876-1139.**

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### **Future Events**

**December – Board Meeting – Will be held during the Transition Meeting at Mylo’s on January 7, 2023, at 5 p.m.**

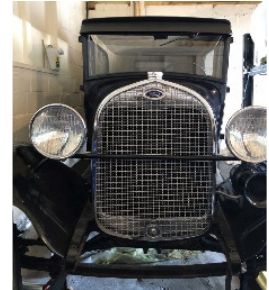
## WANT ADS

### For Sale

1931 Model A Victoria Steelback. Completely restored and operational. Will deliver to the buyer if in Virginia. Features: LeBaron Bonney interior; new body wood throughout; paint color Ford Maroon; Schwalm's rebuilt engine; in running condition; alternator; 16,000 miles. Asking \$24,500  
Please contact: Tom Quigley at [tiquigley6@gmail.com](mailto:tiquigley6@gmail.com)



1929 Model A Tudor. Mechanically sound, very nice cosmetically (no trailer queen), excellent interior. Andalusite blue with black fenders. No rust; no known issues. Has been well maintained but has been on jack stands for 3 years. Car gets started every 2 weeks. Asking \$14,500. Please contact Scott Leaf at 703-424-5871



1930 Model A 4-dr Sedan. Beautiful, fully restored, well maintained and loved for many years. Looks like a museum piece. Owned since October 2013. Owner just downsizing. Books, antique tool kit, flags (hood and bumper), custom cover, odds and ends included. Vehicle is in Purcellville, VA. Asking \$25,000. Contact Dan Kaseman at [kasemandan@gmail.com](mailto:kasemandan@gmail.com) or phone at 703-217-0664.



Heads and springs for sale. 3 Model A heads that have been in dry storage for over 30 years. \$60 each or take all 3 for \$150. Also, a collection of Model A springs. Free but you must take all of them. Contact Hunter Fanny at [hunterf@verizon.net](mailto:hunterf@verizon.net)



Model A Ford Engine # A4867627 for sale. Manufactured in 1936, this motor has not been bored out, has original pistons and comes with a milled head. It needs to sell NOW - first \$200 takes it. Contact Clem at [r.clem.clement@gmail.com](mailto:r.clem.clement@gmail.com) or by phone at 571-239-1701

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