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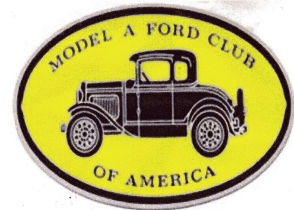
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fall has arrived and with it, some of the most anticipated events of the old-car year. The Eastern National Meet in Hershey starts on October 3 and runs through October 6. The meet is over on Friday due to Hershey Park's desire to have the park open on the weekend.

The Rockville Car Show is on October 14 and the Armed Forces Retirement Home show is October 15, so two good events that weekend.

The tour to St. Michaels starts on the 26th with a return on the 28th. I am organizing a third leg of the C&O Canal tour on November 11. This tour is not a repeat of the other two, but includes locks and aqueducts beyond Edwards' Ferry, which was where the last one ended. The ultimate destination is Point of Rocks where we will have lunch and then head back. More details in the November Script. I must have lost my mind to organize two tours within two weeks of each other, but they should be fun. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

I attended Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum in Michigan and the Old Car Festival in Dearborn. Both were great and we had good weather for both.

The Old Car Festival is unique. The cars must have been built before 1932, so there are lots of Model A's and Model T's and many cars you don't often see. There is a constant parade of vehicles around the roads of Greenfield Village, so there is a lot of motion and people really have a good time.

Model A Days has expanded to two days. There is a good flea market, technical sessions and the annual meeting and inductions to the Model A Hall of Fame. Inductions were made by our own Stan Johnson, also a member of the Hall of Fame.

We have two openings on the GWC Board of Directors, Vice President and Activities Chair. If you are interested in getting involved and helping the Club get better, please volunteer to serve. Other members of the board will help newcomers and it is a great way to give back to the Club.

Milford Sprecher



Stan Johnson introducing the inductees into the Model A Hall of Fame. MAFFI President John Begg is also on the podium.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, it just keeps getting better. I reported last month on my health saga in Minneapolis in July while on a 2-month camping trip. During the course of that hospital visit, the hospital had managed to lose my clothes, which included my cell phone, wallet and car keys. The hospital graciously offered to reimburse me to replace those items. It's taken me 2 months to do it, but I'm just about done—just waiting on a new key fob for my Nissan van. (\$150 at Batteries Plus in Rockville--\$400 at my Nissan dealership)

Anyway, last Sunday my daughter came down for the Takoma street festival. After she and I played with the grandkids for a while, I went inside to fix lunch and she and Alice talked out back. A few moments later, Alice came in and told me something that Ariel was too embarrassed to tell me—that she checked her phone's voicemail a couple of days ago and there was a message from someone named Veronica saying that she'd found my wallet and cell phone and to please call her! She'd left the message a month ago!

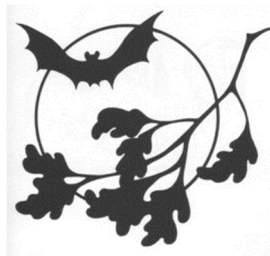
Veronica works for a laundry that services all the hospitals in the Minneapolis area and they had apparently found the cell phone list I keep in my wallet. I'm guessing they called Alice first, but she has never set up her answer machine in her phone. Then they called my daughter, who set it up but only checks it once in a blue moon. One has to wonder what the point is of having that service if you ain't gonna use it!

So I phone the number on Monday and got a taped message saying that the Lost and Found only holds items for 30 days! It was a couple of days past that, but Veronica is apparently on vacation, since her phone message came on and her mailbox was full, so I couldn't leave a message. Then I called the hospital Patient Services to see if maybe they'd called the laundry periodically and perhaps had retrieved my stuff. Nope. But they did launch a full-scale effort to retrieve my stuff from the laundry. The saga continues.

In other news, I have given up on my replacement Model A (Blaze is still not ready, but is being painted). Last week I had it towed down to Don Temple's shop in North Carolina to find and cure whatever ails it and then sell it, if he can. If he can't. I'll bring it back and try to sell it up here. That car loved Bill and Marylee Cassels, the previous owners, but it seems to have had it in for me, probably because it always knew it wasn't my first love. Who says cars don't have feelings.

Finally—in last month's Script, while trying to get the budget format to fit within the Script's margins, I inadvertently deleted the first number, "2", from the figure representing the Current Bank Balance. The correct figure should have been \$28,671, not \$8,671.

Bill Sims



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In his own inimitable way, Pres. Clem spoke of his being semi-computer literate and able to surf the net, check the web sites and browse all the good stuff in the intel community and therefore bring us the inside almost official reports of our road trip, as he reported on the Club's 350-mile Fall Tour through the rural and mountainous countryside of central Virginia.



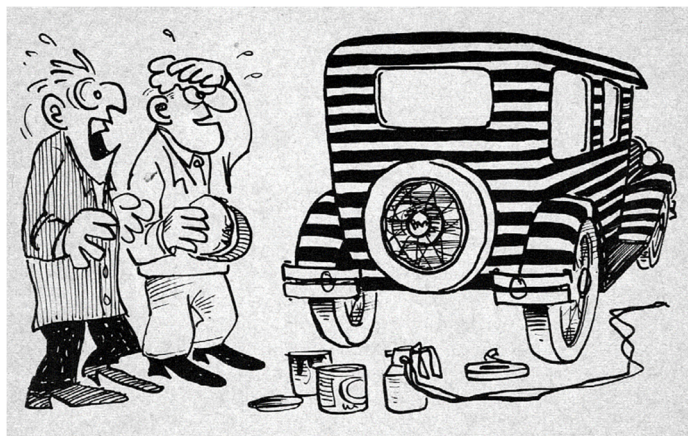
Here's what he said, with attempted translations thereof; "EPA reports a curious oil slick covering route 29 and over highways of Central Va. last weekend" (drippy main bearing leaks); "VDOT reports excessive debris and funny looking pulley-like parts everywhere" (Unsecured parts falling off?); "Space-based IR sensors picked high heat streaks in the Virginia mountains" (A's puffing going up the mountains); "Nearby trees appeared to be fumigated from some kind of old smoke" (OK, so some A's had the smoking habit); "Runoff detectors on steep hills sensed green liquid aplenty, including a strange mixture commercially known as water-wetter" (boiling over); "Food and Drug noted sudden rush of shrimp, oysters and chicken replenishment trucks moving toward the Buckhorn Inn area" (that's where the Club dined); and on and on.... Get it?

At the Board meeting, a survey to be circulated at the upcoming meeting that was prepared by the Long Range Focus Group was reviewed. The objective was to assess where the Club was headed and how to encourage young members. The Board also began the process of evaluating the pros and cons of selling advertisements in the roster and Script. Stan Johnson was heading up the research effort. Members were asked to provide Stan with any thoughts or suggestions. Jon Phillips reported on conducting a membership drive for 1999.

Editor Bill spoke of the visit to Walton's Mountain during the Fall Tour. "Great weather and only one breakdown each way. Okay, so one of them was mine, but only because I'd wanted a windshield wiper for the trip and the wire shorted out, again."

Great cartoon printed in the Script, caption: "It was a tough job mister, but we got the striping on your car in time for the show." You guessed it, the whole car was striped, black and white....

Dave Henderson



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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ZOOM ROOM

GWC Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2023



Milford Sprecher President called the GWC board meeting of the Club's 60th anniversary year to order at 7:10 PM. Board members in attendance: Hank Zajic, John Dougherty, James Kolody, Bill Sims, Bill Bass, and Dave Greenwood.

Hank reviewed the cost to purchase the 13 brass plates for the MARC mileage awards and will proceed.

The treasurer, prior to the meeting, supplied an update of expenditures to date against the budget and 2022. The format made review easier, and we are on track to finish the year with a positive balance.

The BOD meetings will alternate every other month to be in person, others will be on zoom. October will be in person, November (no meeting), December on Zoom, January in person.

The nominating committee members for 2024 officers (2 positions available) are Hank Zajic, Jim Gray and Stan Johnson. The information about the positions and the committee will be published in the Script.

Sully update: John has a meeting with the new Fairfax County Park Sully manager on October 12th. He will be discussing the 2024 LOA and the date for dedication of the Bill Worsham bench.

November Program: It will be a technical presentation on Model A transmissions and includes a cut-away transmission to aid in the presentation. The presentation will be made by Stan Johnson and Hank Zajic.

Script: Bill Sims will be including the rules for the Christmas brown bag in the Script and asks for all articles to be in by October 3. The BOD thanked Bill for the excellent work on the 60th anniversary Script edition.

Secretary: A correction to the August BOD notes, Treasurer Doug Tomb should have been listed in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

David Greenwood
Secretary

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GARY QUINN

January 15, 1962 ~ August 29, 2023

Gary David Quinn (61) peacefully passed away at home with his family by his side on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023. He bravely fought a tough battle against Stage IV colon cancer for nearly four years. Despite the circumstances, he never complained or gave up hope.



Gary graduated from the University of Maryland (1986), where he was president of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau, and worked part-time as an EMT. For the last thirty years, he worked in the medical sales industry, with his most recent role being Director of Sales Excellence with Ferris Manufacturing Corp. He enjoyed flying radio control planes, riding his motorcycles, crabbing and boating on the Eastern Shore, and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Paula, his daughter, Kelsey, his son, Colin, his favorite pup, Jetdog, and his younger brother, Robert. We in the GWC remember Gary, his father Tom (who passed away last year at 92) and his son Colin helping us with parking and judging at several Sullys.

In lieu of flowers, they welcome donations to the [Gary Quinn Community Fund](#) with the Northern Virginia Radio Control club. Please contact Paula Quinn at 703-401-2532 or bubaroo7@aol.com for more details. See the public obituary at: <https://funeralchoices.com/obits/gary-david-quinn/>

Jim Gray
Sunshine Chair

THE MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Days (Sept 15 and 16, 2023) were a resounding success! The weather was perfect—70 degrees—so all those open Model A cars that came to show themselves off for the theme this year had no trouble with the weather at the museum. In fact, the grounds were full of all types of Model A's driven onto the Gilmore grounds by hobbyists!

The “first start” Model A Coupe took just 43 minutes to start up after being abandoned more than 30 years and being in a flood up to the windshield. This year there were TWO first starts; the second was a truck (AA) and that only took a tad over 10 minutes to start up. There's no shortage of cracker jack mechanics at Model A Days.

The Model A school bus and Stake Bed truck were kept busy carrying passengers around the 90-acre grounds and riders had great fun smiling and waving. For the second year in a row, the Model A Driving school graduated a new batch of Model A drivers, so we can keep those inner tube tires rolling!

And there were lots of new Model A Ford Foundation Inc. red t-shirts and navy hoodies being worn by our loyal museum supporters. If you were there, you would know how much fun was had. If you didn't make it, pencil in your calendar for next year, September 20 and 21, 2024!

Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees
Secretary

George Washington Chapter 2023 Approved Budget - AS OF 09/30/2023

OPERATING BUDGET #2

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	2022 ACTUAL	2023 Budget	2023 SEPT	2023 ACTUAL
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 4,169.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 20.00	\$1,710.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Programs & Technical Seminars	Zajic		\$ 100.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 56.00
Club Tours & Activities	Rainville	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$1,810.00
Script Advertising	Sprecher	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Dougherty	\$12,650.00	\$ 14,978.00	\$ -	\$13,826.50
Total Income		\$22,069.00	\$22,728.00	\$ 33.00	\$17,917.50
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>					
Membership	VanGorder	\$1,763.00	\$ 1,089.00	\$275.60	\$ 518.26
Club Programs	Zajic	\$2,447.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 83.33	\$ 1,589.01
Club Tours & Activities	Rainville	\$5,737.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$604.89	\$ 5,272.16
Script Printing & Mailing	Sims	\$ 291.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 180.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ 308.63
Sully Car Show Expenses	Dougherty	\$3,903.00	\$ 5,065.00	\$ -	\$ 4,445.04
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -	\$ 163.22
Insurance	Tomb	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 810.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ -	\$ 943.63
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 157.40
Treasurer Supplies	Tomb	\$ 542.00	\$ 615.00	\$ -	\$ 552.46
Total Expenses		\$15,781.00	\$19,222.00	\$963.82	\$13,949.81

UNDER/(OVER)				
Revenue		\$ 6,288.00	\$ 3,506.00	\$ 3,967.69

2023 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
BILL WORSHAM (SULLY BENCH)	Board	\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00
CLUB AV EQUIPMENT UPDATE	Board	\$ -	\$ (450.00)	\$ 123.99	\$ 123.99
TOTAL		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 123.99	\$ 4,423.99

2023 WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only, Only CD included in totals below)

WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR CD	Board	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Peyton Randolph Memorial Fund	Remainder	-	\$ (3,644.01)	\$ (873.99)	\$ -
Zadnik Scholorahip Fund	Remainder	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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			\$10,000.00		
Total Expenses			\$22,722.00	\$1,087.81	\$18,373.80
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Sum Income and Expenses			\$6.00	-\$1,054.81	-\$456.30

Current Bank Balance as of 09-29-2023	\$27,646.87
Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2023 Actual)	\$38,103.17

COLONEL MIKE DAVID BROWNELL, USA (RET)

October 2, 1936 - September 16, 2023

Mike Brownell and I were Huskies, even though he was 14 years older than I, because we both went to the University of Washington. He had a leg up on me at the “U”... he drove a Model A Ford. I drove a 1962 Pontiac Tempest.



I got to know Mike in the GWC at a small parts day at Benny’s place a decade or more ago. We talked often about our alma mater and especially about Washington Husky football. It’s sad he passed before “our” team had the banner year it’s enjoying this year. Mike would have loved it. It’s also sad that I owed him a call – a promise I made to him at the GWC 60th anniversary gathering. I will always regret not enjoying that last call.

Although Mike has been unable to drive a Model A for many years, he always enjoyed talking about them and staying up with the GWC. He really enjoyed attending our activities when he could, and was a regular at our Christmas parties, small parts days and Sully.

The picture and following comprise the obituary posted at:

<https://storkefuneralhome.com/storke-funeral-home-obituaries/michael-david-brownell/1634/>

Michael David Brownell passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023, in Alexandria, Virginia. He was born in Seattle, Washington in 1936 to Lawrence Arthur Brownell and Agnes Cosette Mercer. He is survived by his wife of twenty-nine years, Janell Blue; his daughters and sons-in-law, Sandi and Rob Fritz, Mindy and Jay Baylor, his granddaughters, Rachel, Emma and Hamna, his nephews Brian and Brent and his wife Jennifer Fenske, his niece Julie and her husband Brian Overhauser, his first wife Ruth Harris, and sister-in-law Nancy Cole.

Mike graduated from Bremerton High School, received an AA from Olympic College and a BA and MPA from the University of Washington. He served for forty years in the United States Army, beginning at age 17 as a Private and retiring as a Colonel. The highlight of his military career was serving as a General Officer Management Officer. His last assignment was as Staff Director, Reserve Forces Policy Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak

Leaf Clusters. Mike enjoyed his service in the Army so much that he recruited his first wife, Ruth, and their daughters Sandi and Mindy to also join the Army.

Mike lived a long happy life and most of all loved his family. He was an eternal optimist and despite health obstacles, he took every opportunity to spend time doing the things he loved. He looked forward to his plans for the next day. His contagious smile and playful sense of humor will provide many fond memories for all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

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MIKE BROWNELL (Cont.)

After retirement, Mike shared his passion for genealogy with his wife Janell. Together they discovered his grandmother's Finnish roots and traveled to Finland to meet what became a much-loved extended family. His role in connecting our respective families created a lasting legacy. Mike valued and maintained enduring friendships. He stayed in contact with childhood buddies, college classmates, Sigma Chi brothers, military colleagues and neighbors.

Mike enjoyed volunteering in the community including serving on the Metro advisory committee, greeting and serving military service members at the USO, and participating in the Montebello Neighborhood Improvement committee. He had a love for Model A Fords, Streetcars, VW campers, Women's basketball, Nationals Baseball and all things about the University of Washington.

We want to recognize the contributions made by the wonderful caregivers at home, Fresenius Kidney Care in Alexandria and the Fairfax County EMT's. They provided much support for the family. We are also thankful for the DC Metro system who provided accessibility and facilitated Mike's independence using his scooter for many years. We are deeply grateful to all of them.

A Celebration of Life event has been scheduled for November 4th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the American Legion ballroom located at 400 Cameron St. in Alexandria, VA 22313. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [American Kidney Fund](#), [Fairfax County Park Foundation](#) to support Huntley Meadows Park or the charity of your choice in his honor. Online condolences may be left for the family at [Storke Funeral Home](#). Please confirm your attendance for the Celebration of Life at this email address sandifritz@gmail.com.

So, you can see, in losing Mike, we've not lost just a GWC member, but a decorated 40-year veteran and a life-long Husky fan. If Mike were still here, he'd ask that I end this with "Go Huskies!!"

Please join me in keeping Janell and Mike's extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Gray
Sunshine Chair

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC

A Ford Motor Company assembly plant on Pennsylvania Ave in Washington, DC? Apparently, that was Ford's thinking when the company acquired land and constructed a facility within sight of the U.S. Capitol in 1916, according to amateur Ford historian Dave Gunnarson in a presentation given to the Club at the August meeting. Dave, who previously gave a program on Ford's Richmond Hill, GA, estate was back with an interesting talk about the Ford Motor Company presence in Washington, DC.

Ford's success with the Model T and efforts to reduce production costs led to the construction of assembly plants around the United States. Washington, DC, was one of the sites chosen and a building similar to other assembly plants around the United States was constructed on the site. According to Dave, there are no records of any cars assembled there, but there were offices and a vehicle service facility and showroom. The building was sold to the DC Government in 1931 and remained until it was demolished in 1979. The Canadian Embassy occupies the site today.

The Ford building was the site of a disturbance during the Bonus March in 1932, when thousands of out-of-work veterans of World War I marched on Washington to demand payment for their service. Two veterans were killed when a riot broke out near the Ford building.

Ford also had a branch office at 1018 15th St., NW. Very little is known about what that building was for and when Ford sold it. The building still exists, but with few indications that it was a Ford location.

The final Ford location was the one on the waterfront in Alexandria. Designed by Albert Kahn and built on wood pilings over the Potomac River in 1932, it served as a wholesale distribution and service facility for automobiles until 1942, when the U.S. Navy put it into temporary service as a munitions factory. That building remained on the Alexandria waterfront until it was demolished in 1996. The building was constructed on untreated wooden pilings driven into the bottom of the Potomac River. The pilings were rotting and there was no way to save the building, unfortunately.

It seems that Ford had a need for a facility in Washington and constructed the building in Alexandria after it sold the building on Pennsylvania Ave. The Alexandria facility had water access, but the building on Pennsylvania Ave was not located on a railroad line, which would be necessary for delivering parts and receiving assembled cars, so it seems unlikely to me that it was a practical location for an assembly plant.

Thanks to Dave for another excellent presentation on Ford history in Washington, DC.

Milford Sprecher

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

September 20, 2023, Members meeting—yes, you missed the presentations on “I did not know they did that here” and the Department of Defense (DOD) 2024 internships for High school and college students.

President: Milford Sprecher convened the business meeting at 7:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer: Doug Tomb presented an abbreviated treasure's report telling the Club we are in positive financial position now and projected to continue through year end. The Board of Directors will discuss a more detailed breakdown of budget items at the next BOD meeting.

Membership: Jeff VanGorder reported three new members are in progress to join in September and October.

Programs: Hank Zajic reported the October program is a photo journal of this year's activities. Hank is looking for photos of member activities at Local and National car shows and Club events, please send them directly to Hank. **(We are looking for a volunteer to work the snacks for the meetings).**

Script: Bill Sims is just finishing the 60th anniversary edition of the Script. Articles for October Script are due by October 2.

Activities: Gene Rainville discussed the plans for the December 2 Christmas party. Great prizes have already been obtained with more to come. There was also a discussion for an early November Fall Picnic, more details to follow.

General: The St Michaels tour is October 26-28; spots are still available. Jason Cunningham did an outstanding job on the GWC sponsorship advertisement for the Rockville Car show. Stan Johnson gave an overview of the MAFCA Model A days at the Gilmore and the plans for expansion. See the MAFCA.com site to get your name and your Model A photo on a display wall in the new building. One of the events was a first- start car project—GWC should consider a similar activity for a Club event.

The National MARC event was well attended by 7 GWC members and Luke Chaplin got the grand prize of a Schwalm's rebuilt Model A engine.

GWC is seeking new candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors, a nominating committee is being formed.

Program: Hank and Melanie Zajic led an “I did not know they did that here” presentation on the unique engineering activities at Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, followed with a discussion of Department of Defense (DOD) 2024 Intern and scholarship opportunities for high school and college students. Applications are due in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

David Greenwood

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Program Chair Hank and his wife Melanie provided a program on what happens at the Naval Surface Warfare Center located in Carderock, Maryland. This program was the lead program in a planned series called, *"I did not know they did that there."* The series is intended to provide Club members insight to different areas in the Greater Capital Region that you probably drive by all the time but don't really know what happens there.

Hank provided a combo of slides, photographs and video clips that illustrated the Naval Architecture work that occurs at this significant Navy Research and Development Center. Most important though, he provided insight into four major programs that offer internship and job opportunities to high schoolers and college students at Navy facilities across the country. This included the Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP) for highschoolers, Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program (NREIP) for college students, Pathways Program for both high school and college students that provides internships with the possibility of a permanent federal job offer, and the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) program.

A flyer was sent around to the Club membership prior to the meeting with program details so if you are interested and missed the meeting, look back in your email for a note from Membership Chair Jeff. For most of these programs, timing is critical. Most applications are due by the end of October. To see a video with some highlights of what you missed in the program, enter "The Navy's Indoor Ocean" in your computer browser and select the 20-minute Veritasium program.

HELP YOUR CLUB—SERVE ON THE GWC BOARD

The Board of Directors of GWC manages the affairs of the Club and organizes activities of interest to Club members. For the coming year there are two openings on the board—Vice President and Activities Chair. According to the Club by-laws, the responsibilities of those positions are:

Vice President and Program Chairman – This officer is responsible for arranging programs at the regular monthly general meeting. In the absence of the President, he/she will perform all duties incident to the office of President.

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.

The board meets monthly via Zoom or in person on the fourth Thursday of the month.

These positions have been ably filled by VP Hank Zajic and Activities Chair Eugene Rainville. If you have any questions about those positions, please contact them individually. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact a member of our nominations committee: Stan Johnson, Hank Zajic or Jim Gray.

Milford

SALUTE FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL GAUTHIER, USAF (RETIRED)



In the bright sunshine on 18 September, Paul's family, joined by neighbors and friends, gathered at Arlington National Cemetery for Paul's funeral.

The procession met the United States Air Force Honor Guard at the Columbarium. The Honor Guard included the Color Guard, band, a platoon of Airmen, and pallbearers. After processing with the Honor Guard from the Columbarium to the graveside the Firing Party, Bugler, Chaplain and a representative from the Ladies of Arlington were at the ready.

The ceremony was flawless, as is the norm at Arlington. It included Pallbearers carrying Paul's flag draped coffin from the hearse to the gravesite accompanied by ceremonial music. The Chaplain provided a eulogy and was followed by the Firing Party Salute (three rifle volleys by seven Airmen), the playing of Taps,* and flag folding by the pallbearers. After receiving the flag from a pallbearer, the Chaplain presented Paul's flag to his bride Laurel. Then Laurel was greeted by a Lady of Arlington.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Paul's family was greeted by those in attendance. Paul's funeral with honors on a beautiful late summer day was befitting a man who lived his life for God, family and country.

Paul was born 13 June 1940 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and took his final flight on Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023 from Fairfax, Virginia. Paul's grave is near the top of a knoll in Section 57 at Arlington National Cemetery. His gravesite, number 1641, overlooks the United States Air Force Memorial in Arlington.

Blessings and Peace to Paul, Laurel, Renee, Pauline and their families.

*Taps – Words penned during the American Civil War.

*"Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake, from the skies.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh."*

With Respect,

John Dougherty, Bill Sims and the GWC Family

MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPCOMING PROGRAMS

For October. The topic will be: ***“What I did on Summer Vacation”***. Remember those essay’s our teachers made us write for homework during the first week back to school when we were in the 3rd or 4th grade? Have no fear! This is NOT that dreaded homework assignment. This is a photo journal of all the cool Model A stuff various members got to do across the summer. From Sully to the National Meets to special tours, I’m looking for them all so we can assemble it into one happy memory of what “Getting back out in our Model A’s “was like during the Summer of ’23. It will give members who got to attend some of these events a moment to relive happy memories and share stories with those who could not attend in person. Starting with Sully 48, Valerie Faircloth has started this photo journal off with a wonderful collection of photos. ***If you have any pictures of cool Model A stuff you did across the summer (touring, restoring, getting ice cream, anything fun you did) please send them to me at zajic5@verizon.net by 12 October so I can incorporate them into the album.***

For November. The topic will be: ***“All Things Transmission”***. Stan Johnson will present with the assistance of his trusty sidekick Hank. Learn how the Model A transmission works and how it is different than the Model T transmission. Get some tips and tricks for transmission removal and overhaul. See a functioning cut-away display. Get the “low-down” on overdrives. It will all get discussed at the membership meeting. It should be a great technical discussion so come on out in November and join in the fun!

For December. The meeting IS the program, the always popular ***“Holiday Brown Bag Gift Exchange”***! I have already seen Holiday displays in the stores...and it’s a good idea for you to start thinking about what you might bring. The most important thing everyone needs to remember with the brown bag gift exchange is that this is the Holiday Season and all Club members are our Model A family. TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR FAMILY!! This is no time for junk, this is no time for gags, this is no time to see if you can stick it to someone... that simply is not in the spirit of this event. Before you pack up your selected gift ask yourself the question “Would I be happy to come home with this?” If not, do not bring it! Save your junk for the January Indoor Flea Market and swap meet, someone is bound to love it there. We are suggesting a guideline of \$20 as an appropriate gift value for the Brown Bag. More info to follow in November and December.

Hank Zajik

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EDGAR ROHR SHOW, MANASSAS, VA, SEPT. 17



September 17, 2023 the Bull Run Region of the AACA held the 47th Edgar Rohr memorial car show. The weather was kind to us – as there was a breeze. The show included: All collector vehicles invited, including stock, modified, and trucks. Included was a “modern” class, which is the first show I have seen such a class.

Over 50 awards were presented, plus door prizes and a silent auction. Participant judging for the top 35 vehicles meant that a lot of trophies were given out. The 50/50 Charity Raffle by Cruisin-for-Heroes benefited Fisher House. There was the Model T assembly/disassembly demonstration, which garnered a lot of interest.

Represented at the show were quite a few hot rods and restomods, not so many real antiques or even stock older cars from the 1950's, like my Studebaker. About six attended the show with me from my Model A Club and several got trophies.

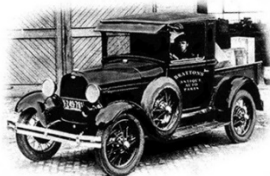
My 1957 Golden Hawk was the only Studebaker at the show. She took first place in the Independent class. (See photo below.) Overall, a good day.



As a side note, there's sock hop, Saturday, October 21, sponsored by the Freedom Museum in Manassas, which looks interesting for those of us still limber enough to dance. Information may be found at “freedommuseum.org”.
Best.

Paul Bjarnason

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HOW I GOT STARTED

[Ed. Note—Mike submitted this story some months ago and I was saving it for the slow winter months as filler. Mike's passing made running it now more appropriate.]

My 8th grade teacher drove a Model A Ford and parked it on the street outside my middle school, where I admired it almost every day. At that time, I was too young to drive, so I filled a foot locker in my bedroom with Model A parts that I bought at Montgomery Ward, Sears, and J.C. Whitney. I had all the spare parts that I thought I might need once I was able to buy a Model A of my own. My parents would not allow me to have a car until I was 16 for fear that I might drive it illegally. They were probably right.

Once I was 16, I went into the Model A hobby in a big way. I bought five Model A's for a total of \$30 from my paper route money. I got one for \$20, two for \$5 and two free. They included a 1928 pickup, a 1930 Fordor sedan and three others that I can't remember. My idea was that I could use some of these cars for spare parts because I was a bit of a hot rodder at that point and I figured that I would tear up a transmission or rear end and then use it in the car that I restored. How it worked out is I sold over \$250 worth of parts to local folks who heard that I had parts for sale and would come knocking at our front door asking, "Does your kid have Model A Parts?"

I drove my Fordor sedan all during high school and was able to get good transportation at a price that I could afford. My girlfriend didn't mind it either.

Since then, I have joined all the Model A organizations and have bought a full supply of repair books. When a magazine from MARC or MAFCA arrives in the mail or a Script from GWC, I drop everything and start reading. At age 86, I still have a first-class case of the Model A bug.

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GWC C&O CANAL TOUR #3 RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 11

The C&O Canal Tour that was planned for Sunday, Sept. 24, is being rescheduled to November 11 with November 12 rain date. Hopefully, that will be a dryer weekend than what resulted that weekend. I hope that many of you can join us.

It probably makes most sense to meet at the parking lot for the Clara Barton house and Glen Echo Park and drive out MacArthur Blvd and then join River Road. Our final destination is Catoctin Aqueduct. The drive is about 38 miles one way from Glen Echo, so 76 miles round trip.

The tour will include stops at White's Ferry (ferry service has been discontinued for a few years due to a dispute with the landowners on the other side of the river), Monocacy Aqueduct, Noland's Ferry, the Point of Rocks train station (on the way back) and Catoctin Aqueduct. The aqueduct is a half-mile walk from where we can park at Lock 29, so we can stretch our legs. For any not up to the walk, Lock 29 is a good place to sit and view the river. There is a boat ramp there, so it's a pretty active area. You may want to bring a lawn chair if you decide not to take the walk.

We will have lunch at the Aroma House in Point of Rocks, which is a pizza and sub shop. It is not fine dining, but it is clean and adequate for our purposes. There are few other choices in the area.

After lunch we can stop for ice cream at Rocky Point Creamery. I was on a tour where we stopped there—maybe one of Jason Cunningham's Sugarloaf Mountain tours, so maybe some of you have been there.

We should finish up back at Glen Echo at 3:00 at the latest, barring mishap. Those from Virginia may opt to take the Rte. 15 Point of Rocks bridge to go home either after lunch or after ice cream.

I have not heard from anyone interested in this tour, so please let me know if you are interested in participating.


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2023 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday December 2, 2023

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the cash bar (Wine & Beer). 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:

1. London Broil with (Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almandine)
2. Baked Salmon with (Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almandine)
3. Turkey with (Rice Pilaf & 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.

Toys for Tots – Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift for this program. Place them on the table to the left at the entrance.

Reservations will be accepted at the October and November Monthly Club meeting or you can send an appropriate check with number of attendees to the following:

Eugene Rainville
6527 Petunia Ter.
Haymarket, VA. 20169
"rainvillegl@gmail.com"

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

**RSVP by: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023
NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!
NO WALK-INS WILL BE ADMITTED**

DECEMBER PROGRAM: BROWN BAG GIFT EXCHANGE, SOME GUIDELINES

I am writing this article on the first of October. Everyone knows that preparing for the holidays comes earlier and earlier—playing Christmas Carols ... so the good idea is for me to talk a little about our December Program, the Christmas Brown Bag Gift exchange. In fact, the Club's Board of Directors discussed at the September Board meeting a need to provide guidelines for the December gift exchange program to help ensure everyone has a good time at this event, so here we go

Each person will bring a nice gift, "wrapped" in a brown bag – and this bag will be your admission to the event. Lady-specific gifts should be marked on the outside with a large "L". The bags are placed on a table in front of the room. Each member gets a ticket stub in exchange for his bag. The other half of the ticket goes into a bowl.

"Nice Gift" means "No Junk!" - Find something among your Model A holdings that you would like to get as a gift if you didn't already have it. If you can't find something, a new part or tool in the \$20+ range would be just right.

Then comes the fun! When the meeting begins, a ticket is drawn from the bowl. The holder of that ticket comes to the front and selects a bag from the table, turns around and opens the bag so that everyone can see the gift. When the *oohs* and *ahhs* have subsided, he/she draws a ticket from the bowl, hands it to the Master of Ceremonies, and returns to his/her seat with the gift. The new number is called out and the holder of that ticket comes forward and announces his/her decision:

- 1) Take a gift that has previously been unwrapped, or
- 2) Select and open a new bag.

If he/she takes a previously opened gift, then that person (who relinquishes the gift) comes back to the front to 1) take a bag or 2) a previous gift, but not the one just relinquished.

Each subsequent ticket holder comes forward and has the chance to take any previously opened gift or take an unopened bag from the table except that the third holder of a given item gets to keep that item. (Example: Tom opens up a carburetor, Karen takes the carburetor from Tom, Benny takes the carburetor from Karen and gets to keep it).

The fun is always increased when someone opens a gift that multiple people are eager to own. So wrap a gift up in a brown bag and come to the meeting ready for a good time. In the end you will go home with a nice gift and pleasant memories.

In the November Script, I will provide a detailed schematic of how our game is played.



COMING EVENTS

October

Oct 11 (Wednesday) - GWC & CDC Breakfast at the Fair Oaks Silver Dinner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway.

Oct. 15 (Sunday) – Armed Forces Retirement Home Classic Car Show. See p. 23 for info.

Oct 18 (Wednesday) - Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.

Oct 25 (Wednesday) – Board Meeting – to be held at the Red, Hot and Blue

Oct 26-28 (Thursday thru Saturday) – St. Michaels Tour – Meeting place at a Denny’s in Annandale MD. Time TBD (See p. 22 of last month’s Script for more info.)

November

Nov. 8 (Wednesday) -- CDC Breakfast – Fair Lakes Diner – 9:00 a.m. – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway.

Nov. 11 (Saturday) -- GWC C&O Canal tour #3. (See p. 19 for details.)

Nov. 15 (Wednesday)– Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.

November – Board Meeting is canceled

December

Fall Picnic – TBD – More to come.

Dec. 2 (Saturday) – Annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA. Like last year, the social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The announcement on p. 20 has all the details. Please make your reservations early. We plan on having another great event with lots of real nice door prizes. Look forward to seeing you there.

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

Dec. – Board Meeting - TBD



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A vintage-style poster for the AFRH Classic Car Show. At the top, it says 'AFRH CLASSIC CAR SHOW' in a stylized font. Below that, it says 'Sunday, October 15th'. In the center is a detailed illustration of a classic car. At the bottom, it says 'Armed Forces Retirement Home 140 ROCK CREEK CHURCH ROAD (NW) WASHINGTON, DC HOURS 10-1 PM MUSIC • HOT DOGS & CHIPS • SOCIALIZING MORE INFORMATION: COLBY.SHAHAN@AFRH.GOV (202) 541-0612 TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL COLBY'. The poster has a decorative border and a small gear icon in the top left corner.