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FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE



Congratulations to Benny Leonard who was honored with a Club Lifetime Membership at the April meeting for his outstanding, longtime service to the Club and his many contributions to the Model A hobby. Benny was recognized for helping so many club members with their car repairs, maintaining and housing the Club's tool inventory, and for the many years he has served on the Sully setup committee. Thank you again Benny for your many years of service.

Bill Worsham and the Sully committee are very busy making preparations for the Sully Car Show. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Sully Car Show on Father's Day and if you have not already, please make sure to sign up to volunteer a couple of hours to insure the success of our annual fundraiser.

We have several upcoming events that you need to put on your calendar. There will be a Judging Seminar at May meeting to prepare judges for the Sully car show, the Memorial Day Parade in D.C., and the after-Sully picnic at the Jaegers' home on June 26.

As a final note, I read recently in Advertising The Model A Ford the Model A advertisers directed their ads to women by telling them the new Ford was easy to drive, the gears shifted smoothly and silently, the brakes held quickly and effectively and the car quickly accelerated. Of course, this was many years prior to today's power steering and 300+ horsepower engines.

Wishing you safe driving,

Charlene Beckner

President

FROM THE EDITOR

Imagine that you are retired. Imagine that you could take an extended vacation to anywhere in the USA that you wanted. Imagine that you were the editor of your club magazine. Imagine that you could turn over your responsibilities to other members of the club while you are gone. Imagine that you are leaving at the end of May, and will be back some time in July or August.

Now, Imagine that your wife gave you permission to go

The Editor.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

**George Washington Chapter, MAFCA
Mount Vernon Region, MARC
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2011**



President Charlene Beckner opened the meeting at the home of Woody & Linda Williams' in Ashburn, Virginia at 7:35 PM. Other board members present at the meeting were: Paul Gauthier, Bennie Leonard, Woody Williams, Gil Beckner, Jack Melnick, Doug Tomb, Tom Frazier, Howard Minners, Chuck Kunstbeck, Edna Cross and Bill Sims.

The March 22,, 2011 meeting minutes, previously published in *The Script* were approved as amended.

Vice President & Program Chair Jack Melnick said that the May meeting will be a Judging Seminar. The June meeting will be a 4 station repair seminar. The July meeting will feature an Outdoor Flea Market. Jack also reminded board members about a May 7th event in Arlington, Virginia. It is the First Annual Arlington Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast and Antique Auto Show. He would like to see club members bring their T's & A's. Any questions please contact Jack at his office.

Treasurer Gil Beckner presented copies of the treasurer's report as of April 22, 2011. A \$500.00 contribution has been sent to MAFFI, on behalf of the club. Gil is working to make sure there are sufficient Trophies for the Sully Show.

Youth Development Chair Paul Gauthier still has no Scholarship applications. The new deadline is May 2nd, 2011. There was a discussion about what changes should be made, if any, to the qualifications for next year. The matter was tabled until the May meeting. Paul told the board that he will not be available next year to administer this program.

Editor Bill Sims said that Doug Tomb will produce the May *Script*. Deadline for articles is May 2nd.

National Liaison Howard Minners told the board about the MARC National Meeting in San Diego in June and two National Meets in 2012.

Tool Chairman Benny Leonard said that the wheel straighter is under cover and he is looking for an upside down jack.

Assistant Treasurer & Webmaster Tom Frazier has updated the club's website with Sully Show information and added links to all Virginia & Maryland clubs and a couple of others in St. Louis & Dallas.

Activities Chairperson Edna Cross said that four people have signed up for the Memorial Day Parade. The Stafford show is on May 8th and Big Meadow is May 25th. The Jaeger Picnic is scheduled for June 26th. Six people have signed up for the Fairfax Nursing Home on Sunday May 1st.

Membership Chair Woody Williams discussed distribution of the *Script*.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. May board meeting will be held at the home of Gil & Charlene Beckner.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary

GWC 25 YEARS AGO

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

May 1986; it seems that the same things were going on back then as are today. A's being taken out of winter storage, Sully coming up, new members joining, new arrivals (A's that is) and so on. But how about the cast of characters? Well, it too had surprising similarities. We have in our midst an impressive number of members dating back to 1986 and before. I would like to suggest that our President call on all those loyal members present with 25 years of membership at our May meeting to stand up. Here, from the 1986 roster plus monthly script introductions of new members joining during the year, is the list.

Benedict, Wm. and Carol
Bratton, Walt and Martha
Cartmill, Jim and Carol
Condon, Bill and Lynn
Dove, Richard and Janet
Evans, Billy and Virginia
Gauthier, Paul and Laurel
Gorrell, Richard and Arlene
Gray, Jim and Kathie
Hightower, John D.
Jaeger, Andrew and Ellen
Kachel, Stanley and Betty
Kuklewicz, Mark and Susan
Lee, Peter and Constance
Leonard, Benny and Sharon
Marbray, Alvin and Deloris
McCormick, Phil and Betty
Meeks, Andrea
Minners, Howard and Gretchen
Morse, Fred and Susan
Painter, Victor
Pickering, Dick and Gerry
Randolph, Peyton and Hellen
Simpson, Edmund and Virginia
Strickland, Jack and Karlene
Thiel, Richard
Verts, Charles.
Wilson, Herman and Janice
Zadnick, Valentine and Donna

Berry, Jos. and Sharon
Canova, Charles and Sara
Chaplin, Charles L.
DeWitt, Gerald and Judith
Dyer, E. Jason
Forster, Stephen and Fredericka
George, Keith and Jule
Graham, John and Anne
Henderson, Dave and Jean
Iagnemmo, Alfred and Janet
Jenkins, Buddy and Anne
Kania, Phillip and Susan
Laikind, Kent
Leith, Bennie and Marquette
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McCann, James and Sandra
McNeer, Jos. and Jacqueline
Merkel, George and Janet
Molino, John A.
Olexson, Gerry and Cindy
Parker, Wayne and Sharon
Railey, Robt. and Elsie
Shepherd, John
Springer, Millard and Judy
Temple, Donald and Judy
Thoma, Joe and Lorraine
Wild, Robt. and Jane
Worsham, Bill and Judy

That's a lot of loyalty.

Dave Henderson

Sully 2011

Plans are in full swing for our 38th Car Show on Father's Day June 19, 2011. Once again we will need the help of all members to make this show a success. If you have not done so, please sign up at the May meeting. Those who donate at least two hours of their time will receive one of the following; Four gate passes for their family or friends, or a free car registration, or a \$10 dollar credit for a flea market space.

Due to the untimely deaths of Bob Wild and John Kandl the Sully Committee needs a Publicity Chairman and a Trophy Chairman. Most of the preliminary work has been done. Anyone interested please contact Bill Worsham at [703-250-5474](tel:703-250-5474) or billworsham@aol.com

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Let's all make sure Sully 2011 is the most successful yet.

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Club Name Badges

Contact Woody Williams at 703-858-1192 or vamodela@verizon.net, If you would like a club name badge. The badges are \$10 each.

Club Heroes

What's a club hero? Maybe it's those in the club that can take a paper clip and repair a Model A carburetor while the car is moving at 45 miles per hour. Maybe it's the club member that can plan and organize our activities. Maybe it's the club member that cooks those great dishes for our socials. Maybe it's the member that pulls an intake manifold out from under their seat and gives it to another member.

I think some of us saw a club hero at work on the Natchez Trace tour and his name is Doug Cox. Many of you know that Doug lives in Huntsville, AL and came up a few years ago to provide support of our repair tent during the MARC National Tour where he and volunteers from other clubs as well as our members did a great job. Doug volunteered to do the same thing again for the Natchez Trace tour but things were a little more complicated. First, his wife Sandy had a medical problem and was unable to accompany Doug and his son was returning from his fifth tour in Afghanistan and Iraq (an American hero). Doug honored his commitment to the tour and arrived on **Friday** to set up the repair tent. Doug worked basically alone (no support from any of the local clubs) from **Friday** afternoon through **Monday** morning using his tools and spare parts trying to repair all sorts of Model A problems. Some of the problems were simple like trying to get grease in a fitting to some that were so serious that Doug told the car owners not to drive their car because it was not safe, and they actually followed his suggestion. The only time he was absent was when he went to pickup up his son coming in from the Middle East who is now stationed at Ft Campbell. I thanked Doug for helping me, I know others thanked him for working on their cars; even the car that went home on the trailer. When you see Doug, when you receive an email from him, please thank him for doing a wonderful job helping others and representing our club so well at this national event. He even looked good in the blue 2009 MARC National Tour Repair Tent t-shirt.

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SULLY- FINAL SIGN UP

Our final sign up for our Sully car show will be at our [May 18th](#) meeting. We need the help of each and every member to make this show a success. Those who sign up to help will receive one of the following:

Four gate passes for their family and friends, or a **free car registration**, or a **discounted flea market space**. Please plan to sign up at the meeting or call a committee chairman if you can't make the meeting.

Thank You, Bill Worsham

Meet Chairman

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COMING EVENTS

May 7, 2011 - Breakfast at Knights of Columbus 8:30 to 1:00PM
Drive your cars to 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA
Lots of activities for all ages.

May 8, 2011 - Happy Mother's Day
The Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
14th Annual Coaching Day, Pre 1986 cars only
10:00 to 5:00PM @ Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road
Stratford, VA 22558
Email Beth Sharpe bsharpe@stratfordhall.org for more info

May 14, 2011- There is a car show at Fort Belvoir **Sat., May 14, 2011**, it will be at the
Commissary upper parking lot, from 09:00 to 1600, free Registration.
Registration can be done by email, the person in charge is Troy Collins, his
email is troy.collins@deca.mil. Location Ft. Belvoir, 6020 Gorgas Rd, Fort
Belvoir, VA. 22060

May 15 Clarendon house tour

May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day Parade, Washington, D.C.
Edna will send information to those who sign up, when she receives it.

June 4, 2011 - Loudoun County Fairgrounds
Old Tyme Country Fair Benefit For Loudoun Homeless
11:00 to 5:00PM
Old Cars Needed!
Email Joy Trickett to sign up joygoodshepherd@verizon.net

June 11, 2011 - Roaring Rippon 11:00 to 4:00PM
15520 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge, VA
Want a display of cars for event (703-499-9812)

June 19, 2011 - Sully Meet, Sully Plantation, Happy Father's Day
Sign up for the events and your assigned duties.
This is our Big Club Event!

June 26, 2011 - Mark your calendar for the One and Only;
Jaeger's Picnic Lunch & Friendship Gathering
Details to come.

September 16, 2011 - Mark your calendars now for the Apple Butter Festival at Skyline Drive
Edna will send information to those who sign up, when she receives it.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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For sale; '30-'31 gas tank (for round speedo, non-indented firewall), \$200; '30 frame with running board brackets, brake shafts, battery support, and good uncracked original cross members, \$250. Dave, 703 938 8954, jrdshen@verizon.net

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MAY PROGRAM WRITE-UP

For the **May** program I will present a short demonstration on judging a car for the Sully Car Show. Anyone interested in judging this year would be wise to attend. Similar to last year, I would like to have several antique and classic vehicles on hand in order to create a "mock" judging atmosphere. I encourage the membership to drive their antique or classic to the **May** meeting to facilitate this (it's also a great time if your vehicle hasn't been driven yet this year to give it a "shake down" run before the drive to Sully). I will answer any remaining questions after the demonstration.

As you sign up to help out at Sully this year, please consider signing up for judging. I would greatly appreciate the help and I promise that I will make the experience as painless and enjoyable as possible! **Please contact me at 703-969-1715 if you are interested in judging but haven't signed-up.**

George Smolenyak Jr.

GWC at the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, April 9, 2011



Edna & Jim Cross at the 2011 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

A parade, after all, is an invitation to put on a show; an invitation accepted by Jim & Edna Cross at this year's Cherry Blossom parade.

A group of GWC paraders led by Paul Gauthier gathered at the Pan Am Shopping Center in Fairfax on Saturday morning, April 9. As Clem and I swilled our McDonald's coffee, we heard the unmistakable pop-pop sputter of a Model T, and looked out the window to see Edna Cross make her arrival in a chauffer-driven '27 T Touring. Jim, the chauffer, was understated in his vintage shop coat/duster, but the same cannot be said for the effervescent Ms. Edna in flamboyant travel bonnet and period duster. Edna's *joie de vivre* lifted our entire little procession's mood as we moved at early 20th-century speeds north on route 50 to our assembly point in Washington, DC.

Clem, Benny and I didn't watch the Wizard Girls practice as we waited to parade, but we were later told they were there. We did notice, however, that many of the "Kenna Klowns" manning the late Trueman Burns' fire engine looked as if their chests had fallen into their drawers after trying to puff up and impress these same cheerleaders.



The Wizards Cheerleaders that Clem & I didn't watch

As we got the signal to start up our cars, the ever-generous Edna lent me two of her grandsons to ride in my rumble seat. Like their grandmother, both Tyler and Riley were first-class paraders – waving American flags and smiling throughout



Tyler and Riley prepare to parade

At the risk of leaving someone out, these are the members I know joined Paul Gauthier, Edna & Jim Cross and me in our transport back in time: Glen & Rebecca Bates; Clem Clement; Jason Cunningham; Ann & Tom Dickinson; Chuck & Karilyn Kunstbeck; Sharon & Benny Leonard; Jack Melnik; Thomas & Alison Tyler; and Val & Donna Zadnik.



Parading photo by Jason Cunningham

The parade went well for all of us in 80+ year old cars, but not so well for the 2011 Dodge SUV, which, before thousands of spectators and several news cameras, chose this inauspicious moment to self-immolate... I guess they really don't make 'em like they used to.

Jim Gray

Natchez Trace Tour:

Eleven families of the GW Club were represented at the MAFCA Natchez Trace Tour held in April. Ellen, Andy and Billy Jaeger, Carol and Jim Cartmill, Martha and Walt Bratton, Carol and Bill Benedict, Judy and Millard Springer, Judy and Don Temple, Suzan and Jim O'Neale, Tom Terko, Woody Williams and Doug Cox. Some of us trailered our cars to Nashville but most drove their Model A's the whole distance. The cars ran great and we didn't need the repair tent services of Doug Cox, except for a minor adjustment. Doug Cox represented the club and the hobby with his usual hard work and dedication. Thanks to David who had the idea for the tour and did most of the planning.

The Natchez Trace is a National Parks road that is 444 miles long running from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi without any traffic lights or signs, no commercial traffic, was very level except for some hills in Tennessee and, surprisingly, not much wildlife. Among the blooming dogwoods we did see a few wild boar with piglets, a coyote, armadillo, alligators, snakes and quite a few wild turkey.

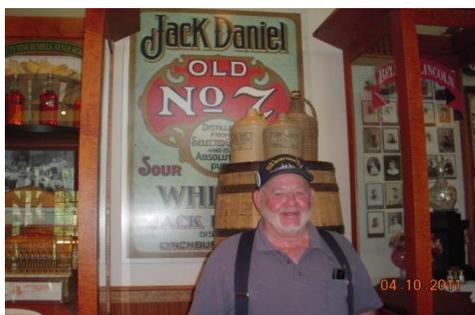
On Saturday evening several of us visited the Grand Ol Opry and really enjoyed seeing the production of a live broadcast. Sunday morning we traveled to the Loveless Café where we had a fantastic breakfast with grits, country ham and red eye gravy, biscuits and gravy, eggs, and much, much more. Andy, Ellen, Billy and Tom visited the “Mecca” otherwise known as the Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN. While several of the ladies toured the historic district of Franklin, Tn, the men visited the Don Meadows Car Museum which was a 150 x 200 building with 99 cars displayed. It was an amazing collection of Model T’s , A’s and V-8’s. Sunday evening was the kickoff dinner which was held at the host hotel and the meal wasn’t great, but the desserts were very good. Now --- to describe the entertainment – well, I think I will pass on this because I can’t tell you what it was. Oh well, better next time. Our donation of a gift basket with Virginia products was well received and the recipient was thrilled to win it since she and her husband had such fond memories of the Charlottesville tour in 2009. MAFFI was the benefactor of the proceeds from the raffle and received almost \$2,200.

Monday morning we all headed to the Trace on our own schedule. Along the way we ventured off the Trace for lunch and gas as we headed to Tupelo – our next stop. Tuesday morning we visited the Tupelo Car Museum for a photo op and were very impressed with the collection of vehicles on display. Now it was time to get back on the Trace for the next leg of our journey which took us to French Camp Café’ for a very good lunch. The Café is part of a Christian School for children whose parents are in jail or for other reasons the student’s can’t live at home. Many tour members arrived at the same time so lunch took a long time and we weren’t able to stop at some of the trails and scenic overlooks as we went to our next stop in Canton, Ms. Woody and Tom visited with a couple in their 80’s and gave them a ride in the roadster. Wednesday we traveled our last leg of the Trace which took us to the Mississippi Art Center for shopping and to Clinton, Mississippi where we ate at a new café on its second day of business. Several antique stores lured us in to check out their treasures. We arrived at the Host hotel in Vidalia, LA which was on the banks of the Mississippi River and the view was wonderful. The closing group dinner was catered by a barbeque restaurant from Natchez and was very good. However, there were no centerpieces, no entertainment and no program.

On Thursday morning some of the tour members went to a casino but most of the GW group decided to stay another day to tour Natchez. Natchez is a beautiful antebellum city with wonderful houses which we viewed from a horse-drawn carriage. Jim led the group through other parts of Natchez to see the quaint houses and the grand homes. Of course, there was shopping and more shopping. That evening we ate at a seafood restaurant and our waiter went on a short ride with Jim.

The return trip back to Nashville was exciting, stressful and wet. We didn't chase the tornado but did our best to outrun the ones that hit Clinton and Jackson Mississippi. The police were pulled off to the side of the road, bicyclists were under the overpasses, but not us – we trudged on. We heard the warning sirens but had no idea where to go. Had we gone into Clinton, we would have driven directly into destruction.

It was a very nice road to drive the Model A on but one of the best parts of the whole tour was the response we received when someone saw one of our group wearing our 2009 tour hat or shirt. Without exception we were asked when we were going to do it again. Many, many comments were made about how great the tours were, how wonderful the food was and how much they enjoyed Lisa Meadows and her band. We were all so proud that people are still talking about the tour and how much it was enjoyed. Our club should really be proud of the hard work done that produced such a great memorable event.



Orange Tour, July 8 --10

Many in the club have requested that we go back to Orange this summer. This will be a very informal tour with everyone being on their own to do their thing in small groups. A list of attractions, maps, antique shops, restaurants, etc. will be provided to those attending. I have reserved a block of 30 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for July 8th and 9th for our tour at the rate of \$129 per night. Please call the Holiday Inn directly at 540-872-6691 to reserve your room under the Model A Tour by June 8th. Rooms may be cancelled with one day notice.

For those wishing to have dinner or lunch at the Graves Mountain Lodge, reservations can be made by calling 540-923-4331. The featured dinner entrées are: **Friday** - rainbow trout, and **Saturday** – rib-eye steak. Lunches are served family style and are \$10.75 on **Friday** and **Saturday**, and \$16.75 on **Sunday**. If you want to join a caravan to Orange, I will lead a group leaving at 9:00AM from the Bob Evans Restaurant on route 50 in Chantilly.

Woody Williams