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Next Script deadline: Sunday, September 4th

FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE



Woody's Orange Tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.....fantastic socialization among friends, great driving roads and lots of good food. Gil and I had to drive a modern car rather than the Sedan since one of the head bolts snapped when Gil was torquing the head in preparation for the tour. We were glad to see four young people on the tour and congratulations to two of our Lady A's, Ashley and Clarice, who drove

the entire tour.

Gil and I visited Henry Ford's Greenfield Village in Dearborn recently. Our favorite part of the trip was the visit to the Rouge Ford Factory where Ford F-150 pickup trucks are now assembled. We would strongly recommend a visit, if you have not previously visited; but go in the spring or fall when the temperatures are cooler.

Our next Club adventure is the Skyline Tour on September 16-18. The Apple Butter Festival will be Saturday, September 17. Please make sure you make your reservations immediately so you will be able to enjoy this trip. This is a great opportunity to drive Skyline Drive and enjoy the cooler mountain temperatures.

Last reminder: scholarship applications are due September 1st. If anyone has any questions, please call me on 703.791.3795.

Charlene Beckner

President

FROM THE EDITOR

THE EDITOR HAS RETURNED, ALIVE AND WELL!!!!

Bill wrote: 61 days later, Alice and I pulled into the driveway last Friday night, none the worse for wear. No accidents; no breakdowns. We camped for 28 of those nights, staying with friends or family the other 33. Only one glitch, at Sequoia National Park: "I'm sorry, but we don't seem to have a camping reservation for you. Oh, here it is--for LAST Tuesday. But we do have a site available in a section we just opened up yesterday. Do you want it?" Sometimes the Gods do smile down on those who can't read calendars. We only saw 4 Model A's on the entire 9,243-mile trip. 3 were parked outside business establishments hoping to attract clientele. One was parked in front of a farmhouse with a For Sale sign in the window. No, we didn't stop. Anyway, I'll be back in the saddle for September. Doug is handling the August issue.

Until next time,
The Assistant Editor.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

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



President Charlene Beckner called the meeting to order at the home of Benny & Sharon Leonard in Fairfax, Virginia at 8:10 PM. Other board members present at the meeting were: Charlene Beckner, Gil Beckner, Edna Cross, Tom Frazier, Chuck Kunstbeck, Benny Leonard, Jack Melnick, Doug Tomb, Bill Worsham, Woody Williams and guest Zack Jester.

The June 26, 2011 meeting minutes, previously published in *The Script* were approved.

Vice President & Program Chair Jack Melnick reviewed upcoming programs. The August meeting will feature the Natchez Trace Tour, presented by Woody Williams. The September program is still open and Jack is working on a topic. October likely will feature stories by members about their first Model A.

Treasurer Gil Beckner submitted the financial report as of July 27, 2011.

Activities Chairperson Edna Cross reviewed upcoming events. The Warhurst Picnic will be held on September 25, 2011. Information regarding this and other events will be published in the *Script*.

Annual Meet Chairman Bill Worsham said that all has been settled up with Sully. The show was considered very successful. Jane Wild has donated three Jim Beam decanters to the club.

Membership Chair Woody Williams said that Linn & Marcia Payne have joined the club. Woody also told about an upcoming MARC sponsored National Tour, September 16-19, 2012 in Chattanooga, TN.

Assistant Editor Doug Tomb reminded the Board about the deadline for *Script* articles is July 31, 2011.

Tool Chairman Benny Leonard told the Board that he had purchased, at a Flea Market, a Hinge Pin Remover.

New Business:

Benny's grandson Zach Jester presented his suggestion to use Face Book as a means to get the youth interested in the Model A. He wants to tell those interested "What Model A's are about". He is hopeful that this will encourage other young people to want to learn more and get them actively involved in our hobby. The Board felt this was a good idea and decided the Face Book page would be entitled "The George Washington Model A Ford Club".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM. August meeting will be held at the home of Doug & Beverly Tomb in Falls Church, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary

GWC 25 YEARS AGO

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

The club's '31 Deluxe Delivery, often a controversial subject, was discussed at the Board meeting on the 20th. There were some who had negative thoughts about it, and those who didn't. It was said to have fallen into poorer condition, that it wasn't being used for club tech sessions, and that only a few members benefitted from using it. On the pro side, some recommended a restoration program with member hands-on participation, so that its use could be enjoyed by the membership and for better use in training sessions. After lengthy discussion, President Zierdt appointed three past presidents and himself to a committee to formulate recommendations. Fast forwarding, by a majority of 12 to 3 board members, the decision was made to recommend disposal of the car. Restoration costs were estimated to be too high, training sessions didn't depend on our keeping it, and, as in the past, it was felt that it would continue to be the subject of controversy. Members were asked to be prepared to discuss the matter at the August meeting.

Helping out Hollywood even then, 6 cars belonging to 5 GWC members, a '40 DeSoto taxi, a '31 Essex boat tail, a '32 Plymouth 2 dr, a '28 phaeton, and a '30 woody participated in a movie being filmed in Washington, D. C., about LBJ.

Club stalwarts were back from the World Meet, a joint MAFCA-MARC endeavor, and with lots to talk about. There had been over 800 Model A's at the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin meet, including a dozen and a half from our chapter. The awards banquet was said to have been filled to capacity and the awards were many. Fred Morse's '28 coupe received both club's awards for its excellence, plus it received a Ford Motor Company award for its preservation.

The Tough Luck award, if there had been one, surely would have gone to Howard Minners, who had not one, not two, not three, not even four, but FIVE flats on the way out! On the humorous side, during the drive home from Wisconsin, Oreo cookies kept being seen rolling across the interstate. Moving closer to the leaders, followers saw Dick Lebkicker and Del Puschert passing cookies from car to car...."they should have used catcher's mitts".

At ease, she said maneuvers begin when you get those whiskers off your chin
Burma Shave

And how about;

Broken romance stated fully she went wild when he went wooly
Burma Shave

Dave Henderson

Sully 2011

Sully 2011 - Another Successful Show

Despite the early morning rain that kept some people away, Sully 2011 was a Great success. Actually it was a better financial success than the last couple of years. We had 266 cars on the show field, 63 vendor spaces sold and 22 cars in the car corral, which is not too bad given the no shows due to the weather. Those who did come enjoyed a great car show. As the day went on the weather improved and everyone had a great time.

None of this would happen, of course, without the fine effort of The Sully Committee and all the members who volunteered to help. A special thanks to all. You did a great job.

Bill Worsham
Annual Meet Chairman

A Special Thanks to Jane Wild

Jane recently donated three Jim Beam Model A decanters to the club in Bob's name. These popular decanters will be given away at our Club Christmas party, and other Club functions.



More Sully Volunteers helping to make the 2011 show a success.

Movie Stars and Real Estate

Monday, March 28th was an extremely exciting day for me. Not only was it probably the most exciting day of shooting on the set of the J. Edgar Hoover movie being shot at the George Washington Masonic Temple, but while I was driving my Model A on the Set, in period clothing, on cue, in and out of shots and around Leonardo DiCaprio, my lawyer was closing a deal on a 3,000+SF facility near Dulles Airport on my behalf.

That's right, George's Automotive Restoration, LLC is currently in the process of moving shop, which should be completed by the time this goes to press (The editor had a delay in getting this in the Script, so George is now fully in place at his new facility.).

For the last 6-8 months, my real estate agent, my lawyer, and I have been working practically around the clock to make it happen. So when the opportunity to be in a movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio (the Eastwood of my generation) presented itself on the same day as closing, I used technology to make sure I did both.

Not much can be said about the movie experience that hasn't been gone into ad nauseum in past Script's, however I will say that it was definitely an interesting experience, likely worth repeating. To know that while my Model A and I were hopefully being put on film for future generations to see, my business was being taken to the next level, was absolute bliss.

Feel free to come see what we do. Visit George's Automotive Restoration at 23571 Pebble Run Place, Unit # 160, Sterling, VA. Hours vary, so please call ahead at 703-969-1715. Also on the internet at www.georgesresto.com.

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Two Model A's, enjoying themselves at the Jaeger picnic

COMING EVENTS

August 17, 2011 - **Club Meeting** - Woody Williams - tells us all about the Natchez Trace Trail.

September 11, 2011 - **AAA Sugarloaf Show**, Urbana, Maryland.

September 17, 2011 - **Bull Run Show**, Manassas, Virginia.

September 18, 2011 - **Glidden Tour, Rocky Mountain Gap Lodge**, Cumberland, Maryland.

September 16 - 18, 2011 – (Make those reservations **NOW!!!** By **August 19th**) for the **Apple Butter Festival at Skyline Drive**. Call Janet Merkel if you lost info from the previous Model A Report from her, 301-262-6587.

September 21, 2011 - **Club Meeting** - Open Mike / Story Night. Come and tell all of your tall tales. (Well, not really ALL of your tall tales. Save some for the next time.)

September 25, 2011 – **Picnic Warhurst** \$5.00 per family. At the same location as last year. Make reservations with Edna Cross, for the food count, at 703-431-0012. Everyone brings a dish to share vegetables, salad, dessert, let her know The Club will have DRINKS, CHICKEN, COLE SLAW, AND POTATO SALAD. Or, Bring what you like.

Let Edna Cross know about any upcoming events and she will send information to those who are interested.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

1939 Ford Pickup - To Trade or Sell. After considerable thought, I've decided to see if there is anyone out there who would be interested in buying my 1939 Ford pickup at or close to what I would like to get for it. You can check out the ad on the Hot Rod Hot Line website:

<http://www.hotrodhotline.com/classifieds/classifieds.php?a=2&b=35799>

I've had the truck since 2003 and would like something a bit newer, with a little more comfort. If successful, I would probably get something else. At this point, I don't know what it might be. Some possibilities might include the following:

- o 1962 Pontiac Gran Prix
- o 1965 Pontiac GTO
- o 1987-89 Porsche 911
- o ???

If you know anyone who might have any interest, please tell them about this.
Jerry Watkins 301-942-7405. J50.09w@verizon.net

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The **GWC scholarship** criteria announced earlier in the year did not result in any applications, after two deadlines had passed. In this renewed attempt for 2011 the Board has expanded the area of consideration, which had previously been limited to high school seniors who planned to attend a four year college. We are hopeful that these eligibility changes will result in renewed interest and more applications.

Below you will find the new Revised GWC Scholarship Requirements for 2011.

George Washington Chapter, MAFCA Mount Vernon Region, MARC

2011 Requirements for GWC Scholarship

1. Recipient must be a member, child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a member of the GWC Model A Ford Club of America.
2. The GWC will award up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships for the year 2011. The award committee may choose to award up to four scholarships, depending on the applicant's ability to meet the scholarship requirements of the committee. Applicants may be awarded only one scholarship during the course of the year and up to two (2) scholarships during the entire life of the program.
3. Applicants must be either a graduating or newly graduated High School senior or a current student in a school of higher learning (vocational or technical school, community or two-year college, or a four year college or university).
4. Recipient must have a B or better grade point average to be eligible.
5. The Scholarship Chairmen will notify winners by both mail and phone. Winners and/or their club sponsors/guardians should be present to receive the scholarship award at a designated event or membership meeting.
6. Scholarship checks will be made out to the school unless other arrangements are made and approved by the scholarship committee.
7. Decisions by the scholarship committee are final.
8. Applications must be post marked on or before 1 September to be considered.
9. For questions, please contact Charlene Beckner or any board member.

The Application can be downloaded from the club website, www.gwcmodela.org Application must be printed and mailed to:

Charlene Beckner - GWC President, 8071 Counselor Road, Manassas VA 20112

For further information contact Charlene Beckner at: Phone 703-791-3795 or gbeckner@verizon.net.

SKYLINE DRIVE: Apple Butter Festival September 16 - 18

Back by popular demand!!! Once again our club will be attending the Apple Butter Festival at Skyland Resort on Skyline Drive. During the festival, the park service will be making apple butter in copper pots, which we can help them do if we choose. Along with that, they make apple candy, and have apple art, entertainment all day long, and local crafters. The group that went last year had a Great time. We hope more will join us this year.

We'll be leaving on Friday, Sept. 16th and return home on Sunday, Sept. 18th. The room rates are Friday, 9/16 \$100 plus tax and surcharge = \$113.99, and Saturday, 9/17 \$121 plus tax and surcharge = \$136.88. To make your room reservations, call Lori Nealis, 540-843-2126 or JoLynn Veney, 540-843-2121. Tell them it's for the "Antique Car Club", Group code 2E00HO.

Deadline for reservations is August 19, 2011. The buildings that are being held for us are Craigin and Appledore. The first night's charge will be billed on your credit card when making the reservation. There is a 72 hour cancellation notice.

Lisa Meadows will be with us on Friday night in the Conference Hall to entertain us. Of course on Saturday evening, we'll make our own entertainment.

I'm hoping the Rapidan trip to President Hoover's summer retreat on Saturday will be available again this year. The park service won't know until they make a schedule in August. For this 3 hour trip, the park service takes 12 people by van to Rapidan Camp. You'll get back around noon. If you're interested in going, please let me know as soon as possible so I can put you on the list if the trip is available. The first twelve people that sign up will go.

Even if you can't come for the night, come and join us on Saturday for the apple butter.

I'll have more information as it gets closer to September. Let me know if you have any questions. Email me: gmjm64@verizon.net or call me at 301-262-6587.

Janet Merkel



Pop Quiz: Which is the Roadster engine, and which is the Pickup engine? (Clues elsewhere in this issue.)

CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont'd)

FOR SALE: '29 Roadster for sale in Middleburg. Older restoration, but good looking. Asking \$15K.

If interested, call: Bud Andrews at 540-687-8770

Early '31 Pickup for sale in Purcellville, VA. Asking \$15,500. If interested call Magic Kayhan at: 703-585-1132



Wanted

.....I AM IN NEED OF A MINT MODEL A BELL HOUSING FOR A PROJECT IM WORKING ON. AREA WHERE THE BRAKE PEDAL BUMPS UP AGAINST THE HOUSING NEEDS TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE. NO CRACKS OR CHIPS MISSING. I AM ALSO LOOKING FOR A MINT OR VERY NICE CLUTCH PEDAL AND POSSIBLY A BRAKE PEDAL. WILLING TO PAY ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE CALL ME ASAP AT 703-969-1715 TO DISCUSS. THANKS.

George Jr.

George's Automotive Restoration, LLC.

703-969-1715

I need a Sully Flier from 1999. If anyone has one, I would appreciate it if you would contact me.

Thanks, Bill Benedict 703-430-2441.

This from Ralph Carducci, Floral City Model A Club, Monroe Michigan: Looking to purchase a turnkey/recently restored 1931 Slant Windshield Fordor. Would prefer a Chicle Drab color with Copra Drab moldings, but will consider any color ombination. Contact info: 734-241-3805(H), 734-344-9976(C) rrcarducci@comcast.net

1929 Roadster Pick UP Parts Wanted: Hueglett's Tavern in Heathsville VA (Northern Neck) is restoring a '29 pickup for use by the Tavern and the community. This is an organization on the Historic Register which is trying to bring a donated car used locally in the tomato fields of Northern Neck back to life. The chassis is nearly complete, but the project lacks body parts, and front fenders. If you have any unused parts to donate or sell,

Contact Tom Quigley, 703-912-4293.

Cover Photo:

George Washington Chapter Model A Club members helping with Friday setup at Sully 2011.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-date money in is \$18,358.07 and money out is \$8,013.16. Checkbook balance is \$19,407.16 that includes \$3,316.01 recently transferred from a closed savings account. Net proceeds from Sully this year was \$9,613.70.

Gil Beckner, Treasurer

Membership Report / Roster Updates

We have three new member families to welcome to the club this month:

Robert (Bob) and Joanne Kranich

P.O.Box 50

White Post, VA 22663

(H) 540-837-1291

(C) 703-606-0697

bobkranich@att.com

Bob and Joanne are looking to buy a Model A; maybe a Tudor, Town Sedan or Fordor to carry their three grandkids.

Robert (Bob) and Marlene Saikowski

21008 Anderson Mill Road

Beaverdam, VA 23105-2024

(H) 804-448-1045

rsaiks@aol.net

Bob and Marlene are also looking to purchase a Model A but have not yet decided on a style.

Membership Report / Roster Updates (Cont'd)

Linn and Marcia Payne
5654 Wilson Road
Marshall, VA 20115
(H) 540-364-3539
(C) 703-606-9963

Linn and Marcia have just acquired a 1929 Tudor to go along with their 1964 Comet Caliente. Linn is also my cousin but don't hold that against them.

Woody Williams has a new work number 703-292-6291.

Please update your rosters with their information and make them welcome when you see them.

Clarice Shaw has a new email address: momsph8ton@verizon.net. Please update your paper rosters.

If you have an email address, you should have received your electronic roster update.

Woody Williams.



To Correct the record: John Leydon's Dad's "Real Car"

Next Months Stories

Just so you have something to look forward to:

A possible report on a Fantastic Summer Camping Trip Across The Country,

and others.

Well, here we are again, at the last page of the Script. I had plenty of additional pictures, stories, and otherwise valuable things, that I had hoped to share with the club members in this issue as well. Unfortunately, even though the Script is sent electronically, space has its limits, and I am out of space for this issue. Don't worry, Bill is back and he will hold all received items for the September, or a future issue. Keep watch for your item.

When not out for a drive in your Model A to get ice cream, why not drive to one of the Club's summer events. Also, don't forget to send in your pictures, articles, advertisements, event notices, and other items of interest, to the Editor, so they can all be shared with the rest of the club.

Doug Tomb.