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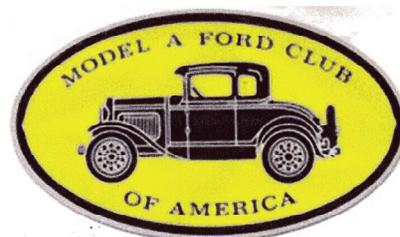
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**Mount Vernon Region caravan lined up in front of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC,  
on the way to the MARC National Tour in Chattanooga, TN**



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The November general meeting will be a week earlier than usual, on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>,  
because of early Thanksgiving.

## **FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE**



Forty-six club members recently returned from touring the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina, and attending the MARC National Tour in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There are many stories to be heard and seen from this wonderful experience for our Club: driving Model As on the Blue Ridge Parkway, visiting the largest home in America, squeezing sideways through rock crevices at Rock City, and eating dinner at the Chattanooga aquarium while being watched by seahorses and jellyfish – just to name a few.

Don't miss Woody's article in this Script and be sure to plan now to attend the October general meeting to see a presentation on the tour. A big thank you to both Woody for coordinating the tour and Suzan for assisting.

Sunday, September 30, found many members attending our fall picnic at Bob Warhurst's Gainesville Merrifield Nursery Center. Fall was in the air and good food and times were had by all. Thanks to Edna for coordinating this event and to Bob for making his nursery available to the membership.

A nominating committee is being set up to secure 2013 officers. Please consider volunteering your time if called upon to fill a position.

I have received ten raffle tickets from the Central Kentucky Region Model A Restorers Club they wish to sell to offset some of the expenses hosting the 2013 MARC National Meet to be held in Lexington on June 24-28, 2013. The winning raffle ticket holder will win a 1929 Model A Sedan or \$5000 cash and you need not be present to win. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, call me on 703.791.3795.

Wishing you safe and fun times in your Model A,

Charlene Beckner  
President

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

I consider my participation in the MARC National Tour to be a colossal success because 1) my Model A did not break down despite being driven over 1400 miles, and 2) Blaze (my A) did not set fire to a single cornfield or mountain meadow. After 2 days with the caravan, Alice and I broke away in Asheville to visit with an old friend from school. While the rest of the group was at the Biltmore Estate, Alice and her girlfriend took me to the Asheville Riverview art district and through every art studio they could find (part of my deal to lure Alice onto this trip). That night I took them to the local Sonic (at the woman's suggestion) because it happened to be their weekly "old car night." Of the dozen cars parked around the outdoor area, ours was the only non-'50s car there. I think the drivers were dumbfounded to see something that old. It took them about 20 minutes to get up from their seats and wander over to look at it.

The drive from Asheville to Chattanooga was really scenic and in some places, just as curvy as the Blue Ridge Parkway. The small river that ran by the road through the mountains was packed with 8-man rafts. We're weren't sure why that was so much fun. It was like raft rush hour. But it was a beautiful setting.

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## FROM THE EDITOR (Cont.)

When we arrived at the Choo Choo, we were booked into Building 1 of the three buildings. Everyone I talked to asked how we'd landed in the best building of the lot. Beats me. The room was great (if unmade up when we entered—around 6:00pm—which did worry me some). It had a very heated indoor swimming pool and we had the closest room to the main terminal and the restaurants.



Sunday, while most of our group was at Buttonwillow, we took the free city-run electric shuttle into downtown and found the art district (naturally) up on the bluff overlooking the Tennessee River. It had galleries, restaurants, and a café, as well as a bread-making place that supplied them all. We lunched at the café and sat outside eating tiramisu. While walking around, we saw some interesting public art. The one in the photo on the left was my favorite.

Monday we took the train in the rain, followed by lunch and then a dry ride on the fantail of the riverboat (because Alice's hip was bothering her and she couldn't make the stairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> deck). It was so peaceful out there I didn't even order any wine. It would've been just guiding the lilly.

Tuesday we got up early for our tour (a 150-mile round-tripper), but the rain was so heavy we went back to bed and later went uptown to a movie. But first we had lunch at the downtown Sticky Fingers, which had catered the Opening Night soiree at the aquarium the night before. The owner came over and talked to us for awhile, because they'd just been bought out by Red, Hot and Blue and he wanted to know about them, since they were all over the DC area. Then he presented us with 2 bottles of Sticky Fingers barbeque sauce!

I am amazed at how much we drove around independently of the group. I have little mechanical knowledge, but I had my cell phone. That, however, was as useful as Dumbo's feather in the mountains. Luckily, Tom Terko had run a complete check of things before the trip and had my car in tip top shape.

I also had another bit of luck when my camera informed me on the second day coming down that my battery was low. I was kicking myself for not charging it, when I remembered Jim Cartmill had told me that morning that he had a camera a lot like mine. So I found his room and, sure enough, his battery was identical to mine. But the best part was—he'd brought his charger! So thanks, Jim, for coming to the rescue.

We spent the night at the Wattstuhl Inn off I-81 outside Buchanan, VA. It was up on a hill and had a tremendous view of the mountains on the other side of the highway. The owner was frustrated with us because the overpass on I-81 was under construction, thus cutting off all her west-bound business, and she'd seen 75% of her business for the night evaporate in a series of phone calls. Besides us and the Kuklewicz, there was only one other car out front the next day.

Before I close, I want to mention that the History Channel is going to do a series on The Men Who Built America beginning October 16th. It will be a dramatization rather than a documentary portraying the great men of industry. Henry Ford will be one of them. Sorry I don't have more details, but it looks good.

## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM**



President Charlene Beckner opened the meeting at 2:00 PM at Merrifield Garden Center, Manassas, Virginia. Also present was Gil Beckner, Greg Shepherd, Benny Leonard, Bill Worsham, Suzan O'Neale, Edna Cross and Chuck Kunstbeck.

Charlene discussed printing of the Model A coloring book. She asked Greg to obtain a price. Distribution options were discussed. Charlene also announced that the next BOD meeting will be held at Greg Shepherd's home in Fairfax, Virginia. A report on the Chattanooga Tour will be the subject of the October general meeting, presented by Woody Williams. A 50-year Anniversary Committee has been formed. Members are Andy Jaeger, Chuck Kunstbeck, Bill Worsham and Benny Leonard. Woody Williams has designed a pin for the event.

Reading of the August 2012 Board Meeting Minutes was dispensed with and approved as published in *The Script*.

Activities Chair Edna Cross gave an update on upcoming events. The Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show, Heritage Days at Prince William Park and the annual Christmas Party.

Treasurer Gil Beckner provided the board with the treasurer's report as of September 22, 2012. He reported that the club is within budget and in good shape.

Membership Chair Greg Shepherd reported that we have one new member, Eric Morrisette. Greg will obtain a price for printing of the Model A coloring book. Greg suggested that the club create a position of Club Librarian.

Annual Meet Chair Bill Worsham reported that he is working to obtain a refund on the Sully plaques. Bill also announced that Barbara is staying at Sully.

Youth Development Chair Suzan O'Neale suggested to the Board that an additional \$1,000 be approved for the annual Scholarship award to be labeled "Scholarship of Merit". A motion was made to provide the additional \$1000 Scholarship of Merit, contingent upon funds being available in 2013. The motion was unanimously passed. Note: The GWC/MVR (Mt. Vernon Region) Scholarship of Merit is an additional award that can be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee to an applicant that has shown exceptional drive, determination and strength of character to pursue educational and community service goals.

The deadline for *Script* articles is October 1, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Chuck Kunstbeck  
Secretary

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

October. Hershey was the biggie coming up. Carlisle and the Rockville show were eagerly anticipated too. Sound familiar? In our chapter the upcoming election was also looming, and our then-traditional Family Night too, with a fantastic one-man band for entertainment. There was also talk and tips about putting the A in good shape for the winter.



This was the month some present members were added to our roster, Bill and Marylee Cassels and Harry White. Thanks for hanging in.

Floyd Weber came up with an clever gas gauge idea using a free paint store stirring stick. It would be very accurate and would enable double checking your Model A's gas gauge. A similar ruler type stick gauge had been around for many years for the Model T and other cars without gas gauges. Floyd must have started with an empty tank and added fuel a gallon at a time, making note of the actual rise of fuel on the stick by marking in increments, 1 7/8 " for the first gallon, 3/4" for the second, 11/16" for the third, and so on. A cut was made on the edge at each gallon mark and gallon quantity was marked, with "1" starting at the bottom. Good idea. I'm heading for the paint store.

Jim Cartmill had sage advice for those with the itch to try out that newly installed engine in the chassis of that body-off restoration project. First, you make sure you will be safe: secure seat, seat belt, brakes, etc. Then you try it out, going back and forth in the driveway. Not fun enough? Go ahead, slink on out to that curvy little side street, nobody much goes there. Can't get it up to a decent speed? What the heck, a longer distance would allow that, so out onto the straighter thoroughfare. Then he saw it.... a cop car! Assuring himself his presence hadn't been noticed, and even if so would surely be understood because what officer hadn't tinkered with cars, or knew someone who did. Yeah. Well, bottom line is it was a GIRL cop, and she didn't understand. So as Jim himself admits, we now have a branded criminal lurking in our midst. His sage advice; remember my experience and profit from it....get a spotter!

Dave Henderson

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## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR - TO CHATTANOOGA AND BACK – A TRAVELOGUE

### Day 1, Tuesday, September 11 - After almost a year of planning our journey begins

- 8 Model As (Jaeger, Leonard, Kunstbeck, Sims, Williams, Benedict, Kuklewicz and Terko) and two moderns (Gauthier and Williams) met in Warrenton for lunch.
- We then journeyed to Waynesboro with only one minor problem – a loose spark plug
- Met at the Waynesboro Days Inn by the Cartmills and O'Neales.
- Then the MVR group joined the Skyline Region for a barbecue picnic and a good time
  - Great display of cars, including a Model A tank truck.
  - Good to see Judy and Millard Springer and other Skyline friends.
  - A free dinner and 50-50 were won by our club.
  - Thanks again to the Skyline Region for inviting us to join them.



Paul, Andy and Benny reconnect with Millard



Mingling with Skyline folks while waiting for the food

### Day 2, Wednesday, September 12 – Waynesboro to Mount Airy, NC

- First thing – replaced an electronic ignition with a distributor.
- Headed up Afton Mountain to Blue Ridge Parkway.
  - Lost one car temporarily when it missed the Parkway and went down the east side of Afton mountain.
- At Humpback Rocks we were joined by the Bakers, who were towing their car, and we divided the 10 Model As into two groups of 5.
  - Knew it was going to be an unique touring experience when the two groups of 5 stayed in separate groups for 40 seconds and then again became one group of 10 that stayed together – forever.
  - Jim O'Neale twisted his knee at Humpback Rocks. Only when he returned home from the tour did we learn that he had torn his ACL; so Jim wins the “**Tough Guy**” award.
- During the lunch break in Roanoke a water pump and fan were replaced.
- Back on the Parkway things went good until my car overheated several times.
- We finally arrived at Fancy Gap and started the trip down the mountain, about 14 miles into Mount Airy – what a hill and I'm worried about how my car is ever going to make it back up the next day.
- When we stopped everyone was very tired and most went to a Ruby Tuesday across street for dinner.
- Day ended with about 3.5 hours being used for roadside seminars. >>>>>>

## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)



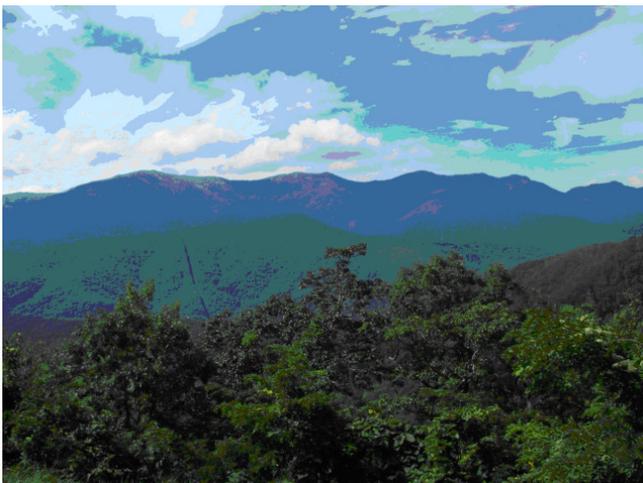
Replacing an ignition at the motel



Waiting at Humpback Rocks

### Day 3, Thursday, September 13, Mt Airy to Asheville, NC

- Jim O'Neale led us back to the Parkway without having to go back up that hill.
- Very mountainous drive and beautiful views and very cold in the shade in a roadster.
- Great lunch in Blowing Rock, where Bill and Alice have a summer home.
- Linn Cove Viaduct seems to hang off side of mountain and is a spectacular sight.
- Somehow the Leonards, Sims and Williams got separated and ended up ahead of the main group and, due to poor telephone connections, the main group thought we went up Mount Mitchell when we were actually going by Mount Mitchell – guess where they went? All met up at the Folk Center north of Asheville.
- Planned our final approach to the Sleep Inn West, which included a brief trip on the Interstate at 5:00PM .
- Arrived at Seep Inn West (without a doubt the nicest place we stayed – it compares with the Holiday Inn Express in Orange) where we snacked on warm chocolate-chip cookies.
- Joining the group in Asheville were the Beckners and Worshams. >>>>>>



On the Linn Cove viaduct

## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)

### Day 4, Friday, September 14, Tour of the Biltmore

- After check-in, where we got our Biltmore tickets and a bottle of wine, it was off to use the restaurant gift card that was part of the package.
- Suzan had arranged to have our cars positioned in front of the mansion for a photo shoot, which produced some great pictures of the cars, and then individual pictures of cars and drivers in front of the mansion front door.
- Toured the mansion, what a place! And it was only a summer home!
- Had lunch on the grounds .
- Then many of us toured the winery, where all seemed to be making purchases.
- When we returned to the hotel, a repair team replaced a radiator in one of the cars; now where did the radiator come from? – Linda's SUV; glad the owner had the foresight to know he might need one; the old radiator came back in Gil's truck.
- Some of us visited the Grove Park Inn that evening, what a beautiful place. Some stayed for dinner and enjoyed the view of the setting sun while some had Tex-Mex.
- I think a generator was also replaced during the stay at the Sleep Inn.



Karilyn Kunstbeck in front of the Biltmore



Replacing the radiator

### Day 5, Saturday, September 15, Asheville, NC to Chattanooga, TN.

- For me the day started with a Happy Birthday banner on the roadster windshield; yes I turned 66 and will be collecting Social Security soon.
- For this part of the journey we stayed on local roads and did not travel on Parkway, but still had to cross mountains.
- Oncee Gorge, where the 1996 Olympic Kayak events were held, was beautiful; about 8 miles of seeing kayaks and river rafts running the white water.
- Last 15 miles in Chattanooga was very interesting but we all arrived.
- Everyone was very impressed with the main train terminal, which functioned as the main lobby for the hotel – beautiful. Too bad that beautiful impression did not last when we arrived at our rooms, which were somewhat worn.
- Many had dinner in the main hotel restaurant, which was very good, and I was treated to a version of Happy Birthday and a piece of apple pie with a candle.
- In Chattanooga, we were joined by the following families: McCormick, Beardmore, Scheidel, Cox, Phillips and Cassels.

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## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)

### Day 6, Sunday, September 16, Buttonwillow Dinner Theater

- On Sunday most of the group traveled to the Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theater where we had a great lunch and saw the two-person play called “**Granddaddy’s Watch.**”
- On the way there, I made a wrong turn and 4-5 Model As followed me up Signal Mountain. About midway up there was a pull-off, so I stopped to figure out where I was. Above the pull-off was a house that looked like a space ship so a few of us saw the Space Ship House. Over Linda’s objection I made a u-turn and was followed by all of the Model As.
- Back to the hotel for registration in the main lobby. We also delivered two raffle gift baskets to the Scenic As.



Dining hall at Buttonwillow

### Day 7, Monday, September 17, Touring Chattanooga, TN.

- Many went on the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain where a great view of rain and fog was seen.
- Then off to Rock City for lunch and to check out the attractions, which included being able to see 7 states on a clear day—not for us. We visited Lover’s Leap, Fat Man’s Squeeze and enjoyed the view when the fog would clear; at least it stopped raining.
- Then up the mountain to a hang glider take off area and a 25-mile return trip to the hotel.
- On the way back we stopped at the Moon Pie store where a few bucks were left behind. Moon Pies are made in Chattanooga but we could not tour the factory.
- Finally, as we returned to the hotel it began to rain and during the night we had almost 4 inches of rain. Now some of the closed cars were wet inside the next morning, but the two roadsters with only side curtain were dry – go figure.
- Monday evening was the welcome dinner at the Tennessee Aquarium. What an excellent venue. Due to rain the dinner had to be moved to inside the aquarium but that was fine. Two buildings with fresh and salt water exhibits but my favorites were the jelly fish and sea horses. And a great barbeque dinner by Sticky Fingers.

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## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)



View of Tennessee Aquarium from the river

### Day 8, Tuesday, September 18, Touring Chattanooga, TN.

- Touring again today visiting the Railroad Museum where we took a train ride through a tunnel, watched the engine turn around on a turn-table and visited a repair shop.
- I understand that someone took the Coker Tire tour and got a couple of new tires when their defects were pointed out – way to go. I understand they got more from Coker Tire than the tour did.
- Lunch was on a stationary riverboat and then a boat ride on the Tennessee River to Lookout Mountain and back.
- Everyone was on their own for Tuesday night dinner.



Train entering the station



Perfectly balanced on the turn-table

### Day 9, Wednesday, September 19, Touring Chattanooga, TN.

- Today was the Grand Tour to Chickamauga, Ga., a little town with lots of shops. Some toured the Lee-Gordon mansion and mill, where box lunches were served, and the battlefield while others returned to Chattanooga.
- Several of us toured the Towing Museum, where an interesting variety of tow trucks were on display.

## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)

- The closing banquet was held on Wednesday and while there were some delays in the buffet line, the food was excellent and the brief period of entertainment was good.
- Our region was represented by 20 couples, which I am sure is the most attending from any single region other than the hosting region. Mark and Susan Kuklewicz won the longest distance driven and hard luck awards.
- Many thanks must go to the Scenic City As for putting on a great tour. They recognized the assets of their community and made great efforts in sharing them with the Model A World. Again – **GREAT JOB.**
- During the day, many decided to cancel their Saturday night reservation at the Wattstull Inn and then faced the wrath of Samantha. In my notes, I had written there was a week cancellation policy.



Cars lined up in front of the Lee-Gordon Mansion



The Lee-Gordon Mansion



Downtown Chicamauga



President's table at the banquet

## Day 10, Thursday, September 20, Chattanooga to Asheville

- Left early in the morning for Asheville.
- Group stayed together very well in leaving Chattanooga.
- Traveled up the Oncee Gorge and guess what – there was no water in the river; it was being diverted to make electricity.
- Everyone happy to be back at the Sleep Inn, where we had a wine tasting event with snacks provided by the hotel (I think they liked us as much as we liked their hotel); then a big gathering at the Cracker Barrel for dinner.

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## 2012 MARC NATIONAL TOUR (Cont.)

### Day 11, Friday, September 21, Asheville to Jefferson, NC

- A first for my car, during the night in Asheville several birds roosted in my roadster as evidenced by the dropping on the seat. Guess one should put on the side curtains?
- Uneventful trip to Jefferson with a stop at the Church of the Frescoes, Holy Trinity, where we saw several beautiful paintings on the inside walls of the church.
- Again, a great lunch at Blowing Rock where many visited the little shops and then we did a drive-by of Bill and Alice's home.
- It seems that one driver was cleaning out his car and threw away his Model A keys with the trash. Luckily, he retraced his steps but was seen dumpster diving to retrieve his keys.
- That night about 14 went to the Shatley Springs Inn where most had a family style dinner of country ham and fried chicken.



Heading back on the parkway



Dining in Blowing Rock, NC

### Day 12, Saturday, September 22, Jefferson, NC to somewhere

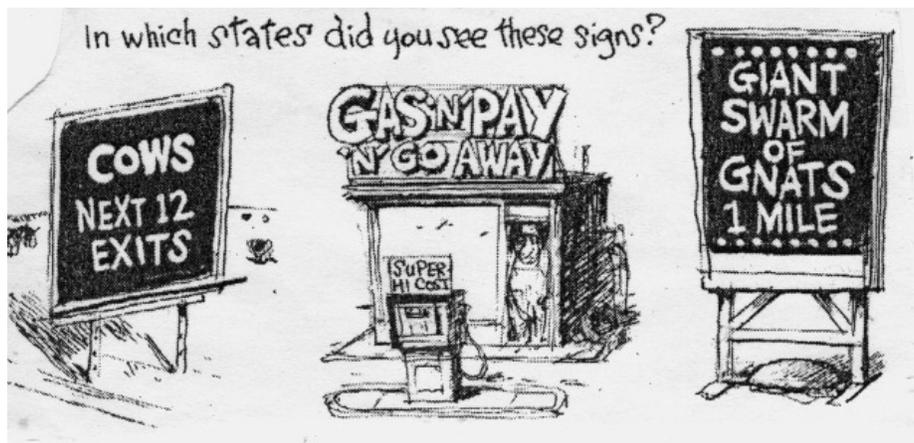
- After being on the road for 10 days we finally decided to split into 2 groups
  - The OverDrives – Leonard, Jaeger, Terko, and Benedict
  - The Standards – Kunstbeck, Kuklewicz, O'Neale and Williams
  - Jim Cartmill left us the previous day and journeyed back to Mount Airy
- The Overdrives were going to try and drive home, which they did.
  - One flat tire in their group
- The Standards split up in Roanoke with the Kuklewiczs going on to the Wattstull Inn, where they would to be joined by the Sims. The Kunstbecks decided they were going to return to Vienna so they headed up Route 29 to Vienna.
- The O'Neales and Williams left on route 24, dined on gas station hot dogs and went south of Lynchburg, through Appomattox and then on to Lakes Monticello and Anna.
  - One flat tire about 10 miles from Lake Monticello
  - Took Linda and Woody about 4 hours from Lake Monticello to home due to a terrible accident on Route 15.

### Day 13, Sunday, September 23, Buchanan and Peaks of Otter to home

- The Cartmills, Sims and Kuklewiczs all continued their way home on Sunday.

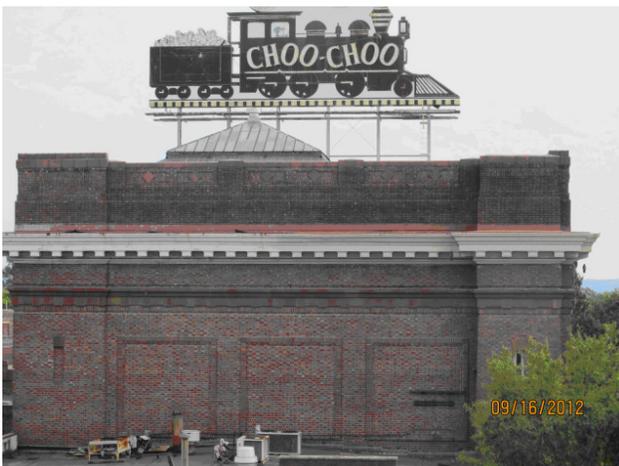
## Summary

- To me the Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theater and the Welcome Dinner at the Tennessee Aquarium were the highlights.
- Driving to and from Chattanooga was quite an accomplishment and for a while I will be content with the flat lands.
- Special thanks to Suzan and Jim O'Neale for scouting out the hotels, restaurants, attractions and driving routes. All of the hotels and restaurants selected by Suzan were very good and met the cost and quality needs of the group. And really special thanks for them leading the pack of 10+ cats. And thanks to Linda for some of her cat herding duties.
- And finally thanks to all that went, there's strength in numbers, which was demonstrated by the group's willingness to help each other whenever it was necessary; by turning a wrench, supplying a part or just adding moral support.
- Our 2009 MARC National Tour is still being talked about and many are wearing our hats and shirts and wanting to know when we will be doing it again.
- Finally, Suzan, Jim and I hope everyone had an enjoyable experience.



(Submitted by your editor)

## One last look at our hotel



Landmark sign over the main terminal



Parking to register, in front of the main terminal

## GWC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2012

The Sully Fathers' Day Car Show is also exciting for our club because that is when the Scholarships are presented to the children or grandchildren of our members.

This year's recipients were:

Arthur Gartner, sponsored by his grandfather Arthur Follansbee. Arthur will be attending James Madison University and at this time is interested in computer science.

Stephen Merkel was sponsored by his grandmother, Janet Markel. Stephen will be attending Ann Arundel Community College and has an interest in opening his own bakery.

Catherine Ann Zadnick was sponsored by her grandparents Val and Donna Zadnick. She will be attending the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas while pursuing a career in special education.

Kelsey Quinn was sponsored by her grandfather, Thomas Quinn. She attends Penn State Smeal College of Business majoring in Finance.

The application for the 2013 Scholarship will be posted at the club's website within the next month. Be sure to encourage your student to start preparing their documentation for the application, come to some club meetings and events and plan some Model A events that we could help them with as a community service project.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Suzan O'Neale  
Youth Development Chairman

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## PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST NATIONAL PARK HERITAGE FESTIVAL

October 15, 2011 was a beautiful early fall day; dry and crisp, but not cold. I was on my way to the Prince William Forest Park Heritage Festival, and I was curious to see what I would find.



**Shaping Logs for Cabins**

What I found when I got there was that Andy Jaeger had beat me to the site and was watching a woodsman and his assistants shape cabin building logs. I asked Andy if he planned to jump in and help, but he said he was just fine watching those other guys work.

A little further down the gravel road into “Cabin Camp 3” I found the Quilt Lady who, with an old iron double bed and its stack of historic quilts, were together teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century visitors about the art and historic necessity of her collection of antique quilts.

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**Quilt Lady**

## **PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST NATIONAL PARK HERITAGE FESTIVAL (Cont.)**

I parked next to Quilt Lady and set out some 1930s era camp cooking items and my 1927 portable Victor Victrola. I soon found myself explaining what “records” and “record players” were as often as I talked about Ruby. One kid in particular sticks in my mind; he literally put his hands over his ears and chanted “I’m not going to listen to this...” over and over as his mother tried to tell him about Henry Ford and his moving automobile assembly line. About 10 minutes later he was back without his mom and asked me every manner of question about records, mechanical sound recording and reproduction and how my Victrola worked without a plug.



**Ruby at Prince William Forest Park**

Prince William Forest Park (once called the Chopawamsic Recreational Demonstration Area) is on the northwest boundary of the Quantico Reservation, immediately off of I-95 at exit 150. The land has a fascinating history, and the park is now home to the largest collection of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built structures left anywhere. These structures are organized into “Camps,” and Camp 3, where the Heritage Day 2011 was focused, was the headquarters of “Area “C” – the communications training center for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS – the forerunner of today’s CIA) in WWII.

The National Park Service provides an incredibly historical setting for their Heritage Festival, some good music, and a fine lunch. In 2011, I provided Ruby, my assorted show-and-tell items and me in my period representative clothing. In fact, as we were packing up at 5 p.m., Quilt Lady told me she liked my outfit more than she liked my car... sigh.

I’ll try to impress Quilt Lady with the car again this year.

The 2012 Heritage Day is scheduled for October 13 at the Prince William Forest National Park from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Jim Gray

## **MEMBERSHIP AND SUNSHINE REPORTS**

We have 1 new family to welcome to the club this month:

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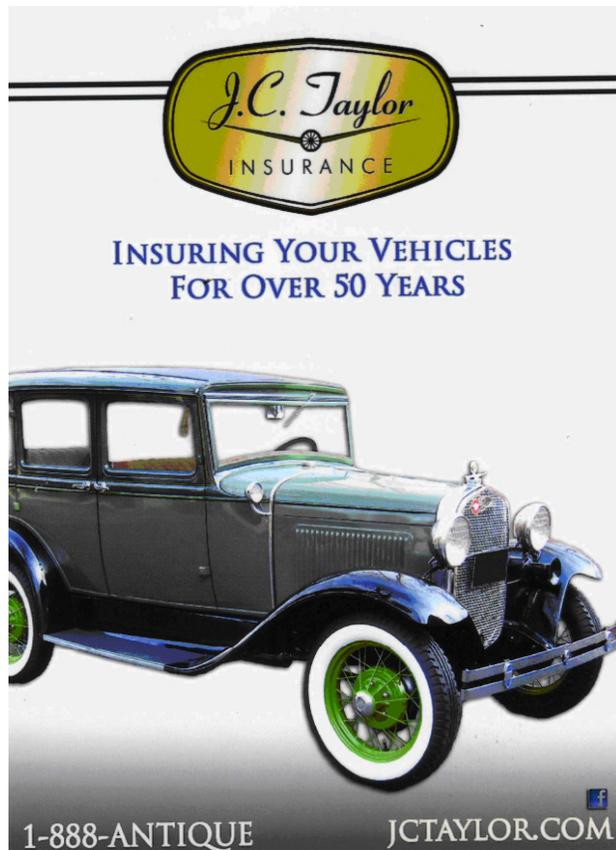
Please update your rosters with their information. They currently don't own a Model A but are looking to buy and learn. Please welcome them to the club.

And speaking of rosters, everyone should have theirs now. If not, please contact me and I can get another sent out. Also, I'll be bringing extras to the membership meetings and activities so stop by and grab one or more.

Sunshine...Long-time member Jim O'Neale tore his ACL in his left knee and the doctor said it might require surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Recover soon Jim.

If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned to the club, please drop me a line or another club officer. We need to stay in touch with and support our members when they need it and our Sunshine Report gets the word out.

Greg Shepherd  
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## **AACA BULL RUN CHAPTER MANASSAS SHOW**

I've wanted to go to this show for years, but it always seemed to conflict with a GWC fall event of some kind. Most recently it conflicted with our trip up Skyline Drive to the Apple Butter Festival. This year was different. The club wasn't going to Skyline because a large segment of the club was off to Chattanooga, TN, for the MARC National Tour. I wasn't on that tour, so here I was at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet in Manassas, on the front lawn of the Manassas Museum.

First off, my hat's off to Peter Pandolfi, their club president for scheduling perfect weather. You know he's a smart guy because he drives a '31 Slant Window Model A.



**Peter and Leigh Pandolfi's 1931 Slant Window**

Second, congratulations to Franklin Gage for managing a huge crowd of judges for a wide variety of cars using the fairly extensive AACA judging format. From a 1906 Wayne to modern hot rods, Franklin's crew did a great job getting through both the judging and the awarding of trophies with great class.



**Original owner family car, a unique 1906 twin-cylinder Wayne**

This year's top award went to Jeffrey Brown's unique 1906 two-cylinder Wayne. Although there are eight 1906 Waynes known to exist, this is the only one left with a folding rear seat. Jeffrey's grandfather purchased the car new in 1906 and sold it in the 1920s. Jeffrey's father searched for the car for years to buy it back and finally found it at Hershey in 1950. It's been safely back in the family since then, and Jeffrey's son, who was riding shotgun with him, says it'll stay that way.

**AACA MANASSAS SHOW (Cont.)**



**Jim Cross's 1930 Buick**



**Ruby shares the field with a Chevy!**

We know Franklin's judges did a great job because Jim Cross, Tony Hawker and I all got awards... heck, even the AACA Model A got an award.

If you're interested in Civil War history, a near-by Farmers' Market and some GREAT barbecue (from Virginia BBQ in Manassas), then this is a show you might want to try sometime.

Jim Gray

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**COMING EVENTS**

October 5, 6 & 7 Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

<http://www.waterfordfoundation.org/fair/> Model A's are invited. The recommendation is to arrive before 10 am. When getting to the road block, mention that you are part of the "Farm exhibit." Member Jim Cross will be there on Saturday. Directions **from Washington, DC:** Take the Beltway (Rte. 495) to Rte. 267 (Dulles Toll Road). Stay on 267, which becomes the Greenway, to Exit 1a - a left exit - to Rte. 7 West, Take Route 7 West to Rte. 9 West. After about 1/4 mile, turn right onto Rte. 662, Clarke's Gap Road, just before the gas station. The road takes you directly into Waterford.

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## **COMING EVENTS (Cont.)**

October 7 55th annual Antique Auto Assembly Show at the Armed Forces Retirement Home--  
Washington, DC Schedule of Events:  
8:00 a.m. Complimentary Refreshments 8:30 a.m. Registration  
11:00 a.m. Assembly & Judging 12:15 p.m. Model 'T' Club Demonstration  
12:30 p.m. Award Presentations & caravan 'Drive-By' of the King Health Center

Oct. 13 The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Prince William Forest Park Heritage Festival from 11 am to 4 pm.. The point of contact for this event is Jim Gray. He can furnish all the information you will need for this fun-filled day. Be sure to register with Jim. (See story on last year's event, p. 15).

**Oct. 17 George Washington Chapter General Meeting. Woody will talk about the recent MARC Tour in Chattanooga with accompanying photos.**

Oct. 20 Centreville Day sponsors have invited us to participate in their parade and be on display at their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. More info in next month's Script. However, you need to preregister for this event ASAP with Jim Gray, the point of contact, so he can give the sponsors the number of cars to expect. Call Jim at [jrg240z@cox.net](mailto:jrg240z@cox.net) or call 703-250-1991.

**Nov. 14 GWC monthly meeting being held a week early because the 21<sup>st</sup> is the night before Thanksgiving. It will also be GWC's election night. Be sure to come!**

**Dec. 1 GWC Annual Christmas Party. Details in the November issue.**

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

For Sale

1929 Pickup New bed and [running boards](#), new tires, Still needs head gasket. 60-70% restored. \$12,000 Harold Schroyer 301-331-9865

1929 Model A Sport Coupe This Sport Coupe is in fair condition and needs some restoration. Much of its mechanical work has been done. It has a new radiator, six-volt alternator, leakless water pump, high compression head, modern points and condenser, and four cast iron brake drums (three are installed). The engine, transmission, steering column and front end have been rebuilt over a 10-year period. Included is a second transmission and steering column. The car was running when parked three years ago, and probably needs very little to have it running again. It has always been garaged. Car is in Alexandria. \$ 7,500. Barry Noll 540-376-1054 [nollfamily@earthlink.net](mailto:nollfamily@earthlink.net)

1930 Model A 4-Door Phaeton Good solid body, sitting on frame. Barely bolted down. Right hand drive (believed to be from New Zealand). No seats or interior cloth. Nice green rims - tires hold air. Engine turns over with hand crank. Car towed from West Virginia a couple of years ago. Owner had died and title not found. \$7,500 as is. Reed Martin at 301-767-5703; email: [reedbanjo@verizon.net](mailto:reedbanjo@verizon.net)

1930 Model A Coupe with Rumble Seat. Excellent Condition. Andalucite Blue. Older restoration, many recent upgrades to include: New front fenders, new hood, new wiring harness, Halogen bulbs in headlights, new third tail light (LED), LED tail lights, electronic Ignition, new 6 volt alternator, new 6-volt battery, 6- to 12-volt inverter for accessories, 200 miles on new Firestone white wall tires, valve job, leakless water pump, new radiator, new horn, exterior tool box, brakes rebuilt. PRICE: \$16,000. Call Ed McNulty at 540-905-3489 (C), 540-788-4294 (H), or email to [edandjanmcnulty@dishmail.net](mailto:edandjanmcnulty@dishmail.net)

## **CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont.)**

Late '31 Widebed Pickup Steel roof, original steel and wood, Off-frame restoration about 5 years ago, powder-coated wheels, new interior. \$15,500 Harold Schroyer 301-331-9865

1931 Model A Ford Tudor, being sold for parts, body frame including doors and top sitting on frame with wheels and tires, has engine in place and headlights, fenders inside of car. Assorted Model A parts (purchased new for restoration but not yet used) in boxes. Best offer. Phone: [703-573-0914](tel:703-573-0914)

1963 Volkswagen rare double-door camper. Restored, original, green and pearl white (see photo on GWC website), rebuilt 1500 cc motor. Second owner for 24 years. Only 7,860 miles. Big tent plus original camping equipment. \$21,500. Jerry Olexson 571-338-0166 ggjjoo@cox.net

Rebuildable engine Complete rebuildable engine (serial# A3803197), engine rotates, Bell housing and flywheel included (no clutch), 3 speed transmission. Parts are separated for easy transport. \$100 for everything. Joe Thorpe 703-361-5918

Early 1930's genuine Potter all metal car trunk with original black paint, approx. 13 x 13 x 37, \$300. Dave, [703-938-8954](tel:703-938-8954). [jrdshen@verizon.net](mailto:jrdshen@verizon.net)

Gas welding set. Handy, medium size, acetylene/oxygen welding outfit complete with tanks, all gauges, hoses, tips, and welding rods, all on a easily-portable, wheeled cart. Perfect for all our Model A (and other) repairs. \$150.00. Val Zadnik. [\(703\) 892-6720](tel:703-892-6720).

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