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**Next deadline: Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

Carlisle and Hershey are over, leaves are changing color and falling to the ground and the year is winding down; however, the Board of Directors is busy planning three activities:



- Club Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 20 – members will vote on 2014 officers and proposed bylaw revisions – in an effort to increase attendance at this very important meeting, the Board agreed to four door prizes, which will consist of two free 2014 GWC memberships and two tickets to the Christmas Party
- Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7 – be sure to make your reservation, select your entrée and turn in prepayment for this fun evening as you will not want to miss the opportunity to win one of a large assortment of door prizes – further details later in this newsletter
- Brown Bag Gift Exchange on Wednesday, December 18 – mark this date on your calendar now – no one wants to miss this evening of rip-roaring fun along with the gift exchange – more details in the December *Script*

Thank you to Bill Sims for further highlighting our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with the publication of a special edition of *The Ford Script*.

*Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family,*

Charlene Beckner  
President

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

November is election month. It's important that the club have a high turnout to meet the required quorum—in this case, with 200 active members, at least 40 people. It's especially important this year because, in addition to voting in next year's board, we also have to approve the first updating of the club's bylaws in 25 years.

To encourage attendance for this month's meeting, as Charlene mentioned in her column, there will be drawings held after the election and two winners will win free club memberships for 2014 and two winners will win free tickets to this year's Christmas Party. The club has never offered prizes before for coming to a meeting, but this tells you how important it is that you come.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year is coming to a close. If anyone would like to write up something about the club and its activities up thru the '90s for the December issue, I'll be happy to run it. It wouldn't have to be long. Even something half a page would be fine.

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Charlene Beckner at Woody Williams' home with the following present: Charlene Beckner, Gil Beckner, Bill Worsham, Benny Leonard, Bill Sims, Howard Minners, Clarice Shaw, Suzan O'Neale, Greg Shepherd, Doug Tomb and Woody Williams.



Doug Tomb is talking to Steven Stanford of Henry Publications, on speaking at the November meeting on Henry Ford. December meeting will be the Brown Bag Exchange.

Treasurer's report was passed out with no questions. Memorial fund increased as the result of shirt auction.

Bylaws and BOD slate for 2014 will be voted on during the November General Membership meeting. Must have 39 members present for the votes. Two free Christmas Party dinners and two free memberships will be given out to encourage attendance at the November meeting.

The Christmas Party will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. The board is considering moving the fall picnic to August.

Woody Williams reported on those that have volunteered for 2014 Board of Director Positions; a slate has not been finalized and no one has volunteered to be Treasurer.

Next year will be a hard copy roster year, will probably be using the prison again because of price. Board authorized Greg Shepherd to look into pricing public address system for the meetings and events.

Howard Minners reported on National Membership Meetings and asked that all members consider becoming a member of MAFCA, MARC and MAFFI. September conflicts were noted: Model A Day, MARC National Tour and Shenandoah Apple Butter Festival all on same weekend.

Script deadline is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special Anniversary **SCRIPT** is almost ready to be sent.

The lack of tours and activities was discussed.

The November Board Meeting will be at 6:30PM prior to the November 20<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. The December Board meeting will be Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at the Beckners' home.

McKenzie (Woody's dog) enjoyed having the board meeting at her home because she got her head and belly scratched.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Submitted By  
Woody Williams

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

It was November, the season's car shows were over, and coming up was a vote on the revised bylaws at the monthly meeting, the election of new club officers and board members, and the Christmas dinner dance. Editor Howard Minners served as Chairman of the committee revising the bylaws, along with John Howell and Bill Worsham. President Peyton Randolph thanked the committee for doing a truly valuable job. Other members pitched in too, "right up-to-the-minute" Cliff Myers had put the draft bylaws on his computer and patiently updated them to produce the several versions leading up to the final draft. Pretty state of the art, this was 1988. Howard published a run-through of the changes in bylaw provisions in the Script to clarify them for members, in order for them to be informed in advance of the vote.



With the election coming up, a detailed list of the responsibilities of each official was also in print.

The coveted Carl Patrick Award was given to Chuck Zierdt. Chuck had lived up to the provisions for qualification, having proven to be generous with his time and talent, he had served the membership well. A 25-year history of the Chapter, his then current under taking, has proven to be of importance in recording our past.

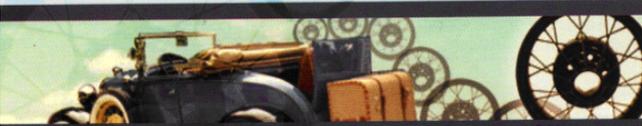
Richard Dove sent "greetings from Kansas". He and Janet had pulled up stakes and moved to McPherson, Kansas, where Richard was now enrolled in the 2-year auto restoration course at the college there. In his first semester, he said he would study mechanical work and machine technology, and in the second, body and wood working. All went well, so well that for years Richard has been on the faculty there.

Once again, the 2 Model A's for sale in the swap column were outnumbered by an AMC Marlin, 2 Jaguars, and a Mustang being offered. Also available were Volkswagen cylinders and pistons and a "complete set" of Life magazines from 1944!

Dave Henderson

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We had 1 new family join this month:

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Please welcome them to the club and update your rosters with their information. They own 1931 Town Sedan. They are also on the ball and paid for membership through 2014.

And speaking of dues, it's that time of year again to renew them for 2014. The cost is the same as previous years: \$20 for members with email and \$30 for those without. I will be sending email reminders in the coming weeks. The membership application that can be used for renewal is included in the Script and is combined with the applications for MARC, MAFCA and MAFFI if you have not joined these wonderful organizations yet.

Please printout and indicate in the application form any changes to your info (phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc...) when you mail the check in. Also included in the Script is the Sully sign-up sheet for 2014. You can print and fill this out to include with your renewal check.

Speaking of the check, please make it out to 'GWC Inc.' and send them to:  
Greg Shepherd (GWC Membership Chair)  
3715 Brices Ford Ct  
Fairfax, VA 22033

Please get your dues in soon as 2014 is a year that we will be printing a hard copy roster and you don't want to miss out as being included.

Greg Shepherd

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

It is with a sad heart that I must report the passing of Stanley Leizear in October. I got a chance to talk to a family member who said that Stanley, though he didn't make it to many of the monthly meetings, really enjoyed the club and the monthly newsletter. I looked in the club membership DB and Stanley's records go back to 2005 when we started using the software...so long time member. He had a 1930 Model A Coupe and also had a Model T that the family is planning on keeping. Our condolences go out to surviving family members.

If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned to the club, please drop me a line or another club officer. I can always be reached at [Shepman@gmail.com](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com) or 703-476-6496.

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 GWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Listed below are the Officer Nominees for 2014 based on the proposed positions in our proposed new Bylaws . We still need someone to be the Activities Chairman.

<b>President -</b>	Doug Tomb
<b>Vice President and Program Chairman -</b>	Jim Gray
<b>Activities Chairman -</b>	<b><i>Open, Please volunteer</i></b>
<b>Secretary -</b>	Jerry Olexson
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## GRAY WITH AN A

### **On the Fields of Hershey... well, really on the parking lots**

It's a coin toss, you know, a 50-50 chance. After all, what's Hershey without a little rain? Clem and I arrived mid-day on Tuesday, October 8, and were set up in a jiffy; then we tried to check out what was offered. Not so fast, said the customers, and both Clem and I were stuck for hours selling treasures. We sold a

1939 wooden airplane propeller, one of Sewell Taylor's hand-crafted cherry tool displays; a 1926 glare deflector called a "Face-A-Lite"; an unfinished 1-gauge live steam engine; a Mickey Mouse phone; a "fool proof" Universal Rim Splitter; a door-to-door shoe salesman sample case with shoes; Bendix springs; a WWII aircraft altimeter; a few Model A hand tools; and a few early Ford V-8 water pumps. Our inventory defied classification in the program. Still, we got more than a fair bit of traffic, set, as we were, at the far edge of the Orange Field again. And, since we came home with less stuff than we took and had a few more bucks when we left than when we arrived, it was a win. But the weather, well, that was a different story.

Tuesday and Wednesday were both great, even with the misty stuff drifting over us late in the day Wednesday. By the time Thursday rolled around, in had rolled the rain. All this water apparently got to Clem's imagination, and he reported having heard the plaintive tale of a lone Lime Green Dodge while checking out the car corral. But let's let Clem tell that story:

#### **WHERE'S MY HUMAN?!**

By The Lime Green Dodge, as told to Uncle Clem

Why am I here? Look at me now, under the merciless xenon-purple lite, after AACA said I was one of the best, but here I am in the dark of night, and I'm frightened. Uncle Clem sez a Nor'easter's comin' in. He sez he's flown into hurricanes for fun and profit, but he's scared of Nor'easters! Too unpredictable; too many imbedded disasters; too much unpredictable and too much unknown.

I've never been alone at night, much less on one when a storm's a-brewin'. And look who they've left me with: A black thing on my left with only four letters (FORD) in its '56 name; and on the other side, some ancient "Model T" thing built before my iron oxide was even thought of. And look there on my windshield - \$44,000! What are they thinkin'?! I'm priceless! WHERE'S MY HUMAN?!

I heard some voices say I was in a corral; I thought corrals were for horses and cows. Why ME? And why are all those humans staring at me, touching me and kicking my tires? Don't they know who I am?

Why am I here with so many others with funny names? Some have signs that read "Mint/low mileage" or "NOS/never been wet". What they should all say is "I'm nutin' compared to that Lime Green Dodge!"

Every sign brags about havin' lower mileage than the car before; Uncle Clem sez he's seen several cars with negative mileage... They musta' backed outa' the turnip patch! And still that chilly wind's arising from the north. Uncle Clem hopes the cold high pressure air overhead will defeat the low counter cyclonic air pushin' its soggy way up from the Gulf. But I'm cold... where's my human?

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**GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)**



The struggle between the cold high pressure and the advancing warm front must have aligned the stars for me, however, because I finally found a long-sought treasure, the radiator emblem from a Gray automobile. Where my people come from, they'd say these are "scarcer than hen's teeth". Oddly, it was in a cabinet in our Orange Field neighbor's display case.

The Gray marque has been gone for 87 years; the Gray Motor Corporation only made cars from 1922-1926. But they "made automobile history in 1923 by winning for Gray the world's official economy record – 33.8 miles to the gallon of gasoline on a coast to coast run"<sup>1</sup> in an American Automobile Association-sponsored mileage test. This as Ford was managing 13-21 MPG with the Model T. But the Big Boys crushed the Gray, which was built as a direct competitor to the Model T, and production ceased in 1926.

But as we were hearing the haunting of unwanted autos, and finding treasures, we were still trying to sell.



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## GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

On Thursday, a large family came by our booths with all the kids dressed in WWII uniforms covered with clear plastic trash bags; it was quite a sight. I complimented them on their idea, and the kids beamed. The two littlest spied my box of toy hot-wheels containing many treasures in need of new homes. I told them they could each have a free car. The second youngest was thrilled and got his. Junior, who could barely see over the table edge into the box, had a lengthy discussion with his older brother. It seems junior was upset as he had two empty hands and could have only one toy!!! The crisis was presented to me by a pair of soulful eyes and the showing of his two empty hands. I was convinced of the huge crisis. I nodded that he could have a second car. I could not speak as something was in my throat.... The meaning of it all: connecting!



On the pavement I saw a horseless carriage and a '29 Sport Coupe that claimed it only "Needs a little Work". Then there was the beefy '31 AA Coal & Coke delivery truck; it didn't seem to mind the rain at all.



One of my favorites was a 1909 Brush Runabout. One of only 200 or so remaining of the 10,000 made, it was powered by a one-cylinder 6 horsepower motor giving it a claimed top speed of 35 mph<sup>2</sup>.

On Friday morning Clem reported that he was out slopping around when he saw this young couple looking at an old Packard. The young man, about 17, was wearing a ball cap as he

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## GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

extolled the virtues of an older car to his wet and hatless girlfriend. As he spoke he kept his arm around her trying to keep her interest and from running into some place dry. Ah, young love! An hour later they passed our swamped booths; she was still being held, but by then was perfectly drenched with water dripping off her nose. No hat is not good in a rain, no matter how strong the love. The young man wasn't feeling the rain as now talked about the twin motor bikes he wanted. Clem grabbed a Mobil stocking hat from his car and put it on the girl's head. She grabbed its sides and pulled it down to her ears. The owner of the motor bikes commented that several of us were concerned about her wetness. The boy gave Clem the "look" of thanks as Clem hoped he'd been in time to help "Lady Luck" follow the young man home that night. Did it rain??? How bad was it?

-It was so bad that the rain on Clem's tin Chebby roof was louder that the sound of the Chebby rusting.

-It was so bad that 32 of Clem's patinas washed away.

-It was so bad that Clem had to tell the truth about the quality of a '39 truck part.

-It was so bad Clem saw a '49 Buick looking good.



- It was so bad that some folks found it udderly miserable and left.

Still... Clem says he's ready to go back to Hershey tomorrow to play in the wet junkness with his 125,000 bestest friends. I think I'll try to tag along again.

But back to my ~90-year-old Gray radiator emblem. The enamel is crazed, and some (as you can see) is gone already. The question is: should I have it restored? I've had great results on other enamel on copper items with a company in the UK, but I'm torn about this. Any thoughts from my multitude of readers? Either of you?

Jim Gray; [jrg240z@cox.net](mailto:jrg240z@cox.net)

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**SEEN AT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

(Older club members discuss the early days)



Bill Worsham with club photo albums of past and present members.



Doug Tomb MC's the program



Dave Henderson makes a point



Benny Leonard telling early club anecdotes



Howard Minners

**SEEN AT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Cont.)**



Dick Johns



Jim Gray, representing the "younger" generation



Woody Williams

**ANNANDALE HALLOWEEN PARADE 2013**

About last Wednesday, October 23, I began to get the fidgets about the Annandale Halloween parade; one of my fave parades. The weatherman spoke of a nice but chilly day, so I fidgeted somore. I reminisced about the good old days when we met with Mr. Ed and John Kandl at Mr. Ed's house before the parade for coffee and donuts and psychological counseling from them two; we'd also sneak a snoop around Mr. Ed's wondrous garage and yard. No telling what he had recently dragged home. One time it was a '25 Chrysler that he was converting into a boat-tailed racer until a tourist dropped \$5K on him and it went away. Anyway, we would listen and laugh until Mr. Ed said it was time to mount up. He led us on a secret route thru his back streets right to the parade assembly area. I never could find that route alone. Mr. Ed always had us registered for the parade and had schemes for many of our vehicles. Once I carried the oldest man in town; once a politician who I had to teach how to wave like a queen. She asked if I was

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## ANNANDALE HALLOWEEN PARADE (Cont.)

gonna' vote for her, and I said no; I got you because your advertising balloons matched the color of my yellow cabby. Another time I was assigned 3, count 'em, THREE Redskinettes. Whatta task! After the fun ride they gave me autographed photos of them addressed to my young sons. Ms. Sandy got wind of the girly photos and the story; I wonder why for the next 5 years she accompanied me to the parade?!

One time, somehow, Jim Gray was in a modern. Mr. Ed had two cars ready so Jim drove the famous green Hudson pickup truck. That vehicle started out being a '48 Dodge until the top was chopped back of the front seat and a bed installed. I think the only part that was Hudson was the tailgate. (The demise of the truck is a sad story for another time).

After the parade we would go back to Mr. Ed's for fried chicken and more laughin' and scratchin' and sometimes repairing of our trusty steeds. Mr. Ed taught my son how to weld. Ed never used any goggles but we didn't tell Eric's Mommy (Eric had goggles on for sure). Many a time the parade and surrounding confab took all day to complete. Such fun!

Where was I? So it is now Friday afternoon the day before the parade. Ms. Sandy was hoping I'd go parading in the morning so she could sleep in and then go shoppin'. A quick note to Clubber Dick Javins revealed that the Kena gang had registered for the parade and would take even a Model A if the driver was mature... I resolved to look mature when I showed up the next morning.



**Serious and mature**

Dick said there was no designated adult and I was the old person. I was to meet them at the Lodge next to the Methodist Church the next morning. About 9 PM Ms. Sandy asked if my runnin' bud Jim Gray was informed of this thorough think-out plan? A call was made and he rearranged his important schedule. At 3 am it occurred to me that a third compadre of many of our exploits was not informed. I emailed the Chuckster immediately, and the Ahooga sound of his iPad ringtone awoke & alerted him of the impending opportunity presented to us.

Jim & I two-shipped to 236 and the area where the parade breaks up and by golly they were having a fair. A quick turnaround and we drive through the area planning a return after the parade. We drove the parade route backward thereby claiming we had one parade credit in case we were rejected by the parade leadership. Chuck and KK met us at the Masonic Lodge and we grabbed coffee and doughnuts. We were welcomed by our leader Gary and given spots at the head of the Shriner's group.

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## ANNANDALE HALLOWEEN PARADE (Cont.)



Seven AM came early and Smokey was groggy until the chilly air filled her lungs. She was hauling a new-to-me Dalmatian stuffed dog which was later –to –be- named. You see Eagle had eaten 8 Taliban and was exploding (he sez they tasted like chicken). After Chuck and KK joined us, we joined together in one cohesive group of designated grown-ups under the steady guidance of Ms. KK.



After getting our cars ready, Chuck, KK and I wandered thru the pines to the big assembly area enjoying all the special costumes, frightening witches and monsters and comparing the Methodist coffee and donuts with the Shriners'. We marveled at the intricate costumes and Latin rhythms of the dance and music groups of Columbian, Ecuadorian and Mexican heritage. After some regrouping to get our place in the lineup, we tramped the line with great fanfare. >>>>>>

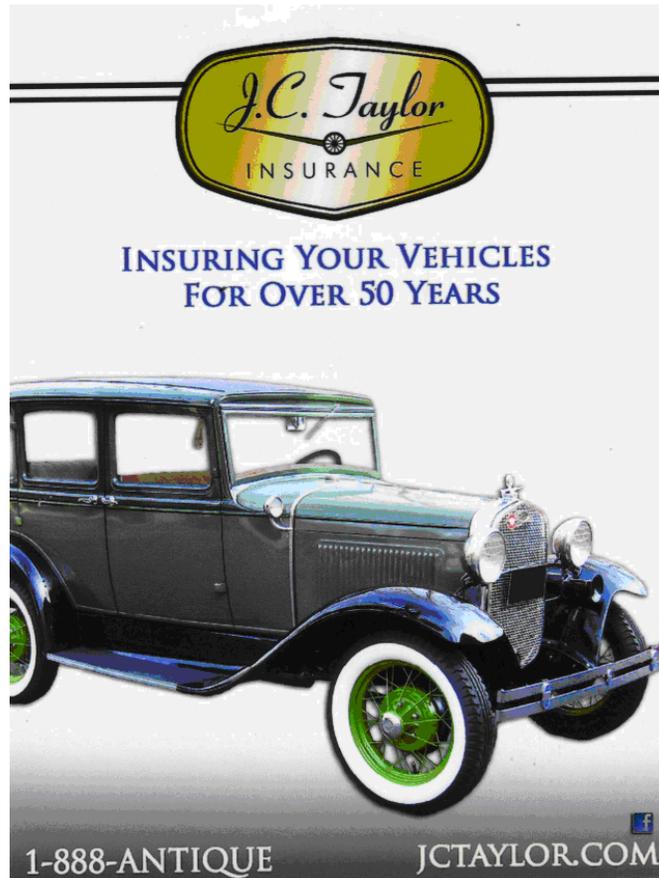


## ANNANDALE HALLOWEEN PARADE (Cont.)

The crowd loved our cars and we felt so happy being in the Annandale parade for another year. I reported to Ms. Sandy that I did not speak to one chick. I did, however, neglect to tell her about the very attractive young lady in form-fitting blue jeans who rode through most of the parade standing on my running board while clinging to Smokey's windshield and me... it was O.K., though, because she was the official Parade Marshal and engaged to a young Marine stationed at Quantico. Semper Fi!

After the parade Jim and I wandered through the fair and grabbed some fish and chips and chicken Yak on a stick. Jim found a stuffed eagle for Ruby and I picked pig and an owl, which Ms. Sandy confiscated. Home safe and worn out from all the excitement we were.

Clem (and Jim)



## **ANDY JAEGER RECALLS HIS LIFE IN THE CLUB**

(Written a decade ago by our most senior member, this article is part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance series.)



I first became interested in restoring Model A's after one of my close friends, Jerry Pendergrass asked me to help him with various aspects in the restoration of his '30 Tudor. Jerry was a former president of the GW Chapter about 1968. This revived memories (forgive me Father for I have sinned) of dismantling a '30 coupe and making a street rod out of it. I did this in the days of belonging to a hot rod club by the name of the Speedos, located in the Bailey's Crossroads area of Northern Virginia. The club met at The Flying Saucer, later changed to a Roy Rogers and now a MacDonald's.

Needless to say, "helping a friend" resurrected the feeling of making something come alive again. Very shortly after helping Jerry, he pointed out a Model A pickup truck that was for sale in the Woodbridge area of Virginia. After some negotiation, we arrived at a price of \$1,000 and drove it home.

The person I purchased it from was an elderly gentleman who had retired from farming in North Dakota and had come to Woodbridge to live with his son. He drove the truck pulling a U-Haul trailer with the belongings that he wanted to keep. Now you know the story of the trailer hitch behind my pickup.

He then put his truck up for sale. A sucker is born every minute, and with my schedule as a general manager of Giant Foods for 40 years, I bought the truck and started on the road to divorce. Fortunately, my wife Ellen decided I was worth keeping. I immediately started to update it from a working farm truck to a pleasurable driver.

My wife, children and family have had a lot of activities and pleasure from belonging to the George Washington Chapter of MAFCA/Mount Vernon Region of MARC as well as the AACA. Over the years I have served as the Treasurer for 4 or 5 years and on the Board of Directors as an at large member for several additional years. I am also on the Sully Committee—in my early years working in the refreshment stand cooking hot dogs, selling soft drinks and collecting money; more recently heading up the Car Corral. Ellen and I have hosted the "After Sully" thank-you Pancake Breakfast and afternoon picnic on the Occoquan Bay for more than [35] years.

I recently finished having my '31 pickup restored. Don Temple did most of the restoration and I did the small stuff (stainless steel), etc. Ellen and I drove the '31 pickup "Jack Black" to Cincinnati and back for the National Meet in 2001.

A couple of years ago, "Mr. Ed" Wiencek put me on a "real buy"—a 1929 AA truck. After making the purchase, I discovered that it was not just a truck even though it had a genuine Ford Script stake bed. It was an 85A body style. That is an AA panel delivery formerly used as a Watkins home delivery sales vehicle, as evidenced by the lettering on the sheet metal in the bed of the stake body. Also included were all the body parts, rear doors and rear fenders. It needs all the wood framing for the body from the back of the cab to the rear doors, as the modifications to

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## **ANDY JAEGER (Cont.)**

convert it to a stake bed destroyed that portion and some expert metal work to reassemble and return this vehicle to its original state. Some day we might get another AA chassis and try to restore the truck to its origin, as we have purchased a '29 truck cab to make it a true stake body for the present. I have 7 years to complete the restoration with the help of my son Bill, if he doesn't get too tied up with the restoration of his 1948-8N Ford tractor. We hope to be able to complete this project as a stake body truck in time for his graduation. With a little luck we will have 3 generations of Jaegers interested in old Fords.

In December 2001 at the Christmas Party installation of officers, I was awarded a Lifetime Membership in our chapter. I cannot express my surprise and gratitude. I have again become a member of the board for 2002 as the Assistant Treasurer. I hope that my past experiences with the club and Model A's will be a benefit to the future of the chapter and members of the club.

## **MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**WHEN:** Saturday December 7, 2013

**WHERE:** American Legion Post 177  
3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

**TIME:** 5:30 – Doors Open 6:00 -- Dinner will be served

**COST:** \$10.00 per Club member person; \$15.00 per guest

**CATERED DINNER:** Choose from one of the following:

Flank Steak, Baked Chicken Breast, or Salmon



All entrees will be served with Red Bliss Potatoes, Broccoli or Green Beans Almandine, dessert, coffee, tea and water. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations will be accepted at the November Club meeting or you may send a check, made out to **GWC, Model A Ford Club of America**, to Clarice Shaw at 4605 Tapestry Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032. Please include your entrée choices when you make your reservations. **CUTOFF IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.**

## **NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM**

For the November GWC Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting we will have a presentation on a technical topic, The Care, Maintenance and Proper Adjustment of the Model A brake system. I have ordered a DVD covering the Model A brakes, and I am hoping this will become a resource that Club members can check out to review and use in the future to work on their own brakes. Since we are approaching the winter maintenance season of the year, this is the time to get out in the garage and look into the condition of this vital aspect of a safe driving season for next summer's tours. This gives you all winter to do the teardown, ordering of parts, and proper reassembly, so everything is ready to go in the Spring. The intended DVD program will cover what to look for, and how to properly maintain and service Model A brakes. Come and learn how to do this vital task. In the future, we plan to have a Brake Clinic, where we will actually follow the steps on doing a brake repair, on a willing members car, on one or more Saturday sessions. Details to be announced.

## CENTREVILLE DAY 2013; NEXT YEAR 4!

How's that old song "One" by Three Dog Night go? "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do; two can be as bad as one, it's the loneliest number since the number one"<sup>1</sup>

By that measure, Miss Alley and Ruby should have been sad this past October 19 at Centreville Day. But that wasn't the case; we had twice as many Model "As" as last year, so things are looking up!



Next year 4!

Ruby had a delightful band of escorts in the parade. Once on the lawn of the Sears House with Miss Alley, the two of them drew a slew of admirers. Miss Alley got parked early, but the parade started late, so Ruby wasn't there. Once Ruby arrived with her load of Rumble Seat Royalty life force on board, things got hoppin'.



The boundless and contagious enthusiasm of Princess "Doc McStuffins" Grace cheered her Mom (Jaime), Miss Sharon, Benny, and everyone else within shouting and leapin' distance. After scores of Boy Scouts, local politicians and other fairgoers streamed past asking every manner of question and taking innumerable photos, our task was done. Hundreds met our Model As, we got home early in the day, and Grace's little sibling had experienced his/her first parade. For the Nelsons, too - next year 4! Hooray!

Jim Gray

[http://www.threedognight.com/1\\_one.html](http://www.threedognight.com/1_one.html)

## COMING EVENTS

**Nov. 20 Monthly Membership Meeting. Election night!**

**Dec. 7 Annual GWC Christmas Party. See p. 19 for details.**

Dec. 7/8 24<sup>TH</sup> Annual Fairfax Station Train Show. The layouts are to be in their same locations as last year: Standard gauge, O gauge, HO gauge, S gauge and El Geib in the station. N gauge and Monty's LEGO layout in the caboose. Large sale in the outside yard. LOCO doctor as always. The "Bob Tuft's" S layout is to be invited back again. Antique cars are welcomed to the usual station yard area

15 Dec. Annual Holiday party for the Burke Historical Society in Burke, Virginia. This year's theme for the party is the "Roaring 20s", which we've loosely interpreted to extend into the early 1930s. Begins at 2 PM. Will feature an excellent live jazz band, dancing, silent movies, a silent auction, potluck snacks and beverages, and a prohibition era speak easy! Come in your Model A! For more info, contact: Andy Bennett at [benn6120@att.net](mailto:benn6120@att.net) or his cell phone 571-359-1723

**Dec. 18 Brown Bag Night at the General Membership Meeting. Details in next month's Script.**

## WANT ADS

### **For Sale**

Matched Pair of Maryland 1929 License Plates. Older restoration: good to very good condition. \$175, which includes shipping. Contact Bud Pratsch at 703-620-2518.



Wheels, heads and manifolds—five 1931 wheels with tires that I took of my pickup = \$250 for all five. Four engine heads @ \$20 each. Mated intake (drilled for vacuum line) and exhaust manifolds = \$25. Contact Woody Williams at 703-858-1192.

### **Want To Rent**

I am hoping one of the members has a car trailer they are willing to rent for about 10 days from December 27th thru January 7th. Dick Barcus, 11143 Glade Drive, Reston, VA 20191 1-571-437-8962 (Mobile) or [dbarcus@gatekeepersecurity.com](mailto:dbarcus@gatekeepersecurity.com)

### **Needed**

An original timing cover bolt for my Model A. I assume they are all the same length. If anyone has one they can spare, I would gladly pay and can pick it up at the next chapter meeting or you could mail it to me. I would gladly pay shipping, as well. Milford Sprecher

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(Includes six issues of the Model "A" News per yr)

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Permission to publish my telephone number in future membership rosters? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ask about Optional new member package - extra \$10.00.)

**MAFFI Membership Application Form**

Over Seventy Years Ago...Henry Ford created his legendary Model A Ford, now an icon of Americana representing the transition from flappers to breadlines as the depression rolled across the continent. You can help to preserve Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931 by joining the Model A Ford Foundation. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of historical information and memorabilia of this time of change in America. Your membership donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help us with our many projects and worthwhile goals such as the Ford Parts Project and the building of research centers in many locations. Exciting new projects are on the horizon and you can be a part of them!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Annual \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Three Year \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$350.00

Club Membership:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Gold \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

I wish to make an additional optional tax deductible contribution of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please apply addition contribution to: \_\_\_\_\_ Museum Displays \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund

Total Contribution Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, P.O. Box 95151, Nonantum, MA 02495

**George Washington Chapter Inc. Model 'A' Ford Club Application**

Names- First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Model A's owned 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

For members with email the dues are \$20.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31<sup>st</sup> = \$15.00, Joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> = \$10.00, Joining after September 30<sup>th</sup> = \$5.00. Email is the preferred way as it helps on club costs as well as emails are sent about club events, invitations and other related activities.

For members without email the dues are \$30.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31<sup>st</sup> = \$22.50, Joining after June 30<sup>th</sup> = \$15.00, Joining after September 30<sup>th</sup> = \$7.50.

Please visit us at: [www.gwcmoford.org](http://www.gwcmoford.org)

Any questions can be directed to our membership chair Greg Shepherd at 703-476-6496.

Send check payable to the GWC and completed application to:  
GWC – Membership Chair  
3715 Brices Ford Ct  
Fairfax, VA 22033



Sully Volunteer Statement  
Fathers Day, Sunday June 15, 2014

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC is a big and active club, and running it takes money. Our primary moneymaker is our annual Fathers' Day car show at Sully Plantation. Volunteers - working 2 hours at a time - make this show work.

To get you working in the right area, please identify where you can help run the show by placing a check next to the committee(s) where you would like to work.

- Judging.** In this job, you'll see the best cars up close and personal. This is appearance judging, so don't be intimidated. If you like old cars (and you must!), I'll bet you'll love judging.
- Old Car Parking.** We need members for a couple of hours at a time to get the old cars parked where they need to be. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go!
- Registration.** This job will give you the opportunity to know the cars as they arrive for judging. Each car will have to get credentials from you to drive onto the field.
- Front Gate.** This is one of the most important jobs we have at Sully, because you have to direct the flow of cars at the main gate. With all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job.
- Flea Market.** This is the perfect job if you don't have enough fleas (and who does?) Getting the field laid out and marked is crucial to having a successful flea market. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job!
- Car Corral.** Park those wonderful "for sale" machines, and see if you can avoid buying one. This is a tough job if you have car-buying money just burning a hole in your pocket!
- Snow Cone Booth.** This is, undoubtedly, the BEST job on a hot Sully day. Work under shade with lots of ice... now that's cool!
- Information Booth.** This is our outreach to the public, and focal point about the details of the show. You'll get to talk to a lot of good folks, and, if you are on the first shift, watch all the Model As drive by on their way to their judging field.
- Trailer Parking.** Maybe the best kept secret job at Sully. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!
- Help Where Needed.** If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our meet chairman will work with his committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed.

*Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worksam at 703-250-5474*