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A's on parade on Memorial Day having passed under Old Glory



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GRAY WITH AN A



June. The half-way point for the year, also known as Sully month. If you've not signed up to help, please do so as soon as possible. We always need help judging, and if you're new to it, we'll pair you with an experienced judge.

We've got other activities filling out the month, with an invitation to a mini-show at the Fairfax Silver Diner (12251 Fair Lakes Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22033) on Saturday, June 4, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This will be fun: trophies and a free meal for the driver. Also at the Silver Diner, we have our monthly Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) breakfast on Wednesday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m.

And, of course, summer arrives promptly at 6:34 a.m. on June 20, making it the longest day of the year. For those of you interested in the science, this is the time when the Earth reaches its maximum axial tilt toward the sun at 23° 26' (23 degrees, 26 minutes), something you can visualize with these pictures of sunrise on the Summer Solstice in 2014 at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England.



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The NVRG Early Ford V-8 Club Fairfax Car Show was rained out on Saturday, May 21, but it has been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 25. This creates an unfortunate scheduling conflict with our after-Sully picnic at the Jaeger river-front estate.

Our tour to John Leydon's man cave garage and on to Middleburg was a rousing success, with lots of Model As and lots of fun. The post-Middleburg country tour over true Model A roads was wonderful. John later led a small scouting party to Oak Hill to help plan for our tour there on October 23.

And the business of the club moves on. Our Scholarship Committee has selected five outstanding students and Model A aficionados to receive scholarships at Sully. We have also formed our committee to develop minor revisions to the bylaws to accommodate our mobile BOD and to identify how we would wind down our finances if we ever disband as a club.

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

Five of us (Jason Cunningham, Clem Clement, Rusty Rentsch, Doug Tomb and I) drove our Model As in the National Memorial Day Parade on May 30. This is always an incredible event.

As we passed a boiled over '36 Ford Phaeton, I was reminded of how reliable our Model As have been in this parade.

Bill Worsham's Sully committee is in the final stage of its planning for Sully, and Barbara Ziman has assured us we will have great weather for this, her 16th and final Sully. When you see Barbara at Sully this year, go up, introduce yourself, and thank her for all she has done for our club. I've consulted with Bill and invited her to be our special guest on October 23 when we tour Oak Hill. She said she was really looking forward to being with us again.

Speaking of Sully again; we need your registrations and volunteer sign-up sheets as soon as possible. Sully is not a one-man-show, it's a production staged each year with a large cast of volunteers – and we need each of you to be a member of that cast. So *PLEASE* don't delay, sign up! You can do it by mail, email or by phone, but please sign up. We have our Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet; Registration Form; Judging Instructions; and even our Judging Sheet posted on our web page at the following addresses:

<http://www.gwcmodela.com/pdfs/Sully/2016/SullyVolunteerSheet-2016.pdf>

and a registration form <http://www.gwcmodela.com/pdfs/Sully/2016/Sully2016Reg.pdf>

<http://www.gwcmodela.com/pdfs/Sully/2016/SullyJudgingInstructions-2016.pdf>

<http://www.gwcmodela.com/pdfs/Sully/2016/SullyJudgingSheet-2016.pdf>

Last, but not least, don't forget that June 30 is the deadline for submission of candidates for Lifetime Honorary Membership. See Article III, Section III in our By-Laws for how to submit a nominee. We will begin our evaluation process in early July. Now let's get out and drive those Model As!

Jim

THE STORY BEHIND THE FRONT PAGE

Rusty Rentsch's wife Anya did this work. She found a site that was streaming the parade (<http://www.military.com/memorial-day/memorial-day-parade.html>), paused the playback and took a picture of the screen. Then she saved a copy in B&W – very clever, and VERY effective. I saw them both today and raved about her art work.

The web page has a lot of interesting information about this parade. Clem, carrying "President" Teddy Roosevelt, is seen from 21:18 – 21:49; our 4-car formation (Doug Tomb's car, Jason Cunningham's car, Rusty Rentsch's car and my car) is seen from 48:58-50:55.

I keep trying to sell this parade, as well as the other two, as BIG DEALS. Hundreds of thousands of people see our cars in these parades, and this parade is the most important.

Jim Gray

FROM THE EDITOR

Last month I missed the general meeting and ice cream social because was off on a baseball trip with a couple of friends. However, as it happened, our first game was in Detroit. We landed in the morning, and with lots of time to kill, headed over to the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

It's an amazing place, with lots to see, including a nod to Clem Clement—a large running train setup, full-sized steam engines, and a train to haul people around the perimeter of Greenfield Village.



The airplane section had some interesting displays, including one of the interior of a Ford Tri-Motor. As originally set up, each passenger had his or her own wicker chair to sit in, with lots of legroom. No seat belts, folding trays, or Wi-Fi connections. I'm not sure where people stored their carry-on luggage. But it sure felt relaxing.

Another fun display was a film shot from a wing walker's eye view as the biplane zipped over the landscape and did loops and spins. Not something I would care to try, much less make a living at.

After lunch in the museum, we walked over to Greenfield Village. First we took the train to the opposite end of the Village and walked back, going through all the homes of famous people.

Greenfield is just such an amazing, green and spread out set up. And they have the quietest-running Model Ts I've ever [not] heard touring people around. It was pretty popular, so we skipped that adventure. But it turns out I may have a remote family connection to Greenfield Village. Maybe Howard can fill me in on who this guy was.

That was our day until game time. I was disappointed at the dearth of Model A's. I only saw one on the floor—a Phaeton. But I did come away with a 6-inch likeness of Henry himself—a \$2 wax replica. All in all, a day well-spent.

Don't forget—**articles for the next 2 Scripts (July and August) should be sent to Bruce Metcalf at kседeme@aol.com.** I will be away at our mountain retreat, enjoying the cool air and catching up on my reading.



Bill Sims

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting May 25, 2016



Call to Order. The May Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Gray at the home of Doug and Beverly Tomb in Falls Church, Virginia. The meeting was preceded by a tour of Doug's garage and a fine pizza and salad dinner.

Attendance. Board Members present included Jim Gray, James Kolody, Doug Tomb, Milford Sprecher, Bruce Metcalf, Greg Shepherd, Benny Leonard, Bill Sims, Tom Quigley, Jerry Olexson, and Stan Johnson. Absent were Howard Minners and Bill Worsham. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the April 27th meeting were approved by Board Members prior to being published in *The Script*.

Treasurer's Report Jerry Olexson provided a chart showing a summary of the annual budget, comparing the predicted income and expenses with the actual performance. Income from vendors and participants in the forthcoming Sully show has already provided 1/3 of the projected income for the show.

OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Law Revision Committee Appointment President Gray announced that several small changes are needed to the existing by-laws to accommodate changes in technology, such as the ability to communicate via email and electronic remote meeting technologies, if that becomes necessary. Stan Johnson and Benny Leonard volunteered to serve on the committee. Previously Clem Clement had volunteered as a member at large.

Joe Thoma Memorial Brick Inscription Stan Johnson reported on the results of board members votes on the proposed inscription for the Model A Museum sidewalk brick to be purchased in memory of former prominent GWC member Joe Thoma. After discussion a motion was made and passed to have the inscription read, "Joe Thoma, President – G Washington Ch MAFCA – Mt Vernon Region MARC". Abbreviations are needed to stay within the 21 spaces per line on the 3-line memorial bricks. James Kolody reported that he will have the Joe Thoma lectern completed by the time of the annual Christmas Party.

Sully Committee. President Gray gave a report from Bill Worsham, who is out of town. Preparations for Sully are moving smoothly. The grass on the show grounds is strong and thick this year. This will be the last year for the Sully coordinator, Barbara Ziman. The board discussed ways of showing our appreciation for her wonderful support over the past 16 years. No specific gift was selected, but the concept was widely supported by the Board. We will not use a drone to film the show due to insurance and flight restriction concerns. The Sully judging seminar was knowledgeably presented by

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Woody Williams at the May membership meeting and was attended by approximately 58 individuals representing the GWC and visiting members of the Northern Virginia Regional Group (NVRG) of the Early Ford V8 club (which was much appreciated).

Programs. Vice President James Kolody reported on the success of the Ice Cream Social after the Judging Seminar at the May meeting. The coming programs include a discussion of Stainless Steel restoration techniques by Tom Quigley, Benny Leonard and others at the June meeting. The July program will be the annual outdoor flea market. Everyone should plan now for identifying and bringing items for the swap meet. August will be a presentation on KR Wilson tools, including purpose and procedures. President Gray added that we've been offered a presentation by Don Pauly of the NVRG that he calls "That's The Way it Was" about pre-WWII and WWII days.

James also displayed the recently purchased GoPro camera and its capabilities for supporting club seminars and other club activities.

Activities. Doug Tomb reported that Small Parts Day was well attended and widely enjoyed. Janet Merkel provided the garages, food and hospitality, and we are very thankful that she continues to be an active member of the club. Doug also reported that he is working on a possible Park Service event in Fredericksburg in August.

Other near-term activities include the Memorial Day parade on Monday May 30. Jason Cunningham has done a great job coordinating this and other parade activities. The annual post-Sully Jaeger Picnic will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Also being planned are the Warhurst Picnic in September and the tour of the Oak Hill facility led by John Leydon on October 23.

Membership. Chairman Greg Shepherd reported two new member families, Steve and Mary Wastler and John and Ingris Bureman, have joined the club. Greg reported that the membership roster will be out soon. It was delayed by a format change needed to make the font size larger for easier reading.

Editor Bill Sims announced that the deadline for the June issue is Tuesday, May 31st. The July and August newsletters will be produced by Bruce Metcalf, Assistant Editor.

National Club Liaison In the absence of National Liaison Howard Minners, Jim Gray pointed out the approach of the MARC National meet in Perrysburg, Ohio, in late June. For planning purposes, the 2017 MARC meet will be held in nearby Gettysburg, PA, in late July of 2017.

Scholarship Chairman Tom Quigley stated that the scholarship applications have been evaluated. The Board voted to maintain the number of available scholarships at five. Tom reported that all of the applicants were very impressive, with great records of achievement. President Jim Gray will make the announcements of the winning applicants. In his role as GWC Librarian, Tom has received old collections of *The Script*. The board voted that the Club goal should be to maintain one complete set, with a partial set as backup. Excess copies will first be made available to the membership before those that are excess are discarded.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Club Trip to Model A Museum. Stan Johnson emphasized that the pending trip is for modern cars, though there is no restriction on taking a slower trip at the same time in a Model A. The trip is scheduled to take place August 19-22 with flexibility for individual modern cars to extend their trip to the early Ford V8 Museum in Auburn, Indiana, or the Ford Museum complex at Dearborn. Plans call for individual cars to travel to the museum area on Friday, stay overnight in Battle Creek and visit the museum on Saturday and Sunday, then return to the DC area on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Small Parts Day The interest and attendance at the Merkel Small Parts Day developed into a discussion about holding another similar repair activity in the Fairfax area. No decisions were reached.

Warhurst Model A upgrade. The Model A owned by the Warhurst family is in need of some repairs. The Board expressed a willingness to participate in a "refurbishment day" to be coordinated and publicized.

Life membership. One nomination has been received by the Board for award of Life Membership to a club member. Action will begin soon to process the application(s) in time for award at the Christmas Party.

NVRG joint activities. A proposal to investigate sharing more activities with the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early V8 club was introduced and discussed briefly.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Stan Johnson,
Secretary



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

At the Board meeting, President Jerry Breedlove called out the need to focus now on the Technical Committees, since Sully '91, with 447 registered, 105 vendors, and 63 in the car corral was over. A member from each technical committee was to give a brief progress report at the general meeting for members to hear, and to entice their participation. .



Membership Chairman reported that the membership count was now 230. The Board gave a standing ovation to Marylee Cassels, who was departing to California, for the fine job she had done on our newsletter. (It took a while, but we got the Cassels back!)

Howard Miners was lined up to make a presentation on Model A advertising at the upcoming meeting. He added, "Once you have the car... and not enough space for too many more cars... thoughts sometimes turn to collecting 'smaller' items related to the Model A Ford. One challenge and fascination area is sales brochures and literature."

This month's Ford Script was enhanced by not one but two technical articles. Rick Menz, a 6-foot 6-inch'er, wrote an article dealing comprehensively with making more leg room in his '29 Tudor, with full explanation and drawings. Bill and Marylee Cassels wrote a whole 4 pages of very helpful information about a brake job carried out by them and the Brake Committee on their Model A. They explained the Millard Springer technique for installing the tricky emergency brake springs that they employed in this manner—bend a coat hanger into an elongated loop and hook one end into the hook end of the spring. Have one person pull up and forward on the coat hanger (between the backing plate and the emergency brake lever) and have another use a large screwdriver to assist in prying that hook around the emergency brake lever while holding the lever in its rearward position. Then slip (or cut) the coat hanger off the end of the hook. The next step was for Marylee and Bill to install the backing plates, including the emergency brake carrier assemblies with cotter pins, and the emergency brake lever, including the return spring. Well, oops! At this point things went wrong... the backing plates accidentally got reversed, and the whole shebang had to be done over. Bill said, "To the committee's credit, I did not hear anyone say what I expected."

Dave Henderson

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sunshine Report -- As a reminder, one of the bonuses for belonging to the club is our Sunshine report, which gets the word out for members that have challenges in their life. All you have to do is contact me with the information you would like to share and specifically mention it's for the Sunshine report, and I'll get the info out our members. This is a great and easy way to get the word out.

Paul Gauthier is home and recovering from his recent heart procedure.

This month Kathie Gray has recovered from her recent cataract surgery. She says her vision is the best it's been since 3rd grade!

Sharon Leonard is doing well enough with her on-going treatment regime to enjoy crepes in Clifton with Benny, Clem and Sandy.

Benny Leonard was admitted to the INOVA Fairfax Hospital May 29th. He remains there, though he is out of isolation and very much improved. The doctors believe they have determined the cause of his illness as a drug interaction reaction. He still cannot receive visitors, and talking on the phone remains difficult, but Sharon says you can still send cards to their home address, and his family will see that he gets to hear from you. Benny & Sharon's address is:

5441 Ladue Lane
Fairfax VA 22030-4620

Keep both Sharon and Benny in your thoughts in this time of need.

Website Report -- This month was a 'photo month' as I received 50+ photos to post to the website showing off our tours (*Man Cave and Shopping* and the *Speakeasy*). You can see all the photos at: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/photomenu.asp> I started to use a new photo viewer which is more modern then what was being used so from here on out I'll use that one. Enjoy!



Membership Report -- I'm happy to report that we have 2 new member families join the club this month. Welcome!

Steve & Mary Wastler
6343 Mt. Phillip Rd
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1929 Roadster 40-A
1928 Fordor 60-A
1931 Postal Truck

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Steve & Mary are long-time members but took a break for a bit and now are back.

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1929 Tudor

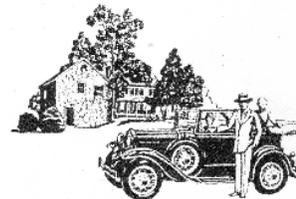
They have had the car in the family for 40+ years and are excited to teach the new generation all about it.



Greg Shepherd

SULLY 2016—COMING NEXT MONTH

Plans are in full swing for our annual car show and flea market at Sully plantation in 2 weeks, on June 19th. The only thing missing is you. We need the help of every member to run his show. Sign-up sheets were sent with your dues renewal and are available at every meeting. If you haven't signed up, please do so now.



Those who sign up will receive one of the following:

- Four gate passes for their family or friends
- One free car registration
- Discount on a flea market space or car corral space

The Sully Passes are here. Please come to the June meeting and sign up to help.

Thank You,

Bill Worsham
Annual Meet Chairman

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JOHN LEYDON'S CAR MAN CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR



John Leydon invited us to join him on a visit to his "Man Cave" Garage in Aldie followed by a shopping tour of Middleburg and a horse country drive.

Nearly 30 of us took advantage of this most gracious offer: Bill and Carol Benedict; Jim and Edna Cross (and "Bob," the coyote fur ball) in Edna's standard Phaeton; Clem and Sandy (and Bob the very still dog); Tank and Barbara Edwards; Kathie and I; Tony Hawker with Simone, the wonder dog; James Kolody (in his first tour in the coupe he restored); Benny Leonard and grandson (in his first tour in "Bootlegger," the coupe Benny spent 6 years restoring); John Leydon and Megan Carnahan; Jay and Cathy Melton; Bruce and Loretta Metcalf; Jerry and Cindy Olexson; Tom and Elizabeth Quigley; Bill Sims; Doug and Beverly Tomb and Nancy Emison, one of Beverly's childhood friends.

A group of us met first at the Chantilly Bob Evans before joining the rest of the group at John's garage. After a great second breakfast of rolls, yogurt, coffee and other assorted treats we were ready to roll... literally. >>>>>>



Bill Sims, Jim Gray and "Tank" Edwards getting ready to get ready to go

CAR MAN CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR (Cont.)



Carol Benedict, Loretta Metcalf, Bill Benedict, Cindy and Jerry Olexson



Nancy Emison, Beverly Tomb, Tony Hawker, Sandy Clement

**The inimitable "Queen of Leesburg,"
Edna Cross**



Nancy Emison, Beverly Tomb, Tony Hawker and Sandy Clement



Megan Carnahan; John, our host; and Barbara Edwards



Loretta Metcalf, Kathie Gray, Sandy Clement and James Kolody head for their cars.



The group waves to a roof-top photographer.

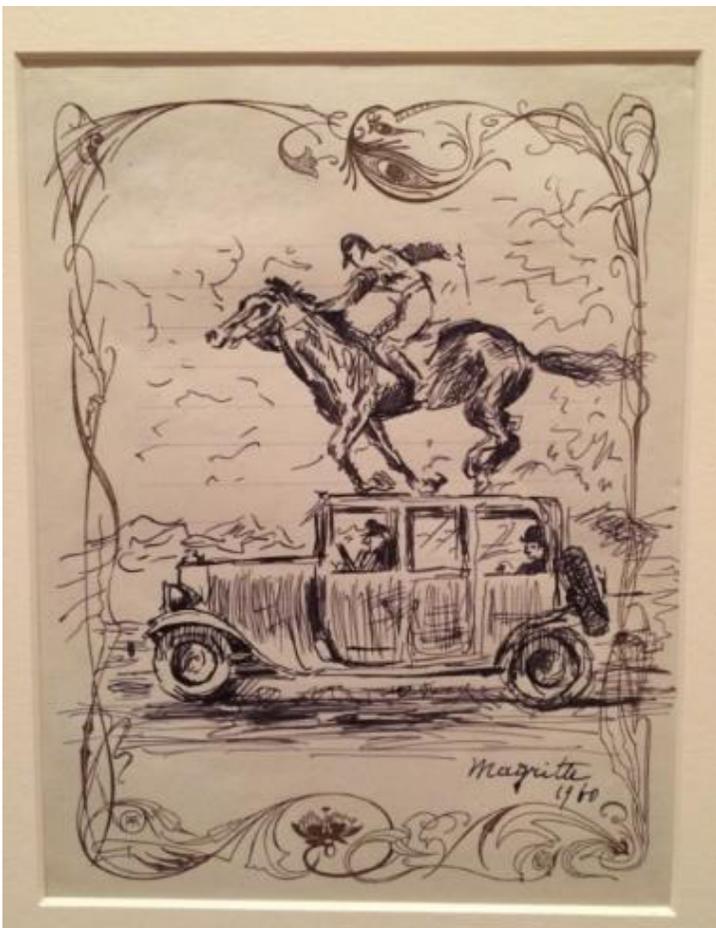
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CAR MAN CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR (Cont.)

We got to Middleburg, and to our reserved parking place quickly and without incident. Our first stop was the magnificent National Sporting Museum and Library complex.



The artwork inside was wonderful, and at least one piece spoke volumes about our tour.



René Magritte

Belgian, active in France, 1898-1967

Wrath of the Gods (La Colère des Dieux)

1960, pen-and-ink on commercially decorated paper

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond,
Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon, 95.36

The wittiness of this sketch by the foremost Surrealist painter juxtaposes the fixed yet animated horse and jockey against the seemingly immobile car and driver, which we know to be speeding. Rapidly drawn on a sheet of hotel note paper, Magritte's ironic equestrian monument coldly and skeptically marks the end of an era in which horses were an essential part of human experience in France.

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CAR MAN CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR (Cont.)

Following our museum tour, we broke up into several groups for lunch. Then it was time to tour... and what a tour it was, with a long line of Model As slipping back in time to that earlier era.



Following our time in and around Middleburg, we stopped at the Aldie Mill; another great history stop.



Although this was the end of the tour, John asked a group of us to help him evaluate his developing plan for our Oak Hill tour in the fall.

To call it magnificent doesn't begin to do it justice. John showed us the grounds surrounding the mansion, and discussed where he thought we should arrange the picnic, in an area close to the caretakers cottage that he currently calls home.

As we were starting up to drive from the Mansion grounds to John's cottage, Edna's Phaeton

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CAR MAN CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR (Cont.)

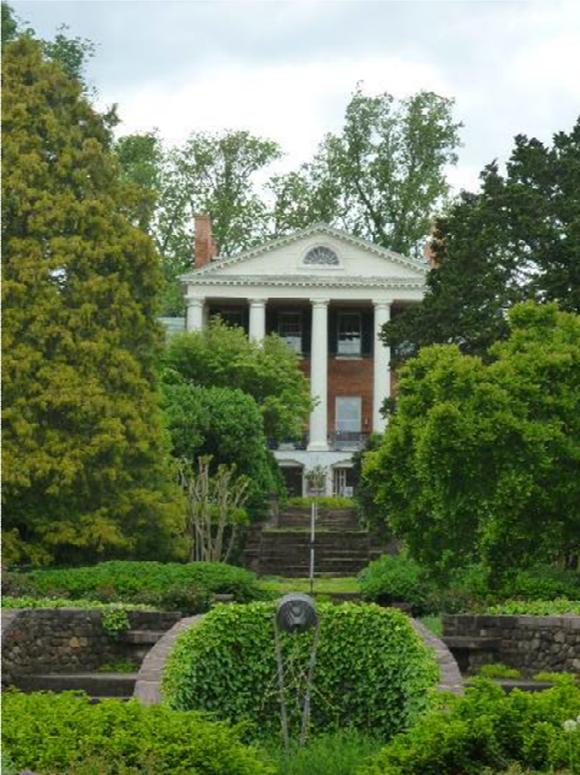
didn't. How odd. Edna told us that she and Jim had had separate jobs that morning – hers was to fix breakfast and his was to prepare the car. Jim reported all was ready; "...did you check the oil, air, water and gas?" Edna told us she had asked. "Everything's ready," Jim replied. So they drove off.

As one who has habituated driving without an operational gas gauge, Doug whipped out his handy-dandy gas stick and put it down into the Phaeton's gas tank; dry... well, O.K., maybe a quarter-of-an-inch at the bottom.

The gauge had read full in the morning and still read $\frac{3}{4}$ full... but it was "0" full. Fortunately, Tom DeLashmutt, the estate owner, was there and offered a bit of gas. All was well with the world again.

We went, we toured, we saw, we enjoyed. Another great GWC Model A tour. We're very lucky to have another John Leydon-planned tour coming up in October. Don't miss it!

Jim Gray



SCENES FROM CAR CAVE AND MIDDLEBURG TOUR



Morning gathering outside the Bob Evans



First stop: the John Leydon Man Cave



Jim Cross, Clem Clement, unidentified, Barbara Edwards, Megan Carnahan



Unidentified, Doug Tomb and Bruce Metcalf



Benny Leonard, his grandson Zach, and Jay Melton



Last stop: the Aldie Mill

FAN BELT FAILURE

or

THE EMBARRASSING INCONVENIENCE OF CAR BREAKDOWN ON A MAJOR MOTORWAY IN THE SUBURBAN WASHINGTON, DC, AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA AREA

We were on a mission of good will. Destination -- Harper Parks Middle School in Leesburg, on the occasion of their school party with a roaring '20s theme, "Speakeasy". The Club agreed to provide a static display of era cars as a publicity event for our Club in support of the school. The well-coordinated trip involved the president of the GWC Model A Club, Jim Gray, myself and Clem Clement. Our plan was simple enough, to drive up to Leesburg, meet fellow members of that area around 6PM and drive home sometime after 8PM.

The trip up was estimated to take about an hour and a half and intended to take advantage of typical rush hour traffic. By 'take advantage' I mean that we expected it to be a leisurely passage due to rush-hour traffic. Anyone from this area knows that traveling at the posted limit at this time of day is impossible (ludicrous, actually). We all knew that traffic would be heavy, rendering the 55 MPH speed limit more like 25 MPH during that time of day. We were not disappointed in this regard. All went swimmingly until the upper reaches of the clogged portion of Highway 28. As fate would have it, I heard an odd flutter within the engine compartment of my roadster. What the? My senses perked up as I monitored all the gages (both of them -- temperature and ammeter).

Sure enough, amidst the clogged lanes of HWY 28, my little roadster engine was running well but the ammeter was not charging and the engine temperature was approaching the boiling point. Something was amiss without any doubt. Consequently, I hailed Jim Gray and Clem to pull over to the side of the road. Sure enough, I pulled a mangled, dead fan belt from the engine bay and began to cry. (We had been friends for a long time.) After pulling myself together, I asked my traveling companions if they brought a spare fan belt with them and both replied in the affirmative. But, upon checking, neither had.

It is not impossible to drive without the fan belt in place, but the engine tends to heat up quickly without circulating coolant and frequent cool-down stops are needed. So we looked for an alternative. Jim came up with the idea of using parachute cord. We tried a couple of configurations and ended up wrapping the cord 3 times around the pulleys and using Clem's matches, we melted the cord ends and fused them to the line. Ingenious, eh? We are probably not the first ones to try an alternate means of supplying fan belts, but it worked! We crept into the school yard in time to join Billy and Lynn Condon; and Scott Wallace with his 1930 Tudor. Tank Edwards joined us later in his 1929 Tudor. In all, 6 cars were on display.



Clem and me under the hood.

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FAN BELT FAILURE (Cont.)



The offending fan belt and its temporary replacement:



Billy Condon graciously rooted through all the parts in the back seat of his award-winning 1930 Tudor and emerged with a spare fan belt. Within minutes, it was installed, tested and subjected to adoring caresses (by me). Job done, inspected and accepted by the Jim Gray (L), Billy Condon (R) and owner (me):

Toward the end of the evening, students, faculty and parents enjoyed posing in and around our cars. In all, it was an enjoyable event creating some memories that will linger for many. My strongest memory will be to remember to bring

my spare fan belt and ensure it is not safely stored in my garage at home.

Some properly attired chaperone and participants:



At the end of the day, we all made it home in the darkness, with lights gloriously ablaze the entire way! Thank goodness for those new-age alternators and, more importantly, fellow Model A enthusiasts! And remember that spare fan belt or a suitable substitute!

JUDGING SEMINAR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Take almost 60 people, mix them together with a comprehensive talk and demonstration on Sully judging by Chief Judge Woody Williams. Then top that with chocolate sauce, caramel, whipped cream, peanuts and Starbucks... and something else. I remember it was cold. VERY cold. Almost too cold to dip – oh yeah! ICE CREAM! Four rock solid blocks of vanilla stored in dry ice. So cold we had to nuke it so we could scoop it.

But we three “scoops” (as we used to call them in my Farrell’s days) carved away at those 4 gallons of vanilla ice cream to help create a perfect dessert for the meeting.



“Scoops” Jim Gray, Doug Tomb, and Mark Kuklewicz hard at work (Photo: Stan Johnson)

All through the evening, Bill Worsham and Carol and Bill Benedict were kept busy registering cars and signing folks up for the various jobs that support Sully.

We had lots of GWCers and spouses, and a group from the early Ford V-8 Club all together talking judging, cars, and car shows. What a great gathering and what a great time. A time made even better by the great camaraderie of the setup, gathering, and clean up. James and Benny were great at keeping things moving, and several GWCers helped us roll the round tables out to the shed. Kathie and I especially appreciated Laura and Greg Shepherd’s help in getting everything cleaned up and packed up as we closed our temporary ice cream shop for the evening.

A tip of the boater to the NVRG President, Joe Freund; the NVRG Fairfax Show Chair, Dave Westrate; and NVRG Sunshine Chair, Keith Randall for joining us and offering to help us judge at Sully.

Jim Gray

THE MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

The Model A hobby is full of good folks who obviously desire to support the Model A Museum. Last month we published a list of items that were needed for upgrading some of the vehicles in the museum's collection and many of you responded--*generously*. I would like to thank each individual and those clubs who responded to our specific request for tires, metal stemmed tubes and metal valve covers, which will all be installed by Model A Day in September.

I would also like to remind folks that I will be ordering bricks by the second week in June, so if you are thinking about getting a loved one a “memorial” or “in honor” brick this year, please do so immediately. You can find order forms in the “A Preserver” or online at www.maffi.org.

Thank you all so much for your support of the Model A Museum and the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. I do hope you have renewed your dues, which totally support the museum and the Foundation.

Have a wonderful 'driving' summer.

Loukie Smith
MAFFI President

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN WASHINGTON DC

Ho Hum, another Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. That is what I thought.

Well, In early May we had visitors. It seems that when Beverly was 10 years old, her family hosted a student from India for a few weeks, as part of the Experiment in International Living.

Fast forward a few years, and we had a visit from his son Naren, who was here in the USA on a month-long visit with his family. He has two sons, ages 11 and 14. They visited our home in Falls Church, and, of course, I had to show them my Model A phaeton. That was a natural, since it spent its early years in Nepal, just next door to India.

The boys thought the Model A was Great (no surprise to me). We mentioned that we were driving the Model A in the Memorial Day Parade. Too bad, their dad said, since that was the day they were finishing their trip and flying back to India.

Two weeks later, the phone rang. Naren asked if the boys could ride with me in the parade. I said sure. He really wanted to be certain it was OK with me, and said they were changing their return flights, just so they could be in the parade.

After hearing this, I made sure my car was ready to roll. And then I checked it again. Changing their tickets was no \$mall feat.

Well, the week before the parade, they predicted rain on Memorial Day. I put the top up on the phaeton. Too bad I didn't have windows too. I sure wished my windshield wiper actually worked. I guessed I could just look out the window while driving, if necessary.

THE day arrived. It was beautiful and even cool when we left Falls Church. The boys and Naren rode down with me in the Model A. Beverly and Reshma, their mom, took a cab down to the National Mall with the picnic lunch.



Jason, Clem, Beverly, Abhay, Tanmai,
Reshma and Naren

The ride in went smoothly. There were big crowds forming on the streets of DC. Rolling Thunder motorcycles were all around. Lots of visitors crowded the sidewalks.

I was relieved to find three more Club Model A's waiting for me when I arrived. Jim Gray was there, with his A. Rusty Rentsch was there with his wife, sister and her husband, in Sam's Model A phaeton. Jason Cunningham was there with his roadster, with a full complement of passengers. A short distance away was Clem Clement, and his roadster, awaiting the arrival of President Theodore Roosevelt, his passenger for the day.

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THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (Cont.)

The parade was GREAT. The bands and the floats were amazing. One band came all the way from Hawaii. You can't believe the coordination effort it must take to put this parade on, and it all came off very well. The crowds along the route were great, and they loved to hear our OOGAA horns. They loved the Sick Cow OOGAA horn the best. We heard many cheers.

Soon, it was all over. We regrouped at the end, and off we went on our way home.

The boys thought the parade was the Greatest. When Naren phoned home as we drove along and told friends that he was in the parade, they thought he was just a spectator. When he said, he was IN the parade, they couldn't believe it. He reported that his relatives in India were very impressed. WOW, IN a Parade in Washington, D.C.!!!



Well, I have to ask a question. How many members of the GWC have driven their Model A in the Memorial Day Parade? How many have even ridden in the parade?

Well, our friends came all the way from India to ride in the Memorial Day Parade, so any GWC members who live way out in Fairfax, or Bowie, or maybe even in northern Maryland, don't have the excuse that "it is too far to go".

See you at the Memorial Day Parade next year

And a Thank You to Jason Cunningham, our Parade Coordinator, for all his work to make this a success for the Club.

Thanks,
Doug

CAFFINE DOUBLE CLUTCH (CDC) BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH

The next CDC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, at 9:30 am, at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner, 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway Fairfax, VA 22033 (corner of Fair Lakes Parkway & West Ox Road.) If you haven't been before, this is a great opportunity to get out for a couple hours of good food and great company. Very informal, grab a seat and talk with the folks around you: V-8 lovers, Model A fans and folks with an affinity for trains. Hopefully we will have some real cars attend as well. A warm sunny day is forecast. Again, a reminder that this and all future CDCs will take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

Clem Clement

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WITH PRESIDENT TEDDY ROOSEVELT

The week before Memorial Day, we were forecast to be in the trailing bits of Hurricane Bonnie. So I set Smokey up to get wet. No dog "Bob" or turkey on a nest or wooden picnic basket. Poncho in the rumble for me and a rain hat as well. Happily, the storm fizzled and stayed south.

We formed up at Mickey D's in the Pan Am Shopping center and headed into town. My usual passenger and longtime bud, Chaplain James Warrington, is in the hospital these days recovering from pneumonia and a car accident. He is recovering well from the pneumonia and his back is sore from the accident.

The trip to DC was easy, though interrupted by a few fools who wanted into our caravan. Leader Jim Gray tried a new route in DC. Cross the Teddy Roosevelt Bridge and a right turn by the cherry trees and on to Independence Ave. Then on 7th Ave for the others and onto 3rd Ave for me. Over to Madison and up a bit to my spot. I was behind a band from Enid, Okla., and ahead of the Buffalo Soldiers. After running around a bit, I met up with Teddy and we caught up on each other's activities since I drove him 2 years ago.



He had auto accident in 2013, which crushed his right foot. That went unnoticed for a month until the leg began to swell. Eventually they had to amputate his leg above the knee. He is learning to use a prosthetic and will get a modern prosthetic next year. He arrived in a wheel chair with the plan for his wife to roll the chair down Constitution Ave. to pick him up at the parade ending area. After some thinking and talking, we strapped the wheelchair to Smokey and she rode on my rumble seat. She had a fab time and loved being in the parade with Teddy.

We rolled about 2:20 p.m. The parade got off slowly, but got back on schedule soon thereafter. We actually made the TV this time with Teddy waving and carrying on. Teddy found my chicken horn as we made considerable noise along the parade route to the delight of the huge crowd. During the 3-minute silence period at 3 p.m., we were asked to move over. I refused as we were in prayer, until being told this was a medical emergency. We were moved several times resulting in the groups being out of order by date of the historical action as well as broken up. I worried Smokey would overheat. After an hour or so they tried to put things back in order and we slowly

rolled onto the end-of-parade area. We unloaded Teddy and got him in the chair and over to the area to be picked up by a parade staffer and returned to a Smithsonian museum.

A great parade for a great reason.

Clem

SCENES FROM THE PARADE



Waiting in the assembly area.



Beverly Tomb with 94-year-old veteran pilot



Parade Grand Marshall, Gary Sinese (aka, Lt. Dan)



Moving out

Moving out



Parade's end



And a final tribute

George Washington's Trip to the Model A Ford Museum



Plan now to join other GW Model A Club Members on a trip to the museum

August 19-22, 2016

A Modern Car Caravan from DC to Hickory Corners, Michigan

The plan:

- Leave early Friday morning, August 19, to drive to Battle Creek
- Stay overnight in a Baymont Motel in Battle Creek
- After breakfast, caravan to the Gilmore Museum Campus
- Spend Saturday in the Model A Museum, including lunch in 50's Diner
- Return to Motel and dinner in Battle Creek
- Sunday the same schedule, free time at other museums and Gilmore's many other museums and sights – Lincoln, Cadillac, Pierce Arrow, Franklin, Classic Car Club of America and the 7 huge buildings holding the Gilmore collection of rare cars (e.g., Tucker, Scarab, Cord, early Fords)
- Monday after breakfast, drive back to DC area.
- Options available to individual cars to enhance tour by extending one or more days and including stops at Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum near Detroit and/or visit the Early V8 museum, Auburn-Dusenburg- Cord museum both in Auburn, Indiana. Other possibilities are the regions other museums – Studebaker, Hudson, Buick, and Kalamazoo's famous AirZoo Museum.

The Rules:

- Each carload determines the car-rules regarding who and how many go – (e.g., Five Guys in a Sedan, or one married couple in their own car, or a group in a rented van).
- Each room occupant makes his/her own reservations at the Baymont Motel 4725 Beckley Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49017, Phone:(269) 979-5400
- Each group decides on shared paying of gas e.g., each occupant takes a turn buying tankfull.

Museum Admission Fees: \$12 per person per day, or join MAFFI and get free admission year-round for \$25.

Reservations: To make a tentative reservation and/or provide an indication of interest in making the trip, email Stan Johnson at Fordyhorses@aol.com; subject MUSEUM TRIP.

PICNIC AT THE JAEGER'S

WHEN: Saturday, June 25

WHERE: Jaeger's Riverfront Home, 811 Bay Street, Woodbridge, Virginia

DIRECTIONS: From 495 take US 1/Jefferson Davis Highway, south to a left onto Featherstone Road (Shell Station on the corner), go 1.7 miles to a right onto Bay Street, go .3 miles to arrive at 811 Bay Street.

TIME: 11:00 – 3:00 Lunch will be served at noon

COST: \$5.00 per family/household

Bring a dish to share at the picnic: salad, vegetables, veggies and dip, beans, fruit, chips and dip, cookies, cake, or pie. Please bring the required serving utensils.

CATERED LUNCH: Pulled pork with buns and barbeque sauce; cole slaw and corn. Drinks will be provided.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

Checks should be made out to GWC, Model A Club of America, and mailed to James Kolody at 7418 Axton St., Springfield, VA 22151 no later than Monday, June 20, 2016. Or, you can email him at <grubsworms1@verizon.net> with your reservation and he will collect the monies at the June general meeting.

NO reservations will be accepted after Tuesday, June 21st.

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COMING EVENTS

[Club events are in bold]

June

June 4 Fair Oaks Silver Diner Mini-Meet. Show will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Each car driver will get a comp meal. David plans to have trophies for people's choice and best of show. We will have Model As, early V-8s, and "other": cars (Ts, rods, etc.) in attendance. This will be a fun show with minimal effort for drivers - just show up. The Diner staff will arrange parking and judging. There is no cost to us.

June 8 Wednesday CDC breakfast (see p. 22)

June 15 Wednesday General Membership Meeting

June 19 Sunday SULLY! (Info. on p. 11; sign-up sheet for volunteers on p. 29.)

June 19 – 24 MAFCA National Convention in Loveland, CO. See the March/April Restorer (p. 29) for information.

June 25 Saturday Jaeger Picnic; details to follow

June 27 – July 1 MARC National Meet in Toledo, OH. See the March/April Model A News (pp. 2-3) for information.

JULY

July 4 Independence Day Parade, Washington, DC. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting.

July 4 Fairfax 50th Annual Independence Day Celebration with parade and fireworks

July 4 Shepherdstown, WVA. Parade and community picnic (See June's Script for details.)

July 13 Wednesday CDC Breakfast.

July 20 Wednesday GWC Club Annual Outdoor Flea Market at the American Legion Hall.

AUGUST

August 6 Saturday 1920's Garden Party and Concert at Chatham Manor, at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Details to follow.

August 10 Wednesday CDC Breakfast

August 17 Wednesday Monthly Membership Meeting.

August 19 - 22 Friday thru Monday Club trip to the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore in Michigan. Sign up at the Monthly Meeting. (See p. 25 for more details.)

Be sure to check the GWC web site for the latest breaking news:

<http://www.gwc.gwcmodela.org/>

WANT ADS

For Sale

1929 Packard Phaeton Straight out of Jay Gatsby's (Clem Clement's) collection, offered for sale to a loving new home. Very straight, rust free and original, including most of the interior, excellent wooden wheels and rare trunk with fitted luggage, this Packard is truly a time capsule. Runs and drives beautifully. Included with the sale is a large collection of extra spare parts, original correct books and manuals. Title in hand. Call to arrange a personal inspection today. Asking \$90,000. Call George at 703-969-1715.

1931 Slant window Town Sedan All pieces are still there, just disassembled. Located in Troutman, NC, 36 miles north of Charlotte, NC. Original radiator; windshield frame is good, as is most of the glass. Very little rust other than a little bit of surface rust. Four new inner tubes and 4 new tires. Its lighter pieces will be gathered together and put inside the car. The engine, transmission and other heavy parts will be strapped to a pallet. George Smolenyak says it looks like the paint is original. Asking \$3,500. Contact Reggie Ostwalt at rostwalt6391@gmail.com or at 704-528-4855 (h), or 704-437-2455 (c). (See the GWC website for photos.)

Trailer. Just in time for touring season. 18 years garaged and used only once when 3 of us drove in my town sedan to Lexington and there was no room in the car for luggage. So it's time to get it to someone who can actually use it. \$40. Call Bill Sims at 301-891-3616 or email him at billhsims@gmail.com



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Sully Volunteer Statement

June 19, 2016

Please send completed form with dues to Greg Shepherd or send the form only to Bill Worsham (addresses below).

NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC primary fundraiser is our annual Fathers' Day antique car show at the Historic Sully Site. Club members are asked to commit and volunteer two hours to make this show a success. From the list below, please identify where you can help 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. If you like old cars, I'll bet you'll love judging. Training will be provided at a general membership meeting prior to the show.

____ **Show Car Parking** - We need help to get the show cars parked where they need to be. This includes set up of the show field on Friday prior to the show and/or helping park show cars on the day of the show. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go! I can help Friday ____, I can help Sunday ____, or I can help both days ____.

____ **Registration** - This job will give you the opportunity to see the show cars as they arrive for the show. Each car will have to get their registration packets from you to drive onto the show field.

____ **Front Gate and Trailer Parking** - This is one of the most important jobs at Sully show. You will direct the flow of cars at the main gate and with all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!

____ **Flea Market** - Getting the field laid out and marked off prior to the show is crucial to having a successful flea market. Also help is needed on the day of show to ensure vendors are in their designated spots. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job! I can help Friday ____, I can help Sunday ____, or I can help both days ____.

____ **Car Corral** - Help participants by showing them where to 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 surrounded by lots of ice, flavorings and water ... 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.

____ **Sully Pin Sales** - You will sell current and past years collectible Sully pins at the show. These pins are unique because they honor a club member.

____ **Help Where Needed** - If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our "Help Where Needed" chairman will work with committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed. You will be contacted with regard to your assignment prior to the show.

Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474. Send completed form with your dues to Greg Shepherd, 3715 Brices Ford Ct., Fairfax VA 22033 or send form only to Bill Worsham, 3903 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030