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GRAY WITH AN A



Here we are in the middle of the year; a very successful Sully and a fun flea market behind us, but lots of great adventures just around the corner.

If you recall, Mike Copperthite, “The Pie Man,” was unable to join us at Sully with his marvelous Model T Pie Truck, so he invited us to join him on Sunday, July 31 in Burke, VA. The occasion was the dedication of a memorial plaque for the Copperthite Race Track. This track, which opened for business on July 4,

1908, was built on the Silas Burke estate grounds, which are now largely occupied by the Burke Nursery. Featuring ladies and gents in period attire, live music, a demonstration of a sulky as used in harness racing, and PIE, the commemoration ceremony was both tastefully done as well as great fun. There were six Model As there (Clem’s, Benny’s, Dick Johns’, Tom Quigley’s and mine from the GWC; and Phil Foss’ from the local area). We lined up quite nicely with 8 assorted Model Ts, and a sulky with horse and driver. After leaving the ceremony, Benny, Dick, Tom & I drove through the country to the Paradise Springs Winery where we sampled a bit of red wine, cheese and fresh baguettes. Truly a splendid car day!

Speaking of fun outings, this coming Saturday, August 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. we’re all invited to gather at the Fairfax Silver Diner for their 3rd and final show of their 2016 Summer Car Show Series. The bait? Free dinner in the diner for the driver. Bring a chair to watch the show, and be amazed at what comes together for a wide-open car show, the motto for which is “Eat well, Drive Well.” Don’t forget to remain after the show to get that free dinner.

Speaking of the Silver Diner, we’ll gather there again on Wednesday, August 10 for our monthly Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) starting at 9:30 a.m. Last month we had 29 folks, so come join in the fun. We talk about everything from full size steam engines to the genius of Frank Lloyd Wright and Raymond Loewy (you know his work; he designed the Coke bottle, among other things. He’s also credited with helping create and then popularizing the streamlined look of the 1930s and 1940s). We also talk cars, and just visit.

And if you want some Model A history, how about joining us on our pilgrimage to Hickory Corners, Michigan to see the Model A Museum that Stan built? We leave on Friday, August 19 and return to the local area on Monday, August 22.

If all goes as planned, I’ll be re-inventing Vern Parker’s “Street Dreams” car show at the Spring Hill Recreation Center on Sunday, September 4. This is an invitation, but if you want to bring you A and help me herd the cats, consider this your invitation. Set up starts at 8:00 a.m. and the show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What used to be the annual Clifton Labor Day car show put on by the Clifton Lions Club has outgrown Clifton, so it’s been moved to downtown Fairfax

<http://www.labordaycarshow.org/>. You also have Saturday morning “Katie’s Cars and

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Coffee” meets in Great Falls <http://katiecarsandcoffee.com/calendar/> and the Sunday morning meets at the Dulles Landing Shopping Center off of Loudoun County Parkway in Loudoun County <https://www.facebook.com/CarsandCoffeeDullesLanding/> September 11 is our annual picnic at the Warhurst estate, and on September 17, there’s a great opportunity to show your car at “The Great Gatsby Party on the Lawn” at the National Cathedral from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/206827539678416/> . Bring your car and dress the part for a great time.. Keep checking your email for notifications and watching our great web site for updates on all our activities, and get those Model As out and drive them! And don’t forget to tune in to the Rio Olympics, which run from August 5 – 21! Go USA!!

Jim

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

My brakes still need some attention to eliminate the shudder it gets; they were so nice for quite a while. The car starts and runs so well, so shame on me for not digging in and fixing the brakes. I have to apologize to Jason Cunningham for showing “Jason Alexander” as the author of our Jason’s fine article on the July 4th Parade.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting July 27, 2016

Call to Order: The June Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Jim Gray at the meeting room of the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the June 22nd meeting were approved by Board Members prior to being published in *The Script*.

Treasurer’s Report: A copy of the most recent financial report was made available to the BOD. Bill Worsham reported that we still have some money due us from the food vendor. Milford Sprecher provided a synopsis of our financial situation. Bill Worsham added that the Sully income was one of the better results that the club has enjoyed over the years. Our total assets were reported to be \$64,867 in the general fund and \$9,302.88 in the memorial fund. A complete report will be available for member’s review at the next general meeting.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (CONT.)

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Revision Committee Appointment: President Gray stated that Jason Cunningham, from the membership, and other board members will begin work soon on the by-laws revisions. The committee plans to recommend minor changes to accommodate advancements in technology, such as the ability to communicate via email and electronic remote meeting technologies. They also plan to offer a plan for distributing club real assets should the club ever choose to disband in the future.

Sully Committee Report: Bob Clubb was recently presented with the trophy for the Sully Staff Award as having his Model T Ford Paddy Wagon selected as their favorite in this year's show. Jim Gray reviewed the policy for presenting the class trophies at the awards ceremony at the end of the day at Sully. The policy is that winners must be present to be awarded a trophy; we do not present them later or have them delivered to the winner after the fact. This policy is in place for both safety reasons (to keep vehicular traffic off the field during the show) and to encourage show cars to remain on the show field while visitors are still arriving so that paying customers have the opportunity to see all the cars. A brief discussion focused on two possible exceptions to this rule from this year's show; one involved a club member and the second a case of sudden illness.

Scholarship Chairman: Tom Quigley stated that the scholarship awards checks have been mailed out. The BOD will discuss the size and number of scholarships to offer next year as we develop our budget for 2017.

Report on Club Trip to Model A Museum: Stan Johnson reported that the planning for the group trip to the Model A Ford Museum (and the entire Gilmore Car Museum) is going well. The group will meet at the American Legion Meeting Hall parking lot at 7 AM on August 19 for the drive to Battle Creek, Michigan. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Baymont Motel in Battle Creek. Each person is responsible to reserve his own room; phone: (269) 979-5400). There will be room for late deciders to join the convoy. Members who are going include Gray, Tomb, Johnson, Quigley, Gauthier, Leydon and several others "on the fence". The basic tour will have the individual cars traveling to the museum area on Friday, August 19, stay overnight in Battle Creek and visit the museum on Saturday and Sunday, then return to the DC area on Monday, August 22.

Programs: Vice President James Kolody reported that the August program will be an explanation of K.R. Wilson tools that the club owns. Each tool and its proper use will be shown and demonstrated. The September program will feature explanations of the Model A Ford electrical system and trouble-shooting techniques. James has identified a PA system which is contained in a carry-on luggage sized container with 1600 watts of power and two 15 inch speakers. Two types of microphones are included for the \$224 price.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (CONT.)

Activities: Doug Tomb reported that the near term activities include the Museum trip in August, and the Warhurst picnic on September 11. Tentative schedule calls for arrivals to begin at 10 and BBQ lunch at 11:30. Possibly, some work will be done that day, or later, on the Warhurst Model A. The John Leydon-led tour of the Oak Hill mansion and grounds remains on the calendar for October 23. A full page of future activities was distributed.

Membership: Chairman Greg Shepherd reported that no new members have been enrolled this month. All Membership rosters have been distributed.

Editor: Bruce Metcalf asked Jim Gray to announce that the deadline for the next issue is Friday, August 29. The August newsletter will be produced by Bruce Metcalf, Assistant Editor.

National Club Liaison: Chairman Howard Minners pointed out that the MARC National Meet next year will take place in Gettysburg. Our club has offered to help but the hosts have not yet accepted our offer. Next year's membership meet will be in a small Amish town of Shipshewana, Indiana. Howard advised members to get to Carlisle and Hershey on set-up day to get the "good stuff".

NEW BUSINESS

Early December Membership Meeting: Arrangements have been made with the American Legion Hall to conduct our December meeting one week early, on December 14, due to the lateness of the 3rd Wednesday this year relative to Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Stan Johnson, Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Activities Chairman Andy Pogan reported on the recent annual picnic at the Jaegers, described as our club's oldest activity, saying that an incredible 125 people descended upon it, with some entire families arriving in 17 Model A's. All this despite the temperature hitting 101 degrees. He also said that 7 cars attended the Bealton Flying Circus, and 6 the Washington House Nursing Home show. Picking up on the theme, Val Zadnik related this story told by 80 year old Elizabeth Hayes, a resident of the home. She said that when she was 16 years old her father purchased a new Model A Ford while on his lunch hour. The salesman drove him home, whereupon her father rushed in and told Elizabeth to drive the salesman back to his place of business,

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (Cont.)

roughly 3 miles. She said "Dad, I can't do that, you know I've never driven in my life!" To which her confident father replied "no problem, the salesman will teach you on the way back to his place. I myself learned to shift the gears on the way home!" She did as she was told and was taught as she drove. She managed to get to the Ford place, made a u-turn in the middle of the street and returned home without incident. Val said she still likes to drive.

Among our upcoming activities a unique one sprang up. A winery tour (nothing new here) and kite flying at the Wild's in Warrenton! Others in the planning by Chairman Andy were a visit to the Village House Retirement Center in Gaithersburg, our fourth annual Pig Pic at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, the Montpelier Hunt Races in Orange, and our annual Christmas party, coincidentally falling precisely on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor!

Howard Minners contribution to the August Ford Script was entitled "Be Farsighted..." And farsighted it was! He related to the formation of the Model A Ford Foundation several years earlier and explained that it came into being to preserve the Model A Ford along with items related to it and its era in history. His vision included educational programs concerning components, literature, clothing, consideration of traveling exhibits, as well as the possibility of a few geographically dispersed fixed sights, perhaps even a museum in the more distant future!

Dave Henderson

SULLY MODEL A WINNERS

Class 1

1	1928	Roadster	Milford Sprecher
2	1928	Coupe	Don Chiotes

Class 2

1	1931	Phaeton	Edna Cross
2	1930	Phaeton	Doug Tomb

Class 3

1	1931	Coupe	Glen Bates
2	1930	Coupe	Benny Leonard
3	1930	Fordor	Robert Linkins

Class 4

1	1930	Station Wagon	John Leydon
2	1931	Pickup	Billy Jaeger
3	1931	Pickup	John Condon

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.



Website Report

Check out the events page to keep up to date on what is coming down the pipe. I strive to keep it current. <http://www.gwcmodela.org/events.asp>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

“Steady Eddie” as they say for the membership. Hope everyone is enjoying their Club Rosters and the added information included this time around. If you ever have changes to your email, address or phone numbers, please drop me a line so I can keep the club's data up to date.

As a shout out this month, I would like to thank Benny, Clem and Jim for helping me get Ol' Henry back on his feet and ready for the August 6th show at the Silver Diner. We had fun playing with carbs, brakes, timing, plugs, front wheel bearings and clutch adjustment. We might've even got some of the grease in the proper place.

FAIRFAX CAR SHOW (from our NVRG friends)

If the weather on our original May 21st show date was ridiculously atrocious then the weather on our June 25th make-up date was sublimely beautiful. The thin overcast early in the morning gave way to a bright sky dotted with a few puffy clouds, remnants of the cold front that passed through our area on Friday night. The humidity was low and the temperature was amazingly comfortable for this time of year. It's hard to believe that going back to our first NVRG/City of Fairfax car show in 1998 we had never been rained out before. We've had some iffy weather on show day before but had never been forced to cancel the show and then reschedule for a later date. Well, we made it 19 years before the weather gods (Zeus, Jupiter, Thor and others – take your pick) finally frowned upon us and that's a pretty good run unless you live in the desert or Southern California. It doesn't appear that the rescheduling diminished turnout any – we still managed to completely fill Armstrong Street and had 18 cars in the overflow area. That's pretty good considering that at least four of our club members “regulars” who normally attend were out of town and our show also conflicted with a Model A event.

NVRG History Lesson: I mentioned above that this year marked our 19th show held in conjunction with the City of Fairfax and that we hadn't been rained out



FAIRFAX CAR SHOW (Cont.)

previously. For those relatively new to the club here's the back story about the evolution of NVRG's annual car show. And it starts with rain! The first "annual" car show the club sponsored was held in 1988 on the grounds of Oatlands Plantation on Route 15 south of Leesburg. The weather was really iffy but the show was held in drizzle and light rain showers anyway. A total of 41 cars showed up. Current NVRG members who brought cars to the show included: Ken Burns, '41 Woodie; Bill Tindall, '48 Tudor; Hank Dubois, '35 Three Window; Don Lombard, '53 Tudor; Bill Fox, '34 Five Window; and Buzzy Potter – '30 Essex Boat-tail. Fortunately the club was able to cancel the band and the professional clowns (really, we were going to have clowns for the kids!) on very short notice and we actually ended up making a whopping \$43 profit!



The report is that Model A's outnumbered the EV8's which certainly demonstrates our superior car guy-ness. Here is a photo from the event:



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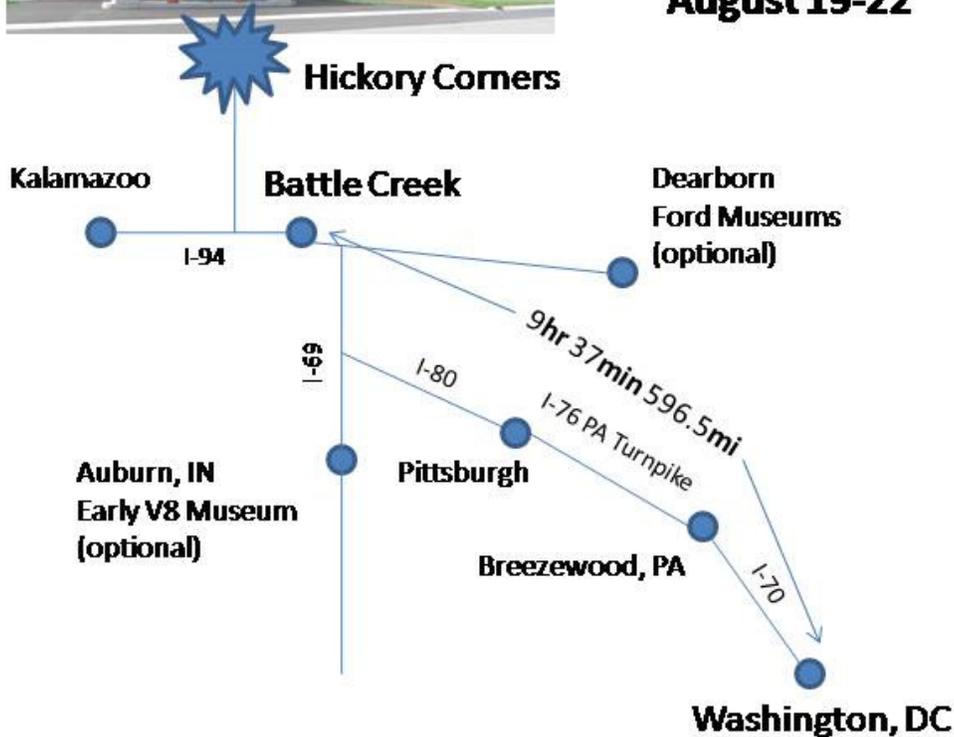
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George Washington's Trip to the Model A Ford Museum August 19-22



- Individual cars – carloads, singles, couples travelling together
- Stay three nights (Fri, Sat, Sun) in motel in Battle Creek
- Two full days at Gilmore Car Museum Campus including Model A Museum, Lincoln, Cadillac, Classic Car, Pierce Arrow, Franklin and the huge Gilmore collection.
- Signed up so far: Jaeger, Johnson, Henderson, Tomb, Shepherd, Quigley, Leyton
- Send email to Stan Johnson – fordyhorses@aol.com.

CLUB TRIP TO MODEL A MUSEUM FURTHER INFORMATION

The group trip to the Model A Ford Museum (and the entire Gilmore Car Museum) is in its final stages. There is still time to sign up. All you need is 4 days and money for motel (~\$80 for a two queen beds room) and museum admission (\$12 per person per day, or MAFFI membership). The group of private cars will meet at the American Legion Meeting Hall parking lot at 7 AM on August 19 for the drive to Battle Creek, Michigan. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Baymont Motel in Battle Creek. Each person is responsible to reserve their room; phone: (269) 979-5400). There will be room for late deciders to join the convoy. Members now scheduled to go include Gray, Tomb, Johnson, Quigley, Gauthier, and several others "on the fence". The basic tour will have the individual cars traveling to the museum area on Friday, August 19, stay overnight in Battle Creek and visit the museum on Saturday and Sunday, then returns to the DC area on Monday, August 22. To sign up or ask questions send an email to Stan Johnson at Fordyhorses@aol.com or call 703 644-0758.



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MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Model A-ers everywhere. Time is running out to make your plans for Model A Day, September 16, 17, 2016. Check out maffi.org for hotel information but do it quickly as rooms are filling up.

There are several new self guided tours for Friday taking you to the Galesburg Antique Mall, the Kalamazoo Valley Auto Heritage Tour, the Air Museum, the Kalamazoo Museum and various Winery and Craft Brewery tours. On Friday evening at the host hotel, the seminar will be a video presentation on the Around the World Model A trip that four Model A's made in 1982 and one of the vehicles that completed that trip will be on display at the museum. There will be an all Model A swap meet. Alex Janke (Water Pumps), Trudy Vestal (Fashions) and Jordon Beller (AA Trucks) will be presenting seminars on Saturday. This is the 50th Anniversary of the Gilmore Car Museum so there will be lots of new exhibits throughout the museum campus and perhaps a seminar on the Gilmore's history. We hope you will be able to join us for a great weekend of Model A fun. If you are a MAFFI member, admission is free, but you MUST have your membership card with you. The MAFFI trustees appreciate your support of the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

COMING EVENTS [Club events are in bold]

Calendar as of July 28, 2016

July

29 – Berryville Steam Show <http://www.svsgea.com/>

31 – Copperhite Race Track Celebration, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Burke Nursery, Burke, VA. For those who want to eat breakfast first, we'll meet at Spartan's restaurant in the Burke Village Center, 9542 Burke Rd, Burke, VA 22015 at 8:00 a.m., which is when they open. We'll leave in time to be at the Burke Nursery before the 9:30 start of the commemoration event.

August

6 – Third "Silver Diner Car Show", at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm; free meal for the driver! Plans are 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. The first show last month had 19 cars. I bet we beat that number this month.

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

- 8--11 Eastern Early V-8 Club National Meet, Gettysburg, PA <http://clubs.hemmings.com/nationalcapitalregion/2016%20Eastern%20National%20Meet.html>
- 10 – CDC at the Silver Dinner
- 17 - **GWC August Monthly Meeting** <http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/>
- 19 – 22 **GWC Trip to the Model A** Ford Museum <http://maffi.org/index.htm>
- 24 – **GWC BOD Meeting**

September

- 4 – “Street Dreams” show at Spring Hill Recreation Center
- 5 – Labor Day Show in Fairfax (not in Clifton anymore)
- 11 – **GWC Warhurst Picnic.** Sunday, September 11th. Details to follow.
- 14 – CDC at the Silver Diner
- 21 – **GWC September Monthly Meeting**
- 16 –18 Gilmore Museum Model A Day <http://maffi.org/index.htm>
- 17 – Bull Run AACA Edgar Rohr 40th Anniversary Car Show – On the lawn at the Manassas Museum <http://www.bullrunaaca.org/downloads/Rohr2016.pdf>
Good show and nice location.
- 17 – “Great Gatsby Party on the Lawn”, at the National Cathedral; 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wear period attire.
- 28 – GWC BOD Meeting
- 29 Sept – 2 Oct – Carlisle Show <http://carsatcarlisle.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-fall-swap-meet-coral-auction/default.aspx>

October

- 2- AFRH Antique Auto Muster (Conformation of date and rain date requested)
- 5 – 8 HERSHEY! Be There! <http://hersheyaaca.org/>
- 12 – CDC at the Silver Diner
- 19 – GWC October Monthly Meeting
- 23 – GWC Oak Hill Tour, at Oak Hill, Aldie, VA. Oak Hill - the Presidential Estate of James Monroe, in Aldie, VA. The George Washington Model ‘A’ Club and the Greater Baltimore Club to host a joint fall picnic on the estate grounds. Details at the August, September and October Monthly Meetings, or contact Doug for details.
- 22 – Annandale Parade <http://www.annandalechamber.com/theannandaleparade.rhtml>
- 26 – GWC BOD Meeting

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

November

9 – CDC at Silver Diner
11 – Veteran’s Day
16 – GWC Annual Meeting.
24 - THANKSGIVING
30 GWC BOD Meeting

December

3 - GWC Christmas Party – Fairfax American Legion Hall, Details to follow.
3 & 4 - Fairfax Station Old Car & Train Show
14 – GWC Brown Bag Monthly Meeting.

WANT ADS

Wanted

Looking for a used Model A radiator that is usable, small leaks are ok. I have a running chassis I'm trying to get on the road and my radiator is trash. I would appreciate it if you could send out something to club members to see if anyone will part with one and sell it. Best contact is cell: 443-878-5027 or Barnes.koerner@gmail.com

WANT ADS (Cont.)

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