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Next deadline: Monday, February 27th

GRAY WITH AN A



The winter is time for Clem's Old Car & train day – and Clem has invited us to join Sandy and him on Sunday, February 12, from noon – 5:00 p.m. for old car and old train times. With good weather, we can drive our As or other vintage car over for a great afternoon of good food and great fun.

It's about this time of year I hear that Astrud Gilberto / Stan Getz song, "The Girl from Ipanema" in my mind. Then I remember how my formerly idyllic vision the song generated was crushed during the

Olympics last year when one of the broadcasters told us that "Ipanema" actually means "bad, dangerous waters..." Have you forgotten that tune? If so, here it is to refresh your memory:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJkxFhFRFDA>

This is also the time of the year for the early swap meets, which all seem to kick off this year on March 11. See the activities list in this month's Script for the annual "Trifecta" up in Maryland that day, this includes the Chesapeake Region AACA 44th annual Collector Car Swap Meet at Howard County Fairgrounds (7a.m. – 3p.m.); The 21st annual Mason Dixon Gas, Oil, Automobile and Advertising Swap Meet at The Great Frederick Fairgrounds (doors open at 7a.m.); and the Patina tool auction and sale at the Damascus, Maryland, Volunteer Fire Association Activity Center, located at 10211 Lewis Drive in Damascus, Maryland (9a.m. – 2p.m.).

Most important for those of you looking for a car, there is an excellent opportunity to own a Model A for \$100 – that's the price of a raffle ticket for a restored 1928 Business Coupe. This car, which has been in the Saloom family for 50 years, is being raffled off to raise money for the DC, Maryland, and Virginia Chapter of the ALS Association, and to help provide full-time care for Rodney's mother, Marianne Saloom, who is living with ALS. The winner will be announced at 5:00 p.m. on March 5th. Contact Rodney Saloom at RSaloom@myactv.net or 301-573-8554 for any additional information and to buy tickets.

Don't forget to SIGN UP FOR SULLY! We need volunteers, and I need judges! We judged over 170 cars last year, and with great weather again (we have that from the highest authority – Bill), we can expect to judge at least that many again. We hope to reduce the stress of judging this year while streamlining and improving the process. Those of us on Bill's committee have already been working on this year's show. Look for more information on Sully as we get closer – and yes, we will have additional food under the mansion for our volunteers.

Finally, for those who wish to attend the Hub City Model A Club-sponsored MARC national meet in Gettysburg to be held from Sunday, July 30 to Friday, August 4 (<http://hubcitymodelaclub.com/marc-meet-2017/>). Please contact Doug Reed of the Organizing Committee directly to offer your services. Doug tells me they could use help in several areas, including the Repair Tent and in parking. Doug told me that the chairman of the Repair Tent is Warren Suker (wasuker@comcast.net). Warren asks that you contact him directly if you would like to volunteer to work with them there. Should you wish to volunteer to help in other areas, please contact Doug Reed directly at doug@preservationassociatesinc.com or by phone at: 301-730-2699.

Look for Stan Johnson's article in this month's Script about a possible caravan up to Gettysburg. With a national event so close, it might well be a good time to go and enjoy one.

Jim

FROM THE EDITOR

As you have seen, I am so desperate for cover photos that I had to put myself on the cover this month. So I have a homework assignment for Club members. Back your Model A out of the driveway, go stand next to it, and have your wife shoot a photo. Then send it to me. Or do it when you're out caravanning or at a Club event. And, no, I don't want a picture of just your car. Car and driver (and spouse, family, friends—I don't care)—just send me a photo. Here's a chance to get your car on the cover of your newsletter—take it!

After 21 years, I've decided to start running articles related to Model A-era fashion. I know there's interest in the Club, but I have been waiting in vain for interested Club members to write up something. Now I've got a source (the MAFCA website), so I plan to use it. Not every month, but whenever I've got room. Hopefully, it might inspire some input from our own members. I have been derelict on this issue and I apologize.

Bill Sims

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting January 25, 2017



Call to Order. The January Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Jim Gray at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia. A joint meeting of the old and new boards was held on December 21, 2016, with separate minutes. These minutes were distributed to board members and accepted; they were published in the January, 2017, *Script*.

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

President Jim Gray asked for the following Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Jerry Olexson, Assistant Treasurer, Milford Sprecher, gave the Treasurer's report. Milford discussed current income and expense activity. He discussed the need to identify the source of the scholarship funds for the coming 2017 awards. However, Jerry Olexson had previously distributed a proposed 2017 budget via email for Board member review.

Sully Committee: Bill Worsham provided a Sully update. His committee had a joint meeting with the Sully staff with good results. With the retirement of Barbara Ziman, the new Sully point of contact is Erin Rock. A Letter of Agreement regarding the responsibilities of each party is being prepared. A design for the Sully pin for 2017 was approved last fall, and the new pins have arrived. Bill has submitted show details to various publications, and application brochures will be delivered to Bill in March. Jim Gray will be the Chief Judge this year.

Programs: Vice President James Kolody discussed upcoming programs.. The March program will be given by Stan Johnson on the use of the lubrication system in the Model A engine. Future programs will include one on the Model A cooling system, a program on literature of the Model A era, a program on long- distance driving prep, the Model A fuel system, and Model A tune ups. Benny will give a program on the restoration of his Model A coupe. At the March meeting, Beverly Tomb,

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Eleanor Wilson Chapter, DAR, will present recognition certificates to those club members who served in the military during the Viet Nam era.

Activities: Activities Chairman Jason Cunningham reported that he is surveying the local and regional scene to determine what activities are being planned that our Club might take part in.

In addition to known items like the joint and informal Caffeine Double Clutch with the V8 club, there is a host of automotive and mechanical shows and meets taking place in the spring for possible participation by our Club members. A separate listing will be published in the *Script* for members to choose from, including tool shows, petroleum equipment and AACA shows and swap meets.

John Leydon provided an update on our tour to Oak Hill. The plan now is for us to join the Early Ford V-8 club in their previously planned picnic in the fall, details will follow. It was suggested that some tours, such as the Monroe Estate, could be made joint tours with local Model T or V8 clubs.

Additional discussion was held on plans for Small Parts Day, as a way to spread parts maintenance activity to the members again this year.

Jason reported that he has already signed the club up for the Cherry Blossom, the Memorial Day and the National Independence Day Parades. Sign-up forms for the Cherry Blossom Parade have been distributed by email, and are available on our web page. More information on signing up and participating will be published in *The Script* and on our website.

There was also talk of a caravan, led by a Club member, to the Gettysburg National Meet this July, as well as an overnight trip to Kent Island, Maryland, at a future date. He also mentioned an "All Ford Show", sponsored by the local Mustang club, to be held in Woodbridge on May 6. Details are on our website.

Membership: Chairman Greg Shepherd reported that we have had two new members join the Club this month. He also noted that it is Dues Time again. He will be calling the few unpaid members to remind them of the deadline. Failure to pay on time will result in deletion from the Roster.

Greg noted that the website has been updated with the annual mileage achievements by members.

There was discussion about the convenience of our general membership monthly location. It was agreed that the McLean American Legion Hall, being mid-way between our Virginia, Maryland, and DC members, makes it the best location for our regular meetings.

Editor: Bill Sims announced that the deadline for the February issue is Monday, January 30th. He requested that the Board encourage members to send in articles, pictures, and Model A related stories for *The Script*.

There was discussion of using a free photo storage site (e.g., Flickr or Drop Box, etc.) to store pictures from Club members. They would be able to upload and download pictures to the site, for use in future issues of *the Script*.

National Club Liaison: Chairman Stan Johnson provided information about the forthcoming MARC Meet in Gettysburg. Club members are invited to support the repair tent, and in parking or tour support, all of which will be run by the Hub City Club.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Having GW Club activities at the National Meet will have to work around the jam-packed schedule of the meet. For example, it might be possible to arrange a GWC breakfast or lunch meeting because the evenings are usually filled with events like Welcome Party, Hubley Races, Fashion Show, High Point car displays, etc.

Club Tool Chairman: Benny Leonard suggested the Club plan to come to help with tuning up the Club's air compressor. This is needed for a Club Sandblast Day. Note: Benny suggested that members who work on the compressor should get priority for sandblasting. No date has been decided upon for this tune up.

Benny also mentioned that he needs the serial numbers, or other ID numbers of any Club equipment that has been purchased, so he can enter that information into the Club inventory.

Scholarship Chairman: Tom Quigley indicated that our funding for scholarships will come from the Memorial Fund, as it has in the past. The amount allocated to our scholarships will be the same as last year. Application forms are being reviewed for use in the coming selection process, and will be on the web site in March.

Old Business:

Several topics were brought up by President Jim Gray that need further discussion. One is the issue of remote voting for Board meetings. We discussed the possibility of proxy or electronic voting for Board members who are unable to attend a meeting. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

We have a contact now for the National meet in Gettysburg. Our contact is Doug Reed, who can be contacted at doug@preservationassociatesinc.com. He reported that the host club needs help in the repair tent, with parking cars, and with running their tours. The Board encourages individual Club members to participate as much as possible in any of these activities.

We continued the discussion of the Club logo. We will identify a graphic designer with whom we will work to refine a logo for use on club apparel. Stan Johnson, Jim Gray and Greg Shepherd are working on this project.

Discussion was held on the proper procedures for submission of a nomination for Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Club, and about the criteria against which each nominee will be evaluated. by the Selection Committee.

New Business:

We have completed our MAFCA club membership renewal for 2017 but have not yet received our renewal package from MARC. Jim Gray will contact MARC to request their renewal paperwork.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Next Meeting The board will meet on Wednesday, Feb 22nd at the Red, Hot and Blue restaurant in Fairfax – 6 PM for diners and 7 PM for meeting-only members. Interested members are welcome.

Doug Tomb
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1992)



President Andy Pogan asked, "is your Model A a driver but you never take it out in winter? Be brave, dig out your long johns and a good pair of gloves and get your car out for some cool weather exercise." All this to encourage members to join in on the 23rd to caravan to Clem's Train Day. The February program was to be by Joe Thoma, relating what the club was like in its early days, and a talk by Dick McInnich and Bob Melville describing their experiences in selecting a restoration facility. Spare Parts Day at Walt Bratton's had been a roaring success, over 50 members had attended.

Bob Dalton, the late veteran WUSA-TV 9 newscaster, wrote that he couldn't say that the dream of owning his own Model A had been his number one desire for 60 years, only because it ranked behind his wife and good health. Recollections swarmed through his head of riding in the rumble seat of Aunt Charlotte's roadster. He recalled that "If it rained, we'd scrunch down and pull the rumble's lid closed, feeling like Tom Sawyer in a great and mysterious cave", as well as other good times that had been had. "Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight, make me a child again for just tonight", written by Robert Sherman years before, came to his mind.

He explained how he had picked up a tip about a Model A for sale, and with his wife Fumico went to take a look. Bob said, "Then, in the back of the garage, there it was, that 1930 Deluxe coupe, and it was love at first sight". Fumico, the family treasurer and bargainer, said she thought they should think about it and wait to see what Uncle Sam had in mind for them come income tax time, so it was put to rest. Little did he realize Fumico's deviousness, for at a dinner a month later celebrating his 40th year at WUSA-TV9 she presented him with a red envelop, (red was good luck in the Orient), and he said he expected to find a \$10 bill inside or something. But what did his wandering eyes behold, a Bill of Sale and a picture of what was now his green and black rumble seated beauty!

Bob did experience a bump in the road however; the coupe ran hot. Bob Clubb pitched in, trailering it to Walt's, and the experts went to work. Not a bad radiator, water pump or anything else with the cooling system. It was just a case of late timing. Bob said, "My joy was whole again for the beginning of the rest of my life!"

Dave Henderson

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Dear Model A'ers,

Please remember that MAFFI has 42 videos, including a complete set of the Diablo A's Technical Seminars, available for loan to MAFFI members and Model A Clubs that support the Museum with a financial gift. Any one of these videos would make a nice program for your club through the winter months while the weather keeps us inside. You can look over the titles at maffi.org (club programs) or on the back of the MAFFI newsletter, the A Preserver. If interested, please email secretary@maffi.org and Janice will take care of your request.

As always, 'thank you' for supporting MAFFI and the Model A Ford Museum. It is my hope that all Model A'ers will be able to make a visit to the museum.

Regards,

Loukie Smith
MAFFI President

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM AWARDS FOR 2016

The 2016 mileage report is noted below:

Jim Cartmill	31 Tudor	37,296
Clem Clement	30 Cabriolet	14,417
Joe Curatola	31 Tudor	9,680
Paul Gauthier	30 Tudor	6,013
Paul Gauthier	30 Delux Fordor	4,443
Andy Jaeger	31 Pick Up	9,537
Andy Jaeger	30 Town Sedan	10,106
Chuck Kunstbeck	31 Delux Coupe	19,507
Benny Leonard	30 Tudor	16,172
Phil McCormick	30 Tudor	5,970
Tom Quigley	30 Roadster	14,415
Tom Quigley	31 Victoria	4,299
Bill Sims	31 Town Sedan	15,593
Milford Sprecher	30 Town Sedan	2,431
Milford Sprecher	28 Roadster	1,125
Millard Springer	31 Cabriolet	20,894

Based on these mileages we have one award pending for 2016: Milford Sprecher's 30 Town Sedan is due the 2,000-mile award.

The Mileage Program is sponsored and administered by MARC and one of the requirements of the program is membership in that organization. All mileage accumulated throughout the year counts toward the program. However, mileage accumulated during years you are not a member of MARC does not count toward an award. Dick Fisher, the National MARC Mileage Program Chairperson, uses the published MARC roster to determine membership. If a Club member drops their membership in MARC I do not carry them in the program though I do maintain their previous data. Should they rejoin MARC, their mileage begins accumulating from their total the last year they were a member of MARC.

If you're planning on going to any of the MARC National Meets this year (or MAFCA meets—miles are miles) or just participating in Club events, why not make your miles count by joining in the MARC Mileage Program? To join you must, as mentioned, be a member of MARC and pay a one-time registration fee of \$1.00 per car. Your car must be of original manufacture (1927-1931), be titled as a Model "A", and be authentic in that it should have an original type four cylinder engine (1927-1934) and have an original body style for year of manufacture. Awards begin at the 2,000 mile point, followed by a 5,000 mile award then every 5,000 miles thereafter. Come join the fun and make all those miles this year count. Contact Jim Cartmill by phone at home (540-743-5510) or by email (cartmill@embarqmail.com), to receive a registration form and information sheet. You can also find information about the program and the necessary forms on the MARC Web Site.

Hopefully Cricket's new radiator and rebuilt engine will be installed in time for the National Meet at Gettysburg this year. At least that's the plan. She missed the National "Tour Along the Hudson" last year because of overheating problems.

Jim Cartmill

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sunshine Report

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. Please take advantage of me!



Website Report

Please review all the changes to the Events page at the website and send me any additions that other members might be interested in. Shaping up to be a big year.



Membership Report

We have 2 new members that joined this month. Makes a total of 5 so far this year. Let's keep the momentum rolling. Please add their information to your roster and welcome them to the club!

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Good news...this is the last month that you will be bothered by me asking for dues as at the end of February, if you have not paid, you will be dropped from the Club. We have about 30 people still to go for 2017. The cost is the same as previous years: \$20 for members with email and \$30 for those legacy members that already receive the Script on paper.



The membership application that can be used for renewal is on the next page. Please print out 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 2017. You can print and fill this out to include with your renewal check.

Please make the check 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 for 2017 to help me out. The hard deadline is:

February 28th, 2017

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) _____

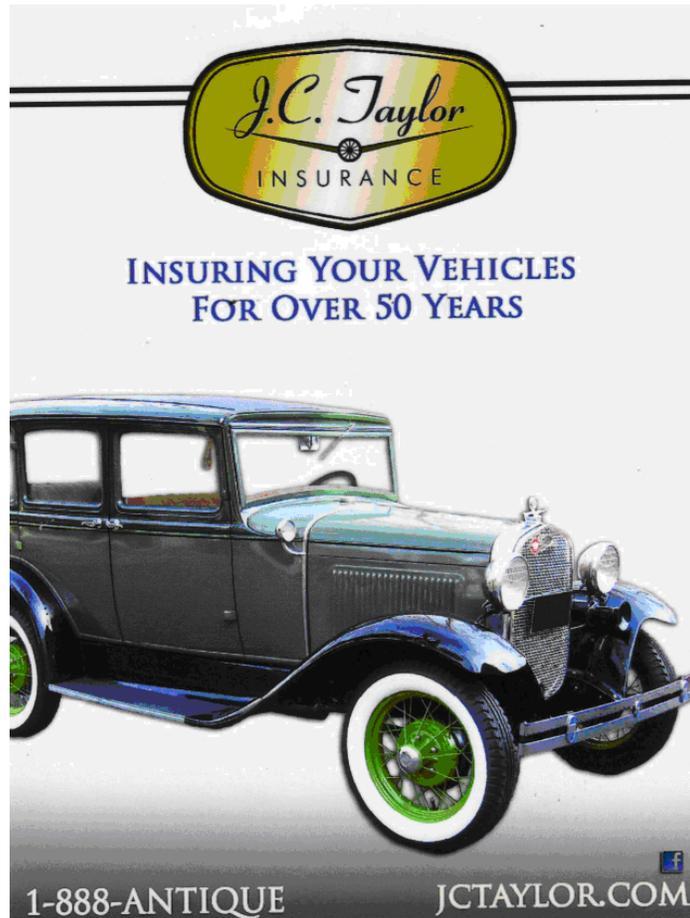
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Please visit us at: www.gwcmodela.org

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



THE REMEDIOS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

As some of you may know, Carol and I were in Cuba the latter part of November and early December. We've become loosely associated with a group that has been touring for several years. They asked us to go to Australia and New Zealand in 2015 and evidently liked us as we were again invited to go along to Cuba. **CUBAN RUM!** How could we refuse?

To explain a little, Americans cannot go to Cuba as tourists—we're not allowed to have fun! Canadians, Europeans, Russians, everyone else can have fun. Not Americans. We have to go on People-to-People visas. We are required to meet people daily, both as individuals and organized groups, in order to learn about the culture of Cuba. Somehow we missed the explanation of why that wouldn't be fun! Anyway, one of the groups we were **REQUIRED** to meet was the Remedios Antique Car Club.

Okay, get out your Cuban maps. Find La Habana, go east along the northern coast about 300 kilometers. See that small dot about 5 kilometers from the coast? That's Remedios, population around 50,000, in the province of Villa



The Hotel Camino del Principe. The third and fourth doors from the right on the second floor were to our room.

Clara. In the center of Remedios is the Plaza Marti, the town square. Our hotel, The Hotel Camino del Principe, was right across from the square. Carol and I were on the second floor in one of two rooms that opened out to a balcony just across from the square. We got up each morning, opened the two enormous doors to the balcony, and watched the town come alive. Just to the left of the plaza, a block past the Iglesia de San Juan Bautista (Church of San Juan Bautista—a whole article in itself), was the Driver's Bar

where we were supposed to meet with the club members.

But there was a slight problem. You may recall that Fidel Castro bid Cuba goodbye on November 25th, four days prior to our departure for Cuba. So when we got there the country was in mourning, which meant no music, no dancing, and no alcohol! Just so you know, Cubans love music, love to dance, and have been known to drink tour groups under the table. Anyway, the bar was still closed. So we met with the club beside the church.

And now for the pop quiz!
What do you see in this photo?



Classic car parking!
Ever seen that in the US?



The (closed) Drivers Bar in Remedios.

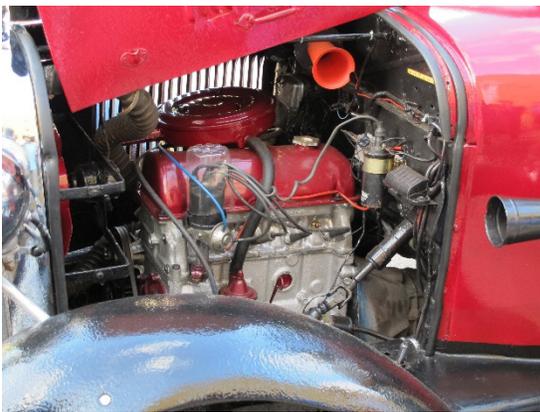
THE REMEDIOS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB (Cont.)

And how about these two?



To the best of my knowledge (unfortunately I didn't take notes) the cars in the top picture are a 1952 Chevrolet 4dr sedan, a 1927 (that's what the owner said) Model "A" with a Messerschmitt (perhaps Luke can fill in the year) in the lead. In the

second picture are a 1955 4dr Customline Ford and a 1930 Model "A". Just for grins, here's a couple of Model "A" engine shots:



Hmm, they don't look like Model "A" engines. Actually, they don't look like Ford engines. What they are is Lada diesels. All of the club cars we saw in Remedios had been modified in some form or another. In truth, all the older cars in Cuba have been modified. The Cubans call it restoration. And given what they do with what they can lay their hands on, I won't argue the point.

Here's a couple of underneath shots of the "A's", see anything familiar?



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THE REMEDIOS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB (Cont.)

It's also interesting to note that at least three of these cars, the two "A's" and the Chevy, are used daily. They are taxi cabs. We saw them often while in Remedios. And the other two, though perhaps not taxis, are family transportation. Carol and I had the pleasure of going for a ride in the '27 "A" and it was a hoot!



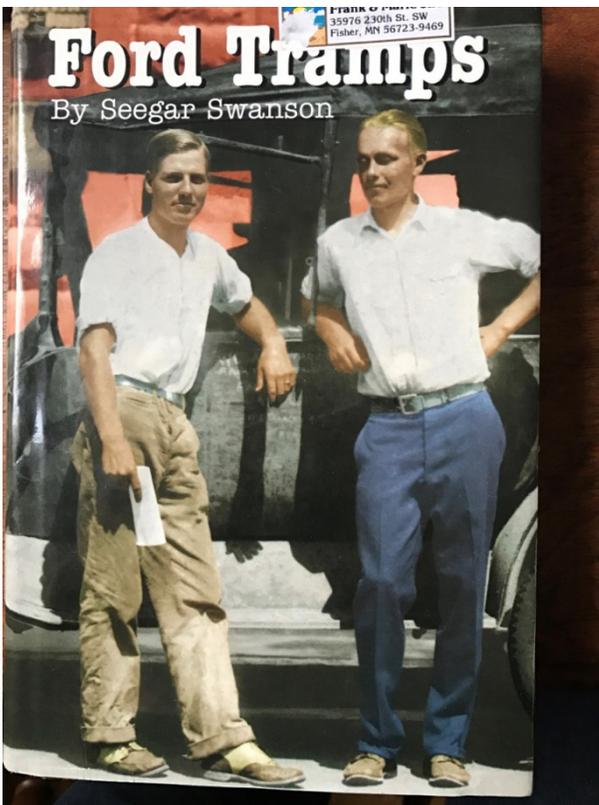
Interior shot of the '27.



Pedro Perez and I on our way past the Driver's Bar.

In parting I should mention that our tour guide, who was an absolute jewel, has recently purchased a 1957 Chevrolet 4dr hardtop that her father is restoring for her. The plan is that he will drive it as a taxi for her. Don't have a picture of it but from the shots she showed us, it's in pretty good shape.

Jim & Carol Cartmill



Who among us hasn't dreamed of or taken a trip around the country in a car at one time or another—probably few or none of us? A few of us may have taken a trip in a decrepit or barely functioning car, while some of us have been adventurous enough to take one of our Model A's on a long or a cross-country trip. With today's roadways, lodging choices, credit cards, AAA, a membership book from one of the car clubs, or on a group excursion, that is all fairly easy and doable.

How about trying a trip like that in the 1920s, without good maps, good roads, places to stay and not enough money to complete the trip? That is what two young Wisconsinites decided to do in 1924, to embark on a circuit of the United States, going to all four corners of the country in a 1919 Model T Ford touring car. The two, Seegar Swanson and Elliott Nystrom, neither of whom knew how to drive at the time, bought a used Model T and set out from Ashland, Wisconsin, to make a trip around the country. With some clothes, rudimentary knowledge of the car, \$100 in cash and provisions for a week, the two set off on their adventure. The car was purchased in Duluth, MN, for the sum of \$125, supposedly in excellent running condition.

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“FORD TRAMPS” (Cont.)

1924 was one of the peak sales years for the Model T, so they had to be fairly common around the country, but, nonetheless, the adventurers were eyed as a bit of an oddity. These days, a six-year-old car is barely broken in, with many more miles left in it. In those days, that was not necessarily the case.

They made some modifications to the car for the trip, including an arrangement where the front seat backs would lower to create something akin to a bed, so the young men could sleep in the car at night. There were few, if any, places to stay on the road in those days, so this arrangement served them well during their trip. They named their car the Good Ship Wanderlust and kept a detailed log of their adventures. They even had a camera to capture scenes from their trip. This log would enable the author to produce a book 75 years after the completion of the trip.

Not long after the start of the trip, the travelers noticed that the car was using quite a bit of oil and the engine was knocking. A trip to a shop tightened the connecting rods and they were given the news that there was “a crack in the crankcase,” which was why they were losing the oil. The remedy was adding a quart of oil every time they got five gallons of gas.

The author, Swanson, was later a journalist and the book is an easy read. It is fun reading about what the country was like in those days and the adventures and people they met along the way. They were usually able to get jobs when they needed them, but at one juncture, they had to ask for a \$50 loan from a relative to get them along the way.

The car needed a variety of repairs along the way, including replacing the cracked crank case, by which I assume that they meant the oil and transmission pan that is part of the engine structure of the Model T. There were a few close calls during the trip, but great stories of friends and relatives they ran into or stayed with during their trip. This included running into a surprising number of people from Ashland around the country.

Instead of a AAA card, Swanson’s membership in the YMCA gave them a place to shower and occasionally spend the night as they completed their trip. They would get mail that had been sent to a post office along their route to keep up with news from home. They occasionally wrote missives home of their trip that were published in the local paper. Ten months after they left Ashland, they arrived back home.

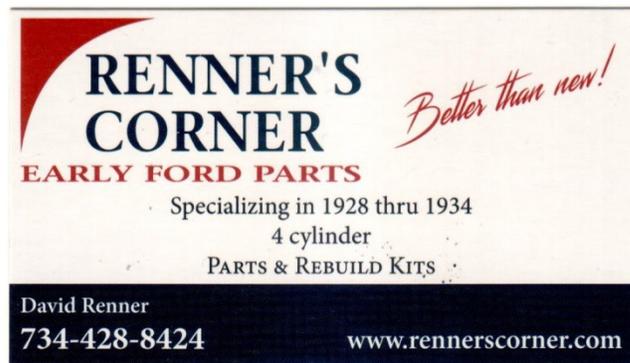
The book was privately published, but is available on Amazon. I have a copy that I am happy to loan to those who might want to read it.

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QUILTED TAFFETA HAND BAGS

By Peggy Gill—article taken from the MAFCA website

During the Model A Era, many women used their sewing skills to make purses and clutches to go with their outfits. Patterns and ideas were often found in magazines such as *Needlecraft* and *Woman's World*. According to an article on page 49 in the February 1929 issue of *Woman's World* magazine, quilted silk taffeta purses were “among the season’s smartest contributions to the costume. The chic crispness of their material and their simplicity of design recommend them for general use with street clothes, while their wide range of colors makes it possible to match the daintiest of afternoon and party frocks.”

For those of you who are crafty, you might want to try your hand at making a matching purse to go with your next Model A Era outfit. This is what a trio of ladies did in the Rock---Ford A’s Model A Club from Rockford, Illinois. When Nan Stewart of the Rock---Ford A’s came across the directions for these bags in the aforementioned article, she excitedly shared her find with fellow club members Chris Aupperle and Alice Whitney.

The following pictures are two of the bags that Alice made. When completed, they measure about 9 inches X 10 inches. Chris painted the wooden button closure on her bag to match the fabric. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your projects with us!



What follows on the next page are the re-typed directions directly from the article as well as the pattern descriptions:

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QUILTED TAFFETA HAND BAGS (CONT.)



How Quilted Bags Are Made. The bags sketched are of faille taffeta and measure 8 ¼ X 10 inches when completed. First a layer of sheet wadding is placed on the wrong side of taffeta, then a layer of cotton flannel on the sheet wadding. The three layers of material are worked together and the design is quilted with simple running stitches through all of them. Thread is pulled tight so the material puffs slightly. See diagram left.

When quilting is completed, [the] ends of bag are joined and handles attached. Each handle is 1 X 18 inches when completed. They are double with a layer of flannel between the padding. Next, tops of front and back of bag are attached to two heavy wire frames already padded and covered with taffeta. [The] bag fastens with a taffeta tab which is sewed to back of [the] bag and wrapped to [the] front. A large round

wooden button matching the taffeta trims [the] tab.

Finally the lining of any material you may have on hand is slip stitched into purse.

Geometric Flowers: Gray silk taffeta quilted in gray. These square and circular blossoms appear on both sides of bag.

Green Rose: Green silk taffeta quilted with green floss. The large floral motif surrounded by double zigzag lines is placed in the center of the bottom of the bag. Quilted Taffeta Hand Bags MAFCA Web Site – January 2013 Page 3

Peony: Red silk taffeta quilted with matching floss. Design of conventional flowers and broken parallel lines is the same on both sides.

Sunburst Design: Navy blue taffeta quilted with matching floss. The four concentric arcs with radiating lines are repeated on the back of bag.

Cosmos: Black silk taffeta quilted in green floss. A large flower with lines radiating from it in all directions appears on both front and back of bag.

Sunflower: Tan taffeta quilted in tan. Design is the same on front and back with the large flowers overlapping at the bottom.

Morning Glory: Rose silk taffeta quilted with rose floss. Conventional flower design is the same on both sides of bag.



Source: *Woman's World*, February 1929, p. 49.

A NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MEET NEARBY - DON'T MISS IT!



This coming July 30 to August 4, there will be a National Model A Restorer's Club meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Gettysburg is only 85 miles away. That is an ideal distance for a Model A Ford trip. It is a rare chance to enjoy all the happenings of a national meet, the cars, the seminars, the side trips. You can see the sights at the famous Civil War Battlefield Site, spend time together with other members of the George Washington Model A Club, and enjoy the fun of driving your "other car", your Model A.

If you have interest in joining a caravan from DC to Gettysburg, please contact Stan Johnson, National Club

Liaison on the GW club board for 2017 (Fordyhorses@aol.com).

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Alternate route: Take Braddock Road West off the 495 Beltway. Travel west about 15 miles, cross under Fairfax Parkway and turn left at the traffic light onto Colchester Road and continue as above.

See you on Train and Old Car Day!

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COMING EVENTS

[Club events are in bold]

February

February 8 - Wednesday CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

February 11 (Saturday) - AACA Parts Meet (Chesapeake Region), Howard County Fairgrounds

February 12 (Sunday)- Old Car and Train Day, Sun. Noon - 5 PM, Clem Clement's House (see info in February Script

February 15 (Wednesday) - Monthly General Meeting

February 18 (Saturday) - AACA Parts Meet (Sugarloaf Mt Region), Riverside Park

March

March 8 - Wednesday CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.

March 11 (Saturday) - Patina Tool Show and Auction, Damascus, MD., Antique tool dealers from around the US. <http://www.patinatools.org/auctioninfo.asp>;

March 11- Collector Car Swap Meet, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD 7:00 – 3:00
<http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/calendars/craaca/default.html>

March 11 - MD 20th annual Mason Dixon Gas Automobilia and Petroliana swap meet. This year's show will be held at the Great Frederick Fair Grounds. Doors open to the public at 7:00 am sharp Saturday, inside and outside vendors, now expanded into two buildings, info: [Keith Elza](mailto:Keith.Elza@443.864.6271) (443) 864-6271, Mike Carr (410) 850-0670 http://www.oldgas.com/pp_swaps.htm

March 15 - (Wednesday) Monthly general membership meeting.

March 24 & 25 (Friday & Saturday) - Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA 46th Annual Indoor/Outdoor Antique & Classic auto Parts & Swap Meet. Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD. Doors open at 8:00 both days.

March 26 (Sunday) - AACA South Jersey Car Parts meet (COWTOWN), Salem Fairgrounds, 735 Harding Hwy (US Rt. 40), Woodstown, NJ 08098. Contact Chuck Gibson at 609-221-5435

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Club member Dick Barcus has a steering column (he believes original) from his 1930 Town Sedan that he hope someone might need. It's a left over from replacing it with a new EZ Steer unit last summer. Free: dickbarcus@gmail.com

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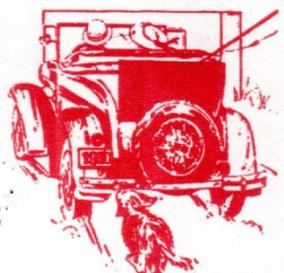
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Sully Volunteer Statement

June 18, 2017

Please send completed form to the club membership chair or the Sully committee chair.

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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 (and you must!), 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 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 the 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 year's 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 (if re-upping) to Greg Shepherd, 3715 Brices Ford Ct., Fairfax VA 22033 or send form only to Bill Worsham, 3903 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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December 5, 2016

Greetings from your Board of Directors. For 2017 we are happy to introduce a new Membership Recruitment Program that will not only increase MARC membership, but will increase your Region membership as well. Effective January 1st and for the entire year, new MARC members who also join a Region will be given their national membership for just \$22.50. Early signers actually get a year's national membership for half price! We feel this discount will not only help to increase MARC membership, but will also aid Regions by increasing their numbers.



It's no secret that membership in most car clubs is on a downward slope and your Board is doing its best to not only keep MARC's numbers strong but to also increase Region membership. We believe that offering a discount for new MARC members during their first year will help to spark interest in our club. And by requiring the new member to join a Region, you will increase your local membership too. MARC wins, your Region wins, and the new member wins. And to assist your efforts, MARC will issue several email blasts during the year to promote this program.



Here's how it works: When you approach a prospective member, explain that MARC is actively soliciting new members and that we are offering a substantial discount to new members who also join a Region. When you have the prospective member's information, contact the MARC office and let them know you have recruited a new MARC member and that they are also a new member of your Region. It's that simple! We'll take care of the rest.



We hope you take advantage of this generous offer since it benefits all of us and will certainly benefit those Model "A"ers who have yet to enjoy the advantages of being members of the best Model "A" club on the planet – our Model "A" Restorers Club!



The Board and I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Terry Deters, President
Model "A" Restorers Club, Inc.

