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(Photo by Laurel Gauthier)

Viet Nam-era Club members posing with DAR members at March Awards Ceremony



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## GRAY WITH AN A



"In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."  
<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/>

I was in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) from 1967-1971 at the University of Washington. A proud "service brat," I'd lived all over the country and even Japan. During my time in ROTC, though, the attitude about military service turned ugly. Our ROTC building was destroyed by a firebombing, forcing our Detachment to relocate and reduce its visibility on campus. I remember the shootings at Kent State, the protest songs and absurd propoganda photos featuring certain Hollywood "celebrities" sitting in an anti-aircraft weapon – one that likely had injured or killed her fellow Americans. I was spit on in uniform, and called a baby killer. Many of those who saw combat, like my cousin Buddy, died serving his or her country – a country which seemed to condemn them. Even the return of the POWs who were lucky enough to have survived was muted. This was the Vietnam era many of us knew, an era that many of us have had difficulty putting to rest. Although the change in attitude toward those of us who have served in America's military in the past decades has been gratifying, I've often reflected on the injustices imposed upon those of my fellow service men and women who came home from Vietnam unwelcome, unrecognized and broken.

So when Beverly Tomb, Regent of the Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) contacted me late last year and suggested we host a ceremony that she and her chapter would conduct to formally and publically recognize those members of the GWC who had served in the military during the Vietnam era, I jumped at the chance. Together, Beverly and I expected to identify a few vets, and were very pleased to identify 31. It seemed very fitting to finally have the nation formally recognize the sacrifices our fellow veterans had made, and to welcome us back into the fold.

Thank you, Beverly, and thank you to all of your fellow Eleanors ... your pomp had circumstance, and we all appreciated it.

On a less somber note, with the arrival of April comes our prime activities season. To get us up and going, Jason Cunningham will lead a contingent of us in the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C. We've got a compressor tune up day (April 15) and sand blast day (April 22) coming up. Vice President James Kolody will host us at the Gunston Middle School's Design and Engineering Club spring derby car racing event on Friday, April 21. Closing out the month on April 29 will be the always-popular Small Parts Day, hosted by Janet Merkel at her home in Bowie, MD from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Don't miss our monthly Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) breakfast at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner on Wednesday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. to about 11:00 a.m. We normally have about 20 folks now. It's always a congenial group, and a great way to start the day.

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 again for our volunteers.

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 Sucker ([wasucker@comcast.net](mailto:wasucker@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](mailto:doug@preservationassociatesinc.com) or by phone at: 301-730-2699.

Jim  
Second generation Air Force,  
Retired

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

That was a wonderful ceremony at last month's general meeting for all the Club members who served in the armed forces during the Viet Nam era. Their pictures are on pp. 14-15. (My photo is here because I miscounted and then found there was no easy way to get more than 9 photos on a page without massive, time-consuming re-sizing of all the photos. So mine is here instead.)

We all got certificates of appreciation and a collar pin. Beverly Tomb, a former GWC First Lady, did a lot of work, with Jim Gray's help, to pull this all together. We all appreciated her efforts. Plus—we got pie and ice cream. Those Connecticut Copperthite pies are to die for.

Bill Sims



## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting  
March 29, 2017



Call to Order: The March Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Gray at the Red, Hot & Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

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

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Jerry Olexson, Assistant Treasurer Milford Sprecher gave the Treasurer's report. He was not able to bring copies of the budget for final review, so we will hold the final budget discussion and approval at the next Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Our February BOD minutes were published in the February *Script*. Doug has agreed to write the article about the Vietnam Era Recognition Ceremony conducted by the Eleanor Wilson Chapter, DAR, for the April *Script*.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sully Committee: Bill Worsham provided the Sully update. Artwork has been sent in for the plaques to our plaque vendor, Eastern Etching and Mfg in Chicopee, MA. Forty one Sully pins have been sold so far, so they are hot again this year. The Sully pins are made by PinFantastic.com. Bill and Carol Benedict are in the process of sending out the Sully promotional mailing to over 900 names. This is a big, but necessary, effort, in advance of the show.

Jim Gray, Chief Judge at this year's Sully Show, gave his update. Jim would like to introduce an improved, more timely, electronic approach to tallying the judging sheets this year. We will use a new judging sheet. It will have different car category classes than in the past. There will be an Unrestored Class for cars 30 years old or older called, "Original Unrestored". As with all our other classes, no modified vehicles will be allowed. It will be like the Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class in the AACA'.

Jim will do some test runs on his electronic scoring entry approach so the approach is well understood before Sully. The judging sheet will be a points-awarded sheet, versus a points-deducted sheet, as in the past. The judging committee will scan the sheets in, programmatically populating the spread sheet in Jim's program to tally the results.

Programs: James Kolody gave us a preview of his long-anticipated portable podium, the "Presidents Box", which he designed and built for the Club to commemorate past Club President Joe Thoma. There will be a brass plaque added before a formal presentation is made to the membership at a later date.

James was successful in getting Go Pro to replace our inoperative camera, and gave the new camera to Jason to use in the Cherry Blossom Parade.

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## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

The following is an overview of up-coming Monthly Meeting programs:

April - Small Parts Day pre meeting. Have demonstration tables as we have done in the past. There was discussion about what the Club members would like to focus on at Small Parts Day this year (scheduled for Saturday, April 29th). We were reminded that the Small Parts Day program was so you could order parts from Bratton's before arriving at Janet Merkel's home for Small Parts Day.

May – Program will feature a demonstration of a front-end rebuild. Stan offered to give a rebuild transmission session.

June is still dependent on the scheduling of the Kent Island tour.

July will be the Outdoor Flea Market.

### Activities:

Jason Cunningham reported that he has been looking at a June 3 - 4 tour date for Kent Island to see Mike Pangia's Lindberg airplane. He has 17 people signed up to go. There is a max capacity of 15 cars at the airport, due to parking on private land. The problem Jason is having is that June is Wedding Season, and the hotels are all booked. He is exploring alternatives.

Small Parts Day is Saturday, April 29th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Merkel Farm.

The parades are all in the works. For the Cherry Blossom parade we can have 8 cars. The Memorial Day and Fourth of July Parades will allow 10 cars. The release forms are still needed for the last two parades.

There is the possibility of an Orange, VA, tour late in the year. There are also the Fairfax and Vienna parades. Jason also mentioned the April 12th, Caffeine Double Clutch.

Webmaster and Membership: Greg Shepherd reported he has the DAR event pictures up on the Club web site already. He reported that eight members have not renewed as of this date. He is following up to make sure they know.

There was another question about moving the Monthly Meeting from the current location. Based on Greg's research on the distribution of the Club membership between Maryland and Virginia, keeping the meeting location at the current site is the most logical. The Board agreed.

Editor: Bill Sims reported that April 3rd is the next deadline. Bill welcomes the members to send him articles for the Script. Jim Gray has a couple of articles almost ready. Bruce said he would forward a copy of the DAR presentation event to the national club magazines. Clem Clement has another article about the Westminster show.

National Club Liaison: Stan Johnson reported that Jim Cartmill wants to caravan to the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg. Stan suggested we all meet at John Leydon's garage, or a similar convenient location, and caravan up from there.

The MARC Spring Meeting was last week, and Stan was not able to attend.

Club Tool Chairman: Benny Leonard reported that Saturday, April 15th is Compressor Clean-up Day at Benny's house. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

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## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)**

Saturday, April 22nd will be Sand Blast Day, using the refreshed air compressor at Benny's. Those who help with the clean-up, will get sand blasting priority.

Benny has budgeted \$50 for refreshments for Compressor Day. Benny said he needs a battery for the compressor. Bruce will buy a battery at Front Royal for \$40.

Scholarship Chairman: Tom Quigley reported that the Youth Scholarship Evaluation Committee consists of James Kolody, Jim Gray and Tom Quigley. They will review the scholarship application forms when they are submitted. No forms have been submitted yet.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Several topics were brought up by President Jim Gray leading to BOD discussions. The Board reviewed the wording for proposed Bylaw changes, to which there were no objections. The Board discussed proxy/electronic voting, and the Club continuity wording changes. The purpose for making these changes is to update the Bylaws and keep them current with generally accepted practice under Virginia law.

Jim reported on the March Monthly Meeting DAR presentation event. He added that 31 Club members are Vietnam-era veterans and that 21 of the 31 eligible members were present at the meeting. Jim would like to mail the certificates to those who were unable to attend so they can receive the certificate and pin in a timely manner. The public recognition was given at the meeting, so there seemed to be no need for a follow-on ceremony.

Jim commented on the Life Membership nomination process. Jim asked that all nominations be submitted to him so that he can work with the submitter to ensure each of the 4 criteria listed in the Bylaws is addressed in the nomination package. Use of the form that had been on the web site is optional. The names of 4 endorsers of the nomination and a list of accomplishments supporting the criteria will suffice to be considered a complete nomination. No completed nominations have yet been submitted this year.

Secretary Doug Tomb reported that he will check out the Silver Diner in Tysons for the April Board Meeting. After that, we will meet at the Red, Hot and Blue unless a BOD member volunteers his home for a meeting.

Jim discussed updating the current logo for the Club, since the digitized artwork for the current logo has been lost. Without digitized artwork we are unable to have any new logo items made. He reported that "George Washington Chapter, Inc." is our incorporated name in Virginia. We are the Mount Vernon Region in the MARC, and the George Washington Chapter in MAFCA. All of which taken together is very wordy. Jim passed around a draft new logo with the silhouette of George Washington in a Model A Ford radiator shell that he and Stan Johnson have roughed out.

After reviewing the tentative design, Milford suggested we use a full George Washington profile with the George Washington Script signature underneath as the focal point of the logo. We plan to use the Club's incorporated name on the logo, without referring to the national associations, for clarity.

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## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)**

Once we have finalized our new logo in high-resolution digital format, Jim & Greg will lead an effort to select an "on demand" supply company (that offers high quality shirts, hats & etc.) to provide our logo items, rather than building up a physical inventory that a club member has to carry from meeting to meeting.

New Business:

It's time to start identifying individuals to serve on a Nominating Committee for next year's Board. This committee must consist of two past Presidents and a member at large. We need a slate for the October Board Meeting to present to the membership.

Jim discussed moving the November and the December Club Monthly Meetings to one week earlier, due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Benny mentioned the VFW breakfast for \$5.00 on Sunday, all you can eat.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

## **THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO**

"It's Spring Caravan Time" was the caption on the Script's April '92 cover. Planned early caravans sometimes get snowed out, as was the case of the tour to three members' garages. First stop was supposed to be at Ed Wiencek's. Despite the snowy weather cancellation, some hardy souls, John Kandl, Robert Van Lindsey, Pat Roberge and Doug Handy with his kids, got there anyway and were treated to the goodies in Ed and Marie's kitchen and then on to a tour of his garage and his innovative projects. Rescheduled for a week later, the tour was on again, this time starting out at Ed's once more, then going to Dave Henderson's and finally to Dick Lebkicker's new dream garage. The Winchester Apple Blossom Meet would be another caravan in early May.



Jim Cartmill continued his serialized detailed coverage of rebuilding his carburetor, bemoaning the problems he was having with repro parts and the trouble getting the fuel level right in the bowl. Time for testing came and wouldn't you know the engine ran rough. Adjusting the carburetor more didn't help, so he progressed the trouble shooting onward to the ignition system. He said he was getting spark to all four plugs but shorting out cylinders 3 and 4 had no effect on its running; in fact, it made no difference with the rear plug wires entirely loose. Quoting Jim, he said, "Guess what next month's column will be about."

Old Ford values seen in a 1935 Kelley's Wholesale Blue Book in those depression years make one wish he could go back in time. Dave Henderson elaborated: Model T's in their last few years, \$10 to \$25. 1928 Model A's; \$35 to \$75, and listen up, the Phaeton was the \$35 one while the Fordor the "high buck" car!

As inexpensive as they were, and with numerous "A-fordable fixes", many on tight budgets in those lean years extracted more miles from A's, for which we can be thankful for making them survivors for us to enjoy. A popular fix item among the many available was the 49-cent crankcase ventilator, which you simply attached to the oil filler pipe and put the long flex pipe downward under the floor boards in hopes it would cut down on the smelly oil fumes. Early V8 owners loved them too—they were notorious oil burners.

Dave Henderson

## 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

From the program this month came a host of wonderful pictures to capture the various moments of the DAR presentation. We have added them all to our website on the photo gallery page which can be found at:

<http://www.gwcmoela.com/photomenu.asp>

Just click on the DAR presentation link.



### Membership Report

Please welcome the following families to the Club and add their info to your roster.

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lackeyjeff@hotmail.com; [klackey@gwmail.gwu.edu](mailto:klackey@gwmail.gwu.edu)

They have inherited a '28 town sedan.

Wesley Kirk

510 Underwood St NW

Washington, DC 20012

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He has a 1930 Tudor and was kind enough to send a photo of the beauty.



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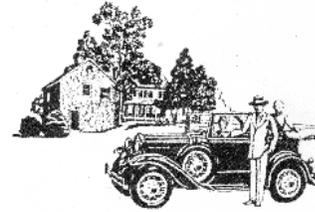
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## **SULLY 2017**

Plans are in full swing for our annual car show and flea market at Sully plantation on June 18th. 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
- 1 free car registration
- Discount on a flea market space or car corral space



Thank You,

Bill Worsham  
Annual Meet Chairman

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## **MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE**

Last year at Model A Day, we featured one of the four Model A's that traveled around the world in 1982. What a trip! I don't believe it could be duplicated today. Following the trip, Dianne Davis wrote a book about it and in preparation for Model A Day, a DVD was compiled of the presentation that Bob and Dottie Myers made after returning. MAFFI is fortunate to have several copies of both the video and the book and they are available for a small donation on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested, please email me at [president@maffi.org](mailto:president@maffi.org) with your name and we'll go from there, but remember, there is a limited supply. We appreciate Bruce Davis for donating the books to MAFFI last year and to MAFFI Trustee, Jim Thomas for working to pull the DVD together. If you aren't familiar with the details of this trip, you really need both of these items for your library. This trip was the adventure of a lifetime and it is a thrill to read and hear about it. Don't miss this opportunity.

We are making changes at the museum this year so plan on coming to Model A Day 2017 to see what's new.

Loukie Smith  
MAFFI president  
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## MY CARBURETOR IS LEAKING!

Tom Endy is a well-known Model A mechanical expert. He lives in California and edits *The Victoria Bustle*, the newsletter of the International Model A Ford Victoria Association. In the January 2017 issue, he set forth a problem that many people misdiagnose. That problem is a persistent drip coming from the drain plug of the Zenith carburetor.

Tom explains the problem this way. "When the float valve does not hold sufficiently, the fuel level in the reservoir rises. At the same time the fuel level also rises in the main jet and cap jet until it spills over the top. It then runs into the throat of the carburetor and out through the small hole in the bottom of the throat. From there it runs back to the hex plug on the drain boss and drips off of it, leading people to believe there is a fuel leak at the drain boss . . .".

So if you have a drip coming from the drain plug, and you have tightened it once, consider that the source might be a leaky float valve jet.

Stan Johnson

## INFO ON FAIRFAX COUNTY CAR TAX

For those living in Fairfax County, there is relief from the car personal property tax. Extracted from the County website is information useful to Model A owners.

Stan Johnson

**Fairfax County Car Tax** - The current tax rate is **\$4.57 per \$100** of assessed value

### **Exceptions to the tax rate.**

On April 30, 1990, the Board of Supervisors established a subclass for personal property taxation purposes. This subclass includes vehicles specifically equipped for the handicapped, privately-owned vans used for van pools, and vehicles belonging to volunteer fire and rescue squad members. **The same rate also applies to antique automobiles.**

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## **MARCH MONTHLY MEETING--VIETNAM VETERANS LAPEL PIN CEREMONY BY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

At the March Monthly Membership meeting, the main focus of the evening was not a technical aspect of the Model A Ford car, but a more important component, the Club member owner and driver.

Through conversations with President Jim Gray, Beverly Tomb learned that the Club has many Vietnam Veterans among our membership ranks. Beverly is the Regent (president) of the Eleanor Wilson Chapter of DAR, and the chapter is a Commemorative Partner of the USA Vietnam War Commémoration, a program initiated by the US Department of Defense.

The primary purpose of Commemorative Partners is to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, defined as those who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, on behalf of the Nation. This is a belated, but well-deserved recognition for their past service to our country.

On hand at the meeting and helping with the ceremony were several members of the Eleanor Wilson DAR chapter. As Beverly reported, "I just happened to be the most visible and well-known person to the Model A Club members. My sincere thanks to Commemorative Events Chairman Monica Pearre for help in planning, and helping with the ceremony, to past Chapter Regent Katrina Sarlin for organizing and taking the wonderful photographs, and to associate members Megan Ryno (the names reader) and Kindra Rusz (the certificate sorter), and prospective member Eleanor Minners for helping with the ceremony. Also, many thanks to Vice Regent Hillary Fisk for creating the personalized certificates, even though she could not attend the meeting."



Megan Ryno, Katrina Sarlin, Monica Pearre, Beverly Tomb, Kindra Rusz, Eleanor Minners

The 21 club members who were recognized at the Meeting included;

James J. Baker, William Benedict, James P. Cartmill, William A. Cassels, Richard Burr Clement, Sandra Lee Clement, John Dougherty, Paul Gauthier, James R. Gray, Andy Jaeger, Richard C. Johns, Stanley R. Johnson, Benny Leonard, Phil McCormick, Howard Minners, Wayne Parker, Thomas Quigley, Philip Roche, William H. Sims III, William K. Worsham, and Jerry Bechtle.

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## VIETNAM VETERANS LAPEL PIN CEREMONY (Cont.)

Also recognized, but unable to attend the meeting were;

Tom Frazier, D. Clifton Green, William J. Hunter, Jr., John Leydon, Frederic Morse, Bud Pratsch, James Scheidel, Jerry Watkins, William Weinig, and Valentine Zadnik.

On the cover of The Script this month is a picture of the Club members who attended the ceremony with the members of DAR. Individual photos are posted on the club website and the next 2 pages of The Script.

Thank You again to the Club members who earned the recognition with their service.

Doug Tomb



Beverly Tomb moderating the event



Jim Gray gets the pinning ceremony started



The veterans awaiting the ceremony

**VIET NAM ERA VETERANS WHO ATTENDED THE GWC MARCH AWARD EVENT**



Jim Cartmill



Bill Worsham



Phil Roche



Tom Quigley



Phil McCormick



Wayne Parker



Benny Leonard



Stan Johnson



Dick Johns

**MORE VIET NAM ERA VETERANS WHO ATTENDED THE GWC MARCH AWARD EVENT**



Howard Minners being pinned by wife Eleanor



Sandy and Clem Clement



Jim Baker



Andy Jaeger



Paul Gauthier



John Dougherty



Bill Benedict



Jim Gray



Bill Cassels

## THE TRIFECTA - MARCH 11, 2017

The day for the Trifecta + 2 broke stinkin' cold: Colder than a well digger's well! Colder than a rusty Chebby in the swamp; colder than my worst elephant joke.

The crew for this sortie was Jim Gray James Kolody and yours truthfully.

With Jim driving, we made the run to Howard County Fairgrounds for the Chesapeake Region AACA parts meet in good time.

Franklin Gage (of the Bull Run Region AACA) was directing traffic into the ½-full-already parking lot, but we did not recognize him until we were past him as he was properly bundled up in the cold.

We walked thru the entrance gates as running was too hard. There were two long rows of outside dealers already open and people everywhere. The sun was low on the eastern sky and offered no heat and max glare.

James and I walked the outside extra times with the sun behind us so we wouldn't miss any treasures. I tried to buy a big box of tired toy cars (Matchbook car size; I use them as giveaways at train meets and Hershey for the kids who come by. Kids are at the meets, but Dad usually doesn't let the kid touch a \$475 loco. With a toy in his hand the kid is good for hours and will want to return again to the meet at a later date). I had bought from this dealer before, but this time he wanted \$45 for the pile. I passed, with James concurrence.

Coffee and a doughnut were in order for James and me, and to our pleasant surprise one of the fairgrounds buildings had been converted into a chow hall with food, desserts, doughnuts, and coffee. Did I mention HEAT?! James rested there a bit.

We checked in with the Baltimore club (Dave Sturgis, Dick Alexander and others). They were selling half-price stuff for twice the value and in good spirits offering free advice at ½ price as well. They had some doughnuts unguarded so I...

And we did see Model A parts – from the pretty rough to the nearly ready to paint.



I grabbed two bathroom privacy keyhole lock covers just because. My huge collection of them now equals 2.

Later we bumped into Luke Chaplin, Mike Prather and Jim Crawford somewhere along the way.



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**THE TRIFECTA (Cont.)**

Three vehicles caught my eye: A tan 35 Ford coupe for \$28K; a white on white '49 Plymouth coupe with a huge V-8 in it (it was clean and not tricked out). Then I got these two pictures of "the truck". I'm guessing it was built as a sleeper.



I dunno' what it had been: My guess is late '40s/early '50s Chevy truck with an earlier grill and a '67 Chrysler tail section. The exhaust exited just ahead of the rear wheels. There was a padded section aft of the chopped cab for access or back open air seat or... It was a low rider and down on her haunches. I thought the design was stunning. No one was near her so we moved on.

Later I called the number on "the truck" and learned the following: The base is a Chevy pickup chopped 4" and channeled 4". It's powered by a crate 350, and has a '46 Chevy car grill, tail end fins from a '60 Desoto and a hood of a '50 Merc. The front bumper is an upside down '50 Merc; the rear bumper is '52 Chrysler. The side trim is '56 Plymouth, and the front seat is '55/'56 F-100 fold down. The truck has air brakes (Lift?), '50 Chevy rear spring, and an S-10 rear end. It was finished last winter, and the owner is asking \$28,500. Contact Clem if you want a phone number.



Jim was on the run and we caught up somewhere in the dirt-floored critter sheds. Lots of good stuff, including some overpriced trains that stayed in place. Jim nabbed a very nice piece of stained glass of a peacock.

After checking on a few goodies that needed a second look, we hustled to the warm car.

The next stop was the Petronella show at the Frederick Fairgrounds where we chatted with Howard Minners and his son Brad and family. Brad said business was very good selling his signs and cans.



We crossed the fairground to check on Pargoe's auction. A huge room filled with signs, memorabilia, flotsam and jetsam and rarenesses. Fun to watch.



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## THE TRIFECTA (Cont.)



The next stop was the swell Brown's Grocery across the street from Joe's Upholstery (Donnie Jenkins and family's business). Every cop, postman and truck driver knows Browns, and grabs homemade sandwiches, Cheese Steaks, soup and coffee there. No seats inside so we ate in the car. Then we went next door for the custom-made yard art store. Ya' got's to see their setup to believe it. Our fav piece of colored tin art was a tin lobster...

Then on to Patina. They were folding up and getting ready for the annual tool auction. James grabbed some early technical books on engineering principles. On the way to our car a fellow from Maine was closing up his booth and sold me a Ford 94 carb for 3 bux (He coulda' at least cleaned it!). Another dealer was from North Jersey. I asked him if he was attending Cowtown on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. He said he'd never heard of that fine show; that's how I knew he was from North Jersey: everyone from South Jersey knows about Cowtown!!



While we were leaving Damascus, we stopped at Damascus Motors. Benny had seen them on the TV show *Velocity*. They have a nice big show room and a huge shop behind (probably a former new car dealer's place at one time). They were closed as they are filming their next series. We will return when they are open and consider them for a car tour.

Home safe and still cold!! We love the day of the Trifecta and can't wait for next year. See you there.

Clem

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## SUGARLOAF AACA WESTMINSTER MEET & DAMASCUS MOTOR TOUR

Great day. Too much fun!!!



We rolled at O dark 6:30 Friday morning March 24 for the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, MD. Benny Leonard, Dave Eadie (Train guy) and I made the journey rolling thru the lovely countryside through Damascus, Md. A few piles of snow remained.

Bruce Metcalf met us at the Ag center. Bob Clubb sold out the booth spaces inside the center and several spaces outside. We tried to park at our secret place but a security gate was closed. (I would tell you where the spot is, but the Russians are logging my key strokes...). At 8 a.m. there were about 357 folks shopping all the goodies, and the crowd grew ever larger as the day went on. Saturday usually has the bigger crowd.

This is Bob's last year as leader. He'll be moving to Marietta, GA, to be near his daughter. Luke Chaplain found us just before we found Tom Terko ensconced in the Model T booth. Donna and Dan Lyons were on scene working on the show hard. Good to see them all.

My perusal outside was fast and furious as the rain was chilly; once inside, I found all sorts of items anyone would need. I got some Dremel brushes and drills. Benny said my drills were junk so now I have 2 new sets. I did not see much in the way of Model A stuff. License plate Wayne says the rumor that Maryland was changing their antique plate rules was false. He also told me that New Jersey has not approved year of manufacture (YOM) plates yet.



There was a neat commercial toy auto garage that would easily handle a Buddy L truck. It was of wood and beaver board with professional printing on the side. The owner thought it was a wartime building. I have never had seen such, but at \$125, I most likely will never see it again.

Let's see, there were two Tudors, and a roadster for sale inside. Also a hot rod, a '35 Chevy, and some others. Bob Clubb's stunning Model T Paddy Wagon was out front under the overhang to stay dry in the light morning rain. For the first time, the show had to charge a \$2 entrance fee. Seems that although the center is warm, it's also costly. Since the weather is usually iffy for this show, that \$2 is money well spent.

We went to chow at Maggie's, a great restaurant since 1903. Jim Cross and Tank Edwards joined us. We seem to make Maggie's each year and are well known for our quietness and

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## AACA WESTMINSTER MEET (Cont.)

extraordinary manners. After lunch Jim and Tank headed off on their way. Benny, Dave, Bruce



and I grabbed locally made ice cream at Holloman's, a couple of miles away. Tank had earlier claimed that the gooddest ice cream



hereabouts is in Leesburg. I'm thinking a road trip is in order to test that claim.

After leaving the ice cream shop, the 4 of us went to Bratton's for Model A parts and 3 cartons of Bratton's catalogues. I hand them out at all the shows I attend as promotion for both Bratton's and our Model A hobby. Bruce headed on home at that point.



Then Dave, Benny and I went to Damascus to see Damascus Motors. They're in their 3rd year of TV shows on Velocity channel. They were filming at the time and closed to visitors; but a persistent Benny talked our way in if we promised not to tell any lies and to be good. After listening to Benny, they offered him a job in sheet metal work.

We looked around a bit and considered a tour after the filming was done. Benny and I think this would make a great tour. Several of

the cars built on the TV show are onsite. The show room is full and there are 40 stalls with many full of cars under work. We



We saw a '38 ford truck showing off dual carbs and a hot rod Model A Tudor. They also had a blown Rolls Royce in the showroom, as well as a ride-on train with several cute cars. The staff was great. Note that they have a big show there on Saturday, July 8, 2017.



<http://www.damascusmotors.com/>

Home safe midafternoon after a fun day.

Clem Clement

## COMING ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL AND MAY

It's finally here! Spring driving weather is fully here! A season to put the finishing touches on your winter projects and back the old girl down the driveway for some fantastic road trips and adventures! To that end, here's a brief overview of some upcoming events I know you'd love to attend.

On April 29 we've got Small Parts Day at Merkel Farm. It's a fantastic time of working through projects, enjoying great food, sharing stories and enjoying time together. If you're new to the Club or the Model A hobby, this is an important opportunity to learn from those who have years of experience working with these wonderful cars, and enjoy sharing the joy with others. If you've been here for years, you should attend too. Us newbies need to pick your brain and learn from your experience! I hope all of you will come out for at least part of the day!

Everyone loves a day at the park. On Friday, May 19 from 3 - 6 p.m. the National Park Service has invited us to display our cars at Fort Hunt Park Founding Day Celebration (on the George Washington Parkway, just north of Mount Vernon) where there will be nature hikes, opportunities to explore the WWII-era fort, a concert by the U.S. Army Band, and an outdoor screening of "Stalag 17" (at 8 pm). I hope you'll join us in displaying your car for this special celebration.

Lastly, what better seat can you have for exploring our nation than behind the wheel of a Model A. With that in mind, my goal as activities chairman this year is to provide a couple tours to help us stretch the car's legs, and explore some new sights. Our first tour of the year will be an overnight trip out to Kent Island, MD, to visit Mike Pangia's biplane that formerly belonged to Charles Lindbergh. If you've ever wanted a photo of your car on a grass airstrip, next to a period-correct airplane, this is the event for you. We'll be driving over the bay bridge, and down to the field. There we'll enjoy a catered picnic lunch on the airfield, and explore Kent Island. That evening, we'll enjoy dinner where local seafood will be an option, and take a cruise out on the Chesapeake Bay. Unfortunately, I only have 15 openings for this tour, so stay tuned for sign-up details and cost information.

I look forward to seeing you on the open roads soon!

Jason Cunningham



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## **SMALL PARTS REPAIR DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH**

No matter how well your Model A runs, it's always good to have a good working spare carburetor, distributor, water pump and other small parts. Small Parts Day is where club members bring small parts that are in need of repair. At the garage, many of the tools and members' expertise are available to restore the part to like-new condition.

This year, Small Parts Day will be held at the home of Janet Merkel, 9306 Merkel Farms Road, Bowie, MD, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Members should bring any parts needed to repair their item. Be sure to get those ordered ahead of time so as to have them on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Equipment will be on hand to do final cleaning and paint parts, as well as tools to aid in mechanical restoration tasks. The cleaner the parts are when they arrive, the faster the rebuilding effort will be. Sand blasting is available for those that need it. Even if you don't plan to rebuild a part, anyone is welcome to come, watch and learn. Ladies, please join in the fun. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the club in the morning and lunch will also be served.

Directions: For those coming from Virginia. If you need directions from another area, let Janet know.

### **From Route 495, Woodrow Wilson Bridge:**

Exit off Beltway onto Route 50 East. From Route 50, exit onto Route 197 North. Stay on Rt. 197, crossing over Route 450. At Old Chapel Road, turn right. There is a Sunoco Gas Station where you will turn. Turn left onto Race Track Road. Go past the race track and head up the hill.

\*\*\*Turn right into Patuxent Riding subdivision. At the stop sign, turn right onto Arabian Lane. Stay on this road. This road will become a gravel road, which is now Merkel Farms Road. Our house is the first house on the left. You'll see the garages.

### **From Route 495, American Legion Bridge:**

Stay on Route 495 until you get to the Balt/Wash Pkwy. Take the Baltimore exit onto the Parkway. Go several miles and take the Powder Mill Rd exit. Turn right onto Powder Mill Rd. Stay on this until it ends at Rt. 197. Turn right onto Rt. 197. After passing Bowie State University, and at the next light, turn left onto Race Track Rd. At the fork, bear to the right (there's a child care center at the fork). Turn left into Patuxent Riding subdivision. Follow direction from above marked with \*\*\*.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

[Club events are in bold]

### **April**

April 8 & 9 (Saturday & Sunday) 20th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 3pm, for info, phone: [\(301\) 253-2673](tel:3012532673) or go on the website: [www.friendsofthefarmpark.org](http://www.friendsofthefarmpark.org)

April 8 (Saturday) Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D. C. Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets, NW.

#### **April 12 (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

April 15 (Saturday) 9:00-3:30. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Car Corral, free—no fees! Rain or shine. Classic Car Center, 3591 Lee Hill Dr., Fredericksburg, VA. For info, call 540-370-4474

#### **April 19 (Wednesday) Monthly General Membership Meeting**

April 19-23 Spring Carlisle, 150-acre facility, 8100 vendors (including “women’s oasis), hot air balloon, auctions, pro metal shop. Carlisle, PA. For info: <http://www.carlisleevents.com>

April 22 (Saturday) Using a newly cleaned up, painted and tuned-up compressor, we will have Sand Blast Day at Benny Leonard’s, 5441 Ladue Ln., Fairfax, VA 4620

April 29 (Saturday) You are invited for a day of fun and fellowship at our third annual Model A Ford Day in Hellertown, PA, on Saturday, April 23, co-hosted by the Hellertown Historical Society and the Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club. Last year, about 85 Model A's and AA's were on display. Please spread the news to your members, friends, and other Model A enthusiasts so this year is even better. Bring your Model A if you can. If not, we would still like to be your hosts for the day.

**April 29 (Saturday) Small Parts Day (Model A Parts Repair Workshop) at Merkel’s Farm. Janet Merkel, 9306 Merkel Farms Road, Bowie, MD 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM See page 23 for more information and directions.**

### **May**

May 6 (Saturday) The National Capital Region Mustang Club is hosting an “All Ford Show” at Cowels Ford. 9:00-3:00. Model A Club members are welcome to participate. Registration fee. Will be at 13779 Noblewood Plaza, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

#### **May 10 (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

May 12-13 (Friday-Saturday) Apple Blossom Meet in Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, VA

#### **May 17 (Wednesday) Monthly General Membership Meeting**

May 18-20 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet in Luray, VA For info: <http://www.mapwsm.com>

**May 19 (Friday) Come join the National Park Service as they celebrate the founding of Fort Hunt. The event will highlight the history of the site, fun outdoor activities, nature walks, and a moonlight outdoor showing of the movie “Stalag 17” (8:00p.m. Our Club has been invited to display our cars during the festivities. Please sign up by emailing Jason Cunningham at [jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com)**

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

May 21 (Sunday) West Friendship 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show. All Vehicles must have a fire extinguisher. Open to all years, makes and models. Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum, 12985 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794. Registration 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Event Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pre-register by May 1, \$12 per vehicle (\$15 day of event) . Presented by: NCR36 Early Ford V8 Club of America. No Alcohol. Breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries and sodas. Dash plaques to be given to the first 100 vehicles to register. 50/50 Drawing. Top 40 vehicles will receive meet plaques. For More Information, phone Al Zimmermann @ 410-560-0237. E-mail\_him at zimmco1@comcast.net

May 29 (Monday) National Memorial Day Parade. Sign up with Jason Cunningham at [jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com) For info, <http://americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>

Be sure to check the GWC Web Site for the latest breaking news.  
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Wilson Duke, who lives near Richmond VA. He is looking for a car to get into the hobby. A 1930/31 coupe with a trunk. Just something decent that is a driver and might require some minor work. Please contact him at [CptDuke1@aol.com](mailto:CptDuke1@aol.com)

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At February's club meeting, long-time member Benny received a trophy from club member President Jim for placing at Sully.

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**Sully Volunteer Statement**  
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***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.***