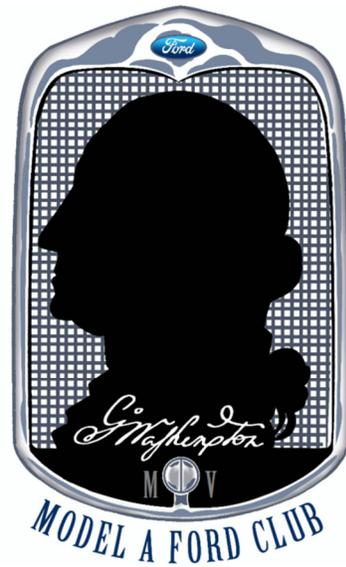


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**Next deadline: Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



The first few days of November we had a couple of beautiful, sunny days followed by a few wet ones. I hope you had a chance to ply the roads during that time. I did not. My desire to get some touring was frustrated by traveling to attend my 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion in Washington State. It was semi-worth the effort because I saw some folks that I had not seen in five decades. Most of my classmates did not venture far from their home state and as a result, they grew old! Man, I had no idea how much others change in 50 years while I, myself, remained remarkably unchanged! I am not sure how that works. Regardless, they were a fun loving and vibrant group for their age. I received the “furthest traveled alumni”, seconded by another from Anchorage, Alaska. In all it was a great tour, albeit not classic car tour.

It being November it is time to select the leadership of the Club for the next year. The nomination committee has done its job and formed a slate that you will find in the pages of this month's *Script*. We are lucky to have a group to willingly step forward to take us into the future.

Be sure to read about the event this month, a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than usual. We did this to avoid a conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. The monthly meeting will be led by James Kolody and Jamie Lucas in creating painted artworks while sipping wine. All materials are being provided for a nominal fee. Planning has begun for the Christmas gift exchange and the Christmas Party next month, so be ready to sign up with Jason Cunningham for those fun-filled occasions.

Happy touring!

Tom Quigley

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Alice and I thoroughly enjoyed the Pumpkin Chuckin' Sunday we spent touring with the Club. This tour was especially good because it ended just 10 miles from where I was due to play baseball later that afternoon. Even though we were in a modern car, it was fun to get out there and enjoy another Jason tour around the countryside, as well as enjoy some really good ice cream on a warm October afternoon. Plus, we've been living in Maryland close to 30 years and had never made it to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. It's quite spectacular.

The Club party season is fast approaching. Next Wednesday, for our general meeting, we're having wine and art. I wasn't sure how that would go until Alice dragged me to a local art gallery in Takoma Park that was doing the exact same thing. They provided the canvas, paint, subject matter and wine and it was actually a lot of fun. No one participating was an artist outside of my wife, but with a little wine we attacked our paintings with gusto! Some were ok; some were awful. Mine was somewhere in between. Everyone was laughing and we were surprised with what little talent we possessed we could still produce something we could somewhat proudly claim as our own. So now I'm looking forward to next week's meeting. It should be a blast!

Following that will be our annual Christmas Party and a chance to dance the night away and take home a few prizes. Then comes the annual Brown Bag craziness in mid-December. Just find or buy something useful and join the fun. Maybe you'll get lucky and get drawn last.

Bill Sims

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting  
October 24, 2018



Call to Order. The October Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Stan Johnson at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

Attendance: Board Members present at the meeting included: Benny Leonard, Doug Tomb, Jerry Olexson, Bill Sims and Stan Johnson. Jason Cunningham was in attendance via telecommunication

Absent were, Milford Sprecher, Bill Worsham, Tom Quigley, James Kolody, Greg Shepherd, Jamie Lucas, Bruce Metcalf, Milford Sprecher.

The following Committee Reports were provided. However a quorum was not in attendance for any major decisions to be made.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Tomb reported the Sully Car Show revenue was \$14,685.75 and expenses were \$5,893.78. The budget statement for the period ending October 20 was presented to the Board with a detailed income and expenditure report, including expenses for various events. Doug noted the Club's financial liquidity position, currently at \$36,798.19. A Financial Review will be presented at the November membership meeting by the Treasurer.

Sully Committee: No report was provided in the absence of the Sully Chairman.

Programs: Stan Johnson presented to the Board a list of proposed meeting programs for the membership meetings in the months of November and December. The list includes:

- November 14, "A Social Evening; Wine and Painting". (James and Jamie.)
- Club Christmas Party December 1. Cost \$25/couple and \$15/person.(Jason Cunningham)
- December 19, "Brown Bag"

Membership Chairman: No report was provided in the absence of the Membership Chairman.

Script Editor: Bill Sims would be handling Script publication. Deadline is November 5 for articles and information in the publication.

Club Liaison: No report was provided in the absence of the Membership Chairman

Club Tool Chairman: Benny Leonard reported on the status of the Club's tool usage. Additionally, the sand blasting day event planned for October 27 was cancelled due to rain forecast.

Activities Chairman: Jason Cunningham briefed the Board on forthcoming activities, which include the Christmas Party in December 1.

Youth Chairman: No report was provided in the absence of the Membership Chairman.

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

New Business: The Nominating Committee for selecting nominees to 2019 officer positions has yet to release the proposed list.

The following articles are to be included in the November Script: Fiscal Balance by Doug Tomb; A Wine and Paint Article by James and Jamie.

The club is in dire need of volunteer(s) to manage the refreshment counter at the monthly meetings.

The new mailing address for Club mail is as follows:

George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club, Inc.  
PO Box 971  
McLean, VA. 22101

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, November 28, at the Red, Hot and Blue restaurant in Fairfax – 6 PM for dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

Jerry Olexson  
Secretary

## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...**

when I start asking everyone to pay for dues for 2019. I know a few people already have. If you have questions, drop me a line. They are still just \$20 for the year. Please make the check out to GWC and mail to:

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## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

With winter coming on, thoughts were about what care the owner's Model A's should receive. Andy Pogan gave detailed advice on this, with provisions for those who continued driving theirs, and yet another check list for storing A's during the cold months. Andy said he didn't just park his until spring, and that it was a joy to drive a well maintained Model A in cool weather.



November's program was an opportunity to learn all about springs. Club experts Walt Bratton, John Dingle and Truman Burn told all about their function and proper maintenance. They explained how the springs affect the car's ride and how to take proper care of them. Front springs were the predominant subject, but rear ones were discussed too, including the differences in the variety of ones used in production.

"Rebuilding Your Model A Kingpin Assembly" was a comprehensive article in this month's Script, by Andy Pogan. This was a 2-pager, and by following it closely, one could not go wrong doing the task.

Two of our members were candidates for National Director positions in the Model A Restorer's Club, and all were asked to support Howard Minners and Andy Pogan for seats on the National organization by submitting the ballot that appeared in the bimonthly Model A News promptly.

Five new members came on board this month, but a look at the current roster revealed that none of them have continued their membership to this date. National clubs record individuals' length of membership and make awards periodically based on longevity. Does doing that increase a club's membership loyalty?

The GWC was well represented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show at the Rockville Civic Center. Blessed year after year with better than average good weather, this time it started out foggy but, true to form, cleared off and the sun came out. Out of the 14 Model A's present, 8 were our chapter's members.

Millard and Judy Springer's new "Model A Emergency Repair and Restoration Shop" got a whole roof in one day, from the trusses on up, including the plywood and shingles, thanks to 14 eager clubbers who showed up with their tools and plenty of energy.

Something notable happened in this month of 1993. A young fellow you may know volunteered to actively participate in preparation of the Ford Script and immediately begin assisting its editors. Yup, Bill Sims!

Dave Henderson



## SLATE FOR 2019

According to Section I of the bylaws: "The thirteen officers, also known as the Board of Directors, of the Club shall be the President, Vice President and Program Chairman, Activities Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Annual Meet Chairman, Membership Chairman, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Editor, Youth Chairman, National Club Liaison, and Club Property Manager. "

As such, the duly appointed nomination committee (Jim Gray, Doug Tomb and Greg Shepherd) recommends the following candidates for those positions on the GWC Board of Directors for 2019, to be voted on at the November general membership meeting on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (one week earlier than usual):

President:	Doug Tomb
Vice president & Program Chairman:	Luke Chaplin
Activities Chairman:	Jason Cunningham
Secretary / Treasurer:	Paul Bjarnason
Editor:	Bill Sims
Annual Meet Chairman:	Bill Worsham/Jim Gray
Membership Chairman:	Greg Shepherd
Assistant Treasurer:	Milford Sprecher
Assistant Editor:	Bruce Metcalf
Youth Chairman:	James Kolody
National Club Liaison:	Jamie Lucas
Club Property Manager:	Benny Leonard

## ALL HANDS INVITED TO NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14

The George Washington Model A Club bylaws call for an Annual Meeting of the Membership every November. This year the Annual Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, November 14. The change is due to the fact that the normal third Wednesday meeting date falls on the evening before Thanksgiving Day. The location is the same, the McLean American Legion Post 270 at 1355 Balls Hill Rd in McLean. The Legion has agreed to the change of dates.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and members of the board to lead the Club in 2019. In addition, after the election, a fun event for all attendees will be a Sip and Paint program. Everyone will have a chance to be an artist! Several "models" (mostly Model A's) will be available to use as a basis for your painting. All required materials will be on hand for \$5 per painter: canvas, brushes, paint, pallets, etc., plus wine and glasses to loosen up your artistic talents. Guidance will be provided as you paint an iconic component of the Model A, or an image of YOUR Model A. **One caution:** bring or wear something you won't mind getting paint on. An old shirt or apron will do. Have fun, compare other paintings, and create a treasure to display.

So mark your calendars for 7 PM, November 14, for the Sip and Paint meeting. Also, at the November Meeting will be the sign-up for the Annual Christmas Party and information about the Brown Bag Gift Exchange at the December Membership Meeting.

Stan Johnson

## **FINANCIAL HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MODEL A CLUB**

This purpose of this article is to help members understand the financial history, and projected future, of the George Washington Model A Club. The financial history is tied to the success of the Sully Car Show in past years and the prudent fiscal policies of the past leaders. Bill Worsham led the effort, which generated many thousands of dollars over the years. The inflow of funds was greater than the outflow. The Club leadership was conservative with those funds, and created a bank account in which to keep a contingency, or "rainy day," fund. A rainout at Sully, especially in sequential years, could be remedied by dipping into that aptly named rainy day fund.

The healthy financial situation allowed the Club to underwrite certain annual activities such as Christmas Parties and driving tours. Dues were kept low and the budget carefully balanced based on growing experience with the Sully Car Show income. Before long the contingency fund had grown to surprising levels, several tens of thousands of dollars.

As the years went by and the Club membership began to get smaller, Club leadership began to think of beneficial ways to carefully help the Model A Community benefit from all the hard work that resulted in the large bank account. Annual scholarships for young family members of the Club, and an annual donation to help the Model A Ford Museum sponsored by the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI), and a donation to the Armed Forces Veterans Home each year at their car show.

Now the contingency fund is well down from its peak, but still capable of helping to weather a bad year or two at Sully. Nevertheless, an analysis of the spend-down and a projection for the future are in order.

This year's budget may not balance at year's end because of the trend over time of making generous expenditures on Club events. That is even after separating the scholarships and donations from the operating budget. The scholarships and donations are taken directly out of the contingency fund. This was intentional as a way to slowly bring down the large contingency fund in such a way as to be beneficial to the Club members and to the Model A community in general. The Club is getting smaller, and the need for the large contingency fund is not as important as it once was.

It is also important to understand that Virginia law requires that any non-profit organization such as the GWC Club must follow certain guidelines. If someday the GWC Club ceases to exist, the holdings of the Club must be given to a similar organization—for example, the Model A Ford Museum, rather than divided up among the current members.

At some point in the next several years, the contingency fund will reach a level that it should not fall below, if it is to be able to help the Club recover from a bad Sully Antique Car show. When this occurs, the annual budget will have to balance. Income will have to match outflow. For example, the true cost of a Christmas Party might have to be covered by the fee charged to members. At the same time, the amount spent of donations will have to be part of the operating budget. Probably the amount devoted to donations will have to be reduced.

This will not happen overnight, but it is something that will have to take place in coming

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**FINANCIAL HISTORY AND FUTURE OF GWC (Cont.)**

years. The fees charged for participation in events may gradually be increased, and corners cut here and there to keep the budget balanced. Nothing drastic, maybe not even perceptible, but it is a necessary action by leaders acting responsibly with your money. Legally that's called a Fiduciary responsibility.

Stan Johnson

The following is an analysis of the current budget and a projection for the future:

**CLUB FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2018 YEAR TO DATE (11/01/2018)**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Club Activities	\$3,381.78	\$7,378.65
GWC Sully Annual Car Show	\$14,994.75	\$7,907.43
Membership	\$3,634.00	\$2,256.10
Meeting Programs	\$74.62	\$197.13
Treasury	\$620.00	\$550.00
President – Misc.	\$0.00	\$1,113.73
Club Tools	\$0.00	\$149.39
American Legion Hall Rental	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Totals	\$22,705.15	\$21,952.43

**GWC Charitable Contributions**

Scholarship Awards	\$5,000.00
Armed Forces Retirement Home	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Charitable Contributions	\$5,500.00

**GWC YTD Results**

Beginning of year combined balance (01/01/2018)	\$40,680.30
Club Income and Expenses for 2018 YTD (11/01/2018)	<u>\$4,747.28</u>
Current GWC Combined Account Balance (11/01/2018)	\$35,933.02

Doug Tomb  
Treasurer

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**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME (AFRH) ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO ASSEMBLY, SEPT. 30TH**

(Reprinted from the Valve Clatter, NVRG, Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Nov. 2018)

Weather was refreshing as we gathered at the Pan Am shopping center. Our great Leader and Designated Adult was Ken Burns in his fresh, black, '41 Ford Woodie. Keith Randall came in his '38 Ford and I in Smokey, the '30 Model A cabriolet (me and my 40MERC were scared of DC and the heat on the way home.)

We rolled on schedule about 8:00 am and cruised in the cool morning with high clouds overhead. Very pleasant with minimum traffic. NW Washington homes in Georgetown are so lovely. We parked along the former General's home row at the AFRH, prepped our cars, and headed off to find the leadership. Keith found a 100-plus guy who explained our wars in very precise detail. Activities Director Constance Maziel greeted us with her usual aplomb and we received our instructions for judging. As there were about 25 cars or so the task was easy.



Next we were greeted by Mrs. Washington D.C. with her crown and everything. (See photo.) She is very impressive. She is a military brat and loved being at the Home. She has truly taken the Mrs. DC job to heart. She is very busy all over the city with volunteer work. She has done some work like this before and will continue her efforts when her reign is over. She strives for a better world.

A drill team performed in front of the main hall and a military medical unit was present. Keith readied himself to do the take-apart car and Ken and I set about the judging process. The Home had a list of trophies and we judged to that end. A couple of cars left and a couple more did not have their activity sheet on their windshields, so they were passed. Awards were handed out by Director Susan Bryan.

She chose GWC clubber Tom Woodley's '30 Model A Fordor and a neat TR-6 for the Runner-Up.



Ken and I presented donations on behalf of the GWC and the Early V-8 clubs to the AFRH to resounding applause.

Director Susan asked if she could ride in my Model A. She loved it and immediately began honking my rubber chicken toy. She is a former Navy medical administrator with 30 years of service and clearly beloved by all at the AFRH. Lots of waving and shouting to the residents and workers as we rode around the Home grounds.

We rolled as soon as the parade was concluded and we ground our way home through heavy traffic in DC. (Smokey developed a shifting problem.) The Rock Creek Park is sure lovely this time of year.

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## AFRH ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO ASSEMBLY (Cont.)



Difficult to make out, but Director Susan is holding Clem's honking rubber chicken.

We learned, to our dismay, that the number of residents at the AFRH is down to about 225 now. It was 447 in March of this year. The government has raised the bill for residents to \$3,000 per month for room, board, and medical. Many vets have moved off campus because of the new high costs.

This was a fine day in support of our vets at the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

*By Clem Clement*

## MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 110 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2019! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas? A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and, of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in the upcoming issue of the 'A' Preserver or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 21, 2019.

Merry Christmas and thank you,

Loukie Smith  
Brick Coordinator

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## GRAY WITH AN A – HERSHEY 2018



What can you say about Hershey that hasn't been said before? We had some great weather, we had a washout day, we had a great time. That's pretty much it!

First, ladies, you shouldn't be worried; none of us starves at Hershey – here's a whole mob of GWCers after chowing down at the local Fuddruckers. Want a hint? When you order here, be sure to ask for a beer. Why? Because they don't have a liquor license, they can't SELL the beer, but they are happy to give you

one. Who says old dogs can't learn new tricks?



I'd purchased two booths this year so Clem and Benny could do their Hershey thing together. I got to have this dapper and debonair man-about-town, "Indiana Johns," (left) as a booth mate. This is the kind of neighborhood he and I hung out in.

And THIS is the neighborhood that featured the Clem & Benny show (right).



Fortunately, Dick didn't want to join the shower parade, as once again Clem & Benny begged their way over to my hotel to take a shower. But they added the bonus of dragging our EV8 bud John Ryan with 'em. Sure enough, they left a ring in the tub. I don't even want to ask how they do that!

The walk-about at night on a dry



Hershey night is always interesting. You NEVER know what interesting vehicle you might see. This "Vagabond" trailer is from 1930s Hollywood. The CEO of Forest Lawn Memorial Park had it custom made. Apparently there's big money in burying folks. The rig was even more amazing in the light of day... something Benny needed a double load of coffee to see.



While "The Skull" and I left things buttoned up on our rain day, Benny and Clem were open. Here's Benny with an AACA rep who was gathering information about how fun Hershey



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## HERSHEY 2018 (Cont.)

can be on a rainy day. Fortunately they're in a designated "NO LIE" zone under Benny's tent. Lots of truths got transferred here. This designation is critical to make sure none of this gets dispensed by Clem...

All-in-all, a great time. Sun, wind, rain, hot, cold... you get an entire year's worth of seasons at Hershey. Make sure you try it sometime. It is an experience unique to the automobile enthusiast's world.



Jim Gray  
Photos by Clem and Jim

## REFRESHMENTS COORDINATOR POSITION OPENING

The GWC Chapter has traditionally had drinks and snacks available to the membership during meetings. To continue this tradition, one or more persons are needed to volunteer to bring the drinks and snacks to the meeting and sell them. One option is to have a small committee to accomplish this, perhaps on a rotating basis. Please contact Stan Johnson ([fordyhorses@aol.com](mailto:fordyhorses@aol.com) or 703 644-0758) to volunteer to help keep this tradition alive.

Stan Johnson

An advertisement for J.C. Taylor Insurance. At the top is a logo with 'J.C. Taylor' in a script font and 'INSURANCE' in a sans-serif font below it, all within a yellow and green oval. Below the logo, the text 'INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS' is written in blue, all-caps, sans-serif font. The central image is a classic black and blue vintage car with white-walled tires and green hubcaps. At the bottom left, the phone number '1-888-ANTIQUE' is displayed. At the bottom right, the website 'JCTAYLOR.COM' is shown next to a small Facebook icon.

## **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN TOUR CELEBRATES AUTUMN, FEELS LIKE SUMMER**

This was the second year the Club has held the Sugarloaf Mountain tour. However, in contrast to last year, and to the season as a whole, this time around it was blazing hot!

Five members gathered on the Maryland side of White's Ferry to begin the tour. The crew consisted of Milford Sprecher and Shuyan Lui, Clem and Sandy Clement, John Leydon and Tank and Barbara Edwards. Bill and Alice Sims joined us at Lewis Orchard in their modern. Many other folks responded that they wanted to come, but weren't able to attend because of Hershey. This poor scheduling choice was necessitated by the highlight of the tour: epic Pumpkin Chucking at Lewis Orchard!



After winding our way through the picturesque Maryland countryside, we stopped at Lewis Orchard and everyone shot a couple pumpkins. Sadly, no one won \$100 by hitting the target in the middle of the lake in the valley below. One pumpkin was hurled towards the horizon with "Clem" scrawled across the front written by his wife Sandy. I won't speculate on why she did that!



After we chucked our fill of pumpkins, we headed towards Sugarloaf Mountain for a picnic at the top. The view was spectacular and the weather was much cooler in the shade. However, the top was swarming with stinkbugs. While we were able to successfully fend them off most of the time, they were a nuisance on what was otherwise a picture perfect day.

The next stop was Rocky Point Creamery where we got ice cream. Again, the unseasonably warm weather made the ice cream that much better!

The whole tour was a lot of fun, and a very fitting send-off to summer's warm driving season.

Jason Cunningham



**The tour arriving at Lewis Orchards for the Pumpkin Chuckin'**

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**SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN TOUR (Cont.)**



**The lineup at the Pumpkin Chuckin’**



**Shuyan Lui and husband, Milford Sprecher**



**Clem by the pumpkin chucker**



**The Clements and Simses**

**SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN TOUR (Cont.)**



Jason with Alice and Bill holding their pumpkin cannon balls



View of the cannon from the A's



Going up the mountain



Dining atop Sugarloaf Mountain

Barbara Edwards in front of the Rocky Point Creamery, where they make and serve their delicious ice cream



Sitting around savoring the ice cream they just polished off.



November 2018

## SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN TOUR (Cont.)



A final look at the Model A GWC tour outside the Rocky Point Creamery.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **Website Report**

Have you checked out our photo albums lately:  
<http://www.gwcmodela.com/photomenu.asp>

### **Membership Report**

1 new member joined this month. Please update your 2018 Roster with their information. Welcome aboard!

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Bumpass, VA 23024  
703-489-7321  
RainvilleGL@gmail.com  
1930 Standard Coupe

And speaking of memberships, it's that time of year again where dues are due! The amount is the same so it's still only \$20 for a full year membership. This includes access to the monthly newsletter as well as exclusive activities like the Eastern Shore trips, our high-profile parades like Memorial Day and July 4th as well as our holiday and summer parties.

Before the holiday season really gets going, please get your dues in!

Please make the check out for \$20 to GWC (\$30 for those grandfathered in that get the paper copy of the Script) and mail it to:

**Pay Dues**

Greg Shepherd  
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## **AHOOGUH!**

(Reprinted from Santa Anna A's website; submitted by Stan Johnson)

The original Model A Ahooguh horn was designed to operate from a 6-volt electrical system. Today many Model A's on the road have been converted to a 12-volt electrical system. When doing this conversion, some thought has to be given about how to accommodate the 6-volt Ahooguh horn. Quite often this is accomplished by installing a dropping resistor in series with the horn.

The problem with a dropping resistor is that it is resistive, unless wire wound, whereas the horn field windings are inductive. The value of the resistance and the power rating of the resistor have to be carefully chosen and many of the resistors on the market are not correct. If the power rating is not correct, the resistor will overheat with repeated use and it changes the resistive value and the horn will refuse to Ahooguh.

Another approach, and one that is much better, is to rewind the field windings for 12-volt operation. The armature winding can remain the same. Rewinding the field windings is not that difficult.

### **The original 6-volt horn:**

- (1) The field coils are wound in opposite directions.
- (2) The field coil wire is 20-gauge coated wire.
- (3) There are 45 turns, 6 -7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) After completion it was sprayed with varnish to insulate.

### **Rewind for 12-volts:**

- (1) Same as above.
- (2) Use 24-gauge coated wire.
- (3) 100 turns, 6-7 turns per layer, not perfect is OK.
- (4) Same as above.



### **Horn rewinding service:**

For those who don't want to take on the task of rewinding, there are a number of people who offer the service. The one that has garnered excellent testimonials of Fordbarn is that of:

Steve Smith  
P. O. Box 505  
Morristown, IN 46161

Phone: 317-502-1697 (8AM-Noon central time)

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## AHOOGUH! (Cont.)



### **Rewound field and armature by Steve Smith**

- (1) Basic disassembly and cleaning \$40
- (2) Rewinding of both field coils \$30\*\*  
\*\* \$20 when included with (1)
- (3) Rewinding of armature \$45\*\*\*  
\*\*\* \$40 when included with (1)
- (4) Full repair including all of the above \$95
- (5) Most repairs are done within 7-10 days
- (6) Ship by USPS, they will hold for me to pick up

Any additional parts used will be charged at the current list price as found in Snyder's parts catalog. Any field or armature insulators that need to be replaced are included in the cost. All repairs are only to the motor section and are made on an as needed basis. No repainting or cosmetic repairs are made or provided.

Tom Endy  
Santa Anna A's

## FAIRFAX TRAIN DAY

It is that time of year again to start planning for our annual Holiday Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. This year will mark our 29<sup>th</sup> year of hosting this wonderful event. .

In general, we plan on keeping everything pretty much the same as it has been in years past, especially hoping for good weather. The antique cars will be in the same location as they were in 2017. We are excited to have you at our event as you are an important part of our annual train show. We hope for great weather for the event.

Train Show event dates and times:

Opening on Saturday morning (12/1) for car arrival – 7am till 10am

Saturday (12/1) Train Show hours – 10am till 5pm

Saturday (12/1) late afternoon – Train clubs leave by 5:30pm

Opening on Sunday (12/2) morning for startup – 10am

Sunday (12/2) Train Show hours – Noon till 4pm

Train Show teardown Sunday (12/2) – 4pm till 7pm

Jeff Mitulla  
Holiday Train Show Coordinator  
Fairfax Station Railroad Museum  
703.362.7791

## 2018 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: **Saturday December 1, 2018**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the cash wine & beer bar will be open.  
Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: American Legion Post #177

3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

COST: \$15 per member (\$25 per couple)

MENU: Choose one from the following:

1. London broil (with red Bliss potatoes & green beans almandine)
2. Stuffed pork chops (with white rice pilaf & green beans almandine)
3. Turkey breast with stuffing (with red Bliss potatoes & green beans almandine)



Dessert choices: chocolate cake, cheesecake or pumpkin pie.

All entrees will be accompanied by water, coffee or hot tea.

Beer and wine are served at the cocktail hour, and at dinner. Cash bar. BYOB is allowed, but they have to pour the drinks for you, out of your bottle. There is also liquor allowed, but again, they have to pour it for you.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to put under our tree for the *USMC Toys For Tots* drive.

Reservations will be accepted at the November monthly Club meeting on Wednesday, November 14, or you can send a check along with a note indicating your entrée & dessert choices to:

Jason Cunningham  
9812 Dellcastle Road  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886  
jkcunningham@gmail.com

*Please make checks payable to: GWC Model A Club*

**CUTOFF FOR RESERVATIONS IS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.  
NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!  
NO WALK-INS CAN BE ADMITTED**



## COMING EVENTS

### November

Nov. 3 (Saturday) Classic Car Show at River Farm (HQ of the Nat. Horticultural Society), 9:00 – 2:00, 15 categories of judging (best in show, best engine, etc.). Donuts, coffee and beer. \$20 registration fee. 7931 E. Boulevard Dr. Alexandria, VA. Fundraiser for AHS. For info: [development@ahsgardening.org](mailto:development@ahsgardening.org)

**Nov. 14 (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

**Nov. 14 GWC Annual Membership Meeting to elect the 2018 Board. (See p. 7 for info.)**

### December

December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fairfax Station "Train & Old Car" event. Sat. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sun. Noon - 4:00 pm. Fun! Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. For information, call 703-425-9225. The Holiday Train Show is the museum's biggest event of the year. It features model trains of many sizes to delight train lovers of all ages. Even Santa himself drops in from time to time. The show is held rain or shine. Displays are in and around the Station and grounds.

**December 1 (Saturday) Annual GWC Christmas Party. (See p. 20 for details.)**

**December 12 – (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

**December 19 – (Wednesday) Brown Bag Gift Exchange. Guidance will be provided in the December Script.**

## WANT ADS

### For Sale

1929 Model A Sedan. Beautiful condition. Garaged 90% of the year. \$25,000. Contact Chris & Sherry Maggio at [grmaggio@cox.net](mailto:grmaggio@cox.net) if interested.



1931 50-B Sport Coupe Needs new clutch. Garaged all year. Asking \$15,000 or best offer. For more info, call Roland Dawes at 301-587-2279.



**WANT ADS (Cont.)**

**For Sale**

Restorer and Model "A" News magazines. 35 years of the Restorer and Model "A" News magazines for sale for best offer. Call Bill Benedict at 703-430-2441.

**Wanted**

Small older 4 or 6 cyl. pickup truck such as Ford Ranger, Chevy S10, Toyota Tacoma. Ford F 150's are too big. If you have one or know of one for sale please call. Dave 703-938-8954

1930 Model A Ford Flywheel Housing. Must be in good condition, no cracks, for my engine rebuild. Also: need transmission and bell housing for 1930 right hand drive Model A Ford. Contact: Doug Tomb 703-967-5229

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Milford and Stan at Gilmore in front of the display of stainless steel. Stan talked him into donating the headlights for the display.

