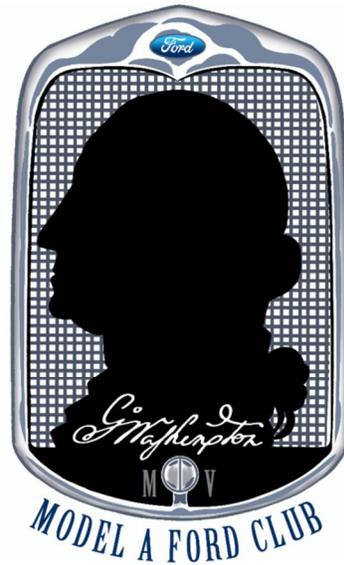


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Don Temple and some of his Coastal Carolina mates dropped in on editor Bill in July



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Members,

Summer is almost over, and Fall is coming. As I looked at the upcoming Fall season, I realized that National Model A Ford Day is coming up on September 19th. The Gilmore Museum had to cancel their celebration, but that doesn't prevent us from celebrating.

Milford Sprecher is planning a driving event for that day so we can all have a drive in our Model As to celebrate. Other clubs will be out driving their Model As, so we should be too. Stay tuned for details.

At each Board Meeting the main topic of discussion has been: What activity can we put on? Can we have a tour? How about a picnic? The rules have all changed. Either we can't do some things, or a place is closed, or the Governor or our insurance won't allow it! It has been a frustration for us all.

Most of all, I miss seeing all of you. We are having virtual Board Meetings every month, but where is everyone else, and what have you been up to? How are you coming on your latest Model A project, or have you driven your Model A lately? How do we find out?

Well, the Board came up with a solution. We will have a GWC Zoom Monthly Meeting. Everyone has heard about Zoom, so why not try it? It allows a group of people to get together just like in a Monthly Meeting, only over the internet.

So, that is what we are going to do. We will sign up for a GWC Zoom account for the Club, and we'll use it for a GWC Monthly Meeting.

We will plan for the evening of Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM, with a fall back date of Wednesday, September 23rd, just in case. Stay tuned, and I will be sending out directions thru Greg.

This will be a chance to see what everyone looks like these days, and to get our Club business out to more members. Plan to join in, and don't be hesitant to ask about how to do it. We will help everyone to make it look easy.

See you on September 16th on Zoom, or on the 19th, out driving your Model A Ford.

Doug

FROM THE EDITOR

This has certainly been a different summer. It was supposed to be a relaxing time in the North Carolina mountains entertaining friends and family on the East Coast in visits throughout the season. Instead, everyone bailed. Nobody was travelling, except, as it turns out, the Coastal Carolina Model A Club, which showed up for 3 or 4 days in early July on its annual club tour to Blowing Rock, NC, where we have a summer house. They were led by my erstwhile "Blaze" restorer and former GWC President Donnie Temple. They arrived in a town that was virtually wide open, except for mandatory mask wearing in all the stores. All except Kilwin's,

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FROM THE EDITOR (Cont.)

which had set up a table and register at the front door, where they took your order and then ran back to fetch your ice cream while you waited off to the side on the sidewalk.

We knew they were in town but were still surprised when we returned from a dog walk one after-noon to find half a dozen Model A's parked on the front lawn. They were an affable group who reported that their club was apparently unaffected by the virus. They were still holding their monthly meeting and going on tours! I wished them good luck with that.



I made a futile attempt to attend the multiple board meetings that occurred. July was easy—just phone in and listen. But Doug decided to get fancy in August. He must've missed our ugly mugs. We were all to Zoom in for a special meeting on where to hold the August general meeting. The mountains being what they are, I had terrible internet reception and got bounced out of the meeting 20 minutes in. Trying to get back in was a trial worthy of Sisyphus. I finally gave up. I had more luck 2 weeks later with the regular board meeting. I was able to sit in for almost an hour before I got a message on my screen that said, "Internet connection unstable." No kidding. And away I went.

I WAS able to check my email and read the Script to keep up. I was really sorry to hear Jim Schiedel had died. The first 2 or 3 times I ventured out in "Blaze" (before it earned its name), things went wrong with the car and Jim was always the one who noticed it and produced a solution. The first time was when Alice and I drove to Chesapeake Beach for their annual Christmas thing at their train station and shopping extravaganza. Jim noticed one of my front bumper brackets had snapped and the bumper was just hanging there. He quickly drove off and returned shortly with a new bracket. He eventually bailed my out so much that it became a running joke. I'm sorry he's gone.

I have been going through 10 weeks' worth of mail and have finally gotten to the May-June issue of the Model A News. Inside that issue was a listing of the MARC newsletter awards for 2019. I was astounded (but not surprised) to see that our newsletter had been awarded the MARC Award of Highest Achievement! We have been winning the Continuing Excellence Award off and on for many years, but this is a huge step up. We are really in "high cotton." As ever, it's the content, and that's on you, the members who submit their columns and articles every month. I wonder, did anyone hear about this? I've gotten nothing from MARC telling me we'd won this high honor. If I hadn't scanned the listings, it would've passed unremarked.

I'll conclude this column by once again thanking Bruce Metcalf for his yeoman work over the summer putting together the July and August issues in the middle of a pandemic when there are no tours or events to fill the Script up with after they occur. Thanks Bruce. I'm not sure what we'd do if you didn't step up.

Bill Sims

REPORT FROM VIRUS-FREE LIVINGROOMS

**Board Meeting
August 26, 2020**



Call to Order. The Board meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Doug Tomb, via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance; A quorum was present for the Board meeting to enable voting. The members who were present included, Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb, John Dougherty, Paul Bjarnason, Luke Chaplin, Bruce Metcalf, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims, James Kolody and Jerry Olexson.

Not Present, Note the position of VP Activities is vacant at this time. Benny Leonard not in attendance

Board Meeting Agenda – President Tomb started the Board meeting and presented the agenda.

Item #1 Greg Shepherd reviewed with the Board the results of the membership survey and their activity needs and wants. A detailed report will be in the Script for the membership. In the meantime, the Board is using the results to plan and execute safe activities for the members. Periodic surveys will be conducted to update the sentiments of our activities and membership desires, all in the interest of safety.

Item # 2 Paul Bjarnason presented an update of the state of our Club insurance coverage as it relates to coverage of any potential claims for Covid19 situations. He consulted with the insurance contact Doug Linden. Paul conveyed to the Board that no Covid19 claims would be settled as our insurance coverage does not apply to that situation. It appears that only Model A-related events would be covered in the policies the Club maintains.

After lengthy discussion on Club picnic events, the Board decided to table the motion for the time being and until further details can be sorted out to insure a safe environment for the Club members.

Item # 3 A series of Club driving activities was discussed, including a G W Parkway drive and park and lunch. As an alternative, a drive would be on September 19 to celebrate International Model A Day; the proposed drive would be along River Road in Maryland. Details are being developed by Milford and will be shared with the Club members. The Board approved a motion to proceed with this driving celebration.

A subsequent examination of the GW route and services was made. It was determined that this tour at this time was not feasible as most of the public facilities and roadside rests for stop and lunch purposes was not available. The George Washington Distillery was closed for the season and the Inn at Mt Vernon had limited seating for dining.

Item # 4 A motion was made to provide a \$10 dollar reimbursement to each member of the Club Repair Squad for their lunch expenses while engaged in Model A repairs of Club member cars. The funds would be payable from the Peyton Randolph Memorial donation made to the Club. Of course, the Board encourages all participants in Squad activities to socially distance and wear protective face masks complying with appropriate health regulations.

Board Virtual meeting ended at 8:25pm

Jerry Olexson,
Secretary

REPORT FROM VIRUS-FREE LIVINGROOMS SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL MEETING

Special Board Meeting August 26, 2020

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Not Present, Note the position of VP Activities is vacant at this time. Benny Leonard, James Kolody and Luke Chaplin not in attendance

Board Meeting Agenda – President Tomb called a special Board meeting concerning the Club’s October do-it-yourself Picnic invite to the Cross Farm.

President Tomb discussed the details with the Board as disclosed to him by Edna Cross. The Board, ever mindful of safety concerns, reviewed the parameters and discussed at length the particulars.

In summary, the do-it-yourself picnic would take place on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 1 PM. In the interest of safety, attendees would provide their own lunch and drinks; taking of temperatures would occur; wearing of masks would be required with no exceptions; portable restrooms would be provided; all distant gatherings will be outdoor; gathering would be social and each attendee would bring their seating chairs.

All Club members would receive a detailed invite with an RSVP by October 1. Doug and Shep will work on the details.

A formal motion was presented to the Board for their vote by President Doug. It is as follows “The GWC accepts the Cross’s invite to a do-it-yourself picnic at their farm October 18, starting at 1 PM.”

All present voted in favor of the measure, so resolved.

A second proposal was brought to the floor, which consisted of the GWC picking up the expense of the Porta facilities. All were in favor and the President was advised of his authority to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$500. All present voted in favor of the measure, so resolved.

Further, complete details will be provided to Club members in a separate communication.

Board Virtual meeting ended at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Olexson, Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In the President's Corner, Jim Cartmill reminded members of the upcoming "Pig Picking Picnic", to be held this year at the Rockville Civic Center. He even extended this invitation; "If you didn't make it onto Luke Chaplin's sign-up sheet don't fret, load up your "A" with your family (and maybe a dessert for judging) and come on out ... let's see if we can finally hit the magic number of 50 Model A's at our picnic."



A nominating committee headed up by Andy Pogan and to be assisted by Don Temple and Hank Marsh was formed, and members were asked to advise them what their thoughts were for the 1996 slate of officers, "and don't be shy about throwing your own name in the ring."

The Carl Patrick Memorial Award is presented to a member who contributed to the Chapter by willingly sharing his knowledge of the Model A, promoted friendship and fellowship within the Club, or provided sustained or outstanding service to the Chapter. Howard Bennett, chair of the Carl Patrick Memorial Award Committee, asked members to pass the name of any person they felt was deserving to him, or Joe Krafft or Harry White, who were also on the committee.

Raves were given for the fine presentation on Model A front ends by Andy Pogan and Robert Mechner at the August meeting. The technical presentation was described as superb and innovative. Not only did Robert set up two tv monitors at intervals down the center isle and used a camcorder to feed a view of the proceedings to the tv's, he also then donated the tv's to the Club!

It was September, and thoughts of Hershey were in the air. For the second year, a banquet get-together, which was to become a tradition called "Hershey Early Birds," would be held on Wednesday evening at the Hershey Motor Lodge. Attendees could meet and discuss their rare finds, bargains, and near misses at the flea market that day. In the previous year fifteen members showed up and a good time was had by all. Those wishing to attend could call Bill Worsham or sign up at the September meeting.

Fred Klein reported on having participated in the Great American Race. He said he received a last-minute call from a friend who needed someone to drive his support vehicle, which carries the spare parts, tools, luggage, trailer, and everything else that doesn't fit in the race car. The race is run like a rally; each participant is given a set of instructions, which the driver and navigator have to follow to the letter. The cars are released at one-minute intervals until they have all departed. The race went from Ottawa, Canada, to Mexico City, spanning three different countries over two weeks.

September program: "Buy the Right Thing". That's the title of the presentation that was upcoming at the September meeting, to be presented by Millard Springer. His announcement in the Script said, "With all the big fall flea markets coming up you are probably anticipating finding all kinds of wonderful parts at bargain-basement prices. You're probably also remembering all those expensive parts you bought that didn't quite fit your car".... So, the proceeding would be a "Shoppers Guide Quiz". Parts would be on display and members would be asked to identify and evaluate their correctness and usefulness. Parts that were thought to be good but ended up in the scrap pile would be kept track of for each quiz participant, and afterwards each part's merits and faults would be discussed. No mention of prizes for quiz winners.

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (Cont.)

One more thing—our wandering editor Bill announced he was back from Nova Scotia, lamenting that despite avoiding main roads there were no Model A's to be seen, adding that a lot of whales were. He described it as gorgeous countryside, beautiful and seductive.

Dave Henderson

FORMER CLUB FIRST LADY DIES AT 91

Dolores Manns passed away Thursday, August 6th, at the Spring Arbor senior living facility in Leesburg, Virginia, of a kidney infection. Dolores was 91.

Dolores and past president Chuck Manns had been married for 70 years, the last 47 of which were in Vienna and Leesburg. The Manns had been members of the GWC from at least 1995 until 2018, and Chuck was president for the first half of 2000 before handing over the gavel to Stan Johnson.

Dolores worked for the National Wildlife Federation until her retirement, and remained a champion of that organization's conservation ethic.

Due to the present circumstances, funeral services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Dolores' name to the National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org).

Please keep Chuck and his extended family in your hearts and prayers.

You can view Dolores' obituary at; <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/buffalonews/obituary.aspx?n=dolores-valeria-manns&pid=196613265>

Jim Gray

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

One new member family signed up this month! Update your rosters and please welcome them to the Club. They own a 1930 open cab pickup (76B). And its righthand drive!

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SEPTEMBER SUNSHINE REPORT

Deaths

Jim Scheidel – We lost a longtime member and retired Air Force veteran to cancer on July 19.
<https://www.leefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/James-Scheidel/>

Gloria Babel – Ellen Jaeger's sister died in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newszapde/obituary.aspx?n=gloria-babel&pid=196653275&fhid=7854>

Dolores Manns – past president Chuck Manns' wife of 70 years died of natural causes.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/buffalonews/obituary.aspx?n=dolores-valeria-manns&pid=196613265>

Illness

Hope Danielson – Dan Danielson's wife had knee replacement surgery. She is home now and responding well to her therapy.

Benny was hospitalized with kidney problems, in the hospital for three weeks. Home now and on the mend.

Engagement

Jason Cunningham and Loriel A. Dutton

Jim Gray
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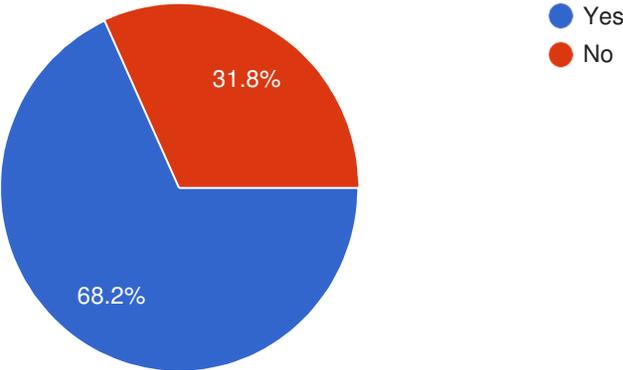
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RESULTS OF CLUB POLL FOR CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER PICNIC

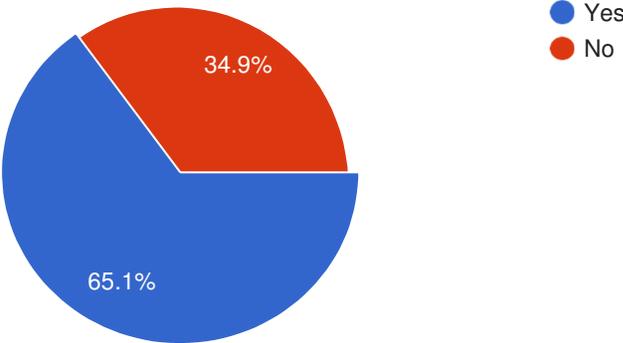
Would you attend a picnic in October, as described above?

44 responses



Would you participate if meals were catered and served buffet style knowing the food will be served only by the caterer?

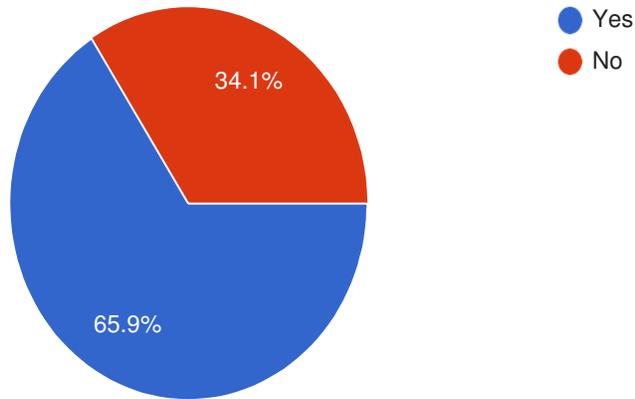
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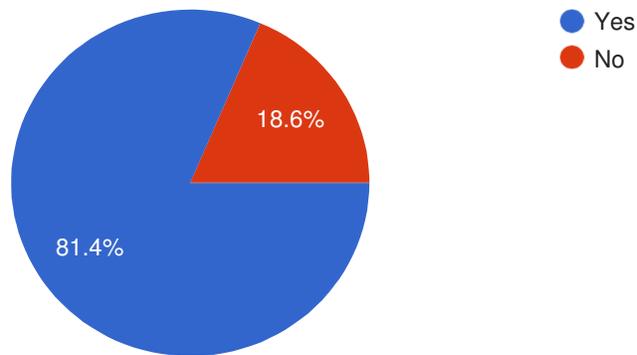
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Would you participate if meals were "boxed"?



Would you pay a participation fee of \$10 per person?

43 responses

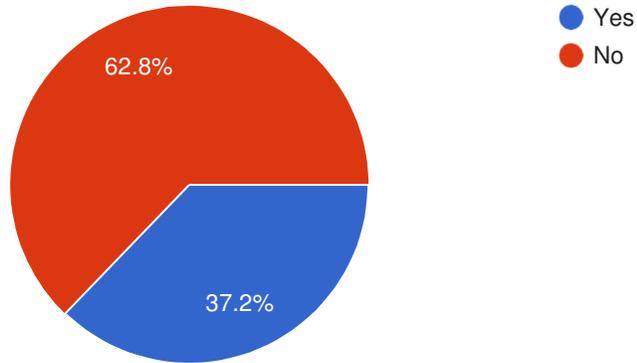


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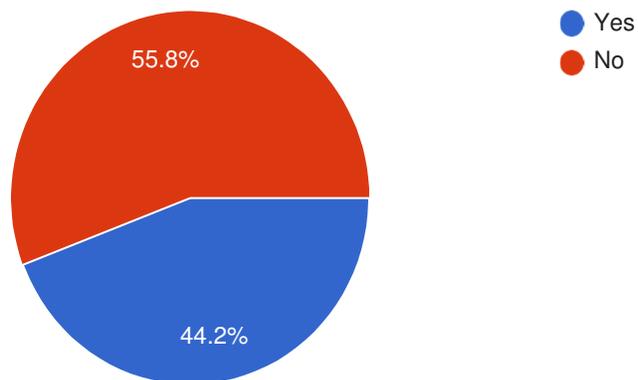
picnic?

43 responses



If you come would you like to participate in a his and hers brown bag gift exchange?

43 responses



MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

The Gilmore is excited to have a new mobile store which is a restored 1930 Ford Model A Pick-Up. The Garage Works students did the restoration on the vehicle and their operations staff created the slat walls, awning and sliding storage drawers.

The mobile store is stocked with impulse buy items like logo'ed hats, T-Shirts, mugs, as well as books, model cars and other items as well as snacks, sodas and water. They are able to utilize the mobile store on numerous locations around our campus. This is especially valuable when there are events after hours or when the museum store is closed.

The vintage signage lettering was done by a local artist and made to look like it was done in the 1930's.

On your next visit to the museum, please check out our merchandise at the Gilmore Gift Shop.



GWC MEMBERS REACH MAFCA MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

60 Years – Charles & Sara Canova

50 Years – Andy & Ellen Jaeger

40 Years – Millard Springer

30 Years – Jim & Emilie Scheidel

Rick & Elaine Menz

25 Years – Bob Clubb

25 Years -- Hunter & Rosa Fanney

Bill & Alice Sims

Jim & Connie Baker

John Molino

Jim & Suzan O'Neale

Tom Quigley

HELPING THE FAMILY OF A FORMER MEMBER

The Club got a request for help from the daughters of a former member, Stanley Leizear, who died about eight years ago. Stan had two antique Fords and an MGB GT. The daughters, Leslie and Caroline, wanted to identify the parts that went with the Model T and Model A. Doug Tomb and I volunteered to be the Club Repair Squad duo that would help the daughters out.

Stan had three daughters, two of which live in California and one who lives in Front Royal. He had two very nice old Fords, a 1930 Model A Deluxe Coupe and a 1922 Model T Touring. They were in a two-car garage in Annandale along with a red MGB GT.



Our focus was on the parts for the two Fords. Both were nicely restored by Stan, who was a cartographer. He bought the Model T when he was 15. The Model A was found in Damascus, MD, and restored. Stan did all of the work, according to his daughters, including the painting and pin striping! The Model A will go to the daughter who lives in Front Royal and the Model T to a daughter in California.

The cars look pretty ready to go, although the Model A still has gas in it, unfortunately. Not much gas, according to the gas gauge. We couldn't assess how much gas the Model T had in it, if any, as we could not get the cap off of the gas tank.

We rooted around the cluttered, but not very messy, garage. There was a Model T engine, sans head in front of the Model A. We also found a cache of kerosene Model T lights, a Model T rear axle and differential, a Model A radiator, bumper brackets and a large assortment of Model T horns and a box of Model T kerosene lights. There were also boxes with different odds and ends of parts in them. There were a number of parts that went to the MG, as well.



Interestingly, the tires on the Fords all still had some air in them. We found an air compressor that worked and filled the tires that were obviously low.

The sisters were very pleased with the help we provided. The one in Front Royal will join the Club, so we will get one new member from our efforts. It was nice to see that Stan's cars will stay in the family and it was a great use of Club resources to help in that process, plus we got a new member out of it!

Milford Sprecher

HOW TO DEAL WITH A WOBBLY RADIATOR CAP

My radiator cap kept vibrating loose and I didn't want to lose it. First step was to get a new gasket. The new one didn't have a notch cut in the ID to get it past the ears on the cap, so a little work with a sharp box cutter fixed that. Did they used to come with a notch, I can't remember? Anyway, that wasn't enough to stop the problem, so I looked at the radiator neck more closely. It looked worn on the edge that the cap ears rub on, so not easy to add metal. The metal didn't look quite plumb and maybe bending it straighter would add just enough dimension that the cap ears would engage securely. Tool of choice for this? My trusty smooth jaw channel lock pliers that I have had since at least 1970! I just squeezed a little and apparently it was enough, because the cap has stayed in place on several drives since.



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AUGUST SIT 'N SIP AT PHILOMONT

We yanked the masks down long enough to sample Drew Bishop's breakfast sandwiches and coffee from the Philomont General Store and I grabbed the moment to do a little shutter-bugging.

Fun drive through Western Loudoun on a pretty morning, although getting spouses and significant others off the pillows at the crack of dawn was a total failure ... just us old guys (and James). The whole town of Philomont comes alive early Saturday mornings ... families, bicyclers, joggers, dog walkers, parents with kids hoofing it to the store for mail and munchies. Of course, we met all of them and answered question after question about our rides.

Not a big turnout, but getting six 'A's exercised on a Saturday morning in the middle of a pandemic should be chalked up as a success!!

John Leydon



Jeff Van Gorder, Paul Bjarnason and Phil McCormick



Meet and greet outside the Philomont General Store



Dick Johns and Bruce Metcalf in their Covid-19 attire



Jeff, James, Paul, John D., John L., Dick and Bruce

SHORT RIVER ROAD TOUR - SATURDAY, SEPT. 19



International Model A Day is scheduled for September 19 and we are scheduling a short informal tour for that day to celebrate and to exercise our cars! We will meet in the parking lot of Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Boulevard, in Glen Echo, MD, at 10 AM. The specific address for GPS purposes is 5801 Oxford Road • Glen Echo, MD • 20812 <https://glenechopark.org/directions> It is the first exit on the MD side of the American Legion Bridge, heading east towards DC on the Clara Barton Parkway.

Get there a little early to tour Glen Echo Park, if you have not been there. It is a former amusement park. The Clara Barton House is there, as well, although it is not open.

The tour route will take us out MacArthur Blvd with a stop at Great Falls Park. There can be a fee, although the last time I was there it was free. It is a National Park Service property, so if you have the Senior Pass (for those of who are seniors, there is no fee to get in.)

It may be crowded, so walking out to see the river may not be practical. We will then continue on MacArthur to Falls Road and up to Potomac Village. At Potomac Village, we will head west on River Road to Seneca and take some back roads, ending up back at River Road near Seneca Schoolhouse for a short visit. There is parking along the road. There is also a parking lot, which I can see if I can get opened for our visit. We will then head back toward Potomac Village. The tour should last a couple of hours, so we should be able to have lunch in Potomac village.

I will have detailed instructions available at the tour start, plus some information about the sites and other landmarks on the way. We request that everyone wear a mask when not in your cars to comply with local regulations and for the safety of everyone we come in contact with!

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I have some idea how many instructions to have available and to make sure we don't leave anyone behind! milford.sprecher@gmail.com 301-830-2198

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COMING EVENTS

September

Sept. 19 (Saturday) The GWC will celebrate International Model A Day with a short tour along River Rd. in Montgomery County, MD. (See previous page for details.)

September 26 (Saturday) We are the Westridge Social Committee from Woodbridge, VA. Westridge is a neighborhood of over 1,300 households that has a **very active** Homeowners Association and Social Committee. Our residents are interested in a car show. With the newfound popularity of socially distanced "Coffee and Cars" events we thought this would be something fun to host in the neighborhood. We have the space for cars to be showcased. We are reaching out today to see if you might have an interest in participating. We are currently looking at the date of Sept. 26th in the evening (4-7PM). There is no fee to participate in the car show. Contact Melanie McCleery or Becky Gould-Levine, Westridge Social Committee Com-mittee (No contact info provided.) There is a website: <http://www.westridgeva.org/info.php?pnum=3>

October

AFRH Car Show has been canceled for this year. The good news is that none of the residents has or had the virus. The home is basically on lock down.

Oct. 1st-4th 63rd Annual Steam-o-Rama The early American Steam Engine Society is still hosting on October 1, 2,3, & 4th 2020 their 63rd annual event. Showgrounds at 1673 Manor Rd., Windsor, PA. Tractor pulls, garden tractor pulls, steam engine hill climbs and a flea market.

October 18th: An afternoon Model A drive in the country near Leesburg, with a bring your own picnic lunch. Details to follow.

WANT ADS

For Sale

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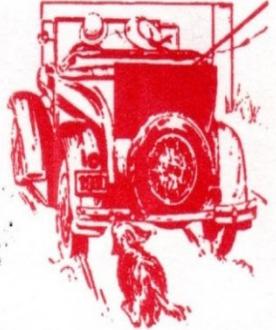
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