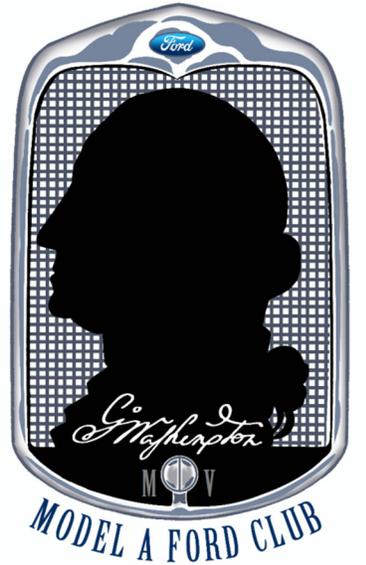


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To remind us of the Cicada Crisis we just survived, here is one that made the supreme sacrifice into a Model A grille. At least it was with a blaze of glory! (photo credit: Milford Sprecher)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Wishing everyone a Happy Fourth of July! Summer is here, and it is time to get out and Celebrate!

Not sure if they are having the usual Fourth of July Parade in Washington, D.C., as they did in the past. We used to get a good turnout of Model A Fords in the Cherry Blossom, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July Parades. No word from the organizers this year. We look forward to 2022.

Perhaps you can find a local parade or event where you can drive your Model A and show it off. Don't forget to get some flag holders for the bumpers, so you can wave the flag as you roll along. Use the OOGA Horn a lot. It always draws a smile from the crowd.

We had a small group of Club members at Sully on Father's Day, to commemorate the annual GWC Sully Car Show. We didn't have a show this year, due to the uncertainty of the Covid situation. Paying thousands of dollars of the Club's money for a show that may or may not happen was too much of a risk for the Board.

The Sully Annual Show Chairman John Dougherty made arrangements with the Park Authority for us to have an informal Sit & Sip at Sully on Father's Day. We had two Model A Fords and seven Club members in attendance. We sat in the Car Corral area and looked around at all the well-tended lawns and beautiful scenery. It is a peaceful spot. We imagined what it will be like next year, when we will hold Sully 47 there with 300+ cars and many, many visitors. Can't wait.

Activity Chairman Gene Rainville has been working hard on activities and tours for this summer. Ask him about the one day tour to the White Post Restoration shop. So far he has 8 cars and 18 people signed up. This is a good chance to get that Model A out for a drive in the country, with other Club members. Don't miss it.

The Club will hold a Swap Meet at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax, on Saturday, July 24th. This was moved from our usual Wednesday evening time, so that there will be more time to peruse the car parts on offer. Look for further details in the Script and on the Website. Plan to attend.

And, it is the time of year when we start planning for the new Board for 2022. There are a couple of openings on the Board for next year. Consider helping the Club out by joining as a Board member. The Club is only as good as the participation we get from the membership, so your help is needed and much appreciated.

Finally, Congratulations to Club member Gary Donley, from College Park, MD, for his Model A Restorers Club, MARC of Excellence Award, for his 1930 Model A Coupe, at the 2021 National Meet in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Excellent job!

See you down the road,
Doug

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Not much to report, the only "opportunities" on my Coupe are to fix the intermittent right front wheel shimmy and make the headlights work. I've checked for play in the tie-rods, bearing, etc. with no results, but the answer is somewhere. The aftermarket contact disc in the headlight switch apparently needs chamfering to fit correctly in the body, so I'll get to that. Thanks to all the contributors in this issue! Also, this place in Nebraska looks interesting:

<https://www.museumofamericanspeed.com/modelab.html>

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

George Washington Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Board Meeting June 23, 2021

June 23, 2021, convened at 7:00 pm

Meeting location – Red, Hot & Blue Restaurant, Fairfax, VA

Members present: Doug Tomb, Paul Bjarnason, Luke Chaplin, John Dougherty, Benny Leonard, Eugene Rainville, and Greg Shepherd.

Not present were: Stan Johnson, James Kolody, Bruce Metcalf, Bill Sims, and Milford Sprecher.

A quorum was not present, so no votes were taken.

President Doug Tomb presented the main agenda topics. Discussion and Board actions ensued as follows:

- 1) It was noted that Stan Johnson had a hospital procedure lately and that we should all keep Stan and Roz in our thoughts and prayers.
- 2) 2021 Revised GWC Club Budget discussion - Treasurer Paul Bjarnason presented the latest draft of a revised Club budget for the remainder of this year. It was noted that this is a second non-Sully Car Show year, so our revenue is limited. The revised budget showed Club income to date of \$3,800.00 and estimated Club expenditures of \$9,217.00. This resulting in a projected deficit of \$5,417.00 for the year for the Club.

Various options were discussed for how the Club could adjust expenditures for the year, so that the budget will come more into balance. The main activities planned so far are the rental expense for the American Legion Hall for Monthly Meetings, the annual Club Christmas Party in December, donations to the Armed Forces Retirement Home, and to MAFFI of \$500.00 each, a Fall Club picnic, and a Transition Board Dinner for the Board in December.

After much discussion, it was decided that Treasurer Bjarnason needs to request more specific budget numbers from each Board member for their area of responsibility, so that the Club budget can be more easily adjusted to bring it in line with current revenue.

There was discussion about drawing down the Club's reserve fund, to allow the Club to still offer a few of the planned activities and events for the remainder of the year. Further discussion will take place at the next Board Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st, 2021, at Mylos Grill Restaurant in McLean, VA.

- 3) Sully Chairman John Dougherty gave an update on the plans for Sully 47 in 2022. John is working with the Fairfax County Park Authority to get an agreement signed for next year's show. He is waiting to hear back from Park Authority management as to when this can be concluded.
- 4) Tools Chairman Benny Leonard is planning to offer a Sand Blast Day, using the Club air compressor, for later this year. He will be putting out a request for those who are interested, so he can order the appropriate amount of sand for the sand blaster.
- 5) Programs Chairman Luke Chaplin detailed the Club plan for the July Monthly Meeting. Instead of the annual Club Flea Market at the Balls Hill Road American Legion, as in the past, a Saturday Swap Meet at the American Legion Hall in Fairfax, will be held. The Swap Meet will be held in their parking lot on Saturday, July 24th, starting at 8:00 AM thru 3:00 PM. This venue has been tried in the past, and it is hoped that we will get better attendance this year. Other car clubs in the area will be invited to join the GWC at the Swap meet.
- 6) Chairman Chaplin again expressed the need for members to sign up to present a topic of their choice to the Club at our Monthly Meetings. It was decided that those interested in presenting to the membership should contact Luke directly.
- 7) Activities Chairman Gene Rainville reported on the planned Club tour to the White Post Restoration Shop, in White Post, VA, later this summer. The interest for the one day tour has been very positive, with 8 Model A Fords committed to attend, and 16 participants. Gene is hoping to get more requests to attend as we get closer to the date.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

8) The Board reviewed the success of the June Monthly Meeting. We had 29 members in attendance and two guests. One of the guests reported that he is in the market for a Model A Ford, but wants to try out different models, so that he can be sure he can drive it comfortably. John Dougherty has offered to meet with him, and offered to let him check out John's four door sedan, the most commodious of the Model A vehicles. We hope this will be convincing and he gets a Model A and joins the Club. The meeting was a welcome return to Face To Face GWC Club Meetings. A Special Thank You goes to member Jim Baker for his interesting presentation on his travels in Europe in his Model A Ford.

9) At this point, it was discovered that the Red, Hot & Blue Restaurant closes early on Wednesday evenings, at 8:00 PM, and the meeting was adjourned as the restaurant staff were closing things up.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Tomb (Acting Secretary)

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Sully '96 had been a roaring success. A gorgeous sunny day, but with enough cloud cover to keep the temperature cool, and the event went smoothly. Editor Bill said the gods were with us. A conspiracy of events had caused the show date to be moved back a week. Had that not happened and the show been held on the normal date, we would have had to hold it in dreaded rain! President Millard Springer pitched in, saying it was one of the best shows ever. Over 4,400 paid attendance, 450 cars, and a whopping \$700 from the snow cone stand alone. It was decided that henceforth the show would be held on Father's Day.

The old car Clunker Bill continued to be of concern. Various aspects of it and its potential effects on antique cars were the subject of discussion at the Board meeting. Jim Cartmill volunteered to write his county representative for information, and would report his findings to the membership at an upcoming general meeting. President Millard offered advice for all members to stay on the alert to news of the issue, but cautioned about going on the attack, saying that antagonistic writers might not necessarily reflect the views of club members such as ours and of people like us.

Coming up at the general meeting was a talk by Paul Moorcones, President of Radial Tire Company in Silver Spring, Md. about tires. He was said to have a great deal of experience in the tire business and had hosted meetings at his shop for other marque car clubs. A plan to sponsor a wheel and tire day at the company was in the works.

"Model A Ford on the Internet" was the topic of two articles appearing in the Script, one by Don Kidwell and another by John Howell. Remember, 25 years ago we didn't all have computers so this came as a surprise to some. In his article Don enumerated several commercial web sites which included Hemmings and Model A Trader, each of which held leads that utilized their own web addresses in turn. John Howell's article entitled "Model A Fords in Cyberspace" had a slightly different approach, he discussed the Model A information per se and the clubs, publications, museums, and organizations. He volunteered to write a home page for our chapter and said that if the Board ok's the project he would write the page and provide the space on an internet server. He offered a listing of internet addresses for sites such as the Ford Archives, its museum, MARC, and AACA. He closed with "Happy Model A Cybersurfing!"

C&O CANAL LOCK TOUR

Last fall I organized a short tour out River Road in Montgomery County, Maryland that included a stop at Riley's Lock on the C&O Canal. Many of the participants were very interested in the old lock and aqueduct there and club member Jim Baker expressed interest in another tour of some of the other locks on the C&O Canal. That seemed like a good suggestion, so I organized another tour for June 26 that included stops at Great Falls Tavern and a number of locks along the canal.

Jim Baker had a conflict and couldn't attend, but we had three Model A's, a vintage Datsun 240z and one modern car. Jason Cunningham and Loriel Dutton, Hunter and Rosa Fanney and I brought our Model A's. Tom Terko tagged along with me. Jim Gray and Kathie were in their modern Toyota and Keith Randall and his wife Susan brought their one-owner, unrestored Datsun 240Z.

C&O CANAL LOCK TOUR (Cont.)

As we did last time, we met at the parking lot at Glen Echo Park and headed out MacArthur Blvd. Our first stop was at Great Falls Tavern. We parked and walked along the tow path and took the bridges out to Olmstead Island in the Potomac where we had great views of the river and the falls. Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse and we had rain at this stop, but it had ended by the time we got back to our cars.



We left the park and headed up Falls Road to River Road to our first stop, Swain's Lock. Some of the roads are not well marked, so I sailed past Swain's Lock Road and had to turn around and go back. Swain's Lock was occupied by the Swain family from the canal days up until 2019. After a short visit there, we headed to our next stop, which was Pennyfield Lock. President Grover Cleveland, who was an avid fisherman, reportedly would go fishing there.

Our next stop was Violette's Lock. At Violette's Lock, we came upon a kayaking class and one young man who hesitated to try the upside down kayak maneuver that you must experience as someone who is learning to use a kayak. Under our watchful eyes, he successfully completed the task to applause from our group. Whether we helped or hindered his lesson, we do not know.



The next stop on our itinerary was Riley's Lock, which we had visited last year. Jason Cunningham brought two friends with him who enjoyed riding in the rumble seat of Jason's roadster. One of them said that he had lived his whole life in Montgomery County and did not know about the places we had visited. A number of our participants had not been to these spots, so the tour successfully introduced people to some of the lesser known sites along the river.

Not far from Riley's Lock is the Rockland Winery. We had reservations for our group at lunch time, so that was our next stop. The winery is on an old farm with a nice stone farmhouse build of the reddish stone from the Seneca Quarry nearby. On weekends the winery has a couple of food trucks there, serving either burgers or pizza. I think our group was

C&O CANAL LOCK TOUR (Cont.)

evenly split between burgers and pizza. I had a burger and it was quite good. We had picnic tables together under a sunscreen. The sun had come out and it was warm but pretty comfortable.

Our final stop was Edward's Ferry. There is a lock and canal keeper's house there. The ferry was the site of troop movements in the Gettysburg campaign. We were treated to a talk about the site by a C&O Canal Trust volunteer, a Mr. Street who had a wealth of information about the canal and the ferry. He and his wife are caretakers of the lock house for visitors who rent it from the canal trust.



This was the end of the tour. Jason and Hunter, who live in upper Montgomery County, took a different way back and the rest of the group made the return trip individually. The tour started at 9 AM and we were back close to the point of origin around three o'clock, so it was a six hour tour altogether.

Milford Sprecher

5T TOUR (PLUS MODEL A'S)

The five Maryland area Model T clubs offer what is called the 5T tour, sponsored by one of the local clubs. As a member of the National Capitol Model T Club, I participated in the tour two years ago with my Model A. Maybe that paved the way a bit for the invitation to the GWC and Greater Baltimore Model A clubs to participate in this year's 5T Tour in Carroll County, MD.

Sponsored by Maryland Chapter of the Model T Ford Club International, the tour consisted of a 80 mile circuit through Carroll County, MD, beginning and ending in Woodbine, MD. The tour route featured quilt patterns painted on barns throughout the county. The turnaround point was the Shriver homestead in Union Mills, MD, where participants had a bring-your-own lunch picnic before taking a different route back to the starting point.

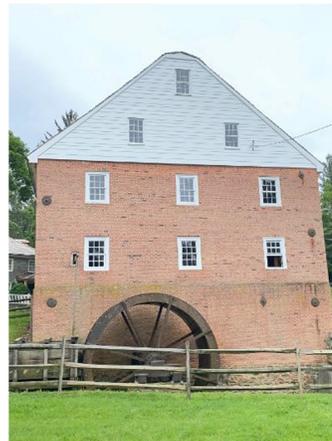
The tour was organized by the president of the Maryland Chapter, Eric Krause, and featured very detailed directions and an ice cream stop at the end of the tour. The weather was very good for the first half of the tour, but some rain started while the group was at Union Mills. Most people persevered to the ice cream stop at the end of the tour.

The tour consisted of ten Model T's, five Model A's, a 1935 Singer, a 1922 Cadillac and a 1980 Ford LTD. There were over fifty people in the cars and two dogs. A trouble trailer came along, but was not necessary.

GWC participants included me, Jason Cunningham in the 1922 Cadillac, and Tom Terko who rode with Walt Bratton.

Carroll County has undergone quite a bit of development, but the tour traveled through some beautiful countryside and the occasional gravel road. The T's led the way, which was only appropriate and the Model A-ers didn't push the group to drive too fast. There were a few wrong turns along the way, but we all made it to Union Mills and back without mishap.

5T TOUR (PLUS MODEL A'S)(Cont.)



Many remember Sargent Shriver, who was married to John F. Kennedy's sister. His family had its roots in Maryland at the Shriver Homestead north of Westminster, which was our picnic destination. The Shriver family was of divided loyalties during the Civil War, with two brothers taking different sides. Both Union and Confederate armies spent the night at Union Mills at different times during the Gettysburg campaign.

Milford Sprecher

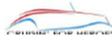
45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet Saturday, September 18, 2021

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- All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher.
- Vehicles must be driven onto the show field under their own power
- **Once parked, vehicles must remain turned off until the meet is over approximately 3:00 pm.**
- Vehicles needing to exit earlier must be escorted off the field. Contact a Bull Run member to arrange escort.
- Cars with "For Sale" and/or "Raffle" signs must be in the Car Corral and registered for the show as such.
- Results of the vote tally are final.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- No food sales unless authorized in advance by Bull Run Region.
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TOP 35 Class A & B
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From I-95: Travel I-95 to Exit 152B - Route 234 North (Manassas) Drive about 14.5 miles and make a right at the second light onto Business 234. Drive another 2.5 miles and take a right at the light onto Prince William Street, (before railroad overpass) - follow signs to show car entrance

From I-466 (coming from the west): Travel I-466 to Exit 44 - Route 234 By-Pass (Manassas) Drive about 6 miles and make a left at the light onto Business 234 (Dunfries Rd) Go another 2.5 miles, take a right at the light onto Prince William Street, (before railroad overpass) - follow signs to show car entrance

From I-466 (coming from the east): Take I-66 to exit 53A and follow Rte. 28 south, 7.8 miles into Manassas. Turn left onto Grant Ave. (Business 234), go under railroad overpass and left onto Prince William Street at first light. Follow sign to show car entrance.

From Prince William Parkway (Dale City / Woodbridge): At Liberia Avenue light (where Parkway makes left turn) continue straight onto Wellington Rd. Go 1.3 miles to Grant Ave. and turn right. Turn right at second light onto Prince William St. follow signs to show car entrance.

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FROM YOUR ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN

Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) Breakfast – June 9, 2021 presented us with a very nice Breakfast gathering of the Model A Club, V8 Ford Club, and some Train enthusiasts. All present had a great time with lots of friendly chitter chatter among the group. Present were Jane & Wayne Chadderton, Helen & Ken Burns, Edna & James Cross, Sharon & Benny Leonard, Sandy & Clem Clement, and Gene Rainville. Benny drove his 1930 “A” Coupe and Clem his 1939 “V8” Ford Truck.



Annual Picnic – The Board is currently in the beginning stages of planning the Annual Picnic to be held sometime during the month of October. This year the price is \$10 per person. At present we are working to obtain a venue and the suggested dates are October 3, or 17, 2021. More info will be published as we finalize things for this event.

Christmas Party Update – The 2021 GWC Christmas Party will be held on December 4, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax American Legion Hall. The same place where it was held in the past. Mark your calendars accordingly. The last Christmas Party was held in December of 2019 however, lots have transpired since our last party. Looks like there is a lot of light at the end of this long humble COVID journey. We are starting our planning early and we have a good number of volunteers already stepping up to help. Edna needs all the help she can get. If you would like to volunteer in some capacity please let me know. My contact information is as follows. Gene Rainville 703 489-7321 or by email at rainvillegl@gmail.com.

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BERRYVILLE STEAM SHOW 2021

According to their website <http://www.svsgea.com/steam-shows.html>, the Steam Show happening on July 23 - 25. If you decide to go, give me a call at 952 288 3508 and come over for snacks and beverages afterwards. Bruce Metcalf

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have a new family to welcome to our own. Please add their info to your rosters. They own a 1930 45-B coupe and a 1931 150-B station wagon.

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Leesburg VA 20176
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wtworsham@aol.com



WEBSITE REPORT



No real updates to the website. The classified section continues to be active with cars coming and going. I did reorder the menu on the left to be alphabetical. I think that makes it easier for returning and new visitors to find pages on our site.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Stan Johnson is recovering well from a medical procedure he underwent recently, but requests no phone or email contact. Roz suggests a note or card sent to their home would be very much appreciated.

Stan Johnson
7006 Spur Road
Springfield, VA 22153-1436

Former GWC President and Air Force Veteran Thomas Lynn Shaw Sr. of Leesburg, VA passed away on June 19, 2021, at 80 after a more than a 20-year battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Tom was a long-time member of the GWC as well as the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 club. Tom served twice as the director of the Northern Virginia Police Academy, once as a police officer and a second time as a civilian.

For more information see:

<https://patch.com/virginia/herndon/s/hmwgm/thomas-shaw-80-former-nova-police-academy-director-dies>

NATIONAL LIAISON REPORT

Model A Ford Foundation:

Model A Day is Sept. 18-19, 2021 at the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. The host hotel is sold out, but there are other hotels in the area. Model A Day will feature technical seminars, a swap meet, car show and Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars. Theme is first responder vehicles. <https://www.maffi.org/WContent/MAD.html>

MAFCA:

Worldwide Model A Day, September 11
National Awards Banquet December 2-5 in Fort Worth, TX

MARC:

2022 National Meet June 5 - 11 Morgantown, PA
2022 Membership Meet, April 1-3 Plymouth, IN

Other Events:

Greenfield Village Old Car Festival Sept. 10-12 (tentative)
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INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2021

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Dear Model "A" Ford Club Representatives:

INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2021, will take place Saturday, September 11th, with a local rain date of 9/12. Put on an event, keeping Social Distances, like a tour & picnic.

This day is simply a formal opportunity for Model "A" Ford owners and Clubs around the world to all go out for a drive or event on that same day and submit photos to me for submission to the National Magazines. Hopefully, the photos will show UNIQUE backgrounds to your locale. Email JPEG photos to sailbruce@aol.com

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Hoping to see you and your club participate and enjoy this great day and to submit photos to share with the entire Model "A" Ford community.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Adams

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Coordinator-Founder-International Model "A" Ford Day

GARY DONLEY'S AWARD-WINNING CAR

The car has been in the family since 1930 when it was purchased new. It was bought originally by a Great Aunt and then in 1934 she sold it to her sister, also a Great Aunt of mine. In 1969 I purchased the car from my Great Aunt making me the third person to own the Model A in the family. I completely disassembled the car during my high school and college years, but that was as far as I got at the time. Fast forward after getting married, having children, and a career, I proceeded to have the car restoration finished by Vintage Motor Car Company, LLC located in Inwood, West Virginia.

Since the car was complete when I bought it (it was actually driven on a daily basis until 1960), it still retains the majority of the original parts. The engine number matches the number on the original title. The restoration came out so well that when we started to show the car; it did very well in the awards category.

2019 I won the AACA Junior National Award

2020 I won the AACA Senior National Award and was nominated for the AACA National Ford Award for 1928 to 1931 Model A Fords, which I was fortunate enough to win.

2021 I won the MARC of Excellence Award from the Model A Restorers Club.



RADIUS BALL SOCKET REPLACEMENT

Many Model A's experience front end shimmy at one time or another. There are a variety of causes, from king pins to steering components. Another problem area has to do with the radius ball that attaches to the bottom of the transmission bell housing.

I had been experiencing front end shimmy in my Town Sedan during braking. I checked the wheel bearings and the king pins and all were in good order. The brake drums seemed to be out of round, but Tom Terko turned my front drums some months ago. That solved the problem for a while, but the problem returned. On the way home from the 5T tour on the 16th, the problem got noticeably worse. Earlier I had noticed that the radius ball socket was loose so I tightened that, but without significant improvement.

The radius ball is at the apex of the radius rods that attach to the front axle, attaching at the bell housing to provide stability for the front axle and spring. Looking at my radius ball, I discovered that it had been repaired in the past with a rubber ball placed over the steel radius ball with a replacement socket. This was a once common repair that is not done so much these days, although the parts are still available from the parts vendors. The oil that drips onto the ball from the bell housing often deteriorated the ball covering rendering it useless. Mine looked to be in pretty good shape, but I wanted to replace it to see if that would eliminate the shimmy.

In my reading on the topic, many Model A owners have replaced the rubber ball covering with an original style socket, which often solves the shimmy problem. Wear in the radius ball can be a problem and the radius ball kits often include a washer that can be fit into the socket to fill the gap.

RADIUS BALL SOCKET REPLACEMENT (Cont.)

As designed, there is a felt piece that fits inside the bell housing, pierced by a rod to keep it in place. This holds oil that drips down and lubricates the ball. My car did not have one, so trying to thread that piece through the hole in the bottom of the bell housing and then pierce it with the rod that holds it in place was an impossible task. After consulting with a few club members, I decided to cut a v-shaped piece out of the felt and jam it in the hole against the rod that holds it in. It wasn't pretty, but I couldn't see any other way to do it.



The radius ball is 1.5" in diameter, so I used a micrometer to measure it to see where it had worn and whether it would need the spacer washer. It measured at 1.49 inches, so I didn't think the spacer was necessary. I greased the radius ball with chassis grease and reassembled it.

After I took the car for a test drive and tightened the nuts holding the radius ball socket a little more and had a marked improvement, but not a total resolution of the shimmy. Next to check the brake shoes and drums as they seem to be out of round, still. I made a few steps in the right direction, but I am not finished, yet!

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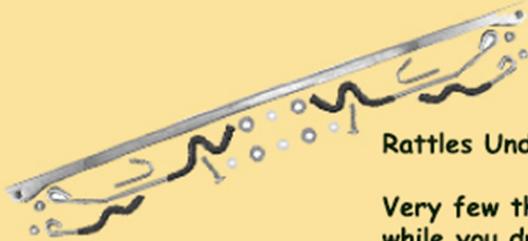
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Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



Rattles Under the Hood

Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

That rattle is driving me CRAZY!



Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:

- The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.
- The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).
- Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up $\frac{1}{2}$ " to separate the halves from touching.
- Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.
- Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)



I hope this helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip, I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then, "Have a Model A Day!" Jim

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CLUB APPAREL

To go along with the new GWC logo, we have changed how we can individually purchase shirts, hats, etc. with the club logo. For starters, go to <http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/logos.asp> There are several custom apparel businesses listed where you can upload the logo file and get just the style and color of shirt, hat, sweatshirt, jacket, or whatever you want. This is a great time of year to update your GWC wardrobe; all the cool kids are doing it!

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COMING EVENTS [CLUB EVENTS ARE IN BOLD]

Calendar as of July 1, 2021

July

- July 10 (Saturday) - Ballston Cars & Coffee <https://www.ballstonva.org/carsandcoffee/>
- July 14 (Wednesday) — Caffeine Double Clutch will be at 9:00 a.m. at the Fair Oaks Diner. See details on p. 9
- July 16 (Friday) — **White Post Restoration Tour**. The tour will begin in Centerville, then to Front Royal, White Post (for restoration tour), Lone Oak Tavern for lunch, then Aldie. The tour will end in Chantilly. We currently have nine Model A's ready to go with 16 people.
- July 23-26 (Friday — Sunday) Berryville, VA, Steam Show. \$7 admission, show features some of the finest restored farm tractors, restored farm equipment, a working steam-powered belt-driven saw mill, demonstrations of a vintage belt-driven threshing machine and hay bailer, a "parade of tractors", and a tractor pull featuring ONLY vintage stock farm tractors. Usually a few of the steam traction engines will demonstrate their power by participating in the tractor pull. Visitors will find a wide assortment "vintage toys" such as demonstrations of vintage gas-powered Maytag washing machines, several collections of early rotary and self-propelled lawnmowers, vintage outboard motors, restored vintage lawn and garden equipment, as well as one of finest displays of restored antique and vintage pickup trucks, fire trucks, dump trucks, wreckers, and over-the-road truck tractors. The show also features a large flea market with vendors offering everything from used, hard-to-find parts for old engines and equipment to new and used tools, T-shirts, ball caps, antique collectables, crafts and leather goods,.890 West Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

- Jul 24 (Saturday) - **Flea Market** see p. 17 for details Other flat head organizations will be invited. This should be a good time to sell your parts or purchase others that you may need.
- July 28 (Wednesday) — **Board Meeting**, in person at the Mylo's Grill. Time 6 p.m. for dinner, meeting begins at 7 p.m.

August

- Aug 8, 2021 (Sunday) - Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Parade – Brandy Station VA.
- Aug 11, 2021 (Wednesday) – Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) Breakfast will be held at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner on August 11, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. The address is 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway. It's at the corner of Fair Lakes Parkway & West Ox Road in Fairfax. GWC Point of Contact is Gene Rainville 703 489-7321 or rainvillegl@gmail.com. Consider driving your A's or your V8's.
- Aug 18, 2021 (Wednesday) – **Monthly Membership Meeting** at the American Legion Hall in McLean. Time is 7:30 p.m.
- Aug 25, 2021 (Wednesday) – **Monthly Board Meeting** at the RH&B. Eat at 6 p.m. and meet at 7 p.m. 4150 Chain Bridge Road.
- Aug – TBD - if possible, we will have 2 Sit and Sips this month. These events are ad hoc. You will be notified by email during the month of August.

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The car is in excellent condition. Original colors, black and burgundy. It had a frame-up complete restoration, interior, exterior, engine in 2003-04. New tires. Driven 500 miles since then. Garaged 100%, never exposed to sun or rain. I haven't turned the engine over in a couple of years unfortunately, so it might need some Marvel Magic Penetrating Oil in the piston cylinders.

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WANT ADS (Cont.)

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