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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Members,

Well, here we are at the end of another year. As this year winds down, it's a good time to reflect on what the Club did during the year, and what we hope to do to make 2022 even more memorable.

First, Covid had a serious impact on Club activities and gatherings throughout most of the year. In the interests of safety, and due to government restrictions, we had to cancel the GWC Sully Car Show for the second year in a row. This has always been the GWC signature event of the year.

Again, the Board endeavored to continue Club gatherings, successfully using Zoom meeting technology for both our Monthly Member Meetings, and for Monthly Board Meetings during the year.

We continued our Sit & Sip Saturday morning outdoor gatherings, organized by John Dougherty and James Kolody. We were only able to hold our first in-person GWC Monthly Meeting in June, and it was great to be able to see everyone face to face again.

On Father's Day we had a small contingent of Club members at Sully for a Sit and Sip coffee gathering. It turned out to be a beautiful day, and we imagined what it would have been like if we could have had all the show cars there too. Oh well, Sully 2022 is coming!

We had the outdoor GWC Swap Meet in July, and again we held the event on a Saturday, so more members could conveniently attend. We had the successful C&O Canal Tour, and the White Post Restoration Shop Tour, thanks to Milford Sprecher's and Gene Rainville's planning and tour leadership.

In September we had the Club Picnic, this time at Sully Historic Site, and the arrangements were made by Activities Chair Gene Rainville. We had an excellent turnout, the catered food was great, and had a few Model A's and later year Fords, as well as a showroom new Studebaker Golden Hawk. We had our own mini-Sully Car Show, and what a beautiful setting! This November we had the Country Fall Tour, first to John Leydon's garage in Aldie, then to a nearby amazing carriage collection at a neighboring farm, arranged by John. We then drove along the beautiful Snickersville Turnpike, and finally to the Willowcroft Winery for a picnic lunch. We had a nice tour of the winery, guided by GWC member, and winery owner, Lew Parker, and a very pleasant picnic lunch, with wonderful views of the valley below. The weather cooperated beautifully.

Our final events of the year will be our Christmas Party, on December 4th, and our annual Brown Bag gift Exchange, at the December Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. For the Brown Bag, plan to bring a gift, wrapped in a brown paper bag (easy to open), as well as a dessert to share or other Christmas treats to share. Soft Drinks will be on the Club. Finally, I have enjoyed being President again this year, and let's all give incoming President Luke Chaplin and the new Board, a hand in getting the new year off to a good start. See you down the road,

Doug

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

What a year this has been. It started with the great vaccine hunt. And once we'd scavenged around and gotten our 2 shots, it turned out we needed a booster! But we got that done.

The Club had some great tours this year, despite the pandemic. Happily, Milford got my Model A going and I was able to participate in the last one of the year, to Willowcroft.

The Club Christmas party was a success, although a little weird in that it seemed a higher than usual number of members won multiple prizes. I think one woman actually won four! But no one really cared—just the luck of the draw. Me, I came away with the last prize of the night, drawing my own ticket to take the grand prize of a Jim Cross birdhouse. Like I said, it was a weird night.

This completes my 26<sup>th</sup> year as editor. You guys make it pretty easy by continuing to feed me great articles and photographs. We won a Continuing Excellence award from MARC again in 2020. Keep up the good work and maybe we'll win again in 2021. But that's not something I work toward. My goal every month is just to keep the membership enlightened, informed and entertained. That will continue into 2022.

Bill Sims

## **REPORT FROM THE BOARD ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

**Board Meeting  
November 2021**



**Call to Order.** First, the meeting was postponed to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> because it was scheduled for the night before Thanksgiving. Then it turned out there wouldn't be a quorum on that date. Since there was really only one item on the agenda, and it had already been taken care of, it was decided to cancel the board meeting. The meetings will resume in January with the new board.

## **NATIONAL LIAISON REPORT - DECEMBER**

MAFCA:

National Awards Banquet: December 2-5, 2021, Fort Worth, TX  
National Convention: June 12-17 2022, Kerrville TX

MARC:

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

MAFFI:

Model A Day: September 16-17, 2022

Milford Sprecher

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

"Since we don't have a lot of club news to discussed I thought it might be a good time to ask one of Santa's helpers to get us in the mood for Christmas." These were the thoughts of outgoing President Millard Springer. His North Pole point-of-contact became Sandy, a real card-carrying Santa elf. She introduced herself and went on to say Santa wanted her to help ensure that all our members would have the best Christmas ever and that's why she was taking time to help us out. She made a list of a few things she thought we might like to find in our stockings or under our trees. "Underline the things you want most and leave this list out where your significant other can't miss seeing it," she said, "and don't forget to add information your "other" might need in order to shop for you. I've named your club officers and board members honorary elves, I'm sure they'll be able to put her in touch with the necessary vendors." Her suggested items listed included a gift certificate from Bratton's Auto Parts, books like the Service Bulletins, tools, and a Club jacket.



Sometime in the '90's Joe Thoma wrote a 12-page article about his involvement with Model A's and the G W Chapter, which had to be split into 3 Ford Script issues. Joe was the man who elevated the Club from a small casual group, the likes of a coffee klatch, (or was it beer?) meeting in members' homes or back rooms of restaurants or at garages.

In his article, Joe spoke about the growth of the Club and related some incidents, humorous ones among them. The Club's first real caravan was to Culpepper. Doug Handy's car quit on the way back; Joe towed it 20 miles with his Model A. When the office of 2nd Vice President was established, Bob Wild was voted in. He asked "just what am I supposed to do?" Joe said there hadn't been time to write a job description yet, so he simply told him, "Whatever is necessary!"

The Club received a distress call from a lady whose Model A Deluxe Delivery had broken down somewhere in the Middleburg area. Her name was Tuesday Featherstone and she and a friend had come from Yorba Linda, California, selling a well-known brand of ladies cosmetics along the way. Joe assembled a group of members and they went to her rescue. But there were lots of other ailments as well. Members were said to have pretty much rebuilt the car for her over about two weeks.

Probably the funniest happening was while Joe was restoring his '30 Murray Town Sedan and contemplating whether or not to take the body off. A group consisting of members Wayne Parker, Doug Handy, Robert Van Lindsey, Bill Worsham, Bill Condon, Bill Price, Gary Hubbard and Dewey Burleigh dropped by to say hello on the way back from a show in La Plata, Md. Joe went into the house to get them a beer, and while there prepared a sandwich to have with his. While inside he became aware of a lot of laughs and commotion outside which he said gave him a rich feeling to have such wonderful friends. When he stepped outside the door the body of his A was sitting on the ground!

Dave Henderson

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have a new member to welcome. Please update your rosters with their information. Welcome!

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## DUES

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 tours, our high-profile parades, like Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as our Holiday and Summer parties. And 2022 is a ROSTER year! Don't miss out being included.



Before the Holiday season really gets going, please get your dues in. I have many options for getting them paid so no excuses to get them in before the end of the year.



You can send in a check. Please make the check out to GWC for \$20 (\$30 for those still grandfathered in that already get the paper copy of the Script) and mail it to:

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## MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model "A". Over the last year we have set aside a few vehicles to participate in the "Ride the Classics" program at Gilmore. This was made possible by the generous donations of our members of some great vehicles. We are currently researching the possibility of creating a Learn to Drive class for the Model A as well. A local collector donated eight Model A's to help make this possible.

The Model A Ford Foundation has built and outfitted the museum without incurring debt. Your donations and contributions have allowed us to manage the Foundation in this way. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Day and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support our operations. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you well and hope you remain safe during this difficult time. Thank you again for your generous donations. Happy Holidays!

Jerry Morrissey  
President, MAFFI

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To the Members of the George Washington Chapter, MAFCA,

The Trustees of the Model A Ford Foundation thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 to the Model A Ford Foundation Museum Fund. Your donation helps to ensure the Museum will be available to educate future generations about the Model A Ford and the Model A era.

We are continually adding new, unique vehicles and displays to the museum collection. We hope your members will be able to join us at the Museum on the third Saturday of September 2022 for our next annual Model A Day celebration.

The Model A Ford Museum has become a major automotive museum and one of the best in the country. *All of this is made possible because of generous people like you!*

Thanks for your support,  
*John D Marshall*

John D Marshall  
Executive Director

MAFFI is a 501 C3 organization. All Donations are deductible to the limit of the law.

## SMITH COMPRESSOR DAY AT BENNY'S –

Boy, what a great day for sandblasting. About 20 members attended and two members brought their Model A's. Jim Baker, Gene Rainville and Benny set up the Smith Compressor near his garage toward the back of his property.



We had a number of problems getting the Smith Compressor to start and, most importantly, stay running at the proper RPM to get the sandblasting gun to operate properly. Luke worked on the distributor while James tackled the carburetor.



Both Luke and James were able to get the Smith Compressor going for a couple of hours at a time. After the third attempt, we decided a number of things needed to be repaired, replaced or refurbished in order to get the compressor in good working order. This is something to bring up at our next Board Meeting. All and all it was still a good day--lots of good chats many great stories were told. (See the pictures on the next page:)

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**SMITH COMPRESSOR DAY AT BENNY'S (Cont.)**



## GWC FALL COUNTRY EXCURSION TO WILLOWCROFT

How lucky can you get?!! All week long the weather prognosticators were doing rain dances ... “rainy Friday morning”, “possible downpours”, “maybe afternoon clearing”, but “certainly drizzle”. Yeah, right .... Look at the photos: crystal skies and fall colors – kudos to Gene Rainville for holding the line against the rain gods and going ahead with the last, and beautiful, jaunt of the season. Good call !!!!!

Started the day (11/12) at Leydon’s Model ‘A’ ‘man cave’ in Aldie, where we gathered from points east, north and west for coffee and munchies before keeping an 11:30 appointment to tour the private carriage collection at Whitestone Farm - a premier angus cattle spread (about 1,200 head) in Loudoun County. Mark Duffell, the Farm General Manager greeted us on arrival – apologetically, as he was scrambling to meet some heavy clients - and entrusted us to the farm Office Manager, Maria Marchi to tour what has to be the most exquisite small collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century carriages in these parts outside of the Morven Park Museum. Not much of an



John Leydon with Maria Marchi

exaggeration to label each and every one of them a gorgeous piece of mobile art. (See the GWC website for all on display). Fortunately, we had both Jim Cross and Doug Tomb as part of our entourage, both of whom knew just enough about the mechanics of horse-drawn carriages to be dangerous. Did you know that the vertical flanges on the sides of Victorian Phaetons that look like giant ears, transform into mud-fenders when the ‘bonnet’ is folded? Betcha didn’t. But Doug did. For Edna and Jim Cross it was old home week, as they buy breeding stock from Whitestone and seem to know everybody on the place. (Get Edna to tell you her story of city slickers and a platter of mountain oyster hors d’oeuvre .... as only Edna can tell it).

From the Whitestone carriage collection, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf led the 16 of us on a winding circuit down country roads through Philomont, Purcellville, Hamilton and on to Willowcroft Farm, where Lew Parker’s huckster greeted us on the way in. Picnic time! We took a vote and decided to chow-down first with wine samplers over an endless view of the valley, and then head to the vineyards. Many of us had attended

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## WILLOWCROFT (Cont.)

Lew's viniculture tutorials on past GWC weekend trips, but this time we pretty much had the place to ourselves and lots of time to really delve into the science and art of it all. Lordy, but it's complicated .... made even more so by changing climate, new blight threats, Coronavirus *et al.* Did you know that all European vines are grafted onto American root stock – the result of an American vine-resistant fungus having wiped out the European non-resistant wine industry in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century? (No wonder the French are a little surly toward Yankees at times). And the devastation in waiting for any sommelier (wine expert) who makes her living traveling the world tasting and judging wines, having caught even a whiff of Covid, is dire – no smell, no taste, no six-figure salary. When Lew got to explaining the chain-of-custody requirements for each harvest, it was enough to make your head explode. But he soldiers on, and good for us!



Lew poses in front of his Model A visitors

In the end, we all headed to the Willowcroft store and drove home with cases of some of the finest wine on this side of the Atlantic. A perfect ending to a perfect day. So where were you?

John Leydon

### At the Whitestone Farm



Loretta, Edna, Jim and Doug



Edna and Jim doing their country farmer thing

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**WILLOWCROFT (Cont.)**



Bruce and Milford

At the Willowcroft Winery



Those who drove their A's: John Leydon, the Metcalfs, the Bakers and the Sims with Lew in the center



## **WARNING ON LONG LIFE ANTIFREEZE**

(Article forwarded by Phil Roche, written by Dave Tulawitzky, first published in Jim Crane's Western Michigan Buick Chapter newsletter.)

Antifreeze manufacturers have reformulated their products for long life and the inhibitor attacks, among other things, silicone compounds—the most commonly used base for gasket sealants. It also attacks lead-based products (solder and Babbit), some yellow metals (cam bearings, radiators), and conventional gaskets and packing materials.

The warning here is to NOT use coolants with OAT inhibitors in your antique car. You need to read the product label and use only IAT (Inorganic Additive Technology) inhibited antifreeze.

OAT stands for “Organic Acid Technology”-based corrosion inhibitors and they are designed to have longer service life than that of IAT coolants. Unfortunately, that feature comes with a bad side effect for older cars. One fellow decided to change antifreeze in his antique car. His regular brand was out of stock so he bought the “advanced” formula. Four weeks later he found pools of antifreeze under his car. The antifreeze had dissolved the old gaskets. It was formulated with OAT inhibitors.

Here are some tips for finding IAT coolants:

1. Prestone says that all of its current antifreezes are OAT formulas.
2. Peak says that their antifreeze and coolant is an IAT formula. The container is blue. It is important that it not say “long life.” Peak Sierra brand is propylene glycol for those who prefer that. It, too, uses an IAT formula.
3. Zerex says that Zerex Original Green is an IAT formula. It comes in a white container. Do not use their G-05 formula in the gold jug.

Club comments:

I'm using Prime and Advanced Auto Parts antifreeze coolants. They say, “Extended life.” Neither say, OAT/IAT. They are both green. Clem

Try “Conventional GREEN Formula” “PEAK” Antifreeze & Coolant. It's good for “All Makes and Models: 1989 and earlier”-----says so on the gallon container!!!! I use it in my “A” and '59 Cad. I have articles written on it somewhere around here if you want me to find them and send to you. The newer stuff is not good for old cars! Rick Menz

It is true. Don't even use any modern antifreeze that says long lasting, or heavy duty. They are acid based and will erode the head gaskets and lead solder on the radiators. They are all made for the new aluminum core radiators. CARQUEST makes a house brand antifreeze for older vehicles (read ones with copper core/lead solder radiators). Doug Cox

## **ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME CAR SHOW – NOVEMBER 7**

On Sunday, Nov. 7th, four representatives from the GWC and the Ford V-8 Club went to the Armed Forces Retirement Home (“AFRH”) car show: Ken Burns with his black ‘41 Woodie, Keith Randall with his ‘36 Cabriolet and Paul Bjarnason with his ‘57 Studebaker Golden Hawk. Our leader, Clem Clement, rode shotgun with Ken Burns in his Woodie.

To start the day, we met to convoy (per Clem) at the McDonald’s at the Pan American Shopping Center in Fairfax, planning to leave at 11:00 am sharp. But, upon arrival, Ken, Keith and I found there was no McDonald’s. Also, we actually left at 11:15, not 11:00 sharp. As usual, like he always does, Clem had lied to us (joke). No matter - while we were waiting, we had many admiring onlookers for our cars. Pulling out of the Pan Am parking lot, we got off to a shaky start when the left rear door on Ken’s station wagon suddenly flew open all by itself while he was making a right turn in the parking lot. After the door had been shut, we proceeded down Rt. 50 into D.C. onto the Rock Creek Parkway, and ultimately to the AFRH.

As he has been for many years, Clem was the spark plug and organizer of the old Ford participation in this event. For this year, Clem also volunteered to be a judge at this show. Clem is well qualified: he is a graduate of the Antique Automobile Club/America formal school of antique vehicle judging; Model A Ford Club of America fine point judging in 3 categories on the Model A; and 12 years of experience as the chief judge of the GWC’s Sully car show, and several other shows. Paul and Ken worked in tandem with Clem to get the judging done for AFRH, assessing about 25 cars in total, except for the 3 cars we brought to the show, i.e., Ken’s, Keith’s and Paul’s cars. Ken’s and Keith’s cars were not judged and Paul’s car was judged by someone other than Clem. Also attending were Ricky and Bill Beardmore in their ‘31 coupe with just 116,000 miles turned over since the rebuild and Donna and Jeff Roberts in his Grandpappy’s ‘31 roadster that he bought new. Jeff’s daddy bought her, and now Don and Jeff proudly are running with her. Jeff is in the Southern Maryland Chapter Model A Club and Bill is in the GWC as well.

By 1:00 pm, hot dogs were served on the upper deck – and, based upon the judging of other judges (other than Clem), Paul’s Golden Hawk won a second-place trophy award. A 1957 Chevy Bel Air won first place – it was nice but we thought there were several other nicer cars. Oh well! As a final act for the day, Paul and Clem presented a check to the AFRH activities fund on behalf of the GWC for \$500. Susan Bryhan, Administrator of the AFRH, expressed great appreciation for the check.

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**Steven Briefs, AFRH Recreation Director; Susan Bryhan, AFRH Administrator; Clem Clement, NVRG/GWC; and Paul Bjarnason, GWC, display the GWC donation check.**

## **AFRH CAR SHOW** (Cont.)

Before leaving, Ken and Clem turned over to the AFRH boxes of train related magazines and other train stuff, to give to the residents for their enjoyment.



**Susan Bryhan and Clem Clement with Clem's "Boeing" home-built model train. According to Clem, the train was made out of aluminum scraps from Boeing Seattle's assembly plant.**

This was a good day for us and the old car hobby, supporting our vets.

Paul Bjarnason

## **MORE ON THE AFRH 2021 SHOW**

Paul's absolutely right when he says it was a good day for us, the old car hobby and our vets. On Saturday Sandy and Clem came by and dropped off cartons and cartons of books and magazines to donate to the AFRH residents' library. Take a look at the picture above. The load of books entirely filled the space behind the front seat plus a few odds and ends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seats. Most days the ride in my Woodie is kind of harsh because of the 15-leaf rear spring but with a full load of books, it rode as smooth as a Lincoln. Sandy dropped Clem off on Sunday morning and off we went.

Maybe it didn't start off exactly as planned. Just before we reached the Pan Am Shopping Center, we got a call from Keith saying there was NO McDonald's anywhere in the shopping center. Sure enough, when we arrived, the build that previously housed the McDonald's was now entirely occupied by a bank. I guess if you don't do a pre-tour recon mission, you won't know what's changed since the onset of the pandemic. Not to worry though, there was a Starbucks and it had the much sought-after rest rooms.

The door incident was entirely of my own making. My normal pre-departure procedure is to walk around the Woodie and tug on each door and the tailgate to ensure they're latched properly. I did that before leaving home but failed to do it at Pan Am after I retrieved my coat from the middle seat. Fortunately, Keith was right behind me and honked his horn frantically until I noticed the open door. The trip in to the AFRH was uneventful except when I stalled the Woodie starting up at a stop light on Upshur Street NW.

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**2021 SHOW (Cont.)**



**Keith entertained many residents by playing Big Band recordings on Sirius XM and a Bluetooth speaker.**

When I started attending the AFRH show years and years ago, many residents were WWII and Korean War veterans. I think I saw maybe one WWII veteran and a couple of Korean War vets this year; residents now include many who served in Vietnam and even later. While talking with Susan Bryhan, the AFRH Administrator, she said the AFRH had NOT had a single death where COVID-19 was the primary cause. That's an astounding feat given that many AFRH residents are in the highest risk category due to age or existing health issues. In the Navy that would earn the AFRH a big Bravo Zulu. Ask Gay, she knows what it means.



**Here's a happy veteran in my Woodie...**

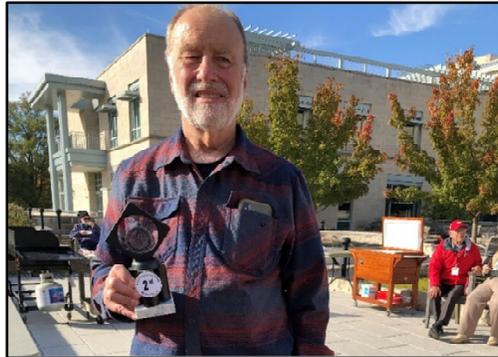


**and a very happy Susan Bryhan.**

As Paul mentioned, Clem volunteered the three of us to be the judging committee. There were some pretty nice vehicles there. Paul and I really liked a red, small block-powered 1955 Chevy 210 2-door sedan for the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy but it was edged out by an equally nice big block-powered 1957 Bel Air 2-door sedan. The AFRH show was the first show for Paul's '57 Golden Hawk after he finished the restoration, and it garnered second place after the '57 Chevy.

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**MORE ON THE AFRH 2021 SHOW (Cont.)**



**Paul and his 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. The trophies were made by residents in the AFRH hobby shop. The money saved went to provide all car owners with free hot dogs, chips and soft drinks.**

At the completion of the show, all participants drove by the front of the residents' hall so that those who were unable to attend in person were able to see the cars as we paraded by honking our horns. I had the honor of having Susan Bryhan ride along with me. Before leaving the AFRH campus, we stopped for a photo op with the campus quadrangle in the background.



**The structure in the upper left corner is the Anderson House that President Lincoln used as his "Summer White House" and it's where he drafted the Emancipation Declaration. The Sherman Building (built circa 1862-1866) is in background on the right.**



**A resident checks out our cars during the photo op.**

Yes, indeed, it was a very good day to show veterans our support on that beautiful Sunday just before Veterans Day.

Ken Burns

## GWC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

What a great time everyone had at the party after a one year pause due to COVID. The Model "A" Club is now in full swing ready for another year of fun and fancy free. We had over 50 people present with lots of fun chats and laughter. We will let the below pictures tell the story. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you from Gene and Lana.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY (Cont.)**



Thank You Edna and Jim.

## **NEXT STOP... THE NORTH POLE!**

Jim and Kathie Gray delivered the Toys for Tots to the Clifton Fire House on Monday, December 6.

The event evolved into an ad hoc car show for the fire crew and the Post Office customers across the street. The fire crew was impressed by the number of toys we dropped off under the watchful eye of the big guy, who seems to be everywhere this time of year.

Santa, the fire station crew, Kathie and I all wish everyone a happy Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

And Santa thanks for all for the great donations!

Jim Gray



Meantime, down south, Club members Karilyn and Chuck Kunstbeck took some toys to a Tallahassee, Florida, car dealership that was collecting Toys for Tots.



## **DECEMBER'S PROGRAM: BROWN BAG CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**



The December program will again be the rip-roaring Brown Bag Gift Exchange. We will operate under the same rules used over the past several years.

Each person will bring a nice gift, “wrapped” in a brown bag – and this bag will be your admission to the event. Lady-specific gifts should be marked on the outside with a large “L”. The bags are placed on a table in front of the room. Each member gets a ticket stub in exchange for his bag. The other half of the ticket goes into a bowl.

“Nice Gift” means “No Junk!” - Find something among your Model A holdings that you would like to get as a gift if you didn’t already have it. If you can’t find something, a new part or tool in the \$10-\$20 range would be just right. (For example, a few years back, one GWC member purchased two hood prop kits, one for his own car and one for the brown bag gift exchange.)

Then comes the fun! When the meeting begins, a ticket is drawn from the bowl. The holder of that ticket comes to the front and selects a bag from the table, turns around and opens the bag so that everyone can see the gift. When the *oohs* and *ahhs* have subsided, he/she draws a ticket from the appropriate gender bowl, hands it to the Master of Ceremonies, and returns to his/her seat with the gift. The new number is called out and the holder of that ticket comes forward and announces his/her decision:

- 1) Take a gift that has previously been unwrapped, or
- 2) Select and open a new bag.

If he/she takes a previously opened gift, then that person (who relinquishes the gift) comes back to the front to 1) take a bag or 2) a previous gift, but not the one just relinquished.

Each subsequent ticket holder comes forward and has the chance to take any previously opened gift or take an unopened bag from the table except that the third holder of a given item gets to keep that item. (Example: Tom opens up a carburetor, Karen takes the carburetor from Tom, Benny takes the carburetor from Karen and gets to keep it).

The fun is always increased when someone opens a gift that multiple people are eager to own. So wrap a gift up in a brown bag and come to the meeting ready for a good time. In the end you will go home with a nice gift and pleasant memories.

## **MAFCA LONGEVITY MEMBERS**

Back in The Restorer issue for September/October, it published their annual list of longtime members. To save our members from sorting through that long list, The Script hereby publishes the list of those GWC members who have belonged to MAFCA at least 25 years and have a 5-year anniversary this year:

55 YEARS—Luke Chaplin  
45 YEARS—Walt Bratton  
25 YEARS—Jim & Kathie Gray

50 YEARS—Fred Morse and Bill Worsham  
40 YEARS—Edward & Marian Alexander

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **December**

**December 15 (Wednesday– GWC Brown Bag Meeting – American Legion Hall, McLean.  
This will be our final event for 2021. Each lady or man may bring a moderately priced gift (\$10 to \$20) in a stapled brown bag. One gift table will be for the ladies and another for the men. (See the rules on p. 22.) 7:30 p.m. We will have drinks and munchies for everyone. In the past this was a very fun event. I am sure it will be this year. Hope to see all of you there. Happy Holidays—Gene**

### **January**

**January 8th (Saturday) 2:00 PM. The Board luncheon will be at Mylo's Grill, 6238 Old Dominion Drive, Mclean, VA 22101, on**

**January 19, 2022 – GWC Membership Meeting – American Legion Hall, McLean – 7:30 p.m.**

**January 26, 2022 – GWC Board Meeting – Zoom Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

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