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Shuyan and Milford at the Kenwood Cherry Blossom Tour



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Chapter meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Hall, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean, Virginia. Social meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 7:45. Members and guests are invited and encouraged to drive their antique cars to the meetings.

Chapter members are encouraged to belong to both MAFCA and MARC national clubs and the Model A Ford Museum (MAFFI). The chapter Web page on the Internet may be accessed by:

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**Next deadline: Monday, May 5**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



April is here and we are heading into spring, always welcome, except for any allergies that surface.

This is my second try on this message. I spilled some liquid on my laptop and it quit working, so I cannot access what I had previously written and was ready to send off to the editor.

I organized a tour to look at the cherry blossoms in the Kenwood neighborhood of Bethesda. Only Bill Sims and I showed, but we had a really good time nevertheless.

That short tour got me to thinking about what the Club can do to encourage members to drive their cars more. Our program this month is about getting your car ready for the driving season, so all we need to do is to have more driving events! My goal is to have one driving event a month. We already had the Kenwood tour and the Cherry Blossom Parade is coming up, so that is another opportunity for some of us to get our cars out. Small Parts Day on April 19 is another.

In May, John Leydon is having his picnic, so that is our May driving event. June is Sully and I have another idea for a day tour, so stay tuned for that. We need something for July and August, so if you have an idea for a short jaunt, let me or Valerie know and we can schedule it. It does not need to be elaborate, just a short drive with a lunch, picnic or ice cream stop included. A week day or a weekend, pick something that works for you and we can schedule it.

Mike Silbert, who is not a member, is having a car work day in Sykesville, MD, at the beginning of June that we are invited to, so put that on your calendar. Details later in the Script.

Milford

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

I finally got the A out for the first time since it broke down on the way home from Sully last June. It ran fine but the engine has this persistent knock that needs to be looked at. Hopefully, it will be in good shape by mid-May so we can take it to the big affair at John Leydon's.

The blossoms in Kenwood were still pretty much in bloom and the people were interesting. There was a man from Austria who'd been a car mechanic, who was utterly fascinated by my car's engine. There was also a large group of young women from South America who posed beside Milford and Shuyan's car. Traffic was minimal compared to the weekend. We were able to park by the traffic island and get out and shoot photos and walk around. See Milford's write-up on page 13 and photos on the following page.

Bill Sims

## **FROM A LOCAL RESTAURANT DINING ROOM**

Board Meeting  
March 26, 2025



President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:26 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug Tomb, Bill Simms, Valerie Faircloth, Bill Bass and Dave Greenwood.

Treasurer's report: Doug provided a summary at the members meeting, so he did not need to update in detail. The end of February balance in the checking is \$23,652.54 plus the \$10,000+ CD. About \$700 in checks have not yet been credited.

Activities: Valerie gave a full update at the members meeting, so she just brought us up to date on a few items. The magnetic car signs have been received. She gave two (2) sets to Milford for use by Maryland members, and she is retaining others for Virginia and all members use. We are looking forward to displaying them in the Cherry Blossum Parade. Milford is preparing a write-up to be e-mailed about the Kentwood Tour April 1. She is also working on a Bingo type game night using the Ahooga theme. It will have prizes and is planned for October. The board gave tentative approval for the purchase of prizes. More to follow.

Small parts day will be at Jim Cross's. Jim mentioned that he has limited Model A tools, so if you have specialized tools, you will need to bring them. The board then had an open discussion about our tools inventory, Dave Greenwood took the lead to discuss with James Kolody about updating our Club inventory. The board also discussed about whether we should continue to keep the Smith air compressor or donate it to a museum. More discussion to follow.

Bill Bass gave us an update on advertisers, more to follow.

Bill Sims has changed the date for the Script deadline until April 2 to allow for photos of the Kentwood Tour to appear in April's Script.

Don White will lead the April members meeting on the topic of getting your Model A ready for spring. Members are asked to help with the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Dave Greenwood  
Secretary

## **TIP FROM BRUCE HAYNES**

(Reprinted from The March 2017 Generator, the official newsletter of the Old Dominion Chapter/Region in Richmond)

To jumpstart a 6-volt Model A with a 12-volt battery, put the car in neutral, set the parking brake, block the wheels and turn the key on. First, place one jumper cable [it does not matter which one, on the stud on the starter. Next, confirm that the car is in neutral and place the other jumper cable on the frame of the car. As soon as you do that, the starter will engage and turn the engine over. The 12-volt battery will not harm the 6-volt starter unless you crank it for three to five minutes. However, if you jump the 12-volt battery directly to the 6-volt battery, you stand a good chance of a battery explosion.



## **THE GEORGE WASINGTON CHAPTER 50 YEARS AGO**

April 2000 marks the first Ford Script issue with a discussion about what then had been going on 25 years earlier. To put it in perspective, that means 50 years ago this month (1975). Here's how it read verbatim:

Officers were: President, Bill Worsham; 1st VP Bob Wild; Treasurer, Wayne Parker. (Ever hear of any of these fellows?)

The upcoming April 9, 1975, meeting was scheduled to be held at the Springfield American Legion Hall. Top discussion topic was to be the upcoming 2nd Annual Auto Show and flea market to be held at Jerry's Ford in Annandale. (This was the "BS"era--before Sully, that is.)

A presentation on rebuilding shocks by John Shepard was planned. Coming activities included a trip to Rohr's Museum in Manassas and a caravan to the Winchester show on April 26th.

Classified "wants" were a package tray and a '31 radiator.

New members announced were Robert Railey, Robert Kraft and Robert Van Lindsey (a big month for Bobs.)

### **NOW ON TO THE APRIL 2000 GWC 25 AGO**

From his President's Desk Column, Chuck Manns gave special kudos to Judy and Donnie Temple for taking responsibility for the Family Night, their fourth time at the helm. Thanks also went to Truman Burn for arranging, delivering and setting up of the bbq and Robert Mechner for providing the bingo equipment.



The board had been at work addressing a variety of issues that would be of interest to members. One, a 43-point checklist form used by dealers to go over an A or AA extensively. Not a list of repairs and adjustments that would be needed, but rather an action list of tasks the dealer would perform, all for just \$3! Chuck handed out copies of the form for members to use as a guide in preparing their A's for the coming driving season.

Vice President and Program Chairman Stan Johnson spoke of technical programs, many of which were available. He reported in on the compressor project, saying the engine had been installed and the radiator shell was on. Next steps were to put on the cowl and install the air tank. Dave Henderson was restoring a band for the cowl.

Clem presented overall plans for the MARC National in Williamsburg, and layout for the repair tent we would be responsible for. So much going on, it made one's head spin. George Smolenyak gave the board a Club merchandise inventory list. Jim Gray was trying to get Mt. Vernon as the photo spot for the cover of one of the national Model A magazines with Jerry DeWitt's taxi being of prime interest.

Legislative matters, a suggestion that a charitable donation be made, air time on Channel 10 hyping upcoming Sully and the possibility of a 1st day issue stamp showing the 50th anniversary of Sully with the County and Sully car show.... and on and on. The George Washington Chapter at its best.

Dave Henderson

## **GWC MARCH MEMBERS MEETING**

Twenty-eight members and guests attended and 4 attended online. Yes, you missed the presentation and discussion on how building model cars as a teen led to the Car Collector hobby as an adult.

Milford called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Milford recognized two guests, one a prospective new member, Guzi, who lives in DC and is looking to buy his first Model A, and Theon Laney of the Utah Valley Model A Club. He explained one of his club's awards programs is called 13+. It is very interesting, look at their website for details: [www.utahvalleymodelclub.org](http://www.utahvalleymodelclub.org)

Our business meeting began with the Treasurer's report. Doug said his report will be in the Script, but we are \$747 positive year to date. Our overall funds balance is \$24,396.42, plus a \$10,000+ CD reserve. We are ready for the Sully show funding needs.

Membership: Jeff said we are now down to about 25 members that have not yet paid, hoping to close the gap soon. We have made good progress since the last meeting.

Activities: Val outlined upcoming events in April:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kentwood Cherry Blossum drive starting at 10:30 with lunch and ice cream, more details in a separate e mail, Milford is the contact;
- 12<sup>th</sup> Cherry Blossum parade in DC, we have 8 cars;
- 19<sup>th</sup> mall Parts day at the Crosses- details to follow;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carlile swap meet;
- 28-30<sup>th</sup> Orange Tour with the horseless carriage club. 56 cars are currently signed up—see Doug Tomb for details to sign up;
- John Leyton joined in, outlining the May 18 Oak Hill (President James Monroe Estate) event. It is shaping up with 120 already registered. See the write-up in the February Script. Drive your Model A, a once in a lifetime event as the grounds will be turned into a park;
- June 15 the Sully Car show;
- and December 6, the Christmas Party.

Sully show #50: Jim Gray gave an update. We are expecting 4/5000 people at the June 15 event. Preregistration will close the 11<sup>th</sup>. We are adding an additional class: Ford Model A-based hot rods. An ATM will be available on-site. We have the same food vendors as in previous years and are recruiting flea market vendors. We still need judges and a lead for Car Parking. Wayne Parker will assist.

Mileage Program: Dave reported that we have added three new members for 2025 and he has applications with him, two members requested applications.

Youth: Blane Adcock has contacted a local high school to prepare a video of the Sully show. Planning is proceeding even though the school will be dismissed for the year—more details soon. Jame Kolody said May 1<sup>st</sup> is the student car race and show at Gunston Middle school from 1:00-4:00 PM. Bring your Model A or other antique car. This year's event has a lot of creative body designs.

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## GWC MEMBERS MEETING (Cont.)

Script: Bill thanked the members for the articles and the next deadline is March 31.

Programs: April's program is spring car start-up. May is judging training for Sully. June is the Sully Car Show, July is the Club flea market.

The business meeting ended at 8:35 and was followed by the model car discussion. We had 5 tables where members displayed model car collections and shared stories, Milford led a slide show of his journey building model cars and displayed several of his models. Several members displayed copies they built and painted to match their Model As, inspiring all of us to also do so.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 with lots of follow-on discussions.

Dave Greenwood

## SCAMMERS

As many of you know, I have been trying to sell Tom Terko's Model A. I have listed it in a variety of places, including Craigslist, which often attracts scammers. I have had a couple of e-mails about it, not specific and asking for pictures and my final price. All the ads have pictures and anyone who wants to negotiate over e-mail has to be a scammer in my book

I got a text message the other day from someone in the 909 area code (California) about the car that had some of the characteristics of a scammer. We texted back and forth and he wanted to know my "final price." Suspicious, but I asked him to call me, which he did. He had a thick accent, said his name was Steve and that he was from New York. I asked where he had seen the ad and he said "modela.com". I assumed it was the Club web site. He wanted more pictures, so I texted him the link from the Craigslist ad. He then texted back and asked if he could send a certified check.

That was the tip off that he was a scammer, so I told him cash only. That was the end of it until the following day when I got another text from him, so he was going through all the ads again, not realizing that he had contacted me yesterday. I did not respond, but I did report the phone number to the FTC and the Maryland Attorney General's office. I don't think there will be any follow-up by either, but I thought it was worth a try.

Milford Sprecher



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# George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 3/31/2025

## OPERATING BUDGET

### #2

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Contact</u>	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 MAR
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 1,401.00	\$ -
Misc Income (Donations)	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 280.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -
Programs & Technical Seminars	<b>White</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	<b>Faircloth</b>	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -
Script Advertising	<b>Bass</b>	\$ 650.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 200.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	<b>Gray</b>	\$12,839.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$18,361.00	\$ 2,451.00	\$ 200.00
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 1,027.38	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Club Programs	<b>White</b>	\$ 52.73	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	<b>Faircloth</b>	\$ 4,876.88	\$ 458.60	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ 428.52		\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	<b>Gray</b>	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 776.55	\$ 776.55
Web Hosting Expense	<b>Shepherd</b>	\$ 165.22	\$ 143.88	\$ 143.88
Presidents Fund	<b>Sprecher</b>	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 810.58	\$ 239.52
Secretary Supplies	<b>Greenwood</b>	\$ -	\$ 174.55	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 943.00	\$ 600.00
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$ 3,327.16	\$ 1,759.95

UNDER/(OVER) Revenue

\$ 3,804.89

-\$ 1,559.95

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<b>MAFFI</b>	<b>Board</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD</b>	<b>Board</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>Board</b>	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>AFRH</b>	<b>Board</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM</b>	<b>Board</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

<b>WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR + CD</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>\$10,781.73</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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\$10,781.73

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$19,556.11	\$ 3,327.16	\$ 1,759.95
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-\$1,195.11	-\$ 876.16	-\$1,559.95

**Current Bank Balance, as of 3-31-2025** **\$ 22,836.47**

**Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2025 Actual)      \$ 23,712.63**

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## **THE MAFFI MINUTE**

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton highlights:

- Like a traditional Phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience.
- Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat.
- With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles.

Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the Model A Ford Museum, you are entered to win this amazing car! To enter, cut and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20> (or go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. website, click on Expansion and then click on Sweepstakes).

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) seeks to preserve Model A Fords and related artifacts and memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations about the Model A Ford and its era.

Every year a special Model A Day celebration is held on the third weekend of September. You are encouraged to attend the two-day Model A-only event, because all funds collected at the Gilmore Museum's gate that day are given to MAFFI to support the foundation and the Model A Ford Museum.

By entering this Sweepstakes, you are becoming a part of a broader plan to help the Model A Museum expand.

You may also support the Model A Museum through membership in MAFFI, and all donations and bequests are welcome and much appreciated.



Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

# The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

April 2025

**M**odel A News mailing time. We have heard many complaints from members about the random arrival of the *Model A News*. The Board and our office staff are actively working on a resolution. The magazine was delivered from our printer directly to the post office on February 6th. Once delivered to the post office, the delivery of the magazine seems to vary by weeks depending on state and area mailed to. We have verified with the printer that all magazines were delivered to the postal service at the same time, immediately after printing and have asked the postal service to investigate a number of times with no firm resolution. We are continuing to attempt to resolve this problem and will keep everyone advised of our progress. Please contact your local post office if you do not receive your magazine by the end of third week of April.

**A**n announcement! Tom Hovetter has invited John Abrams, MARC's insurance agent, to attend the Gettysburg National meet this summer where he will conduct a free seminar to answer members questions about our insurance coverage. Please plan to attend and be prepared with questions that you or members of your Region have regarding our coverage!

**R**egions, as a reminder, your 2025 Region dues in the amount of \$25 are due. They can be paid via the MARC website, select Regions and click on register and pay by either credit card, PayPal or check. Please be ready to provide your 2025 officers information and MARC membership number.

**C**oncerning membership, we have mailed invoices to members who have forgotten to renew. The response has been great! Don't forget that we have created several new membership types for both surviving spouses and youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who may or may not reside at home. Retaining members who may no longer own a Model A but still enjoy participating in MARC events is something that a number of Regions have asked for. Attracting youth to our great hobby for FREE is a great way to grow Regional membership. Please contact any Board member for details.





## THE WORSHAM BENCH AT SULLY





## **KENWOOD CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR**

Shuyan suggested that the Club should have a tour of some of the wonderful cherry blossoms in the area. The Tidal Basin, while wonderful, is always mobbed and not car friendly, so I thought I would organize a trip to the Kenwood neighborhood in Bethesda, which is known for its cherry trees.

Kenwood, is located off of River Road. In the early 1930s and '40s, a local developer planted cherry trees as a way to promote the neighborhood to potential home buyers. Now more than 1,200 trees grace the neighborhood, bearing hundreds of thousands of beautiful, tiny pink and white flowers that bloom during the spring season.

The trees usually reach peak bloom a few days after the Tidal Basin, so I scheduled the tour for April 1, a weekday, when traffic through the neighborhood is lesser than the weekend. The weather forecast was iffy, but the day turned out great, if on the cool side.

We had a pretty hard rain the night before, so I was worried that the trees would have lost many of their blooms, but we were rewarded with trees that still looked good. We drove over on the weekend to see how the trees looked. They were very good and we saw Club member Matt Krafft driving his Model A through the neighborhood while we were there.

Only Bill and Alice Sims joined us for the tour, so we left together from Takoma Park. As our meeting place was the parking lot at Glen Echo Park, we drove there to make sure no one was waiting for us. No Model A's or Club members in the parking lot, so we headed to Kenwood. We were pleased to see the trees in pretty good condition, in spite of the rain. There were quite a few people there, but nothing like the crowds on the weekend.

We parked a couple of places to take pictures of our cars with the trees. Our cars were about as popular as the cherry trees and we had a lot of interest from the other visitors.

After we finished our drive around the neighborhood, we headed to Ledo's Pizza for lunch. I have never been a big Ledo's fan, but this was better than expected. We finished the visit with a stop next door to Sarah's Handmade Ice Cream for an end to our cars, cherry blossoms and calories tour before heading back to Takoma Park. Hopefully we can get more participants next year, because it is a great destination during cherry blossom season.

Milford





## SEEN ON THE TOUR





## **GEORGIA O'KEEFFE PAINTED FROM THE BACKSEAT OF HER MODEL-A FORD**

(From History Facts on the internet.)

Modernist artist Georgia O'Keeffe sought to be closely connected with the scenic New Mexican landscape that was the subject of many of her works. Part of maintaining that connection meant painting outdoors, though the area was known for its unrelenting heat and plentiful bee swarms.

Undeterred, O'Keeffe came up with an idea that would protect her from the elements while she painted. During her first visit to New Mexico, she had purchased a custom Model-A Ford to explore the land with. It had detachable front seats, and she would remove the passenger seat and spin the driver's seat around to face the back. This allowed her to set up a canvas on the back seat while sitting comfortably and using the car as protection from the sun and insects.

O'Keeffe was said to be a fearless driver by her friends, and she took her vehicle throughout the state and set up her mobile art studio wherever she found inspiration. She found opportunities to connect with nature outside of the car as well, often hiking and camping in the desert terrain and bundling up during the colder months so she could continue to paint. O'Keeffe was also known to paint from inside her bedroom window overlooking the Chama River Valley, maintaining that unbreakable connection with nature. The artist's efforts to experience the world around her paid off, as she produced some 2,000 paintings, many of which centered around local flowers and majestic southwestern landscapes.



**JOIN THE 2025 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN DC – MONDAY, MAY 26**

We have 8 slots for cars who want to participate in the 2025 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. **The parade is Monday, May 26, from 10:00AM to roughly 2:00PM.** To participate, RSVP to Jason Cunningham ([jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com), 301-648-4201).

The parade is televised and each participant (passengers too) will need to print, complete, and mail in one of the attached release forms for each person in your car. They will not accept digital release forms. Send your completed, paper release forms to:

National Memorial Day Parade  
C/O Under the Sun Productions  
423 College Avenue  
West Chester, PA 19382

RELEASE FORMS (SEE NEXT PAGE) ARE DUE May 15. MAKE SURE YOU RSVP TO JASON CUNNINGHAM FIRST.

Questions? Contact Jason Cunningham ([jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com), 301-648-4201). See you there!

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I assume any and all risks associated with participating in the Parade and particular activities that I agree to undertake, including but not limited to, negligent or reckless acts by other participants and volunteers, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I also agree to abide by the rules of the Parade as set forth by designated officials, producers, and supervisors.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the Parade, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release and discharge the American Veterans Center, The District of Columbia, The National Park Service, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., Music Celebrations International, any and all parade sponsors, and each of them, their officials, agents, each of their parent, affiliated, subsidiary and successor entities, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, members, agents, representatives and employees and any and all Parade sponsors, and each of their officials, agents, designated event supervisory personnel or anyone acting for or on their behalf (the "Releasees"), from any and all losses, costs (including without limitation, litigation costs, and attorney fees), claims, damages, suits, actions, demands, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or property damage of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising out of or in the course of my participation in the Parade.

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I understand that the Parade is being given for the entertainment of children and the public, and no consideration is being paid to me.

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Cast Member Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Cast Member Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The signature of a parent or guardian is also required if the undersigned is under 18 years of age or otherwise a minor in his/her state of residence.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADAM NESBIT DOWNHILL DERBY AND CAR SHOW**

Your Model A is needed!

Where: Gunston Middle School 2700 South Lang St Arlington Va 2206

When: May 1st Thursday 1:30-4:15pm

hat: The 10th Annual Adam Nesbit Downhill Derby and Car Show.

Students have been building custom Go Karts and will be racing them. Come support the kids and show off your car! All Model As and Hot-rods are welcome.

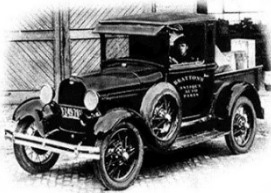
We ask that you arrive at or before 1:30 PM. This will keep us out of the way of the school buses. The event is over at 4:15.

Please let me know if you can make it!! Looking Forward to seeing you there!!

Contact: James Kolody if you have questions @  
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## **OAK HILL RSVP UPDATE FOR GWC MEMBERS**

Hi GWC Members,

Earlier from Jeff you received the final invite for the party at Oak Hill on Sunday, May 18. But the other two attachments, including the RSVP, were oriented more toward the out-of-town clubs needing hotels, etc. Here's an updated one just for GWC:

I'm asking everyone to **RSVP by email no later than "Tax Day", April 15** ... an easy to remember date, and the cut-off day for providing the caterers with a preliminary headcount. In your RSVP please provide names of those coming, kids, etc.

*Smokin Willy* or *Hammerdown* will serve the main courses and all grilled fare along with some basic sides. Asking everyone local (including GWC) to come with an additional side dish, salad, hors d'oeuvres or dessert of your choice to share. Tom & Gayle and Tom's sister Melinda are contributing to the main bar-b-q, Bluegrass band, all set-ups, drinks, tents and a tour of the Monroe Mansion for those who have never seen it.

### **We need you to bring:**

#### **1. A side dish** (see above)

- To make this easier, those whose last names start with A-M bring a salad, side, or hors d'oeuvres.

Last names of N-Z bring chips 'n dips or dessert.

#### **2. Lawn chairs** for each member of your group

3. When you RSVP, please tell me if you plan to join the out-of-town Model 'A' clubs at 10:15 on Saturday (5/17) over at the **Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum**. (They will be leaving their hotel at 9:30 that morning)

**Directions:** All of you know Oak Hill Farm – just follow the "Model 'A' Signs and arrows on the farm. Attendants will be there to direct parking.

**If we have to cancel** due to rain or Apocalypse at the last minute, we will notify everyone **by email** on Friday night or Saturday morning.

**Check it !!** ..... Otherwise, it's a go.

**Pray for sunshine !!**

John Leydon  
215-478-1936

# RSVP for Oak Hill Picnic on May 18<sup>th</sup>

I/we plan to attend the Oak Hill Model 'A' Picnic on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (11:00 - 4:00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees x \$15 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my/our check payable to **GWC** (George Washington Chapter).  
(Refundable if event needs to cancel for weather or any other unavoidable reason)

I/We will be driving a \_\_\_\_\_ Model 'A' Ford \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year) (Body Style)

I/We ..... **DO** ..... **DO NOT** ..... (CIRCLE ONE) plan to join the group leaving the *Hilton Home2Suites* in Chantilly at 9:30 Saturday morning (5/17) for the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum.

At the moment I/we plan to book into the following hotel for the night(s) indicated:

1) Name of Hotel or B&B \_\_\_\_\_ for the night(s) of:  
**FRI SAT SUN** (May 16, 17, 18). Circle all/whichever night(s) apply.

**OR**

2) I/We have not yet decided on accommodations, but will notify our club Activities Director if and when we do. (**Deadline for the Hilton Hotel club rate is 4/1/25**)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Chapter Affiliation (circle): **GWC GBMAFC OLD DOMINION SKYLINE**

Please mail form and check made out to '**GWC**' to:

J. K. Leydon  
P. O. Box 146  
Aldie, VA 20105-0146



## **SULLY 50 – JUNE 15TH**

Sully 50 is just around the corner. If you have not signed up for your two-hour day-of-show job, please do so as soon as you can. Contact any of the Sully Committee members to volunteer.

We need someone to take charge of the Old Car Parking job. The very experienced Wayne Parker will be able to assist this year, but can't be the lead this year due to work constraints.

There are two big changes in store for this historic show – first, we will allow Model A Ford Hot Rods this year. After all, we're celebrating the longevity of not only vintage Model A Fords – the car that brought America through the great depression - but the amazing reinvention of them when enthusiasm for speed, style and creativity - but a lack of original parts - came together to create Hot Rods. You know... *American Graffiti*.

Our second big change this year is that we will have a mobile ATM on the field. So, if you have things to sell, your potential buyer will be able to get cash to close the deal.

Here is your Sully Committee for Sully 50:

GWC President	Milford Sprecher	milford.sprecher@gmail.com
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Vice-Chairman	Mike DiBerardino	mvd6625@gmail.com
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Graybeard	Stan Johnson	roznstan@aol.com

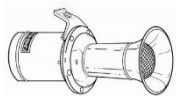
I will be at the March meeting with my sign-up sheet. Those who sign up will receive 2 gate passes (a \$24 value), a free car registration or a \$10 discount on a flea market or car corral space.

I plan to have this year's pin to sell for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 at the April meeting, and we'll plan to have a quick judging refresher course at our May meeting. Please contact me if you would be willing to have your car at the May meeting so we can review how to judge at Sully. Those right-hand drive phaetons are always welcome.

Jim Gray  
2025 Annual Meet Chairman



## **A BLAST FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES CHAIR—SMALL PARTS DAY!**



Hey There!!! I know many of you have already had your beloved A's out and testing the roads on the few sweet spring days of March. So, let's get our A's ready for the serious driving season! **Jim and Edna Cross** are graciously hosting the Small Parts Day this year! It will be on Saturday, 19 April from 11:00am to 4:00pm at their home, 39246 Lime Kiln Road in Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

The Club will supply donuts, bagels, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, sodas and water. **Besides your car, you will need to bring your food for lunch, a chair, and any Model A-specific tools you will need.** There is a pit, so we should have an easy time doing the under-car work. Please RSVP to Val at 703-609-6713 (cell) so I can get the right amount of food. If you get lost, please give Edna a call at 703-431-0012 (cell). Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Val Faircloth

## **THE VALE CLUB FUNDRAISER CAR SHOW - APRIL 12**

The Vale Club is hosting a car show on April 12—rain date May 3—and was hoping you would forward the attached information to your group.

We are looking to raise funds for our schoolhouse, in particular to help offset the costs related to our shed that was damaged this past year. We just celebrated our 90th year. We were founded by the women of the Vale community to provide educational and social opportunities for our community.

Interested participants can pre-register. The cost is \$25 prepaid and \$30 at the door.

Here is a direct link to the registration form.

[Vale Club Fundraiser Car Show Registration Form](#)

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

Maureen

Instagram

[@valeclubcarshow1](#)

[www.valeschoolhouse.org](http://www.valeschoolhouse.org)

## **REMINDER OF THE BLUE RIDGE HUNT RACES - APRIL 12TH**

Rev up your engines and join us at the Blue Ridge Races and Cruise-in on Saturday April 12. Gates open at 11:00. See p. 23 for more details

Diana L. Perry

Blue Ridge Hunt

Phone: 540-631-1919

Email: [diana.perry@viasatinc.com](mailto:diana.perry@viasatinc.com)

**Blue Ridge Hunt Races  
And  
Antique/Exotic Car Cruise-In  
Woodley Farm, Berryville, VA  
Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**ATTENTION:**

Mark your calendars, **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Free admission for those arriving in an antique car.



Bring a Picnic. Enjoy the day!

For more information please visit our website: [BlueRidgeHunt.org](http://BlueRidgeHunt.org)  
OR contact Michael Morris at 703-577-5702.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **April**

April 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) – GWC & CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

April 11-13 (Friday – Sunday) – MARC Membership Meet – Nashville, IN

**April 12 (Saturday) – Cherry Blossom Parade – Downtown DC – 10am-12pm**

April 12 – BRH Point to Point Races and Antique/Exotic Car Show - Several members attended last year and had an enjoyable day at the races. (See p. 23 for more info.)

**April 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall 7:00pm**

**April 19 (Saturday)—Small Parts/Technical Day—Edna and James Cross's, Leesburg, VA—10am-4pm (See p. 22 for details.)**

**April 23 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**

April 23-27- Carlisle Spring Small Parts Day – Carlisle Pennsylvania Fair Grounds

### **May**

**May 1 – Adam Nesbit Downhill Derby and Car Show – 2700 South Lang St, Arlington, VA—1:30pm-4:15pm (See p. 18 for information.)**

**May 18 (Sunday) – Oak Hill Farm Model “A” Gathering – Aldie, VA – Watch for more information in the coming months!!**

May 9-10 (Friday-Saturday)—Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet —Comer-Jones VFW Post #621, 218 Veteran Lane, Luray, VA

May 10—Shenandoah Region AACA 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet—Winchester VA—8:00am-3:00pm

May 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) – GWC & CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

May 17 (Saturday) – Fairfax Antique Car Show—Old Town Fairfax, VA—10am-3pm

**May 18 (Sunday)—Oak Hill BBQ—Oak Hill, Aldie, VA (See p. 19 for update.)**

**May 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall 7:00pm**

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## COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

May 24 (Saturday)—Memorial Day Parade—Downtown D.C.

May 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm

Save the Date!

December 6 (Saturday) – Annual GWC Christmas Party at American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA

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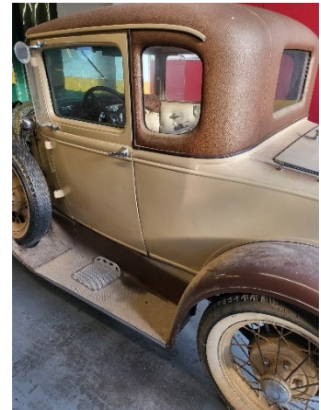
## WANT ADS

### For Sale

1930 Ford Model A Coupe with rumble seat. Good running condition, this car had a body-off frame restoration sometime prior to 2009. Brassworks heavy duty radiator with chrome stone guard, rebuilt water pump, hoses in good condition. Electronic ignition in original distributor, no points to gap or replace. Nu-rex 30 amp. alternator and correct alt. dash gauge. All lighting is working, LED 6-volt 3rd brake and LED tail lights and LED turn signals in bumpers. Interior in excellent condition. Body is dark blue with black fenders. Straw color wheels. Tie rod, kingpins and steering bushings replaced and all fittings greased. Has had recent and regular engine oil and coolant changes. Steering, transmission and rear end fluids checked and full. Speedometer works; the odometer does not. Battery is weak but will start the car. Wiper assembly missing. Paint is good; no rust. Car is garaged in West Falls Church, VA. Contact Jay Melton for appointment if interested at [jaymelton58@gmail.com](mailto:jaymelton58@gmail.com) \$13,500



1930 Model A Coupe. The car was purchased brand new by my husband's grandfather in North Dakota. The car was then passed to my husband's mother and now he has it, so it has been owned by the same family since being purchased new. The car has not had any modifications done to it. The vehicle ran up until 25 years ago, at which point it was put in a garage because it was in need of a water pump and has been garage-kept ever since. Asking: We do not currently have a price set on it, but are willing to negotiate. Contact: Rebecca Smith at (540) 691-6093



1931 Model A model 40 Roadster ((indented firewall) for sale. The car is an early restoration as a "parade car" according to a former owner and looks great. No rust, the car has been garage-kept out of the weather to maintain that condition since the 1990s, when I bought it.

1. Odometer reading is 99891
2. Vin stamped on the block is A3062628
3. Grille Guard
4. Restored date-of-car manufacture tags (Virginia 1931).
5. Large quantity of Model A parts (too many to list) to be sold with the car.

So, ready to pass the car and parts as a package to the next generation, I'm asking \$11,500.

Contact: Art Follansbee at 703-503-9160 or 703-389-1619



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## **WANT ADS (Cont.)**

Selling Tom Terko's 1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan. Older restoration. Runs great. Schwalm's rebuilt, balanced engine. NuRex alternator, Mitchell overdrive, Aires stainless steel muffler and Fog King fog lights. Mechanically excellent. Some paint blemishes, but the car looks very good. Comes with a locking front storage box, trunk, car cover and the original engine. The car needs tires. New tires available separately. Odometer reset when restored. Video of car available



at <https://youtube.com/shorts/x5Knqt5wKj4?feature=shared> Engine running video  
at <https://youtu.be/DMJ2pFUveKY?feature=shared>

Car owned by master Model A mechanic Tom Terko. Driven on many tours, including to Tennessee and Oregon. Won awards at local shows. Trophies included. Asking \$20,000. This would be an excellent car for a member of the Club. It needs a little TLC, but is a good solid car. If interested, please contact Milford Sprecher, 301-830-2198 or [Milford.Sprecher@gmail.com](mailto:Milford.Sprecher@gmail.com).

30-31 Coupe/roadster interior panels by Cartouche. Never installed. Brown/black color. Three pieces \$65  
New repro 28-29 radiator shell. Small dent in the side \$150  
28-29 stone guard \$95  
New aluminum two blade fan \$40  
Restored 1929 Maryland license plates \$200  
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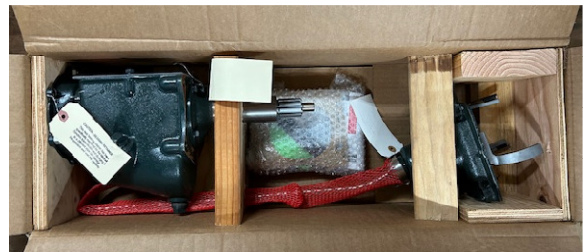


**Model A Engine Model** Our Assistant Script Editor, Bruce Metcalf, passed along this eBay advertisement for a 1/5 scale model of a Model A engine.

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**Mitchell Synchro Transmission.** New in the box, never used. Have all original paperwork. It has number 3 ratio, which is reverse, 1st and 2nd 15% higher. Also includes a Ni-Cr plated stick, and late shift tower. Made for my 1930 Model A. Just looking to get back my investment. Located just outside of Warrenton, VA. Contact: [ginojmanzo@gmail.com](mailto:ginojmanzo@gmail.com) Asking: \$2,360



## WANT ADS (Cont.)

### Wanted

**WANTED:** An original used or OEM '30-'31 Model 'A' ammeter. If you've got one you're willing to part with, please contact John Leydon ( [jkleydon@gmail.com](mailto:jkleydon@gmail.com) )

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# Model A and T Event

## May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

Hosted By Mike Silbert & Juanita Hayes

Location: Juanita's Mothers Place "The Farm"

4928 Cherry Tree Lane, Sykesville MD 21784

Mike needs to get the brakes fixed on the '28 roadster and get it out of mothballs. Plus the '21 Centerdoor needs to get going and be checked for other issues. Both have been sitting and need to be returned to the road.

We are open to tinkering on other cars, we want to get cars going.

Model T and Model A Driving School is available upon request.

Multiple excellent automotive testing roads are right around the corner.

For Model A repairs RSVP Norm Molter or Steve Meyer by April 18th

For Model T or other repairs RSVP Mike Silbert

5 auto parts stores and a Walmart nearby have generic parts available.

The owner will have to bring the parts and specific tools they need.

For Model A specific tools contact Bill Crawford for small tools

and Dave Sturges for large tools

We have rotten pine logs to feed the bonfire and cook hotdogs, bring a picnic basket?.

The bonfire will run all weekend for evening entertainment so maybe bring a chair.

The Cruise In @ the Home Depot on Saturday evening is 3 miles away.

Tours of the home renovations and garage will occur @ various times.

Food is available at many locations nearby, water and hot dogs provided.

Primitive camping is available.

The goal is to get cars going, hang out with friends and celebrate life.