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John Leydon—the host of this month's Oak Hill extravaganza



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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.

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**Next deadline: Monday, June 2**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



I love Spring, but sometimes it goes from pleasant weather to very hot too quickly—part of the experience in the Land of Pleasant Living, as the Chesapeake Bay region has been called.

Speaking of pleasant living, I took a trip to Easton, MD, last week to catch the Bugatti exhibit at the Art Academy there. The exhibit consisted of four cars, furniture and sculpture by members of the Bugatti family. There were two racers and two coupes in the exhibit, all owned by someone who lives in Easton. It was a great show and I am glad I had the chance to see it. It's not often one sees one Bugatti, much less four. For some information on the exhibit, which has now closed, follow this link: <https://academyartmuseum.org/bugatti-reaching-for-perfection/>

We were lucky that the weather cooperated for the Cherry Blossom Parade. While chilly and cloudy, we were spared the rain. The Club debuted the new magnetic Club signs, which were quite visible to the spectators, so thanks to Valerie Faircloth for leading the effort to get the new signs.

I am writing this while traveling to the UK, so I will have missed Small Parts Day. Thanks to Jim and Edna Cross for agreeing to hold the event at their place.

I will also miss the farewell picnic put on by John Leydon. Many thanks to him for putting that event together. It sounds like fun and I am sure there will be a good turnout from the invited clubs.

We were fortunate to have the new MARC president, Tom Hovetter, come to the April meeting to talk about the upcoming MARC meet in Gettysburg. It sounds like a great meet. It's nice to having it close enough to drive our cars to. It is right after Sully, so I may be a little late arriving, but the MARC meets have become must-attend events for me. Tom is looking for volunteers to help out during the meet, so get in touch with him if you want to help out. I think he is especially looking for help in the repair tent. You can call him at (717) 491-5494

We have a lot of activities coming up, so I am sure that there is something you can participate in. I am hoping to identify people to help arrange some short tours in July and August, so if you have an idea, let me know.

Milford

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Alice and I celebrated our anniversary last month by spending 2 nights at the Kent Island Resort, a terrific place that has become our anniversary go-to place ever since the Club stayed there for the river outing in Chestertown several years ago. This time we trotted over to nearby Stevensville to shop around. While there, I came across a book, "1000 Jokes for Auto Aficionados," the contents of which I will share from time to time in these pages. For now, I'll close with a quote from Parnelli Jones—"If you're in control, you're not going fast enough."

Bill Sims

## **FROM THE VIRTUAL ROOM**

Board Meeting  
April 23, 2025



Vice President Don White called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Board members in attendance: Don White, Doug Tomb, Bill Sims, Valerie Faircloth, Jeff VanGorder and Dave Greenwood.

Programs: The May meeting will be training on Judging for Sully. Jeff will put out a call for members to bring cars to use for judging. We will start the meeting at 6:00 and begin the training on judging at 6:30 to take advantage of the daylight. No June meeting—the Sully Show will be the meeting. July will be the outdoor flea market; August and September are open; October is Ahooga ( Bingo); November we are considering showing the Twilight Zone movie, which features a Model A.

Treasurer's report: Doug provided an overview; the report will be in the Script as he will have the end-of-month's statements by then.

Membership report: Jeff said he will likely drop 22 members for nonpayment. Several additional phone calls will be made. Jeff asks the Board to review the spreadsheet he set out and make some phone calls.

Activities: Valerie said the Small Parts Day was excellent. Jim Cross did an exceptional overview of Spring start-up. She is looking into having Jim record it for future use. She provided a thorough list of activities at the members' meeting and there were no new additions at that time.

Club tools: Dave Greenwood discussed with James Kolody about updating our Club inventory and in the future maintain the tools inventory. Milford will discuss the inventory of tools with Benny and report back when he returns from travel. The Board also discussed about should we continue to keep the Smith Air compressor or donate it to a museum. More discussion to follow.

Script: Bill Sims said the deadline is May 5.

There was no report yet on staffing for the Repair Tent at the June MARC event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Dave Greenwood  
Secretary



## **GWC APRIL MEMBERS MEETING**

21 Members and guests attended and 4 attended online. Yes, you missed the opportunity to meet a member of MARC Board, get a briefing on the June Gettysburg meet and a discussion on Spring startup.

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

Our business meeting began with the Sully Report: Jim Gray said he still needs volunteers to help with Parking—Valerie Faircloth is leading the Parking team. We also need about 10 more judges. Jim is also recruiting Flea Market vendors. This year the food will include tacos. Overall, it is going well; he is sorting through the County/Park coordination.

Treasurer's report: Doug said his report has not changed from the March Script, but we are about \$1559 negative year-to-date. This will rapidly change once the Sully registrations begin.

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

Activities: Val said we had 8 cars in the Cherry Blossom parade, were shown on TV, and our new magnetic signs were very visible. Upcoming events: April 19 Small Parts Day at the Crosses, 23<sup>rd</sup>—Carlisle swap meet, 28-30—Orange Tour with the Horseless Carriage Club (56 cars currently signed up—see Doug Tomb for details to sign up); John Leydon event on May 18, 2025 at Oak Hill (President James Monroe estate). May 1<sup>st</sup> is the student car race and show at Gunston Middle School from 1-4 PM. Bring your Model A or other antique car. This year's event has a lot of creative body designs. June 15 is the Sully Car Show, and December 6 is the Christmas Party.

Mileage Program: Dave reported that MARC has changed the eligibility language to include Bertz Blocks and increases in horsepower.

Youth: Blane Adcock will be getting out a call for GWC scholarship applications soon. The awards will be at the Sully Show.

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

John Dougherty gave a sunshine report on Dick Johns, who is having cardiac surgery. John is getting some guys together to get Dick's car started in preparation for a sale.

The business meeting ended at 8:35 and was followed by a briefing by Tom Hovetter of the MARC Board. Tom outlined the Gettysburg MARC meet and asked the GWC to help with the repair tent. The details are in April Model A News and online.

Our program was on spring start-up. An excellent article on the subject is also in the April Model A News.

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## GWC APRIL MEMBERS MEETING (Cont.)

In addition, Milford brought various items from Tom Terko's estate for sale. The compression tester, 2-bladed aluminum fan and a set of brake shoes went quickly. Luke Chaplin showed his Chevy S-10 Borg Warner 5-speed transmission, which he plans to install in his AA Truck build. The S-10 is ideal because of the placement of the shift lever closely matches an A. Transmission Exchange in Monticello, KY, makes an adapter plate (606-348-8533). Because it is being installed in an AA, no modification is needed to the torque tube.

Don White showed his Logo light kit, including the fuse panel and lights he is planning to install on his Woody.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 with lots of follow-on discussions.

Dave Greenwood



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## **THE GEORGE WASINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO**

Just as now, the May meeting was the last before Sully, so the narrative follows closely with that of previous years. Annual Meet Chairman Bill Worsham reported the meet was on track, but more volunteers were needed in all areas, a sign-up sheet would be at the next meeting. The proceeds from the event cover the expense of almost all of our activities. Members who could not attend were told they could call a committee chairman to sign up. Bill said that a special '50's display would cover the founding of the park, a post office facility would be set up to handle the stamping of a commemorative first-issue stamp, and the 2001 Thunderbird would be on display.



On the Ford Script cover, a picture of Bill appeared with the caption: Bill Worsham, the hero of Sully. Chuck Manns, writing in his From the President's Desk column, said that one of the objectives he established at the onset was to enhance our technical programs, since the aim and purpose of our Club is to maintain and drive our Model A's. Under the leadership role taken by Vice President and Program Chairman Stan Johnson, to date there had been three excellent technical programs.

Stan reported the May program would be about wheels in coordination with the upcoming wheel straightening and blasting day to be hosted by John Kandl. He said such questions as how many types of Model A wheels there were, how do you know if the wheel you're considering at a flea market is a good one, and how do you repair and refinish a wheel would be addressed. A contest was announced to see who could bring the WORST wheel. Luke Chaplin won, then offered his wheel to anyone for 25 cents. No takers.

Some of the things that occurred 25 years ago were the traditional pancake breakfast, a visit to the Flying Circus, and the Trolley Museum. Richard Dove, Jerry Snyder and F. Von Ferguson, who was in charge of the White House cars, joined the Club and, get this, Bill Condon gave a tip that a Falls Church paint supplier would mix Model A paint colors for \$18 to \$30 a gallon depending on color, in lacquer that is! Those were the days...

In another contest, awards would be made to the member who drove an A to the most Club functions and another to the member logging the most miles in attending Club functions, which were defined as those of the GWC only. So long for now.

Whiskers long  
    Made Samson strong  
        But Samson's gal  
            She done him wrong  
                Burma-Shave

Dave Henderson

# George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 4/30/2025

## OPERATING BUDGET

### #2

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<b>Contact</b>	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 APR
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 177.00
Misc Income (Donations)	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 280.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00
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	\$ -
Hands on Seminars, Repair	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	<b>Gray</b>	\$ 12,839.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 18,361.00	\$ 2,633.00	\$ 182.00
<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	\$ 1,208.60	\$ 750.00
Tool Shed / Tools	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ 428.52		\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	<b>Gray</b>	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 776.55	\$ -
Web Hosting Expense	<b>Shepherd</b>	\$ 165.22	\$ 143.88	\$ -
Presidents Fund	<b>Sprecher</b>	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 810.58	\$ -
Secretary Supplies	<b>Greenwood</b>	\$ -	\$ 174.55	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 943.00	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 14,556.11	\$ 4,077.16	\$ 750.00

UNDER/(OVER) Revenue

\$ 3,804.89

-\$ 568.00

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MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 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	\$ 4,077.16	\$ 750.00
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<b>Sum Income and Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 1,195.11</b>	<b>-\$ 1,444.16</b>	<b>-\$568.00</b>
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**Current Bank Balance, as of 4-30-2025** **\$ 22,268.47**

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

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## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

May 2025

**M**embers, we are excited to introduce your Board of Directors for 2025; President, Tom Hovetter; Vice President, Joe Valentine; Secretary, Chris DuVall; Treasurer, Paul Ganning; Director of Publications, Bill Bass; Director of Membership and Public Relations, Joe Fox and Director of Regions, Jim Zimmer. We all look forward to serving for the next 12 months and have a full schedule ahead of us.

**A**s you may know, one of several areas of focus by your Board during the past year was growing our membership. It now looks like we will meet or exceed our budgeted membership level. However, we would certainly like to see continued membership growth. With that goal in mind, we are announcing a new membership initiative. ANY member of a Region who has never previously been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month trial membership, digital copy of the *Model A News*, and all of the other benefits of full membership. Call the MARC office Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm at 734-427-9050 to enroll.

**R**ecently we learned that international postage expense has increased to the point that an issue of the *Model A News* mailed to some countries postage expense is more than \$12 per issue. Due to the extremely high cost, your Board has decided to hold international membership dues to \$50 per year, but offer the digital version of the *Model A News* only to our international members. Paper issues will still be available, but shipping will be at cost.

**C**ertainly you've seen that Larry Shepard is our new Technical Chairman. Please direct any technical questions or tips to Larry. He would also like to communicate directly with all Region technical advisors. Email Larry at [marctech@modelarestorers.org](mailto:marctech@modelarestorers.org) to be added to his contact list.



## **THE MAFFI MINUTE**

The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, Michigan, is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A thanks to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model A ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every "body style" Model A you can imagine, a Model AA school bus, and a plane!!! The museum expansion is well underway, but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by

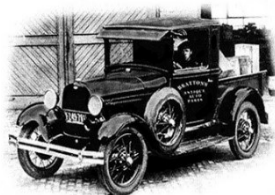
1. Buying a plaque: For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style. For more information on the "My A Program," please contact: Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Expansion, then Donation, then My "A".)
2. Entering the Sweepstakes to win a 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton. For more information on the Sweepstakes, please contact Jarrod Williams at [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com) or copy and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20> (Entries start at \$25.00)
3. Buying an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy (\$150). Your 4" X 8" brick will have the message you write in the blocks below laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store)
4. Buying a T-shirt, hat, mug and more depicting our museum at [ModelATShirts.com](http://ModelATShirts.com), and with each purchase that you make, 10% is donated to the museum. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store.)
5. Becoming a MAFFI member—only \$35.00 annually (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Membership)

Thank you for helping to keep Model A history alive and for driving those Model A's!

Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Secretary

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## CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE - 2025

Eight of us drove in this year's Cherry Blossom Parade. It was chilly, but we dodged the rain. This year's Grand Marshall was Ken Jennings, the host of Jeopardy. Lucky for him, he got to ride in Rusty and Anya Rentsch's big pink Cadillac.

I remember fussing about putting the manifold heater on – and then being VERY glad I had as Kathie and I drove, quite comfortably, in the chilly April air.

We Ahooga'd and waved all the way down Constitution Avenue. The Hello Kitty balloon was right in front of us, and her handlers kept turning back and signaling us to blow our horns! It's nice to be loved.



Wool hats, gloves and lined pants tell the story – it was brisk! Our group included: David Burkett, Michael DiBerardino, Valerie Faircloth, Milford and Shuyan Sprecher, Doug and Beverly Tomb, Jeff VanGorder, Kenny Johnson, Kathie and me. Jason, however, was missing. I called to offer help, but he said they were OK, but would not join us.



Note Val's and Jeff's cars in the background photo-bombing the pre-parade TV interviews.



Val and her sister ready to parade

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## CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)



After line up, Kathie and I checked out the cherry blossoms and Kermit.



First time paraders Kenny Johnson (above) and David Burkett learning the parade waiting game.



Michael DiBerardino shows off one of Val's new parade signs



## CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)



Anya Rentsch pictures us from her pink Cadillac after dropping Ken Jennings at the broadcast booth.



We got good air time this year, and a great cherry blossom pink banner as they showed our cars on TV.

Although a bit chilly, it was once again a fun parade.

Jim Gray

### **From "1000 Jokes"**

At a car show, 2 car guys are talking about engines and polishing their fenders when a long funeral procession on the road goes by. One guy stops polishing, takes off his cap, closes his eyes and bows for a moment of prayer. His buddy says, "Wow. That is for certain the most thoughtful and touching thing I've ever seen. You truly are a kind fella."

"Yeah, well, we were married for 35 years."



## **NEW IN NOVA: FORD'S GARAGE MOVING INTO NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

(An update of the article that appeared in the Feb. 2024 Script, p. 18)



The Florida-based Ford's Garage restaurant chain has announced that they are moving into the Northern Virginia market.

The company has signed a new local franchisee for a three-store deal – meaning the intention is to open at least that many locations, perhaps more.

The announcement says the current areas they are focusing on include Alexandria, Fairfax and Woodbridge, although other communities could be in play as well. No official sites have been announced yet.

If you're not familiar, Ford's Garage got its start in 2012 in Fort Myers, Florida — where Henry Ford had a winter residence. Today, there are 30 locations across eight states, according to the company. There is one location here in Virginia, in the Richmond area.

Ford's aims to transport diners to a 1920's garage and "blends an expansive menu of American comfort food and vintage automotive nostalgia," the announcement reads.

"With a menu that features their famous burgers, wings and a tower of onion rings, comfort foods, and irresistible desserts, there is truly an option to fit everyone's preferences," it continues. "As the only restaurant brand with an official Ford licensing agreement, Ford's Garage stands out in its design, with cars hanging from the ceiling and vintage-style décor, paying homage to classic car culture while still delivering a family-friendly dining experience."

## SMALL PARTS DAY AT THE CROSSES

On April 19th, John Leydon, Dave Jenkins, Paul and Margaret Bjarnason, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Luke Chaplin, Jeff VanGorder, Jason Cunningham, Rick Reale, Valerie Faircloth, and Andy Koerner gathered at the home of Jim and Edna Cross for Small Parts Day. A BIG thank you to Jim and Edna for graciously hosting this event.

Jim treated us to a lesson regarding how and when to use supplement coolant additives, Arm and Hammer Super Washing Soda, Robinair Coolant Test Strips, B12 Chemtool, and "Snake Oil" while we all enjoyed donuts, fresh fruit and beverages.



The "pit" at their home made getting the cars ready for Spring (oil changes, transmission oil changes and greased fittings) much more accessible. While people were using the "pit," others were treated to a tour by Jim of their 1920s saw mill (see photo left) and collection of cars. Too many to list, they included several very early 1900s Fords, Cases, and Buicks to include a Fire Chief's touring car (photo above), several Model As, a Corvette, a 1933 Cadillac, a 1963 Buick convertible, and a Case touring car with a back seat and 2 jump seats; each with their own story.



Val Faircloth





## **THE NVRG CAR SHOW IS SOON**

The NVRG Car Show in Fairfax is on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax.

The deadline for \$10 pre-registrations was April 18, so you will have to pay \$15 at the gate.

Remember - My company (IO Gestalt, Inc.) sponsors a dedicated Model A trophy at this show. Support the NVRG club just as they support us at Sully.

Jim Gray

## **GATSBY PRODUCTION IN LEESBURG**

I'm a producer with Naut Human Productions. We're putting on an outdoor immersive production of The Great Gatsby at Dodona Manor in downtown Leesburg, VA, from May 29th through June 15th (weekends only). The show is only an hour long, and there will be two performances a night. I think this could be an exciting opportunity to try and get some 1920s-styled cars at the event!

My dream would be to start the show with Nick Carraway being driven up to the front porch of the property in a Model A (or a similar car), but even just arranging for one to be parked on the property for the performances (all of them, some of them, or even just opening night, Friday, May 30th, for a photo opp) would be exciting. We have a WWII jeep on the property, which will be stationed outside of the garage for the mechanic character, George, to be "working on." But to have an actual Model A from the time period on property would elevate the entire event.

I've worked on productions where we run a horse through the audience during the show, and one where we literally had a helicopter fly over the audience and land on the stage. So, anything is possible! You can check out some more info on the Gatsby show on our website:

NautHuman.com

Some proceeds from ticket sales are donated to the George C. Marshall International Center, which operates Dodona Manor. Let me know your thoughts, if you'd have any interest in helping out, or if you know anyone who would be!

Best,  
Cullen Gray  
Executive Producer, Naut Human Productions  
[nauthuman.com](http://nauthuman.com)  
703.789.6533

## **MORE INFO FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MODEL A EVENT AT OAK HILL**

The following information is for those who have registered for the Model 'A' event at Oak Hill Farm on Sunday, May 18. Here are a few preliminaries you might want to know about the weekend and day of the party:

### **Saturday (5/17):**

For GBMAFC and others, this is a three-day excursion. For GWC it's a day trip. However, for those of you who signed up to join the Greater Baltimore 'A' Club for a tour of the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum on Saturday, either A) be at the entrance of the museum at 10:00 a.m. and look for a bunch of Model 'A's, or B) meet at 9:00 in the lobby of the Hilton *Home2Suites* (Chantilly/Dulles) for a PROMPT 9:30 departure to the Museum (5-mile trip). There will be (including GBMAFC and other clubs) over 40 going on this one, so we might split into two groups and car-pool on the drive. The Museum Conservator will have guides waiting for us there. In a separate email, I will send those who responded to this a roster of all those going on this jaunt. (Yes, we thought of renting a bus, but for 5 miles? Nah.)

### **Sunday (5/18):**

11:00 – 3:30 *Bar-b-Q*, bluegrass band and formal gardens at Oak Hill Farm, the James Monroe Presidential Estate. We are looking at about 40 Model 'A's at the moment. Anybody who would like to come a little early to help park, set up tables and arrange the side dishes you will be bringing, let me know.

**So, there's the outline.** If Mom Nature cooperates, it should be a fun weekend. **THAT'S THE GOOD PART.**

**HERE'S SOME BAD NEWS:** In their wisdom, the VA State legislature decided at the last moment to schedule a visit and conference at Oak Hill for Monday morning (5/19). The Conservation Fund, which has been spearheading the purchase and preservation of Oak Hill (1,240 acres) as a Virginia State Park - along with the owners - will be more than a little frazzled preparing the house for dignitaries who hold the key to its future. The building (but not the formal gardens) will be closed to us on May 18. Alas!

We are really sorry about that, and have kicked around half a dozen workarounds, none of which sound very appealing. So, we're going ahead with the weekend events and picnic at the farm as planned.

**NOW ....** If a tour (20-30 minutes) of the Monroe Home (main floor only) is at the core of your enjoyment of the day, *WE ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND*. PLEASE, PLEASE let me know if you'd like to cancel for this reason and I'll return your check\*\* this week.

\*\* Club members contributed to the band and bar-b-q individually; locals and family friends were covered by the DeLashmutt family.

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## **OAK HILL (Cont.)**

Other info and tips:

**CHECKS:** A couple of you have enquired about checks. I should have mentioned before that I was going to hold onto them until after the picnic, before submitting to Doug. The thought was that it's a whole lot easier to simply void a check and return it, than to deposit and write out refunds to each of you if we run into a downpour of a weekend. **PRAY FOR SUNSHINE!**

### **ADDRESSES:**

- *Home2Suites* Chantilly/Dulles by Hilton:  
43340 Defender Drive, Chantilly VA 20152 (Exit off US-50: take South Riding Blvd)
- Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center  
14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20151
- Oak Hill Farm – our Picnic Venue:  
39893 Oakhill Farm Road, Aldie VA 20105

(Look for balloons and Model 'A' Signs and Arrows off US-15 – two miles north of the circle at US-15 and US-50)

### **BRING:**

**In addition to your side dishes, LAWN OR BEACH CHAIRS, AND COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES (Do you think you guys can remember that !!)**



John Leydon  
215-478-1936

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## **OAK HILL (Cont.)**

**P. S.** If you'd like to team up on the drive out here Sunday morning, here are the George Washington Club attendees:

Paul & Margaret Bjarnason  
Gene & Lana Rainville  
Jeff & Donna Stubin  
Jim & Kathe Gray  
Grace & Asher Nelson  
Valerie & Larry Faircloth  
Rusty & Anya Rentsch + 2  
Barbara Edwards  
Steve LePage  
Bruce & Loretta Metcalf  
Laurel Gauthier  
Chuck Hedges (?)  
Aidalyn Cordisco  
Reggie & Rebecca Jones  
David & Marjorie Waggy  
Don & Niria White

Travis & Suzanne (Suzi) Worsham  
Shep & Laura Shepherd  
Jason & Loriel Cunningham  
James, Scott  
Doug & Beverly Tomb  
Dave & Mary Greenwood  
Wayne & Sharon Parker  
Karen Hutchinson  
Larry & Myra Oliver  
Chuck & Pauline Burkett  
Bill & Alice Sims  
Scott Wallace  
Matt & Jean Krafft  
Mark Johnson (?)  
James & Sharon Kolody  
John Leydon

**P. P. S.** The cut-off date for additional members driving Chevys, Toyotas, etc, is passed, but if you know of anyone else getting his/her 'A' buggy out for spring cleaning, tell them they're welcome ..... we can always make room for another 'A' !!!!

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

We still have 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 10AM to roughly 2PM.** 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 release form **for each person in your car.** They will not accept digital release forms. **See the form on the next page.** 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 ARE DUE **MAY 15.** BUT RSVP TO JASON CUNNINGHAM FIRST.

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



## 2025 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AGREEMENT OF RELEASE

I, the undersigned, will appear/participate in the 2025 National Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025** (the "Parade"). The Parade is being given as a public service.

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.

In consideration of possibly broadcasting my performance/appearance in or pertaining to the Parade, or in connection with the promotion of the Parade, I grant to American Veterans Center the irrevocable right to use, record, broadcast, and distribute and to license and authorize others to use, record, broadcast and distribute, without further obligation or payment to me or my family, my name, voice, likeness, performance and/or statements for any and all purposes at any time in any and all media now known or later developed, including without limitation exploitation by all forms of television (including but not limited to broadcast, cable, and other television type systems), radio, print and print media, videotape, audiotape, the Internet, on-line services and other telecommunications, wire, and/or computer drive media. Clips provided that any such broadcast will be solely for purposes of promoting the Parade. I waive any rights I may have to inspect and/or approve any and all such uses. I understand that nothing in this release shall obligate American Veterans Center to use my performance in any program or media.

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

I also agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, fess, (including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees) by whomever or wherever presented, including but not limited to, personal injury, property damage, financial loss, wrongful death or any other loss or injury resulting in any manner from my participation in or pertaining to the Parade.

**American Veterans Center, Under the Sun Productions, Inc., JM Best Entertainment, Inc. and its affiliates are not responsible or liable for any COVID-19 related complications or death of any performer, spectator, or employee. Both parties of this agreement agree to follow and abide by all Covid-19 procedures and guidelines.**

I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing release and indemnification, am executing it knowingly, voluntarily, willingly, and free from any coercion or duress, and am fully aware of its contents and legal effects. I agree to abide by all of its terms.

I agree that I will not do anything or behave in any manner that would negatively impact the good reputation of the Parade. I agree to be legally bound hereby.

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **SULLY 50 MAGIC**

Sully 50 is coming up—and our prep work is going well. As I walked the field with the Sully staff on April 18, we located tents and fence lines and learned about the County 20-foot setback from historic structures requirement for tents, cars and displays. This will affect the location of the band, which will move to the south of the stone building on the top of the rise, where they will be shaded by a tent. This setback will also affect where we park cars in the vicinity of the graveyard, gardens, and throughout the entire Sully area. We do, however, have permission for the Sno Cone booth on the patio on the east side of the School House, and we will still have a volunteer break room in the cellar of the mansion.

One of the biggest changes on the field is the loss of the last big shade tree on the south lawn. We will replace that lost shade with a large tent, set at a right angle to our trophy and awards tent. Turning to the left of the old shade tree stumps, our formerly shady Model A lawn is now largely an open field. Part of that field will have a children's activity tent and a misting tent on it as we had last year.

**We'll transform this  
treeless lawn with our  
Model As!!**



The information booth tent will be relocated to its location in previous years on the north west side of the mansion. We got permission to park the Model T Paddy wagon – which is now confirmed - next to it, since that will place it right at 20 feet from the mansion. The registration tent will be where we had it last year; the large tent that was to its southeast last year will not be there this year. The judge's tent will, as it was last year, be to the west of the registration tent.

Our trailer-mounted ATM has been confirmed, and will be parked in the Car Corral area near the food court.

The Take-apart-T is confirmed and will be in the same place as last year.

Bruce Metcalf sent out our flea market registration information, but we seem to be behind on vendors. BUT... we're working on getting a Taco Truck on the west side of the flea market, so that'll be fun. We'll continue recruiting vendors at the Luray Mid-Atlantic show.

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## **SULLY 50 MAGIC (Cont.)**

We have 28 volunteers signed up to work the show, 13 of whom want to be judges. We'll need more, especially since several of these volunteers are not experienced judges. We judged 190 cars last year, and we expect more this year. We aim to keep the cars per judge to 10 or less. If we get to 200 cars, then 20 judges should be enough – sign up to judge with us!!

We got the good news that Butch Yowell and Dave Frederick will both be supporting us with their hit-or-miss engine display. They will have the same big tent arrangement as last year. With our lean staff, we won't display our compressor this year.

Also missing this year will be Mike Copperthite's 1914 Model T pie truck, which is on loan to the Model T Ford Museum in Richmond, IN.

Gil Beckner has procured our dash plaques. He has also received our trophies, sponsored by Black Wolf Automotive Classic Car Restoration (<https://blackwolfauto.com/>) again this year. The Tom Terko pins are scheduled to arrive on Friday, May 9.

We have a lot of interest in our special Model A Ford Hot Rod Class from potential judges and others just interested in seeing what shows up.

Donna Stubin has done a great job working publicity for Sully 50 and coordinating with our remote web master, Greg Shepherd, to get our registration form and other Sully associated documents posted on our web site.

Bill and Carol Benedict have sent out our registration forms, and tell me they have 40 cars registered as of May 6. They will be with me at the May 21 meeting to continue to work registrations. I'll give a brief tutorial on appearance judging at the beginning of the meeting while we still have good light.

The magic of Sully is assembling all these bits into a family-friendly Father's Day show that entertains thousands of visitors every year. A multi-faceted display of creative and competitive spirit. From farm engines to vintage and antique cars to hot rods, Sully is a celebration of ingenuity.

*So sign up and join us – you'll see a lot of great cars and have a great time helping making it all work. After all, this is Sully 50.*

Jim Gray  
Annual Meet Chairman



## **COMING EVENTS**

### **May**

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) –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. 18 for final update.)**

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

May 26 (Monday)—Memorial Day Parade—Downtown D.C. (See p. 20 for info.)

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

### **June**

June 1-7 – AACA Vintage Tour (Pre-1932) Southern/Eastern PA

June 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) – CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

**June 15 (Sunday) – Sully 50 – Father's Day – at Sully Historic Site – Looking for Volunteers - Contact Jim Gray**

June 16-20 (Monday-Friday) – MARC Gettysburg National Meet – Gettysburg, PA

June 19-20 (Thursday-Friday) – AACA Eastern Spring National, Beckley, WV

**June 25 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**

**Sully 50 Picnic – Date and place to be decided**

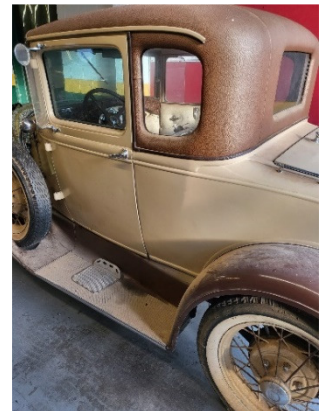
**Save the Date!**

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

## WANT ADS

### For Sale

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



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).



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