

# The Ford Script



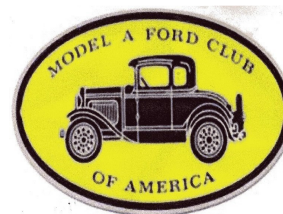
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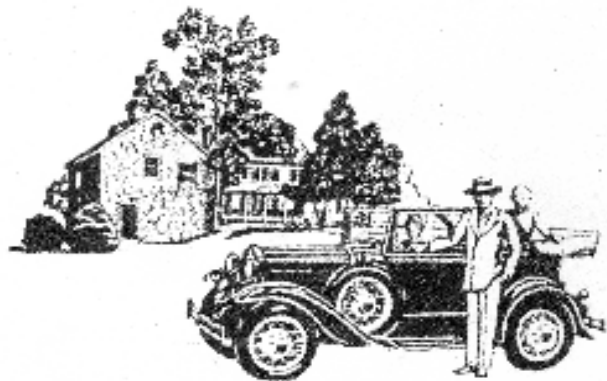


The assembled A's at the Oak Lawn picnic extravaganza



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62 Years 1963-2025

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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: Tuesday, July 1**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Spring has sprung, although we have had a few chilly days to keep us on our toes. It seemed like the cherry blossoms didn't last too long this spring, with cool weather and some rain putting a damper on the celebration. The trees have started to leaf out and before too long, we'll be complaining about the heat.

We had a good turnout at the brunch. It's always good to get together with Club members.

Long-time member Quick Carlson recently passed away. I never met him, but his obituary described someone who lived a full and interesting life.

Don and Mike Silbert helped me get Tom Terko's Model T running. It is for sale. It's a solid 27 roadster if anyone is in the market. See the ad in this issue.

We have a number of activities coming up. We have TAC engagements at the Fredericksburg, VA, AACA show on June 7 and our appearance at Sully on Father's Day, June 15. I will be sending out a sign-up for those two events soon. We also have the 5T tour scheduled for June 8, details provided in this issue, as well.

I was out of the country from April 18 to mid-May, so I missed Mike and Juanita's repair day the first weekend in May. They did the spring tune up on the TAC. I also missed the Luray swap meet, always a spring highlight for me.

Milford

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

This will be my last Script until September, so send summer articles and columns to Bruce, my able assistant editor. This is our year to go camping, but we are going to split the trip in two. We used to head off on 65- to 70-day trips, but after my landing in the hospital on each of our last two excursions (due to dehydration), Alice has insisted we cut back. Since the last 2 weeks of our trips were always spent visiting friends in upstate New York and Connecticut who live too close together to merit trying to camp between visits, we split that off from the main camping trip and will come home after 35 days. We'll rest here for a few days, catch up on mail, pay bills, and then head to upstate New York and begin our 2-week travels around New England.

But I will be here for Sully. Our tradition now is to start off 2 days after Sully, using Monday to load the van and not be stressed while I'm at Sully thinking of things I need to do.

In other personal news, I lost my youngest brother last week. For some reason, his health started to take a nosedive about a decade ago. Multiple myeloma, type 2 diabetes, vertigo. Nevertheless, he soldiered on. Some of you may remember him from the Model A caravan out to Dayton, Ohio, some years back for the MARC National Meet. I let him drive part way and he seemed to love Blaze, but I couldn't talk him into buying an A of his own back in South Carolina despite the number of clubs down there that he could join. I'm sad, but I'm grateful. After his last "event," they inserted a feeding tube in his stomach. He hated that. Instead of a long steady decline, he went in a flash. It was a much better way to go.

## **FROM THE VIRTUAL ROOM**

Board Meeting  
May 28, 2025



President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug Tomb, Bill Sims, Valerie Faircloth, Jim Gray, Blane Adcock, Bruce Metcalf, and Dave Greenwood.

Sully update: Jim said we have about 110 cars registered so far and 15 flea market vendors. The county will open the park gates on Friday for set up at 6:00 AM and on Sunday for the show. Trailer parking begins at 7:30 on show day. Generally, Jim feels we have sufficient volunteers, but more are always welcome. Jim will ask Chris Berry of Black Wolf Automotive Specialties to present the trophy for Best of Show; they have been sponsoring the trophies. This year we will call up trophy winners by class to shorten the time it takes. John Dougherty will pick up the coloring books for the children's tent, Valerie will be delivering 17 cases of water for the snow cones. Milford has authorized a social media advertisement on Face Book to help draw more to the show.

We want to send out a warning to members and volunteers that the tick population at the park is significant. Although the grass will be cut, make sure to use insect repellant.

In the Model A parking area, the large shade tree has been removed so the park and GWC will be providing a large tent to help keep members and guests in the shade.

Our food vendor has notified us that this will be his last year and that he will introduce us to a new vendor for future events.

Treasurer: Doug will provide an update in the Script once he gets the end-of-month statement and checks deposited.

Activities: Post Sully picnic: Val is planning for the picnic and will try first for June 28 with an alternate date of July 12.

Programs: Our July 16 general meeting will be an indoor and outdoor flea market at our regular monthly meeting site, the Mclean American Legion Hall.

Script: The articles are due to Bill on Monday June 2.

General discussion: The Board authorized formal thank-you recognition to John Leydon for leading and hosting the Oak Hill event on May 18. The board also requested the Treasurer to send our previously approved budget sponsorship check of \$800, in addition to the registration fee amounts to John.

Club tools: Milford will discuss with Benny about moving the Club tools this summer. The board also discussed that we no longer use the Smith Compressor and will consider options to sell or

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## **FROM THE VIRTUAL ROOM** (Cont.)

donate it. Milford will discuss with Stan Johnson our Smith compressor expert possible options including offering it members first.

Milford is discussing with the Baltimore club a joint tour to Terra Ruba Farm in Carroll County near Keymar, MD, the birthplace of Francis Scott Key.

The July 25 Board meeting will be a dinner; Milford is looking at options for a site that has a private or separated room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Dave Greenwood  
Secretary

## **GWC MAY MEMBERS MEETING**

19 Members attended in person and 3 attended online. Yes, you missed the opportunity to get trained on Judging procedures for the Sully Father's Day car show. Despite the rain we had great training indoors and a lively discussion. We got great tips on how to prepare your car for the show.

Milford called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Milford welcomed two new and returning members—Matt McCormack, who has a 1928 Sport Coupe, and Jay McCarty, who has a 1929 4-door.

Our business meeting was short

Treasurers report: Doug said his report has not changed from the April Script, but we are negative year-to-date. This will rapidly change as the Sully registrations come in.

Sully Report: Jim Gray said he still needs a few volunteers to help with setting up the field Friday, June 13, at 8:00AM, and with the Sunday parking, Valerie Faircloth is leading the Parking team. We can always use more Judges; we have 30 signed up so far. Jim is continuing to recruit Flea Market vendors. Jim also said he is expecting more military vehicles. There was a conflicting event last year. Overall, it is going well, he is sorting through the County / Park coordination. Bill Benedict said he had received 114 registrations so far, about the same as last year at this time.

Activities: Val said we have several events coming up, including the John Leyton event on May 18 at Oak Hill (President James Monroe Estate), and numerous parades prior to the June 15 Sully Car show; and the December 6 Christmas Party.

Programs: The Sully show is our June meeting so we will not meet June 18. Our next members meeting is July 16 and it is the Club Flea Market. Bring your spare parts to sell. Let Jeff VanGorder know the types of things you plan to bring or things you are looking for to help match up ahead of time.

Dave Greenwood  
Secretary

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

This is my farewell "GWC25" but the column will continue on in the competent hands of Doug Tomb. What follows is a lookback to the time 25 years ago when what was discussed was what was going on 25 years before that.

### **LOOKING BACK—GWC MEETING JUNE 1975**

The June 11, 1975, meeting at the Springfield Legion Hall featured a talk by Dave Westenberger, who had just officiated as chief judge at the Jerry's Ford show held the month before. He shared some observations on judging Model A's to help members learn of improvements they could make to upgrade their cars.



A caravan to the Andy Jaeger Pancake Breakfast was planned, to leave from the regular meeting place in Springfield. What a great service Andy has provided to the membership for all of these years! Oops—Ellen too, of course.

The newsletter (it hadn't yet been named The Ford Script) announced the formation of a tool exchange and asked members to identify specialty tools they would lend (or rent). A Cardex file system was to be established that would be available at all meetings for members' perusal. From a humble beginning, our tool collection has become a valuable asset to GWCers in need of that special serewhatchet for fixing the womsat that just can't be tweaked with almost any other thingamajig.

The Club was growing rapidly. One of our greatest early promoters, Joe Thoma, could spot Model A's inside locked garages with no windows and also had an uncanny ability to whammy any owner who hadn't yet joined GWC to just pony up and do so. This month, the fruits of his work were apparent as no less than NINE new members were announced, including Jerry DeWitt!

Lots of good stuff for sale in the classified. Someone offered an N.O.S. seven-tooth sector for the hefty tab of \$17.50. He must have been nuts—oops, that nut was me!

Tune in again next month.

Dave Henderson

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

As for this month's commentary, the Script column by President Chuck Manns lauded Bill Worsham and his team, which had spent an incredible amount of time and energy planning every aspect of the upcoming Sully show. He said the one element that could not be planned or forecast was the weather and he was praying for it to be great and wishing the Sully team and supporting staff every success.

The next event would be the Pancake Breakfast and BBQ at Andy and Ellen Jaeger's "Villa on the Potomac" scheduled traditionally the weekend after the show. Years ago, the date was established because we had food left over from Sully when we handled selling hot dogs,

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## **THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 50 YEARS AGO (Cont.)**

hamburgers, and sandwiches ourselves. The date stuck and it always brought out a lot of Club members. Feature attractions were the water, the beach, speedboat rides, and food, food, food. Pancakes, syrup and bacon for breakfast, bar-b-que'd hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, cold drinks, and watermelon for lunch. Attendees were asked to bring a dish expected to serve 6 to 8 people. Six to eight people? That's a huge amount per tummy, especially after all the breakfast menu. One more thing—members were reminded to bring chairs or a blanket to relax on.

Coming up at the July meeting was a program led by Jim Cartmill addressing accessories for the Model A Ford that would make it possible to load up the car for a trip and still have some room for the driver and passengers. Audience show and tell participation was encouraged. Jim was to show a trunk built for his Model A, Cricket, and he hoped to have the builder of it in attendance too.

One poor soul, Joe Michels, lost a money clip at the May meeting. He said there was not much money in it but it was the only thing he had from his deceased brother and he would love to get the clip back. I hope he did.

Dave Henderson

## **UP FOR GRABS**

Whenever I read a Restorer, I always marked any and all technical articles with a tab sticking up showing the category and filed them in chronological order. I have upwards of 200 mags, including a few Model A News, some dating from waay back.

I've discovered that there is an index of tech articles from the Restorer, Model A News, Model A Times, and Skinned Knuckles. The index was originated by Tom Sieffert and periodically he adds to it. Some categories like "engine" have literally dozens of articles on the subject. Unfortunately, due to copywrite reasons the actual articles cannot be provided by Mr. Sieffert. So where do my mags come into play? They are up for grabs.

Wouldn't it be nice to Google onto the index, find the issue dates of categories you need info on, and then go to my mags and read the articles while holding the actual issues in your hand? This index is a huge resource, offering much more information than the pricey "How to Restore Your Model A" volumes.

So, here's how I would like to dispose of my collection: anyone who wants them at no charge should call me and log in, which will be recorded in sequential order. But if you are disposed to paying anything for them you go to the top. Should multiple monetary offers be received, the highest amount wins. Either way, they go free or otherwise on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The list will be read and the winner notified. Call me (Dave) at 703 938 8954 and leave a message.

# George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 5/31/2025

## OPERATING BUDGET

### #2

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<b>Contact</b>	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 MAY
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 65.00
Misc Income (Donations)	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 280.00	\$ 50.00	
Programs & Technical Seminars	<b>White</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	<b>Faircloth</b>	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 1,310.00
Script Advertising	<b>Bass</b>	\$ 650.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Hands on Seminars, Repair	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	<b>Gray</b>	\$ 12,839.00	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 1,695.00
Total Income		\$ 18,361.00	\$ 5,703.00	\$ 3,070.00
<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	
Tool Shed / Tools	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ 428.52	\$ 81.93	\$ 81.93
Sully Car Show Expenses	<b>Gray</b>	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 2,299.67	\$ 1,523.12
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>	\$ -	\$ 200.35	\$ 25.80
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 964.50	\$ 21.50
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$ 5,729.51	\$ 1,652.35
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$ 3,804.89	-\$ 26.51	\$ 1,417.65

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## 2025 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 2,263.92	\$ -	\$ -

## WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)

WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR + CD	Board	\$ 10,781.73	\$ -	\$ -
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		\$ 10,781.73		

<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 16,820.03	\$ 5,729.51	\$ 1,652.35
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Sum Income and Expenses	\$ 1,540.97	-\$ 26.51	\$ 1,417.65
Current Bank Balance, as of 5-31-2025	<b>\$ 23,686.12</b>		
Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2025 Actual)	<b>\$ 23,712.63</b>		

## THE MAFFI MINUTE

Model A'ers:

The Model A Museum expansion is moving along nicely. We do have a temporary closure from May 16 until June 1, 2025 to finish up the flooring/coating.

In the meantime, get your next visit to the museum on your calendar and make your reservations (go to [MAFFI.org](http://MAFFI.org) and click on Model A Days).

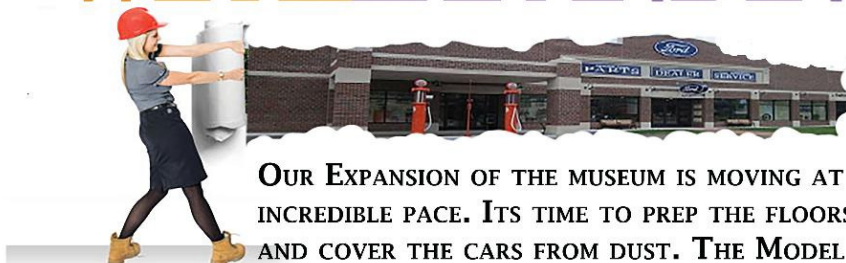
- The Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Souvenir Gift is Thursday evening, Sept. 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- Model A Days are September 19 & 20, so get your room reserved to stay for the weekend. It promises to be a really exciting event, especially this year!
- And don't forget to enter the Sweepstakes for a chance to win the 1928 Ford Model A 4-door Phaeton! ([Maffi.org](http://Maffi.org) and then click on Expansion).

Thank you for supporting the hobby we all love! 'Tis the season to drive those cars nationwide!

Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee

## YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM EXPANSION IS MOVING ALONG FAST!!

## WE'RE EXPANDING



OUR EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM IS MOVING AT AN INCREDIBLE PACE. ITS TIME TO PREP THE FLOORS AND AND COVER THE CARS FROM DUST. THE MODEL A MUSEUM AT THE GILMORE WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE ON **FRIDAY MAY 16TH, AND RE-OPEN JUNE 1ST, 2025\***, AS WE CONTINUE RENOVATIONS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE GUEST EXPERIENCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

VISIT US AT [MAFFI.ORG](http://MAFFI.ORG)



\*SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE IN ADVANCE FOR THOSE PRE-TRAVELING TO GILMORE THROUGH THE FRONT DESK.

## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

June 2025

**M**ARC is planning something different for next year! As a test, we will be combining our annual Membership Meet with our National Tour. Beforehand, committee and other business meetings will be held with the Board via Zoom conference calls. Our General Membership meeting and award ceremonies will be held at the Tour host hotel. More information will be communicated as planning is finalized.

**A**s your Board, we are working hard make improvements. Our website, future meets, working together with MAFCA to begin planning joint events, our merchandise, changes in Fashion judging, Driver Class judging geared to draw fellow enthusiasts who love restoring and driving their cars but with modifications that are not exactly correct per judging standards. If you haven't already, make plans to attend the Gettysburg National Meet and learn more.

**R**egions, we have been contacted by several of you. Reportedly, Region officers have been receiving SPAM emails purportedly from either the President or Treasurer of the Region asking for money to be sent to them at another email address. Please use caution when receiving an email like this. As a reminder, MARC does not request any funds to be sent via email. Region dues can be paid directly to our website by credit card, PayPal or by mailing dues to MARC, P.O. Box 498, Howell Michigan, 48844.

**C**an you count the benefits of joining MARC? It's more than just insurance and a great magazine, it is also a network of experts who can help you either restore or keep your Model A running well. If you are into era fashion, we have experts there too. MARC meets offer a chance to network, drive your Model A, experience fashions and activities for young Model A enthusiasts. Just watching our experienced repair tent crews perform their magic will teach you more than you could imagine. Please encourage all of the non MARC members of your Region to sign up today to take advantage of our FREE trial 12 month membership. Just call 734-427-9050 to join!





## SEEN AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The  
line-up  
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Kenny  
Johnson  
and  
family  
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The Johnsons followed by Doug and Beverly Tomb



Milford Sprecher, Mike DiBerardino, Doug and Beverly Tomb, Carol and Bill Benedict, unknown family, Brenda and Kenny Johnson with grandson Carter.



## **OAK HILL GATHERING - MAY 18TH**

Gorgeous day! Mom Nature did herself proud ... balmy temps, no wind, puffy white clouds .... Thank you, MOM !!

Add 38 antique and vintage buggies – including Jim and Edna’s City of Savannah Model ‘T’ Fire Brigade command wagon and Malcolm Collum’s 1930s Daimler limo – plus a whole slew of Model ‘A’ Fords, and you’ve got the beginnings of a show.

Then plug in the *Knuckle Dusters’* Bluegrass Band, Hammer-down Bar-B-Q, a gazillion side dishes, tents, balloons, corn-hole games, raffle, plus lots of volunteers, and the whole mix turns into a party!!



So, now you take your party and overlay it on the beautiful James Monroe Presidential Estate and formal gardens in Virginia Horse Country and voilà! - an event! We had an EVENT .... eat your hearts out, those who missed it.

The Baltimore Club (GBMAFC) got a jump on the rest of us. Led by Steve and Sue Meyer, they arrived in NOVA a couple of days early, stopping at the Dodona Manor and International Center (General George C. Marshall’s estate in Leesburg), followed by a tour of Oatlands Plantation and gardens (est. 1804) enroute to Jim and Edna Cross’ farm and terrific auto collection. Whew! If that wasn’t enough of a full day, they led off the following morning for a prearranged VIP tour of the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum followed by the Manassas Battlefield Park after lunch on Saturday. With time to spare before dinner, several of the Baltimore contingent took advantage of maps drawn up by John Leydon of his horsey neighborhood and Middleburg, VA ..... perfect Model ‘A’ back country touring roads and territory!!

Joining the out-of-towners were six members and their buggies from the Running Board ‘A’s of Bucks County, PA, and several members of the Skyline Club from the Shenandoah. Wonderful to have them!!

Sunday (5/18) dawned as above with great sighs of relief after a rainy week. Valerie Faircloth made an early morning run for a ton of ice, and all the volunteers took their places to set up, park and serve 140 attendees.

John Leydon welcomed everyone, introduced the band, thanked the DeLashmutt family (owners of Oak Hill) and then turned the mic over to Steve Meyer to report on his recent trip to the Gilmore and MAFFI’s Model ‘A’ Museum. Next up was Jim Gray of the George Washington Chapter (GWC) for a reminder and plug that Sully Plantation on Father’s Day is right around the corner. And of course, a raffle of lunch and dinner gift cards at local and regional restaurants with drawings by Shiloh Gotch (7 years old now and voted the cutest woman in the place).

Then it was on to music, feasting, garden walks and a lot of oohing and aahing over dozens of the most beautiful of Henry’s Ladies. Almost every model was represented - from roadsters and cabriolets to woody wagons and pickups. A delight for shutterbugs!

Thank you everyone who made it happen and all those who came. Worked out fine .... Have a safe and fun summer !!!!

John Leydon  
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**SEEN AT THE OAK HILL GATHERING**



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The serving line



John Leydon proudly in front of what he has wrought



The crowd dining out in the shade



then there were the sun worshipers



The entertainment-- the *Knuckle Dusters*



The Sims's and Paul and Margaret Bjarnason

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What's a picnic without Shepherds?



The indomitable Edna and Jim Cross



Val Faircloth and the gang



President Milford enjoying the day



Drawing for the prizes



Don White at his leisure







## CARS NEEDED FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

Below is some information about participating in the Takoma Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as a dignitary driver. Please let me know what additional questions you have or information it would be helpful to have. Tara Marie Egan [tara.marie.egan@gmail.com](mailto:tara.marie.egan@gmail.com)

- We're seeking owners of classic or otherwise unique or special vehicles to drive dignitaries in Takoma Park's 2025 Independence Day Parade
- The parade takes place on Friday, July 4. It begins at 10am and runs until around 11:30am. Dignitaries and dignitary drivers are placed in the first division of the parade, so can expect to have completed the parade by no later than 11am. You can find a map of the parade route [here](#).
- Drivers assemble in the Takoma Junction parking lot (next to the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-Op at 201 Ethan Allen Ave, Takoma Park, MD)
- Drivers will be matched with a dignitary (and their family members, if applicable), based on their vehicle's passenger capacity. Dignitaries in the parade are local elected officials and other community leaders (such as the principals of local schools).
- Drivers would be asked to attach foam signs prepared by the parade committee with the dignitary's name and title to their vehicle. (Signs are attached with string to ensure that they don't damage the vehicles.)
- Drivers are acknowledged on our website, in the printed program for the parade, and by the parade announcer when you pass the reviewing stand. Drivers are also provided with a \$20 stipend to support gas costs.

Classic and other special vehicles are a vital part of Takoma Park's annual celebration. It would be just wonderful if you could share this need in your club newsletter. Please let me know if there are questions I can answer or anything I can do to help.

Thank you,

Tara Egan  
President  
Takoma Park Independence Day Committee





## GWC Model “A” Club

### Post~Sully 50 Picnic

At the Sully Historic Site

3650 Historic Sully Way

Chantilly, VA

Saturday, June 28, 2025

10:00pm to 4:00pm

Price per person is \$10.00

GWC Club members & family are invited for a fun-filled afternoon  
at the Sully Historic Site

Lunch Prepared by – Mission Barbecue

Pulled Pork, Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Baked Beans

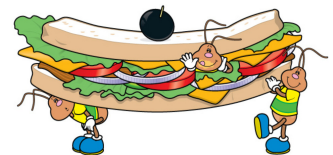
Beverages (non-Alcoholic) & Water will be provided

*Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share!*

Make your “Reservation” – **RSVP** with an email for headcount by **June 24**,  
followed by a **check payable** to: GWC Model “A” Club by **June 28** to:

Valerie Faircloth  
803 Potomac Ridge Court  
Sterling, VA 20164

Email – [valerie.faircloth@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.faircloth@gmail.com)



- We can arrive at 8 AM to start set up
- At 9 AM the bathrooms will be open
- I'll need some boots on the ground to execute the plan since I likely won't be able to attend.

Val Faircloth

## **SULLY 50 – EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE**

Setting up Sully 50 begins on Friday, June 13. The gates will open at 6 a.m., and Dave Greenwood, Michael DiBerardino, Wayne Parker, Roger Thiel and Dave Waggy will begin laying out the show. With 164 entrants already signed up, we expect nearly 300 by show time. That includes hit or miss engines, some military vehicles, an award-winning 2016 Shelby Mustang and a 1924 Model T Paddy Wagon. And of course, show cars. We plan on Rusty and Greg “Wojo” Wojtkun to lay out the Flea Market with the traditional 10-foot long bamboo poles to locate the vendor’s booths. This would be a great place to sell your excess treasures .... Bruce Metcalf says we still have lots of room available.

The Sully staff will have put up our boundary orange “snow fence” and tents. Now that the last shade tree on the Model A lawn has been cut down, we’ll see a 20’ X 30’ shade tent in its place, with an excellent view of the Awards Tent. Along the entrance road, we’ll see the Information Booth tent – close to the trees – and a space 20’ from the house for the Paddy Wagon. We’ll see a Fairfax County Parks tent and a misting tent on the south side of the Model A Lawn. On the western border of the lawn, we’ll see the set-up area for the band, and on the west side of the stone building – where the band used to be - we’ll see the Children’s tent.

After the lines are drawn on the show car field, we’ll mark the parking area of each of the 31 classes, based upon the data we’ve collected by Bill & Carol Benedict, the Registration Gurus.

Sunday begins again at 6 a.m. with Larry Faircloth delivering 17 cases of water for Jason and Lorie’s Sno Cone Booth – assisted by former Sno Cone leaders, Greg and Laura Shepherd. We’ll see the ATM trailer and car carrying trailers being parked. By 7:30, Butch Card and Dave Frederick (the 2 Hit or Miss engine masters) will have arrived and begun setting up their soon-to-be chugging engines. James Kolody and Luke Chaplin will offer assistance if required. Registration for show cars will have also begun. After the cars get their entry materials, legions of old car parkers will guide the cars to their assigned class parking areas.

The Fire Marshall will have arrived at 8:00 for an inspection of the propane tanks used by the food vendors contracted for us over the past 20 or so years by Randy Bartlett. Car corral cars will have begun to arrive and will be parked by Jim Ryan and Andy Koerner. The Sno Cone booth will be in operation and kids will be making their way to the Children’s tent to work on their Model A Ford coloring books. Jerry and Cindy Olexson will be answering questions, handing out maps and selling pins at the Information Tent, to be relieved a little later by Dan & Donna Lyon. You may also find Bill Sims selling his Sully T shirts. Bob Clubb will be playing sheriff at his Paddy Wagon, with kids pretending to be locked up in the back... and so the excitement builds for young and old alike.

Mike Copperthite, our erstwhile pie man, will be out in the field this year. With his Pie Truck in the national Model T Museum, Mike will have brought his beloved 1953 Porsche.

Our 30+ judges will meet at the judging tent at 10:00 for a 15-minute information session conducted by co-chief judges Jaime Gray Nelson and Jeff VanGorder. After handing out the judging badges and clip boards with attached paperwork, the clock begins to tick down to 3 O’Clock. Two or 3 judges will head for the Model A Lawn, while the rest fan out across the show field to evaluate their assigned classes.

The Awards Tent will be stocked with trophies by Gil and Charlene Beckner. Chris Berry of

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## **EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE (Cont.)**

Black Wolf will help our judges select the Best of Show, while Jim Cross and Doug Tomb will be busy herding the Century Class cars to their parking area and helping them stay safe.

At 3:00 p.m. the center of attention will shift to the Awards Tent on the Model A Lawn with up to 93 trophies and several scholarships to be awarded.

Just as in the 2023 Best Picture Oscar winner, Sunday's 50<sup>th</sup> Sully will be *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once*.

Jim Gray  
Annual Meet Chairman

## **SUNSHINE**

Our Activities Chair, Val Faircloth, suffered a leg injury when she slipped while stepping on her Model A's running board. Things digressed to an infected subcutaneous hematoma. Sadly, she'll miss Sully and most probably the after-Sully picnic. She welcomes texts and emails.

Jim and Edna are bouncing back so well from their ailments that they will each bring a car to Sully – now that's being tough!

Clem and Sandy are duking it out in their apartment at Ashby Ponds for rollator and scooter space. Sandy's use seems to be more temporary than does Clem's, but they both remain in great spirits. Clem is agonizing about missing Sully. He says maybe he won't.

Loretta Metcalf had a knee replacement, and is working hard at regaining her mobility. She says it's taking too long, but Bruce seems to think her recovery is coming along pretty well.

Speaking of new knees. Gene Rainville recovered so quickly from his knee replacement 3 months ago that he was able to drive his Model A to John Leydon's Oak Hill picnic.

Jim Gray  
Sunshine Chair

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **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 Gates open at 6am for last minute setup and check-in of show cars – Public admitted 10am – 3:30pm**

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

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

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## **COMING EVENTS (Cont.)**

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

**June 28 (Saturday) – Post-Sully 50 Picnic at the Sully Plantation. See p. 18 for details.**

## **July**

July 4 (Friday) – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Fairfax City – POC Gene Rainville

July 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Takoma Park. See p. 17 for details and point of contact.

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

July 9 – Greenspring Car Show – Greenspring Village, Springfield – 7430 Spring Village Drive – 10:00am-2:00pm – POC Gene Rainville

July 15-18 (Tuesday-Friday) – MARC National Meet – Crown Plaza, Ashville, NC

**July 16 – Monthly Membership Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) – SWAP MEET – American Legion Hall, McLean – 6:30pm**

**July 23 – Board Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) – In-Person Meeting– Anthony’s Falls Church – Meeting at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm**

July 25-27 (Friday-Sunday) -- Shenandoah Valley Steam & Gas Engine Show “Pageant of Steam” – 890 W Main St., Berryville, VA 22611 Clarke County Ruritan Fair Grounds – 8:00am with evening shows

## **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 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



1930 Model A Ford Town Sedan. This vehicle was owned by my father, the late Bill Evans, who was a former member of GWC Model A Ford Club. In 2003, my father had the vehicle fully restored in Martinsville, VA. After his death in 2017, the vehicle had a couple of engine repairs made by the late Jon Phillips (former GWC member) at his Luray, VA, Model A garage and currently is being stored in White Post, VA, at White Post Restorations. In March of this year, a complete inspection and appraisal was performed by Robert Aftel @ Aftel Consulting in Fredericksburg and was given an overall condition grade of #2+ (#1 = Excellent; #2 = Fine; #3 = Very Good....). Engine/engine compartment, chassis, and interior rated #2; exterior rated #1. The family looks forward to seeing this vehicle passed along to someone who shares the same enthusiasm towards Model A's as my late father. Asking \$22,000 but will consider other offers. Contact: Greg Evans at (540)622-3185



1924 Ford Model T Coupe. Very good condition, inside and out. No rust. Low miles on rebuilt engine. Rebuilt front end. Many upgrades, including Rocky Mountain brakes, 12-volt electric, distributor, alternator, fuel pump, turn signals & brake light. Wheel spokes look new on demountable rims. Clear Virginia title. \$11,000 OBO. Located Annandale, VA. Contact Leslie Haines. [haines829@gmail.com](mailto:haines829@gmail.com)



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

Selling Tom Terko's 1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan. Older restoration. Runs and drives great.

Schwalm's rebuilt, balanced engine. NuRex alternator, aluminum fan, Mitchell overdrive, Aires stainless steel muffler. Dual side mount spares, fog lights, bud vase and a clock in the rearview mirror. Mechanically excellent. Some paint blemishes, but car looks very good. Comes with a locking front storage box, trunk with fitted picnic table built by Jim Cartmill's father, car cover and the original engine. 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>

Driven on many tours, including to Tennessee and Oregon. Won awards at local shows. Trophies included. Asking \$18,000. A comfortable car set up for touring. Contact Milford Sprecher at 301-830-2198



1927 Model T roadster. Tom Terko's 1927 Model T. Runs great. New battery, very good top and upholstery. Not a show car, but in very good overall condition. Has not been driven much in recent years. Contact Milford Sprecher at 301-830-2198



Items of Tom Terko's for sale: Continental 30-lb press, \$100 (see photo), 28-29 Model A radiator gravel shield, \$90, Set of 4 woven and riveted brake shoes: \$25, Les Andrews' Red Book, \$20. Or best offer. Contact Milford Sprecher 301-830-2198



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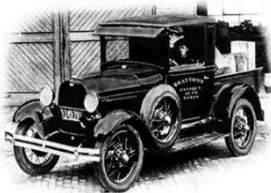
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