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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, November 3

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time flies when you are having fun.

September featured the Old Car Festival and Model A Days at the Gilmore. I missed the Old Car Festival, as I was visiting family in New Hampshire. I did get to take a steamboat ride on Doug Tomb's steamboat The Pumpkinseed at the Moultonborough Steam Boat meet on Lake Winnepesaukee. It was great fun and beautiful weather. My kids and grandson got rides, too.

We joined Doug and Beverly at the New Hampshire Boat Museum in Center Harbor. They had a Model A engine set up for marine use. I also happened upon a 1930 Model A chassis and what was left of the fenders and running boards while driving around. Not much remains, but still interesting to see.

Model A Days was great. The new addition to the museum is nice and Brad Minners and Stan Johnson cut the ribbon at the grand opening. GWC was well represented at the meet. In addition to Brad and Stan, Dave and Mary Greenwood, Jeff and Cindy Van Gorder, me, Luke Chaplin, Donnie and Judy Temple, and Greg and Laura Shepherd were there. A great turnout from the club.

Model A Days seminars are now held in the museum. They have a seminar space with A/V equipment that mostly works. I attended one by Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer on troubleshooting and one on interiors by Mike Francis of Classtique.

The flea market had over 70 vendors, from what I heard. It didn't seem like that many, but who am I to argue? I first ran into Luke in the flea market, so he was in his element.

There was another First Start, shepherded by Larry Shepherd. The car, a 1929 coupe, started in 51 minutes. The long time period was due to the fact Larry was using the first start as a teaching tool to involve the kids from the Mishawaka, IN school who have been restoring their own Model A. The coupe ran, for the first time since 1979. A Paul Shinn video of Model A Days is on Youtube.

Larry Shepherd gets pulled in a lot of directions at these events. In addition to the first start car, he worked on at least three other cars at the meet. I tagged along to help out when I could.

One car had an electronic ignition that was acting up, which he fixed. Another car kept blowing condensers, so we swapped out the distributor with another. The final car developed a rod knock on the way to the meet, so Larry dropped the pan and determined that the rod bearing had too much clearance, so he swapped out the bottom connecting rod cap with one that was the proper size. The engine was buttoned up and the knock was gone. The owner drove it back to Indiana without a problem.

Closer to home, I am helping Bill Sims resolve a knock in his engine. It seems like it is a main bearing. We dropped the pan and found a little babbitt in the drip tray. No. 1 bearing is intact, but may have had a little play in it. We are working to resolve that and move onto the other two mains. Wish us luck on that.

I am looking forward to Carlisle, Hershey and the picnic at John Leydon's, so October will be busy. I am missing the Rockville Car Show, which is unfortunate, but I have a conflict.

We had a great program at the September meeting on a Twilight Zone episode that featured a 1931 slant windshield Model A. A neat program. Thanks for Roger Thiel, who did the work for the program and provided an introduction.

Milford Sprecher

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

My engine saga is not racing ahead. After finding out my original block was cracked, the shop tested two more blocks I brought, and they turned out to be cracked also. The third was the charm and was in good shape. They ground the crank and inspected the bores to see what size bearings and pistons were needed. I ordered those and a set of modern style valves, springs, guides, etc. Apparently, the lifter bores are OK and I am looking forward to getting the call that it is ready for pickup. Thanks to Dave Greenwood, Jeff Van Gorder, Jim Cross, Larry Oliver, Milford Sprecher, and Carol Terko for help getting a good block. When I thought that my Triumph car generator had a problem, I was referred to this company in Frederick, MD for generator service. <https://www.knkauto.com>. I didn't talk to them, so no opinion on their quality. Maybe a resource for GWCers?

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Virtually)

Board Meeting
September 24, 2025

Milford Sprecher, President, called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug Tomb, Jeff VanGorder, Valerie Faircloth, Bill Sims, Bruce Metcalf, Michael DiBerardino, Blane Adcock, Bill Bass, and Dave Greenwood. This meeting had a quorum! Milford thanked Don for the creative September program featuring a TV program where a Ford Model A was the star.

Treasurer: We currently have a balance of \$22,141.10 in the checking plus a CD of about \$10,800. There was a discussion about investing another amount into a CD. A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Jeff, to authorize the treasurer to invest up to another \$10,000.00 in a CD. The motion was unanimously approved. Doug said that after the additional investment we still have sufficient funds in the checking to fund the Sully show in 2026. We expect that the 2026 dues will improve the balance further and still have a sound operating budget for 2026.

Activities: Valerie said things are almost complete for the October Ahooga Bingo program. The October 26, 2025 Picnic at Oak Hill is on plan and there will be an update for the Script. This will be the last event at Oak Hill before it is turned over to the State. On October 22nd there is a show at Heatherwood retirement community in Burke, lunch is included. October 25th is the Armed Forces Retirement Home show and Jeff will get out the details. Hershey AACA event is October 7-10.

Programs: Don is working on the November program that will feature a comparison of cars available to buyers in the years Model As were produced. It should be a lively discussion about why so many As are still on the road and others are not.

Youth: Blane is looking for more opportunities to align with school programs and the GWC.

Script: Articles are due by September 30 to Bruce Metcalf.

Old Business:

We have not yet had any interest from members in purchasing the Smith Compressor, we will give it a little more time before looking at alternative buyers.

Dave reported that he and James discussed the Club tools and are planning to meet with Zak (Benny's grandson) to go over and update the inventory.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Virtually) (Cont.)

New Business:

Sully chair- Milford is coordinating with Jim Gray about the procedures for the Sully show, Michael will lead the 2026 event and will be meeting with the team and the county soon.

Nominating committee- Milford is seeking additional volunteers to participate in nominating the 2026 officers. He is planning to have it in place by the end of September.

The Next Board meeting will be on Zoom, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM

GWC MEMBERS MEETING

September 17, 2025, 16 Members and guests attended and 4 attended online. Yes, you missed the movie featuring a 1931 Model A Slant Window Town Sedan.

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

Our business meeting began with the Treasurer's Report. Doug said our Checking Balance as of August 31, 2025 was \$22,179.05 plus the CD of \$10,781.73. We have been about \$1533.58 down since the first of the year, but dues will be coming in soon and we are financially sound.

Activities: Valerie summarized recent activities and noted upcoming opportunities. In particular, she reviewed the October meeting plan for Ahooga Bingo, and the October 26 Oakhill Picnic. Details are in the *Script*.

Membership: Jeff welcomed new Member Rick Theil, no relation to our speaker this evening.

Nominating committee: Blaine volunteered for the committee; Milford is still seeking others to help.

Old Business: Milford mentioned our ongoing discussion about keeping the Smith Compressor, we will continue seeking options for it to stay with the GWC tools or find a new home preferably with a member.

New Business: Michael DiBerardnio has been appointed by Milford to lead the 51st Sully event in 2026.

Congratulations Michael and welcome to the Board of the GWC.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The program by Roger Theil was to set the stage for the Twilight Zone Show about a 1931 Model A Slant Window Town sedan. Of course, we had homemade Popcorn and a cake for snacks during the Movie. The car was beautiful but also had a curse. Whoever its owner was had to tell the truth, a very entertaining theme since it was purchased by a used car salesman. Spoiler alert, it was eventually sold to a prominent international figure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

On the cover is a picture of Jim Cartmill and the previous owner of his Model A Tudor, club member Charlie Pugh. In the President's Message, Stan Johnson talked about a familiar subject, Club finances. It seemed that the club outgo, was higher than the club income. This required a drain on the club "rainy day fund". Stan talked about what the options were to avoid a dues increase, for the then 275 members of the club. It was decided to charge a nominal fee of \$5 for various club events, to make sure that members showed up and that food wasn't wasted.

The Script Editor, Bill Sims, gave a Thank You to the club photographers, who supplied him with plenty of good cover photos.

In the Smoke Free Room report, they reported the 100 attendees at the Pig Pickin' Picnic that year, which was held at the Eisenman's farm. It was put on by Val and Donna Zadnik and the car games were organized by George Merkel.

The monthly members meeting had Benny Leonard presenting seat belt installation and Stan Johnson presenting turn signal installation. Walt Bratton provided the signal lights for Stan to use in the demonstration. Plans were being made for the MARC 2001 Meet in Cincinnati, to which members were planning to drive.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (Cont.)

There was a report on the recent visit to the Armed Forces Retirement Home, by Clem Clement. They had 72 cars in attendance at the car show! The biggest turnout in the 43 years of the show. Wow! The Nominating Committee was looking for a few good men or women for the board. There was a last call for the Fall Color Tour, put on by Jim and Carol Cartmill. In the Twenty-Five Years Ago column, that was 1975 back then, they reported that the monthly meeting date had changed to accommodate Hershey. Some things never change. There was a long article chronicling Henry Ford's attempts at politics, in the late teens and 20's. He was more successful at building automobiles! In the For Sale ads was a 1929 Tudor, not driven since 1972, but stored in an air-conditioned garage all that time. No price listed. The George Washington Chapter in action.

Doug Tomb

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

September 13 was **International Model A Day**, and we asked members to share pictures and brief stories about how they spent the day with their A's. Below are a few of the highlights.

Rick Thiel, Gregory "Wojo" Wojtkum, and Jeff VanGorder

On that bright, sunny afternoon, Wojo and Jeff helped new member **Rick Thiel** bring his father's **1930 Deluxe Coupe** back to life after sitting idle for more than five years. Jeff drove his own coupe out to Purcellville to meet Rick and Wojo at the storage facility, where the work began.

After checking for leaks, topping off the radiator, adding fresh gas, and confirming the ignition looked good, Wojo gave the starter a turn—and to everyone's delight, the car fired right up. A short spin around the lot confirmed everything was in working order. While tempted to drive it straight to Lovettsville, caution won out, and Wojo's trailer was used to safely move the coupe to its new home at Rick's farm. The attached photos show the success of a very rewarding day.



Gregory "Wojo" Wojtkum

In addition to helping Rick, Wojo also enjoyed passing along some hands-on knowledge to his grandson—giving him a lesson in the lost art of **double-clutching**.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY (Cont.)

Took my sisters for their first ride in a rumble seat. My BiL in the passenger seat.

Matthew McCormack



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OCTOBER 26TH GWC FALL PICNIC

Time Change: We are going to start the day (Sunday) with a Model 'A' run through some of the most spectacular of Virginia Horse Country, meeting at John Leydon's shop in Aldie at 11:00 and traversing the two most beautiful Model 'A' rural roads in Loudoun/Fauquier Counties (Zulla and Atoka) ... then back through Middleburg to Oak Hill by 12:15-12:30. (Mileage: about 38 miles).

Picnic Start: We will meet those who are not driving a vintage car and/or not joining us for the tour, at Oak Hill Farm at 12:30 for the picnic.

Music: The instrumental trio (*The Ardmore Band*) will start playing between 12:15 and 12:30 and stay with us until everybody departs. (Hope you like Celtic/Bluegrass)!

OCTOBER 26TH GWC FALL PICNIC (Cont.)

Directions: There will be all sorts of signage out on US-15 and on the farm for the Model 'A' event. Antique and vintage cars will be parked in the circle, "moderns" will be in the field beyond (same place we parked the Model 'A's in May). GPS address is 39893 Oakhill Farm Road, Aldie. (Some of you might like to get together for a convoy out).

Volunteers: Anybody who would like to help is welcome. Please let John or Val know. We have three charcoal and one propane grill, two bean toss sets, three tents and lots of tables (probably could use another Aussie grill).

Inclement Weather: If it's chilly, we have lots of firewood and will have a roaring fire going inside. However, if it's pouring rain, we will cancel and refund your \$10.

Bring: Warm clothes and **LAWN CHAIRS !!!!** and again, if your last name begins with "A" to "M" bring a side dish, if "N"-"Z" bring a salad, dessert, or hors d'oeuvres (like deviled eggs, tossed salad, pumpkin pie, or whatever). The club will supply burgers, hot dogs, chicken & fix'ns, drinks and all cutlery and accoutrements. Yes, you can bring something of your own to throw on the grill ... but please not fish (flavor doesn't mix well with the burgers).

RSVP: To Valerie as soon as you can but no later than Sunday, October 19th. Tell her how many in your party and what you're bringing (won't hold you to it ... just need an idea). And let us know if you're on for the country drive.

Checks made out to "GWC" send to: Valerie Faircloth – 803 Potomac Ridge Court, Sterling, VA 20164 See you in October. Val: 703-609-6713 John: 215-478-1936

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CAPITAL ONE CAR DEALER OPEN HOUSE & CAR SHOW

We recently received an invitation to participate in a car show that happens to fall on the same day as our October meeting. Since the event is not far from the American Legion, one option could be to bring your Model A to the show in the afternoon and then head straight over to our meeting afterward. Just a thought for those interested!

Here are the details from Capital One:

Capital One Car Dealer Open House & Car Show

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Time: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Capital One Campus, McLean, VA

Capital One is hoping we can provide a few cars for the show.

Contact: Katie Walden, Administrative Assistant

Mobile: 469-873-9717

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME CAR SHOW

This is the announcement for the Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show, scheduled for **Saturday, October 25, 2025** (weather permitting). The show will run from **8:00 AM to 12:30 PM**.

The GWC has a long tradition of supporting the AFRH and is proud to continue that support through this event. Please note that **pre-registration is required**. The attached registration form must be submitted by October 18. See poster and forms on pages 24 and 25.

We hope to see many of you there helping us represent the club and enjoy a great day with fellow car enthusiasts.



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ROCKVILLE SHOW

October 18, Early registration starts 7/7/25

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Rockville-Antique-and-Classic-Car-Show>

HEATHERWOOD CAR SHOW

The GWC and NVRG clubs have been invited to hold a Car Show at Heatherwood Retirement Community on Wednesday, October 22, from 12:00–3:00 pm. Heatherwood will be providing lunch, and they've also asked us to join in a Trunk-or-Treat for the residents and children. It promises to be a fun afternoon, and I hope you can take part!

Lunch will be served between 12:00 and 12:30 pm.

Trunk-or-Treat will begin at 1:30 pm for the kids. Heatherwood will supply the candy—we just provide the trunk space 😊.

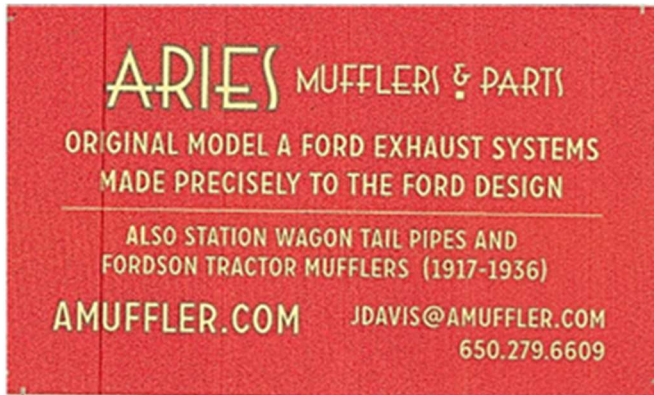
HEATHERWOOD CAR SHOW (Cont.)

If you plan to attend (and whether you'll participate in the Trunk-or-Treat), please RSVP to Jim Nice, NVRG, jnice116@gmail.com by October 3 so I can give Heatherwood an accurate count.

Location: Heatherwood Retirement Community

9642 Burke Lake Rd #1

Burke Centre, VA 22015



MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Hobbyists, The air is just "electric" at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area. Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. 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, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter. And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month! Cindy Ellenbecker Trustee/Secretary



WELCOME RICK THIEL

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to **Rick Thiel**, the son of long-time club member **Richard Thiel**. In 2020, Rick inherited his dad's beautiful **1930 Deluxe Coupe**, which you may remember won **1st place at Sully in 2009**. Rick now lives in Lovettsville, and I've attached the latest club roster with his information included. As always, let me know if you spot anything that needs updating.



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George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 9/30/21
OPERATING BUDGET #2

Budgeted Income	Contact	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 2,213.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 280.00	\$ 60.00
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,510.00
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 650.00	\$ 550.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$ 12,839.00	\$ 10,151.50
Total Income		\$18,361.00	\$14,484.50
Budgeted Expenses			
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 1,027.38	\$ 286.84
Club Programs	White	\$ 52.73	\$ 192.65
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 4,876.88	\$ 3,782.83
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 428.52	\$ 81.93
Sully Car Show Expenses	Gray	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 4,657.11
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 165.22	\$ 189.22
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 810.58
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 200.35
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 2,007.50
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$12,209.01
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$3,804.89	\$2,275.49

2025 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92	
TOTAL		\$ 2,263.92	\$ 4,000.00

WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)

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

Total Expenses \$16,820.03 \$16,209.01

Sum Income and Expenses \$1,540.97 -\$1,724.51

Current Bank Balance, as of 9-30-2025 \$ 21,988.12

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

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BRATTON'S STORE CLOSING

I wanted to reach out to the community at large and share some sad news. After almost 50 years in the business Bratton's Antique Auto Parts has decided to close their retail operations.

There were multiple factors involved in making this decision and I will take some time below to outline them.

1) We have lost the lease on our building at 1606 Back Acre Circle. The current owners of the building received an unsolicited offer on the building that was too good to pass up. The new owner's take possession of the property at the end of October. Bratton has tried to extend the lease with the new owner's but they need the property for their own business. They have offered us an option to lease back the building until December 31, 2025. Debbie and I have been looking for a property to move the business to for several months, but we have not been able to find a suitable property.

2) Since the end of COVID, we have seen a substantial decline in revenue and a massive increase in overhead expenses (insurance, taxes, utilities...). Both of these situations caused us to let all of our remaining employees go, back in July of 2024. Debbie and I have been doing everything here with just the two of us since then. We have decided that we need to rebalance our lives 50-60 hours over 5-6 days a week working just does not allow any time to go out and enjoy our lives. If anything, we have all learned since COVID is that life is too short and we need to make the best of everyday.

BRATTON'S STORE CLOSING (Cont.)

3) With the reduction in staff, it is all Debbie and I can do to just keep basic parts in stock, and process the orders. Debbie and I just cannot give our customer the quality of service that Bratton's has been known for since the mid 1970's, and that is not how we want the business to be run.

4) By closing our retail operations, it will allow us the time and energy to focus on making the high quality parts that we have always provided to the hobby. The parts that Bratton's has made will continue to be made through a new company and will only be sold through our network of dealer's.

We have spent the past couple of months quietly shopping Bratton's around to various buyers who we felt had the capital needed to continue the production of the parts. Unfortunately, we have been unable to reach a suitable agreement with any potential buyers. We did this quietly because we did not want to cause any undue stress or panic to the hobby, or the other vendors selling Model A parts.

Going forward we will begin the liquidation process for the retail inventory. Starting in the next couple of days and weeks you will notice the following things.

1) As we sell out of parts, we will no longer be re-ordering them, so what is on the shelf is what is on the shelf, and when the bin box is empty, it is empty.

2) We will begin to reduce the prices on our retail inventory. These reductions will be shown our website and we will be offering across the board discounts on the prices listed on the website.

3) We ask that if you have a gift certificate stashed away that they be used by the end of October 2025. After that, they will no longer be valid.

4) We have removed all drop ship items from our website and catalog. This was done out of respect for our vendors. We do not want to cause any additional burden or stress on them, but offering their products at a much lower price than they are selling them at.

This decision has been months in the making, Debbie, and I feel it is the best for us as well as the hobby in general. Between the two of us, we have been in the business for over 55 years collectively. In those years, we have made many friends that we now consider as family. Debbie and I have many fond memories of our children running around the shop, and the journey's we took all over the country in our Model A. This business and the hobby in general has given us way more than we ever expected or deserved. We have been truly blessed by our time in the business. We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to our customers and friends for the past 50 years of support.

Jeff Kichline

Bratton's Antique Auto Parts

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.





2025 MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET



In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkinhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley

Join us in
Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Click on link below for the
Registration form
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqvKedfWTs>



CLUB APPAREL

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

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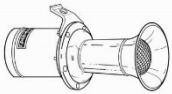
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FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

COMING EVENTS



Upcoming Activities

October 2025

- October 4 – Crums Church Car Show – Crums Church 2832 Crums Church Road, Berryville, VA – 10am-3pm
- October 4 – 37th Annual Leesburg Car Show (Academies of Loudoun) – Town of Leesburg – To Register: <https://www.lcps.org/o/acl/page/car-show> NOTE: If you want to be park together, you must register at the same time and be in pre-show lineup together.
- October 7-10 – AACA Eastern Fall Meet “Hershey” – Hershey, PA – 7am-7pm
- October 8 – (2nd Wednesday) –CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am
- **October 15 – (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – AHOOGAH! – American Legion Hall, McLean – 7:30pm**
- October 18 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show – Rockville Civic Center Park 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD – 11am-3:30pm – Field opens at 8am to get positioned on the field
- October 22 – Heatherwood Senior Community Car Show and Lunch (NVRG and Model A Club) – Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA
- **October 22 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

- **October 26 – Oak Hill Fall Picnic – John Leydon's home at Oak Hill, Aldie, VA – Short Tour 11:00 at John Leydon's shop in Aldie 11:00am – Picnic 12:30 – John Leydon's house at Oak Hill**

November 2025

- **November 12 – CDC Breakfast (2nd Wednesday) – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am**
- **November 19 – Monthly Membership Meeting (3rd Wednesday) – SWAP MEET – American Legion Hall, McLean – 6:30pm**
- **November 26 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**

Save the Date!

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

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

Here are items I have for sale but don't plan to bring to the July flea market due to size, weight, or other handling reasons, please announce. Thank you.

"How to Restore Your Model A, all 9 volumes	\$60
30-31 coupe front floor pan	\$50
30-31 radiator apron	\$20
30-31 hood	\$250
30-31 front fenders, pair	\$600
30 restored radiator shell	\$500

Dave Henderson 703 938 8954

WANTED

The radiator on my 1931 has developed fatal leaks. I removed it and took it to Smitty's in Hyattsville and they told me it wasn't worth fixing. So I am asking if anyone has a radiator for sale. Also for suggestions regarding sourcing a replacement. I plan to see if there are any at Gettysburg.

Don White, G - 703-623-9805 Mobile
don@dbwhite.com

The late 1927 Model A Ford hand crank with FORD script on the middle (angle) bar, 11/16" lug nut socket, 8 inch throw-offset, 90 degree pin position.

Contact Bill Nitschke Cell (914)-323-8958
163 Essex Street
Deep River, CT. 06417
E-mail williamjnitschke@gmail.com

WANT ADS (Cont.)

FOR SALE

1930 Ford Model A Woody Wagon

It was restored in 2015 and the previous owner was a member of a New York Model A club. We bought it at a Mecum auction in Kissimmee 3 years ago and the car has been on our showroom floor for display purposes at our hardware store in Washington, DC.. We run it occasionally to make sure everything is in good shape. We can run the vehicle but need a little notice as we are an operating business and we need to make sure that the ventilation is handled correctly. This was a beautiful restoration and although it was done 10 years ago, there has been very little milage since completed.

Asking: \$39,000, Price is negotiable.

910 Bladensburg Road NE

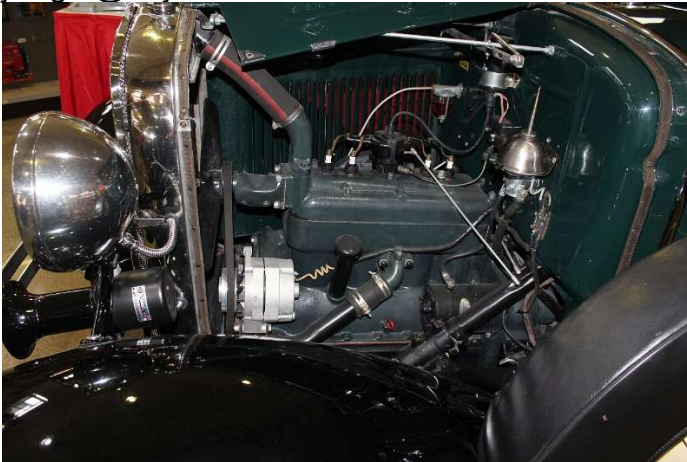
Washington, DC 20002

Contact:

Jerry Siegel

202-529-6020

jsiegel@wsjenks.com



1930 FORD DELUXE ROADSTER

Price: \$20,000 OBO

Step back into the golden age of hot rodding!

This 1930 Ford Deluxe Roadster has been built in true 1950's style, powered by a strong flathead V8 with a '39 transmission.

- Fresh Ford Maroon paint with black fenders
- Runs and drives, with only minor finishing touches left
- Removable custom hardtop (plus bows for convertible top)
- '32-style dash & gauges, including tachometer
- 16" spoke wheels, '32 radiator shell, '32 bumpers, and gas tank
- Full Cartouche interior & rumble seat with seat belts

A classic Ford roadster, offered by its lifelong builder and enthusiast.

Located in Virginia

☎ Stan Johnson – (571) 344-5950 | Fordyhorses@aol.com



**For Sale: Beautiful 1930 Ford Deluxe Roadster
With 100+ HP flathead V8 power**

Hotrod build evokes a '32 three window coupe. Roadster is equipped with custom built removable hard top. Sold with complete set of top bows for a convertible top.



50's style hotrod has 1947 Ford 59AB flathead engine connected to a '39 transmission. Dual exhaust headers and tailpipes. Dual carburetor manifold with a second Stromberg 97 carburetor, and Edelbrock high compression aluminum cylinder heads and gasket set are part of the package, though not yet mounted. Equipped with 12-volt electrical system and hydraulic brakes, located in Virginia.

New Ford Maroon paint on the body; fenders and top are black. Roadster is equipped with 16" spoke wheels and tires, '32 radiator shell, dual 1935 front horns, rear-mounted '32 gas tank, and '32 bumpers, front and rear. Interior and rumble seat have full Cartouche upholstery and seat belts. Dashboard is equipped with a 32-style full gauge set including tachometer. The deluxe roadster has a lower windshield than the standard model. Car starts easily and can be driven, but small items remain to be done to finish the car.

Car is being sold by the builder who has "aged out" after a lifetime of early Ford involvement. Asking price, \$20,000 OBO. Negotiable if taking car As-Is.

Contact Stan Johnson: (571) 344 5950; Fordyhorses@aol.com

WANT ADS (Cont.)

1930 Ford Model A

2-Door 5 Window Coupe. Rumble seat. Luggage rack. Condition: High Fair. Body tag is unreadable. Last driven: 2005, semi-weekly driver up to then. Garaged since 2005. Motor turns via hand crank and timing wrench. Engine Date from block #: October 29, 1930. Starter motor does not work (no rotation or noise, switch off, 6v battery direct pos ground) Running boards perforated rust. The rest of the body is good but has a few non factory drilled holes. Glass is good. Bin with a number of parts. Good restoration car. This car had a very low budget driveway restoration in the late 80s. Photos are 10 years old but 100% garaged. Only difference is both front tires are flat with cracked sidewalls.

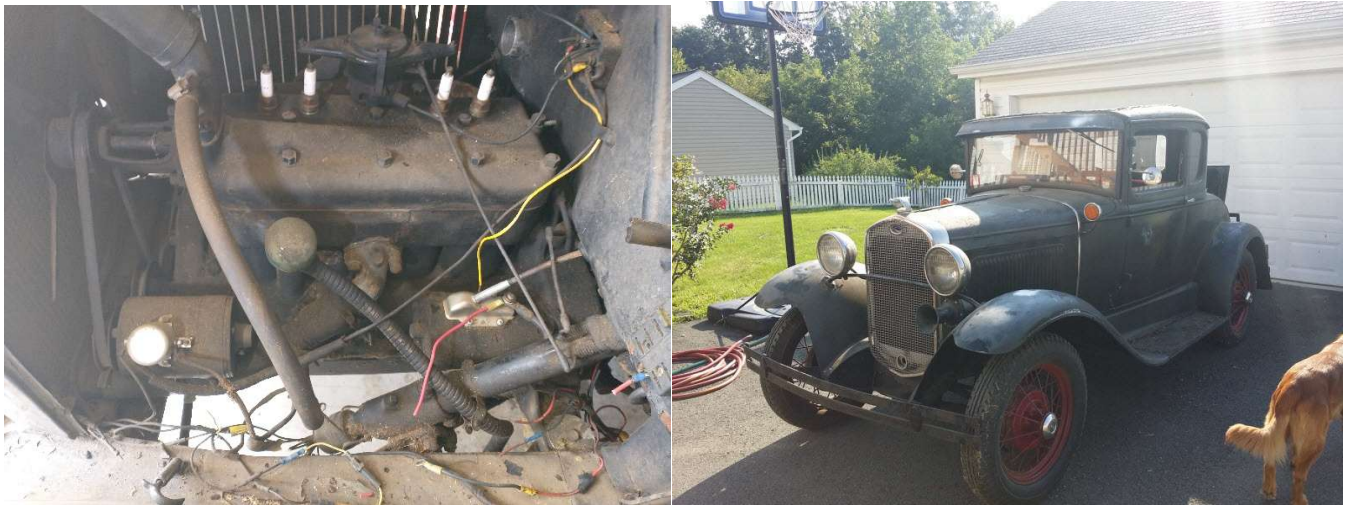
Asking: \$10,000

Contact:

Peter Joran

571-224-2327

ppjoran@gmail.com



1931 Model A model 40 Roadster

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.

The photo illustrates some of the car's features:

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

703-503-9160

703-389-1619

WANT ADS (Cont.)

1931 Model A model 40 Roadster



1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan

Selling a 1929 Town Sedan. Older restoration. Runs great. Schwalm's rebuilt, balanced engine. NuRex alternator, Mitchell overdrive, Aires stainless steel muffler and Fog King fog lights, cast iron brake drums, seat belts and dual fender mount spares. Mechanically excellent. Some paint blemishes, but car looks very good. Comes with a locking front storage box, trunk with fitted picnic table, car cover, spare alternator and starter and the original engine. Tires are old. 12,487 miles. Odometer reset when restored.

Car owned by a master Model A mechanic. Driven on many tours, including to Tennessee and Oregon.

Car owned by a master Model A mechanic. Driven on many tours, including to Tennessee and Oregon. Won awards at local shows. Trophies included. See photos next page.

Asking: \$17,000

Contact: Milford Sprecher

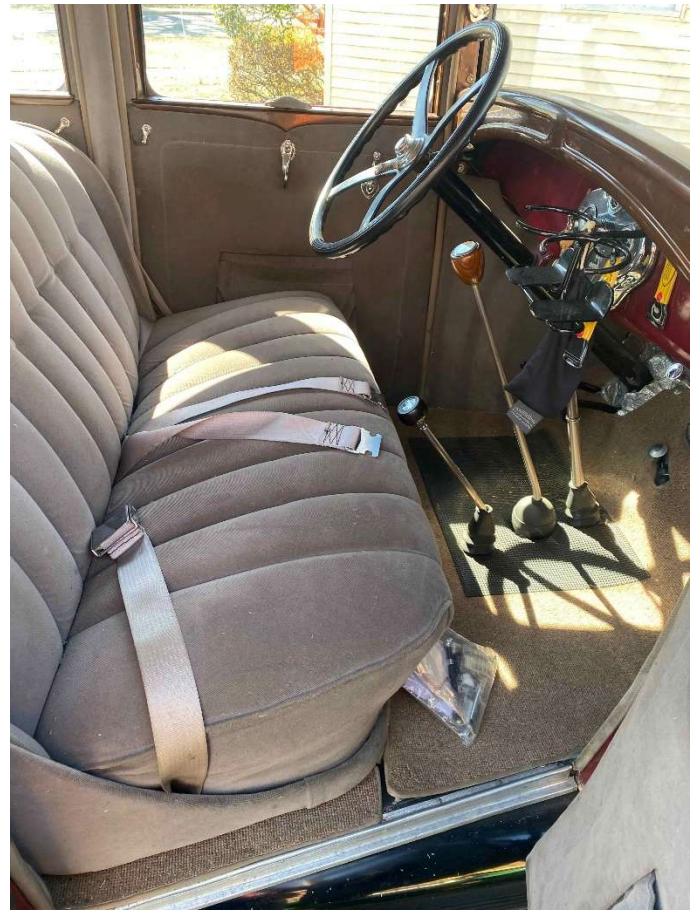
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WANT ADS (Cont.)



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October 2025

Armed Forces Retirement Home Antique Car Show

Saturday, October 25, 2025 (Fair Weather Only)

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Vehicles 1980 and Older

Cars, Motorcycles, and Light Trucks (including military vehicles)

Trailer Parking Available

All drivers and guests (18 and older) must have valid identity docs

Advance Registration Required. **Use attached Registration form**

Registration Mailing Instructions

Snail Mail: Mail by **18 October**

Ritha Gaskin

Recreation Specialist, Fitness Center

Armed Forces Retirement Home

3700 N. Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011

Email: Mail by **18 October**

ritha.gaskin@afrh.gov

Show Address: 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington, DC 20011-8400

Contact: Ritha Gaskin

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**Armed Forces Retirement Home
2025 Classic Antique Auto Show
Saturday October 25
8 am to 12:30**



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