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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Things are heating up literally and figuratively for the Club. Sully is nigh, so be sure to sign up to volunteer in some capacity.

There are a number of changes at Sully this year, due to new policies of the Fairfax Park Authority and the changes in registration that were necessitated by the untimely passing of longtime Sully registrar, Bill Benedict.

I spent the last four weeks in the UK and the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and western Germany. One highlight was a visit to the Louwman antique auto museum in The Hague. It is an excellent museum with many unrestored early cars extremely well presented. There were two Model A's, a 1903 (the first Model A) and a 1929 AA wrecker. There were quite a few other Fords, including a couple of Model T's and flathead V8's. It's well worth a visit if you ever take a trip to the Netherlands.

There were many roads on our trip and towns we visited that would be great in an old car, although the cities aren't great places to get around. The number of bicycles in Amsterdam is pretty overwhelming and very risky for pedestrians.

The Luray Pre-War Swap meet is scheduled for May 8 & 9 in Luray, VA—a great swap meet to go to for Model A parts.

I am participating in two tours in May, the MARC Finger Lakes tour starting on the 11th and a tour of New Hampshire and Maine put on by Tebo's Barn at the end of May. I am looking forward to them and getting my roadster ready to participate.

The revival Glidden Tour put on by the VMCCA and the AACA is at the end of August. It's based in Dover, Delaware, so not too far away. I hope to participate in that one, too, if I can.

Tom Terko's Model A has found a new home. The buyer is from PA, so not too far away. I am glad it found a good new owner and will stay in the region.

Both MARC and MAFCA are regulars on Instagram and both clubs have done a good job with clever posts to help promote their clubs and the hobby in general. Check them out if you can.

Milford

FROM THE EDITOR

This will be my last newsletter until September. So Bruce will be taking over for the summer months. I usually do the June issue of the Script, but this year Alice and I will be travelling. After all our years of camping around the country, we have visited 49 states. So we'll be leaving on Memorial Day to fly to Hawaii, capping off a bucket-list desire to visit all 50 states. The rest of my family—Alice and our 2 children—have all already been there, so I'm bringing up the rear on this one.

My town sedan seems to be running quite well, so it looks like I'll get to drive in the Memorial Day Parade downtown. Milford has offered to help me install seat belts, so maybe two of my grandsons may be joining me.

Bill Sims

FROM A LOCAL RESTAURANT

Board Meeting
April 29, 2026

President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Valerie Faircloth, Bill Bass, Jeff VanGorder, Michael DiBerardino and Dave Greenwood. Proxies were provided by Metcalf and Adcock. We had a quorum.

Annual Meet at the Sully Plantation Michael briefed the Board. The online registration is open and registrations are coming in. Greg Shepherd, our Webmaster, updates Michael every weekend. The flyers are being printed by the county. Michael will let the team know when they arrive to assemble and mail. The Pin image has also been approved and on order. Don White is coordinating the assembly of the registration envelopes and will need assistance stuffing the participant envelopes in advance, tentatively Saturday June 13. Michael has prepared an article for the Script and will do a shortened one for Jeff to email out. It will provide points of contact for volunteers and needs. Set-up day will be Saturday, June 20th, at 7:00am. Eight volunteers will be needed.

Tools management Michael has made progress on scoping the shed for storage. It will be a 12'x 20' prebuilt unassembled unit built by an Amish company. Approximate total cost \$8,000-\$10,000. After the Sully show, Michael will be recruiting help to level the site and build the foundation. He anticipates the work will be late summer or early fall.

Youth Scholarships Blane was unable to attend but submitted a draft article for the Script and email blast. Applications are due to him by May 30. His review committee is Jeff VanGorder, Valerie Faircloth and Dave Greenwood. Dave made a motion to set the budget at \$3000, seconded by Jeff, and approved unanimously. After the applications are reviewed and ranked, Blane will come back to the Board if we need to adjust the funding level.

MARC April 2027 meet, hosted by the GWC Region Bill Bass said the MARC board decided that 2028 would be the best fit for GWC to host. The event would be about 150 people. Bill will contact the hotels to see what dates are open for an April/May 2028 event.

Valerie and Milford are going to visit the Embassy Suites to determine if it would work for our December 2026 Christmas party.

Bill moved that we adjourn, seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Dave Greenwood
Secretary

FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

We wanted to let you know that Edna Cross is currently at Georgetown Hospital, where she is recovering from back surgery this past Tuesday. She has her cell phone with her and can be reached at 703-431-0012.

We're sure she would appreciate your calls, texts, cards, and prayers as she continues her recovery.

Jim Gray

APRIL 15, 2026, MEMBERS MEETING

This month's presentation was on "Restoration and Maintenance Tips by Jim Cross."

Vice President: Don White convened the business meeting at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 17 members and guests present and 4 online.

Treasurer: Doug Tomb said the latest Script published the current financials. Some highlights are: we have a checking balance of \$6,428.28, down considerably and awaiting the Sully registrations. We also have two CDs totaling about \$20,000, which are due for reinvestment in May. Bill Bass said we are waiting for checks from 4 of the 10 Vendor sponsors.

Activities: Valerie Faircloth gave the group a summary of the GWC-sponsored events and a list of upcoming events of interest to members, which will appear in the Script. She also said the Cherry Blossum Parade photos are on the GWC website, thanks to Jason Cunningham for coordinating the event.

- Sully Car Show June 21
- Fall Picnic at Oak Hill October 25

Sully: Michael DiBerardino reported that things are progressing; the LOA has been signed. We are still looking for a lead for registration. The workload has been significantly reduced because we are implementing online registrations. The registration on the GWC website will be live on Thursday of this week. We will also be mailing out flyers soon. Registration will be preregistration only to mitigate safety concerns. Check-in is 7:00-9:30 and cars must be parked by 10:00. We still need about 50 more volunteers. Other clubs are helping. At the May meeting there will be more information on Judging.

Comments were opened to the Floor: Doug Tomb related his story of his newly rebuilt engine that had a bad fan pulley eating up two new fan belts. After determining and fixing the problem, new parts, it is now in perfect order. Paul Bjarnason explained he joined the GWC 8 years ago and began a journey of restoring his spouse's grandfather's 1929 Model A Tudor. It is now complete and Paul is looking forward to driving in GWC events, including the Sully Show. Dave Henderson relayed the story of how he acquired numerous traffic signal lights from Falls Church property yards, some of which he has for sale.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Program: Led by Jim Cross, it was an excellent summary of tips and tricks to maintain your Model A. Jim has presented this many times at AACA events but focused this on Model As.

Wisdom from Jim: When you buy a new-to-you Model A, "DO NOT TRUST WORK OR MAINTENANCE!"

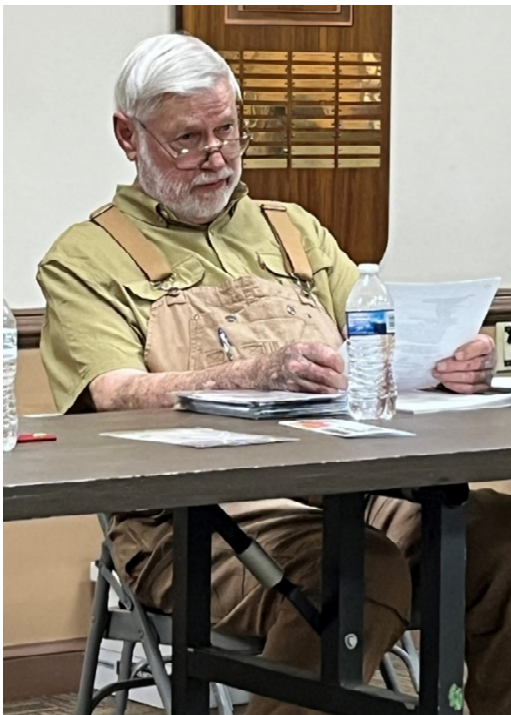
- Oil and grease best if from Chicago manufacture
- Engine or Carburetor trouble—Try Mechanic in a Bottle or Marvel Mystery Oil
- U Joints—Use John Deer Corn Head Grease
- Read End—Use Lubriplate SPO277

APRIL 15, 2026, MEMBERS MEETING (Cont.)

- Brass polish—Use Ketchup then polish
- Over heating—Spark retarded, too lean a mixture, clean the radiator with Super Washing Soda (Arm & Hammer), use only distilled water with anti-freeze.
- White-wall tires—use Simple Green
- Generator not charging—clean commutator field with a green Scotch Brite scrub pad
- Battery—Install a simple terminal cut off. Use a trickle-charger
- Exhaust leak—Cooper gasket and Gland rings
- Install oil plugs with magnets
- Wheel bearings—Use Timken Wheel Bearing Grease
- Steering Box—Use Chicago SPO-299

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Dave Greenwood
Secretary



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George Washington Chapter 2026 Approved Budget - AS OF 4/30/2026

OPERATING BUDGET

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<u>Budgeted Income</u>	Contact	2025 Actual	2026 ACTUAL	2026 APR
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,133.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 35.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 89.00	\$ 1,450.96	\$ -
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 860.00	\$ -
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 550.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$ 10,151.50	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 16,323.50	\$ 3,825.96	\$ 485.00
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 440.20	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Club Programs	White	\$ 855.92	\$ 15.40	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 9,343.06	\$ 1,092.78	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	(Vacant)	\$ 81.93	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	DiBerardino	\$ 4,667.61	\$ 1,261.37	\$ 1,261.37
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 189.22	\$ -	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,021.50	\$ 1,292.85	\$ -
Secretary Supplies + Zoom	Greenwood	\$ 167.90	\$ 167.90	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 3,207.50	\$ 405.00	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 19,974.84	\$ 4,265.30	\$ 1,291.37
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		-\$ 3,651.34	-\$ 439.34	-\$ 806.37

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SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE MAY 30TH

Application Instructions for Scholarship Competition

Applications due May 30 for Award June 21, 2026

At the Sully Car Show - Sully Historic Site

GWC plans to award scholarships to rising (i.e., anticipating admission for Fall 2026 semester) or current college or trade school students. Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the GWC or be a GWC member. Applicants will be considered for a possible award by the GWC Scholarship Committee, based upon the following criteria from the information provided in the application:

1. Extracurricular activities, volunteer work and/or employment
2. Personal and family association with Model A Fords and/or GWC activities
3. Education and/or training plans
4. Essay content and quality

How to Submit:

Submit your application via e-mail to the head of the scholarship committee, Blane Adcock at: "blane.adcock@gmail.com". For any questions, Mr. Adcock may be reached via e-mail or by text or phone at: 703-395-5027.

Information page — Submit an information page with the following:

1. Applicant Name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number
2. Name of sponsor & relationship (Applicant may be a Club member or sponsored by a Club member.)
3. Work and/or volunteer experience
4. Hobbies and interests
5. Education completed so far
6. Why you would like to win a scholarship and what would be the intended

SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE MAY 30TH (Cont.)

use of the funds, e.g., tuition, books, living expenses, other

7. Name and address of your educational/training institution

8. Permission for essay publication - state whether you grant permission to the

GWC for possible publication of your essay in the GWC Script. If granted, publication would be at the discretion of the editor of the GWC Script.

The Essay:

The essay may be on any topic or combination of topics of the applicant's choice. The essay should not exceed 750 words. Essays from all applicants (with their permission) will be considered for publication in the GWC Script. Following are suggested topics but any topic related to the Model A Ford would be welcome:

1. Interest in the Model A Ford
2. What about the car hobby attracts people, young and old to it.
3. What one learns or achieves by working on a Model A Ford.
4. Your history or association with the Model A Ford and activities, including maintenance and repair.
5. Submit your essay in WORD, not to exceed 750 words. Any pictures provided should be in high resolution jpg file format

Deadline:

Applications must be received by no later than May 30th, 2026.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

May 2026

MARC mileage members and Regions, please take notice that Betty Fisher has officially retired from chairing the mileage program after many years of dedicated service. The new MARC Mileage Program Chairman is Mike Wilcher. Going forward, PLEASE send all correspondence to Mike, 1837 Columbia Circle, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Email, marcmileagechairman@gmail.com. Mike stepped up to chair this important MARC program and is already doing a great job.

As of today, we have over 150 registered for the upcoming Finger Lakes Membership Meeting/Tour. As we expected this tour will be very popular. For updated information including information on winery tours that must be arranged with the winery (s) you want to visit in advance, check out either the Model A Restorers or the 2026 MARC National Tour Facebook groups. Also, check out the 2026 MARC National Meet Facebook group for information on the National Meet in French Lick. If you haven't already registered for that meet you can still register online via the MARC website at www.modelarestorersclub.org, or complete the registration form in the current edition of the *Model A News*. We are all looking forward to another great event hosted by the Columbus Indiana Region. If you have any questions, contact Rex Hinkle at 812-360-3336 or via email at rex.hinkle@cookgroup.com.

REMEMBER that 2028 is the 100th anniversary of the introduction (ok, late '27 for you purists) of the Model A Ford. Are there any Regions interested in hosting a special MARC event to celebrate this special occasion? If so, please contact Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com and we can discuss any type of event you are interested in hosting. We need to begin planning soon as we are sure that there will be lots of interest in holding these commemorative events.

COMMEMORATIVE bricks honoring MARC Regions celebrating 50 or more year anniversaries have been ordered and will be placed in the walkway at the MAFFI Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan. Your MARC Board of Directors voted to honor our Regions who have achieved this very significant milestone. Look for details in the May-June edition of the *Model A News*!



A WOMAN'S DAY RIDING IN A MODEL A (IN HONOR OF MOTHERS DAY)

(By Becky Cale, Blue Ridge Model A Club)

As we go on this tour
Everything seems calm and pure,
The weather is beautiful
And our gas tank is full.
So it's off for a ride we go
To travel some back road.

Up the hill and across the stream
The car is hot and letting out steam.
Halfway up the hill, we took a second gear,
We see the top, we're getting near.
Over the top and down the other side,
We put it in high gear and let her ride.
All is going well, then something pops.
Lo and behold, the car rolls to a stop.

I ask, "What in the world do we do now?
He looks at me and begins to frown,
I'm glad I brought a good book.
Sitting in the hot sun, I'll probably cook.
I'm told the pop was a condenser,
I hope and pray they can fix her.

At last, we are ready to go,
How long will we travel? Nobody knows.
As we wave to children close to the road
They think we are out to put on a show.
The sun will soon be going down,
Thank goodness we'll soon be back in town.

Why do I go on these tours every month?
The road is rough and he hits every bump.
This is life and I love my man
So I bite my lip and do what I can.

It's been a long hot fun day
And this is what it's like for a woman
Riding in a Model "A."



FUTURE GENERATION OF MODEL A'ERS



Snapshot of Matt Krafft's granddaughter, Kendall Krafft, age 17 months, getting her first exposure to a Model A! Looks like she's taking a keen interest in getting behind the wheel.



Photos of Gia Stone in *Christine* ('31 68C), the daughter of friends snapped at the Middleburg Polo matches. Photogenic car; photogenic kid !!!

John Dougherty

SMALL PARTS DAY

Small Parts Day was hosted by Jim and Edna Cross, at their home. In addition to Jim and Edna, there was Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Dave Jenkins, Barbara Edwards, Doug Tomb, Jeff VanGorder, Jim Gray, Jay Melton, Harvey Haines, Jess Ashby, Kevin and Teresa Trissell, and Val Faircloth. In all, there were three 1931 Model A Coupes belonging to Bruce/Loretta, Jeff, and Val. Breakfast was donuts, bagels, fruit, water, and coffee along with a generous helping of camaraderie. Lunch was a bring-your-own. After lunch, there was a trek across the field to watch Jim Cross, aided by his son Ray, cut long, straight planks from trees taken from his property on a working 1920 sawmill. Then, it was a trip to the garage to see Jim's cars. I must admit that not much work occurred on the three As. However, the various conversations yielded surprising solutions to many issues we were experiencing with our cars. A BIG thanks to Jim and Edna for allowing us to spend the day with them, and enjoy their company, hospitality, and expertise.

Val Faircloth



MY VIRGINIA NEW-TITLE ADVENTURE

The Virginia title for my coupe shows the engine number as the serial number. Since I replaced the old cracked block with another good one, I wanted to get the title updated to have the documentation in order. I inquired at my local DMV and was given Form VSA 22 <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/forms/vsa22.pdf>

I sent that in with a check and a little over 2 months later, an agent from the DMV called and said he would be in my area the next day. He looked at the engine number in the car and at the old cracked block that I had saved for this purpose. He said the serial number on the title would stay the same and he would have the new engine number noted on the updated title. He said he could come back and install a number plate on the firewall or door jamb or I could make one and install it or I could do nothing.

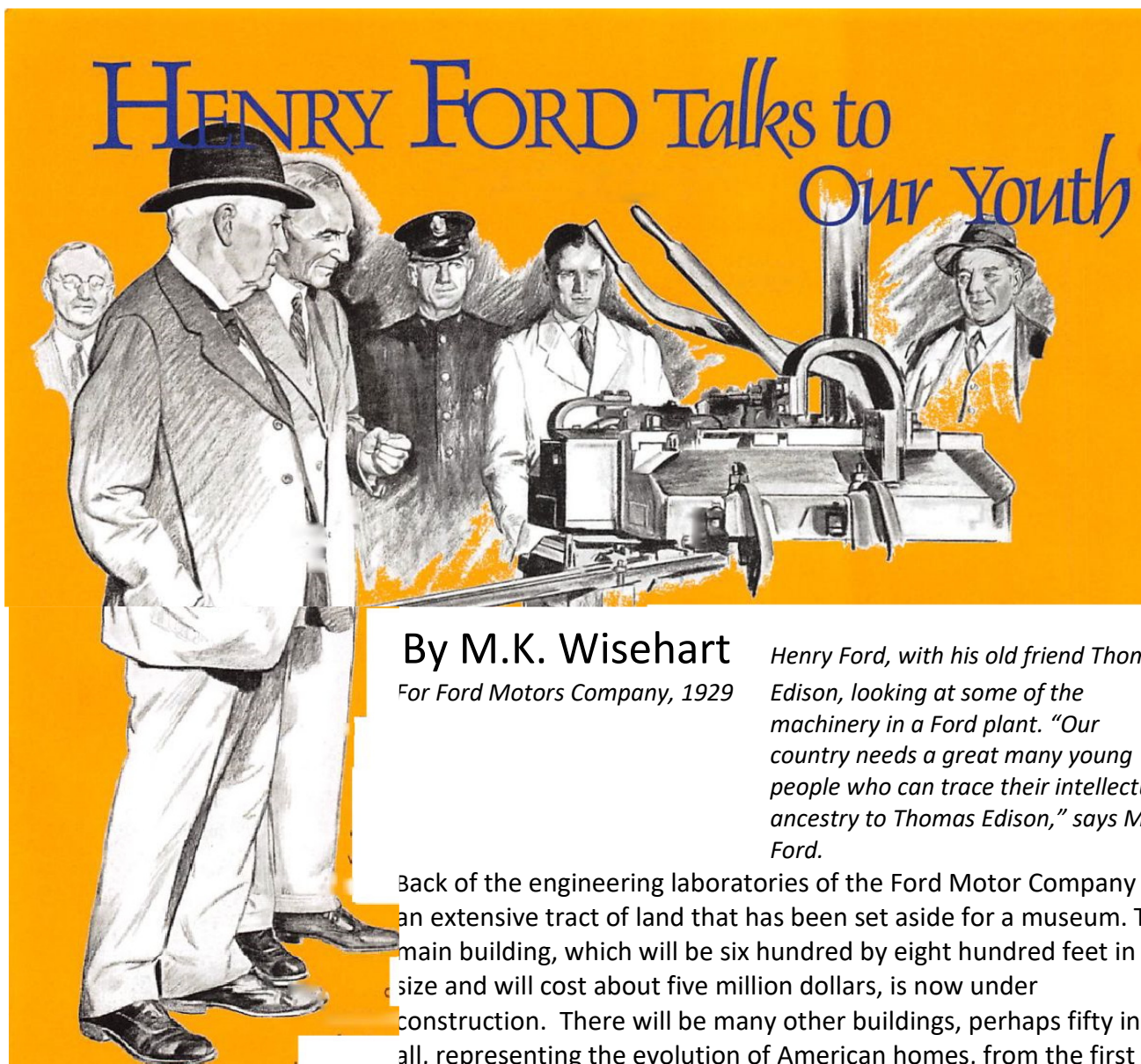
I decided to get an official VA DMV plate. The advantages to having the number plate are for a future buyer; identifying it, if stolen and recovered; and to verify ownership during a traffic stop. I was surprised by the casualness of the verification, I have to say.

Bruce Metcalf

HENRY FORD TALKS TO OUR YOUTH

Following is a good article that appeared in "Secrets" magazine. Permission to reprint them in the "Script" was granted by Charlie Yapp, who is the president of Yapp Studios, which publishes "Secrets." "Secrets" is a magazine featuring pieces on vintage speed equipment, mainly Ford 4-banger-related, which I have enjoyed for several years now. Charlie also sells 4-banger speed parts on the website: "secretsofspeed.com". This piece, the second of two from "Secrets" to be published in the Script, is: "Henry Ford Talks to Our Youth", by M.K. Wisheart for the Ford Motor Company (October 2024 issue). I thought Henry Ford's remarks about developing leadership were interesting in that Mr. Ford looked for young people who "thought outside of the box." I think you will find this piece interesting and I recommend you try the "Secrets" magazine, which is published quarterly. If interested, you may sign up for "Secrets" on: "secretsofspeed.com".

Paul Bjarnason



By M.K. Wisheart

For Ford Motors Company, 1929

Henry Ford, with his old friend Thomas Edison, looking at some of the machinery in a Ford plant. "Our country needs a great many young people who can trace their intellectual ancestry to Thomas Edison," says Mr. Ford.

Back of the engineering laboratories of the Ford Motor Company is an extensive tract of land that has been set aside for a museum. The main building, which will be six hundred by eight hundred feet in size and will cost about five million dollars, is now under construction. There will be many other buildings, perhaps fifty in all, representing the evolution of American homes, from the first

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HENRY FORD TALKS TO OUR YOUTH (Cont.)

hut of the Jamestown settlers down to the present. Two buildings which will form part of the great historical pageant have already been erected, or rather, re-erected.

One of these is a modest, one-story, wooden structure—the laboratory in which Thomas A. Edison worked on his annual sojourns in Florida during the years from 1887 to June 1928. It was taken down piece by piece and brought from Fort Myers, Florida. The other, a building from the same general type, but larger, and two stories in height, is the laboratory in which Mr. Edison worked for many years at Menlo Park, New Jersey, when he was perfecting diverse inventions that have now become commonplace in our everyday life. In this building the incandescent light was perfected.

Recently, when I went with a group of men to look at the reconstructed Edison laboratories, we found Mr. Ford there inspecting the progress of the work. “What is the primary purpose of this museum,” I asked him. “Our hope is that it will help inspire in boys the same ideal that has inspired Mr. Edison—to do things, not for money, but because the work is worthwhile. That is *part* of the idea. Our country is in need of a great many boys who can trace their intellectual ancestry to Thomas A. Edison.” “That makes me wonder,” I remarked, “what you would have to say about the problems confronting young Americans today. If you were talking to young men who were just starting out on their careers, what ideas would you try to drive home?”

“It’s worth thinking about,” returned Mr. Ford; and on a later occasion, when I renewed my questions on this topic, he said: “Here”—and he made a gesture that took in the entire Ford enterprise—“we are interested primarily in two things: “First, in the car, because that gives us money with which to do things; second, in young men. And young men of a certain type: those who have it in them to become leaders! We don’t care whether they become leaders in our plant, or go out to work for our competitors, or seek entirely new fields—so long as they take with them such powers of leadership as they may have. There must be more and more industrial leaders—creators of employment.”

“What is it that makes a leader?” I asked. “There is one sure way to become a leader,” was the answer. “Make something that people want. When you first make it, the price will probably be too high. And people cannot, or will not, buy it. The next thing is to set about making it *right*. Make it right with the use of machinery; develop the machines that will help you make it right; keep the waste processes out; then you can get the price down and people will buy it.

“We always keep our eye on the young man who shows signs of being dissatisfied, especially if he thinks he has anything to offer by way of improving things. The chance that a boy or young man is content with the way things are done now will develop into a leader is slim. The restless boy, the one who wants to know why things are as they are, and why they can’t be done better, shows signs of possible leadership. At times he may be a nuisance. But no boy ever became a leader without making himself a nuisance to somebody—at some time.

“If I were a young man starting in today and had a job that seemed too hard for me, I would set to work to find out how to make it easy. A serious attempt to take the drudgery out of a job will develop the brains of any young man and start him to creating something. He may build his future on what he finds out.

“In general, there are three things necessary for industrial leadership in a big way. A man must know enough about finance to be able to balance accounts. He must know a whole lot about mechanical things. Also, he must know enough about human beings to understand their wants, desires, and motives and so be able to balance them up as well as his accounts.”

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HENRY FORD TALKS TO OUR YOUTH (Cont.)

“Assume that a boy is trying to fit himself for this kind of leadership,” I suggested. “How should he go at it? What are the important things for him to know?” “There are five things which I believe are fundamental. I’m willing to tell any boy what they are. They have to do with cleanliness, investigation, putting to use that which you already have, belief in your ability to accomplish that which you set out to do, and knowing how to spend money.

“Now for a minute, let’s talk about these things in the order in which I have mentioned them. First, the matter of cleanliness: the first advice I would give to any boy starting out today would be to learn to keep himself and everything around him clean. If he can do this, he is one in a thousand.

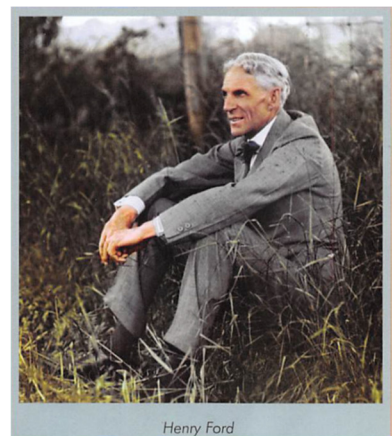
“Neatness, cleanliness, orderliness—the importance of these things is that they have a great effect on the way a man’s mind works. The man who keeps himself and all his tools clean is apt to do things well. Every move he makes is likely to be in the right direction, along the line of creation.

“At one time, in our plant, we used to figure out how to use the waste material that resulted from certain processes. We thought we were doing something and prided ourselves on it. But now we have come to realize that the proper thing is to arrange our processes in a certain way that there is no waste. We get more out of the material and save money. We found this out by trying to keep clean and by eliminating as much dirt and scraps as we could.

“Dirt is always evidence of waste either of material or of mental or physical energy, or both.” In his personal appearance, Mr. Ford is immaculate. All the offices of the company are flawlessly clean. The corners of the shop are painted white and kept lighted.

Mr. Ford was once asked what he would do if he were called upon to take charge of a business that had failed. “No business I know of ever went to the wall without accumulating a vast pile of dirt,” he answered. The dirt and all that goes with it—untidy thinking and untidy methods—helped to cause the failure. The first thing I would do with a business like that would be to clean it up!”

Some years ago, a man who had acquired his industrial training under Mr. Ford and had come to realize the significance of his employer’s principles of cleanliness, was made president of a manufacturing concern that had gone bankrupt. After studying the conditions of the business, the new president went before the board of directors and asked for a large sum of money—many thousands of dollars to be used in cleaning up the debris, in washing and painting and lighting up the offices and shops. The directors protested. “We’re already broke!” they said. “All this money for fancy work?” But the new president fought for the appropriation. “The first thing this business needs,” he declared, “is a liberal application of brooms, brushes, soap and water. We must clean up before we can tell where we’re at.” Finally, he got the money, and he spent it in the way indicated. This was not the only thing he did, of course, but it was the *first*. Today that business is going strong and its product has a nationwide reputation. (MW)



SULLY 51 – JUNE 21, 2026

Sully 51 is just around the corner. If you have not signed up for your two-hour day-of-show job, please do so as soon as you can. Send an email to gwcsullychairman@gmail.com, or contact any of the Sully Committee members to volunteer.

There are several vacancies highlighted below, such as the Old Car Parking job. The very experienced Wayne Parker will be able to assist this year, but can't be the lead this year due to work constraints. Again, please reach out to gwcsullychairman@gmail.com with any offers, leads, or suggestions.

There are six BIG changes in store for this year's show:

1. We now have online registration! Share the link with your friends:
<http://gwcmodeleda.com/sully.asp>
2. Set up day will be Saturday, June 20th (NOT Friday), as early as Dave Greenwood can get there.
3. Model A's will be on the paved area where in the past we have had a car corral, look for the signs for your year.
4. No vehicles will park on the south lawn of the mansion.
5. We won't have a flea market.
6. We won't have a car corral.

But just as we did last year, we will allow Model A Ford Hot Rods this year. After all, we're still celebrating the longevity of not only Model A Fords – the car that brought America through the great depression -- but the amazing reinvention of them when enthusiasm for speed, style and creativity -- but a lack of original parts -- came together to create Hot Rods. You know...
American Graffiti.

Here is your Sully Committee for Sully 51:

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Pre-show setup

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SULLY 51 (Cont.)

I will be at the May meeting with my sign-up sheet. Those who sign up will receive 2 gate passes (a \$24 value), and a free car registration.

At the May meeting, we'll have a quick judging refresher course so please bring your classic car. I'll bring my 1930 Model A sedan or 2000 Toyota Corolla depending on the weather. The cutoff for "classic car" is now 2001! Please contact me (gwcsullychairman@gmail.com) if you would be willing to have your car at the May meeting so we can review how to judge at Sully.

Michael DiBerardino
Annual Meet Chairman



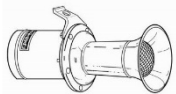
Jim's technical tip for May
by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

From the "Ford Model A Service Bulletins", February, 1928:

When changing the oil in the engine pan, the new oil can be poured through the breather pipe more rapidly and will not bubble over if the oil level indicator (dip stick) is withdrawn.

When replacing the indicator be sure that both the short and long ends of the indicator enter the opening in the crankcase, and that the indicator is pushed down as far as it will go. Failure to insert both ends in the opening permits oil to splash out.

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ACTIVITIES

May

- May 8-9—Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet —Comer-Jones VFW Post #621, 218 Veteran Lane, Luray, VA – Fri 7am - 5pm; Sat 7am - 2pm
- May 9—Shenandoah Region AACA 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet—Winchester, VA—8am-3pm
- May 14 (2nd Wednesday) – Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:30am
- May 11-14 – MARC National Tour and Membership Meeting 2026 – Pen Yan, Finger Lakes, NY –
- May 16 – Fairfax Antique Car Show—Old Town Fairfax, VA—10am-3pm
- **May 20 (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall, 7:00pm**
- May 25—Memorial Day Parade—Downtown D.C. 6 Spots left
- **May 28 (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**
- May 28-30 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA

June 2025

- June 10 – (2nd Wednesday) –CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am
- June 11-13 – AACA Southeast Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN
- June 14-19 – AACA Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA
- **June 20 – Sully 51 – Set up Day! - Looking for Volunteers - *Contact Mike DiBerardino***
- **June 21 – Sully 50 – Father’s Day – at Sully Historic Site – Looking for Volunteers – *Contact Mike DiBerardino***
- **June 27 (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm**

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ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!

LOCATION:
 Corner-Jones VFW Post 621,
 218 Veterans Lane in Luray, VA

VENDOR SETUP:
 Thursday, May 7
 after 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ADMITTANCE:
Friday, May 8
 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
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