



*The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA
And
The Mount Vernon Region, MARC*

50th Anniversary Celebration

*Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant
Mount Vernon, VA
July 21, 2013*



Brief History

As far back as 1949 when Willard Kidd was driving his 1931 Roadster to his job as bridge tender at the Memorial Bridge, (that car is now owned by Bill Benedict) he, Jack Knowles and others decided to form a club devoted to the Model A. The club was known as the Model A Club of America or (MACA).

Model A Restorers Club (MARC) formed in 1952. Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) in 1956.

MACA became the Potomac Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America in 1958.

Mount Vernon Region of MARC chartered in 1962. Several members of both clubs decided to form a MAFCA chapter in the Mount Vernon area of Virginia.

The George Washington Chapter was chartered by MAFCA on May 11, 1963 with a 17 member limit.

Member Mac Spears proposed the 17 member rule be repealed and on November 23, 1973 the motion was passed and the club membership was opened to anyone who had an interest in the Model A.

New Board of Directors elected November 23, 1973 with Joe Thoma, President, Bill Worsham, Vice President, Bill Condon Sr., Secretary and Andy Jaeger, Treasurer

Regular monthly newsletter published by Bill Condon Sr. began on January 17, 1974. (Later published monthly by John and Jenny Dingle)

First car show held at Jerry's Ford on May 9, 1974 with Andy Jaeger and Bill Condon Jr. as co-chairman and 75 cars on display.

Second car show held at Jerry's Ford on May 8, 1975 with over 150 cars on display. With room only for 100 cars, a new location had to be found.

First car show held at Sully Plantation on June 13, 1976 with Bill Worsham as Chairman.

George Washington Chapter assumed the Mount Vernon Region MARC charter on February 2, 1978 and became a dual MAFCA/MARC club.

The George Washington Chapter hosted the 10th annual MAFCA meet on June 28, 1978 at the Thomas Jefferson Center in Arlington with John Dingle as chairman.

The 10th annual picnic was held at the Jaegers' lot on the Potomac.

First issue of *The Script* published September 1980 by Dave Meyersburg.
(First Electronic publication of *The Script* January 2011)

Club celebrated its 25th anniversary in August 1988 with a huge pig picking. The pig picking is still an annual picnic event today.

Other annual events have evolved such as, Train day at the Clements, Small Parts Day, Indoor/Outdoor Flea Markets, Christmas Party, Woody's tours and Janet Merkel's Shenandoah weekends.

The club has awarded \$23,500 in scholarships since 2009.

Club hosted the first MARC National Tour in Charlottesville on September 17, 2009 with Woody Williams as chairman.

First lady President, Charlene Beckner, elected December 2, 2010.

Club held their 40th antique car show on June 16, 2013 at Sully Historic Site.

Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on July 21, 2013.

Club Presidents

R.C. "Clem" Griffin	1964
Charles M. Moltz	1965
Robert Moore	1966
R.C. "Clem" Griffin	1967-1968
Gerald Pendergrass	1969
Donald Pope	1970-1973
Joseph Thoma	1974
William Worsham	1975
Robert Wild	1976
Arthur Richmond	1977
Wayne Parker	1978
Gordon Sanford	1979
John Dingle	1980
Thomas Shaw	1981
John Howell	1982
Arthur Storer	1983
Donald Temple	1984
Walter Thomas Bratton	1985
Charles H. Zierdt	1986
Richard Dove	1987
J. Peyton Randolph	1988
Robert Harrington	1989
John Howell	1990
Jerry Breedlove	1991
Andy Pogan	1992-1993
Jim Cartmill	1994-1995
Millard Springer	1996-1997
Clem Clement	1998-1999
Chuck Manns	half 2000
Stan Johnson	half 2000
Jon Philips	2001-2003
Woody Williams	2004-2005
Paul Gauthier	2006
Tom Quigley	2007-2010
Charlene Beckner	2011-2013

Our Club has grown from 17 to well over 200 members in the last 50 years. During this period there has been considerable turnover of our members, we have lost many of our most productive/valued members to father time, traffic congestion has made it more difficult and sometimes impossible to enjoy driving our cars in the neighborhood, and of course, our cars have had to weather the ravages of time. Through it all our Club has not only survived, but prospered. If it is not already obvious, look around and take note of the many friends you have that you would have never met had it not been for the Club. Friends where rank or station in life has no influence on how we interact with each other. When you turn to the last page, think about the fond memories and experiences you have shared on tours or under the car with another member who has agreed to help you with a project. All of this was made possible by our common affection for the Model A Ford.

