



George Washington Chapter MARC and MAFCA

Carl Patrick Award for 2020

Presented to Benny and Sharon Leonard

The George Washington Chapter (GWC or Club) of the Model A Ford Club of America is proud to honor Benny and Sharon Leonard with the Carl Patrick Award for their decades of support and leadership to the Club. This award is named after Carl Patrick a club member in the 1970s and 1980s who set the standard for helping fellow Club members. The high standards established by the Club for this award are that the awardees support the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford “as Henry built it”; share their knowledge of the Model A with fellow members; give unselfishly of their time to help others restore and preserve the Model A Ford; and help promote friendship and fellowship in the Club. This 2020 GWC Carl Patrick Award for the Leonards’ will include the donation of an engraved brick paver for installation and display at the Model A Ford Museum, which is part of the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The inscription will read:

BENNY & SHARON LEONARD HOSTS & LEADERS GWC MARC & MAFCA

Benny and Sharon joined the Club many years ago and they quickly became very active living up to the aspirations of the Carl Patrick Award. Benny is known as the go-to member who could diagnose mechanical problems and offer correct recommendations for how to resolve or repair the problem. Furthermore he has the tools and ability to make repairs of almost any kind on a Model A Ford. His expertise includes mechanical functions as well as body work and paint. Benny and Sharon hosted members at their home for mechanical sessions with the same welcome and support given elite social guests. Even when laid up at home, Benny is always available by phone and video chat to help other members with their Model A Fords.

Benny is an expert driver and mechanic and his cars are the best-running in the Club. He and Sharon have attended almost every tour and group trip to local, regional and national events. His cars rarely, if ever, break down. Instead, Benny is the one who gets the balking cars of other members to run, many times better than they were running before the breakdown. Benny has been responsible over many years at the Annual Sully Antique Car Show for multiple functions that include the Flea Market, Show Car Parking, Special Displays, Judging and the Club’s Smith Compressor. The latter he operates and explains to fascinated adults and children.

With this award the Club hereby expresses its deep appreciation to the Leonards’ for all they do for so many and the Model A Ford hobby this year and for so many years in the past.

Douglas Tomb, GWC 2020 President