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FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE



The 38th Father's Day Sully Antique Car Show was a success, despite the weather. The early morning showers and the forecast for more caused some not to drive their cars to the show. The Sully staff reported near normal crowds by mid-afternoon and, thanks to Bill Worsham and his Sully committee, everything ran smoothly.

On July 8th, many of our Club members will be headed to Orange for 3 days of touring, socializing with friends, shopping for antiques and, of course, our all time favorite – lots of good eating. Thank you Woody for coordinating this tour.

The July general meeting will be our annual flea market that is held in the parking lot. Don't miss this opportunity to find that part you need or some rusted piece of junk that you don't need.

Please check out the updated Scholarship requirements that expanded the area of consideration. The scholarship application is posted on the website and the deadline to apply is September 1.

Did you recognize "Honey Bun" in the wintry picture on page 72 of the May-June issue of *Model "A" News*? "Honey Bun" is owned by Karilyn and Chuck Kunstbeck. Chuck is our club photographer and Secretary.

A special thanks to Benny Leonard and Tom Terko who helped Gil repair the Town Sedan on one of the hottest days of the year. They replaced the head gasket and did a much needed valve job that got it running like new! I now have to worry about Gil getting a speeding ticket after he reported he was going 65 miles per hour on a test run.

Wishing you safe driving and fun times,
Charlene Beckner
President

FROM THE EDITOR

Now that Sully is over, it is time for a vacation. All the kids are on vacation from school, the Editor is on vacation from well, he's retired already, but that is a lot of work, and he deserves a vacation too. It sounds like such a great idea, even the assistant Editor has decided to take a vacation.

Instead of some far off ocean on the West coast, the assistant Editor will drive along the East coast. Instead of the majestic Rocky Mountains out West, how about the mountains of New Hampshire. Instead of three months, how about two weeks. That's why the deadline for this issue was so early, so we could get this out on time, and head for the hills. Have a Happy Fourth of July!

Until next time.
The Assistant Editor.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

**George Washington Chapter, MAFCA
Mount Vernon Region, MARC
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
June 26, 2011**



Vice President Jack Melnick called the meeting to order at the home of Andy & Ellen Jaeger in Woodbridge, Virginia, and the annual Jaeger Picnic, at 12:00 noon. Other board members present at the meeting were: Benny Leonard, Bill Worsham, Woody Williams, Tom Terko, Edna Cross and Chuck Kunstbeck. Andy Jaeger was also present.

The May 25, 2011 meeting minutes, previously published in *The Script* were approved.

Vice President & Program Chair Jack Melnick said that the July meeting will be an Outdoor Flea Market. There will not be a business meeting. The August meeting will feature the Natchez Trace Tour, presented by Woody Williams.

Treasurer Gil Beckner submitted the financial report on Sully receipts via email to board members on June 22, 2011. A report on the Sully proceeds to date, is detailed in the Treasurer's Report.

Activities Chairperson Edna Cross talked briefly about upcoming events, i.e. Orange Tour, Skyland & Ford Day on September 10th, 2011.

Annual Meet Chairman Bill Worsham gave an update on the Sully Show. All in all the show was successful even though some registered cars did not show due to the impending rain.

Membership Chair Woody Williams said he will be sending out Orange Tour packets this week to those who have signed up. Woody, with the approval of all board members present, is going to add the club logo to our name tags after the nine remaining name tags are used.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM. July meeting will be held at Sharon & Benny Leonard's home in Fairfax, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary



GWC 25 YEARS AGO

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Sully '86 was over, and the bean counters gave a preliminary assessment of our "take", \$5,400, not including all the left-overs from the snack concession that would provide "Sully dogs", burgers, and drinks for the

upcoming picnic at Ellen and Andy Jaeger's hideaway. As was the custom then, members were to form up in the parking lot of Charlie's Restaurant in Springfield, and proceed via Backlick Road, Telegraph Road, and on to

Route 1 to Woodbridge.

Slated for the [July](#) meeting was a program on paint, with a Dupont Corp representative presiding. Another pitch was to be by John Dingle, concerning the Lady's Driving Award, and the forming of training classes. Subsequently, awards would be presented to those passing a driving test.

The second part of Bill Creath's comprehensive article on soldering was in the [July](#) Script. It thoroughly covered all types of solder and corresponding fluxes. His 2 part article took the reader through all the tricky steps in the soldering process, far better than having to learn the hard way.

The "GWC Chatter" column in the Script included an announcement of the arrival of a baby girl, born to Doug and Susan Handy; a report on Bill Condon's return home from a hospital stay and how his thoughts were on

getting back to restoring A's, and the Minners family's long overseas trip. They went to Germany, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland not to mention the Arctic Circle and Lapland.

Finally, it was reported that four Model A's and several antique gas pumps were observed along the way. (Well, at least they got something out of the trip).

Dave Henderson

JAEGER PICNIC REPORT

This afternoon was my first "Jaeger Picnic" here are first impressions from a nubie:

- Spectacular setting
- Congenial Hosts
- Wonderful organization
- Fabulous weather
- Delicious food
- Fun and lively attendees
- Great cars

Is there anything I missed?

Thank you all !!!!

John Leydon

“Rain, Rain, Go Away”

Sally Forth to Sully

By Rich Largent

It's 5 a.m., June 19th, and I'm lying awake in bed, waiting for the alarm to go off. I'm not unaccustomed to rising early but today is a bit special. As recent new members to the Club, this will be Ginny's and my first "Sully". We volunteered and have been asked to get there by 7:30 am, so as we live nearly sixty miles away and will be bringing our Model A, there will be no dallying around this morning. But something isn't right. As I lay there I am struck by a sound I can't quite identify. Ginny is not yet awake, neither are the cats all clustered about the bed clothes. It's not her, it's not them. What is that noise, steady and low, seemingly way off in the distance? I shift my position, recheck the clock and then it hits me. It's rain! It can't be. Rain?

The weather man didn't call for rain last night! At the Club meeting last week somebody, obviously with connections, assured us the skies would be clear and dry. But here it is, drumming on the windowsill, overflowing the roof gutters and cascading down the side of the house.

We are no strangers to volunteer events held outdoors and thus held hostage by the elements, but this was to be our first Sully and the first occasion to return to the fold what used to be the late Chuck Shaw's 29 pickup. We are slowly making it our own but knowingly appreciate that for many in the Club it may always be known as Chuck's truck. But this rain!

A quick glance at the Weather Channel radar and all thoughts of that reunion are dashed. By now Ginny is stirring and I quietly bring her up to speed and urge her to go back to sleep. On the road in the Miata a short time later, I'm looking heavenward hoping the weather in the Shenandoah Valley will not spill eastward into the Piedmont. Arriving at the Plantation, I'm gladdened to see lots of folks milling about but there's a definite absence of vintage cars.

“Rain, Rain, Go Away (Con’d)”

In a few minutes, I find myself with a map of the site standing at what seems to be the main intersection for show cars entering the grounds. Somewhere close by I sense there is a wizened old hand at this snickering quiet in the bushes, “Let’s see how the new guy does in the hot seat”! The skies seem less threatening now and as if on cue, the old cars start heading up the hill my way. Check the class sticker on the windshield, consult the map and direct them on their way. Problem is of the first thirty cars assaulting my position, nearly half of them have numbers I can’t find on my map. More snickering from the bushes. Mercifully most of the folks could suffer my ineptness as they already knew where they were to go without having to tell me where they thought I should.

By 11:15 a.m., the “rush” was over and a gentleman whom I took to be the “chief snickerer” magically appeared and suggested I “go look around”. (Names have been withheld as I’m terrible with them and this fellow was really quite nice to me). So I was off to inspect some of the vehicles that had caught my eye as they had passed me earlier while fumbling with my map or pointing them in the wrong direction. Of course, “Model A Hill” was my favorite and while drifting past those great machines, I silently lamented not having brought the truck. No matter, as long as Sharon Parker and the others show up with theirs, that class will be nobly represented.

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“Rain, Rain, Go Away (Con’d)”

The rain may have dampened some spirits but this “newbie” had a great time and even though our Model A was held at bay by the weather and over protective owners, Chuck’s Truck (aka, “Largent’s Sanitary Cash Grocery”) will sally forth to Sully next year.

Later, as I was preparing to head home and reflecting on where I might place on the “Sully Learning Curve”, I realized I had also come upon the real reason why nearly everyone infected with this Model A hobby proclaims you have to own at least two. No, it’s not because you might have a wife that loves the hobby as well and she should or must have her own. No, it’s not because you should have one to drive and one to only show. No, it’s not because you should always be in the middle of restoring one while driving the other. One gentleman putted up and lamented how his first car that morning had lost a spark plug contact, which also shorted out the adjacent plug, so he had limped home on two cylinders to get the “other car”.

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“Rain, Rain, Go Away (Con’d)”

Woody, upon stopping at my checkpoint simply offered, “Well Rich, I’m on my second car this morning.” Yeah! So much for one to drive and one to show!



Decisions, decisions!!! Which one to drive, and which one to show? Why stop at two?

COMING EVENTS

July 4, 2011 - **No 4th of July car parade this year**, as everyone thinks it will be too HOT!
If someone does want to go, Edna will have to let them know way in advance,
You can't just show up on the day of the event. Contact Edna Cross.

July 8 - 10, 2011 - **Orange Tour**. See the details below!

July 20, 2011 - **Club Summer Swap Meet**. Bring your parts to sell, trade, whatever. **See you there!!!**

August ??, 2011 – **Pig picking**. Details to follow.

September 16 - 18, 2011 - Mark your calendars now for the Apple Butter Festival at Skyline Drive.

September 25, 2011 - Mark your calendars for the September Picnic. Details to follow.

Edna will send information to those who sign up, when she receives it.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

I am selling my late father's Model A cars. There are two of them. One is a 1930 Model A Roadster and the other is a 1931 Model A Coupe. They're in EXCELLENT condition and are original restorations. They've also won numerous trophies at car shows.

You can call us at (304)-921-1620 if you are interested in seeing them, or would like more information. Sincerely, Kelly Howard, West Virginia



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For Sale: '30-'31 gas tank (for round speedo, non-indented firewall), \$200; '30 frame with running board brackets, brake shafts, battery support, and good uncracked original cross members, \$250. Dave, 703-938-8954 jrdshen@verizon.net

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The GWC scholarship criteria announced earlier in the year did not result in any applications, after two deadlines had passed. In this renewed attempt for 2011 the Board has expanded the area of consideration, which had previously been limited to high school seniors who planned to attend a four year college. We are hopeful that these eligibility changes will result in renewed interest and more applications.

Below you will find the new Revised GWC Scholarship Requirements for 2011.

George Washington Chapter, MAFCA Mount Vernon Region, MARC

2011 Requirements for GWC Scholarship

1. Recipient must be a member, child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a member of the GWC Model A Ford Club of America.
2. The GWC will award up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships for the year 2011. The award committee may choose to award up to four scholarships, depending on the applicant's ability to meet the scholarship requirements of the committee. Applicants may be awarded only one scholarship during the course of the year and up to two (2) scholarships during the entire life of the program.
3. Applicants must be either a graduating or newly graduated High School senior or a current student in a school of higher learning (vocational or technical school, community or two-year college, or a four year college or university).
4. Recipient must have a B or better grade point average to be eligible.
5. The Scholarship Chairmen will notify winners by both mail and phone. Winners and/or their club sponsors/guardians should be present to receive the scholarship award at a designated event or membership meeting.
6. Scholarship checks will be made out to the school unless other arrangements are made and approved by the scholarship committee.
7. Decisions by the scholarship committee are final.
8. Applications must be post marked on or before 1 September to be considered.
9. For questions, please contact Charlene Beckner or any board member.

The Application can be downloaded from the club website, www.gwcmodela.org Application must be printed and mailed to:

Charlene Beckner - GWC President, 8071 Counselor Road, Manassas VA 20112

For further information contact Charlene Beckner at: Phone 703-791-3795 or gbeckner@verizon.net.

Orange Tour, July 8 - 10 Update

A few things have firmed up for the tour. We will have Ice Cream at the hotel on Friday evening at 8:00PM and the Roaring Twenties Museum will be open for the group to visit on Saturday between 9:30 – 11:30AM. Many of the cars at the Roaring Twenties Museum are now for sale, so you might find that rare car you have been looking for out in the field. There is no charge to look at the cars but to view the museum there is a \$5 per person fee instead of their normal fee of \$10.

Again, this will be a very informal tour with everyone being on their own to do their thing in small groups. A list of attractions, maps, antique shops, restaurants, etc. will be provided to those attending. I have reserved a block of 60 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for July 8th and 9th for our tour at the rate of \$129 per night. Please call the Holiday Inn directly at 540-672-6691 (this is the correct number, sorry I can't see and type at the same time) to reserve your room under the Model A Tour by June 8th. Rooms may be cancelled with one day notice.

For those wishing to have dinner or lunch at the Graves Mountain Lodge, reservations can be made by calling 540-923-4331. The featured dinner entrées are: Friday - rainbow trout, and Saturday – rib-eye steak. Lunches are served family style and are \$10.75 on Friday and Saturday, and \$16.75 on Sunday.

If you want to join a caravan to Orange, I will lead a group leaving at 9:00AM from the Bob Evans Restaurant on Route 50 in Chantilly.

Woody Williams.

SKYLINE DRIVE: Apple Butter Festival September 16 - 18

Back by popular demand!!! Once again our club will be attending the Apple Butter Festival at Skyland Resort on Skyline Drive. During the festival, the park service will be making apple butter in copper pots, which we can help them do if we choose. Along with that, they make apple candy, and have apple art, entertainment all day long and local crafters. The group that went last year had a great time. We hope more will join us this year.

We'll be leaving on Friday, Sept. 16 and return home on Sunday, Sept. 18. The room rates are Friday, 9/16 \$100 plus tax and surcharge = \$113.99 and Saturday, 9/17 \$121 plus tax and surcharge = \$136.88. To make your room reservations, call Lori Nealis, 540-843-2126 or JoLynn Veney, 540-843-2121. Tell them it's for the "Antique Car Club", Group code 2E00HO. **Deadline for reservations is August 19, 2011.** The buildings that are being held for us are Craigin and Appledore. The first night's charge will be billed on your credit card when making the reservation. There is a 72 hour cancellation notice.

Lisa Meadows will be with us on Friday night in the Conference Hall to entertain us. Of course on Saturday evening, we'll make our own entertainment.

I'm hoping the Rapidan trip to President Hoover's summer retreat on Saturday will be available again this year. The park service won't know until they make a schedule in August. For this 3 hour trip, the park service takes 12

SKYLINE DRIVE: Apple Butter Festival September 16 – 18 (cont)

people by van to Rapidan Camp. You'll get back around noon. If you're interested in going, please let me know as soon as possible so I can put you on the list if the trip is available. The first twelve people that sign up will go.

Even if you can't come for the night, come and join us on Saturday for the apple butter.

I'll have more information as it gets closer to September. Let me know if you have any questions. Email me: gmjm64@verizon.net or call me at 301-262-6587.

Janet Merkel

CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont'd)

Wanted

I need a Sully Flier from 1999. If anyone has one, I would appreciate it if you would contact me.

Thanks, Bill Benedict 703-430-2441.

This from Ralph Carducci, Floral City Model A Club, Monroe Michigan:

Looking to purchase a turnkey/recently restored 1931 Slant Windshield Fordor. Would prefer a Chicle Drab color with Copra Drab moldings, but will consider any color ombination. Contact info: 734-241-3805 (H), 734-344-9976 (C) rrcarducci@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date--Money in: \$15,638.38, Money out: \$5,629.28, Check book balance: \$16,088.32.

This includes a deposit of \$4,781.00 from the Sully show which is financially still a work in progress. A more complete report on Sully financials will be included in my next report.

Gil Beckner, Treasurer.

Roster Updates

Clarice Shaw has a new email address momsp8ton@verizon.net. Please update your paper rosters.

If you have an email address, you should have received your electronic roster update.

Cover Photo:

Donna and Valentine Zadnik.

Sully Photo:

John Leydon.

Club Name Badges

Contact Woody Williams at 703-858-1192 or vamodela@verizon.net, If you would like a club name badge. The badges are \$10 each.

The Winchester Show

By: Clem Clement

My group arrived at the AACA Winchester Meet at 6:20 am to find an empty field. Them boyz with me started ragging me about being on the wrong weekend. I told them not to worry. We continued up the hill and around the park with nary a sign of life. We drove to the back side where the base ball diamonds and the big pavilion are and there were the fleas (and one lonely potty.) A couple of guys had lots of Model A parts. I did see a trunk rack for \$2 and another for \$20 but I left them. I had two targets in mind and got both of them. I needed an opposite-side sided dog bone shock link and some kind of small lamp to use as a searchlight on a homemade train car. In a junk box was a cowl light from a 27 Chevy which is perfect. (It seems that Chebby rust is harder to remove than Ford rust...). A box of greasy Model A carb parts made a special Mother's day gift. Jim Gray found a hand cranked air raid siren just like his grandfather used as an air warden during WWII. He was thrilled and hadda crank the thing everywhere. We told him that with one more crank and he was riding home on the roof. Also he nabbed a pair of 8x6" brass light shields that stick on the windshield for night driving. I had never seen these. The sheet brass was perforated so that headlite light shone thro but the glare was reduced. Rubber suction cups held the shields to the windshield. I'm thinking these were more effective on vertical windshields. Glenn Mackinnon found service bulletins for his '68 Pontiac Catalina convertible. He did not know they existed and was thrilled to get them. He does not know how many different bulletins were issued. It is always good when all in the posse find something they absolutely needs.

Roaming thru the fleas, fella had a collection of Cub Scout pinewood derby cars. All different. In all my years of collecting I don't believe I have ever seen one of those home-done jobs for sale. I was stunified. With all the sweat and love put into those cars, why would they ever leave their proud owner? He had about 15 of them in all different colors and wanted \$5 each. They really looked nice as a collection and would be neat on my train layout. I just stopped preparing this piece and went to eBay and searched for Pinewood derby cars. Now I'm double stunified as there are plenty for sale and not \$5 each... Whatta day for an old man to learn something new. In the car corral was a 59 Caddy that had belonged to Hank. Sweet but some after- engineering had been attempted under the hood. Some vacuum lines were missing and the thing had a dual-reserve boosted brake unit (Postscript I understand it had disc front brakes).

The Winchester Show (Cont'd)

A nice two door Pierce was available for 38 big ones. Two hot rods showed up. One was an old school AV-8 roadster. I forgets, but the other was newer and meaner. There were several other vehicles for sale as well. We ran into Wick and had a nice chat. Wick was rushing about and then heading for a big auction in Bealeton. I hope he was successful. I saw lotsa friends which always makes for a good day. About 9 am the hungrys jumped on us. We scanned the assembling show cars but did not go thru the show area. We did note an unrestored Cord on the field.

We did go to the famous Papermill Restaurant for eggs. Because of my surgery for gall bladder removal, them boys and the waitress would not let me have scrapple, biscuits and gravy or huge flap jacks. It ain't fair, but no sympathy was forthcoming from this group. Golly I miss gorging at the Papermill.

Clem Clement, loving Winchester



John Leydon's Dad's Car on the left, Rick Maurer, first time at Sully, on the right.
Jaeger's Picnic scenes, below.



Next Months Stories

Just so you have something to look forward to:

Report on The Cabin Fever Expo

and others.

Well, here we are again, at the last page of the Script. I have plenty of additional pictures, stories, and otherwise valuable things, that I had hoped to share with the club members in this issue. Unfortunately, even though the Script is sent electronically, space has its limits, and I am out of space for this issue. Don't worry, I will hold all received items for the August, or a future issue. Keep watch for your item.

When not out for a drive in your Model A, search for the parts you can bring to the July Swap Meet. Don't forget to send in your pictures, articles, advertisements, event notices, and other items of interest to the editor, so they can all be shared with the rest of the club.

Doug Tomb.