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Ed Brandt and his right-hand drive 1928 Phaeton from Uruguay



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## **FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE**



Welcome to 2012! The Board members are discussing plans for the 2012 Father's Day Sully Car Show, the Club Christmas party, scholarship application requirements and the 2012 MARC National Tour in Chattanooga. Another challenge, the GWC "Biggest Loser" fundraiser for the Model A museum, is explained later in this *Script*.

I want to thank our past Board members Paul Gauthier and Woody Williams for their 15 and 10 years of service respectfully. Suzan O'Neale has filled Paul's old position as the Youth Development Chairman position and Greg Shepherd is the new Membership Chairman, replacing Woody Williams. Thanks also to Clem Clement, who served as "Sunshine" Coordinator for many years. GWC Club members' "sunshine" information will now be distributed by Membership Chairman Greg Shepherd, who maintains the official Club membership email notification list.

The scholarship committee will be creating new criteria for the Peyton Randolph Scholarship(s), which is expected to be somewhat different from the GWC scholarships. This and the GWC applications will be posted on the Club website shortly. Both scholarship recipients will be honored at the 2012 Father's Day Sully Car Show.

Next month we have the Antique Car and Train Day at the Clements' on February 19. This is an excellent way to help reduce the symptoms of mid-winter cabin fever and make sure you bring the little ones to share in the fun.

As we begin a new year, think about this quote from Henry Ford: *"All Fords are exactly alike, but no two men are just alike. Every new life is a new thing under the sun; there has never been anything just like it before, never will be again. A young man ought to get that idea about himself; he should look for the single spark of individuality that makes him different from other folks, and develop that for all he is worth. Society and schools may try to iron it out of him; their tendency is to put it all in the same mold, but I say don't let that spark be lost; it is your only real claim to importance."*

Wishing you a new year full of great health, happiness, new beginnings and safe and fun Model A driving,

Charlene Beckner  
President

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

As The Script enters its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of publication, your editor promises to try his best to put out a newsletter that is reflective of this Club and as informative as possible. That's where you come in. All I do is compile and present what you give me. So if you're knowledgeable in something Model A-related (mechanical, historical, fashion, etc.), write up a small article for the rest of us to enjoy and be illuminated. If you're unsure of your writing skills, I can help edit it into something you can be proud of. Don't be shy. It can be anywhere from one to three pages long. Include photographs. Share your knowhow.

## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM**



President Charlene Beckner called the meeting to order at her home in Manassas, Virginia, at 8:15 PM. Other board members present at the meeting were: Gil Beckner, Bill Worsham, Benny Leonard, Suzan O'Neale, Edna Cross, Paul Gauthier, Howard Minners, Greg Shepherd and Chuck Kunstbeck. Also present was Tom Quigley.

Tom Quigley informed the Board of Directors (BOD) that as the Club Historian he has lots of Club historical material, including, but not limited to, a complete set of the *Script* and MARC and MAFCA magazines. Tom suggested that the club sponsor a "Biggest Loser"-type fund raiser to help raise money for the new Ford museum. The Club may match dollar for dollar any money raised. The maximum amount to be determined later. More information to follow. (See p. 10.)

Youth Development Chair Suzan O'Neale will be working on the Club's scholarship application.

Membership Chair Greg Shepherd will be updating membership information in anticipation of publishing a new Club roster next year.

The November 16, 2011, meeting minutes, previously published in the *Script*, were approved.

Treasurer Gil Beckner submitted the 2012 budget. After some discussion, a motion was made by Edna Cross to accept the budget as presented and seconded by Howard Minners. The motion carried unanimously.

National Liaison Howard Minners provided an update on methods being used to raise funds for MAFFI. Plans now call for ground breaking in April 2012 with a completion date in September 2012. Howard also reminded the BOD about upcoming MARC and MAFCA meets.

Annual Meet Chairman Bill Worsham said he was having his first meeting with the Sully folks in mid-January 2012. Bill also said that Hellen Randolph is leaving it up to the Club as to how the Peyton Randolph scholarship will be handled.

Activities Chair Edna Cross reported that next year the Club Christmas party will be held at the American Legion Hall, of which Paul Gauthier is a member, and has been instrumental in getting the reservation. Details are being formulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM. Next meeting to be held at Fairfax City Library on January 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary

## **PHOTO CREDITS FOR THIS ISSUE**

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## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

With his own version of "change and hope," incoming President Richard Dove announced procedures to enhance efficiency, which included an advance agenda, prompt starting of meetings at 8:P.M., and no planned breaks for food. He pledged to live up to the member trust, and solicited ideas to make ours a club we could all be proud of.



1986....gone. With the dawning of a new year there WOULD be some changes, but in our rooted in tradition, lots wouldn't change, and even to this day some things haven't. (One for instance concerns a well-known AR phaeton offered for sale in these times. You guessed it; it was available back then too!)

The big change was that our club car, the "O'Rourke and Birch Flowers & Gifts" '31 Deluxe Delivery, found a new home. A new OLD home that is. Yup, it went right back to its previous owners to serve their shop once again, and in a lot better shape than when acquired, still bearing the store's gilded lettering, and still a class act. . Noticeable in a picture of it going away on the last page of the script was its sagging rear door, a reminder that it hadn't all been a bed of roses. Asst. Editor Phil Kania's spot-on comment was, "The club car was a source of pride and contention within our club and its sale caused some hurt feelings on both sides. In this new year let us put these differences behind us and all work to make ours the best Model A club in the country." The problem- plagued, troublesome venture was over.

Just as now, the January meeting then was Flea Market night. Script readers were told that while it might not be as big as Hershey or Carlisle, ours was not as muddy either. Members were asked to "clean out all those parts you don't need, along with anything else you think a Model A fan would like and bring them to the January meeting" Many did.

Past  
Schoolhouses  
Take it slow  
Let the little  
Shavers grow  
BURMA SHAVE

Dave Henderson

## SUNSHINE REPORT



First off, I wanted to thank Clem for his years as the Sunshine chairman for the club as he has handed over the reins to me. Thanks, Clem, for keeping us all informed. Hopefully, I can continue the good work.

I would like to report here monthly on the members who are sick, have experienced a loss or other difficulties. If you or someone you know should be mentioned, please drop me a line or another club officer. We need to stay in touch with and support our members when they need it and our Sunshine Report gets the word out. You can contact me at [Shepman@gmail.com](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com). Thanks.

Greg Shepherd

**SEEN AT THE DECEMBER “BROWN BAG” MEETING**



**A new look—theatre in the round—for the annual brown bag event.**

**President Beckner explaining the Brown Bag rules.**



**Roz Johnson holding up a much-coveted Christmas doll.**

**SEEN AT THE DECEMBER "BROWN BAG" MEETING (Cont.)**



**Suzan O'Neale and Edna Cross do battle over a brown bag prize.**

**Halleluia!! A new carburetor for Christmas! (But not for long, as it was taken twice more.)**



**Reverend "Grabadollar" mans the raffle prize table.**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have one new member family to welcome to the club this month:

Tank and Barbara Edwards  
36060 Ashby Farm Circle  
Purcellville, VA 20132  
(H) 540 668 0445  
(C) 703 919 7947  
Tanke2@hughes.net  
They own a 1929 Tudor Sedan



Tank, if you're not aware, was our DJ at the annual Club Christmas party and was also present at our Club meeting in December. Please welcome them to our Club.

And I wanted to pass on a friendly reminder to get your annual dues in for 2012. About ½ of the membership has responded so far. I'll be sending out another reminder email soon to those that have not sent them in yet. Also, for 2012, we are going to provide a hard copy of the roster and the sooner we get all dues in, the sooner we can get the roster printed and out to the membership. Dues for 2012 stayed the same, which is \$20 for the regular membership and you will receive the Script electronically during the year...\$30 for those with no email address. Contact me with any questions at: [Shepman@gmail.com](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com).

Greg Shepherd

## **BRATTON'S ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS**



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## **MODEL A WORKSHOP AND RUN TO OAK HILL**

Wayne and Lynn Heinrichs (new members) are the proud parents of a new baby they call "Buttercup". Unfortunately Buttercup (the '30 yellow roadster) arrived with a firmly stuck clutch.

Since we all (Wayne, Lynn, Sewall, and I) live on or near Oak Hill (the James Monroe Presidential Estate in Aldie), we gathered together, invited Bill Worsham to join us, and set to work getting Buttercup on the road.

After much jamming, rocking, pushing ... and finally dragging ... Bill managed to free the clutch and we headed off past the manse for Buttercup's maiden voyage up Rt. 15.

Cars and drivers in march order are "Nelly" (blue '31 roadster with John Leydon at the wheel), "Buttercup" (yellow '30 roadster with Wayne Heinrichs at the wheel and Bill Worsham navigating), and "Hortense" (maroon '31 deluxe coupe with Sewall Tyler at the wheel).

John Leydon



## **ANNUAL WINTER FLEA MARKET AT JANUARY MEETING**

The meeting on January 18th will once again give members a chance to exchange unneeded parts for needed parts. Members should bring in the parts and tools they no longer need and use the money gained from selling those to buy *other* parts and tools that the rest of the members have on display. The bonus of these swap meets is that there is plenty of time for Model A talk and asking questions about problems you might be having with your car. So bring your questions and your parts for a good, warm time in the middle of winter.

## **GWC MODEL A BIGGEST LOSER CAMPAIGN!!!**

(An unofficial fund raiser for the Model A Ford Museum (MAFFI))

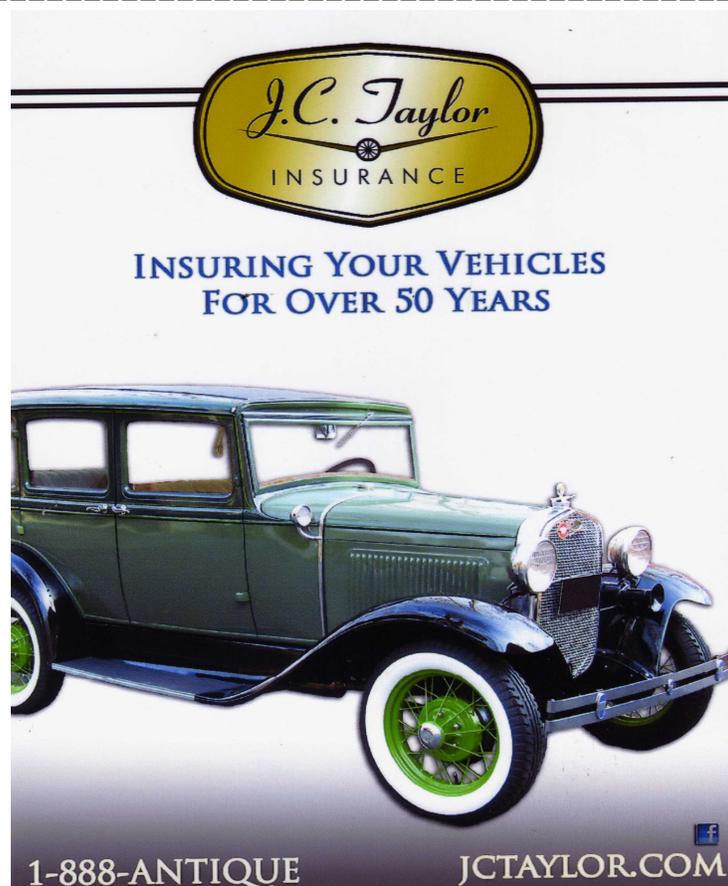
Ever since MAFFI started its effort to build the Model A Museum at The Gilmore, many people have considered contributing in several ways. From bequests, matching gifts, outright contributions, all have moved the project forward with measureable progress. In fact, our Stan Johnson, President of MAFFI, is traveling to Michigan to review the design drawings in early January.

We, the George Washington Chapter (GWC) Model A Club of America, have been active in this support. Additionally, I was approached and urged to establish a BIGGEST LOSER effort where volunteers lose weight and agree to contribute funds to the Museum fund based on the pounds shed. Right now, Woody Williams, and Andy Jaeger expressed interest in being the "vehicle" for contributions. Other participants are welcome. As a result, I have established some ground rules that we can apply to the pledge effort. Here's how we can work it:

Contributors or pledgers can select a participant and pledge toward that individual's weight loss. Starting and finishing weights of participants will be verified by the spouse. Monthly reports will be given at the club meeting. Pledgers may select participants to monitor or make a pledge for all pounds shed. Contributions may be based on \$ per pound lost at a rate you choose. You may put a ceiling limit on your pledge. I discussed the campaign with the GWC club leadership and they agreed to some level of matching funds, to be defined later. Based on the weight lost by our participants, this may be a significant contribution to the Model A Museum.

Please contact me or any board member with your questions and/or pledge. We will sign you up! Contact Tom Quigley, 703-912-4293 ([tjquigley6@gmail.com](mailto:tjquigley6@gmail.com) a new email address!)

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The advertisement features a vintage green Model A Ford car with white-walled tires and a chrome grille. Above the car is a gold oval logo with the text "J.C. Taylor" in a cursive font and "INSURANCE" in a sans-serif font below it. Below the logo, the text "INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS" is written in blue, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the phone number "1-888-ANTIQU" is displayed in white, and at the bottom right, the website "JCTAYLOR.COM" is displayed in white next to a small Facebook logo.

## **HISTORIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION (HVA) 2010 STUDY**

The HVA (<http://www.historicvehicle.org/home.php>) commissioned a study on the economic impact of the old car hobby in the USA and Canada. Below are their findings, so see how your personal experience compares.

There are an estimated 2.75 million historic vehicle owners in the United States and Canada (2.5 million in the U.S. and 250,000 in Canada), each of whom owns an average of 2.0 vehicles. The number of historic vehicles in Canada and the U.S. is estimated to be 5.5 million.

The average value of a historic vehicle is \$25,000.

Average annual spending (repairs, maintenance, storage, etc.) of each historic vehicle enthusiast is \$12,500. Applying this figure to the 2.75 million historic vehicle owners in Canada and the United States reveals total spending of nearly \$35 billion in 2009.

More than 80 percent of participants indicated that they attended one or more historic vehicle events in 2009.

Enthusiasts spent an average of 18 hours per month in 2009 watching TV, reading books and magazines, and reading online content related to historic vehicles.

The average historic vehicle was driven just 484 miles in 2009 and the majority were driven 300 miles or less.

Gil Beckner

## **COMING EVENTS**

Jan. 13-15 Small Engine and Tool Show at the York Fairgrounds, York, PA. For info, go to [www.cabinfeverexpo.com](http://www.cabinfeverexpo.com)

**Jan. 18 Model A Club winter flea market. No business meeting.**

**Jan. 25 Board Meeting at the Fairfax City Library**

**Feb. 15 General Meeting**

**Feb. 19 Old Car and Train Day at Clem's (look for information in next month's Script)**



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