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The lineup of "real cars" at the Clement home on Train Day



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FROM THE QUAIL'S PERSPECTIVE



It was a very sad day with the news that George Merkel passed on February 28. George was a longtime active member of the club and an integral part of all our club activities. Memories of his endless stories and antics will keep him alive in our hearts forever-- who could forget Reverend Grab-A-Dollar and the giant black rubber bug he put on his food to shock the restaurant staff. It was just George's way of making the day a little brighter for everyone around him and it worked every time. Janet, our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Thank you to Clem Clement for stepping in at the last minute to present an informative and interesting program on collector toy trains in February. Doug Tomb, our new Vice President, has been quite busy setting up programs for the upcoming months. Jay Melton is scheduled to present our March program on Model A front-end alignments.

Old Car and Train Day at the Clements' home on February 19 found many enjoying the old cars on the lawn, trains in the train room and the abundance of food in the dining room. There were lots of grandchildren (including my Charlie) playing with trains in the garage under the watchful eye of admiring grandparents.....not sure who had more fun this day – old or young boys. Thank you to Sandy and Clem for opening their home for this fun activity.

We are now accepting applications for the 2012 GWC Scholarships. As in past years, we will be awarding up to 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each. As discussed in an email sent out earlier, eligible applicants will be evaluated/rated by the Scholarship Committee and should be mindful that this is a competition *that* usually results in more applications than we have scholarships. The scholarship application is available on the club's website <http://gwcmodeleda.org/scholarship.asp>. Deadline for applications is April 27, 2012, so please get the word out. The Peyton Randolph Scholarships will be announced at a later date. These will be two \$2,000 scholarships and eligibility/rating criteria will be similar to the GWC scholarship, but some applicants who would otherwise not qualify for the GWC scholarship may qualify for the Peyton Randolph Scholarship. Final details are being worked and will be published as soon as possible.

Wishing you happy and safe driving times in your Model A Car,

Charlene Beckner
President

FROM THE EDITOR

T.S. Eliot wrote 90 years ago that April is the cruelest month. I think February this year may give it a run for its money. This year it took two long-time members of our club from us— George Merkel and John Shepherd.

I didn't know John at all. I think his heyday with us was in the '70s and '80s, so he had faded from club participation by the time I became editor in '94. But I always knew the name. George, of course, I knew fairly well. The first time I got to have a long conversation with him was after a Medivac helicopter dropped him off at the Adventist Hospital not three minutes from my house

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FROM THE EDITOR (Cont.)

10 years ago. We'd never really talked much before and so I figured it would be a short visit. Boy, was I wrong. As soon as I walked in, he started talking and never stopped for an hour. That was George being George.

When Alice and I were at his funeral Saturday, I got to thinking, not how sad this was, but how lucky we all were that we hadn't had to do this a decade ago. Often God takes people from us and we wonder why they had to die so soon. But 10 years ago, God took him from us but then had second thoughts. Maybe He realized we needed him more down here than He did up there.

George was a person who loved helping people. He couldn't help it; it was who he was. That day in 2002 when he came across that wreck (I may have the year wrong), he just had to stop, even though others were already on the scene. It was just George being George. If he hadn't stopped, then 5 minutes down the highway he would've had a crushing heart attack and died alone on the side of the road. Not a proper way for someone like George to go. Instead, he collapsed at the accident scene in the presence of a nurse who happened to have a defibrillator, and the rest of us got the magnificent and undeserved gift of 10 more years of George helping us and making us laugh.

You will notice that there isn't a lot about George in this month's Script. I've decided that rather than rush around trying to get stories out of his shocked and saddened buddies on such short notice, I'm going to do what I did when we lost another larger-than-life member a decade ago—Ed Wiencek. I'm going to give over half of next month's Script to photos and stories about George and now also John Shepherd. So take your time, dig up those half-forgotten and hilarious stories and send them to me by April 1st. I confess that I couldn't find a single photo of George and his car in The Script photo archives. And I don't remember what John Shepherd looked like, so I may get a more senior club member to go through the photos to help me pick some of him out. In any case, next month's Script will belong to them.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

President Charlene Beckner opened the meeting at 7:08 PM at the Fairfax City Library. Other board members present were Edna Cross, Howard Minners, Gil Beckner, Bill Worsham, Bill Sims, Doug Tomb, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims and Chuck Kunstbeck.

Reading of the January 2012 Board Meeting Minutes was dispensed with and approved as published in *The Script*.

Vice President & Program Chairman Doug Tomb reported that he was appreciative that Clem Clement had stepped in at the last minute to give the February 2012 program. Doug is in the process of arranging future programs.

Treasurer Gil Beckner provided the board with the Treasurer's report as of February 21, 2012. The board agreed that the budgeted contribution of \$500 should be sent to MAFFI now.

National Liaison Howard Minners provided an update on MAFFI and the proposed ground

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

breaking of The Model "A" Ford Museum, set for March 21, 2012. Much more needs to be done to raise money for this cause. Howard discussed various ways of raising money.

Annual Meet Chairman Bill Worsham had his first meeting with the Sully staff and all went well. The show will be about the same as last year, except the gate fee is being increased to \$10. The same bands will participate, as well as the same food vendor. George Smolenyak, chief judge, needs help with judging and a co-chairman is needed. Bill reported that the Colonial Virginia A's are planning to bring 10 cars to Sully.

Membership Chair Greg Shepherd reported that about 30 members have not yet renewed. He has sent several email reminders. Dave Wheeler has joined the club. Greg is in the process of updating the roster.

Activities Chair Edna Cross provided updates on future events. The club has received approval to participate in the Cherry Blossom Parade on April 14, 2012, and the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.

President Charlene Beckner reviewed the club's scholarship application that she and Suzan O'Neale have been revising. The application will be placed on the club's website.

Editor Bill Sims reminded the Board that the deadline for articles in the newsletter is Sunday, March 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. March meeting will be at the Fairfax City Library.

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John T. Shepherd, CAPT. USN (Ret)

February 20, 2012

Age 92, of Arlington, VA, on February 20, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Mildred R. Shepherd; father of James Scott Shepherd of Lakewood, CA and Janet A. Shepherd of Baltimore, MD. He is survived by loving grandchildren, Robert M. Shepherd and Paul J. Shepherd. Funeral service will be held at the Memorial Chapel at Fort Myer on June 11 at 11 a.m., followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery. Donations in John's name may be made to the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Foundation, 247 King George St., Annapolis, MD 21402.

George A. Merkel, Sr.

December 2, 1942 – February 28, 2012

Beloved husband of Janet Merkel; father of George A. (Donna) Merkel, Jr., Kenneth (Sharon) Merkel and Joseph (Susan) Merkel; grandfather of Christopher, Kari, Stephen, Megan, Kyle, Ryan and Rebecca; brother of Betty Dersham, Mary Anderson, Karen Bruce and David Merkel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lanham United Methodist Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Several Board members were busy this month contacting members who still had not paid their dues and because of their efforts, the financial condition of the club has improved accordingly. Year-to-date money-in at the end of February is \$3,977.50 (\$3,370 of which is dues) and money-out is \$2,848.00. The Board approved a \$500 contribution toward MAFFI's Model A Museum Construction Fund and a total of \$8,000 in scholarships (\$4,000 GWC and \$4,000 Peyton Randolph) has been set aside in the 2012 budget. The main money generators for the club include both your dues and the Sully Car Show, so as members we need your continued support/time in both these areas.

In a related matter, I am looking for a sponsor(s) to help defray the cost of our Sully Car Show award trophies. Trophies cost the club over a thousand dollars each year and as you can imagine, they are not getting any cheaper. I think we have been able to find a good balance between cost and quality, so I have to find other alternatives to reduce cost. Sponsors are eligible for free advertising incentives, so if you or your company can help, please contact me directly.

Gil Beckner
Treasurer

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

March, not the most exciting month for Model A'ers. Car shows long over, trips mostly too, and who even wanted to take their A out if the roads were slushy or had been salted. But what it is a time for get-togethers, planning, and fixing up old Methuselah. GWC coped by having a water pump seminar/repair session at Chuck Zierdt's, planned programs for distributor restoration, bearing adjustments, and differentials, and an April tune-up session at Ed Wiencek's, planned by John Kandl. John Shepherd wrote a 2-part article on the use of plastic gage for adjusting bearings, just in time for that session.

Sully planning was well along, and an early walk-through was scheduled for April 11th. It was announced that there would be two new classes this year, bringing the total number to 36! Another biggie in the offing was the MARC National Meet to be held at Virginia Beach in June, for which GWC had volunteered to man the repair tent.

Fred Morse, long time, long distance member from Lexington Park, Md. brought home the bacon.....! A MARC of Excellence award at the World Meet that had been held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in the summer, that is. Fred had already owned his '28 Special Coupe for 22 years. He had learned to drive on an A, and like so many of us, he was hooked. When he returned from Viet Nam, his faithful 80,000-plus-miles coupe brought him back to Rhode Island in 4 days, 8 hours, and on ONE quart of oil! Later, after a close call in a stopping incident, Fred decided to overhaul the brakes. One thing led to another, and guess what? The car was all apart. Total restoration became the objective, and Fred was determined to use only NOS parts. That proved to be tricky because parts applications were in a state of flux in that early year. Fred's wife Susan was said to have fretted a bit about the high cost of restoring a show car but did enjoy meets and other Model A activities. Getting back to the award Fred won, the remarkable part is that the restoration had been barely completed and there was minimum time for "sorting out" (a Brit term meaning de-bugging) before the meet. Fred succeeded anyway.

One more thing, if you were so lucky to have attended the recent Peyton Randolph Estate auction of his many spare parts, there was a guy there with a fat wallet (no moths flying about either), and conspicuously without spouse, making winning bids for some very desirable stuff. Who?? I'll never tell anyone, especially Susan.

Dave Henderson

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MARC DRIVING AWARDS FOR 2011

The 2011 mileage report is noted below.

Jim Cartmill	31 Tudor	27,531
Clem Clement	30 Cabriolet	11,322
Joe Curatola	31 Tudor	6,712
Paul Gauthier	30 Tudor	6,013
Paul Gauthier	30 Delux Fordor	3,859
Andy Jaeger	31 Pick Up	9,205
Andy Jaeger	30 Town Sedan	6,801
Chuck Kunstbeck	31 Delux Coupe	10,041
Benny Leonard	30 Tudor	11,525
Phil McCormick	30 Tudor	4,495
Tom Quigley	30 Roadster	11,425
Bill Sims	31 Town Sedan	12,153
Millard Springer	31 Cabriolet	18,304
Ashley Williams	31 Fordor	1,662
Woody Williams	29 Roadster	2,928
Woody Williams	31 Pick Up	3

Based on these mileages, we have five awards pending for 2011: Woody Williams is due the 2,000-mile award for his '29 Canadian Roadster, which went down the Natchez Trace; Joe Curatola and Andy Jaeger are due 5,000-mile awards—Andy for his '30 Town Sedan, which the Jaeger's also drove down the Trace; Chuck Kunstbeck is due the 10,000-mile award; and Carol and I are due the 25,000-mile award, Cricket being another Trace veteran. Chuck is a drivin' maniac—he just got the 5,000-mile award in 2010 and the 2,000 mile award in 2009, his first year in the program.

The program is sponsored and administered by MARC and one of the requirements of the program is membership in that organization. All mileage accumulated throughout the year counts toward the program. However, mileage accumulated during years you are not a member of MARC does not count toward an award. Janice Barker, the National MARC Driving Awards Chairperson, uses the published MARC roster to determine membership. If a Club member drops their membership in MARC, I do not carry them in the program, though I do maintain their previous data. Should they rejoin MARC, their mileage begins accumulating from their total the last year they were a member of MARC.

Cricket, Carol and I are looking forward to the 2012 driving year. We are planning on attending the MARC Tour in Chattanooga and will probable take our own spring tour someplace. If you're planning on going to Chattanooga and participating in Club events this year, why not make your miles count by joining in the MARC Driving Awards program. To join, you must, as mentioned, be a member of MARC and pay a one-time registration fee of \$1.00 per car. Your car must be of original manufacture (1927-1931), be titled as a Model "A", and be authentic in that it should have an original type four-cylinder engine (1927-1934) and have an original body style for year of manufacture. Awards begin at the 2,000-mile point, followed by 5,000 miles and every 5,000 miles thereafter. Come join the fun and make all those miles this year count. Contact Jim Cartmill by phone at home (540-743-5510) or by email (cartmill@embarqmail.com), to receive a registration form and information sheet. You can also find information about the program on the MARC Web Site.

Jim Cartmill

CLEM & SANDY'S 39TH ANNUAL OLD CAR AND TRAIN DAY; ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS
Clem wonders: WHAT HAPPENED?!

I was talking to Clem about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 19, and all he could muster was “What Happened? ! I managed to sneak a sandwich roll about 11 a.m., and suddenly it's 6:30 p.m., there's no snow, the food's all gone, and there's nobody left! Where'd everybody go?”

We wandered downstairs to see that several kind souls had picked up and put away the floor trains and toys; these same kind souls left the driveway chalk hop scotch grids and other artwork. Some other kind soul took advantage of the “free” sale on the small bicycle and took it off to a new home.



We weren't misbehaving...



...so who called the cops?

What most of us don't realize is that Clem and Sandy start getting ready for Old Car and Train Day over 2 months prior to the event; when it gets closer and the rest of us worry about weather, Clem and Sandy leave that detail up to the Good Lord. Save snow drifts so high that the happy throngs can't park their cars, the show must go on.

According to Clem, they spend those 60+ days shoveling out the junk from everywhere in the home. Then he adds: “Since all the rooms in the house are open, I can't hide any special trains from anyone.” (Meaning Sandy, of course).

Clem tells me that Ms. Sandy decreed that all useless junk needed to go. “I hadda' hold tight to the Packard to keep me from being tossed out. A child's bike was declared surplus. I shined it up and lubed it and set it outside with a free sign on it. It went away; I'm sure it'll hear happy voices of kids again in its new home.” The wooden Foosball table (i.e. soccer) was played with but not snapped up at its bargain “free” price. Benny Leonard helped Clem with his back and trailer to get an old engine block and lots of miscellaneous metal to the recycling man to the tune of \$128... see Ms. Sandy, these hobbies pay off!

Clem also claimed he painted hall trim, washed walls, and painted a ceiling; he added that he hopes all were properly “stunified” by his painting – especially on the ceiling. Several bags of old clothes went to Purple Heart; light bulbs were replaced; the train room got its tracks cleaned; flyin' pig and airplane batteries replaced; car axles oiled; and engines lubed by the pre-event Fixin' Crew.

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TRAIN DAY (Cont.)

This “Fixin’ Crew” is a group of car and train guys who volunteer each year to help prep for this big event. Clem bribes us with coffee, doughnuts and outstanding Miss Sandy-made, slow-cooked chili. No stories are told and no exaggerations made, but Benny Leonard and I got drafted to work on the garage door weather stripping!

Clem adds: “In a ½ asleep weak moment, I agreed that our upstairs windows and shades needed replacing before train day. Whatta guy I is!!! (Fellas, please realize when you agree to such, the next step is several hours in the Next Day Blinds show room giving deep meaningful opinions and views of mauve verses opulent vs. mohave... I was beside my self... Even my favorite trick of an “Aroma moment” failed to get me outa’ the place. I was so distraught that the next day I bought a train set to help my psychologicalness recover.”

Clem also received some home-schoolin’ from Ms. Sandy. In preparation for Train Day he had noted several clothes hampers outside the laundry room, and had put them back – but in the wrong order. Ms. Sandy had moved them into the hall on purpose, so the Next Day Blinds folks could “re-shadeize” the windows in the laundry room. “Turns out hampers have colors for a reason,” Clem added. “I DID NOT KNOW this... well I do now and I tell this news in order to save other menfolk from the dreaded “Hamper Lecture.”

The morning of the show, Clem and Sandy fire up the heat under the Swedish meatballs early on and move their modern cars outa’ sight around the block. His ‘30 Cabbie (“Ole Smokey”) and ‘39 pickup (“Uncle Raeman”) proudly take their places with the other “Real Cars” on the front lawn as they love crowds. Welcome signs are put out and Old Glory is unfurled; the phone rings constantly. About 11 a.m., they both note a quiet as before a gathering storm: they’re both ready... but they wonder... will anyone come? Then in a sudden rush, to quote the Bud slogan: “Here we go!”

Ah, but for all of us who have been to a Clement Train Day, the payoff is grand...Clem claims that “3,754,023,975,072,057” kids of all ages played with trains in the garage and in the train room... that number may not be all that far off the mark.



Playin’ in the Garage.



Atticus Gray, Engineer.

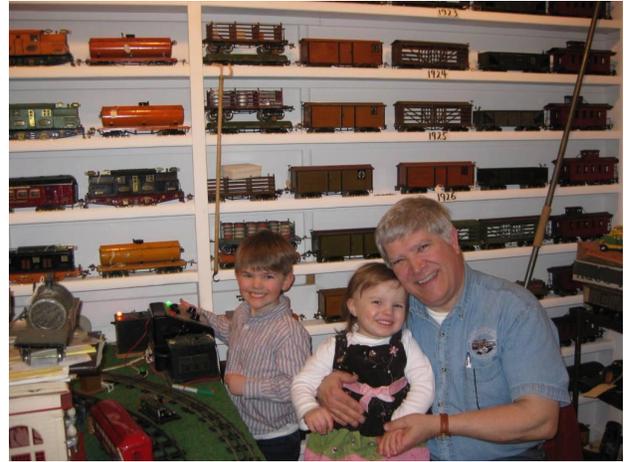
As in the Toy Story movies, all those garage and floor toys get mighty lonely when they are not being played with. Fortunately, they now have less than a year to wait until the next one.

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TRAIN DAY (Cont.)



Charlie shows Grandpa Gil how it's done.



Atticus & Gracie Nelson run Grandpa's Train



"Daddy poured water in this guy's suit pocket."



Gil, Charlie and Charlene enjoy the train room.

Clem adds: "Please understand we love this gathering and all that goes with it. Getting ready is fun and part of the happiness for Ms. Sandy is that her spring house cleaning is done. I'm in counseling about the stuff that went to the dump/recycling."

And next year, for the 40th Anniversary edition of Clem's train Day? More volunteers will help get the train room in order; more early spring house cleaning will be extracted from Clem; more delicious food will appear; train folk will look at cars and car folks will play with trains; and the order in the universe will be set straight for yet another year.

Clem's Hershey neighbor and Early V-8 Club buddy Little Ray has a saying about flea markets: "There's no such thing as a lie in a flea market." Well, Little Ray, I think that applies to Clem and Sandy's Train Day as well. No lies, just the occasional "funified fact."

So in Clem's words: "Whattaday we had! Thanks to all who attended our 39th Old Car and Train Day. We intend to keep on practicing until we get it right. Be here for our 40th next year."

Clem Clement and Jim Gray

A NOTE ON THE TRAIN DAY COOKIE

The train cookie from Ms. Sandy and Clem's Open House baked by Jim Gray. Jim made two sets of gingerbread trains for Clem's train day; one was set up in the kitchen and one in the garage. He baked and decorated them both, then ate most of one ...



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SUNSHINE REPORT

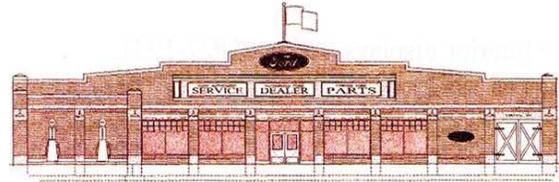
As I'm sure most people are aware, we lost George Merkel Sr. this month. Please keep Janet and his extended family in your thoughts.

We also lost long-time member, John Shepherd, at the age of 92, on February 20th. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in June.

If you or someone you know wants to 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. Thanks...

Greg Shepherd
March 2012

MAFFI MUSEUM UPDATE



Since the beginning of January MAFFI president, Stan Johnson, has made two trips to the Gilmore to work with their board and the construction company on the final design of the museum. It looks like construction could actually start as early as April 1, 2012. Even if the weather is that cooperative, we will still have the ground-breaking ceremony on the morning of April 17. It seems an unbelievable accomplishment considering the fundraising push began in September of 2010. Of course, construction is just phase one of fundraising. Funds for the museum interior and the endowment fund for museum management will still be needed.

A Tokheim 620 visi pump has been generously donated to the museum and we would be very happy to receive another one to match it as well as other gas station items from the era.

Thanks again to all of you who have contributed in any way to making this museum a reality.

MAFFI Trustees

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

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Please add their information to your current roster. This leads me to give an update on the new roster coming this year. I have received an estimate for producing the same high-quality roster from 2 years ago. And it's still very reasonable. So be on the lookout for that in the coming months. And if you're reading this, you have either paid your dues or confirmed that you will for 2012 as the deadline was end of February. Members of record at the end of March will be included.

As an additional note, some members are very generous when repaying their dues and contributed to our Memorial Fund. Please thank Matt and Jean Krafft when you see them. Thanks.

Greg Shepherd

HB 878 LICENSE TAXES ON CERTAIN VA VEHICLES KILLED

For Virginia members, a report on the status of HB878, a potentially adversary measure; "The Finance Committee effectively killed the bill for the session by carrying it over to next year". From the office of Senator Petersen.

Dave Henderson

SULLY 2012 STEERING COMMITTEE

Plans are in full swing for our annual car show at Sully Plantation on June 17, 2012. We will need help in all areas in order to make this show a big success. If you have not done so, please sign up to help on at least one committee. This year we need an assistant Judging Chairman to help George line up the Judges for the show. If you would like to help, please give me a call. All it would take is a couple of hours contacting judges who have previously signed up. Let's all pitch in and make Sully 2012 one of the best yet.

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COMING EVENTS

March 10 Howard County AACA car parts meet, 7:00 – 3:00, Howard County Fairgrounds, Rt. 144, West Friendship, MD For info: <http://local.aaca.org/chesapeake/>

March 10 PATINA in Damascus, MD, antique tools of all kinds. Mostly hand tools. For information: <http://www.patinatools.org/auctioninfo.asp>

March 10 16th annual Mason Dixon Gas Automobilia and Petroliana swap meet, Frederick , MD http://www.oldgas.com/pp_swaps.htm This is held in the main hall at the Frederick Fairgrounds. A fully heated building of gas station signs, uniforms, tin cans, oil cans, gas pumps and such. Lots if neato tin and paper to adorn yer garage or man cave.

March 21 General Meeting

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COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

March 23-24 Sugarloaf Mountain AACA indoor/outdoor flea market at the Frederick County Fairgrounds Great chow, home prepared. Bob Clubb runs this fine event. 300 vendor spaces. Doors open at 6:00 a.m. both days. Free parking and admission. For info: call 301-831-0300 or go online to <http://www.amosauto.com/Events/20120323>

March 25 Cowtown! Now called Salem County AACA Swap Meet and car corral Great early spring event. Several buildings of treasures. Good chow. Back 40 fills with pickups and vans full of wondrous necessities. For information online, go to: For info: <http://www.cruiseinnews.us/march.htm>

April 8 Happy Easter!

April 14 Cherry Blossom Parade for those registered to go

April 14 St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church is hosting a car and truck show from 9:00a.m. to noon. Cash prizes will be awarded. GWC members and their cars are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mr. Chris Nicholson at 703-591-1811.

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