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**Driving Award Recipients for 2011 (total mileage in parens): Woody Williams (2K), Jim Cartmill (25K), Andy Jaeger (5K) and Chuck Kunstbeck (10K). Not present: Joe Curatola (5K)**



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Next Script deadline: Saturday, June 2nd

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



Saturday, April 28, was a chilly and damp day; however, it had no impact on attendance at Small Parts Day at the Merckels'. We had one of our largest turnouts and were warmed by great hospitality, friendships and helping hands from both the GWC and Southern Maryland members. Thanks to Janet for hosting and for preparing her delicious potato salad, coleslaw and barbecue.

The Father's Day Car Show at Historic Sully is fast approaching. Please be sure to register your car(s) for the June 17 event. Every member is needed to help make this a successful Club fundraiser so please volunteer an hour or two of your time and contact Bill Worsham with your preferences or Woody Williams if you want to help where needed.

According to Suzan O'Neale (Youth Development Chair) the Scholarship deadline will be extended to May 12th. Those that have applied for a scholarship in the past and did not win should reapply. This is a competition and the applicant mix changes every year. Please remind all eligible family members to submit their applications before the new deadline. Rules are posted on the club website <http://gwcmodeleda.org/scholarship.asp>.

Plans continue to develop for the Chattanooga tour. Mark brought Moon Pies to last month's general meeting that had been made at a Chattanooga factory. Being a Moon Pie lover, I was tasked to research whether factory tours were available and it turns out there are none. However, there is a Moon Pie store very close to the hotel. I am sure some will find time to go the Moon Pie store while in Chattanooga and several Moon Pies will ride in Model A's back home.

My parting thought....according to Henry Ford, "There are no big problems, there are just a lot of little problems". So, check out your Model A before touring to make sure those little problems really don't become a BIG problem.

Wishing you safe and happy driving in your Model A,

Charlene Beckner  
President

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Just a short note to say that the summer travel season is approaching and it looks like I'm heading to France with Alice to visit her sister in Paris in early June. Since my normal day for doing next month's Script would be the day before we leave, I'm moving the deadline up a day to give me some breathing room. So note that the deadline is Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Luckily, it looks like I'll be back in time for Sully this year. I missed it last year because Alice and I were on our 2-month Odyssey around the USA seeing the sights as well as the drought and the forest fires. Quite an experience. This year we're cutting back. That kind of trip can wear one out, so we're taking it easy this year. Chattanooga will be our big adventure, in September. I'll probably spend the summer getting "Blaze" ready for that one.

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

Vice President Doug Tomb opened the meeting at 7:10 PM at the Fairfax City Library. Other board members present were Gil Beckner, Bill Sims, Chuck Kunstbeck, Greg Shepherd, Tom Frazier, Benny Leonard and Edna Cross. Also present was Jim Cross.



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

Vice President & Program Chair Doug Tomb provided information on upcoming club programs. May meeting will concentrate on judging, June features Reed Martin on small model engines, July will be an outdoor swap meet/flea market and August will be "getting ready for the tour" presented by Benny Leonard.

Treasurer Gil Beckner provided the board with the treasurer's report as of April 18, 2012. Gil said that efforts to collect dues are now complete. Gil also reported for Suzan O'Neale that she has received two scholarship applications for the Peyton Randolph scholarship award and none so far for the GWC awards. A motion was made to extend the deadline for submission to May 20<sup>th</sup> or May 23<sup>rd</sup>, leaving the decision on the exact date up to Suzan. The motion was unanimously passed.

Gil read an email from National Liaison Howard Minners as follows: "Stan Johnson and Howard were present at the ground breaking of the MAFFI museum on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in Hickory Corners, Michigan. A webcam is now set up to follow progress. Aim is to have the building completed by this Labor Day. Howard also reminded the board about two upcoming meets this summer, one each, sponsored by MARC and MAFCA".

Membership Chair Greg Shepherd is in the process of updating the roster and will be sending it to print soon. Greg also brought up the subject of "should lifetime memberships be extended to surviving spouses". A motion was made to extend the lifetime membership to spouses. The vote was unanimous.

Editor Bill Sims reminded the Board that the deadline for articles in the newsletter is Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Treasurer and Web Master Tom Frazier reported that the required report to IRS has been submitted. Tom is also in the process of updating the club's website.

Tool Chairman Benny Leonard provided an update on the cost of tee shirts with the imprint fashioned by his grandson. A motion was made to give Benny the go-ahead to purchase 100 shirts in two sizes, large and extra large. The motion was unanimously carried. The shirts are to be given out to interested youth at middle and high schools and at the Sully car show. Benny is working on another promotional item.

Activities Chair Edna Cross reported that Ellen and Andy Jaeger have agreed to have the annual picnic at their home on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Menu will feature chicken and cost to members will be the same as last year. Participants should bring a covered dish to be shared by all. Edna also reminded the board of the upcoming Fairfax City Car Show on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

May meeting will be at the Fairfax City Library.

Respectfully submitted:  
Chuck Kunstbeck, Secretary

## **THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO**

Help! Sully, scheduled for June 14th, was fast approaching. Script editor Howard Minners put in a last minute pitch for helpers, "We hope that every member will not only come out to enjoy our Sully Meet but also will volunteer a few hours to help out in some way". Needed then, but even more so today, so if the shoe fits.... Volunteers were also sought by Guy Pearl, in charge of the repair tent at the upcoming National meet in Virginia Beach. He was putting out a call in the Script for helpers.



Walt Bratton, in a Script advertisement, announced that he was now in his new location on Watkins Rd., Gaithersburg. Basil meadows ran an ad for his services in overhauling steering boxes and re-balling steering arms. Having left the area, he was now located in Peterson, W. Va.

It was reported that Millard Springer, Herchell Brummit and Don Temple's "distributor day" had been a roaring success, with an estimated 100 of the units having been re-done. President Richard Dove gave his thanks on behalf of the members to the trio, and to Ed Wiencek, who had conducted a tune-up session at his home garage in Falls Church.

Interesting things were coming up: the program on rear end rebuilding by Walt Kandetsky, and a "poker run" tour to the garages of Charlie Verts, who had just completed a fine garage, Buz Potter, with his amazing variety of vehicles, and then on to the home of Worth Owens, who it was said had a most well-equipped work space, only to finish up at a popular eatery. In a poker run, participants would each chip in \$\$ at the start. At each stop they would draw a card. Upon completion, the winning hand raked in the bucks.

More new garages: Wayne Parker and Tom Rosamond were reported to have been "mysteriously digging up the turf in Wayne's back yard". Past President Bill Condon Jr. had done so too, with a much envied barn-size structure resulting.

Just for laughs:

"Beneath this stone  
Lies Elmer Gush  
Tickled to death  
By his shaving brush"  
BURMA SHAVE

Dave Henderson

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

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](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com). Thanks...

Greg Shepherd

## SIGN UP FOR SULLY!

Fellow members. We are now in the final countdown for our Sully car show and still need help in all areas. For this show to be a success, we need the help of each and every member. The May General Meeting will be the last meeting before Sully and your last chance to sign up. Please sign up then or call a committee chairman. Those who help at Sully receive four gate passes for their family and friends or a free car registration or discount on a flea market space. Its going to take a team effort. Let's all plan to help.

Bill Worsham  
Meet Chairman

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## **FIRST PRIZE FOR THE “AUTHENTIC” MODEL A**

Donna and I saw the announcement in the April Script for the car show and flea market at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Nice day – good time to get the Model A out for a run. But the Script had no location or street address for the show, and the listed phone number was disconnected. What to do? I called Doug Tomb, Program Chairman to see if anyone else had called him asking for the location of the event. He said no, but if I'd hold the line for a moment, he'd get the location from his computer.

With sandwiches packed for a picnic lunch, we were off to the show. When we arrived, we saw that one-half of the church parking lot was taken up by some 15 flea market vendors and about 15 to 20 cars filled the remainder of the parking lot, all were from the 1950's and 1960's. Ours was the only Model A and the oldest car on the lot. For two or three hours, we enjoyed the cars, their owners, the flea market, and the coffee and donuts. No one else came and it was time for car judging.

The pastor of St. Patrick's, Reverend Huynh, a small, gentle, soft-spoken Vietnamese gentleman, announced that he would be the judge of the cars, the sole judge, and his determination would be final. (Who would argue with a pastor?) The pastor also assured us drivers that he was well qualified to judge as he was a long time old car enthusiast, but his specialty was in Buicks of the 50's and 60's. Ouch, I thought, how can I compete with those big shiny cars? The pastor went about carefully checking each car, under the hood, inside, in the truck and when he was finished, he announced that our Model A won first prize and Best in Show! Great!

Amid loud cheers, we expected some sort of certificate or a small trophy to put alongside our other Model A "prizes" at home. But no. He handed us \$75 in cash and wished us best of luck with our old car. Later, I took the reverend aside and asked him what it was that earned first prize. He said, "Your car is authentic, nice n' all original." On the way home, I thought how the lack of location and address for the car show in the Script was our good fortune. For surely other Model A Clubbers would have showed up on such a beautiful day, with cars nicer than mine to earn the \$75 first prize.

Val and Donna Zadnik



## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The deadline for applying for the GWC Scholarship and the Peyton Randolph Memorial Scholarship has been extended to **May 12, 2012.**

### **The George Washington Chapter (GWC) 2012 Scholarship Program and Peyton Randolph Memorial 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 2012. The award committee may choose to award one or as many as four scholarships, depending on the applicant's ability to meet the scholarship requirements. Applicant 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. (GWC Scholarship)\*\*
3. The Peyton Randolph Memorial Scholarship is being awarded only during the year 2012. Up to two Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded. If you have previously won a GWC scholarship, you ARE still eligible to apply for the Peyton Randolph Memorial Scholarship.\*\*
4. Applicant must be either a graduating high school senior or a current student in a school of higher learning (vocational school, technical school, community or two year college, or a four-year college or university).
5. Applicant must have a B or better grade point average to be eligible.
6. The Scholarship Committee Chairman will notify winners by both mail and phone. Winners and/or their club sponsors/guardians should be present to receive the scholarship award at the designated event or membership meeting.
7. Scholarship checks will be made out to the school unless other arrangements are made and approved by the scholarship committee.
8. Decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.
9. Applications must be postmarked or emailed on or before May 12, 2012 to be considered.

\*\*Applicant can apply for the GWC Scholarship AND the Peyton Randolph Memorial Scholarship and will be eligible to be awarded both. (See #2 for clarification regarding GWC Scholarship)

If you have any questions, please contact Suzan O'Neale [540 748-0659](tel:5407480659). If you have filed your application and haven't received an acknowledgment, please let me know.

Suzan O'Neale

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

No new members for the month but the roster is set and all dues are in so its time to get the roster printed. Look for that in the coming months. Thanks...

Greg Shepherd

## **THE 2012 NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE**

The Cherry Blossom Parade was April 14 this year, and because it was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gift of the Cherry Blossom trees from Japan, the festivities were more grand, and the parade a much bigger deal. With 126 entries, our club was only allowed to enter 8 cars; but this year, we told ourselves, our 80-year-old marvels of engineering would get the television coverage they deserved.

Joining me at the Pan Am Shopping Center in Fairfax were: Clem Clement; Andy and Ellen Jaeger (with guests Rick & Ann Anderson); Glen & his son George Bates; KK & Chuck Kunstbeck; and Sharon & Benny Leonard. The six of us rolled at 7:15 a.m. en route to our assembly point at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution. Clem left ahead of our little convoy to pick up his friend Chaplin Jim Warrington in Falls Church.

Our six cars were joined in Washington by Jason Cunningham (and his Roadster full of friends – William Osborn; Mike Dygert; and Matt Violette) and Jack Melnick with his Roadster full – including his daughter and three grandchildren.



**Ready to Parade**



**John, Michaela and Marshall Scott**

We found ourselves surrounded by an eclectic collection of fellow “paraders”: knights and joustors from Camelot; a huge black articulated metal spider; a host of horse-drawn vehicles (including a Wells Fargo Wagon); three-wheel-high unicycles; Shriners clowns; and of course, those “Belles” from Mobile.

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**The Belles - “dressed to the nines” in heavy hooped gowns**

## CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)

Through skilled negotiation, Edna Cross had negotiated a much earlier start for us this year; we were element #17, where the last few years we had been element #47; surely, this would get us some air time. But although we saw ourselves as irresistible as the Belles from Mobile, the TV producers shunned us as if we had a pig hanging over our heads... which, in fact, we did.



**Miss Piggy hung over us all day**

All though the parade, the Miss Piggy balloon hung over our little caravan like red onion breath on a blind date. Positioned between Trueman Burn's old fire engine (crawling with Shriners clowns) and a pig full of gas – what chance did we have of being televised? Apparently none...



**Katie Couric, Leon Harris and Alison Starling.**

Our home-grown, but nationally-televised edition of the Cherry Blossom Parade drew guest co-hosting appearances from Katie Couric and Alex Trebec. And although all of them turned their backs on us, we puttered on to the cheers, shouts and waves by the crowds. Both kids and grown ups alike gave us enthusiastic arm-pump signals to blow our famous Ahooga horns as we drove down Constitution Avenue, with our tops down and Old Glory flying.

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**CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE (Cont.)**



**Chaplin Jim Warrenton and Clem wave to the crowd**



**Andy Jaeger shows off Old Glory**

At least we got to see ourselves on the Chanel 7 web page; you couldn't hear our horns, nor the shouting crowds, but you could see almost all of our cars in a silent run by the camera.

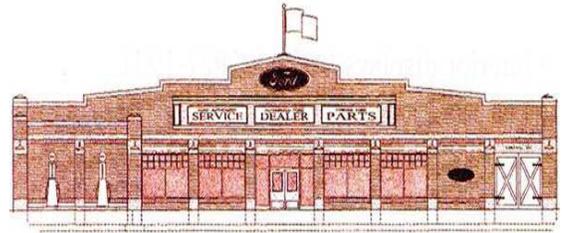
Apparently we'll always be bridesmaids, and never the bride.

Jim Gray

Pictures by Clem Clement, Chuck Kunstbeck, Janice Henderson, and Jim Gray

**GROUND BREAKING FOR THE MAFFI MUSEUM**

The groundbreaking happened on Tuesday, April 17th. A web camera has been set up so that you can view the hour-by-hour progress. Look at <Maffi.org>



The mound in the background is top soil. Trucks are hauling in gravel for a base for the cement slab. Cement was poured and steel arrived the last week in April.

Please pass this info to your club members so that they can enjoy the building's progress. Also let them know that we have 650 walkway brick orders and are waiting for theirs!!!!!!

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## JANET MERKEL HOSTS 2012 SMALL PARTS DAY



**“The main thing I want to say is thank you to those who came out for Small Parts Day. It was wonderful to see everyone and what a fun day we had! I needed it.” Janet Merkel**

To fix the unfixable rim, repair the broken-beyond-repair, restore original ancient parts to serviceable condition; these were the tasks we undertook at the Merkel farm on Saturday, April 28. What a terrific day we all had, with many parts repaired and lots of knowledge shared – it was a keystone event for our club’s year.

The day broke chilly with a threat of rain, but that didn’t discourage the MOB of GWC and Southern Maryland folk from accepting Janet’s exceptionally generous offer of descending upon her farm to flail on a vast array of disparate (and some desperate) old car parts. From Model A carbs, distributors and generators to early V-8 Ford rims and even a Mustang starter, the challenges were many, the flailers enthusiastic, and the times shared priceless.



**Planning how to manage the mob**

Janet and her family spent many hours getting ready for us, and ready the farm was. As the early birds trickled in, they crowded around the faithful old wood stove cooking along at 400 degrees. Soon after a robust attack on the plentiful collection of donuts and hot coffee, folks got down to the business of fixin’ stuff and spinning tall tales.

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**SMALL PARTS DAY (Cont.)**



**Shep with his Dad Glenn worked on a Carb – 2 generations of owners for Shep’s car**

Shep and his dad, Glenn, disassembled his carb and a Cow Town bargain that belonged to Dan Danielson. Shep sand blasted the carbs and painted them with fuel-proof paint. Dan's carb had some frozen parts and a weird adapter to the fuel entrance port which Clem proceeded to bust, so it went home painted and ready for some Kroil soaking and further work. >>>>>>>>



**The distributor gang: Phil McCormick; Andy Jaeger; Benny Leonard; Woody and his cousin; Tom Terko and Jim O’Neal**



**Craig Sawyer – carb jet expert par excellence**

## **SMALL PARTS DAY (Cont.)**

Jim Gray and Craig Sawyer spent the entire day engrossed in the miniature but critical world of carburetor jet sizing; Craig handled the skilled use of sub-miniature sized drills and Jim worked hard on refining his initially ham-fisted soldering technique, while Southern Maryland clubbers handled the majority of flow testing. I could have sworn I heard strains of Dance of the Hours from Disney's "Fantasia" as Woody pirouetted down the ramp in Janet's garage, flinging failed jets thither and yon.

Luke tested generators and answered arcane electrical questions aplenty; once Model A work was done, he rebuilt a Mustang starter for Clem.



**When not fixin', folks were good at watchin' fixin'**

Clem delighted in showing off his old rotten pair of mounted rims with the born date of 1943. After laying in the dirt awhile, a crowd of under-employed curious types assembled and asked why Clem hadn't de-rimmed the tires. Turns out, that was not such an easy task.



**Clem and Tommy's ballet moves**

George got some tools that appeared to be of the same age as the rims, and Tom Terko joined Clem in an exquisitely executed "grand battement" in an effort to classically de-rim the ancient tire. When that failed, George muscled off the first tire, and cut off the second. Done; finished; no more Clem and Tommy ballet, PLEASE.

## SMALL PARTS DAY (Cont.)



**The managers continue their planning**

Did I mention the great banquet spread? The barbecue was great, as was everything else... you kinda' had to be there to find out how special it all was. As Edna Cross said: "Yes we all had a great time with GOOD friends and wonderful food... and everyone behaved, although some better than others!!!!" Apparently Clem was in the "others" category for telling too many war stories and standing around toooooo much waiting for others to work on his old rims. To Clem's credit, he didn't eat any donuts or swill down any coffee as per his manager's and his doctor's orders.

Throughout the day in every spot on the farm, but particularly in the old work garage, we felt George was watching us and lending a hand and a joke to help us. Janet's Small Parts Day was a joyous, boisterous example of that which makes this club great.

Jim Gray with Clem Clement

Pictures by Chuck Kunstbeck and Jim Gray

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## **COMING EVENTS**

May 11-12 Winchester AACA Apple Blossom Show at Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, VA. For info, contact GWC club member Wayne Parker at [shipleyparker1@aol.com](mailto:shipleyparker1@aol.com) or Meet Chairman Duane Carlett at 540-533-7376. Web site is [www.sraaca.com](http://www.sraaca.com).

**May 16 Club meeting. Program is Judging at Sully put on by our Chief Judge of Sully.**

May 19 City of Fairfax Antique Car Show, hosted by the Fairfax Early V-8 Club. No restrictions on car or truck makes, types, or years -- antiques, modifieds, hot rods, works-in-progress, all are welcome. Asphalt parking with sidewalks, lots of shade. Live bluegrass band, the reassembly of a Model-T Ford in 15 minutes, and on-grounds food vendors. Indoor rest rooms. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lots of trophies awarded. Location is at the Fairfax City Hall, just off Rt. 123 in Fairfax City on Armstrong Street (across Rt. 123 from the Red Hot and Blue). For information, contact Jim McDaniel at [jim.mcd@cox.net](mailto:jim.mcd@cox.net)

**June 17 Sully Car Show**

**June 24 Annual Jaeger Pancake Breakfast and Picnic. (Info in next month's Script)**

July 4 The Palisades Citizens Association, a volunteer organization whose members live in the Palisades area of northwest Washington, DC., would like to inquire about the possibility of having the our chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America participate in this year's 4th of July Parade.

This will be the 46th year the parade. The parade begins at 11:00 on July 4th. The parade route traverses about 1 mile northwest on MacArthur Blvd, NW, in Washington, DC. It is notable for the diversity of the contingents, everything from marching bands, to dog contingents, to Bolivian dancers. (They also get about every politician running for office in DC. marching in the parade.) It's a family affair; the parade ends at the Palisades recreation center, where they serve hot dogs, watermelon and cold drinks to well over a thousand residents. They also have entertainment at the rec center.

Please let them know if you are interested in participating. You can contact their committee head, Bob Reed, at (202) 244-4750, or [reedface50@yahoo.com](mailto:reedface50@yahoo.com)

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