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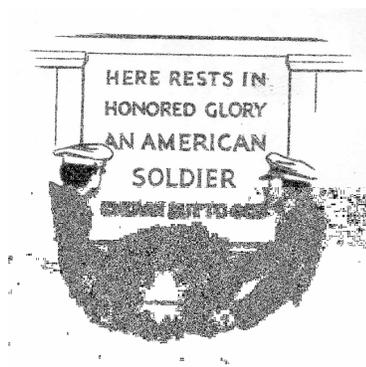


Jay Melton with his blue 1930 Model A Ford coupe with a rumble seat, and Doug Tomb with his yellow 1930 Model A Ford touring car adding the ambiance of the Great Gatsby era for the Falls Church High School Prom!



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**Next deadline: Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Dear Membership,

Well, are we having Fun Yet? Absolutely! Why? Because, so far this Spring the Club has had lots of activities to get involved with: the Cherry Blossom Parade, Small Parts Day, and the Falls Church High School Prom, among others.

Now, I am sure you all are familiar with the first two items, but what was that about the Prom? Well, the Club was invited to bring a "Great Gatsby" style car to the High School Prom to set the scene as the students arrived, and went inside. Jay Melton and I decided that the Model A Ford would qualify, so we signed up.

We drove our two Model A's over to Tysons Corner on Friday, April 17th, and we set up a nice display for the evening. As the students arrived, we invited them to get their picture taken in front of the two Model A's. There soon was a request for them to get their picture taken sitting "in" the cars. Our answer was a quick "Yes". We had many happy students, all dressed up in their finest, sitting inside both cars. By the time we left at 9:30 PM, I think we had introduced a lot of students to the inside of a Model A Ford for the first time.

Soon we will have even more events that will be worth getting that Model A out and on the road. We have the Club Monthly Meeting in two weeks, then the "Hot Manifold Cafe" run (sorry Jim), then The Memorial Day Parade (with the chance to carry a veteran in your back seat), and pretty soon The Sully Meet (and many more, check the Script). The Sully Show is where the Club does what we do best—put on a First Class one-day car event—to show off and appreciate the cars of the past 100 years (especially the Model A Ford).

But the best part of this time of year was summed up by the phone call I received this past weekend. I was in Boston for a pre-Mothers Day visit with Mom, and my cell phone rang. It was James and John on their way home with their new acquisition, a 1930 Model A phaeton. It turns out that it is a Canadian right hand drive Model A, but that is OK. It sounds like they have a summer of fun cut out for them, and an interesting Model A project to boot.

So, get started on your own Model A summer fun story; get out there and shake loose a Model A or two, either from your own garage or from a new source. Also, get those spare Model A parts, literature, and reference manuals out and bring them to the Monthly Meeting, and share them (for a modest price) with other Club members.

It's almost Summer, and time to have some fun. See you down the Road..

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

It was sad to hear of the passing of Bob Warhurst. He was a valuable member of the Club. Because his passing was so close to The Script deadline, no one really had time to collect their thoughts to submit something in writing or to dig out old photos of him. So this month, The Script will only notify members of his demise but will provide ample space next month for those who wish to relate stories or provide photos of him.

Last Saturday, the Nationals allowed those who have been season ticketholders since the club began in 2005 to play catch in center field for a half hour. After throwing with a buddy and horsing around taking photos, we dutifully left the field and were standing in the visitor's dugout when a guy came up to me and said, "I don't know if you remember me, but I'm Wheeler Rodgers' son." We got to talking and it turned out he's having his Model A completely rebuilt down in North Carolina —by Don Temple! I told him mine was there too, getting its engine rebuilt and an overdrive put in. He also told me that Don had injured himself over the winter and was finding it hard to climb into and out of cars (or under them) at the moment. But he's improving. Then we parted company. Amazing coincidence.

Bill Sims

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

### Board of Directors Meeting April 22, 2015

**Call to Order.** The monthly meeting of the board was called to order at 6:48 by President Douglas Tomb in the meeting room at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.



**Attendance.** Members present include Doug Tomb, James Kolody, Jim Gray, Greg Shepherd, Bill Worsham, Stan Johnson, Tom Quigley, Bill Sims, Howard Minners, Benny Leonard, Bruce Metcalf, and Jerry Olexson. Milford Sprecher was absent due to out-of-town work.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were published in *The Script*. No corrections or additions were submitted.

**Treasurer** Jerry Olexson provided a handout showing the current summary of the 2015 budget for the Board's review. Jerry stated that some adjustments may be needed as the year progresses. A motion was passed to continue with the budget as presented, and then review it again after Sully. The status of a \$500 scholarship payment was reviewed and clarified. Doug will review and provide payment instructions to Jerry Olexson and Tom Quigley.

Doug Tomb asked for the following **Committee Reports:**

**Activities** Chairman Jim Gray reviewed the recent and upcoming activities. April 11 was the Cherry Blossom Parade; GWC had 8 cars carrying 24 people. Saturday, April 18 was Small Parts Day at Janet Merkel's Farm in Bowie with 31 members and guests this year. Ongoing through Saturday (April 22 – 26) is Spring Carlisle.

May 8 is the VE Day Flyover – information is on the web page. May 9<sup>th</sup> AACA Winchester Meet. May 16<sup>th</sup> **Armed Forces Day** and Early V8 Fairfax Show at Fairfax City Hall. May 20 is the GWC regular meeting; the program will be a wine tasting hosted by club member Lew Parker of Willowcroft Winery who will tell us about winemaking, in preparation for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Rolling Chef Tour" the following Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a manifold cooking contest. May 25<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Day Parade in DC; the organizers are looking for cars to carry WWII veterans.

June 5 & 6 Carlisle Ford Nationals. June 7 – 12 MAFCA Lobsters & Lighthouses Model A Tour in Maine. June 21<sup>st</sup> GWC's annual car show at SULLY! June 28<sup>th</sup> Jaeger post-Sully Picnic. June 21 – 26 MARC Niagara Falls National Meet.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Parade, Washington, DC. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May and June meetings.

Sept 18 (Friday) – Sept 20 (Sunday) Apple Butter Festival tour to Skyland in Shenandoah National Park.

**Programs** Vice President James Kolody described the programs planned for the next several months. The May program will be a wine program in preparation for the "Rolling Chef" tour. June will be a Sully preparation program and July the annual outdoor parts swap meet. The August, September and October programs will feature restoration of Model A front axle and rear axle presentations.

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## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)**

**Membership** Chairman Greg Shepherd reported purchase of a new bulb for the digital projector. Several new and exciting snow cone flavors have been selected for this year's Sully Sno-Cone sales.

**Sully Show** Chairman Bill Worsham reported that Bill Benedict is currently working on the show car registrations. The list of members signed up to work at Sully is still lower than normal. The chairmen of various functions will continue to call former helpers who have not submitted a sign-up sheet. Also the importance of the Sully Car Show will be stressed in coming meetings. The featured car on this year's plaque will be last year's winner, a 1986 Rolls Royce. Various ads, permits and passes are being coordinated with the Sully Staff.

**Youth Scholarship** Chairman Tom Quigley reported that several application forms have been received. The deadline for submission is May 1 of this year. Additional publicity about the scholarships will be undertaken.

**Editor** Bill Sims stated that the deadline for the next issue of the *Script* is Monday May 4th.

**Assistant Editor** Bruce Metcalf reported that he will be doing the *Script* for July and August in the absence of Editor Bill Sims.

**National Club Liaison** Howard Minners reported on the recent MARC Membership meet in Joliet, Illinois. The national MARC incumbent officers were re-elected for another term. The Annual MARC meet at Niagara Falls June 21-26 will require crossing the border and therefore a passport is needed. The meet chairman said that registrations are going well. Howard stopped at the Model A Museum on the way home. The feedback he got was that most people visiting the multi-museum complex find the Model A Museum the most enjoyable.

**Tool Chairman** Benny Leonard reported that the new head bolt tool works great.

### **Old Business**

Doug Tomb reported that two club cars were on display for the "Great Gatsby" Prom.

Next month's meeting will again be at the Fairfax Red Hot and Blue. Stan Johnson will make the reservations with the manager.

The location of the fall "Pig Pickin" picnic is still an open question due to the ill health of the recent host of the gatherings.

### **New Business**

Doug Tomb asked about producing a number of club vests for new members. A person may be available to sew them together if a silk-screen club logo, or embroidered club logo can be obtained. Board members were urged to find possible sources and provide them to Doug.

An extended discussion was held about ways to invigorate interaction with other nearby clubs and to encourage new membership in our club. Assigning a "greeter" to welcome people at each meeting, particularly newcomers, and to assign a sponsor to each new member were among the ideas discussed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Stan Johnson  
Secretary

## BOB WARHURST, 1938 - 2015



### THE GWC 25 YEARS AGO

This month two changes were afoot. First, President John Howell announced that the Board had decided to better enable and encourage socialization among members at meetings. But, problem was there wasn't enough time. So, meetings would now start at 7:30, a half-hour earlier, making time for long-time members to visit with old friends, and so that new members could meet the long-time members. The change has prevailed.

A second change had our Sully Show layout in an uncertain state of affairs up to the last minute, since Route 28 in front of Sully was being widened and we would not know until the day before the show how it would affect the arrangement of the layout. Phew...

Program Chairman Paul Gauthier had a program by Denny Scholl of Harrel Battery Co. lined up for the May meeting. Mr. Scholl would discuss changes in batteries over the last 30 years, and explain their construction.

Jim Cartmill continued his monthly series of tidbits from the Service Bulletins. Did you know that if you have a manifold heater, you should remove it in warm weather to enable cooler running and prevent valve trouble? Or should tighten up the body bolts? Lower the generator charge rate to about 6 amps for the less dark-time driving? And, don't miss those grease fittings on the pedals when you're down under.

Two of our longtime members got a lot of ink in the Script this month. In fact, a full-page picture of Don Temple appeared on page 5. There he was, old fedora and all, in a Clyde Barrow-ish pose, seated on the front bumper of an early V8. (Barrow's favorite). Differences were that it was a '37 Ford, not a Deuce, no gun across his lap, and with a determined but pleasant expression. Donnie, as he was usually called back then, had been the subject of an article in the publication New Dominion, which the Editor reprinted in the Script.

Walt Bratton was the other. Howard Minners had returned from a MARC meeting where he was National Secretary and disclosed that the Headquarters was concerned about the fate of the Model A hobby. GWC's answer was craftily laid out by Editor Joe Krafft. (Yup, pun intended). Joe went on to say, "Who else to ask than a GWC member who stocks 10's if not 100's of \$K worth of Model A parts for his own antique auto parts business--- Walt Bratton".

Addressing our April meeting, Walt thought the obituary premature: his Model A parts volume had expanded about 25 % per year for the past two. He and Ed Hollin were too busy filling orders to worry about switching over to '57 Chevy parts.

The Editor's coverage of Walt traced from his first encounter with a Model A through the present day, describing in detail his success story. So, Howard was advised to pass this on to the MARC board, "Something really great is to become of us!".

Dave Henderson

## **SULLY IS NEXT MONTH!**

Plans are in full swing for our annual car show and flea market at Sully plantation on June 21st.

The only thing missing is you. We need the help of every member to run his show. Sign-up sheets were sent with your dues renewal and are available at every meeting. If you haven't signed up, please do so now.

Those who sign up will receive one of the following:

Four gate passes for their family or friends

1 free car registration

Discount on a flea market space or car corral space

Thank You,



Bill Worsham  
Annual Meet Chairman

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### **MARYLAND BILL TO ALLOW SINGLE LICENSE PLATE FOR HOBBY CARS SIGNED INTO LAW**

Alert from the SEMA Action Network (SAN)

Compromise legislation (H.B. 524) to allow the issuance of only a single license plate to historic vehicles and street rods was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan. Under the compromise bill, historic vehicles that are 50 years old and older are eligible to run a single plate. While the amended bill is a diluted version of the original, it is still an improvement over current law. The law goes into effect on October 1, 2015 and will protect the aesthetic contours of some collector cars and relieve vehicle owners of the burden of having to create mounting holes on some original bumpers.

## **SULLY ANTIQUE CAR SHOW SPONSORS**

As mentioned last month, the Club continues to seek sponsors to help offset the cost of trophies for our annual Sully Antique Car Show. Thus far the show sponsors are:

**J. C. Taylor Auto Insurance** [jctaylor.com](http://jctaylor.com)  
Specializing in antique auto insurance

**Bratton's Antique Auto Parts** [www.brattons.com](http://www.brattons.com)  
Specializing in Ford Model A parts

**George's Automotive Restoration 703-969-1715**  
Specializing in auto restoration, repair, storage, sales, and transportation

We are extremely pleased to acknowledge these organizations for their continued support of both the Sully car show and our *Ford Script*.

The Sully car show has 34 car classes with 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> -place trophies given for each. These trophies cost in excess of \$1,200 a year, so if you, your company or someone you know would like to be a sponsor, please let me know. Sponsored trophies will be tagged to reflect the sponsor's name and/or corporate logo. Sponsors who contribute \$300 or more will get a free space in the Sully vendor section of the show field. Please get the word out and if anyone has a question, please contact me directly. I will be sending in my trophy order soon, so please let me know as soon as possible.

Gil Beckner  
Sully Trophy Chairman  
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## **WEBSITE REPORT**

Going to try a new feature each month or so and report on the comings and goings of the website (which can always be found at: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/>). As more and more people look to the web for information, connect with old friends and correspond with each other, the Internet and our website become more of a focus. As a technical guy myself (computer programmer), I have grown up along with the Internet and seen its impact. And as web master over the last few years for the club, I have tried to add more content to our website that applies to our hobby and our club. On that topic, I'm always looking for videos and pictures of events our club participates in to share with all. Please just email me the links/files at [shepman@gmail.com](mailto:shepman@gmail.com).

Lately, I have uploaded the video of our club in the National Cherry Blossom Parade on both the main page and the event page, added info for our new advertiser and strive to keep the events page up to date with the latest.

A few key pages:

- Base page: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/> (Have I mentioned this one before?)
- Events: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/events.asp>
- Club Tools: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/tools.asp>
- Technical Info: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/technicalinfo.asp>
- Related sites and club Advertisers: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/relatedsites.asp>

## SUNSHINE REPORT



If you or someone you know wants to be mentioned to the club, please drop me a line or another club officer. Please mention the Sunshine Report specifically so I know that it's OK to release. I can always be reached at [Shepman@gmail.com](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com) or 703-476-6496.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Nothing new to report this month. We are 'steady eddie' as they say. But the more we get the word out, the more members will join. A lot of fun and exciting events are already planned this year, which can always been seen at our club website at: <http://www.gwcmodeleda.org/> Speaking of the website ....

## CAFFINE DOUBLE CLUTCH (CDC) BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

The next CDC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 9:30 am, at the Fair Oaks Silver Diner, 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway Fairfax, VA 22033 (corner of Fair Lakes Parkway & West Ox Road). If you haven't been before, this is a great opportunity to get out for a couple hours of good food and great company. Very informal, grab a seat and talk with the folks around you: V-8 lovers, Model A fans and folks with an affinity for trains. Hopefully we will have some real cars attend as well.  
Clem Clement

The advertisement features a central logo for J.C. Taylor Insurance, which is a yellow shield with a black border containing the name 'J.C. Taylor' in script and 'INSURANCE 10' below it. Below the logo, the text 'INSURING YOUR VEHICLES FOR OVER 50 YEARS' is written in blue. At the bottom of the ad is a photograph of a dark-colored vintage sedan with white-walled tires and a prominent front grille. In the bottom left corner, the phone number '1-888-ANTIQU' is displayed, and in the bottom right corner, the website 'JCTAYLOR.COM' is shown next to a small Facebook icon.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE, APRIL 11, 2015

Perhaps you saw Jim Thomas' "Advertising the Model A Ford" column in the most recent Model A News<sup>1</sup>. His focus was on the variety of offerings of trunks for our cars. Although the "Kari-Keen" trunk drew a lot of type, I don't think any of Jim's trunks measured up to the magnificent bespoke trunk Jason Cunningham debuted in this year's Cherry Blossom Parade. Jason's trunk is not only unique, it serves a very significant purpose – it's a picnic trunk replete with 2 locking lower drawers, a wide-opening top and an awning – match that, Kari-Keen!

But Jason tells the story better than I: "This year's Cherry Blossom Parade was the world premiere of



my new trunk! I made the trunk myself, with minor engineering help from my Dad, and sewing help (for the awning) from my mom. It's made from recycled 3/4" plywood, which makes it weigh a ton. I modeled it after a traditional Model A trunk, but decided to take it in a more creative and whimsical direction. It's a picnicking trunk! I started building it with a buddy back in May 2014, with no plans or instructions other than some very basic dimensions. After a year of problem-solving and sourcing for vinyl, leather, hinges, handles, and tacks, I was thrilled to premiere the trunk at the parade. With its fold-down table and two drawers underneath, you can easily store dirty tools separately from food items. You can put picnic dishes or delicate items you don't want to crush in a drawer, leaving the open top space free for blankets, drinks, and other items. The fold down table and collapsible awning provide a fun, shady, and portable service station, ideal for serving treats at the parade! If you have suggestions for cookies or treats I can serve at the Memorial Day Parade, send them over!

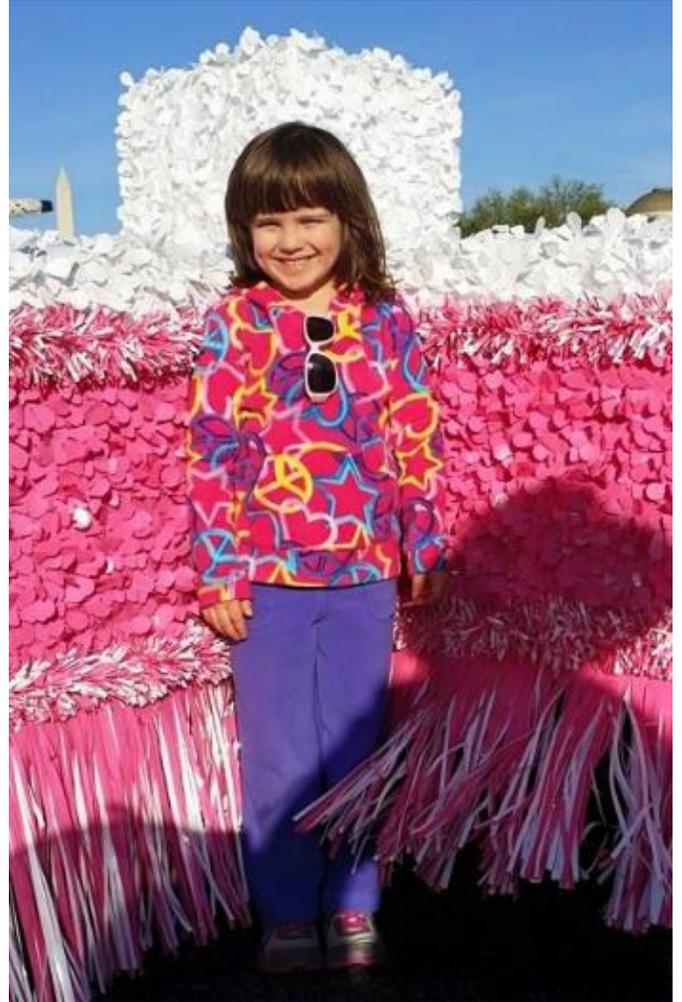
### Empire Biscuits

A couple years ago I was impressed by how some of the other parade groups participating in the parades downtown brought treats and drinks to share with their group. I thought it would enhance the fun parade experience even more to have a few tasty treats to share. I was given this recipe for British "Empire Biscuits" by a Scottish woman I used to work with who brought it over from the UK. With experience, they're supposed to take 30-40 minutes to make; being a guy, it obviously took me much longer. The recipe and instructions are at the end of this article. Enjoy!

As we older folks were sampling Jason's Empire Biscuits, the youngest member of the GWC contingent, Grace Nelson, took her mom, Jaime Nelson, to see the serene early Saturday morning sights... watching a crew inflate the Care Bear balloon; seeing the flower arrangements and the floats.

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**CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE (Cont.)**



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## CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE (Cont.)



Grace Nelson in Sam Rentsch's phaeton – the youngest and the oldest GWCers in the parade



Our Gang, Front Row: Jaime Gray Nelson; Sam Rentsch; James & Sharon Kolody; Sharon & Benny Leonard with Grace Nelson in front; Ellen Jaeger, Victoria Jaeger and Douglas Jaeger. Second Row: Glen & George Bates; Jim Gray; Jason Cunningham & Emily Jraatz; Riley & Kelsey Shenk; Doug & Beverly Tomb. Third Row: Rande Young; Clem (and yes, he's wearing a bonnet) Clement and Andy Jaeger.

Jason's post script to this year's parade is spot-on!

"Each year I eagerly await the annual Cherry Blossom Parade, which is the first parade of the spring driving season. I usually have numerous friends interested in joining us in the rumble seat for the parade, and since it's a solid 45- minute drive from Gaithersburg, Maryland, we usually enjoy extending the day by parking, and enjoying a picnic on the National Mall. This year, we found a

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## CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE (Cont.)

particularly good spot behind the Jefferson Memorial, nestled between the Potomac River, and the Tidal Basin. We unloaded our blankets, and picnic lunch and had a marvelous time relaxing in the shade of the cherry blossoms, enjoying the cool breeze off the river, and watching gaggles of tourists also enjoying the blooms. It has become a favorite annual tradition and a great way to relax after all the excitement of the parade.



The smile-lines by my eyes that the sun burned into place are lasting proof of a fun day. I suppose my sunburn is my version of Clem's "Fun-O-Meter"!

Yep, this younger generation really knows how to parade! Miss Grace wants you all to know you're welcome to come join in the fun! The Memorial Day Parade is coming up soon, and the National Independence Day Parade not far behind. Contact me if you'd like to join us.

Jim Gray, Activities Chair

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1. Thomas, Jim, *Advertising the Model A Ford; What's Behind Your Model A?*, Model "A" News, Vol. 62, No. 2, March – April 2015, Model "A" Restorers Club, Garden City Michigan, pp 37 – 41.

### How to make Empire Biscuits

2 cups butter, Softened  
1 Cup White Sugar  
4 Cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 cup raspberry or strawberry preserves  
24 Maraschino Cherries (1 jar)  
2 cups Confectioners' sugar  
1 splash milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Gradually stir in the flour until well blended. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into rounds using a cookie cutter.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Sandwich one teaspoon of jam between two cookies. Repeat with remaining cookies. In a medium bowl, gradually stir the milk into the confectioners' sugar until the icing is of a spreadable consistency. Spread on top of the sandwiched cookies. Top each cookie with half of a cherry while the icing is still wet." *Jason Cunningham*

## SMALL PARTS DAY

On Saturday, April 11, Janet Merkel, George, Jr. and his wife Donna, hosted 31 members and guests of the GWC MAFCA for our annual Small Parts Day at the beautiful Merkel Farm in Bowie, Maryland. This great event is not just a nose-to-the-grindstone kind of technical session; it's a true social gathering, one where we not only get to work on bits and pieces of our cars, but get to catch up on the bits and pieces of our lives. In short: it's a perfect Model "A"-themed day in the country.

This year, the group included: Janet and her grandson, Kyle Merkel; George, Jr.; Donna; Megan; Kari and her boyfriend Sean; Clem; Ken Burns (NVRG early Ford V-8 club); Luke Chaplin; James Kolody; Bruce and Loretta Metcalf; Andy and Ellen Jaeger; Tom & Carol Terko; Paul & Laurel Gauthier; Doug Tomb; Benny and Sharon Leonard; Harry White; Craig Sawyer and his brother-in-law, Tommy; Woody Williams; Mike Brownell; Milford Sprecher; Bill Beardmore; Richard Chaney (Southern MD Model A Club); Kathie and me.



*If you fix us, we will run.*



Craig Sawyer and Tom Terko held court with Milford cleaning a carb body while Paul Gauthier and Andy Jaeger worked at the carb table.

So we worked on carbs... testing jets and cleaning their bodies.

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## SMALL PARTS DAY 2015 (Cont.)



Meanwhile, Woody Williams and Tommy, Craig's brother-in-law, flow tested jets.



The breakfast was great (even though I enjoyed it a little late); the barbeque excellent; and the potato salad exceptional. Although our crowd seemed a little lighter this year, I don't think there was a single person there who didn't have a great time.



The ladies visited as we worked on carbs, distributors and generators. Luke even got to weigh in on the #94 carb for Clem's 1939 early Ford V-8. Ken Burns, of the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the early Ford V-8 club, was there with Clem going through his collection of 94s as well.

Clem reported that he and Ken Burns took Ford #94 carburetors to clean and fix. "There were lots of carbs and distributors being rebuilt. Carb jet guy Craig Sawyer was there metering jets for the Model "A"ers.

With lots of help and many stories, my carb got a new power valve (the old one was ruptured), needle valve and a good cleaning.

The next day I had 30 minutes of spare time and installed it on my '39 pickup. The engine tried to start without any gas in it; I must have done too good break.



Tom and Andy stop for a smoke

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a job. Then after a little cranking, she jumped into life smooth as ever. I'm happy!"

Clem continued: "There was plenty of teaching, learning and camaraderie going on. I heard reports of several distributors that had been rebuilt that had oil wicks at the end of the tube next to the shaft". (Was this a field fix, or a factory fix? I didn't find it mentioned in the Service Bulletins, so maybe this was a farmer fix).

"I've been attending this event for many years and have always had a good time and learned something new. Did I mention the excellent repast served up by Janet??"



Milford was still intent on his carb problem, but James and Benny were "off duty." Milford told me that he was glad he didn't miss the Small Parts Day, "...which was great. I drove my roadster and took a generator, distributor and carburetor for

Model As and got great advice". Luke Chaplin worked on the generator, and others helped with his distributor. Tom Terko adjusted the carb on his roadster with some help (and ears) by Benny Leonard. It was "a beautiful day and very successful event".

Doug and Bruce combined lunch with duty – thus demonstrating their exceptional time management skills once again.

Janet tells me that she, George, Jr. and Donna are happy to host our Small Parts Day each year. George's work schedule prevents him from participating in GWC events as much as he'd like – so his big days are at Sully and Small Parts Day. Janet says she couldn't do this event without their help, so thank you, George and Donna... and thank you, Janet!



Janet tells me, "I love the club and the people in it. I wish I was more comfortable driving the "A", which I can do, but it's so much to think about as you drive". Isn't that the truth?!

Janet, we can't thank you enough; you arranged perfect weather and offered your perfect hospitality. Thank you so much for continuing to support the club, we all love you, and love how kind you continue to be to us. We look forward to the trip you're planning to the Apple Butter Festival on the 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

Oh, and one more thing: Blossom, the pygmy goat, couldn't join us this year. She apparently thought "scratch feed" for chickens was also meant for little goats; it's not. Chicken feed seems to be the one thing in the world that can stop up a goat's gut. Hopefully, she's learned her lesson. But probably not; she's a goat.

Jim Gray

## ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY WASHINGTON DC FLYOVER - MAY 8, 2015

Several other folks, in addition to members of the BOD yesterday evening, have asked about the VE Day Flyover scheduled for May 8. This first link describes the various formations of planes scheduled to participate in this "Arsenal of Democracy Flyover":

<http://ww2flyover.org/flyover-formations/>

The first formation will fly (apparently from the northwest over the Potomac) over the Lincoln Memorial at 12:10; the final formation, a missing-man formation, will flyover at 12:35. This second link shows good vantage points, and includes the planned flight path:

<http://www.airspacemag.com/airspacemag/national-mall-flyover-details-180954735/?no-ist>

This final link includes "aircraft spotter cards" for the aircraft involved in the flyover:

<http://www.airspacemag.com/articles/ww2-spotter-cards-180954542/?no-ist>

Hope this will be of interest to some.

Jim Gray

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## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

We've been invited to participate again this year in the National Memorial Day Parade.

The parade organizers would like to have as many open cars as they can get to carry World War II vets in this important parade.

The parade will step off at 2:00 PM from the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> and Constitution in Washington, D.C. and run until 4:15PM.

If you're a veteran, this is one of those occasions in which it is proper and correct to wear your uniform once again.

We'll need to report to our assembly area across from the Air & Space Museum at approximately 11:30 AM. For those of us going in caravan, this means we will have a departure time of approximately 10:30 AM from the Pan Am Shopping Center in Fairfax. I expect we will be placed in the middle of the parade, which means we'll be done a little after 3:00 PM.

Please let me know if you want to go, and sign up soon. We'll have the Agreement of Release on the web page, so you can download it, complete and sign it, and send it to me. For "Name of Organization", you may simply say "Model "A" Ford Club. Note that the organizers need one of these release forms for each person who plans to drive OR ride in the parade.

We look forward to another important return on investment here – a return on the investment made by the millions of Americans who've served this great nation.

It might get a little warm, but it promises to be a day you'll not soon forget.

Jim Gray  
Activities Chairman

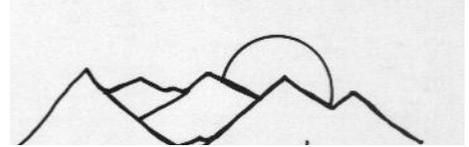
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## **SKYLINE DRIVE: APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our club is planning to attend the Apple Butter Festival at Skyland on Skyline Drive, September 18-20, 2015. During the festival, apple butter will be made in huge kettles, which you can help stir if you want to. You can also have samples and purchase some to take home. On Saturday, the park service will sell many food items with apples in it such as chicken with apple salsa, apple smoked barbecue, and cinnamon glazed apples, apple coffee and more. There will be games, crafts and entertainment throughout the day on Saturday.



We'll be leaving on Friday, September 18, and return home on Sunday, September 20. Skyland is holding 27 rooms for us in the Craigin and Appledore buildings. These rooms do not have air conditioning, but they do have ceiling fans. We have always stayed in these rooms and I don't ever recall being uncomfortable. Skyland is always 10 degrees cooler than at home. The room rates are \$120 for Friday night and \$130 for Saturday night, plus taxes and fees for both nights. To make your room reservations, call 1-877-247-9261 and reference the group booking code: 5A583M or Antique Car Club. Deadline for reservations is August 19, 2015. Rooms will probably not be available after August 19, especially in the buildings where we will be. If you think there is a possibility of going, make your reservation before 8/19. You can cancel if you need to. Cancellations must be made at least 3 days before arrival date. There is a \$15 cancellation fee.

Please invite your friends and family to join us. Other car clubs are also welcome.

Lisa Meadows will be with us on Friday night to entertain us with music in the Conference Hall (across from our rooms). Of course on Saturday evening, we'll have our own entertainment and fun.

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

Even if you can't come for both nights, come for just Friday night or join us on Saturday for the fun and apple butter.

Janet Merkel

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## **MAY 20 PROGRAM: WINE MAKING IN VIRGINIA AND A WINE TASTING**

Not sure what kind of wine goes with what? We can fix that! Fellow clubber Lew Parker will offer us a presentation at our May general membership meeting on Virginia wine making. This presentation will include a wine tasting of his fine Willowcroft Farm Vineyards wines. All this from the founder of the wine industry in Loudoun County.

Lew has been referred to by his peers across the commonwealth as “the father of Loudoun’s winemaking industry.” He was honored recently with the Gordon Murchie Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia Wineries Association.

Lew and his family lived in Fairfax County in the 1970s. Lew, whose great grandmother had lived in Loudoun, is an engineering graduate of Lehigh University with a Masters in Finance from Wharton. He had built a career as a financial officer, and in 1979, at age 38, was named President of Hazleton Laboratory in Tysons Corner. Lew’s two young daughters joined 4H and were interested in raising farm animals, something they couldn’t do at their Fairfax suburban home. So the Parkers bought the 30-acre Martingale Farm in October of 1979 and renamed it “Willowcroft” after the two huge Willow trees that used to be in the circle near the house. The kids raised goats, rabbits, chickens, cattle, and horses; Lew, meanwhile, planted grapes. In fact, the grapes Lew planted in 1980 were the beginning of his vineyard, and marked the inception of the wine industry in Loudoun County.

## **THE ROLLING CHEF TOUR: SATURDAY, MAY 23**

Come join us at Willowcroft Farm Vineyards on Saturday, May 23, as club member Lew Parker hosts our first Rolling Chef Tour. Why Rolling Chef Tour? Because this is a manifold cooking contest – complete with judging and a trophy! Don’t forget to pick a wine!

For those who would like to caravan to Willowcroft, we’ll have a group meeting at the Chantilly Bob Evans at 9:00 am for breakfast before rolling at 10:00 (or so) for Willowcroft. Clem, Benny & I drove up there a couple of times recently, and we can recommend NOT going up Hogback Mountain Road OR Loudoun County Orchard Road.

Lew says the best way to get to his winery is to take Rt. 15 north all the way to Harmony Church Road; then turn left and left again onto Mt. Gilead Road (Rt. 797). The winery will be on your right about 300’ down the hill beyond the intersection with Loudoun Orchard Road on the right side. It’s a bit of a long drive along a beautiful country road, but it’s the best way to get to Willowcroft. The address is 38906 Mt. Gilead Rd., Leesburg, VA 20175.

Plan to arrive between 11:00 AM and noon to have your creation judged by members of the Willowcroft wine club. If you need more miles, call us... we’ll be flexible. My cell number is 410-353-0381. Don’t forget to bring a picnic lunch to supplement your manifold meal – it may be so tasty that the judges eat most of it to get a good taste... or (heaven forbid) it may not be all that tasty. We’ll have thermometers to check the temperature of your meal before it’s judged.

I plan to bring my meal in a cooler to the Bob Evans, and put it on to heat when we leave. Mr. Google says the recommended route is 22.5 miles door to door. Because we’ll cook by mileage, this is an important number. Most of the recipes in “the book” (*Manifold Destiny*) call for 50 or more miles to cook from the raw state. Partial pre-cooking, freezing, and re-heating is O.K. by me – we just need to make sure things are nice and hot before asking anyone to sample them.

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## THE ROLLING CHEF TOUR (Cont.)

### Manifold cooking tips:

1. Use heavy duty foil, and wrap in several (“the book” says 3) packet layers to avoid having juices spill out on your manifold. I’m trying one of those stainless steel cooking containers designed to fit down onto the manifold... but I plan to use foil as well.
2. Don’t forget tongs and pot holders to get the food off of the manifold, out of the foil, and onto your serving plate(s). Don’t forget serving plates, carving, serving and eating utensils as well as your picnic outfit.
3. Calculate how far you will have to drive to completely cook (or re-heat) your food. The primary source book, *Manifold Destiny*, estimates cooking by miles driven; and the book adds that they assume you’ll be averaging 55 mph.
4. This brings up the 4<sup>th</sup> point – it seems that successful cooking on the manifold is more art than science. The difference between what we cook on the engine is that we don’t know for sure how hot the manifold gets in a “normal” Model A engine compartment. What are normal Model A manifold temperatures? How well tuned is it? Do you have splash pans? Do you have a 2 or a 4-blade fan? Do you have overdrive (your engine will run cooler). All this factors into the most important variable: the heat available from your exhaust manifold.

Bottom line: if you don’t have enough miles to drive, I formally grant you permission to pre-cook your food a bit before you leave home. The timing will be tricky because of our scheduled stop at Bob Evans; we will need to be creative, forgiving and hopeful. Of course, you can just skip the breakfast stop and go for your miles.

### On the Web

Here are some web pages I found that provide some information (note that most refer you back to *Manifold Destiny*) on manifold cooking:

[www.scvcma.org/manual/Cooking%20on%20your%20Manifold.pdf](http://www.scvcma.org/manual/Cooking%20on%20your%20Manifold.pdf)

GREAT reference – aimed right at Model As; read this if you read nothing else; note this reference uses time to judge how much you need to cook your meal. Google claims it is about 34 minutes from the Chantilly Bob Evans to Willowcroft.

<http://www.wisebread.com/cooking-great-meals-with-your-car-engine-the-heat-is-on>

Has a lot of good tips and lists 4 or 5 interesting recipes; however, they seem to be long-haul recipes.

<http://hamptonroads.com/2011/08/can-you-really-cook-dinner-your-cars-engine>

Offers good advice on how to cook on a manifold as well as a couple of short distance dishes.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Cooking...-with-your-car/>

Good pictures on how to wrap your food for cooking. The menu is a 200-miler, so that’s not good, but shrimp meals get a thumbs up – they take about 30 miles. Be sure to click on “show all steps”, and ignore the comments after you’ve read the steps.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFQCrDOg-oY>

A short little humorous video on how to “Car-B-Que”. Good primarily for a chuckle.

Finally, REMEMBER: presentation counts! Pick a wine; have a nice table setting; have fun!

Jim Gray

## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

- May 8 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. <http://ww2flyover.org/> There will be an Arsenal of Democracy flyover of Washington DC. The first formation is estimated to be over the Lincoln Memorial at 12:10 p.m. (EST). According to the web page this is the basic plan: Flight Path: Feet dry over Lincoln Memorial, over World War II Memorial, down Independence Avenue, turn south back to feet wet over the U.S. Capitol. This will be an incredible event. See this part of their web page for a better idea of what will be in the flyover: <http://ww2flyover.org/flyover-formations/>. Planes will be staging from the Manassas Airport and the Culpeper airport [http://www.dailyprogress.com/starexponent/news/nearly-every-plane-from-wwii-to-be-in-culpeper/article\\_6263c50e-ae36-11e4-a8f8-a3ad454ad2d0.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/starexponent/news/nearly-every-plane-from-wwii-to-be-in-culpeper/article_6263c50e-ae36-11e4-a8f8-a3ad454ad2d0.html)
- May 8—9 Shenandoah Region, AACA Apple Blossom Car Meet, Winchester VA. Flea market opens at 7:00 AM on Saturday, May 9. <http://www.sraaca.com/AppleBlossom-Meet-Invite-2015.pdf>
- May 13 (Wednesday)— I go flying in Fifi, the only operable B-29 in the world at Manassas Airport. I'll be toting my Dad's Navy bag, Master Watch, charts, blood chits and celestial volumes and miscellaneous other mementos. I suspect this will be a "Gray with an A" article.(See. p. 17 for more information)
- May 16 Armed Forces Day and Early V8 Fairfax Show at Fairfax City Hall. Registration form is available at: [http://www.nvrq.org/new\\_page\\_1.htm](http://www.nvrq.org/new_page_1.htm). This is a great show put on by our early Ford V-8 friends in a wonderful setting – our Model As park in front of City Hall, and we get lots of attention.
- May 18-19 I am writing today to ask if you would ask your members to participate in our school's annual Transportation Days. We would love members to visit our school Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, from 9:30AM till 11:30AM each day. Transportation Week is a time when we introduce our students to various types of vehicles and talk about what they are used for. It is also a fun way to talk about math concepts with the kids (how many tires? Which vehicle is bigger? etc.). We also tie the event into a unit on Community Helpers. All together there would be about 200 children participating and 30 adults. The addition of antique vehicles would make the event more special. Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your response. For more info, contact: Carolyn McCauley, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church Nursery School, 6601 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD 20817 [301-365-2909](tel:301-365-2909) (o), [571-243-2420](tel:571-243-2420) (c), [cmccauley@bhpcns.org](mailto:cmccauley@bhpcns.org)
- May 20 is our monthly meeting featuring a WINE TASTING by Willowcroft Farms Vineyard owner and fellow club member Lew Parker. Lew will make us all expert in choosing the right wine to go with the manifold cuisine you plan to prepare the following Saturday, May 23. See Lew's website to study up on his wines: <http://willowcroftwine.com/> .**
- May 23 is our "Rolling Chef" tour to Willowcroft Winery. This will be a manifold cooking contest, so get our your favorite recipe, work up a presentation and find a wine to pair your offering with from Willowcroft's web page. Judges will be from the Willowcroft Wine Tasting Club, and presentation counts!**
- May 25 National Memorial Day Parade in DC; the organizers are looking for cars to carry WWII veterans. Clem will carry Chaplain Jim Warrenton, a WWII vet. We could use a driver for Sam Rentsch, who would be proud to carry a vet or two in his phaeton. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May meeting. (See p. 18 for more info.) Contact me if you can drive Sam in his phaeton [jq240z@cox.net](mailto:jq240z@cox.net)

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## COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

### JUNE

June 5-6 Carlisle Ford Nationals (D Day 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).

June 7-12 MAFCA Maine Lobsters & Lighthouses Tour: <http://www.mainemodelafordclub.com/> is coming soon. It promises to be a grand trip.

**June 17 Monthly meeting; our program will focus on judging preparation for Sully.**

**June 21 SULLY! Sign up for your choice of positions to help make this year's show the best ever.**

June 21–26 MARC National Meet & Tour to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Grab your passport and make a reservation! See [www.marcniagarafalls2015.com](http://www.marcniagarafalls2015.com) or your *Model "A" News* for more information.

**June 28 Jaeger Picnic; details to follow**

### JULY

July 4 Independence Day Parade, Washington, DC. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May and June meetings. So far, Clem and I are the only ones signed up.

July 4 Fairfax is also having a parade and show on July 4, and Benny wants to push for that as well.

## WANT ADS

### For Sale

1929 Model A Roadster. Excellent shape both mechanically and cosmetically. Bought many years ago by current owner's father. Original flat-head 4-cylinder performs flawlessly while the 3-speed transmission shifts smoothly. Tight, properly adjusted brakes. New custom-embroidered car cover and original crank included. Clean Washington, DC, title. Asking \$18,000 OBO. For more info or to arrange a test drive, call George at 703-969-1715.

1930 Model "A" 4-door phaeton needs good home. Solid body / but not bolted to frame. No seats - basic tops sockets as I recall. Right hand drive.....engine turns over with hand crank. USA gas tank (to convert back to left hand drive) included. No title was ever found when I bought this project - Must be moved by @ May 25th - bulldozers are getting into formation to create a new housing project. It is located in the Potomac, Maryland area, and I can take any interested folks to see it at any time they wish. \$2500. Reed Martin, Cabin John, Md. cell : [\(301\) 767-5703](tel:3017675703)

Selling a restored 1931 Model A pickup in settling an estate. All black. Good looker. Has not run in 3 years. Nice condition. Steel cab top. Not a show pickup due to cowl lights, chromed radiator shell, etc. Huckster top well built with roll down canvas sides. Wooden bed. No title. Some damage to right rear fender and minor abrasions elsewhere. Engine Number AA 2898571. Club member Clem Clement has seen the vehicle and has more photos. Asking \$18,000. Contact Robert Baden at [703-472-7999](tel:7034727999) or [rbaden@gmail.com](mailto:rbaden@gmail.com) if interested. See GWC website for a photo.

*Some of the above-listed cars are on the GWC website with accompanying photos.*

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## WANT ADS (Cont.)

### For Sale (Cont.)

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Model A News from 1978-1989 (mostly are complete sets by year). Only missing 3 magazines over all those years. Already sorted and divided by years. They are in like-new condition for free to a "good" home. Willing to make arrangements to deliver them if within a reasonable area or to your meeting site. Please contact Holly at: [nalex dolls@aol.com](mailto:nalex dolls@aol.com)

1929 Jim Beam Police Car decanter, unopened. Asking around \$110. Willing to make arrangements to deliver the item if within a reasonable area or to your meeting site. Let me know if you need any more information. Please contact Holly at: [nalex dolls@aol.com](mailto:nalex dolls@aol.com)

### Wanted

Desperate need of a front axle. 1928-1931 passenger car in excellent condition. Top price paid.

Thank you! Contact club member George at 703-969-1715 or [gsmolenyak@aol.com](mailto:gsmolenyak@aol.com) if you have one to sell.

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Milford Sprecher's wife and 81-year-old mother-in-law in the rumble seat of his roadster. It was his mother-in-law's first ride in one of his cars and she insisted on climbing into the rumble seat. Let's see if we can do that when we're 81!

## Sully Volunteer Statement

Fathers Day, Sunday June 21, 2015

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC is a big and active club, and running it takes money. Our primary moneymaker is our annual Fathers' Day car show at Sully Plantation. Volunteers - working 2 hours at a time - make this show work.

To get you working in the right area, please identify where you can help run the show by placing a check next to the committee(s) where you would like to work.

**Judging.** In this job, you'll see the best cars up close and personal. This is appearance judging, so don't be intimidated. If you like old cars (and you must!), I'll bet you'll love judging.

**Old Car Parking.** We need members for a couple of hours at a time to get the old cars parked where they need to be. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go!

**Registration.** This job will give you the opportunity to know the cars as they arrive for judging. Each car will have to get credentials from you to drive onto the field.

**Front Gate.** This is one of the most important jobs we have at Sully, because you have to direct the flow of cars at the main gate. With all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job.

**Flea Market.** This is the perfect job if you don't have enough fleas (and who does?) Getting the field laid out and marked is crucial to having a successful flea market. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job!

**Car Corral.** Park those wonderful "for sale" machines, and see if you can avoid buying one. This is a tough job if you have car-buying money just burning a hole in your pocket!

**Snow Cone Booth.** This is, undoubtedly, the BEST job on a hot Sully day. Work under shade surrounded by good folks and lots of ice... now that's cool!

**Information Booth.** This is our outreach to the public, and focal point about the details of the show. You'll get to talk to a lot of good folks, and, if you are on the first shift, watch all the Model As drive by on their way to their judging field.

**Trailer Parking.** Maybe the best kept secret job at Sully. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!

**Help Where Needed.** If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our meet chairman will work with his committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed.

Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474