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A quick run to the store for milk after the Blizzard of 2016



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GRAY WITH AN A



Progress

The elephants in the room have been recognized and your BOD is working hard to tame them.

We have begun discussions about how best to leverage technology both for making our BOD work more efficient and in helping our

Programs and Activities more robust. Greg Shepherd, our Membership Chair, has created a great looking advertising card for each of us to carry and share with those interested in our cars and in joining us. Greg will hand these out at our meetings beginning with this month's gathering on Feb 17.



We are now re-working our trifold handout so that when driving season arrives, we'll be prepared to inform our admirers about our cars. Jason Cunningham is doing a great job organizing our national parade participation, and Benny Leonard has a great plan to work with Jason to get folks involved in local parades as well.

John Leydon is working on arranging a tour of the James Monroe private estate of Oak Hill in Aldie, VA. We hope to have this be one of those joint events I mentioned last month –one where we invite other local clubs to join in our fun. We expect this tour will happen in the fall, like last year's very fun "No There There" tour. I'm already looking forward to that.

We've also received a very interesting invitation from the National Park Service to help them celebrate the 100th anniversary of our incredible national parks. Doug Tomb, our Activities Chair, is coordinating with the Park Service to arrange for our participation in some of the events that will be part of that year-long celebration.

And your BOD has rejoined the discussion about how best to manage our funds. In short, we're off to a very strong start.

A big part of a good start in the GWC is Bill Worsham's Sully report. I had the opportunity to attend the Sully kick-off meeting at the Sully Plantation on January 21. I listened as Bill Worsham's team laid out the groundwork for our upcoming Father's Day show with the representatives from the Sully Plantation staff.

We were reminded of the looming threat of bad weather before last year's show, yet also reminded of how successful the show had been in spite of that threat. In the July 2015 Script, I was guilty of a classic "Jumping To Conclusion" bias in reporting a truncated version of the minutes from our post-Sully BOD gathering. The consulting company I own – IO Gestalt, Inc. – was in the business advising organizations about the whole of their vulnerabilities. One of those areas we focused on was warning our clients about such JTC errors in judgement; I should have taken a page from my own assessment process. But I did not, and that was a mistake.

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GRAY WITH AN A (Cont.)

In psychology terminology, a JTC refers to judging a situation without having all the facts. Because I did not have all the facts, I made rash and unwarranted observations public when I reported on our BOD discussions in the July 2015 Ford Script. As I listened to the expansion of the reports on last year's show at the January 21 meeting, I was struck, again, by how unwarranted my reporting was. I was also simultaneously struck by the professionalism of Bill's team. We are indeed lucky to have Bill and his team continue to plan and execute the excellent show that is Sully. From Bill Benedict's registration process to Chief Judge Woody Williams' judging process, this committee has it all together. We should all be grateful for having this team continuing to support our GWC.

And therein lies the strength of this club: the dedication of its members. We may all be drawn together by a common interest in what is now an ancient automobile, but it is the people that make this club whole.

With that in mind, let's not forget that February is when we celebrate our past presidents. I'd like to offer a tip of the Boater to the 34 past presidents of the GWC: R.C. "Clem" Griffin; Charles M. Moltz; Robert Moore; Gerald Pendergrass; Donald Pope; Joseph Thoma; Bill Worsham; Bob Wild; Arthur Richmond; Wayne Parker; Gordon Sanford; John Dingle; Thomas Shaw; John Howell; Arthur Storer; Don Temple; Walt Bratton; Chuck Zierdt; Richard Dove; J. Peyton Randolph; Robert Harrington; Jerry Breedlove; Andy Pogan; Jim Cartmill; Millard Springer; Clem Clement; Chuck Manns; Stan Johnson; Jon Phillips; Woody Williams; Paul Gauthier; Tom Quigley; Charlene Beckner; and Doug Tomb. That we continue to gather as a club is testament to these individuals and those with whom they worked to keep making progress.

With driving season rapidly approaching, and plans underway for interesting programs and tours, we can collectively look forward to another great GWC year. We've parades, local flea markets and sister club car shows to attend in the next few months, but the apex of our year will once again be on Father's Day. I know exactly where I'll be this coming June 19... out there on the field again, for my 20th year as a judge. I look forward to working with Bill's team and to seeing each of you on the field as well.

Jim

FROM THE EDITOR

Of course the blizzard hit BEFORE I left for Florida instead of while I was down there, so I got to wield the snow shovel and curse my non-working snow blower. But I eventually did get down to the sunny South for a week of playing baseball with my grown children. I couldn't have been happier.

But now I'm back and looking forward to zipping my A out to Clem and Sandy's in a couple of weeks. I'm itching to put some miles on that engine so I can start really putting that overdrive to good use once spring gets here.

I think I've found someone to take up the slack for Jim in covering and writing up club events. Now I need a replacement for Chuck Kunstbeck to photograph club events for the Script. You don't have to formally notify me. Just start sending me what you take.

Bill Sims

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Joint Board of Directors Meeting January 9, 2016

Call to Order. The annual joint Old Board-New Board meeting of the board was called to order at 8:20 PM by Vice President James Kolody at the lovely home of Doug and Beverly Tomb in Falls Church, Virginia.

Attendance. Board Members present include, Doug Tomb, James Kolody, Jerry Olexson, Greg Shepherd Bruce Metcalf, Benny Leonard, Howard Minners, Milford Sprecher, Bill Sims and Stan Johnson. Absent were Jim Gray, Bill Worsham, and Tom Quigley due to illness and travel. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were published in *The Script*.

Treasurer's Report Jerry Olexson stated that he continues to work on the 2016 budget and requests all board members with anticipated expenditures in 2016 to provide an estimate of those expenses. The final close-out of the 2015 budget shows that the club ended up the year taking in slightly less than expected, but spending significantly less than was estimated in the budget, therefore increasing the savings account balance by about \$2,000. Jerry announced that Milford Sprecher will be the acting treasurer for February and March due to an out-of-town trip by the Olexsons.

Vice President Kolody asked for the following **Committee Reports:**

Activities. 2016 Activities Chairman Doug Tomb briefly listed the near-term events, including the Winter Indoor Swap meet at the club's January 20th meeting, the Cabin Fever Meet, Clement Train Day, Sugarloaf AACA Swap Meet and the CDC Breakfast meetings. He mentioned that Janet Merkel may not be able to host the Small Parts Day due to a schedule conflict and he invited ideas on other possible locations, if needed. Doug then opened the floor to discussion about other ideas for the coming year, both trips and local events. Some ideas included driving trips to the AACA museum near Hershey, PA; the Woodright shop in North Carolina (which has 6-hour seminars on subjects such as blacksmithing; East Broadtop Railroad Museum, Rockhill, PA, and the nearby Swigart Car Museum in Huntington, PA; Westmoreland State Park rustic cabins and tour of the Northern Neck, Montross, VA. Benny Leonard also suggested organizing small "retiree tours" of club members who could make day trips or overnight trips during the week to places like Orange County, Monticello, Highland County/Rockingham County Virginia, and Bedford–Appomattox, and the Martinsville-Danville-South Boston area of Southern Virginia. Another idea advanced was selecting an interesting restaurant as the objective for a daytime trip.

Programs. James Kolody discussed the programs planned for the coming year. The January 20th program will be the winter swap meet. Members should begin now reviewing and setting aside items they are willing to sell. The February meeting will be a session on adjusting the components of the Model A steering system. He plans a class on basic electricity and how to use a multimeter in diagnosing Model A electrical problems. Another topic being considered is the history of our club. James asked Board members to volunteer to present a program on a broad variety of Model A topics – Historical, Technical, Artistic, Humorous.

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FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

Membership Chairman Greg Shepherd reported good results for members submitting their dues for the coming year. Only 22 members have not renewed as of now. Shep handed out business-sized cards for use in promoting the club. Each member will be given a small supply to use when people ask about our cars or the club.

Editor Bill Sims announced that the deadline for the newsletter this month is Monday, February 1st.

National Club Liaison Chairman Howard Minners provided suggestions on attending the forthcoming MARC Meet, which will be held near Toledo, Ohio—a one-day drive from the DC area. Howard suggests that either before or after the National meet, a trip to the nearby Henry Ford complex at Dearborn – visiting the indoor museum and Greenfield Village, while staying in the historic Dearborn Inn. Also, the Model A Museum is only about 2 ½ hours from Toledo, so that a combination of attractions are available once you make the drive to Toledo.

Old Business

The group powder coating of wheels was discussed briefly with the response that it is still being planned and members who are interested should contact James Kolody.

Stan Johnson reported that he has received only one reply regarding the proposed bus trip to the Model A Ford Museum in Michigan. He will send out a broadcast email through Shep with a “reply-by” date to determine the level of interest.

New Business

Milford Sprecher suggested the Board consider holding some meetings on weekends to allow members like himself who travel during the workweek to attend. If such meetings were held at a member’s home, it would have the benefit of a garage tour and extended discussion on important topics.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35

Next Meeting

The Board will meet on January 27 at the Red, Hot and Blue restaurant in Fairfax – 6 PM for diners and 7 PM for meeting-only members.

Stan Johnson
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1991)

With not a whole lot of things to do in wintertime and itching for someplace to go, a parts meet at Dundalk, Md. would fill the bill for the upcoming weekend of March 9th. This meet later morphed into the Cambridge, Md., meet, which in turn has also morphed on away. Then, later in the month a club tour to Frederick, Md. for the indoor parts meet at the fairgrounds was in the works. It isn't there anymore either. And, in the President's Corner of the Ford Script, President Jerry Breedlove asked, "Why do we only have 25 to 30 Model A's attending our club activities with a membership of 250"? Well, weren't those the days....



The recent get together at Walt Bratton's for "overhaul day" went so well that a glowing report by an attendee was a feature article in the Ford Script. Excerpts from it follow: "I was driven to Walt Bratton's garage and was born again! In the garage many people were rebuilding parts. The carburetor people with Chuck Zierdt in charge looked really serious. The generator people were known for getting high on the spray paint fumes although Hank Marsh seemed to keep them under control. Andy Pogan was steering that group toward repairing steering boxes. Joe Krafft and Chuck Zierdt were seen in the laundry room playing in the water while claiming they were fixing something. I bet their wives wouldn't let them make a mess like that at home. I heard a strange comment, "I didn't know that car grease and donuts went so well together."

"One of the best things about the workshop was that I didn't have to sit for days on the operating table waiting for new parts. When the owners needed something, they went to Mr. Bratton's parts shop and got it immediately. This also helped in reassembly, because they remembered how to put their projects back together. Of course, if someone like Jim Cartmill forgot to bring his project with him, he could have used one of Clem Clement's six or seven distributors. Did he really think he could rebuild all of those in a day?

"I think everyone left feeling very good about their project. The technical helpers were real experts. People seemed to accomplish in a day what would take a month or more if they had been working by themselves. The best part seemed to be getting to know others better. Maybe next time we will see some children of members there learning to put together and repair parts. Now all the participants had to do was to go home and convince their families that they had been working really hard, and to hide their receipts".

Who was the attendee who penned this article? It was signed "The New Sparky Distributor"!
Dave Henderson

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REPORT FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board of Directors Meeting February 3, 2016

Call to Order. The January Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Jim Gray at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant Meeting Room in Fairfax, Virginia. (Note: A joint meeting of the old and new boards was held on January 9, 2016 with separate minutes).

Attendance. Board Members present included Jim Gray, Doug Tomb, James Kolody, Greg Shepherd, Bill Worsham, Benny Leonard, Howard Minners, Bill Sims and Stan Johnson. Absent were Jerry Olexson, Bruce Metcalf and Milford Sprecher due to illness and travel. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the January 9 meeting were distributed to board members and accepted by the board. They will be published in *The Script*.

Treasurer's Report Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Jerry Olexson, and Assistant Treasurer, Milford Sprecher, there was no Treasurer's report. However, Jerry Olexson had previously emailed all board members a proposed 2016 budget via email for the board members for review.

President Jim Gray asked for the following **Committee Reports:**

Sully Committee. Bill Worsham reviewed the current status of the planned 2016 Sully Antique Car show. His committee had a joint meeting with the Sully staff with good results. A Letter of Agreement regarding the responsibilities of each party is being prepared. The letter will include entrance fees based on age ranges. Two bands have been obtained, one is a Bluegrass and the other, an "upbeat" band to perform during the show. The Sully staff requested that cars remain until 3 PM so that late comers can enjoy the cars. The publicity and application brochures will be delivered to Bill in the March time frame.

Programs. Vice President James Kolody discussed upcoming programs and described other potential programs for the future. The February program will be on functioning, rebuilding and adjustment of Model A steering. He has obtained a copy of the Diablo A's DVD on the subject of steering and will use that as a reference. Benny Leonard will be assisting in the program. Also on the list of future programs will be a class on basic electricity and how they apply to a Model A Ford. In addition, James proposed the club consider having a Family & Fashion night at some point in the future. Stan Johnson suggested we ask Jim Spawn, editor of the MAFCA Restorer magazine to give the talk he has planned for the MAFCA meet this summer in Loveland, CO. Jim Gray pointed out that the club had an opportunity to rejuvenate the front end of Bob Warhurst's Model A, and perhaps could use that activity in a future program.

Activities. Activities Chairman Doug Tomb reported that he is surveying the local and regional scene to determine what activities are being planned in which our club might take part. In addition to known items like the joint and informal Caffeine Double Clutch with the V8 club, there is a host of automotive and mechanical shows and meets taking place in the spring for possible participation by our club members. A separate listing will be published in *The Script* for members to choose from including tool shows, petroleum equipment and AACA shows and swap meets. John Leydon has introduced the possibility of a club tour to Oak Hill, the home of James Monroe in Aldie, Virginia. This tour would be patterned after the Snickersville Tour last

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SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

fall. Also, the turnout at last year's Apple Butter Festival was low and we may defer participation this year if we have insufficient interest. Additional discussion was held on alternative plans for Saturday Parts Seminars, as a way to spread parts maintenance activity to several times a year. One idea proposed was to have multiple days in which a particular part was the feature (e.g., Carburetor Day) The National Park Service is celebrating the centennial of our incredible National Parks system. We have been invited to participate this celebration with a menu of options, including a police-escorted drive down the George Washington memorial Parkway; trips to the James Monroe private estate in Aldie, Virginia. This tour would be patterned after the Snickersville Tour last fall. Also, the turnout at last year's Apple Butter Festival was low and we may defer participation this year if we have insufficient interest. Additional discussion was held on alternative plans for Saturday Parts Seminars, as a way to spread parts maintenance activity to several times a year. One idea proposed was to have multiple days in which a particular part was the feature (e.g., Carburetor Day)

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Membership. Chairman Greg Shepherd reported that the list of people who have not paid their 2016 dues is down to about 15 people, and he will be calling each of them to remind them of the deadline. Failure to pay on time will result in deletion from the printed roster which will be coming up very soon. A brief discussion was held on the Sunshine reports and the need for permission if we are to announce illnesses and injuries to members. Greg plans to investigate having password entry into portions of the club website.

Editor Bill Sims announced that the deadline for the February issue was delayed until Sunday, Feb 7, and the March issue deadline will be Monday, February 29th. (Note: It will be four years until he can do that again.)

National Club Liaison Chairman Howard Minners provided information about the forthcoming MAFCA Meet in Loveland, Colorado. The city sits at the foot of the Rockies, just east of Estes Park. Many great driving opportunities will be available. He reminded that the MARC national meet will be held near Toledo, Ohio, a one day drive from the DC area. He also pointed out that the 7-9 April MARC Membership Meet in Flint, Michigan will not be impacted by the current water crisis there – the host hotel has its own water source.

Club Tool Chairman Benny Leonard designated two dates for volunteers to come to help with maintaining club tools and the club's storage shed. April 2 is the date for Tool Shed Cleanout and tool inventory and maintenance. The event will kick off at 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts. Also, to support a planned Sandblast Day, an effort is needed to maintain and tune-up the Club Compressor. That work is now scheduled for March 19, with the date of sandblasting selected

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SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Cont.)

after the compressor is fully operational. Note: People who work on the compressor will get priority status for sandblasting.)

Scholarship Chairman Tom Quigley addressed scholarship funding in the new budget stating that the proposed amount is left blank, which he will be the same amount available as last year, with the funds coming from reserve funds held by the club. The application forms are being reviewed for using in the coming selection process.

Tom Quigley had previously submitted an explanatory trifold flyer for use in explaining our club to people who make inquiries at events and public encounters. The concept was viewed favorably and will be fine-tuned and made ready for printing.

A recommendation was submitted regarding designating some club activity of event as a tribute to Joe Thoma, our club's originator who passed away recently. One suggestion was to name one of the scholarships in his name. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting.

Correspondence has been received from both MARC and MAFCA regarding renewing our affiliation with these fine organizations for the coming year.

A club member has suffered a serious loss of vision and could benefit from a large font edition of *The Script*. The President and Editor will look into the possible methods for achieving this.

Jim Cartmill, our MARC Driving Awards Coordinator, submitted the report he provided to MARC on our club members' participation for 2015. Look for that report in this month's *Script*.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Next Meeting

The board will meet on Wednesday, Feb 24 at the Red, Hot and Blue restaurant in Fairfax – 6 PM for diners and 7 PM for meeting-only members. Interested members are welcome.

Stan Johnson
Secretary



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MARC DRIVING PROGRAM AWARDS FOR 2015

The 2015 mileage report is noted below:

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Clem Clement	30 Cabriolet	13,716
Joe Curatola	31 Tudor	9,280
Paul Gauthier	30 Tudor	6,013
Paul Gauthier	30 Delux Fordor	4,362
Andy Jaeger	31 Pick Up	9,474
Andy Jaeger	30 Town Sedan	10,040
Chuck Kunstbeck	31 Delux Coupe	17,712
Benny Leonard	30 Tudor	16,083
Phil McCormick	30 Tudor	5,760
Tom Quigley	30 Roadster	12,584
Tom Quigley	31 Victoria	4,099
Bill Sims	31 Town Sedan	15,086
Milford Sprecher	30 Town Sedan	1,982
Milford Sprecher	28 Roadster	961
Millard Springer	31 Cabriolet	20,405
Woody Williams	31 Pick Up	305

Based on these mileages we have two awards pending for 2015; Bill Sims's 31 Town Sedan, Flame, is due the 15,000-mile award and the Cartmills' 31 Tudor, Cricket, is due her 35,000-mile award.

The driving 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. Dick Fisher, the National MARC Driving Program 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.

If you're planning on going to any of the MARC National Meets this year (or MAFCA meets — miles are miles) or just participating in Club events, why not make your miles count by joining in the MARC Driving 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 a 5,000-mile award then 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 and the necessary forms on the MARC Web Site.

Cricket is planning on taking Carol and me up to New York in September for the Hudson Valley Region's National Tour, "*A*" *Tour along the Hudson*. Join the program and join us in counting miles.

Jim Cartmill

THE BROWN BAG AFFAIR – DECEMBER 16, 2015

Does it seem as long ago to you as it does to me? Yet I'm still going through the books I got, and still trying to decide if I'll ever be able to part with them... books. It's an issue for me; I must own 1,000 or more. But that's another story.



Things get going with meeting and greeting and checking out the loot. Kathie Gray and Janet Merkel exchange a hug, while Dave Henderson and Sharon Leonard try to decide where to stash their brown-bagged gifts.



Finally it was time for President Doug to bring down the gavel and get the games going.



Past President Charlene, thinking she can do better, goes "shopping" for an exchange

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THE BROWN BAG AFFAIR (Cont.)



Our own Bird(house) man of Leesburg ponders his find.



Later, Jean Henderson un-bagged what may have been the best prize of the evening – a complete elf kit. Jean wore it well!



Past President Jim Cartmill was heard to mutter: "Oh boy... another thing..." Knowing Jim as I do, I imagine whatever thing he pulls out of a



hat or a bag will be put to good use. Rande Young was at first dismayed to find she was not allowed to draw from the "guys" table. We'll fix that next year – bring a guy gift, draw from the guy's table! But after all was said and done, she found her tall nutcracker to be just fine.

All who attended seemed to have a grand time once again. I imagine the planning for what to bring next year has already begun... at least those who didn't score a Jim Cross Blue Bird House certainly hope so.

Jim Gray

IT'S AN "A" KIND OF DAY

Every year we're selected to participate in three national parades down Constitution Avenue. I'd like to urge you to consider joining me on April 16 for the Cherry Blossom Parade. Driving in these parades is always a highlight in my year. Why? Let me explain.

There is simply no experience quite like participating in a DC Parade. Driving down in the cool early morning. The last vestiges of winter add a crisp, clean snap to the air while the sun dutifully pushes back the cold and seems to promise heat by parade time – if we can just hold out a little longer. Besides, the jolt of cold air rushing around the windshield of my roadster is a more effective caffeine than the steaming thermoses of coffee we bring with us.

The melodic chugging of the engine offers its consistent puffs of warmth, which seem to seep through the floor before being whisked away. It is always accompanied by the faint, comforting smell of oil, exhaust, and hot metal – that indefinable “old car” smell that not even mothballs can stifle.

This 85-year-old car offers my passengers and me a front-row seat to the grandeur of our nation's capital. As we chug, squeak and rattle our way through the sleepy streets of Washington, D.C., the brilliant, sun-soaked monuments loom over us.

With hours to go before parade time, the mobs have not yet stirred and all is peace and quiet. As we get closer, we begin to see signs of life. We pass a policeman setting up cones, who looks up briefly to smile appreciatively at the car. We wave to him and he waves back.

We pass two pink-clad baton twirlers tightly grasping Starbucks cups, who see the car and immediately flash bright smiles. They will be part of a marching band a few groups ahead of us.

As we approach our staging area, we pass a group of dozens of “Cherry Blossom” dancers – ladies of all different ages, shapes and sizes all wearing huge pink hoop skirts and matching parasols ready to dance their way down Constitution Avenue.

Once parked, I have the opportunity to soak in all these fantastic sights and experiences. I'm so glad I get to share these small moments with friends and family members who rotate through my rumble seat. It's a rare opportunity to join with thousands of folks from around the country, on America's stage, to celebrate one of D.C.'s highlights – the cherry blossoms - and represent our country's proud motoring heritage.

I hope you'll join me this year. We usually get between 6 and 8 cars, but I would love to see this number grow. It's a great opportunity showcase our hobby and delight thousands of people. Don't go it alone! Invite friends, family members, grandkids or neighbors. I promise you they'll be delighted.

To join the fun, simply complete and return the release form for yourself, and each person you're bringing with you.

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IT'S AN "A" KIND OF DAY (Cont.)

You can download the form for adults here:

<http://www.gwcmoela.org/docs/2016AdultParadeParticipantRelease.pdf>

or kids here:

<http://www.gwcmoela.org/docs/2016MinorParadeParticipantRelease.pdf>

Email me the completed form at jicunningham@gmail.com or mail it to me at 9812 Dellcastle Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Forms are due to me by March 9. See you on April 16!

Jason Cunningham

CAFFINE DOUBLE CLUTCH (CDC) BREAKFAST THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

The next CDC is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 10– 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.

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One month left (**Feb 29th** is the last day) to renew your membership for 2016. We only have about 15 people outstanding. The cost is the same as previous years: \$20 for members with email and \$30 for those without. The membership application that can be used for renewal is below. Please print out and indicate in the application form any changes to your info (phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc...) when you mail the check in. Also included in the Script is the Sully sign-up sheet for 2016. You can print and fill this out to include with your renewal check. Please make the check out to 'GWC Inc.' and send them to:

Greg Shepherd (GWC Membership Chair)
3715 Brices Ford Ct
Fairfax, VA 22033

George Washington Chapter Inc. Model 'A' Ford Club Application

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For members with email the dues are \$20.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31st = \$15.00, Joining after June 30th = \$10.00, Joining after September 30th = \$5.00. This is the preferred way as it helps on club costs as well as emails are sent about club events, invitations and other related activities.

For members without email the dues are \$30.00 per year but are prorated over the year: Joining after March 31st = \$22.50, Joining after June 30th = \$15.00, Joining after September 30th = \$7.50.

Please visit us at: www.gwcmodela.org

Any questions can be directed to our membership chair Greg Shepherd at 703-476-6496

Send check payable to the GWC and completed application to:
GWC – Membership Chair
3715 Brices Ford Ct
Fairfax, VA 22033



YOU ARE INVITED
TO OLD CAR AND TRAIN DAY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2016

12-5 PM

AT

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Bring your significant other, kids, parents, and any other train, antique or old car lovers to join in the fun and fellowship of antique trains and old cars.

Weather permitting, additional antique cars may join us. New additions to the antique train collection are on display and some trains are under power. Bring "show and tell" trains, if you like, and we'll try to run them. If you have trains to be repaired, this is a good time to drop them off.

A favorite appetizer, finger food or dessert brought for sharing would be gratefully appreciated.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 66 West to Exit 55, VA 286 (old Route 7100) South to Braddock Road. Turn right toward Clifton/Centreville. Turn left at the traffic light onto Colchester Road and go 2.2 miles. Cross Popes Head Road (Church on corner), turn left on Saddlehorn Drive (Through the brick entranceway into Colchester Hunt Village.) Second right is Gary Hill Drive. We are the first house on the left.

Alternate route: Take Braddock Road West off the 495 Beltway. Travel west about 15 miles, cross under Fairfax Parkway and turn left at the traffic light onto Colchester Road and continue as above.

See you on Train and Old Car Day!

Sandy and Clem Clement
Ph. (703) 830-5597 C (571)-239-1701
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FREE MAFFI MEMBERSHIP

MAFFI is starting a free membership program for one young person (under 21) from each local Model A Club. Membership includes the quarterly MAFFI newsletter sent by email, an iron-on museum patch for jacket or cap and one year FREE admission to the Model A Ford Museum and the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan.

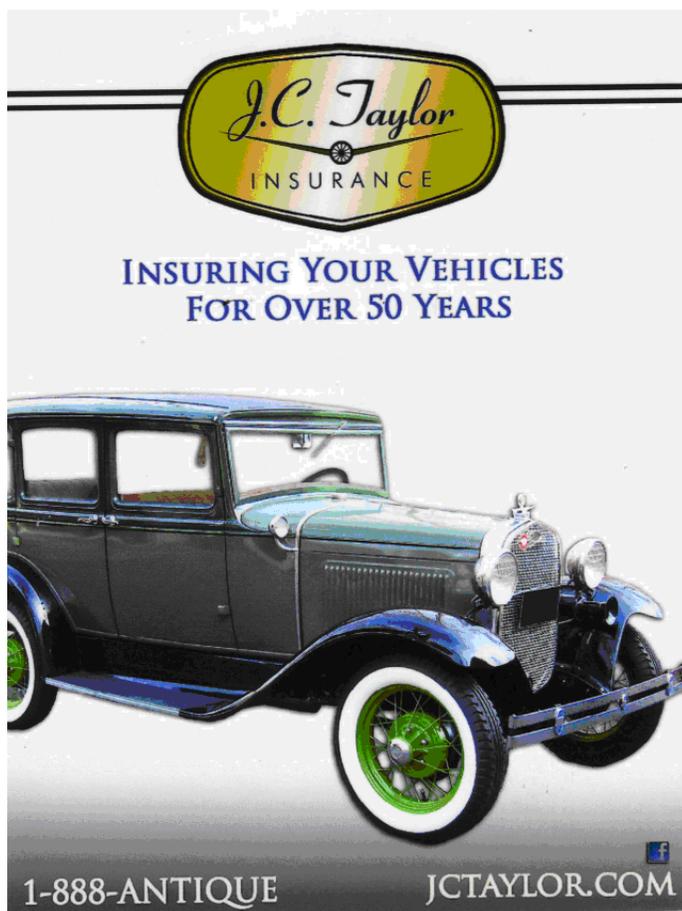
Check www.maffi.org and click on “**Become a Member**” for more information and the application or contact your club's MAFFI liaison. This offer is good through 2016 for a year from the date the application is received and is limited to one free membership per club.

SULLY 2016 - JUNE 19TH

Plans are now in full swing for our 43rd car show at Sully Plantation on June 19th. We will need the help of every club member to make this show a success. Please plan to sign up to help at the next meeting on February 17th. Those who do will receive a free car registration or discount on a flea market space or four gate passes for the show.

Remember the key words this year: See ya at Sully

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COMING EVENTS

[Club events are in bold]

February

Feb. 10 (Wednesday) CDC 9:30 – 11:30 at the Fairfax Silver Diner at the intersection of West Ox Road and Fair Lakes Parkway (12251 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Feb. 17 (Wednesday) Monthly general membership meeting.

Feb. 21 (Sunday) Old Car & Train Day at the Clements'. Noon – 5:00 PM. More info in next month's Script.

March

March 12 Patina Tool show and Auction, Damascus, MD.
<http://www.patinatools.org/auctioninfo.asp>;

March 12, 2015: AACA Parts meet, Howard County fairgrounds,
MD <http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/calendars/craaca/default.html>

March 12, 2015: 18th annual Mason Dixon Gas Automobilia and Petroliana swap Meet,
Frederick Fairgrounds, MD http://www.oldgas.com/pp_swaps.htm

March 16 (Wednesday) Monthly general membership meeting.

March 25 & 26 (Friday & Saturday) Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA 46th Annual Indoor/Outdoor Antique & Classic auto Parts & Swap Meet. Carroll County Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD. Doors open at 8:00 both days.

March 27, 2015: AACA South Jersey Car Parts meet (COWTOWN)

Be sure to check the GWC web site for updates to this list: <http://www.gwcmodela.org/>

Jim Gray
Activities Chair

WANT ADS

For Sale

A 1929 Model A Sport Coupe. Has a rumble seat. Brown and cream and wheels are black. Must be sold soon. Contact James Bissell at [541-961-1066](tel:541-961-1066). If interested. Full details and pictures are on our website at: <http://www.gwcmodela.org/classifieds.asp>

Wanted

Fully restored Cabriolet. Doesn't have time for big project. Fully restored with 100% Model A Cabriolet parts on it. No make-shift parts. Contact Randy Young at 703-475-8317 or at ry5058@gmail.com

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Sully Volunteer Statement

June 19, 2016

Please send completed form with dues to Greg Shepherd or send the form only to Bill Worsham (addresses below).

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

The George Washington Chapter, MAFCA / Mount Vernon Region, MARC primary fundraiser is our annual Fathers' Day antique car show at the Historic Sully Site. Club members are asked to commit and volunteer two hours to make this show a success. From the list below, please identify where you can help 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. If you like old cars, I'll bet you'll love judging. Training will be provided at a general membership meeting prior to the show.

___ **Show Car Parking** - We need help to get the show cars parked where they need to be. This includes set up of the show field on Friday prior to the show and/or helping park show cars on the day of the show. You'll see the best cars as they enter the judging field, and you'll get to tell them where to go! I can help Friday ___, I can help Sunday ___, or I can help both days ___.

___ **Registration** - This job will give you the opportunity to see the show cars as they arrive for the show. Each car will have to get their registration packets from you to drive onto the show field.

___ **Front Gate and Trailer Parking** - This is one of the most important jobs at Sully show. You will direct the flow of cars at the main gate and with all the great looking cars arriving, time moves fast at this job. The trailers bring in the real gems to the show. Get them parked and see them first!

___ **Flea Market** - Getting the field laid out and marked off prior to the show is crucial to having a successful flea market. Also help is needed on the day of show to ensure vendors are in their designated spots. So what if you're the first to know where the best deals are? It's your job! I can help Friday ___, I can help Sunday ___, or I can help both days ___.

___ **Car Corral** - Help participants by showing them where to 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 lots of ice, flavorings and water ... 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.

___ **Sully Pin Sales** - You will sell current and past years collectible Sully pins at the show. These pins are unique because they honor a club member.

___ **Help Where Needed** - If you're not sure where you want to help, mark this choice. Our "Help Where Needed" chairman will work with committee chairs to put you to work where you are most needed. You will be contacted with regard to your assignment prior to the show.

Questions? Call our Annual Meet Chairman, Bill Worsham at 703-250-5474. Send completed form with your dues to Greg Shepherd, 3715 Brices Ford Ct., Fairfax VA 22033 or send form only to Bill Worsham, 3903 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030