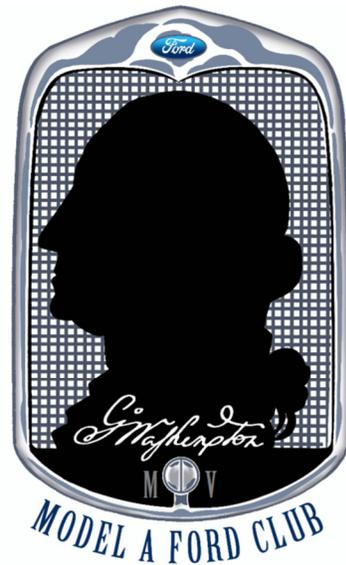


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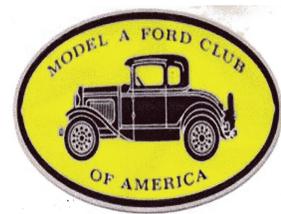
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**Next deadline: Monday, April 30th**



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

It is now April. I am not sure how it sneaked up on me, but I am adjusting to the warmer temperatures and chances to drive the Model A without too much of a chill to endure. It's great! The Club is doing a lot to posture ourselves for upcoming events. This month the major event is the Cherry Blossom Parade and small parts day. Regrettably, the number of cars the parade planners allow is limited, so look for opportunities to team up with other members to drive to some of many of the local sights. If you have an idea of an impromptu tour or gathering, merely contact Greg Shepherd, who can send out a message to our members seeking participation.

Much of the effort in planning for future events is consumed by the Sully Father's Day event, which is progressing. This is our Club's major event of each year. According to Bill Worsham and Jim Gray, there are many modifications and changes to the historic site that will impact the event. They are dealing with these changes, so plan on assisting or attending or both.

Benny Leonard and his able assistants are preparing the Club demonstration engine for Sully. It will show details of the mechanical features of the car and it will show the proper techniques needed to start and operate the engine. Bruce Metcalf and his team are putting a new tank on the Club compressor so that we can show how this unique Model A engine operates compressed air-powered equipment.

Finally, I would like to ask for help in planning and conducting activities. Jason Cunningham is doing a fabulous job in coordinating and planning events. However, he can use some help. So, if you have an idea of an event that we can participate in as a Club and want to help make it happen, raise your hand. This way, we can spread the effort and make light work of these fun outings and events. We seek your involvement and your ideas!

Next month, on the weekend of 19 May, we look forward to a chance to show off the Model A at the Oak Hill Tour and Picnic being planned by John Leydon. This is a rare chance to see a presidential home that is not often open to the public. See the GWC Model A web site for details.

Happy motoring (even if it is in your imagination),

Tom Quigley

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

The outing to the Secret Service training facility was quite a trip—especially being treated to a run through their driver testing course. Going from 0 to 90 in seconds kind of takes your breath away. And all the work they did on those Presidential limos. 600-pound doors—really? Plus, we spotted agents training in city combat tactics while we drove around. Quite an experience.

## FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

GWC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018



The GWC March Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Tom Quigley at the Red, Hot & Blue restaurant in Fairfax, VA.

Attendance: Jason Cunningham (by conference call), Stan Johnson, James Kolody, Benny Leonard, Jamie Lucas, Bruce Metcalf, Tom Quigley, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims, Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb and Bill Worsham. Sully Chief Judge Jim Gray also attended. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the February BOD meeting were approved and published in the March Script.

President's Report: President Tom Quigley opened the meeting by stating that severe weather caused us to cancel the March Monthly Meeting last week.

Tom gave a status of the proposal for upgrading the large screen TV at the American Legion Monthly Meeting space. He has been in touch with the American Legion, and they are very much in favor of our upgrade proposal. This would allow the Club to have better Program presentations during the Monthly Meetings. Tom will give us an update at the next meeting.

Vice President.— Stan Johnson - Programs:

- The April program will be on Steering wheel repair, and the repair of the Model A dash board, given by James, Benny and Stan.
  - The May Monthly Meeting will be the last Club meeting before Sully. Stan would like to have the program focus on the history of the Club's Sully Show. Bill Worsham and Jim Gray offered to put together a multimedia presentation on the history of the GWC Show at Sully.
  - The July Swap Meet outdoor program will be an ice cream social, with pie and ice cream. Plan to drive your Model A, and bring parts to sell.
  - Future programs will include wheel straightening, the complete restoration of Benny's coupe, as well as a presentation on the Model A Ford during Prohibition.
  - Benny also suggested that we have another wheel straightening session using the Club wheel straightener, and a program devoted to painting tips and techniques, with a later hands on session at a restoration shop or a Club members garage.
  - Also suggested were gas tank restoration, and how to evaluate a Model A Ford for purchase.
- Stay tuned.

Secretary's Report:

- Doug is the acting Secretary until a permanent Secretary is found.

Treasurer's Report – Doug Tomb:

- Doug reported that all the Club bills are current, or in process.
- Doug reported on the latest budget figures, with the current bank balance as of 03/28/18 is \$40,127.61. We are slightly negative for the year, at this point.

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

- The budget voted on by the Board at the February Board Meeting will be presented to the membership at the April Monthly Meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

President Tom asked for the following Committee Reports:

Annual Sully Meet Chairman – Bill Worsham:

- Bill reported that the Sully pin for this year will feature a paddy wagon.
- The plaques for the Sully presentations are ready.
- Bill reported that all of the other arrangements are on track for this year.
- Jim Gray reported that the Sully Committee will make another visit to Sully to discuss any further arrangements that are needed. A credit card processing machine will be available at the gate, and an ATM cash machine will be available on site. This will hopefully help attendance, and flea market sales.
- As the Sully Chief Judge, Jim reported that there will be 40 judged classes at Sully this year. 121 trophies have been ordered. This is a larger field of judged cars than in recent years. Judges will be needed to help judge all the cars, so the membership needs to step up to help out.

Activities Chairman-- Jason Cunningham:

- Jason said the special visit to the Secret Service driving track was full, and was ready to go. The special visit is open to only 13 participants, and the spaces filled quickly.
- Jason is planning a return visit to Kent Island, and to the Lindberg plane. The trip dates are being worked out, but likely dates are either May, or in the Fall.
- The Cherry Blossom Parade is Saturday, April 14th. The packets will be mailed in a few days.
- Small Parts Day will be held this year at Benny Leonard's garage. We have the use of his garage and shop, and this will be combined with Sand Blast Day. The date for Small Parts Day will be Sunday, April 15th. Details will be announced.
- There is also a possible visit to Annapolis, MD. Milford and Jason are working out the details, so stay tuned.
- The Club visit to Oak Hill, President Madison's estate in Aldie, is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th. It is open to 60 vehicles. Participants MUST DRIVE a Model A Ford to gain entrance. NO EXCEPTIONS. Get that Model A ready, or you will not be allowed to enter! The Club will organize Model A Ford Car Pooling, if needed.
- Jason is working on other tours as well. One is a possible Skyline Drive tour in the Fall
- Jason stated that Club members are needed to volunteer to help out on the Jaeger Picnic, the Warhurst Picnic, and the Christmas Party. We need ladies gift ideas for the Christmas Party, and volunteers to find them.
- The Club needs the membership to step up to help on these activities to spread the workload around, and to make them more enjoyable for all.

Membership Chairman / Webmaster – Greg Shepherd:

- Greg highlighted that this is a Club Roster year, so get that membership money in so you are included in the Roster.

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

- Greg will add a Buyer/ Seller checkout list for evaluating a Model A to this year's Roster.
- A portable speaker phone was suggested to be purchased to make dial-in more reliable for future Club Board meetings. The Board voted to approve a purchase. Greg will research battery powered phones available on the market, and make a recommendation to the Board.
- Greg is still contacting a few members who are late in getting their Club dues in.

### Editor – Bill Sims:

- Bill said that the April Script deadline is April 2nd.
- Bill is always looking for articles from the membership, so get those to him. Pictures are needed too.

### National Club Liaison – Jamie Lucas – MARC, MAFCA and MAFFI:

- Jamie highlighted that the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore has an excellent display on how to start a Model A Ford. It is worth a visit.

### Property Manager – Benny Leonard:

- Benny reported that Small Parts Day will be held at his garage and shop this year. He suggested that wheel straightening and sand blasting could be done. The date for Small Parts Day is Sunday, April 15th.
- Benny also reported that he will announce the Club Sully sign preparation day, for some time later in the Spring.

### Youth Development - James Kolody:

- James said the Scholarship Application is on the Club website. He has not received any completed applications yet. The deadline is May 15th for submissions, so candidates should get them in.
- James noted that the scholarships are for those attending college, junior college, or a technical school.
- James noted that Thursday, April 5th, there will be a Soap Box Derby competition at his school, and Model A Fords are most welcome. Details will be sent via email announcement to the membership. Plan to bring your Model A for display to the students.

## **Old Business**

Tom and Stan showed the updated Club logo. A request was made at the February Monthly Meeting for the logo to reflect the Club history with the Mount Vernon Region as part of our name.

- There is an interesting history of the GWC and the Mount Vernon Region dating back to 1978.
- Stan asked if we could include the Mount Vernon Region initials in the Club logo. A motion was made, and seconded, and this was approved by the Board. The change will be shown to the membership at the Monthly Meeting in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Doug Tomb,  
Acting Secretary

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1993)



April found us not at our usual meeting place, but rather at the K of C hall in Arlington, rented for a revival of an old favorite, "Family Night", a pot luck dinner. Members were each asked to bring a dish to serve 8 to 10 people (really? Were we chow hounds or what?) and it was pointed out that there would be nothing available to heat food, "so please keep that in mind in deciding what to bring." Entertainment was by Feather the Clown, and the Club provided drinks and utensils.

At the MARC Membership Meeting just held, President Andy Pogan signed on to head up development of judging standards and procedures for a Touring Class to be judged at MARC meets. MAFCA already had Touring and Modified classes.

Numerous GWC'ers participated in modelling era fashions at the MARC meet. Included were Rickie and Shelley Beardmore, Gretchen Minners, Jim and Emily Scheidel, Nancy Pearl, Carol Benedict, Kristi and Megan Sawyer, Karen Mauck, and Daria Pogan. Members were asked if they would be interested in forming a Club era fashions group, and if so, a get together could be arranged.

Jim Cartmill wrote of his and Carol's trip to Annapolis to attend the MARC Membership Meeting, which courageously had been hosted by the Southern Maryland group, consisting of only 33 members. Thanks went out to Janet Sawyer, the Meet Chairman, and Fred Morse, the chapter President, and all the members of the Southern Maryland club, some of whom are also members of our chapter. The Ford Script, edited by Joe Krafft, Val Zadnik, and Ellen Deason, received the Continuing Excellence Award.

Robert Mechner had the opportunity to interview Mr. Roger B. White, who was the specialist for the Division of Transportation at the National Museum of American History. The museum owned about 175 vehicles of all types, including trucks, bicycles, carriages and motorcycles, in addition to automobiles. They began acquiring cars in 1899, while collecting other vehicles that preceded that. An automobile exhibit was begun in the '20's or earlier.

Mr. White explained why the museum's Model A, which had been shown for about 10 years, was not on display. After a renovation, some new choices were made, and emphasis was placed on developing the evolution of the automobile body from the topless runabout to the folding top to the sedan to the station wagon, to name a few body styles. Their Model A was a roadster, and it was felt that a sedan represented the period a lot better. He went on to say that "it doesn't mean that we think the Model A is not an important automobile. There is just limited space in the hall and we can display only about a dozen cars".

Dave Henderson

## **SULLY 2018**

Plans are in full swing for our annual car show and flea market at Sully plantation on June 17th. 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 and at the end of this newsletter. Sully precedes the June meeting, so there are only 2 more opportunities to sign up. 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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## GWC PROGRAMS, SPRING 2018

At the board meeting on March 28, the board approved the following topics for the presentations at the Club meetings in April, May, June and July.

April - **Steering Wheels and Instruments.** Small Parts Day (and maybe Sandblast Day) Sunday, April 15, at Benny and Sharon Leonard's garage .

The April meeting program will be Steering Wheels and Instruments. Tom Quigley will demonstrate the restoration of steering wheels, making an old cracked discolored steering wheel look like new. Benny Leonard and others will demonstrate the use of the ampere gauge and multimeter to diagnose problems. Also use of vacuum gauge, compression gauge, torque wrench and other common garage tools. This meeting will increase your IQ (Instrument Quotient).

May – **Car Show Background.** This is a year in which the Sully Car Show occurs before the June meeting; therefore, the final coordination and preparation of the membership will take place at the May meeting. The meeting will feature the History of the Annual Car Show by Bill Worsham and others, history of the Sully (Plantation) Historic Site, opportunity to volunteer for job assignments, and an outdoor class on judging philosophy and techniques.

June – **Wheels and Tires.** With the Sully Car Show behind us, we will return to car restoration topics with a program on Wheels and Tires. Benny Leonard will discuss proper usage of the Club's wheel-straightening machine and spoke repair. In addition, the overall topic of selecting, rejecting, cleaning, straightening, and painting (or powder coating) of wheels will be covered. Also, there will be a discussion of available tires on the market for Model A's.

July – **Pie and Parts.** An outdoor evening of "Hanging Out" with apple pie a la mode, conversation, and tables of parts presented by members. Parts offers can be small—one or two items—or a large layout on a table, trailer, or pickup bed. Take your time, talk to fellow members, ask questions, eat pie and ice cream.

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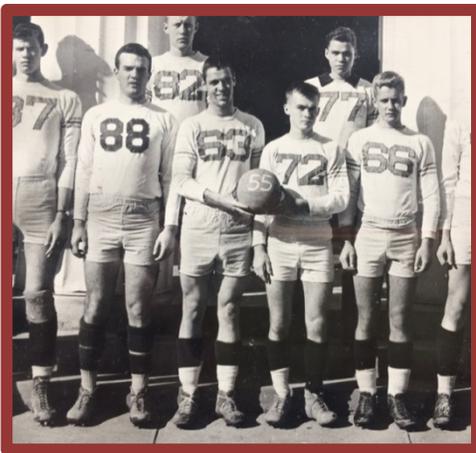
1936-2018

by John Leydon

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, we lost our friend Sewall Tyler, who died from complications of a stroke suffered late in February. A family friend, who knew Sewall's days were numbered, hand-built a coffin he thought Sewall might like and his son, Thomas, and some friends loaded it—with Sewall inside—into the bed of his beloved 1930 'A' Pickup for one last ride around his Middleburg farm.



Sewall would have loved it! ... and so, fittingly, closed the chapter on a man who may well have been one of the longest continuous 'A'-owners in the George Washington Chapter of MAFCA/MARC, having owned and driven Model 'A's all his life from his teen years on. Sometimes I think Sewall was *born* in a Model 'A'.



We all knew Sewall as that devoted member who never let his deafness deflect for a moment his enthusiasm for our hobby and the many enjoyments our little club had to offer ... picnics, meetings, Sully Plantation shows, winery tours, *et al*, and we will miss him. But I wonder if other members knew how versatile Sewall was in other aspects of his life ... his academic and athletic accomplishments at the Hill School and Episcopal in Alexandria, his captancy of the soccer team there before enrollment at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (yep, that's Sewall - #63! ... one of three sports, including baseball and football, in which he lettered) and his BA degree from Bridgewater before starting his professional career with Purina and Southern States. (His son, Ken, flags

Sewall as an unwavering "life-long and long-suffering Redskins fan"!"). As Model 'A' enthusiasts, we knew of Sewall's woodworking from the beautiful tool boxes and shift knobs we bought from him (and received as presents from him) over the years, but the range of crafts Sewall - as a master woodworker - could and did produce were not only exquisite but prolific. Lucky you, if you ended up with one when you had the chance.

Yes, space in *The Script* is limited, but it would be remiss to close without mentioning Sewall's willingness anytime, anywhere to come to the rescue of any of us needing a hand with our buggies. There's many an 'A' still on the road because Sewall took the time to come over and get it up and running. Thanks, Sewall.

To his wife, Nancy, his sons Ken, Richard and Thomas ... and his grandkids: Jordan, Logan and JT, the Club extends its kind wishes, sympathy and fond memories.

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A short remembrance for Sewall Tyler will be held from 2-5 p.m. at the Stoke Farm in Middleburg/Aldie on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. For anyone who might like to come – or add this catered event to a Sunday drive in the country (‘A’s or Modern) - John Leydon will open up his “Man Cave” in Aldie for coffee and pit-stops from noon on, and lead anyone arriving over to the Stoke Horse Farm and Stables nearby. Contact John at:

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Website Report

Photos posted on the website for the clubs recent Secret Service trip:

<http://www.gwcmodela.com/photogallery/2018SecretService/index.html>

The memorial for the recently passed Sewall Tyler (1936-2018) was posted:

<http://www.gwcmodela.com/inmemory.asp>



### Membership Report

I'll be finalizing the Club roster for printing in the next month. Please contact me with any updated information before it gets sent to the printer. Contact me at: [Shepman@gmail.com](mailto:Shepman@gmail.com) with any corrections.

And the board finalized the Club logo! The logo we have now for anybody to use when creating Club shirts, banners and the me for details.



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## 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN REGION AACA WESTMINSTER SHOW

One of the highlights of the early flea market year is the Sugarloaf Region, AACA show at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, MD. This show was run for years by our fellow GWC member Bob Clubb with able assistance from Dan and Donna Lyon. This year, however, it was different. Neither Bob nor the Lyons were on the scene... but the show went on under the able leadership of Jack Gallagher.

The show ran Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26 this year. We went on Friday to the wonderful 52,200 square foot heated Ag Center building with lots of parking. Dick Johns, Benny Leonard, Clem and I left Clem's at 6:30 a.m. and arrived at the show right at 8:00 a.m.

We met up with the NVRG club; and Dave Gunnarson had us gather together for a picture. From left to right, we are: Joe Freund, Steve Groves, Dick Johns, Bill Simon, Benny Leonard, Jim Cross, Ken Burns, Clem Clement, Tank Edwards, Bruce Metcalf, Bill Selley, Jim Gray, Hank DuBois, Dave Gunnarson. Not pictured: John Ryan, Jim Crawford, Mike Prater, Luke Chaplin, and Tom Terko.

Model A parts were few and far between, although I did find a carb and a starter that could both



be of use. I also found a fine eagle weather vane that needed a new home atop my shed.



We headed off to Maggie's for a sandwich and a beer. We got there before they opened, but since we looked old and had money, the owner let us in to sit with our collective best girl, the buffalo beer gal riding "saddle-less side-saddle" atop a running buffalo.

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## **AACA WESTMINSTER SHOW (Cont.)**

Jim Cross had the best story of the day. He told of shooting squirrels from the second floor of the Sully mansion when he was 6 years old. The building was abandoned, and the “Model A lawn” had many walnut trees growing in it. There were no major roads anywhere near the place, so it was literally out in the wilderness at the time.

Clem decided we needed to stop for ice cream on our way out of town. We then headed off to Bratton’s for a few parts for the club engine.

Jim Gray

## **MEMBERS TOUR THE SECRET SERVICE’S EVASIVE DRIVING TRAINING FACILITY**

On Thursday morning, March 29, 13 members from our Club gathered in the parking lot at the Laurel Chick-Fil-A. This was the pre-arranged meeting place where we would pile into two large SUVs and head to the James J. Rowley Training center a few minutes away. The group included Jim Gray, Clem Clement, Greg Shepherd, Jason Cunningham, Luke Chaplin, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Philip Kania, Benny Leonard, Jim and Connie Baker and Bill Sims.

In true Presidential Motorcade style, we piled into Luke’s and Clem’s SUVs and headed out. On-route, we received an intelligence report that there was the threat of construction traffic on the Baltimore Washington Parkway. We quickly found an alternative route and arrived promptly at the training center’s gates, where we met fellow member and retired Secret Service man Jerry Bechtle (our point of contact with the Secret Service) and with him, members Bud Pratsch and Dick Javins.

In well-planned secret service style, our tour was neatly arranged. We were escorted to reserved parking spots directly across from a waiting bus. Our tour guide throughout most of the day was Don Long, who oversees training at the facility. He treated us to a “windshield tour” of a portion of the campus, which covers more than 500 acres. They were very kind to show us some of the highlights.



Our first stop was the Secret Service’s version of “Hogan’s Alley” – a mock city street where urban warfare training is conducted. They had a row of buildings on either side of a road with parked cars and mailboxes. It was even jokingly pointed out that they had a pay phone.

One of the interesting things about this portion of the tour was seeing much of the training in session. These weren’t empty facilities, but real ‘classrooms’ with real students at work training for every possible scenario they might encounter. It was fascinating!

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## SECRET SERVICE'S EVASIVE DRIVING TRAINING FACILITY (Cont.)

The next stop was at a retired Marine One helicopter and the front end of a retired Air Force One. Both retired presidential transports were actively used to train recruits for the presidential detail. Clem and I naturally put on Presidential airs and posed for a photograph at Air Force One.



After that, Joel Kennedy, motorcycle training lead and our bus driver for the day, drove us to limousine garage and museum, where they had several retired presidential limousines, the oldest dating from the Reagan administration.



Our host for this section of the tour was Bob Diehl, the technical expert who works closely with General Motors to design and build each generation of limousines. He has been with the Secret Service for 41 years and was the proud care taker of each limousine in his charge.

Perhaps the most unique car in the collection was the 1984 Cadillac Convertible limousine, which they call a "formal follow up" because it was intended to be a support vehicle to the president's car, not carry the President himself. It was the last convertible Presidential motorcade vehicle ever built. Our guide shared a story about how Jay Leno offered to buy it during his tour of the facility.



After a thorough tour of the collection, we headed next to the track where trained agents in matching Secret Service cars were ready to launch us through a course marked by cones. We completed J-turns, and various other evasive maneuvers at 80-90 MPH. It was an exhilarating and potentially terrifying experience.



Both cars completed all the maneuvers in unison, like synchronized swimmers, only with cars. It was spectacular to watch each car complete the course with squealing tires and roaring engines. The experience inside the car was one of surprising calm as each driver clearly knew his vehicle and knew the course. It was simply marvelous.

Many thanks to club member and retired Secret Service man Jerry Bechtel for suggesting and arranging the tour. It was the opportunity of a lifetime!

Jason Cunningham

## CLUB ENGINE \*A3877975\* BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

As you may know, the Club was gifted with a trailer that had been modified to carry a Model A engine. It has lived at Benny Leonard's house for several years. At last year's sand blast day, Benny got Stan, Bruce Metcalf and me to blast the trailer so that he could paint it. Then Benny donated an engine to be mounted on it.

Fast forward to this year and you'll find a lot of work has been done on that engine and trailer to make them ready to show off at this year's Sully.



Benny and Sharon hosted several work days at their home, and we've had good participation by the members. Benny, Clem and I have been joined by Mike Brownell, Wayne Chadderton, President Tom Quigley and VP Stan Johnson, James Kolody and Bruce Metcalf in making this engine run again.

During the first workday, Mike Brownell, Benny and I got the exhaust manifold, starter, generator, and gooseneck added to the engine. Mike wire brushed an old muffler, and we got it painted. Then Benny and I cut lots of pipe off of it and engineered a hook up to the frame – backward to accommodate the trailer arrangement.



Wayne Chadderton joined us (Benny, Clem and me) on the second full work-day, the day when we got this old girl started to check for leaks and operation of the carb, starter and

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## CLUB ENGINE \*A3877975\* BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE (Cont.)

generator I'd brought over. I worked with Wayne to mount the carb I'd rebuilt and Wayne and Clem to time the engine – both tasks Wayne had last done working on Model "As" as a kid.

With a great cloud of burning Marvel Mystery Oil she started!!



The next workday brought Tom, Stan and Bruce to join us. Benny, Clem and I continued to work on the engine, while Bruce started work on the Club compressor.

Tom and Stan arrived with a Model T piston problem, which Benny helped them understand how to solve.

Then as the group focused on getting the engine prettied up, Benny and I drove over to Home Depot to get the plywood for a new firewall. After he and I roughed out a cardboard template, Benny cut out a rough firewall, which Clem and Stan shaped, painted and cut out pieces to fit it atop the flywheel housing

I mentioned that our own Purdue "Boiler Maker" Bruce Metcalf had worked on taking the old tank off of our club compressor.

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**CLUB ENGINE \*A3877975\* BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE (Cont.)**



There is a great story behind that Smith compressor, thanks in large part to two GWC members who have recently passed—Stan Kachel, who donated the compressor head, and Joe Krafft, who donated the cowl, hood and dash, much of the assembly work and body & paint work.

But that story is for another Script – I'll recruit Stan, Benny, Bruce Metcalf and Clem to help me with that one.



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## **TRIFECTA +2, MARCH 10, 2018**

We rolled from my house at 6:00:26 a.m. on a chilly Saturday morning. “We” was Jim Gray (Designated driver), Dick Johns, Dave Eadie, Benny Leonard, James Kolody, and Jim Ryan. James, and Jim Ryan. rode in James’ truck.

We thought it was cold at 27 degrees, but when we arrived at Howard County at 8:00 a.m., it was 23 degrees. It stayed there the entire time we graced the place with our presence. We had an issue with parking until we found the powerful Franklin Gage. He pointed and declared: “park thar”; we did. Thanks Franklin. It was too cold to mess around, and too cold for pictures.

We planned to leave at 9:00 a.m., so of course I had to eat. I followed Dave directly to the food building. Breakfast #2 for me was a coffee and a nasty-sprinkles-covered donut.

My first find was a train set too beat up even for me. Then I found the Hot Wheels guy; he always has a box of tired specimens for me. Said he’d dig ‘em out and I could pay & pick ‘em up later. Next I checked in on Jack Burkes’ tables. He actually had nice stuff for a change; must be the good influence of his manager.

Still shivering in the cold, I headed over to where them Bal’mer Model Aers hold court. Dave Sturges was there waving his arms and making sounds like he was closin’ a deal. I waved back and proceeded to dump my coffee on the floor of his booth. Unable to find napkins to clean up the mess, I just swiped some warmer coffee from Dave and left the mess.

Down the line of cattle pens I found a young boy offering two Thomas the Tank Engine carrying cases. I was pawing through some junk nearby when he approached me and whispered to me in a weak voice: “...make an offer.” I thanked him and moved on; seemed like a lesson in salesmanship might be in order.

I prepared for the lesson as I finished that shed and the next. I got out a fiver and went back to see the young man with the cases; he was sitting down and the cases were still there. I asked him if we could play a game of “pickup”; both he and his dad looked confused; neither had played “pickup” before. I guess it takes a Yankee to teach this. I set the scene and asked if they all were ready... I laid down the five and said, “Game on; your turn. You can pick up the fiver, your cases or negotiate...” The youngster very faintly asked to negotiate.

His dad blurted out “We’ll take the five...” but he was disqualified for being a buttinski. I offered \$7 and the boy picked up the \$7 and asked if I wanted bags, which, of course, I did. His voice got stronger. His Dad and bud were grinning. The exchange was made and the boy turned away and I called the game still on: “The deal’s not done yet.” The bud said, “He’s right...you have to shake.” The boy’s grin didn’t fit on his face anymore and his single-pump handshake was strong. Lesson learned.

Then back to see the Hot Wheels guy and pick up those toy cars. Two little boys were selecting their prizes from the 100+ choices. I looked at the dealer and asked if he still wanted to sell. He said he would sell, but would rather not this time. I left the box.

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**TRIFECTA +2 (Cont.)**



We rolled from the show at 9:07 due to me being late. Since we sneaked into our parking space we sneaked out the same way and headed west on R70 to the Great Frederick County Fairgrounds. The lots were full; there were 3 big events going on at the same time.

At the 21st annual Mason Dixon Gas Automobilia and Petroliana swap meet, we learned that booth prices are \$500 each. WOWERS!!!

The place was UDDERLY packed!



There were stunning posters, signs, petrol goodies, trains and such everywhere. Dave found a poster he wanted. Only \$1495 and it had a frame... it stayed with its owner. Next door was Dave Frazer's sign and can auction run by Howard Parzow. A billion signs, containers, glass, trains and most desirable stuff for yer mancave.



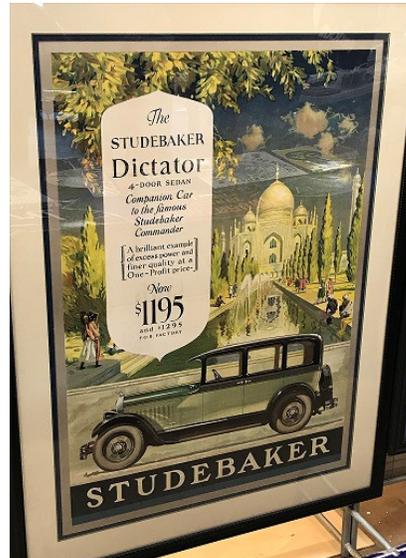
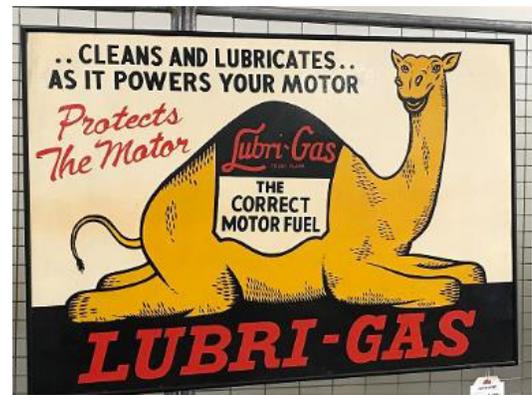
We hadn't gone to the Friday part of the Dave Frazer Model A auction; but heard that prices were low. The Tudor went for 14K+ 16% for fees and taxes; an unassembled coupe went for \$5K+. Dick Alexander from the Baltimore Club reported that a near-perfect Ford sign went for \$1,900 Saturday, and a number of other fine signs went for over \$1K each. Too rich for my blood.

There was also a farm auction being held. Huge crowds facing the auctioneer in his portable auction-calling vehicle. I scratched my ear and almost bought a telephone pole (but it was a nice one). There were 126.3 lawn mowers available. None was claimed to work; I bought nutin'.

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## TRIFECTA +2 (Cont.)

Jim Gray found a caboose whistle at Petroliana. I'd never heard of such! Google seemed to know about them and even had a recording of its odd sound. I never knew. So, what were the rules, horn codes, etc.? I also loved the emergency pressure release which would lock all the air brakes on the train. Are they modeled? I'm hearing the brakeman has to sound a long - long - short - long warning at grade crossings if the train is backing through a crossing caboose-first.



Who knew the code? I'm hearing there's a book of codes. What else do I not know?

After almost owning a fine telephone pole, we headed off to the diner at the Frederick Municipal Airport.

It's considered one of the best eating places in Frederick, and it didn't disappoint. The chow and talk were great; we ate our brunch while watching a civilian two-ship roar off.

Fine place to eat; highly recommend it if you find yourself hungry in Frederick.

At the outdoor portion of the annual Potomac Antique Tools and Industries Association (PATINA) show, our next stop, this old boy had a small hand-pounded wrought iron anchor. Lovely as a shelf thingee, I had a beeeeg time need for it in my '39 truck; he told me \$50 would own it... I respond with \$20. It stayed with its owner.

At this, our final stop, we went inside the PATINA auction hall to see the tools; this is what we saw:

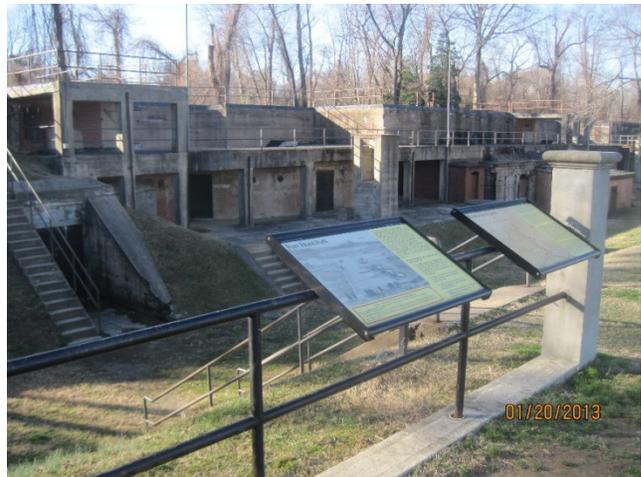


Clem  
Pictures by Jim

## **HISTORY AND HERITAGE DAY AT FORT HUNT PARK**

Blow the dust off your Model A and join the National Park Service for their History and Heritage Day at Fort Hunt Park on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The event runs from 10 AM – 3 PM; however, Model As are encouraged to come for display after lunch at 1 PM.

This event will feature Fort Hunt's historical, natural, and recreational resources. It will also promote George Washington Memorial Parkway's history as a scenic roadway. The event will include scheduled programs, living history, and static displays.



Food will be available, or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds of the ruins of the fort where high-profile Nazi prisoners were held during WWII! It's also a great opportunity to share your car with the other guests while contributing to our wonderful partnership with the National Park Service.

Interested? Email Jason Cunningham ([jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com)) or Susan Chumley, National Park Service, 703-235-1530, <[Susan\\_Chumley@nps.gov](mailto:Susan_Chumley@nps.gov)>

I hope to see you there!

Jason Cunningham

## **SMALL PARTS DAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

When: Sunday, April 15, 9:30 to 3:00  
Where: 5441 Ladue Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030

Join us Sunday, April 15 for Small Parts Day. This year, Benny Leonard will be hosting this annual opportunity to enjoy snacks, talk cars, and work on those pesky winter projects that just didn't get done.

If you're new to the hobby, this is also a great opportunity to learn from experienced Model A owners and learn their tips and tricks to completing your next big project.

Light food will be provided, consider bringing a chair and whatever project you want help with. See you on April 15!

Jason

## COMING EVENTS

### April

April 7 & 8 (Saturday & Sunday) 20th Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show, Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 3pm, for info, phone: [\(301\) 253-2673](tel:3012532673) or go on the website: [www.friendsofthefarmpark.org](http://www.friendsofthefarmpark.org)

**April 11 - (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

April 12-15 (Thursday - Sunday) MAFCA Annual Membership Meet, Granville, OH. (See p. 18.)

**April 18 – (Wednesday) Monthly General Meeting**

April 18-22 (Wednesday – Sunday) Spring Carlisle, 150-acre facility, 8100 vendors (including women's oasis), Adult Admission: Daily Wed.- Sat. \$12 / Sun \$7 / Event Pass \$35/Kids 12 and Under FREE Event Hours Wed.-Sat. 7am-6pm , Sun. 7am-3pm "Spring Carlisle is massive! In fact, it's such a big deal that it's been showcased by **Fox News** in a web article where **Hagerty Insurance** recognized it as one of the top five automotive swap meets in the world." Carlisle, PA. For info: <http://www.carlisleevents.com>

### May

May 5 (Saturday) The National Capital Region Mustang Club is hosting an "All Ford Show" at Cowels Ford. 9:00-3:00. Model A Club members are welcome to participate. Entry fee to show only is \$10. Will be at 13779 Noblewood Plaza, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

**May 9 (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

**May 17 (Wednesday) Monthly General Membership Meeting**

May 18-19 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet in Luray, VA For info: <http://www.mapwsm.com>  
The Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet is strictly for Auto, Transportation; Steam & Gasoline Power Plant, Antique Tools, and Farm Equipment related items from the 1800s thru the 1940s. **Public Admittance:** Friday, May 18: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Saturday, May 19: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

May 28 (Monday) National Memorial Day Parade. Sign up with Jason Cunningham at [jjcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jjcunningham@gmail.com) For info, <http://americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>

## WANT ADS

### For Sale

Selling a utility trailer. If anyone in the club is interested. It is set up for a Model-A. Tie downs hitch, leveler, sway bars and winch included. Chuck Johnson <[salute.chuckj@gmail.com](mailto:salute.chuckj@gmail.com)>

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## WANT ADS (Cont.)

Thinking of selling my extremely clean 2004 Dodge Ram Rumble Bee, 4WD, w/tow package. One owner since new. Fluids changed religiously with synthetic. Modifications include K&N intake, Magnaflo exhaust, Powertech programmer and drilled brake rotors. Tons of spares, including extra Rumble Bee decals, original intake and exhaust. Original paperwork includes window sticker. \$6500 OBO. George P. Smolenyak, [703-969-1715 gsmolenyak@aol.com](mailto:gsmolenyak@aol.com)



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**Sully Volunteer Statement**  
**June 17, 2018**

***Please send completed form to the club membership chair or the Sully committee chair.***

**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 (and you must!), 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 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 the 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 year's 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 (if re-upping) to Greg Shepherd, 3715 Brices Ford Ct., Fairfax VA 22033 or send form only to Bill Worsham, 3903 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.***