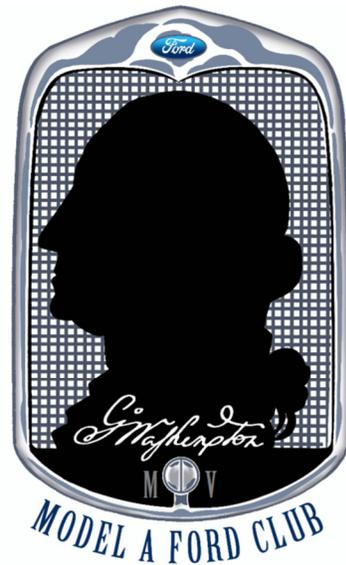


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Jim and Edna Cross pose in front of their '33 Cadillac Town Car at the Middleburg Salamander Resort and Equestrian Center on the GWC tour last month.



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## **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As I write this, it is almost October 1st. Fall is here, and it is time to shift gears. We are nearing the end of the prime Model A Ford driving season. But, don't act too quickly to put that Model A to bed for the winter.

We still have a couple of Club events you can drive your Model A Ford to. If you want a local drive, how about coming out to the CDC at the Silver Diner near Fair Oaks Mall on October 9th? Lots of folks to talk to, as well as a good breakfast.

If you want a longer drive, how about driving that Model A to Hershey, PA? Milford does this every year. Hershey is the AACA Eastern Fall Meet. This is the big one! Not sure if this is the largest antique car meet in the world, but if not, it is close. If you have never been to Hershey, well, now is the time to correct that problem. It starts October 8th.

On October 19th is the Club visit to the Doukenie Winery in Hillsboro, Virginia. The tour is being organized by Wojo, as noted in the Script. Contact Wojo to get all of the details, and join in the fun. The drive out is very scenic, the festival will be fun, and you get a chance to drive that Model A.

Now, looking further ahead, there is the GWC Christmas Party, on Saturday, December 7th. Jason has that organized, but he needs your help too. Edna Cross is involved, so we know it will go smoothly, but she needs your help as well. Give them a call, and volunteer to help, before they have to call you. If we all help, that makes it more festive.

When you drive your Model A Ford, you are promoting the main mission of the Club. When people see you drive by, that is our best demonstration of our preservation efforts.

On your drive to the CDC, up to Hershey, or to the Doukenie Winery, take some pictures. Write a story about your experience, and send it in to Bill so he can share it with the Club. No one will be jealous of your Model A Ford fun if you don't tell them about it.

And finally, we have a new Chairman- designate for Sully 2020. John Dougherty has stepped forward and agreed to lead the Club Sully 2020 effort. We realize that the vote will take place at the November Club Annual Meeting, but John is starting in on all the planning and organizing that needs to take place to make a successful Sully.

When John calls you, ask him how you can help. Your help will be critical to making Sully the success it has always been. Remember, when someone asks you what Model A Ford car club you belong to, when you say, "We put on the Sully Show every year," they say, "Oh, I know that one. I go to Sully every year!"

See you down the road,

Doug



## **FROM THE EDITOR**

After 9 weeks on the road, I'm finally back. We drove 9,230 miles and saw exactly two Model A's, both parked (in different states) outside businesses for advertising purposes. Our route took us from Washington to Dallas to Sedona, AZ, to LA, north to Santa Cruz and Sebastapol, CA, north of San Francisco. From there we drove further north into Oregon to see Crater Lake, the highlight of the trip.

From there it was southeast to Denver to see our son and expectant wife for a few days (and take in a Rockies game). Then it was on to Minneapolis after experiencing a micro-burst storm in a campground on the Minnesota border that nearly carried us off, tent and all. (That's when Alice screamed over the din, "I'm moving to the van RIGHT NOW. You can come if you want." So we took everything out of the van and threw it in the tent and took our mattresses and threw them in the van. We slept as the rain pattered down and in the morning, there was the tent, upright, covered and none the worse for wear.) Ah, the joys of camping.

From Minneapolis, we headed northeast and crossed into Canada at Sault St. Marie. Then we entered back into the U.S. at Buffalo, crossed New York and sallied down to Connecticut. One more night camping and then home. Sixty-four days on the road. Of course, the trip was really 12 micro-trips—camp for a few days, visit friends or family for a few days, and then camp to the next set of friends.

We didn't sightsee much. Took in the meteor crater outside Winslow, AZ, and the water-filled caldera in Oregon (Crater Lake). We've gone out West so often, we've about seen everything. The Sedona area in Arizona is gorgeous, a smaller version of Zion National Park (my favorite). And when we were visiting people, we kind of integrated into their lives rather than them having to entertain us. Our old Army friends in Buffalo have been tasked by their children with watching the 4 grandkids. I calculated that from the time we arrived until we all went out to dinner the next night, we'd not left their house in the 31 hours!

The only downside was the explosion of health problems we encountered among everyone—hips, knees, a recent mastectomy, cancers and just general weariness from growing old. But they were all hangin' in there and optimistic of improvement. Actually, our friends east of the Mississippi were quite healthy. Don't know what to make of that.

And now we're back. Aside from Alice wanting to sleep in the backyard to re-acclimate, we seem to be readjusting just fine to not driving, setting up and taking down a tent every day. My substitute Model A isn't starting again. Sully must've worn it out. I'm back to playing baseball and the Nats are in the playoffs. Life is good. Our daughter Ariel, who earns mention this month in the GWC 25 Years Ago column, is turning 33 and has a baby boy.

This has been a weird Script because, initially, no one stepped up to write up all the events we had in September. I need cub reporters to tell the rest of the Club what we're doing. So I'm asking that if you attend a Model A event, Club-sponsored or not, consider writing up something. But send me an email so I know at least somebody is covering the event.

Final note: Mark's passing will be acknowledged in more detail next month.

Bill Sims

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

**Board Meeting  
September 25, 2019**



**Call to Order.** The monthly meeting of the Board was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Doug Tomb, in the meeting room at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Attendance.** A quorum was present. Those Board members present were: Doug Tomb, Paul Bjarnason, James Kolody, Milford Sprecher, Benny Leonard, Luke Chaplin, Jim Gray, Greg Shepherd, and Bill Sims. Not present were: Jamie Lucas, Bruce Metcalf, and Jason Cunningham. Also, in attendance were John Dougherty, who has volunteered (if elected) to be the Club's Sully chairman for the 2020 show as discussed below, and Stan Johnson, who came to discuss the MAFFI Model A Bus restoration project.

**Minutes of Prior Meeting** – Minutes of the prior meeting of the Board were published in *The Script*.

**Agenda** – Prior to the meeting President Tomb circulated an agenda via e-mail.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Bjarnason reported that the only significant financial activity since the prior report was for the Worsham picnic as follows: \$100 was collected from the membership and expenditures included: \$688.39 for food (Rande Young), \$251.31 for bingo prizes (Benny Leonard) and about \$75 for other supplies including mainly beverages (Jim Gray). Therefore, the cost to the Club of the picnic exceeded collections by about \$914, but a donation of \$550 was made by the Warhurst family towards the costs of the picnic to thank the Club, because a team of members repaired the family's Model A Ford so that it could be used in the wedding celebration of a family member. Therefore, the net cost to the Club for the picnic was about \$364, which is less than the \$500 amount budgeted for the picnic.

**Activities (tours/picnics)** - Activities Chairman Jason Cunningham was not present. President Tomb reported that the GWC has not yet been requested to assist at the repair tent at the MARC show next year in Charlottesville and that he would reach out to them to firm up plans to see if they wish our assistance. Mr. Sprecher reported that he still planned to lead a tour at St. Michael's this fall. Stan Johnson reported on Model A Day at MAFFI, the Bus Restoration project and that the "brick" program has almost been completed.

**Programs** - Program Chairman Luke Chaplin reported on the planned programs for the remainder of the year, which are featured on the Club's website. September program was about Ford powered airplanes and in October there will be a program on Ford tanks in WWI, followed in November by a program on tractors manufactured cooperatively by Ford and Ferguson.

**Model A Mail Truck** – Milford Sprecher reported on his outreach to the US Postal Service regarding the oldest mail truck in the USPS fleet. Mr. Sprecher said that he would try to arrange a Saturday visit to the USPS garage in Merrifield, for anyone in the Club who wished to see it.

**Scholarship Program** – President Doug Tomb reported that a donation of \$350 was received from Barbara Edwards to honor the memory of her husband "Tank" Edwards, who was a long time Club member. Barbara requested the donation be used in the Club's scholarship program.

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

By unanimous vote, the Board approved putting one of the Club's scholarships in Tank's name for 2020.

**Sully** –John Dougherty has agreed to run for election as the Sully Annual Meet Chairman for 2020. President Tomb noted that John brings many years of hands on experience at the Sully Show, as well as his deep experience in similar organizations he has been involved with. If elected, we look forward to having John lead this important GWC Club responsibility. Doug also announced that Jim Gray has agreed to be the Sully Vice Chairman for Judging for the Sully 2020 Show. The judging at Sully is what many of our show car participants come for. They look forward to getting a trophy for all of the effort they have put into their cars. Sully Chief Judge is a complex task, requiring organization and detailed planning, and executing it on the day of the Show with tight deadlines. Jim has done an excellent job at this in the past, and it is a big help to the Club that he will be taking charge of it again. Jim Gray reported that in support of next year's show he is rewriting the food contract and is also working on the contract with the County.

**Peyton Randolph Donation** – As previously reported, the Club received a \$5,000 donation from Carol Randolph, to honor her father, Peyton Randolph. Peyton was a member of GWC for many years. One proposal is to use the funds for outreach to the membership to assist in getting their non-operable Model As back onto the road. No specific proposal was adopted, but we agreed that options for specific actions needed to be developed. A 3- member task force was appointed (Paul Bjarnason, Benny Leonard and James Kolody) to develop options to be discussed at the next meeting. One immediate option for use of the Peyton Randolph funds, which was discussed, was a donation of \$350 for purchase of a high compression cylinder head for the MAFFI Model A bus restoration project. The Board determined that it would condition the donation on MAFFI giving public recognition to Peyton Randolph's memory for the donation. Jim Gray said he would make contact with MAFFI and find out if the donation was still needed and, if so, how public credit for the Peyton Randolph donation would be made. Information on the MAFFI Model A Bus project is available at: <http://www.maffi.org/WSCContent/Bus.html> .

**Youth Development** – Youth Program Chairman James Kolody discussed some options to involve youth in the Model A hobby by utilizing the Arlington County Technical Center. No specific proposal was voted on.

**Events** – National Club Liaison Chairman Jamie Lucas was not present. Jim Gray reported that 15 of 20 raffle tickets have been sold, to support the MAFFI Model A bus restoration project.

**Script** –Script Editor Bill Sims reported the deadline for the October Script is Monday, September 30, and that, as usual, stories are sought for publication.

**Board Nominations for 2020** – President Doug Tomb mentioned that the Club is seeking nominations for Board positions to give to the nominating committee, for the 2020 Board.

**Board Resolutions** – By unanimous vote, the Board approved putting one of the Club's 2020 scholarships in Tank's name.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted

Paul Bjarnason  
Secretary

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Last month the big question was; would we gather 50 Model A's at the annual Pig Pull extravaganza held at Sully Plantation, only in 1994 but not since. While the turnout was great, the food even greater, the tally of A's came to 43, an unlucky 7 short of our noble goal. But no matter, on a day that began foggy and gray and yet turned gorgeous by mid-morning, the pork and chicken bar-b-que was delicious and salads and desserts were scrumptious. Tents that had been wisely provided turned out to be perfect protection, not from the chance of rain, but from the unexpectedly hot sun. When room in them ran out, some spread blankets on the cool grass or moved tables into shady places. A TV was on hand to watch yet another Redskins loss.



John Kandl had the jousting tournament set up with Harry White's help, but first contestants had to try their luck at a game run by Mark Kuklewicz. He set up a contraption on a car's bumper having a plumb bob hanging down. The objective was for the driver to pull forward and attempt to stop with the device over the target on the ground which was a paper plate. Brad Johnson proved to be unbeatable, stopping a fraction of an inch from the plate. Then came the jousting tournament, won by Paul Gauthier, who whizzed through the course in 16 seconds while his son-in-law rider, Chuck Burkett, picked off all 3 of the rings for the first prize. In the children's division, Ariel Sims rode to victory on her Dad's Town Sedan, which was making a rattling noise in its hubcap.

Editor Bill, (yes, even back then) gave further explanation about the strange rattling noise that had been heard coming from his A. John Kandl sized it up quickly, a rear axle nut had come off! Bill said he didn't fully understand the Kandlese at the time, since he knew he still had 5 well-secured nuts holding the wheel on.

Lined up for the October meeting's presentation was Walt Bratton, who would show us how to troubleshoot the electrical system on a Model A by using certain tests to narrow down the problem. Slides would be shown and a door pocket handout for easy reference in emergencies would be given.

The Board announced it was making a recommendation that we join both COVA and AAC, the 2 groups attempting to impact Clunker Bill legislation, and to appoint a legislative liaison to follow the efforts of the two organizations and report on their work.

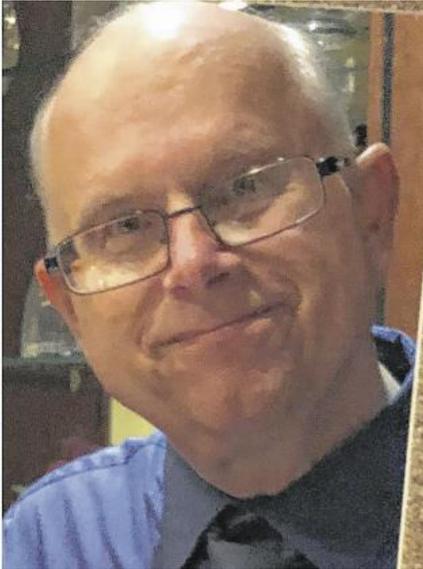
In the Classified Ads section there were no less than 6 Model A's offered for sale: a Fordor, 2 Town Sedans, a Coupe, a Sport Coupe and a Cabriolet.

Dave Henderson



## **SUNSHINE – MARK KUKLEWICZ PASSES**

We've lost a friend. I'm deeply saddened to hear that Mark Kuklewicz has passed away. I remember working alongside him at Small Parts days as we sandblasted and repainted carb bodies. And helping him move the large white club cooler with left over water and other drinks after club meetings when he was Concessions Chairman.



Mostly I remember Mark's gift for gab. More often than I recall, he and I would sit and exchange thoughts about the cars we'd just finished judging at Sully. He was a huge help to us in judging over the past several years – both my daughter Jaime – Chief Judge this year – appreciated his dedication to compiling scores and helping us getting the judging process done well.

You were a good friend, Mark. We will miss you.

The following is his obituary:

“Mark Kuklewicz, loving husband and father of three children and grandfather to five children, passed away at the age of 76. Born June 8, 1943 in North Carolina, Mark Kuklewicz was the eldest of Edward and Helene (Buxbaum) Kuklewicz's three

children. He and Susan (Wiese) Kuklewicz were married on January 25, 1969, recently celebrating their 50th anniversary, and raised three sons.

Mark received his degree in mechanical engineering in 1968 and worked as a design and test engineer at the National Institute of Standards & Technology for many decades. While there, Mark contributed to the ASHRAE journals and worked on testing the operation of military tanks in extreme temperatures, among other projects. He also received an award for his work on reducing energy on Navy ships.

He was passionate about his family and also about his collection of Model A vehicles and was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Mark instilled his love of animals in his children and shared the understanding of responsibility and hard work by having them raise many animals at their home growing up. He also enjoyed volunteering in the Boy Scouts of America.

Mark is survived by his wife, Susan, brother Rhys and wife Sue and son Brett, and his sister Gwen and her husband Floyd, his son Robert and his wife Kathleen and daughter Libby (with another child on the way), David and his wife Veronique with their daughters Claudia and Victoria, and Andrew and his wife Milyssa and their children Connor and Kailey.

The funeral service will be held Friday, October 4, 2019 at 12:00 pm at the Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home, 1331 Eastern Blvd. North, Hagerstown, MD. Family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Washington Humane Society here:

<https://hswcmd.networkforgood.com/projects/58997-help-hswc>

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.douglasfiery.com](http://www.douglasfiery.com)”

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Jim Gray, Sunshine Chairman

## JANE WILD HAS PASSED AWAY

I wanted to let car members who knew my mom know that, sadly, my mom died on 9/15/2019. She had been in good health up until about 2 1/2 weeks ago. Fortunately, my brother, sister and all her grandkids were able to see and visit with her.

We will have a funeral mass for her and then she will be placed next to my dad at Arlington National Cemetery. We are trying to coordinate those dates. So, we are uncertain as to when the services will be held.

Beth & Ben McDonald

Jane was the widow of the late Bob Wild, a long-time GWC member, active BOD member and President in 1976, who, as reported in the December 2010 Script, passed away on November 5, 2010:

### FORMER PRESIDENT BOB WILD HAS PASSED AWAY

It is with deep sadness to report that Bob Wild passed away Nov. 5th. He was a long-time member of the Northern Virginia Regional Group Early V/8 club and the National Woody Club.

Bob was very active in the old car hobby owning and restoring many interesting classic cars. He was a true asset to the old car hobby and a great personal friend. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Jane, daughters Jean Ann, Beth and son, Tim.

A note from Jane Wild:

Hi from Warrenton---thank you all for coming to the service on Saturday---know Bob was happy. I want to thank everyone but can't write everyone----the memorial brick and also just being with me on Saturday----meant a lot. Again thanks for everything. Love you all, Jane" (The Ford Script, Volume 31, Number 12, page 5)

Jane remained a member of the GWC until 2018. Please join me in keeping her family in your prayers and thoughts.

Jim Gray  
Sunshine Chairman

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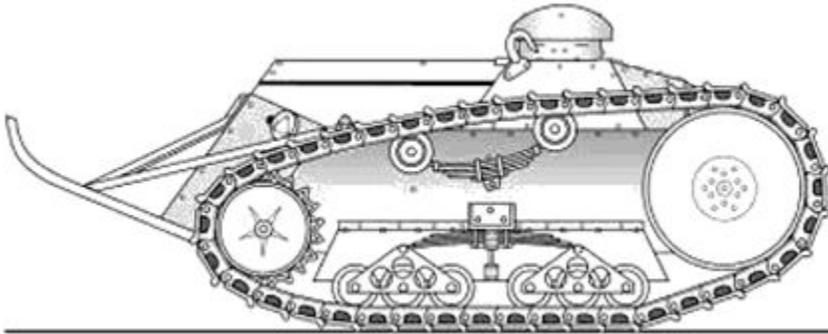
We had a new member join the Club this month. As most of you know, Jaime Nelson is the daughter of long-time member, past President, Sully Chair, etc ... Jim Gray. And I guess her stint as the Chief Judge at the 2019 Sully Car Show did not deter her from joining but somehow convinced her to join our merry gang. Update your rosters and please welcome her to the club.



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## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH PROGRAM - THE MODEL T TANK**

In 1914, at the beginning of World War I, there were no tanks on the battlefield, but when the newly developed machine gun began to mow down thousands of attacking infantrymen; both England and France began looking for a "land battleship." By the time the United States entered the war, both allies had produced some rudimentary armored "tanks." The tanks were in short supply so the U.S. War Department contracted with Ford to build 15,000 light tanks to rush to the battlefields in Europe. Ford's "Lizzie Tank" incorporated two Model T engine/transmissions and a Ford Tractor rear end. The Ford Tank was not much bigger than a Model T coupe, and weighed about 1/20th of the US Army's current tank. Stan Johnson has prepared a talk about the need for the tank, the design of the Ford Tank, and its status at war's end. Only two of the tanks remain, and one of them is in Virginia!



## **SUNSHINE – CLEM'S HEALTH ISSUES**

Please keep Clem and Sandy in your thoughts and prayers.

Clem is undergoing several cardiac procedures to improve blood flow to his heart. This is written on Wednesday, October 2, and that is all we know at the moment.

Join Kathie and me in wishing Clem a speedy and complete recovery.

Jim Gray  
Sunshine Chair

## **MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE**

Model A Day 2019 was a success with many Unique and Original vehicles depicting our theme for this year. We had over 250 cars that came for the day and all enjoyed the Model A Museum as well as the many other museums on the Gilmore Campus.

Our Board of Directors had their annual meeting on Thursday prior to Model A Day and have laid the groundwork for a Strategic Plan to keep the museum interesting and entertaining for years to come. Our wish is for each and every one of you to come visit the museum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not already done it, please renew your membership today and consider a year end monetary gift to our Endowment Fund, which will ensure our museum will be there for generations to come.

Visit our website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and follow the link to Membership. We now offer PayPal for your convenience.

## **GWC 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS REQUESTED**

It's that time of year again, when we have to start making plans for Club activities for 2020. As in the past, we need the Club membership to step forward to help in the running of the Club. It's your Club, and we need your help in running it.

The Board is most effective when the members are willing to get involved, and push for their best ideas. Have an idea that you feel would make our programs or activities more interesting? The best way to make that happen is to join the Board, and promote your ideas for the Club where the decisions are made.

How much time does it take? We ask that the Board members attend all of the GWC Monthly Meetings. We also ask the Board members to attend the monthly Board Meetings too. Just one extra meeting a month.

At the Board Meetings we discuss future ideas for Club involvement, both within the hobby and in the DC area. Sometimes we take another try at an old idea, but with a new twist. We need that outside perspective that you may bring, to make this happen.

Currently, the Activities Chairperson role for the Club is open. Do you have some ideas for Club activities or events? Now is your chance, so get involved.

When March rolls around, and you don't like the approach the Club is taking, just bring up your suggestions to your fellow Board members. What, you never volunteered? Well, another missed opportunity!

The GWC needs your help. Volunteer for the GWC 2020 Board. Just send me an email, and I will forward it on to the Nominations Committee.

We are looking forward to another active GWC year. Help us make that happen.

Doug Tomb

## FAIRFAX LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

If you remember the cover of last month's *Script*, you'll remember that picture of Benny's coupe. When I glanced at it recently, I realized we'd not reported "the rest of the story"; so here it is. This show used to be the Clifton Labor Day Show, but a few years ago, it was obvious that it had outgrown the little town of Clifton. When Jim Chesley, the former mayor of Clifton and organizer of the show, began looking for a new location, Fairfax, he discovered, was delighted to be its host.

Over the years, Jim and his group of volunteers, which includes the Clifton Lions Club, have raised over \$500,000 dollars for charity. Unlike our Sully show, Jim has kept judging strictly an informal affair, allowing show participants and attendees to cast ballots in a small handful of categories ... awarding a trophy only to the top vote getter in each of those several categories. Also, unlike our show, this show has entrants from across the spectrum – from kit cars to hot rods. In fact, as I walked around the streets checking out the cars, I saw very few vintage cars – almost all were obviously modified; it reminded me of the Northwest hot rod show I'd seen in Tacoma, Washington in 2018.

Even with all comers welcome in this show, we still outdraw it – Jim told me he had 299 show cars this year – we had 350 at Sully. That message is clear—we need to continue to focus on classic vintage cars ... seems like few, if any other shows are.

There were only three of us from the GWC in the show, and only Benny drove his Model A.

Clem drove his "FortyMerc", and I drove my original owner 1970 Datsun 240Z.

We met up with several members of the NVRG, and managed to get a group shot.

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**FAIRFAX LABOR DAY CAR SHOW (Cont.)**



Clem's 40 Merc got an award, but Benny's coupe and my Z did not. I know I'm good with that, and I think Benny is too.

It's a fun show in downtown Fairfax, which highlights the other big difference between this show and ours – Sully is on a huge grass field... this show is on the hot blacktop!

Jim Gray

For our Tech Session tonight I want to tell you about two really important things you need to know before going on a Model A tour...



## WARHURST PICNIC - 2019

Saturday, September 14, 2019, the GWC held a picnic at the beautiful Warhurst family property in Fairfax, Virginia. The property was built by Bob and Billie Warhurst, Bob being a long-time GWC member and founder of the Merrifield Garden Center (among many other things). Bob passed away in 2015, but Billie has for many years carried on the tradition of inviting the GWC to have its annual picnic there. This year, everything was in even more pristine shape than ever, because only the week before, the family had held the wedding of one of Bob's grand daughters, Emily, there.



While a GWC member, Bob had owned and restored a 1930 Model A Ford 170-B Town Sedan, with a stunning paint job. Although beautiful on the outside, over the years some mechanical issues had developed that rendered the Ford inoperable.

After learning that one of Emily's fondest wishes was to ride in her dad's Model A on her wedding day September 7th, a team of GWC members, led by Benny Leonard, swung into action and worked for the better part of 4 days to fix many critical components, finishing up just in time for the wedding. The car ran perfectly on the wedding day, we are told.

Out of gratitude for the GWC's work on Bob's Ford, Billie Warhurst and her daughter, Debbie, graciously made a generous donation to help pay for the picnic. The two ladies also sat with us and chatted during the picnic. The main course of pulled pork and chicken was supplemented by sides and desserts brought by the members – nobody left hungry. The high point of the afternoon was the bingo game, called by Greg Shepherd, which led to many satisfied winners. Again, we are in debt to the Warhurst family for allowing the GWC to have this wonderful picnic at their home place.



Paul Bjarnason

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## PIG PICKIN' 2019

Billie Warhurst once again graciously invited us to stage our annual "Pig Pickin'" picnic at her beautiful estate this past September 15.

The weather was a bit warm, but comfortable thanks to the overcast. Rande Young agreed to try her hand at coordinating everything, and once again we got it right. About 40 of us were able to gather together and enjoy this annual tradition we have in the GWC. The average age ticked up a bit, though, since none of Kathie's and my 6 grandkids could be there ... 4 now live in Japan and the local 2 had sports conflicts.

A good group helped get things set up, with Benny and Sharon, Paul Bjarnason, Kathie and me moving and cleaning tables and blowing out a few leaves for the event. We didn't need to do any maintenance work on the Fordor, since our travelling maintenance team had just recently rebuilt its carburetor, given it a brake job, and worked on the steering (see next story).

And oh, did Billie thank me for getting Bob's car ready for the wedding! She told me Emily Capp, her new daughter-in-law, was absolutely delighted to have been driven to and from her wedding in that car. I say, good on Benny and his team for making the Fordor right. Billie and Debbie both deeply appreciated it.



After lunch, the entire group was drawn into the traditional bingo game extravaganza – with Benny, Rande and Greg Shepherd working the cage and calling the numbers, things were fast and furious.



A special thanks to Lew Parker, owner of Willowcroft Farm Vineyards (<http://willowcroftwine.com/>) for his donation of wine to our prize table. Also thanks to Mike Brownell for his various contributions and to Benny and Sharon for all their work buying the rest and gathering everything together. John Leydon took 23 really good photos, which are posted on our webpage:

<http://www.gwcmoela.com/photogallery/2019ClubPicnic/index.html>

The clean-up crew comprised Greg and Laura "on crutches!" Shepherd, Benny and Sharon and Kathie and me. Over in the kitchen area, Rande and Sandy Clement were busy packaging up the left-over food, packing the supply tubs and getting them loaded into Rande's car.

I loaded up the recyclables; leftover water and drinks; three tables; and three ice chests I brought into my truck and headed home. It was a day of great food, great company, great weather, great cars, great bingo ... well, it was all just great fun!

Jim Gray

## A MODEL A WEDDING AT HOPE PARK



In July, a group of us, led by Benny Leonard, were asked to help get the late Bob Warhurst's Model A Fordor into a safe driving condition; there was a very important event for which its service was required.

Debbie Warhurst Capp had asked if we could do what was necessary to make the car safe so it could play a central role in the August wedding of her son, Daniel Capp, to his fiancé, Emily.

Benny, Clem, Paul Bjarnason, James Kolody, John Dougherty, Stan Johnson, and I spent several days working on the carburetor, steering and the brakes to make sure that Fordor could do its job. Billie made sure we knew this was important work; riding in this car was Emily's special request. So Billie and Debbie plied us with lunch and joyful banter on our work days.

Larry Warhurst, Daniel's uncle, served as chauffeur for Daniel and Emily, driving them to and from the wedding site – a romantic glen on the northeast side of Hope Park - to the main entrance of the house.



Emily was resplendent as she was helped from Grandfather Bob's Model A by her new husband, Daniel.

Congratulations to the new couple. The GWC was pleased to be able to help them enjoy their special day.

Jim Gray



Pictures courtesy of the Warhurst family

## **THE SALAMANDER TOUR A ROUSING SUCCESS!**

Awhile back ..... early June, 2019 .... I was approached at the Upperville *Horses and Horsepower Show* by a couple of nice people, asking if, next September, I would help organize a “car show” at the Middleburg Salamander Resort and Equestrian Center to help entertain some 200 – 250 volunteers of the *Seven Loaves* Charity Organization celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their feed-the-needy operations in NOVA.



Now, the Upperville *Horses and Horsepower* show is one of those status gatherings where the gentry line up their gleaming testosterone machines for *aficionados* and the impressable hoi-polloi (think Ferrari, Lamborghini, *et al.*), so you might think I had some second thoughts on what I, and my leaky Model ‘A’ and skinned knuckles, were getting into. But before I could say “Forty Horsepower!”, John Denegre and Mary Hughes – the H&H host and the *7-Loaves* organizer respectively – reeled off all the wonderful ‘stuff’ that went along with the invite: free ‘all-you-can-eat’ bar-b-q ... compliments of the Salamander Resort ... free wine, soft drinks and beer, a falconry exhibit, gorgeous setting, pampering by the staff, *etc. etc.* Granted, I was a little pressed for a quick answer, but for the life of me I couldn’t find a single reason to say “No.”

For a little while I forgot about it. September seemed a ways off. There was Sully ... 4<sup>th</sup> of July ... Fairfax ... Berryville ... Kent Island, and picnics in between. But then, by early August, I remembered Mary with a jolt: “We’d like to have a minimum of 30 vintage cars”. Oh dear.

First hurdle to overcome was to convince everyone in earshot that free really meant “free.” Who’s gonna make me believe that! Reggie Cooper, General Manager of the Salamander, for one. Not only was a full bar-b-q part of the fare, with four varieties of meats and chicken plus all sides, and about six deserts, but everyone who showed up in an antique/classic car would be given as many servings as they could come back for. That’s it.

“You mean if I round up 60 hungry people in 30 vintage machines, you’ll feed and wine them all to a stupor?”

”Yep”, says Reggie.

Huh.

So next was to get out the word, first by blasting out e-mails (thanks, Shep) and second by expanding the entire event in several directions: 1) Include the Early Ford V8 Club (NVRG), 2) add on a breakfast brunch gathering at my shop in Aldie to get everybody moving, 3) negotiate a half-price group rate with Valerie Peacock for the new “*Canter & Crawl*” glass sculpture exhibit (see photo at right) at the National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg (thanks, Valerie). That’ll make a day of it, thought I, even for those who aren’t enticed by freebees.



At Sully on Father’s Day I ran across Bill Simons from the Early Ford V8 Club (NVRG) and convinced him, too, that this whole event was not only worthwhile but likely to be a lot of fun,

## THE SALAMANDER TOUR (Cont.)

and why didn't they come join us. Alas, Bill was off to Maine for the summer (tough duty) but placed me in the capable hands of Hank Dubois, NVRG Activities Director who made darn sure Mary got her "30 Vintage/Classic Cars". Nobody said it HAD to be a V8 or a Model 'A' so some members of both clubs rummaged around in the back of their garages and cranked up some

beauties that hadn't been exercised in a while ... like Jim and Edna Cross's '33 Cadillac Town Car - chauffeuring Barbara Edwards (a treat), Jim and Kathie Gray's 240Z (they dated in "Zelda" 50 years ago!), Rusty & Anya Rentsch's '56 Lincoln Premiere Convertible. But for the most part we had some exquisite Early Ford V8s and a bevy of wonderful 'A's. (see photos)



O.K. Now comes the 'thanks' part .... First to Mom Nature who sent us all an absolutely gorgeous early fall day. Thanks, Mom! Next, to our two hosts for the afternoon - the aforementioned Reggie Cooper of the Salamander and his sidekick Beth McKenna, plus Marie Piskorz, President of the *Seven Loaves* organization and her partners, Mary and Pete Hughes and John Denegre, who left no detail to chance. And finally – but absolutely not least – Brian Cullen, Master Falconer from *Falcon Hill*, and his raptors, who had all of us kids, big ones and small ones, riveted on his lecture and demo of what these magnificent birds can do.

I may have been oblivious because I was having such a good time. Or maybe it was the Bluegrass and Country music. The wonderful cars, free wine; whatever. But I can't remember a hiccup all day.

Huh. How about that! - JL

John Leydon



John Leydon detailing the plans for the day.



**THE SALAMANDER TOUR (Cont.)**



The gathering at John Leydon's shop as the tour begins.



Jim and Connie Baker, Ken and Helen Burns of the eV-8 club, Sandy and Clem Clement, Jim and Kathie Gray



Benny and Sharon Leonard, James and Sharon Kolody

## THE AFRH 2019 ANTIQUE AUTO MUSTER

'Tis the night before the night before and all thru the train room nothing is running. Downstairs 40Merc has her jammies on and still wonders why she did not get to go on the AFRH run; she was ready but the Clemster was not. So she waits.

As the decision was being made last week to poke around inside me, my PA sneaked in the phrase "no exercise for you and no stress for you." I had no defense. The Lord gave us a perfect day for the run to the AFRH annual car show, and I couldn't drive any of my cars.

Perfect. I'm riding in Ken Burn's black and maple wood woody wagon. Such a chariot displaying her newness. Seems like yesterday we were by Ken and Helen's home stretching the top vinyl warming up in the morning sun. I reveled in the sounds, smells and the feel of the '41 wagon a few years ago. I don't know her name, but she served us so very well. Thanks, Ken, for the great ride. Always before, I was wrastlin' my '30 Model A Cabriolet, "Smokey"; my '29 Packard, "Gray Lady"; or my '39 pickup, "Uncle Raeman," and couldn't enjoy the city ride. Such a stunning part of a sleeping Sunday morning city.

Ken and I were joined by Al Iagnemmo in his red Jag roadster; Gay Harrington in her pickup truck, "Budster"; and Bill Simons in his '49 Ford Woodie at the Iwo Jima Memorial. From there, we headed into Georgetown to get onto the Rock Creek Parkway for our drive into northeast Washington and the campus of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The trip down was swell. Light crowd thru Georgetown, left up 31st street where most of the private homes have red doors; right turn on P street where the doors are black. Then the funny 147 degree left turn on the switchback that is a "donut enter during the week" access onto Rock Creek Park Drive. It was truly a beautiful ride past the joggers in the cool morning. Then right on Arkansas to right on Upshur to Rock Creek Church Road just outside the AFRH gate. Then a quick right turn and onto a left into the Randolph gate and our spot near the music tent.

We parked in the front of the leadership's homes on MacArthur Drive NW (Susan and hubby live in the first home nearest the new Scott facility for the vets). Nearby were the tents for displaying the trophies with their funny titles, like "Easiest car to get a ticket with" etc.—all GREAT titles.



With our arrival we had 21 old, altered or historical vehicles gathered together for the show. One was a '28 Model-AR Ford Roadster in rickety condition. Her original paint was still there in salt and pepper color combo with rust all coated in clear lacquer... whatta' car. She even had fireplug reflectors on her bumper; have you ever seen those? I had a set once; each is a steel band with red 1/2 glass balls mounted inside. You mounted that rig on your fireplug so you could see it at night.

Next to the Mounted Army Air Corps aircraft propeller was a great fenced-in petting zoo, chock full of kids, mothers and critters. My fav. was white/black mottled pig having an oink-off with a brown cow. Next to the petting zoo was the take-apart model T pickup resting for her time to perform.

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## THE AFRH 2019 ANTIQUE AUTO MUSTER (Cont.)

Other tents held resident-made products for sale, Christine was there managing the coffee and donuts and other stuff in tents. Turns out when Susan introduced us, Christine was the Home's librarian. She was all bubbly when I identified myself as the peddler of the 6 large boxes of free old train magazines from the National Toy Train Library in Ronks, PA. Our vets love to read about toy trains of yore and stories of trains. The AFRH staff has told us that the magazines are very useful in helping vets with dementia since they help trigger early memories.

As we began judging, I pointed out the AR hood louvers to Susan. She loved the true story that Ford's female customers in early '28 fussed at Henry that the tapered straight hood hinge edge was not in alignment with the ends of the louvers, and they demanded that the design be fixed. This forced Henry to spend money in the process of correcting something he felt was just fine as it was. She giggled at this report of women power in the 1920s. Then we were off to judge the rest of the 21 cars.



As I was getting a bit shaky, we returned to our cars and set a spell. All too soon it was judging time. The event organizer, Linda, had several folks assembled to judge along with our advisory input. Decisions were made and the awards were announced to the delight of the crowd, Gay and Ken were winners.



GWC BOD member Milford Sprecher was called to the mike to make our presentation of \$500 to the Residents Fund for the AFRH-W to the AFRH-W Administrator, CAPT Susan Bryhan, USN (Ret.). It was noted that the NVRG had mailed their donation in earlier.

Suddenly, it was "mount 'em up" and parade thru the campus. Many vets were in the entrance to the Scott building and the portico above waving and cheering us paraders as we passed. Susan selected Gay's Budster as her ride for the parade. As we finished our tour, there were waves all around as we departed the grounds. What a great day!

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## **THE AFRH 2019 ANTIQUE AUTO MUSTER (Cont.)**

It was especially rewarding for me to be able to ride with fellow vet Ken in his '41 Woodie, chatting all the way with Ken about cars, our time in the service, and my preparation for my medical procedure Wednesday morning, October 2.

Did I mention the day was perfect? We were all there playing old cars with our beloved vets. We were all winners!

Clem  
As told to Jim

## **ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME CAR SHOW—ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE**

It was another beautiful day for the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show. There was a wide variety of cars displayed, the oldest of which was a 1920 Model T roadster owned by Bill Hahn. There were two Model A's – my 1930 Town Sedan and Mike Silbert's 1928 roadster. Other cars included Bill Simon's 1949 Ford Woodie and Ken Burns' black 1941 Ford Woodie. Ken's car won the favorite car award. Mike Silbert's should have received the best unrestored award, but that was one award they didn't present.

The Nation's Capital Model T Club brought the take apart Model T, which was assembled and running within 15 minutes and was a real crowd pleaser, as always.

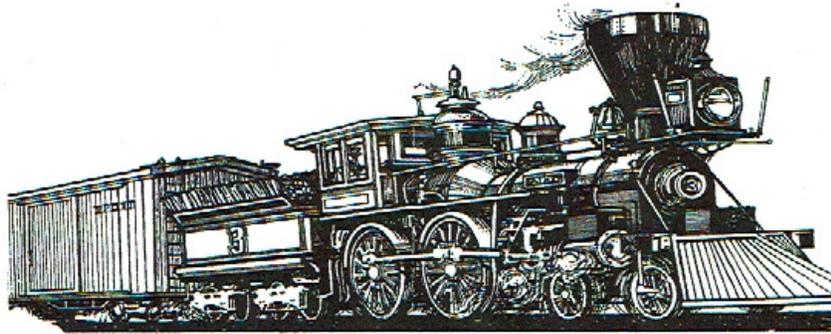
There was a good turnout of nearby residents and Soldier's Home residents alike. One of the residents received the award for most likely to get a speeding ticket for his Porsche 911.

There were two checks presented to the AFRH Recreation fund. A young member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution had raised funds and the \$500 donation from our club presented by yours truly. A nice car show in a beautiful location put on for the benefit of our honorable veterans and residents of the home.

Milford Sprecher



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# 2019 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

**WHEN: Saturday December 7, 2019**

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**WHERE:** American Legion Post #177  
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Dessert choices: chocolate cake, cheesecake or pumpkin pie.

All entrees will be accompanied by water, coffee or hot tea.

Beer and wine are served at the cocktail hour, and at dinner. Cash bar. BYOB is allowed, but they have to pour the drinks for you, out of your bottle. There is also liquor allowed, but again, they have to pour it for you.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy to put under our tree for the *USMC Toys For Tots* drive.

Reservations will be accepted at the November Monthly Club meeting or you can send a check along with a note indicating your entrée & dessert choices to:

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## COMING EVENTS

### October

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

Oct. 9-12 (Wed. thru Sat.) Hershey Fall Meet. For info, go to <hersheyaaca.com>

**Oct. 16 (Wednesday) Monthly GWC membership meeting**

**Oct. 19 (Saturday) Doukenie Winery Tour, Hillsboro, VA. Sign up by Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. (See p.14 of September's Script for more information.)**

### November

**Nov. 13 (Wednesday) CDC Breakfast at the Silver Diner in Fair Oaks.**

**Nov. 20 (Wednesday) Annual GWC membership meeting to elect new officers.**

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1926 Model T Truck Roadster. Very clean and runs great. Bought in Colorado in 2011. Engine works great and does not burn or leak oil. New top and has tight steering. Bought it for \$15,000 and have put about 100 miles on it. Tires fairly new and upholstery in new condition. Radiator in good shape. Ignition system has been changed to a distributor type with a mechanical advance in the traditional place. Kept in a hanger at Potomac Airfield in Friendly, MD. Asking \$15,000. Contact Mike Pangia at 201-360-0380 or [mikelaw83@msn.com](mailto:mikelaw83@msn.com).



1928 TUDOR SEDAN. Last run 2-3 years ago and ran well then but will not start now because, according to owner, "it is very difficult to crank." She says it also needs a new battery. Father was a Ford dealer in Texas and has since passed away. Mother is being moved into Assisted Living and car needs to be sold to help fund the move. Extra parts include about 100 small jars containing springs, small seat parts(?), plus larger items and service manuals, probably taken from the dealership in the 1970s. Also nice framed photo of Henry Ford from the dealership. She is asking \$10,000 for everything. If interested, contact Kerry Willingham at 410-268-3996 or [kerryboe@gmail.com](mailto:kerryboe@gmail.com).



I have a Canadian Motor A motor for sale. I describe it as a rusty short block. Needs complete rebuild. \$75 OBO. Engine is at my home. Please contact Clem at: (703) 830-5597 or [clem.clement@cox.net](mailto:clem.clement@cox.net)

### Hershey Spaces Available

I have available one Hershey flea market space, @ \$80. (which is for the whole show)  
Please contact Dave at: [jrdshen@verizon.net](mailto:jrdshen@verizon.net) 703 938 8954 Thanks.

Long time club member and Hershey 'go'er' Clem won't be able to make it this year so he is trying to sell his spot this time. It's on the Orange Field and if memory serves, right near Benny and Jim. So that's a bonus ... I think. Anyhow, contact Clem if interested at: [clem.clement@cox.net](mailto:clem.clement@cox.net)

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