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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear GWCers,

A Healthy and Happy New Year to you all!

It's the first week of January, and 2020 is behind us now, so we can start the New Year off with a clean slate.

The Covid health concerns are still with us, but a Vaccine is on the horizon. We have learned how to follow best practices for social distancing and wearing a mask in public.

For our Monthly Meetings, we are getting good at the Zoom sessions, and thanks to Milford's efforts, we have a couple of local Club "Covid-Safe Model A Tours" under our belts.

So, what is in store for 2021? The Board is working hard to keep active, and come up with safe activities and Club events we can all participate in. Gene Rainville, our 2021 Activities Chairman, has a good list of possible local events and tours we can choose from.

We even have an overnight tour on the drawing boards for mid-summer, and we are just waiting to be sure it will be safe to move forward with the plans.

In the meantime, we are planning our Sit & Sip gatherings, weather permitting, for each month. Also, now that the Silver Diner has installed a new, more safe air handling system in their restaurants, and they offer outside dining, we are considering resuming the Caffeine Double Clutch (CDC) monthly breakfast gatherings on the second Wednesday of each month. Stay tuned.

The Squad has been assisting members who have had problems with their cars, and this has included carefully arranged site visits. The Squad is available for phone troubleshooting consultations, iPhone video consultations, or even site visits, if the conditions are right. Contact Paul Bjarnason, James Kolody or John Dougherty with questions.

In the meantime, even though it is winter, if there is a nice-weather day, take advantage of it and get that Model A out there for a drive. Go to the grocery store or to Home Depot just to give it some exercise. This will get you ready for a local tour once the weather turns nicer.

Stay tuned for another interesting program this month.

I look forward to "seeing" everyone at our fifth Zoom Monthly Meeting in January.

Stay Safe, Doug

FROM THE EDITOR

I had a fine Christmas with 2/3 of my grandsons. Exhausting! Then I tried to take Alice to a B&B in western Maryland, but that area turned out to be a Covid hot spot, so that got postponed. I am looking forward to getting my current Model A out and touring. Meanwhile, if you have memories of wonderous things (or disastrous things) you did with your Model A in the past, put it in writing and send it to me. Readers would love to commiserate.

Bill Sims

REPORT FROM THE BOARD ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Board Meeting December 30, 2020



<u>Call to Order</u>. The December Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Doug Tomb, via Zoom teleconference

<u>Attendance</u>. A quorum was present for the Board meeting to enable voting. The members who were present included Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb, John Dougherty, Paul Bjarnason, Luke Chaplin, Greg Shepherd, Bill Sims, James Kolody and Jerry Olexson. Also present were 2021 incoming Board members Gene Rainville and Stan Johnson. Not present. Benny Leonard.

Board Meeting Agenda – President Tomb opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

<u>Item #1</u> The membership meeting is set for January 20 at 7:30 PM via Zoom. A presentation on foreign travel in a Model A Ford is expected to be delivered by Jim Baker. [This has since been changed. See p. 7 —Ed.]

Item #2 The Treasurer reported that a balance of \$37,647 exists in the Club bank account. An audit of the 2020 expenditures needs to be conducted of the Treasurer's books. A request was made of each Board member to submit the budgetary needs of his appropriate area of responsibility.

Item #3 Sully Chairman gave an update to the Board on the negotiation progress with the Sully park administrators. Progress is slow and the Park Authority has internal decisions to be made by that organization before GWC is able to green light the Sully Show. The Board deferred a decision on the Sully Show and will again discuss it at the January Board meeting.

Also, the Sully Chairman informed the Board that the McLean Day Car show is on hold until a suitable parking site can be found. The previous site, St Luke's parking lot, is not available as previously announced.

<u>Item #4</u> The new Activities Chairman is seeking ideas and input from membership on venues of interest for the March-April-May time frame. A Sip and Sit is scheduled for Saturday, January 2nd. Several other ideas are in the development stage. It was announced that the January 15-17 Auto Mania at Carlisle PA is still in play.

<u>Item # 5</u> President Doug announced planning for a multi-day club driving tour of Orange, Virginia area. The time is tentatively set for July 20. Full details are to be developed and shared as appropriate.

Item #6 New Business - None at this time.

Meeting concluded at 8:45PM.

As my tenure ends as your Secretary, I am honored to have been part of the Board to serve the Club members.

Respectively submitted, Jerry Olexson

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

Millard Springer expressed appreciation for the confidence shown in him when he was elected President for '96. He gave thanks to former President Jim Cartmill for the two years in which he did such a fine job and to the Board members who were retiring, as well as the new officers and members of the Board who would be helping him in the coming year. He said that for the most part things would continue as is, adding, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Only minor adjustments were being anticipated. One of his goals was to get a greater number of members planning and coming out for activities, adding a plea for suggestions for how to stir up more interest.

The Board meeting was held at Lloyd Hoffman's with new and continuing members in attendance.

Val and Donna Zadnik, who accepted the Activities Chair from Luke Chaplin, had already sprung into action, with no less than eleven things for members to do in the planning stages for just the first six months, starting with a flea market at the January meeting and wrapping up the first half of the year with a late-June tour of Mount Vernon.

Rick Menz had installed a new high-compression cylinder head on his Deluxe Phaeton and was very pleased with it but wondered how much the 5.9 compression ratio enhanced engine power output vs. the standard 40 hp. What followed was three full pages of Einstein-like calculations and testing procedures offered up by Joe Krafft, who unfortunately lacked some needed info to arrive at a definitive answer.

Members were asked to sign up at the upcoming meeting for attendance at the Parts Workshop at Walt Bratton's. "Bring your rusty distributor, gummed up carburetor, dead starter or generator, leaky water pump, or balky horn.... Walt will have all the parts on hand and experts will be available to give technical assistance." Coffee, hot cider and donuts for snacks, and pizza would be furnished compliments of the Club, and precise directions to Walt's were provided by Donna and Val.

Dave Henderson

SUNSHINE REPORT

I was diagnosed with an aorta aneurysm three years ago and the doctors were giving me blood pressure medicine and a pacemaker to treat it because it wasn't big enough to justify surgery. Surgical advances have been made and I am getting it repaired by a top surgeon at Washington Hospital Medical Center on Jan. 7. It'll involve a bypass (through a 3" incision!) and a stent with a two day stay in the hospital. I'm looking forward to the recovery and being allowed to lift things more than 40 lbs., like a stock flywheel!

Bruce Metcalf

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

Website Report

Big updates to the website at this time of year as I post all of last year's Scripts for easy reference as well as updating the Board of Directors and take my first shot at events for 2021. Please keep me honest and report any corrections needed.



Membership Report

Final Stretch for 2021 dues! We have had a good response on collecting dues for 2021 but we still have about 50 people outstanding. The cost is the same as previous years: \$20 for members with email and \$30 for those legacy members that receive the Script on paper.

Contact me if you have a question on if I have received your dues or not as the mail has been somewhat off its game this year!

You can send your money via PayPal by using Shepman@gmail.com for PayPal and make sure to pick Friends and Family as part of the process. Venmo is also available, use @Greg-Shepherd-92

For the more traditional route, the membership application that can be used for renewal is below. Please print out and indicate in the application form any changes to your info (phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc.) when you mail the check in. Please make the check out to 'GWC Inc.' and send to:

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

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JANUARY'S PROGRAM

For the January meeting, traditionally we have our indoor flea market. Well, as you may have already guessed, we are not going to meet and have a flea market. SO for the January meeting, we are reviving and modifying an idea from the past, and that is we will have an "alternative hobby" night on our ZOOM meeting. We want to hear about what other hobbies you do and see examples of such. Those who have other hobbies that tie into our Model A hobby are especially encouraged to present.

Now getting a bunch of people together on ZOOM and presenting our hobbies can be a bit tricky, so here is what we plan to do: think about what you want to present and what pictures you would like to share with the other members. Then let me and Doug know that you want to participate and send the pictures that you wish to share to Doug. He will organize them in the order that you ask for so that he can put them up on ZOOM as you present. This will take place on Jan. 20, so you have two weeks to get your thoughts together on this. The email addresses are: (me) lukechaplin@comcast.net and (Doug) douglas.tomb@verizon.net.

Luke Chaplin

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

A Message from our President

Closing out the year 2020, we realize many things we planned for our hobby could not take place. However, throughout this time, we also accomplished a number of good things, including spending more time with our families. We also made some nice additions and improvements in our Museum. To list a few... we added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display. We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections, including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools, were added to our displays. Next year, we will be adding several new donations to our Museum, including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

From all of the Trustees and myself, thank you for all of your support and many happy wishes for this holiday season.

Best Regards, John Begg President Model A Ford Foundation



ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME - WASHINGTON Office of the Administrator

3700 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20011-8400

November 30, 2020

Douglas Tomb GWC Model A Ford Club Post Office Box 971 McLean, VA 22101

Dear Mr. Tomb,

On behalf of our Residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, (AFRH) I would like to thank your members' participation in our Veterans Appreciation Classic Car Parade and the donation of \$500.00 to our Resident Fund. Your Club has been an ongoing supporter of our Residents both financially and through participation at our events for years, and we greatly appreciate this.

The Classic Car Parade, while a smaller event than our annual Antique Auto Assembly, was very meaningful to our Residents, having been without community interaction in our programs for many months due to COVID restrictions and was a real morale boost!

One of our main goals here at AFRH is to provide a premier retirement community with exceptional residential services for America's Veterans. The support provided by you and your organization really helps us achieve that goal.

Thank you so much for your time, service and dedication to our veteran community!

Sincerely,

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MY QUARANTINE PROJECT FOR LAST FALL

Back in early November, we had a little bit of warm weather, warm enough to spray modern paint outdoors! So, I took advantage of that to make a tiny bit of progress on the AA truck that I have. I dragged my 1931 Deluxe wheels out of the basement and painted them, they are unique to the deluxe AA trucks and require special hub/brake drum units to use them. I had sandblasted them a while back and they have been sitting in my (fortunately dry) basement and so I figured it was time to do something about that.

So here they are in primer. I joke that I plan to put dual wheels on the back and that is why there are seven of them, but no, there is no such thing as deluxe AA wheels, I have two spares and decided they should get painted as well while I am doing this.

Luke Chaplin







Former member Dave Ball (who used to pal around with Mark Herndon, an assistant Script editor for a few years) found this while rummaging around and suggested re-running it.



MODEL "A" FORD VALVE REPAIR AND ADJUSTMENT

based on the presentation by
Mr. Millard Springer to the
George Washington Chapter of the
Model "A" Ford Club of America
6/15/94

- I. General Information
- * valves should have between 60-70 lbs of pressure
- *all valves should be within 10 lbs of each other
- * Upon disassembly check for cracks in: valves, head & head gasket
- *valves need 1/32" thickness on edge
- * seat face needs to be at least 1/16"
- * be sure to read the Service Bulletins
- * USE THE CLUB'S VALVE JOB KIT!

II. Grinding Valve Seats & Adjustment

- A. Remove Guides with Remover Tool B. Lifters
- 1. pull up & put clothes pin on stem to keep in up position
- 2. slip out cam shaft
- C. Clean guide hole with plumber's brush
- D. Check valve shaft & guide for snug
- 1. if loose, run over it a few times lightly with a file
- 2. dimpling with a punch can also tighten them up

III. The Grinding process

- A. Keep track of how parts come out while grinding
- 1. mark front with a punch
- 2. make a holder with cardboard box
- B. Pilot Tool, Put in tightly
- C. Grinding the faces(there are three angles which must be ground in correct sequence)
- D. Each face has a proper stone

- E. Each stone must be dressed on the jig before the job & after about 10 seconds of light use
- F. Dressing jig must be adjusted for desired angle
- G. Never use pressure on grinding tool, just let tool's weight do the job
- 1. FIRST, do the 46 degree (main) face
- a. this will require the most grinding
- b. use the cut-away valve gauge to check for correct seatings
- 2. SECOND, do the 60 degree cut (bottom) remember to dress stone
- 3. THIRD, do the 30 degree cut (top)
- H. Measure seats with a tiny ruler

IV. Valves and Lifters

- A. Lapping is required for used intake valves
- B. Always get new exhaust valves
- C. Camshaft, use Walt's holder tool with impact wrench with cam in vice
- D. Put in adjustable lifters (use "prelube")
- E. Check clearance before putting in springs
- F. Use feeler gauge to check clearance between end of valve & lifter
- 1. cam must be point down (see Service Bulletin)
- 2.adjust to between 10 & 13 thousands
- 3. 12 thou. is "best"
- 4. just snug it down

HOW TO SQUEEZE HORSEPOWER FROM A MODEL B ENGINE

While poling around on line, I found this interesting video showing how to really squeeze the horsepower out of a model B engine. The only piece here that is stock is the actual model B engine block, everything else you see here is either hand-made or adapted from something else. The result? Close to 400 horsepower! But why? Well, it seems that Roy Creel is a famous racer and he plans to put this engine into a hot rod, take it out to the salt flats and try to set a land speed record for a four-cylinder Ford flathead! It seems there is a group for this and they have strict rules, and he is going for it... oh, that's just a bit over 300 MPH. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lejbsUzmVI0

Luke Chaplin

A TECH TIP FROM BRUCE

A handy way to hang a flashlight, IR temperature sensor, etc, is a magnetic cup hook up behind the dash rail.







THE GARAGE COMMANDMENTS

(Submitted by Phil McCormick—source unknown)

- 1. The garage shall be forever kept as the sacred realm of the Man. No lacy curtains nor gingham privacy panels shall be allowed on the windows of the sacred garage.
- 2. The garage shall not be cleaned, except in cases of extreme need, such as when a pair of holy Vise-Grip locking pliers hath gone missing.
- 3. Sawdust, grease, and oil are the holy sacraments of the garage, and thus must never be disposed of in haste or with malice.
- 4. Honor thy rags.
- 5. Complaineth not when the Man's Friends cometh over to work on a Model A on a Thursday night until 2:00 a.m. Be thee grateful that the Man and his Friends are not attending stimulating performances of voluptuous harlots at Shotgun Willies on this evening.
- 6. Thou shalt not remove the beer bottles from the front yard before work in the garage hath yet been completed. Yea, the front yard must be considered an extension of the garage when the garage door remaineth in an upright and horizontal position.
- 7. Honor the Man and his Friends at all times, even when one of these Friends dropeth a heavy Model A wheel on the driveway at 12:30 a.m., awakening thyself and wrathful neighbors who calleth to complain.
- 8. Storeth not antique doll houses in the garage.
- 9. Thou shalt not ask the Man to bring in the groceries when you see that his hands are greasy, or that he is underneath a car working on the evil U-joint.
- 10. Adjust not the volume of music that playeth in the garage. Impose not your questionable music tastes on those who savor the druidic chant of Rage Against The Machine at 11 p.m.
- 11. Borroweth not the hammer of the Man which hangeth in position on the blessed pegboard. If thou breakest this commandment, at least have the courtesy to place the hammer back in correct position on the blessed pegboard. No, putting it on the workbench isn't good enough-how wouldst the Man know to looketh there?
- 12. Tools of the garage shouldst remain in the garage at all times, excepting when the Man shall use them for home repair, in which case the sacred tools must remain wherever the Man leaves them, verily including even the kitchen counter and the upstairs hallway.
- 13. Leaveth not the tools of the Man on the back porch, lest they become rusty from rain.
- 14. Loaneth not the tools of the Man to your fishy work friends who hath not earned tools of their own.

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THE GARAGE COMMANDMENTS (Cont.)

- 15. Pulleth not your car into the garage whilst a repair doth transpire in the other bay. The space is needed for many great deliberations and ritual beer drinking. Considereth any snow removal that may be required from your vehicle the next morning as a small penance to pay in comparison to the bloody knuckles, hangover, and bodily suffering borne by the Man.
- 16. Closeth the trash can at all times, lest the stinking odor of cat poop foul the air.
- 17. Covet not the eleven Phillips head screwdrivers on the Man's pegboard, and cast not thy insults on the Man's need for additional screwdrivers in the future. Each screwdriver serves a unique, substitution-impossible purpose.
- 18. Thou shalt not remove the multitude of straightened, oddly-formed, spray-paint-encrusted coat hangers dangling from the garage ceiling.
- 19. Resist the temptation to dispose of these humble tools, and your rewards shall include a freshly painted iron planter—as soon as the Man finishes working on his Model A, of course.
- 20. Maintaineth a minimum of six yo-yo's (retracting tape rulers), or findeth not one when needed.
- 21. A man's worth shall be measured by the number of cans of partially used spray paint on his shelves. However, the Man will never have the right color for the job at hand.
- 22. Obey the Flat Surface Rule. Always put down the tool you are using on the nearest flat surface. Then look for it elsewhere—stopeth for a beer when discouraged.
- 23. Respect the large piece of cardboard against the garage wall. The Man useth it to lay on when he is under the car. Touch it not, lest lightning strike thee dead.
- 24. I sayeth to you: No sweeter sound ever shall be heard than thy own air impact wrench in thy own garage.
- 25. Thou shalt love the smell of grease as thou loveth thyself.
- 26. Take not the name of GOJO Creme Formula hand cleaner in vain, especially in the fruity lemon scent.



WARNING FROM CLUB MEMBER PAUL GAUTHIER

I received an email from a guy in FL saying he wanted to purchase my '29 roadster and he would send a check for the car and shipping cost. The scam is that he sent the check that looked real but was bogus and when you deposit it, somebody will come by to get the "extra money" they send you over and above the cost of the car for transportation.

You give them the extra funds out of your checking account and they take off with the cash. I did not fall for it because I had heard of this scam before. I could have lost \$2,500 if I did not check with my bank before going through with the sale. The bank called me today to tell me the check I received was no good - I had asked them to run a check on it last week.

COMING EVENTS

January

Jan 15-17 (Friday thru Sunday), Carlisle Events is holding an "Automania" event, which in the past has been held in Allentown, PA. This year it is being held in the Carlisle auto auction building at 100 K Street. Information can be found

here: https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=auto+mania+carlisle . NOTE! The event does not open until NOON on Friday!

January 20 General meeting conducted on Zoom at 7:30. Program on members' hobbies. (See p. 7.)

January 27 Board Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM..

WANT ADS

For Sale

Fresh rebuilt Model B engine, bored .60 over, touring cam, counterbalanced crank, oversized intake valves, adjustable lifters, balanced rods and pistons, develops 58 hp. All intake and exhaust ports polished. Short block, you add the head you prefer. All side covers included, and oil pan. \$4,750.00. Contact Don Temple 252-943-4373

1929 Standard Roadster Body is in primer, fenders and frame are painted. The engine is frozen but all there. Several new parts—splash aprons, running boards, wiring harness and small parts. Great winter project. \$6,000 or best offer. Contact Paul Gauthier at 703-323-0009 or <gokie1@verizon.net>



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WANT ADS (Cont.)





Complete set of 21-inch wheels in excellent condition. Lug nut holes are good and no bent spokes. Wheels have been checked for straightness, sandblasted, and powder coated. I prepared these wheels for my Henry Award-winning coupe but discovered that powder coating wasn't acceptable, so I found another set, which I painted. These truly bolt on and go. No issues. \$750 firm. Contact Hunter Fanney at 301-606-1936 (c) (call or text) or 301-253-0057 (h)





