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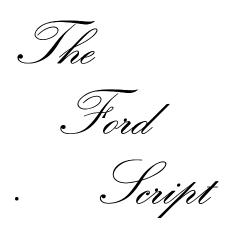


The late Val Zadnik with wife Donna and their 55-B 1931 Tudor Sedan











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Chapter meetings will be held by computer on the third Wednesday of every month using Zoom technology until it is safe to return to physical meetings. The meeting starts at 7:30.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello fellow club members!

I'm Luke Chaplin, your new president for 2022. And it's not just me, we have a whole new board as well, most of them are old familiar faces from previous boards, but they are now in new positions on the board. But that doesn't mean that it's too late to join the board for this year. The position of Secretary is still open and you don't even have to run, just get in touch with me or any other

board member and volunteer and the board will decide at the next board meeting. So, if you have ever thought of being a Club officer, now is your big chance. For a more gentle job in the Club, we are still hoping to find somebody to serve as refreshment handler. When live meetings start up, you would bring drinks and snacks to the Club and handle charges for them. The Club will then reimburse you for expenses and you won't even have to come to board meetings. So, if you would like to keep having refreshments at the monthly meetings, please consider volunteering for this position.

So, what is in the planning for the upcoming year? Well, we were hoping that COVID would be a bad memory by now, but that is not the case. Activity chairman Gene Rainville wrote up and sent out an announcement earlier this month as follows:

## "From your Activity Chairman:

Last night the GWC Board met and discussed COVID and a number of initiatives for 2022. COVID is again affecting our ability to safely have indoor events with a large number of people. Because we want to make sure that you and family members are safe and free of COVID, we are suspending all indoor events until April 1, 2022 (Note: This decision may be revisited in March). I know that many of you were looking forward to the Sweetheart Dinner; unfortunately, we must cancel for this year. Hopefully next year we will be COVID free. In addition, all Membership Meetings and Board Meetings will be by ZOOM. Our President, Luke Chaplin, will be sending out instructions on how to ZOOM prior to each meeting as appropriate. In addition, our monthly GWC breakfast will also be canceled until April 1, 2022. However, the V8 CDC breakfast schedule may be different. I hope everyone will keep healthy through these trying times. Gene Rainville Activity Chairman>"

So, what is happening? Monthly meetings for January, February, and March are currently being planned as ZOOM meetings and hopefully in April, things will improve enough to begin having live meetings. The board is also looking into having more Sit and Sip events, as weather permits. Meanwhile, a group is busy planning for a comeback of our Club's Sully car show in June. The monthly Club breakfasts will resume when it is safe to do so. Club tours, picnics, Christmas party, tech sessions, Small Parts Day, flea market are all being discussed as possible activities this year. If you have ideas for events or have a good location to hold any of these at, PLEASE get in touch with me, Gene or any board member and tell us. This is YOUR Model A club, so all suggestions are welcome, especially for presentations at the monthly meetings.

And now, the board has decided that the Club air compressor needs to be brought up to a higher standard of performance after the "whistle accident" and the recent trouble on Sandblast Day. We plan to tear it down and fix anything that needs fixing to make it a classy and reliable piece of

# **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Cont.)**

equipment. If this interests you, join us! We could use help from experienced people as well as welcoming total novices who want to learn. Contact me (lukechaplin@comcast.net) if you want to help.

So, in closing, let's all keep going as we head into the new year. If you have pictures of your current projects, send them in to the Script with a brief description of it and share it with the other members.

Luke

# FROM THE EDITOR

I was saddened to hear of Val Zadnik's passing last month. I remember going on Club tours with my daughter Ariel in the '90s and how Val and Donna would always make on over her. I also recall how he and Donna came to my rescue when "Blaze" got a flat tire near Fort Myer when I was returning from Fairfax Train Day one Sunday a decade ago. I didn't have a jack and I knew the Zadnik's lived nearby and took a chance they'd be home. They were, and they were there in no time. Val was always someone I could count on.

I also remember sitting at their table at the 1992 Christmas Party and letting slip that I'd worked as an editor at a publishing company for 8 years before moving over to the Federal government. That was all they had to hear. After 2 years of co-editing the Script with Joe Krafft and Marylee Cassels, they were tired of alternating months and felt our newsletter needed one guiding hand. This was a time of typing up every article on a typewriter, cutting and pasting copy, and then driving the finished product to the printers. With my education and background, they felt they'd struck gold and could pass the baton. So, they worked on me at every meeting in '93 and finally convinced me to take over. I helped produce the November and December issues. Come January 1994, I was on my own and never looked back.

When I became editor, Val gave me shoeboxes full of photos of Club members that I could use as needed. It's my go-to source whenever we lose a long-time member. It's a sad task whenever I have to go through those boxes. We've had so many good Club members who have died or simply faded from the Club. But that's the nature of our Club—keeping alive the memory of a car that hasn't been manufactured in 90 years. But we do it because it brings such joy to people. A friend of ours phoned today and was telling us that she'd gone down to Beaufort, SC, and was staying in a motel there, when she looked out onto the parking lot and saw this great commotion. A crowd had gathered around a trailer with an antique car, so our friend went to investigate and asked what it was. "Why that's a Model A Ford, m'am," he said. People were crowding around, shooting pictures with their cell phones and they all seemed so happy.

I guess that's our motivation. That and crawling under and working on the damn things to keep them running—a labor of love.

Bill Sims

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

# Board Meeting January 2022



Minutes of the Board January 5, 2022

Members present: Luke Chaplin, Doug Tomb, John Dougherty, Bill Sims, James Kolody, Gene Rainville, Milford Sprecher and Paul Bjarnason. Thus, a quorum was present. Not present were Bruce Metcalf, Greg Shepherd and Edna Cross.

President Luke Chaplin opened the meeting.

Treasurer Bjarnason presented the financial statement for 2021 to the Board and requested that a Club member be appointed to audit the year 2021. The Board voted to ask member Gil Beckner to do the audit.

The current Covid situation was discussed regarding when the Club should resume in-person meetings again in 2022. The Board voted to hold off in-person Board and general membership meetings until April 1, 2022, but reserved the possibility that meetings in March may be held if the situation regarding Covid improves greatly. Essentially, the Board agreed that January and February would be definitely Zoom-only meetings for the GWC and took a "we'll see" position regarding March.

The budget process was discussed and it was agreed that the next meeting would feature a specific proposal from Treasurer Bjarnason, based upon proposals from the Board members for their areas of responsibility. Board members were asked by President Chaplin to forward their input to Treasurer Bjarnason to be compiled into a budget for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

The scholarship program was discussed and there was general support for it. The Board appointed a 3-person committee to put a specific proposal together for the Board to consider at its next meeting as part of the overall budget. The three members are Mssrs. Dougherty, Kolody and Bjarnason.

There was general support for the GWC's donations to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. and the Armed Forces Retirement Home in prior years and there was a consensus to continue, which will be formalized in the next budget approval process. No vote was taken on any specific dollar amount donation proposal.

Sully Chairman Dougherty reported that things were generally on-track for Sully 2022, The only new news was that the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) requested the GWC to fund one of the bands in advance. (The amount of \$700 for a band was approved at an earlier BOD meeting and will be included in the Sully budget.) Chairman Dougherty said that he is working with the FCPA on the logistics of the GWC making this payment, i.e., would the GWC pay the FCPA (donation account) or directly to the band, and when. Weather forecast for Sully remains the same, 81 degrees, partly cloudy, and a light breeze from the NW!

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# REPORT FROM THE BOARD ZOOM TELECONFERENCE (Cont.)

Purchase by the GWC of a stash of parts for the "Squad" was discussed, with the proposal being that several hundred dollars in parts be acquired for inventory to make the Squad's efforts more efficient. The proposal was not met with enthusiasm and, therefore, no vote was taken. The consensus seemed to be that various Squad members could come up with parts out of their own parts stashes to fix a member's car, with the member replacing the parts directly to the member who provided the parts.

The Board recognized that the GWC's Smith compressor needs a lot of work. In particular, President Chaplin noted that he had looked the compressor over recently and found many problems and it was also noted that the compressor failed to work at the recent sand blast day, because the motor would not run for a continuous period. There are cracks in the frame which carries the compressor. President Chaplin noted that he would lead the effort to fix up the compressor. The Board resolved to ask the Squad to assess the compressor for what would be needed to put it into full operational condition. The assessment would be factored into the GWC's budget process. The Board consensus appeared to be to put the compressor into good condition for the 2022 Sully and a sand blast day in the spring. But no vote was taken, since no specific money amount had been proposed. This will occur in the next Board meeting.

The GWC's Zoom account is paid forward until September 2022. It was agreed that President Chaplin and former President Tomb would work out the transfer of the account.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Paul Bjarnason Acting Secretary



## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO (1997)

Starting the new year off right, President Millard Springer first thanked the Board and officers who had worked hard in 1996 to make sure the Club functioned well and members had a good time. He followed saying that "at the same time, your newly elected Board and officers looked to the future and began the exciting task of planning the direction, activities, and programs that will make 1997 an even better year for our chapter."

Already in the planning stages were an overnighter, more hands-on workshops, and an effort to make the women of the Club feel more welcome. He appealed to members to make their desires and needs known and to tell the Board what they think the Club is doing right and wrong to help make it the best it can be.

Editor Bill, now in his fourth year in office told how easy it had become to put the Script out. He marveled at the new computer he had and lauded Joe Krafft for the backup support he was receiving, Frank Stoner for photography, and the number of people submitting articles they had either written themselves or had come across in other publications.

Millard had said the Board was looking into ways to encourage wives and women in general to feel more a part of the club. Bill said the standard "hook" to lure women in had been era fashions. However, none of the women in our Club asked for that to be emphasized more. He said maybe we should ask them if they really want to be active members and, if so, what would appeal to them. Members were asked to query wives about this, and then at the next formal meeting it could be discussed.

Clem Clement wrote about his '28 AR phaeton. It had been in a New Jersey collectors barn for thirty years, needing everything, Clem felt the challenge and acquired it.. He described it as follows, "The previous owner had changed the running gear, removed the top, installed chicken coop parts and fender lights. The fenders were mopped and the body had primer and barn white applied. The final touch was a quart of light blue poured down the rear side and fender, a real looker." He promised to entertain us with his trials and tribulations in the coming months as he worked his way toward fulfilling his dream. Now, about the deal that brought the AR home—it was a multi-party transaction. An associate had a stripped Corvette and liked old trains. Another had the Phaeton, a truck and a son who wanted a Corvette. Well, you figure it out, it's too complicated for me to. But in the final analysis, Clem said he didn't know who won the trade, but he got the most rust.

Dave Henderson





# Valentine Zadnik Feb 13, 1934 – Dec 5, 2021



Val was a long-time member of the GWC. He and his wife, Donna, served as the Script's coeditors in 1991 with Joe Krafft and Marylee Cassels. In 1992, they were co-editors with Joe again, alternating months of responsibility, and in 1993 with Ellen Deason. It was during that year that they recruited and trained Bill Sims to take over the Script in 1994.

From 1993 to 1998, Val and Donna took over and coordinated the Club's annual spring Family Night, where each attendee brought food and were provided with entertainment, especially for the children who came.

Val also drove in many Club tours and attended Club events with Donna at his side.

## **GWC/CDC MONTHLY BREAKFAST**

Another great breakfast for the Model A and V8 Club Members on December 15, 2021. This was our last club breakfast for the year and everyone had a great time. Jim Baker was the only one that brought an antique car (see picture below). I think it was because the weather forecast predicted snow about 10 a.m. and the event started at 9 a.m. In any case, a large turnout. Members present were Ken and Helen Burns, Wayne and Jane Chadderton, Doug Tomb and Gene Rainville, Stan and Rosalind Johnson, Clem and Sandy Richard, Jim Baker and Bruce and Loretta Metcalf. There was a lot of interaction among the group with lots of humorous stories being told. Hopefully we will continue to have good participation from our two clubs in 2022. Happy New Year

Gene Rainville 703 489-7321 rainvillegl@gmail.com





## MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE--GIVE A BRICK

In 2011 we began selling memorial bricks to raise money for the Model A Museum. Please consider purchasing a brick as gift a for a Model A fan. This is a great way to honor your favorite Model A'ers or recognize your Model A Club. The cost of a brick is \$150. To order a brick, complete the order form and return it to MAFFI with your check. All bricks will be installed on the drives in front of the Model A Ford Museum for everyone to see.

Go to this website and complete the form to purchase a brick.

https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf

Marsha DuBreuil MAFFI

## **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. Please keep me honest and report any corrections needed. Contact: <a href="mailto:Shepman@gmail.com">Shepman@gmail.com</a>

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Two new members have joined. Welcome! Please update your rosters.

Sean Griffin 1401 New York Avenue NE Studio 325 Washington DC, 20002 202-375-1652 SKG@seangriffin.com 1931 Steel Cab Pickup

Mike Tseytlin 10610 Alloway Dr Potomac MD 20854 703-975-6813 mtseytlin@yahoo.com 1930 Sports Coupe

Final Stretch for 2022 dues! We have had a good response on collecting dues 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 already receive the Script on paper. And remember 2022 is a HARD COPY roster year, so don't miss out on not being included.

## Contact me if you have a question on if I have received your dues or not.

You can send your money via PayPal by using <a href="mailto:Shepman@gmail.com">Shepman@gmail.com</a> for PayPal and make sure to pick Friends and Family as part of the process. Venmo is also available, use @Greg-Shepherd-92 And finally Zelle can be used with my phone number: 703-475-6513

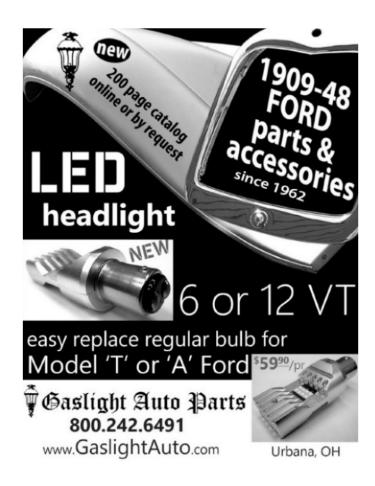
For the more traditional route, the membership application that can be used for renewal is on the next page. Please print out and indicate in the application form any changes to your info (phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc.) when you mail the check in. Please make the check out to 'GWC Inc.' and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

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

The hard deadline is: February 28th, 2022

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# SEEN AT THE DECEMBER BROWN BAG MEETING



Paul Bjarnason digs into a bag of goodies



Doug Tomb officiating the Brown Bag selection, his last formal duty as President



Editor Bill draws the next number after opening his prize—a brand new fishing rod!

At right, he admires his "catch."



Don White opening his prize and, no, I can't remember why he had a kerchief on his head.



## **THE COST OF CAR REPAIR--'37 STYLE**

Years ago at Walt's Repair Day, your editor was given a suggested repair schedule by a member who had come across it and thought it might be of interest to Club members. It was 15 pages long, so when space allowed, it was to be reproduced subject by subject, until the whole thing has been reprinted. It has been awhile since it was run, but this is the last page.

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[Clem saw this on Facebook]

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SOLVED THE PROBLEM!!! Harbor Freight had, on sale for \$6.66, the HaulMaster 12-volt magnetic towing light kit. I grabbed a set and changed the 1157 bulbs out for 1154, making it a 6-volt kit. Wired the pigtail end of the trailer plug into my car's running, turning and stop lights, plugged in the lights and they worked. Took a little time to shorten the wire between the two lights, which was done internal of the housings, and wrap the wire in friction tape so that it is black, not yellow, green, white and brown. Now I have two huge lights magnetically attached to the sides of the trunk mount that can be unplugged, removed and stowed in the trunk. Safety and original appearance once I arrive.

[I went ahead and found them at Harbor Freight...they have an LED version now for \$32 while the normal one is \$20.—Clem]

http://www.harborfreight.com/12-volt-magnetic-towing-light-kit-63100.html

http://www.harborfreight.com/12-volt-magnetic-led-towing-light-kit-63115.html









## **COMING EVENTS**

## **January**

January 14-15 (Friday-Saturday) – Lebanon PA Fairgrounds – Lots of old tools, model engines & just plain stuff.

January 14 thru 16 (Friday-Sunday) -- Carlisle Show & Flea Market, Allentown Penn. 302 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Carlisle at Fri 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.,. Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 19 (Wednesday) – GWC Zoom Membership Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

January 26 (Wednesday) – GWC Zoom Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

## **February**

February16 (Wednesday) – GWC Zoom Membership Meeting –7:30 p.m.

February 23 (Wednesday) – GWC Zoom Board Meeting – Type TBD – 7:00 p.m.

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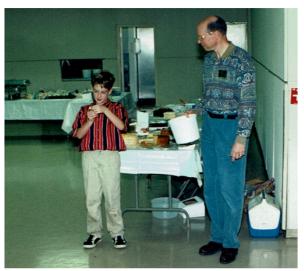


# PARTING MEMORIES OF VAL ZADNIK



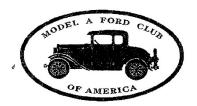












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