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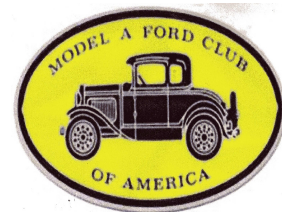
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy August everyone!

I am attending the MARC meet in Hamilton, OH, outside of Cincinnati. I trailered my 28 Roadster out here, an uneventful trip. I was reminded of the beauty of Western Maryland as we drove through Allegheny and Garrett counties, places that I have not visited in quite a few years.

Google Maps took us into PA on Rte.40, by the site of Fort Necessity and Braddock's grave. I have not visited either before, but they should be on my list of places to visit. There were lots of hills that taxed the V6 in my Ford F-150, but we made it. Bill Bass was close behind me, although he took a little bit different route.

Attendance at the meet is good and there are lots of beautiful cars here. In addition to Bill Bass and his brother Charlie, I saw Jim Cross, who gave a presentation on maintenance tips, and Luke Chaplin. I also met club member Don Swofford, who lives in Charlottesville. There is one other GWC member here, Gary Donley, of Harpers Ferry, WV, but I have not met him, yet. That is pretty good representation from our club, which is nice. I saw two members of the Baltimore club, too.

I finally finished installing the cast iron brake drums on my roadster and tried to install new radial tires, but had mishaps installing metal stems in two of the tubes, so I could not accomplish that task. I also installed a new Aries muffler on the car.

The MARC meets are always informative and enjoyable and I recommend attending one if you can. Next year's meeting is in North Carolina, so it will be somewhat closer. North Carolina is a big state, so we will need to see as the location has not been finalized, yet. I would like to attend a MAFCA meeting sometime, but the locations have not been as convenient as the MARC meets.

There are some tours coming up. We have partnered with the Nation's Capital Model T Club to allow our members to participate in the Washington, DC area tour on August 12. Read about it in this issue. The tour I am organizing to St. Michaels will be October 26-28, more details of which appear elsewhere in this issue of The Script.

I was sorry to have missed the Stone Gables Tour that Jason Cunningham and some friends put together in Pennsylvania the Saturday before I left for the MARC meet. I thought about going, but thought I it was a bit of a stretch as I was getting my car ready to take to the MARC meet.

The club 60th anniversary celebration is coming together. Unfortunately, I will be out of the country at that time, so I am unable to attend. Do try and attend that, if you can.

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Nothing new, my Coupe is running well, except that quieter would be nice. I have been talking to our President about exhaust noise and am scheming to hear his new Aries muffler to see if that is an opportunity for me quiet things down.

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

George Washington Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Board Meeting July 27, 2023

President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting of the club's 60th anniversary year to order at 6:44 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Hank Zajic, Gene Rainville, John Dougherty, James Kolody, Jeff VanGorder, and Dave Greenwood.

The Board expressed appreciation to the Sully Chair John Dougherty and the committee for another fantastic car show.

SULLY #48 BOD Report.

John had the final close out meeting with the Fairfax County Park Authority and all around it was a success. The Park authority is finalizing the numbers, but it appears equal to 2022. It was noted that there will be a series of retirements at the Park Authority before next year so John is going to finalize our 2024 Letter Agreement very soon to avoid confusion while vacancies are being filled so as not to delay the 2024 event planning. John did receive payment from the vendors, and it will be reflected in the next treasurer's report. A few additional items were noted.

1. The volunteers were not aware of the break room – to be added to training for next year.
 2. Consider moving the T Shirt and GWC sales tent to near the vendors.
 3. One of the challenges for traffic was having to deal with an exit lane, people leaving at 11:30.
 4. The county is discussing potentially raising the entry fee, John will address in the Agreement Letter.
- Carl Patrick Awards- The award will be presented at the December Christmas party; The committee appointed by Milford to review applications is : Paul Bjarnason, John Leydon and Greg Shepherd. Hank has received a picture of the last award and is preparing the Plaque.

Treasurer – No report – Doug on Vacation.

Activities- July 15, 2023, Picnic was attended by 40 people and 11 Model As.

Gene is now focused on final preparation and registrations for the 60th anniversary celebration at Mount Vernon on August 19. He has obtained 38 registrations so far and will provide last minute reminders and guidance in the Script and a separate e mail. Then he will focus on the Christmas Party, and has already purchased many great items for the drawing.

Programs- Hank highlighted the great success and lively interaction on the July event with Jim Baker's presentation on his Touring Model A. Jim and Hank will be making a similar presentation at the V8 club. August Dave Gunnerson from the V8 Club will present on Ford in the DC area including the assembly plant in DC. September will be focused on activities at the Navy Research Center at Carter Rock and internship opportunities for Youth at the Armed Forces installations in the areas. October will be a summary with slides from all the various Model Events: Sully, National meets etc.

Membership- Jeff VanGorder received two new membership applications.

Upcoming Tours- Milford is preparing a Script article on the details of the St. Michaels, MD tour for October 26-28 and may include the Baltimore Club, the gathering spot is at the McDonald's on West Street in Annapolis. He is anticipating about 10 cars on the tour and has reserved a block of rooms at the St Michaels Inn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In his Ford Script column, President Clem began by thanking Andy and Ellen Jaeger for graciously hosting GWC members at their river side estate and also thanked all who brought food and helped with the setup, cookin', and cleanup. 110 people and 13 Model A's showed up to enjoy breakfast pancakes, bacon, 2 kinds of sausage, juice, and coffee. For lunch, there were hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chili dogs, and all the trimmings. Plenty of beer and sodas were on hand for the whole day. Clem reminded us that the Pig Pickin' was coming up in September and to get cars and stories ready.

The proposed Long Range Focus Group was now up and running. Donna and Dan Lyons had agreed to co-chair the group, whose mission was to look at trends and conditions in the club and recommend changes in direction that should be considered as the 21st century approached. Eric Rodgers elaborated that the research topics included, but were not limited to; changing driving rules and road conditions, availability of original parts, repair trends, and attendance at club functions and national conventions. Two other topics which had been wrestled with for some time were regional groups and help committees, which it was said the Board viewed as vital to the continued growth and success of the club because many members needed to link up with fellow members for Model A activities and/or with members who would be willing to provide technical or mechanical assistance. A call was made for others to become members of the group.

Millard Springer put forth thoughts on the topic of original parts vs. new reproduction parts. He mused that Ed Weincek, aka our late beloved "Mister Ed", had opened a real can of worms at the last meeting when he suggested that more people should recycle original used Model A parts rather than purchase the new reproduction parts available through dealers such as our own Walt Bratton's company. Millard said in theory that sounded like a cost effective sensible approach, but in reality it was a little trickier. Many people do not have a garage full of original parts to work with. He said they could go to flea markets to purchase them but needed to know enough to get the right part, if they can find it. Then they must be mechanically inclined or know how to fix what needs fixing. If a part was taken off a car and thrown in a box it's probably because it's broken in some way and if you can't fix it yourself, you have to pay someone else to do the work, which could quickly wipe out any cost cutting you might have had in mind. Another possibility, buy original parts from a vendor who understands them and restores and guarantees them. It takes time, effort, and skill, bring \$\$\$!

Dave Henderson



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NEW CAST IRON BRAKE DRUMS

I love driving my Model As, but safety is paramount to me. My '28 Roadster has had steel drums and there have been too many times I stopped just in the nick of time. I bought new cast iron drums from Bratton's years ago and I have been falling over them in my garage too much in the last few years, so it was time to make the change. My plan was to have the new drums on and to drive the car to Sully. I almost made it.

I had bought a swaging tool with my drums and lug bolts. I took the drums to Rockville Ring and Bearing and Doug did the job for me. He thanked me for bringing my swaging tool as it was better than his. Doug couldn't turn my drums, but a shop I use near me was able to turn the drums for me. I painted the new drums in Rustoleum gloss black paint and they looked pretty good. The fronts went on easily. All the brake parts looked good. My shoes were still in good shape, so I left them on. The rears were a little more complicated.

You need to remove the parking brake band and the parking brake carrier to get to the brake shoes. The shoes were worn to the rivets on both sides, so new brake shoes were in order. I have read that bonded shoes are best for cast iron drums, but they are only available from Snyder's on an exchange basis. I didn't have enough time to exchange the shoes in time for Sully, so I asked club members what they might have. Dave Henderson had a set of shoes with woven linings available, so I thought I would get them and see how they worked. I got a note from Walt Bratton that he uses the woven linings and that I could get some from Bratton's, but I chose to go the Dave Henderson route.

Installing the new shoes was pretty straightforward. The bolts that hold the backing plates on in the back don't tighten all the way, which puzzled me, but that was the case on both sides. I had real trouble getting the rear driver's side drum on, but I was successful after backing the adjuster off all the way and disconnecting the brake rod to let all tension off the system. The passenger side went on more easily, but I had a real time

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NEW CAST IRON BRAKE DRUMS (Cont.)

putting the parking brake lever back on. There is a woodruff key that holds the lever on and it took many tries to get it back on. I didn't remove the backing plates from the car because that would have required getting the radius rods out of the way, which I had never done before. The Les Andrews book doesn't fully explain the brake shoe replacement procedure, so I was on my own.

I finished up around 10 PM the Saturday before Sully. I took the car for a test drive around the neighborhood, but the driver's side drum was still too tight and didn't want to run the risk of overheating the brake and drum, so I took my 51 Ford to Sully instead.

After Sully, I got back to the brake drums. I removed the drums and could see that the linings were rubbing the drums, so I put a second shim on the rear axle. That seemed to help, but getting the rear axle nut torqued properly and to get the castle nut lined up to install the cotter pin on the axle was a bit challenging, but I succeeded. Taking the temperature of the drums with an infrared gun showed me that the rear brake shoes were rubbing on the drums a bit much. I removed the brake rods from the brake cross shaft and adjusted the clevises to make sure the shoes had the least tension on them, which seemed to help.

My braking has improved significantly with significantly more brake pedal.

The car does not stop as well as my Town Sedan, but I will continue to tweak the system and may even switch to the molded and bonded linings to see if they make a difference.

SUMMER PICNIC

A good time was had by all and the food was really tasty. Joining in the fun were Jim and Connie Baker, Barbara Edwards, Gil & Charlene Beckner, Bill and Carol Benedict, Paul and Margaret Bjarnason, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Jason Cunningham, John Dougherty, Valerie Faircloth, David Greenwood, Greg and Laura Shepherd, Al Iagnemmo, Stan and Roz Johnson, Michael DiBerardino, James Kolody, John Leydon, Gene and Lana Rainville, Donna Stubbin, Jeff and Cindy VanGorder, Deborah Young, and Hank and Vickie Zajic. (Apologies to any spouse's names that were missed.)



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JULY 4, 2023 FAIRFAX CITY PARADE

The weather for the Fairfax July 4th parade was absolutely perfect. Partly cloudy with temperatures in the mid to upper 80s. The parade was well attended with large crowds on both sides of the street. GWC had six cars in the parade – Jim Gray, Rande Young, Jeff VanGorder and Gene Rainville's Coupe. For the 7th time in a row, we won First Place. We had a great time. It's always more fun when you win. Looking forward to next year's parade.



Gene Rainville

THE STONE GABLES CAR SHOW AND TOUR

On a blistering Friday afternoon, three members of the club met at the Jimmie Cone ice cream stand in Mount Airy, Maryland to start the 90 mile drive north to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania for the first ever Stone Gables Prewar Car Show and Tour. As temperatures reached 92 degrees, the crew consisting of Jason Cunningham, Jeff and Cindy VanGorder, and Michael DiBerardino enjoyed an ice cream cone before setting out for Brattons nearby.

Then the trouble started.

Jason Cunningham's 1922 Cadillac quickly was the first and only vehicle from the club on the trip to require a sweaty, road-side repair involving completely removing and disassembling the carburetor and reinstalling a seal that had broken free and been swallowed into the intake manifold jamming the throttle open. However, after an hour, the car was back on the road, and the crew soon entered Lancaster cow country, dodging violent thunderstorms and lightning the rest of the way.

The crew gathered at the Stone Gables Estate early the next morning. The weather was hot and very humid after the storms, but the sun was shining and excitement filled the air.

First stop was a ride on the replica civil war American 440 steam engine pulling period-correct carriages. The train and private railroad on the estate was built to replicate exactly the route Lincoln's funeral train followed across the property on its way to Illinois. They even had an exact replica of the Lincoln funeral car attached to the train and available to tour. The original was unfortunately lost in a grass fire in 1911.

After the train ride, the 250 acre estate's extensive network of roads and trails were opened up for antique motorcar use. Participants forded creeks, drove over a private covered bridge, toured the huge, historic Star Barn and other outbuildings.

At one point, Jeff VanGorder and his car leaped into action to help pull an early Reo up a steep gravel hill on one of the many driving routes. The Reo made it, and after a few minutes to cool off, both cars pattered on their way.

Two food trucks provided coffee and pastries in the morning and sandwiches for lunch. During lunch in the Star Barn, Harold Lloyd's silent film masterpiece, "Speedy", played in the background while participants mingled and enjoyed the air conditioning.

At the end of the day, everyone headed back to their trailers and home or hotels, tired, happy, a little sunburned but thrilled with the whole experience.



THE STONE GABLES CAR SHOW AND TOUR (Cont.)



Jason Cunningham

JULY 19, 2023, MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Yes, you missed the fantastic review of Jim and Connie Baker's 1931 long distance Touring Model A. Thirty-one members, including two new members, were present when Hank Zajic convened the business meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

To take advantage of the daylight, we heard quick briefing from the officers.

John Dougherty thanked all the Sully committee members and volunteers for making the show a success. John will have the final closeout with the Sully team on Thursday.

John Dougherty provided a sunshine report, Alfred (Captain Al) Iagnemmo will have a heart procedure on July 31, keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Gene Rainville outlined the plans for the 60th Anniversary celebration on August 19, 2023, 11:00- 1:00 at Mount Vernon. As a reminder, Gene must have all reservations No Later Than August 7th along with your choice of meal: Chicken, Salmon, or Beef, see the email flyer for details. The member cost is \$25 per person and \$45 per person for non-members.

The GWC again won first place in the Fairfax Independence Day parade, Gene accepted it as chair. We had good attendance for the GWC summer picnic last Saturday with many members driving their cars to Sully.

Gene reminded members of the upcoming events and special note the October 21st multi-day tour to Saint Michaels, MD being led by Milford Sprecher; more details to follow for room reservations.

Doug Tomb gave the Treasurer's report; all is going well and funds are still coming in from the vendors for Sully. Our checking balance is \$31,160,31 not including the 9-month CD investment.

Hank reminded members that Script articles are due to Bruce Metcalf on Thursday August 3, 2023.

Hank Zajic reported that the August presentation will be by Dave Gunnarson of the Ford V8 Club about the early Ford presence in the metro area. The September program is about all the activities by club members over the summer including slides of Sully, National meets, and others, please send your pictures to Hank. Our formal meeting adjourned at 8:03.

The formal presentation lead by Jim & Connie Baker was on their world tours, modifications to the Model A, and the logistics of world touring. It was a very enjoyable time with lively questions and answer interactions and upfront discussion around the car. Look for summary version of the presentation on the GWC website soon.

David Greenwood

MODEL T CLUB TOUR IN AUGUST

I am thrilled that our initial 2023 club tour – and annual picnic – is now set! We will kick off at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, at **9:30 AM on August 12th** and return after these enriching experiences:

- A visit to Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens,
- A picnic lunch at Glen Echo Park, Maryland
- A cameo visit to Glenstone Museum, Potomac, MD
- Ice Cream at Sprinkles, in the heart of Potomac, MD

Rain date: August 19th, upon decision made by 7:00 PM on Friday, August 11th.

Do yourself a favor and come!!! Assemble at 9:00 AM. Trailer parking available for the day. **Bring \$12.00 per person in cash (the entry fee to Hillwood), your picnic lunch, and expectations to be richly rewarded.** Model Ts should have a full tank of gas for the 42-mile tour ending with a long “4-gallon hill” from Chain Bridge to Glebe Road. Modern cars acceptable.

Hillwood, built in the 1920s, is the former residence of businesswoman, socialite, philanthropist and collector Marjorie Merriweather Post who combined her status as the heir to several industrial fortunes and wife of the 1930's ambassador from the US to the Soviet Union to acquire an astonishing collection of decorative arts as the Soviets auctioned off the wealth of the Romanov Tsars. The museum also features stunning gardens and botanical delights on the 13-acre property that includes a vista down to the Washington Monument.

For our annual picnic, we will drive to **Glen Echo Park**, founded in 1891 as a National Chautauqua Assembly. By 1911, it transformed into DC's premier amusement park until it closed in 1968, but now includes the fully restored, 100-year-old Dentzel Carousel. While at Glen Echo, you may visit the **Clara Barton National Historic Site**, the last home of the teacher, nurse, and humanitarian who was the founder of the American Red Cross.

Glenstone Museum combines the largest private contemporary art collection in the United States, world-class architecture, and a stunningly curated natural landscape – the 21st century counterpoint to Hillwood on a 130-acre footprint created by Danaher Corporation's Mitchell and Emily Rales. We will only have time for a snippet – but our visit is timed to hear the once-a-week playing of the **steam calliope** – the musical aspect of the installation, *The Katastwóf Karavan*, by world-renowned artist, Kara Walker.

Thanks to Dick Sullivan for helping to lay out this tour. Although it is more urban than many of our tours, our Model Ts will never be on a major city avenue and will never have a left turn with significant, non-stop cross traffic.

One request: **please let Ford Chinworth know by return e-mail of a text message that you are coming**, so you will be notified in case of a rain-date decision and so we can confirm with the venues how many people to expect. Thank you!

Regards,
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TOUR TO ST. MICHAELS - OCTOBER 26-28

The long-promised tour to St. Michaels will take place Oct. 26 - 28. For those of you who are not aware, St. Michaels is a charming waterfront town on the Miles River in Talbot County, MD. It has become quite the tourist destination in the last 50 years, with many shops and restaurants and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. There are many great roads for antique cars and many sights to see.

Our tentative plan is to meet up in Annapolis at the McDonalds on West Street where we met for the tour to Kent Island a few years ago and then head across the Bay Bridge. It is 51 miles from Annapolis to St. Michaels on the quickest route, but once we are across the bridge, we will take the older and back roads that will keep us off of Rte 50 as much as possible. While I do not have the details formulated yet, the plan is to drive through Miles River Neck on back roads, possibly making a stop in a little settlement called Tunis Mills and then head back on to Rte. 33, which is the only road to get to St. Michaels from Easton. Our hotel is the St. Michaels Inn on the edge of St. Michaels. It was a Best Western, but no longer is, as far as I know, so you get an idea of the type of place it is. I have secured a block of ten rooms through Sept. 26 with a rate of \$110 for Thursday night and \$200 for Friday night. The hotels in that area require two nights and the weekend nights are significantly more expensive. This hotel is a great location to base our operations and there is trailer parking of anyone chooses to trailer to St. Michaels.

Once we arrive on Thursday, participants can visit St. Michaels. I will establish a more definitive itinerary closer to the tour date, but we could visit shops in town and tour the maritime museum. There is a very small antique car museum there, as well. We will have a group dinner at a restaurant outside of town, most likely.

For Friday, we will have more time in St. Michaels and explore one or two more areas nearby.

For Saturday the plan is to take the Oxford Bellevue Ferry across the Tred Avon River to Oxford, another very nice town. We could have lunch there and then head back to Easton, probably going back through Miles River Neck to Rt. 50 on the way home. If we have time, I will see about scheduling a stop on Wye Island, which is mostly a state park. It has a stand of virgin timber there that is very interesting, but it will all depend upon how much time we have. We will then cross the Bay Bridge and head home.

As far as the route to Annapolis from Northern Virginia, there are a variety of ways to go. Central Ave. parallels Rte. 50 and is a much more pleasant and lower speed road, so I suggest that for those who are coming via Alexandria. We can brainstorm routes as we get closer to the date.

I lived in St. Michaels from 1977-1984 and still own a house there, so I know the area very well plus a lot of the history. If there is interest, I can lead a walking tour or maybe we can find someone there who could lead a tour for our group.

To make reservations, contact the St. Michaels Inn at 410-745-3333 and ask for the Model A Club group reservation. <https://www.stmichaels-inn.com/>

Milford Sprecher

ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. This is a great show that our club has co-sponsored for years. This year was the first year we have been represented at the organizational meeting in a long time. To register, go to: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show> There is preregistration only and all 1931 and earlier cars can register for free.

Milford Sprecher

MARC MEETING

We had a good contingent at the National MARC meeting, a full story next month!



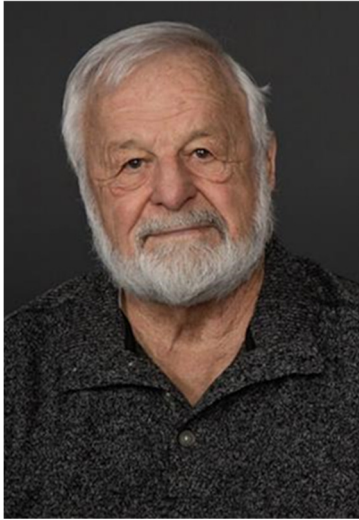
MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPCOMING PROGRAMS

For August. *The Ford Presence in Washington DC.* We will be treated to a presentation from guest speaker Dave Gunnarson of the Ford eV8 club. Dave has put together a wonderful discussion on how Ford and this area have been intertwined over the years. Learn about the Model T assembly plant built in DC in 1916 but never used. Come on out in August to meet with Dave, learn a little historical perspective and talk about one of our favorite things, Ford cars!

For September. *Bring a Teen to our meeting!! Job offers and Internships!!* Hank Zajic will be presenting the topic, "I did not know they did that there- Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock". This discussion will give you some insight to this local Naval Station you have probably driven by hundreds of times but may not know what goes on inside the fence. Get some perspective on a Navy Lab that focuses on ship design. Most important though, if you have a teenager in your family or a local neighbor teenager, bring them along! As part of the discussion, Hank will describe summer jobs and internships available to high schoolers and college students alike at this engineering center of excellence. *Timing is critical though since most applications are due in October.* Come out in September, learn some cool Navy stuff and who knows... maybe open the door to a great job opportunity next summer!

SUNSHINE REPORT

Charles Canova



Long time member Charles "Charlie" Canova, October 25, 1941 ~ July 7, 2023 (age 81), has passed.

The club received an email from Ken Worsham that Charlie, a long-time member of the GWC and Marine Corps veteran who lived in Laytonsville, Maryland, had died in his sleep on July 7.

Charlie, a great friend of the club and Bill Worsham in particular, was a GWC member from before 1995 until 2019.

Charlie was an avid vintage car man. Over the last several decades, he owned a lot of interesting cars, including 6 Model A Fords: a 1931 400-A Convertible Sedan; a 1930 Deluxe Coupe; a 1931 Standard Phaeton; a 1931 Deluxe Phaeton; a 1931 Deluxe Tudor; and a 1931 Victoria. He also owned a 1932 Buick and a 1930 Pierce Arrow.

Charlie leaves behind his widow, Sara, three children (Ronald (Diane); Rebecca (Riccardo); Gretchen (Jon)); and eight grandchildren.

We received notification of Charlie's passing after his memorial service, which was held on July 11. The family has indicated that interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please memorialize Charles with a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, online www.stjude.org/donate

Picture and information courtesy of Roy W. Barber Funeral Home

<https://www.barberfhlaytonsville.com/obituary/Charles-Canova>

Jim Gray

CLUB AIR COMPRESSOR

I thought that some of the compressor cylinder head details might be of interest. The left photo shows the outer cylinders that provide the power to the inner cylinders that do the compressing. The right photo shows one of the top pieces with reed valves that control drawing air into the cylinder and then letting the compressed air go out the pipe to the storage tank. The engine's #2 & #3 poppet valves are held shut, since they aren't part of the action.



CLUB APPAREL

To go along with the new GWC logo, we have changed how we can individually purchase shirts, hats, etc. with the club logo. For starters, go to <http://www.gwcmodeleda.com/logos.asp>. There are several custom apparel businesses listed where you can upload the logo file and get just the style and color of shirt, hat, sweatshirt, jacket, or whatever you want. This is a great time of year to update your GWC wardrobe; all the cool kids are doing it!

WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA IS SEEKING a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member.

— Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison



THE MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION (MAFFI) IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE!

WE'RE EXPANDING



YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM IS GROWING FAST, AND IT'S TIME TO GROW WITH IT. WE ARE THRILLED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE ARE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 11,200 SQ. FT. OF SPACE TO OUR EXISTING MUSEUM. WE'RE ADDING ON TO THE BACK OF THE MUSEUM WITH MORE EXHIBIT SPACE. MORE VEHICLE STORAGE, INCLUDING A COMPLETE GARAGE WORKSHOP AREA! THE GILMORE IS THRILLED ABOUT MAFFI'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING, AND DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL ENGAGING EXHIBITS TO SUPPORT THE SHARED EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS THAT WE BOTH HOLD.

SHORTLY WE'LL SHARE WITH YOU HOW YOU CAN BECOME A VITAL PART OF THIS EXPANSION, AND MAKE THIS EXCITING GROWTH FOR YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM BECOME A REALITY.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BECOMING A DONOR PLEASE CONTACT JOHN BEGG AT 803-727-4392 OR JERRY MORRISSEY AT 269-615-3719 JBEGG@GMAIL.COM OR JERTRUDY@SBCGLOBAL.NET



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FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

60th Anniversary Banquet

Another reminder to make plans for the 60th Anniversary Banquet. The event will take place on August 19, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. at Mount Vernon. We have the Veranda Room which holds about 50 to 60 people.. The price is \$25.00 for each person - Members and Spouses; for non members the price is \$45.00 per person. Save the date August 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. We will have a meeting place for those individuals that want to caravan to Mt. Vernon. We will have all the details in our August Script. Save the date.

COMING EVENTS

August

- August 9 (Wednesday) - CDC Breakfast at the Fair Oaks Silver Dinner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway
- August 12 (Saturday) – Model T Tour
- August 16 (Thursday) - Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.
- August 19, 2023 (Saturday) – GWC 60th Anniversary Tour & Banquet at Mount Vernon, VA.
- August 24 (Wednesday) - Monthly Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

September

- September 4 (Monday) – Labor Day Car Show – Fairfax, VA
- September 13 (Wednesday) - CDC Breakfast at the Fair Oaks Silver Dinner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway
- September 16 (Saturday) – Manassas Museum
- September 20 (Wednesday) - Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.
- September 28 (Thursday) - Monthly Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

October

- October 14 (Saturday) – Rockville Car Show
- October 26-28 (Thursday) – St Michaels Tour

December

- **December 2, 2023 (Saturday)** – Annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA.

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WANT ADS

For Sale

From club member Rande Young:

Set of tires for sale. Riverside 4.40/4.50-21. They are not new, but I do not know how old they are. They came on the Model A that I bought from Jim Gray. I replaced these tires with whitewalls and am very happy with my decision to do so. Would love for someone else to use these if possible. I have 4 of them

Photos attached. If you are interested, please contact me on

Email: ry5058@gmail.com Phone: 703.475.8317



Hood and Radiator

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Frank Sublett

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Please contact:

Phil Kania

yardmaster2102@juno.com



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August 2023

WANT ADS (Cont.)

WANTED

Muffler request from Jereme Macready:

I'm in the market for a replacement exhaust for my '29 truck. Mine is split wide open and it scares me a bit (see attached photo). So, I thought I could maybe put the word out to the club to see if somebody has a spare they'd like to sell to me?

jereme.macready@gmail.com

from Club member Wes Kirk:

I'm looking for two, 19" Model A wheels. They don't need to have the tires and tubes on them, but it is preferred.

I'm located in Ashton, MD and can pick them up locally.

Let me know if you need any more info from me.

Thank you so much!

Wes Kirk

240-515-1140

From club member George Smolenyak:

I have space available for one vehicle at our private, secure, and climate controlled garage (see pic) in Great Falls, Virginia.

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