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The lineup for the St. Michaels tour



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November is nigh. Where did the summer go? Well, we had a little more of it this past weekend, which just happened to coincide with the St. Michaels Tour, so we were in luck. I credit the Weather Whisperer for our good luck. More about that trip later in the Script.

We have one more tour scheduled, the C&O Canal Tour 3, so the third leg of the tours we have taken along the C&O. Maybe it's pushing our luck to try to fit another tour in, but nothing ventured, nothing gained. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Details in a separate article.

I had a busy old-car-event summer. There was Sully, of course. We then went to the MARC National Meet in Hamilton, Ohio. After that, we went to Michigan for the Old Car Festival, trailing our car up there and then on to Model A Days at the Gilmore. Two wonderful events.

Then came Hershey. I drove my car there and actually had it judged. I was going to forgo judging, but one of the judges I knew told me to do that, so I did. Much to my surprise, I got a First Junior award! Then came the Rockville Car Show, which was drizzly, so attendance was way off. We did have two Model A's and spectators, so I talked a lot about my car and gave out a bunch of Club brochures. It was fun in spite of the rain. Matt Krafft was also there, so the Club was well represented.

One result of all of the Model A activity I have engaged in is how attending these events has supercharged my interest in the Model A. There are times when we all get frustrated with our cars, but if we are active in the clubs and activities, we get through those difficult periods.

It is nominations time for the Board of Directors. We have two open slots: Vice President and Activities Chair. I think we have someone for Activities, but no VP nominee, yet. If you have any inclination to help the Club out, please volunteer for this position. Contact Hank Zajic, Stan Johnson or Jim Gray if you are interested.

FROM THE EDITOR

The continuing saga of my trials and tribulations is finally coming to an end. The Minneapolis hospital where I lost my belongings followed up with the laundry service that had found them. Even though they were only going to keep my stuff for a month, the hospital tracked them down and took possession of them. A few weeks later, they informed me that they had my belongings and asked me what they should do. I told them to stuff everything in a box and FedEx it to me. Do NOT use the Postal Service!

On Tuesday, Oct. 31st, they sent an email saying they were sending the box FedEx that day. Less than 2 hours later, I got an email purportedly from FedEx saying that they couldn't deliver a package to me because I needed to correct my address with them. The "package" had been sent supposedly on Saturday, Oct. 28th. How do scammers work that fast? Or was it pure coincidence that I was actually expecting a package from FedEx?

In other news, I succumbed to Donnie's persuasion and took back my Blaze substitute last week. He gave it a thorough going over and has gotten it to run perfectly. The points were

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FROM THE EDITOR (Cont.)

closed and some things needed lubricating, but he also discovered that corrosion in the fuse box had blown the fuse at the end. So the fuse looked perfectly fine on observation, but if you removed it, it was blown at the ends!

He did inform me that both my current A and Blaze were both manufactured at the Norfolk, VA, plant. Not only that, but Donnie's father worked at that plant during the time those cars were manufactured. Life is certainly full of coincidences.

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

GWC Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2023



President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting of the Club's 60th anniversary year to order at 7:00 PM prior to the October General Meeting.

Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Hank Zajic, Doug Tomb, John Dougherty, James Kolody, Bill Sims, Jeff VanGorder, Gene Rainville (via phone), and Dave Greenwood.

Activities: Gene said the Christmas Party is on track with upgraded service, numerous great prizes and a 3-option menu. The BOD thanked Gene for pulling it together.

Programs: Hank will be facilitating this night's program; the November program will be on transmissions led by Stan Johnson. The December program is the brown bag gift exchange. Gene will not be able to facilitate this year, so Hank is looking for an MC.

Mileage Award: Hank has received the 13 brass plates for the MARC mileage awards. They will be presented at the Christmas Party.

Treasurer: Doug said we had only one disbursement for the Armed Forces Retirement Home and our account balance is \$27,146.67 plus our CDs.

Sully update: John had a meeting with the interim Fairfax County Sully park manager, and they plan to have the LOA executed by December 25, 2023. The Bill Worsham bench has been installed and it looks fantastic and is in the perfect location.

Nominating committee: Hank reported no candidates have committed yet to the positions needed to be filled. For the activities chair, he would have a team to assure the workload is not too much.

Script: Articles are due to Bill by Monday October 30, 2023.

Tours: Milford will be leading the tour tomorrow to St Mary's, MD. There will be a tour of the 3rd leg of the C&O canal on November 11. There was a discussion on a tour of the DAR Museum.

Insurance: John took an action item to check with MAFCA to determine if the Club insurance covers if we schedule a public event to give rides in a Model A.

There hasn't been a final decision on when the November board meeting will be held, or where. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Dave Greenwood
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

President Clem Clement's opening message in his Ford Script column can't be done justice by paraphrasing, so in his own words it follows:



"One of my most memorable moments as your President occurred at the October general meeting. I was honored to be involved in giving out two Chapter awards--one to Frank Stoner and one to Mr. Ed. Frank has unfailingly been available to take photos of our activities and getting them ready for the Script. He is always ready and has camera in hand. It was truly fun to watch his expression as he readied his trusty camera for an award shot only to find that he was the recipient. Thanks, Frank from all of us for a job well done-- but please continue to take those great pictures!

"Ed Wiencek earned his award for being Mr. Ed. He is always ready to help with a project, never without an idea or a story. He has run many a repair day and helped all of us in one way or another. I continue to stand in awe of the things he has accomplished. And love his stories. At the Annandale parade he casually mentioned he used to play music with Frank Sinatra and others and recorded some of it! Imagine if those records were saved! I think he was speechless for a couple moments when Donnie (Temple) announced his award and that it was a first. I'm pleased to say he recovered his wit and regaled us with the story of driving Model A's with different size tires on each of 5 wheels and sometimes two tires on one rim to cover holes.

"I roared to visualize him stopping his A wheels and the outer casings slipping and allowing the car to continue to move. Ed complains now that he will have to continue his membership for 20 more years-- Mr. Ed, please do! Editor Bill said the monthly meetings don't have the spark when he's not there. Would that we had recorded some of his stories."

Ed was truly one of a kind. I know from my personal acquaintance with him that he was always busy, an avid reader, and an incredible innovator. In spare moments he crafted model biplanes using only Coca Cola cans, one of which hangs proudly from the ceiling in my rec room. And how many people do you know who built their own submarine?

At the Board meeting at the Worshams, Chuck Manns presented a rough draft of the budget for the 1999 fiscal year, Stan Johnson discussed his research on the feasibility of selling advertisements in the Script, and Jon Phillips reported that he had begun the process of mailing out dues letters for 1999.

Howard Minners gave a preview in the Script of his upcoming presentation about accessories. He said they were very popular with motorists who always seemed to want "something extra" on their car. Members were invited to bring in a favorite accessory and be prepared to speak about their treasure.

Dave Henderson

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPCOMING PROGRAMS

For November. The topic will be: ***“All Things Transmission”***. Stan Johnson will present with the assistance of his trusty sidekick Hank. Learn how the Model A transmission works and how it is different than the Model T transmission. Get some tips and tricks for transmission removal and overhaul. See a functioning cut-away display. Get the “low-down” on overdrives. It will all get discussed at the membership meeting. It should be a great technical discussion so come on out in November and join in the fun!

For December. The meeting IS the program, the always popular ***“Holiday Brown Bag Gift Exchange”***! I have already seen Holiday displays in the stores ... and it’s a good idea for you to start thinking about what you might bring. The most important thing everyone needs to remember with the brown bag gift exchange is that this is the Holiday Season and all Club members are our Model A family. TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR FAMILY!! This is no time for junk, this is no time for gags, this is no time to see if you can stick it to someone ... that simply is not in the spirit of this event. Before you pack up your selected gift ask yourself the question “Would I be happy to come home with this?” If not, do not bring it! Save your junk for the January Indoor Flea Market and swap meet, someone is bound to love it there. We are suggesting a guideline of \$20 as an appropriate gift value for the Brown Bag. More info on p. 24 and in December.

For January. ***“Indoor flea market and swap meet”***. This is your chance to clean out the garage, empty the shed, tidy your workbench. Turn your excess parts, tools and other items into cold hard cash! There will not be a typical “business meeting prior to the program,” just the swap meet/flea market, so start going through your stash now and decide on what ought to move along.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT?

As we start winding down 2023, now is the time to think about what topics you would like to learn about during the programs at the 2024 Membership Meetings or the topics you would like to share with other Club members. If you have any recommendations or offerings, now is the time to provide your input to Club VP and Programs Chair, Hank Zajic.



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George Washington Chapter 2023 Approved Budget - AS OF 10/24/2023
OPERATING BUDGET #2

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	2022 ACTUAL	2023 Budget	2023 SEPT	2023 ACTUAL
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 4,169.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,710.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Programs & Technical Seminars	Zajic		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 56.00
Club Tours & Activities	Rainville	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,810.00
Script Advertising	Sprecher	\$ 650.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Dougherty	\$12,650.00	\$14,978.00	\$ -	\$13,826.50
Total Income		\$22,069.00	\$22,728.00	\$0.00	\$17,917.50
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>					
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 1,763.00	\$ 1,089.00	\$ -	\$ 518.26
Club Programs	Zajic	\$ 2,447.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$1,589.01
Club Tours & Activities	Rainville	\$ 5,737.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ -	\$5,272.16
Script Printing & Mailing	Sims	\$ 291.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 180.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ 308.63
Sully Car Show Expenses	Dougherty	\$ 3,903.00	\$ 5,065.00	\$ -	\$4,445.04
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -	\$ 163.22
Insurance	Tomb	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -
President's Fund	Sprecher	\$ 810.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ -	\$ 943.63
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 157.40
Treasurer Supplies	Tomb	\$ 542.00	\$ 615.00	\$ -	\$ 552.46
Total Expenses		\$15,781.00	\$19,222.00	\$0.00	\$13,949.81
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$ 6,288.00	\$ 3,506.00		\$ 3,967.69

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2023 CONTRIBUTATION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 3,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$1,500.00
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
BILL WORSHAM (SULLY BENCH)	Board	\$ -	\$3,000.00)	\$ -	\$2,800.00
CLUB AV EQUIPMENT UPDATE	Board	\$ -	\$ (450.00)	\$ -	\$ 123.99
TOTAL		\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$4,923.99

2023 WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only, Only CD included in totals below)

WELLS FARGO ONE-YEAR CD	Board	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Peyton Randolph Memorial Fund	Remainder	\$ -	\$ (3,644.01)	\$ (873.99)	\$ -
Zadnik Scholarship Fund	Remainder	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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\$10,000.00

Total Expenses

\$22,722.00 \$ 500.00 \$18,873.80

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Sum Income and Expenses

\$6.00 -\$500.00 -\$956.30

Current Bank Balance as of 10-24-2023 \$ 27,146.87

Beginning of Year Balance (01-01-2023 Actual) \$ 38,103.17

GWC'ER WINS 2 TROPHIES AT CAR SHOW IN BERRYVILLE



My '31 Coupe won Best Antique and Best of Show at the Crums Church Fill the Field Car Show in Berryville. I guess the crowd liked the originality. Best of Show was awarded based on most votes in your category.

Bruce Metcalf

MORE RECOGNITION FOR GWC MEMBERS

MAFCA Membership Longevity Milestones: Dick Johns 45 years
Jim and Carol Cartmill 40 years

The numerous Hershey award winners are listed in John Leydon's article on p. 20.

Touring Class Judging—2023 MARC National Meet



Bill Bass – 1928 Roadster Pickup – 2nd Place

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NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

Yes, you missed the great presentations on “What members did on Summer vacation.”

President: Milford Sprecher convened the business meeting at 7:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports:

Treasurer: Doug Tomb presented an abbreviated treasurer’s report telling the Club we have a balance of \$27,146.67 plus \$10,000 in CDs. The GWC contributed to the Armed Forces Retirement Home and Doug read a nice thank you letter from them. The residents enjoyed seeing the old cars. Doug also said the VFW is not charging us for the October Hall use because of the conflict that caused us to move the meeting.

Activities: Milford Sprecher said the Christmas party on December 2 is all set with great prizes and upgraded service. Gifts for Toys for Tots will be collected at the party and are for youth up to 12 years of age. In November, the third leg of the C&O canal is planned for November 11.

Membership: Jeff VanGorder is now collecting dues for the 2024 year; they are \$20. No new memberships have been received.

Programs: Hank Zajic reported that the November program is technical on transmissions. Stan Johnson will lead and have a cut-away and fully disassembled transmission to facilitate the seminar. **(We are looking for a volunteer to handle the snacks for the meetings)**. December will be our Brown Bag gift exchange, always an exciting time.

Script: Bill Sims, Script Articles for November are due by October 30.

Sully: John Dougherty gave the projected weather forecast for the 2024 show. He has met with the interim park manager and plans to have the LOA executed by December 25, 2023. The Bill Worsham Memorial Bench has been installed and looks fantastic, in the perfect location.

General: The St. Michaels tour is October 26-28. Several members commented on Model A parts for sale on the local Facebook marketplace.

GWC is seeking new candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors. A nominating committee is looking for candidates.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Program: Hank Zajac facilitated the program on “What I did on Summer vacation.” Valerie Faircloth gave a great photographic summary of the Sully show intermixing her remembrances of previous shows. This included comparison photos and a video of Benny Leonard’s interview on restoring a VW. Luke Chaplin gave a review of the MARC convention and highlights of his travel there and back. Milford gave an overview of the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village and Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum. He had several videos and still pictures of Model A’s,

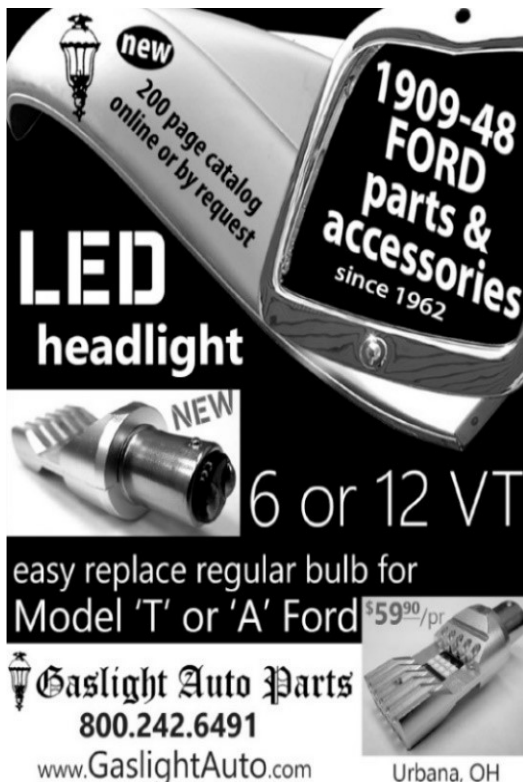
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NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING (Cont.)

including a restored firetruck. James Kolody gave a slide show and discussed the progress on his Model A hot rod, having converted a Fordor to a Tudor coupe, widening the body and stretching the hood. He showed his metal-working skills by hand building the front and rear fenders and running boards along with the trunk.

All the presentations generated comments and discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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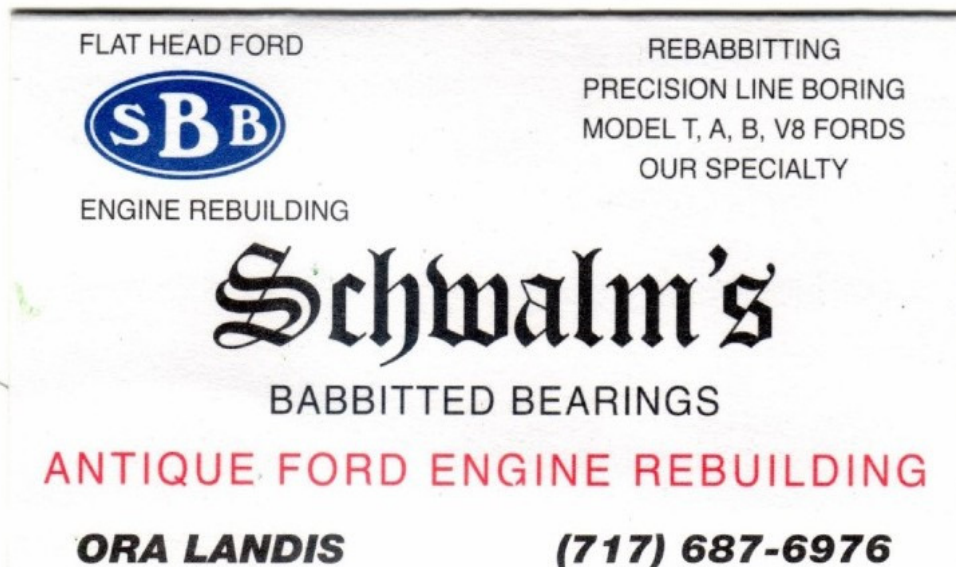
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THINGS TO WATCH WHEN INSTALLING NEW RADIAL TIRES AND TUBES

I wanted to point out an issue with installing new American Classic radials tires and their tubes. The tubes are Hartford brand and both purchased from Coker Tire. I installed the tubes and the tires and found myself with a flat tire after only a few hundred miles. I removed the tube and found that there was a hole in the tube. I looked at the area inside the tire and found that there were a number of stickers inside of the tire at the same place as the hole. It was pretty clear to me that the hole was associated with the stickers on the tube. If you look closely at the photos, you should be able to see the square impressions on the tubes. These are associated with the inspection stickers inside the tire. They are quite stubborn to remove and sometimes hard to find.

I later dismantled all my tires to make sure that there were no other stickers inside the tires that could cause a hole in the tube. Every tire had these stickers. I found one tube where the holes had started to form, but had not gone all the way through the tube. A box with a replacement tube had a warning on the outside about making sure that nothing is inside the tire, including inspection stickers inside the tires. I have mounted many tires with tubes and had never found that those stickers were a problem, but in this case they are. Maybe the composition of the stickers has changed, so be sure to remove any stickers you find inside the tire so that you don't end up with a flat down the road.

I posted about my experience on Ford Barn and the Vintage Ford Forum and have heard of others who had the same experience I had. I have also talked to other Model A owners who had similar problems. It is not a universal experience, but when it comes to flat tires, an ounce of prevention is in order. The associated photos show the stickers inside the tires and the holes I got in my tubes.



CORRECTION TO THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE'S DECEASED MEMBERS LIST

When going through the Scripts for the past decade, your editor came across Billy Evans' obituary, which we published in the March 2018 Script. So he listed Billy as having died the previous month, February 2018. Had he read the notice a little more carefully, he would have seen that it was noted therein that Billy had died the year before, in April 2017. Your editor regrets that his wife Virginia had to point that out to him, not to mention making the error in the first place.

REPORT FROM THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME SHOW

I attended the Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show last month representing the GWC, held at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in NW DC. It turned out to be a beautiful day.

I drove my Model A Ford and on the drive in I followed a 1925 Model T Ford across Chain Bridge. I soon turned off to follow my GPS all the way to the AFRH.

The car show was more modest than in the past. It was held in a courtyard behind the Scott building. There were 13 cars in attendance.

From memory, the cars were: 1967 Thunderbird two-door, my 1930 Model A, 1972 Buick Riviera, 1960 Corvette, 1959 Chrysler Imperial four-door, 1925 Model T Ford (same Model T, he took a different route to get there), 1937 Jaguar roadster (VW conversion), 1968 Firebird, 1957 Thunderbird (modified by George Barris), 1957 Chevy, and a Chevy Nova dragster (Very Loud!, owned by one of the staff, and the residents wanted to see it), plus a couple I can't recall.

We were all parked in a courtyard beside the residents building, and about two dozen residents came out to review all of the cars during the two hours of the show.

Coffee, donuts, and later on, hotdogs, were offered by the AFRH to the residents and the show car owners. At the end, prizes were awarded to the people's choice car owners, and the other participants.

The residents voted for the cars of their preference, and the Thunderbird, the Firebird, and the Model T Ford got honorable mention, and a prize. Dick Sullivan of the NCMTFC drove the Model T.

I presented the GWC check to Steve, the master of ceremonies, and they announced the gift contribution from the GWC to all in attendance (sorry, no picture).

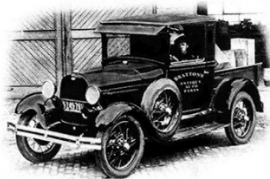
They thanked us all for coming, and off we went at 1:00 PM. They announced that they would like to have another car show next spring, on a date to be determined.

All in all, it was a successful show. I was pleased that Fords were the predominant car make at the show (Model T, Model A, and Thunderbird).

Doug Tomb

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October 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Tomb and Chapter Members,

At this year's Antique/Classic Car Show, your club donated \$500.00 dollars toward our Residents Fund, which helps make it possible to host such programs as this one. This event has taken place for the past 65 years and your organization has been a part of it for most of that time. Our residents enjoyed seeing all the great classic cars they grew up with and talking to the owners. It was a great day for all!

We are thankful to have community organizations show their appreciation for our veterans and their service. We are proud to serve our residents and greatly appreciate contributions that help us better provide services and activities for them.

Thank you for your continued support of our nations Veterans at the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

Sincerely,

Steven Briefs, CTRS
Supervisory Recreation Specialist
Armed Forces Retirement Home-W

HELP YOUR CLUB—SERVE ON THE GWC BOARD

The Board of Directors of GWC manages the affairs of the Club and organizes activities of interest to Club members. For the coming year there are two openings on the board—Vice President and Activities Chair. According to the Club by-laws, the responsibilities of those positions are:

Vice President and Program Chairman – This officer is responsible for arranging programs at the regular monthly general meeting. In the absence of the President, he/she will perform all duties incident to the office of President.

Activities Chairman – This officer will be responsible for arrangements for all Club activities except the Annual Meet. In the absence of the President and Vice President he/she will additionally perform all duties incident to the office of President.

The board meets monthly via Zoom or in person on the fourth Thursday of the month.

These positions have been ably filled by VP Hank Zajic and Activities Chair Eugene Rainville. If you have any questions about those positions, please contact them individually. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact a member of our nominations committee: Stan Johnson, Hank Zajic or Jim Gray.

Milford

Membership

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you meet in private and criticise and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?
Do you work on Committees, to this there is no trick,
Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?
Please go to meetings often, and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part,
Think this over, Members, you know what's right from wrong,

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER, OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Courtesy of MG Club of Hong Kong

ST. MICHAELS TOUR A SUNNY SUCCESS

After talking about organizing a tour to St. Michaels for a few years, I finally delivered and the weather couldn't have been better.

The group met at McDonald's on West St. in Annapolis, where we met for the Kent Island tours. GWC members present were Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, Jim and Connie Baker, Gene Rainville and John Leydon. Members of the Greater Baltimore Model A Club attending were Steve Meyer, Dave and Lori McLeish and Don Keller. We were joined at the last minute by Steve Van Pelt, a former GWC member who just rejoined. He is also a member of the Baltimore club. John Leydon didn't bring a car but rode with different participants during the tour.

We took back roads around Annapolis and to the Bay Bridge. We crossed the Bay Bridge and exited at Rte. 8 through Stevensville, crossing the old draw bridge at Kent Narrows, and through Grasonville. The draw bridge was up when we arrived, so we got a sense of what it was like in the old days when that was Rte. 50 and traffic would back up when the bridge opened.

At Queenstown we merged onto Rte. 50 again and exited at Wye Mills, where we stopped at the Old



Wye Mill and got a wonderful tour of that facility. A mill has operated on that site since 1682. The docent told us how there were many mills on the Eastern Shore, but once the Bay Bridge opened in 1952, it was more economical to ship the grain across the bay for milling.

The owner of Wye Mill sold it to the state in 1952 so a pond could be built across the road. The mill is run by a nonprofit that continues to grind some grain there for sale to the public. We also were shown a more recent roller mill, which the mill moved to because it was more productive and economical to operate.

We left Wye Mill and drove a few miles along the old road and got back on Rte. 50. We exited 50 onto the old road after a few miles, traveling through Longwoods and turning to drive through Miles River Neck. We drove down Bruff's Island Road and passed Wye Plantation, which has been in the same family since 1650. It is also the plantation where Frederick Douglass spent a few years as a boy.

We continued down Bruff's Island Road where we turned around, doubling back onto Copperville Road. Copperville is a small African-American community that was established on part of the Lloyd plantation after the Civil War.

Our next stop was Tunis Mills on Leeds Creek. There was a lumber mill located there in the 19th century and boats went to Baltimore from there. Once we left Tunis Mills, we continued across the Miles River Bridge to Rte. 33, the road to St. Michaels.

We had lunch reservations for the Crab Claw on St. Michaels Harbor for 1 PM, but we were running about a half an hour late. We had a pretty filling meal at the Crab Claw. Afterwards, some of us went to the Maritime Museum next door to the restaurant and some went back to the hotel. For dinner, some opted for pizza and a small group went down to the Chesapeake Landing restaurant for a light dinner.

For Friday's activities we met after breakfast at the hotel. Steve Meyers' wife joined us at the hotel for the day. We first drove to Claiborne Landing, where the ferry boat from Kent Island used to arrive bringing cars bound for Ocean City. The ferry stopped in 1952, but the ferry slip is still there and looks like a boat could dock at any time.

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ST. MICHAELS TOUR (Cont.)

From Claiborne, we drove to Bellevue where we picked up the ferry to Oxford. We got all the vehicles on the ferry and it was a nice sight seeing all the Model A's on the ferry for the short trip across the Tred Avon River.



At Oxford, we had lunch reservations for noon and we had time to explore the town a bit. It was one of two ports of entry into Maryland in the 1600's, so it was a prosperous town in its early days. George Washington's Aide-de-Camp Tench Tilghman was from Oxford and is buried there. Robert Morris, the financier of the Revolution spent time there, as well. We had lunch at the Robert Morris Inn, named after him. The Inn claims that it is the oldest continuously operating full-service inn in America. We had a good lunch, but the restaurant refused to separate out our checks, so we had to figure out who had what and divvy the bill up. After lunch we headed to Highland Creamery for the obligatory ice cream stop.

After ice cream we headed back on the ferry to return to St. Michaels. The captain of the ferry had changed and he was not comfortable putting Bruce and Loretta's car on the ferry, so they had to wait until the ferry returned to make the trip across

We headed back to St. Michaels, where we had a tour of the St. Michaels Museum and I provided a short walking tour of the harbor area to those who were interested. We ended up on the main street, where some of the group visited some of the shops in town. For dinner, we came back to the harbor area and had dinner at Foxy's on the harbor.



Saturday was the return home. It was mostly a reverse of the trip down. Getting onto and across Rte. 50 was a bit challenging and it kept us on our toes. We made a trip to Wye Island on the way back, stopping for a short walk into an old growth forest with large trees that were up to 250 years old. It is deer season for muzzle loaders and we heard more than a few shots off in the distance. We made the trip out and back unscathed, however.

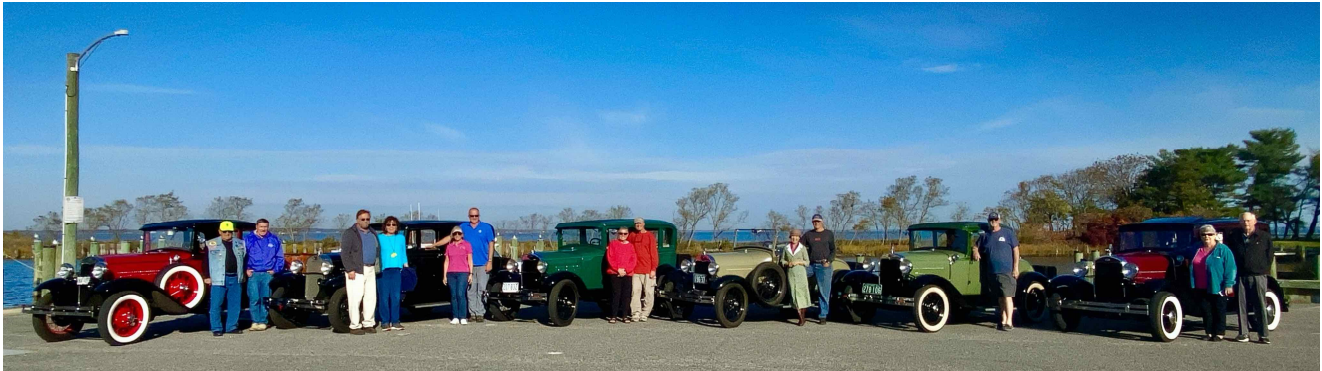
The trip back to Annapolis was uneventful, save getting across a very busy Rte. 50. I took a wrong turn in Annapolis, but it was a minor detour. At Annapolis we stopped for lunch and went our separate ways. A very successful outing.

The Baltimore club brought their walkie talkies, which were very useful. Our Club has two walkie talkies that Clem had, but the Baltimore club has four, which allows better communication.

This was the first overnight tour I had organized. I think it turned out pretty well. It was nice to have the Baltimore club along to fill out our numbers and especially nice to have outstanding weather!

Milford Sprecher

PHOTOS FROM THE ST. MICHAELS TOUR



GWC NAME TAGS:

For Club members who would like to get a nametag, please let Jeff VanGorder know by November 10 so that I can put in one order to minimize shipping costs. The nametags cost \$16.50 each. Just send me the name that you want on each tag to Jeff.L.VanGorder@gmail.com, and you can pay me when you get the name tag(s).

WARNING ON LONG LIFE ANTIFREEZE

(Article forwarded by Phil Roche, written by Dave Tulawitzky, first published in Jim Cranes Western Michigan Buick Chapter newsletter.)

Antifreeze manufacturers have reformulated their products for long life and the inhibitor attacks, among other things, silicone compounds—the most commonly used base for gasket sealants. It also attacks lead-based products (solder and Babbit), some yellow metals (cam bearings, radiators), and conventional gaskets and packing materials.

The warning here is to NOT use coolants with OAT inhibitors in your antique car. You need to read the product label and use only IAT (Inorganic Additive Technology) inhibited antifreeze.

OAT stands for “Organic Acid Technology” based corrosion inhibitors and they are designed to have longer service life than that of IAT coolants. Unfortunately, that feature comes with a bad side effect for older cars. One fellow decided to change antifreeze in his antique car. His regular brand was out of stock so he bought the “advanced” formula. Four weeks later he found pools of antifreeze under his car. The antifreeze had dissolved the old gaskets. It was formulated with OAT inhibitors.

Here are some tips for finding IAT coolants:

1. Prestone says that all of its current antifreezes are OAT formulas.
2. Peak says that their antifreeze and coolant is an IAT formula. The container is blue. It is important that it not say “long life.” Peak Sierra brand is propylene glycol for those who prefer that. It, too, uses an IAT formula.
3. Zerex says that Zerex Original Green is an IAT formula. It comes in a white container. Do not use their G-05 formula in the gold jug.

Club comments:

I'm using Prime and Advanced Auto Parts antifreeze coolants. They say “Extended life.” Neither say OAT/IAT. They are both green. Clem

Try “Conventional GREEN Formula” “PEAK” Antifreeze & Coolant. It's good for “All Makes and Models: 1989 and earlier”-----says so on the gallon container!!!! I use it in my “A” and '59 Cad. I have articles written on it somewhere around here if you want me to find them and send to you. The newer stuff is not good for old cars! Rick Menz

It is true. Don't even use any modern antifreeze that says long lasting, or heavy duty. They are acid based and will erode the head gaskets and lead solder on the radiators. They are all made for the new aluminum core radiators. CARQUEST makes a house brand antifreeze for older vehicles (read ones with copper core/lead solder radiators). Doug Cox

This AACA link backs up Benny's thoughts about the newer, extended life anti-freeze <http://forums.aaca.org/f162/urgent-warning-extended-life-anti-freeze-292163.html> Bob Hartig

HERSHEY 2023 AACA MEET (Oct. 3 – Oct. 6)

Gorgeous at Hershey this year! And much like the old days in spite of the weekday schedule (no more weekend flea market or Saturday field-day judging). I'm sure I missed a few GWC attendees, but the dedicated Hershey gang for 2023 included a convivial bunch of members representing not only the core Model 'A' lineup but some fun examples from the back part of the garage. Saw Wayne and Sharon Parker, Bill Bass and his much awarded '29 closed-cab pickup, Rusty and Anya Rentsch and their monster pink '56 Lincoln land yacht, Doug Tomb and his exquisite 1908 Buick 2 Cycle tourer (Doug's matching Duster outfit was worth the trip to get there! Or as Doug says: a "Duffer in a Duster" – look it up!), Milford and



Shuyan Sprecher's '28 roadster ... and, of course, myself – John Leydon - as official photographer ☺. Another treat was a 1929 Model 'A' Postal Truck which went on the auction block (and sold for \$44k, in case you're interested).



Other notables were Bill Bass' brother Charlie in his 1930 Woody, Jim Gray, Jerry Olexson, Bruce Metcalf, Howard and Brad Minners, Dave Gunnarson and, of course, Luke Chaplin scouting for treasures.

Now on to the awards Friday night. Lordy – what bright lights shown on our gang! (We adopted Bill's brother Charlie Bass for this part). Here goes, in order by vintage:

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| Doug Tomb: 1909 "F" Buick | 1 st Junior |
| Bill Bass: 1928 Roadster Pickup | 1 st Senior |
| Milford Sprecher: 1928 Roadster | 1 st Junior |
| Wayne Parker: 1929 Closed Cab Pickup | Repeat Preservation Award |
| Charles Bass: 1930 Woody Wagon | Repeat Preservation Award |

Congratulations All !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nice to see Hershey back in full swing, although the surfeit of white hair and walking sticks bodes trouble for the future ... find a youngster and talk it up !!!

John Leydon



Charlie Bass's Woody Wagon



Anya and Rusty Rentsch



Bill, Doug, John, Milford & Shuyan

MORE PHOTOS FROM HERSHEY



Wayne Parker's 1929 closed cab pickup and Bill Bass's 1928 roadster pickup



The Rentches "monster pink '56 Lincoln land yacht"



Wayne and Sharon Parker standing by the seated John Leydon and Bill Bass behind Wayne's pickup



The joys of owning an antique car



GWC CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER - RSVP REQUESTED

To all Club members, the Christmas Party is just around the corner. Please send in your RSVP soonest. Email me with the number of persons in your group. Currently only 2 couples have signed up for this event. My email and home address to send the check is in the attached brochure. I need an accurate count by November 27th.

Gene Rainville

<rainvillegl@gmail.com>



2023 GWC MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday December 2, 2023

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the cash bar (Wine & Beer). Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: American Legion Post #177

3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

COST: \$20 per person

MENU:

1. London Broil with (Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almandine)
2. Baked Salmon with (Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almandine)
3. Turkey with (Rice Pilaf & Green Beans Almandine)

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.

Toys for Tots – Please consider bringing an unwrapped gift for this program. Place them on the table to the left at the entrance.

Reservations will be accepted at the October and November Monthly Club meeting or you can send an appropriate check with number of attendees to the following:

Eugene Rainville

6527 Petunia Ter.

Haymarket, VA. 20169

"rainvillegl@gmail.com"

Please make checks payable to: GWC Model "A" Club

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ADMITTED

C&O CANAL TOUR 3 COMING UP SOON

Club members have enjoyed the prior C&O Canal tours I organized, so I have put together a third for November 11. We will meet at the parking lot for the Clara Barton house and Glen Echo Park at 9 AM and drive out MacArthur Blvd and then join River Road. Our final destination is Catoctin Aqueduct. The drive is about 38 miles one way from Glen Echo, so 76 miles round trip.

The tour will include stops at White's Ferry (ferry service has been discontinued for a few years due to a dispute with the landowners on the other side of the river), Monocacy Aqueduct, Noland's Ferry, the Point of Rocks train station (on the way back) and Catoctin Aqueduct. The aqueduct is a half a mile walk from where we can park at Lock 29, so we can stretch our legs. For any not up to the walk, Lock 29 is a good place to sit and view the river. There is a boat ramp there, so it's a pretty active area. You may want to bring a lawn chair if you decide not to take the walk.

We will have lunch at the Aroma House in Point of Rocks, which is a pizza and sub shop. It is not fine dining, but it is clean and adequate for our purposes. There are few other choices in the area.

After lunch we can stop for ice cream at Rocky Point Creamery. I was on a tour where we stopped there - maybe one of Jason Cunningham's Sugarloaf Mountain tours, so some may have been there before.

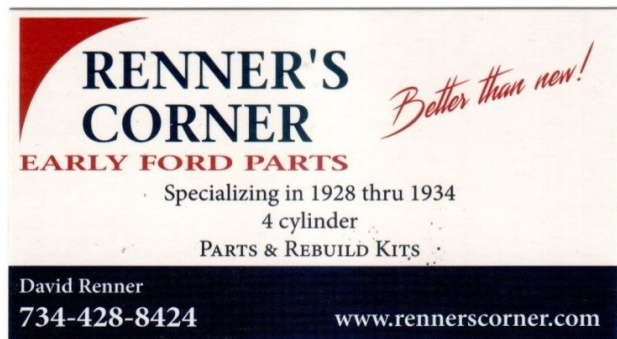
We should finish up back at Glen Echo at 3 at the latest, barring mishap. Those from Virginia may opt to take the Rte. 15 Point of Rocks bridge to go home either after lunch or after ice cream.

Please let Gene or me know if you are planning to attend. Please feel free to e-mail or call me if you have any questions.

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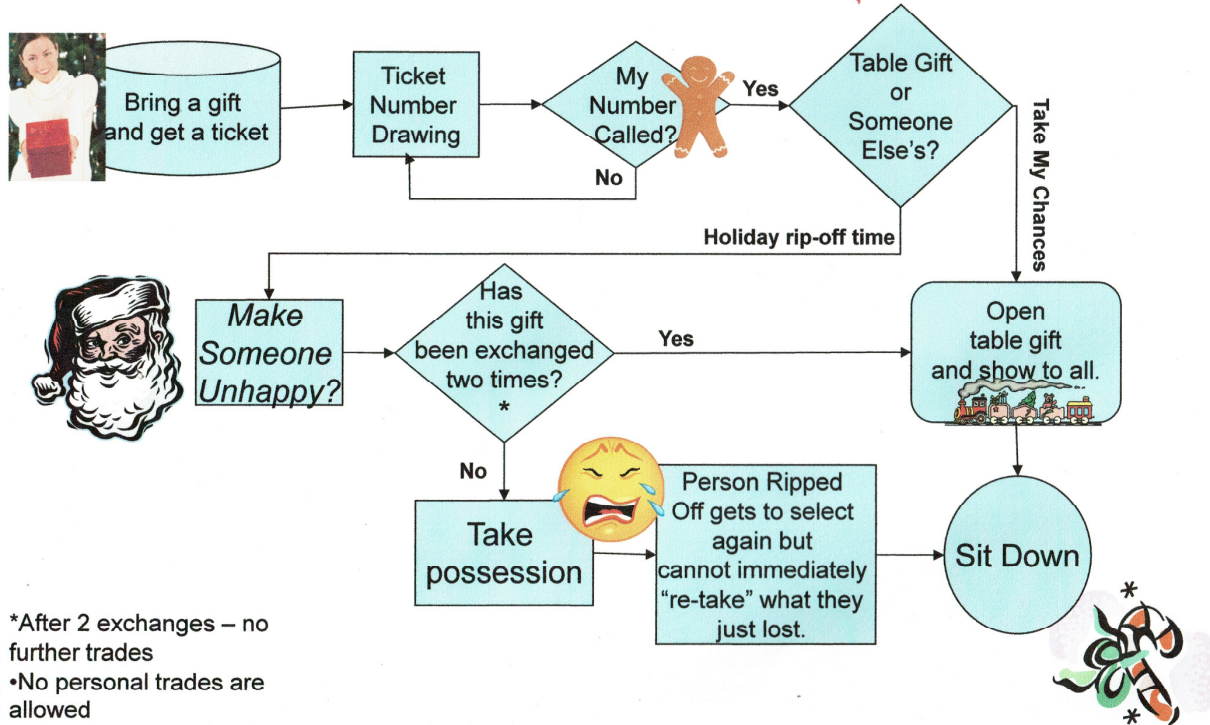
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GWC Model A Club Holiday Gift Exchange



What Should I Bring?



- Something you would enjoy receiving yourself.
- \$20 as a guideline.
- No Junk....that's for the flea market in January.
- Two sides of the Table:
 - The FORD Side, or “Gee I sure like my Model A”.
 - The not necessarily FORD Side, or “Gee I better start my Christmas Shopping for my Honey”.

COMING EVENTS

November

Nov. 4 (Saturday) – Katie’s Cars & Coffee, Great Falls, VA. Sunrise til 9:30 a.m. (See ad on p. 26)

Nov. 5 (Sunday) -- The Hayfield Car Show is this Sunday 9-3 at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. This show supports the Hayfield Auto Tech program.

Nov. 8 (Wednesday) -- CDC Breakfast – Fair Lakes Diner – 9:00 a.m. – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway.

Nov. 11 (Saturday) -- GWC C&O Canal tour #3. (See p. 19 for details.)

Nov. 15 (Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m.

November – Board Meeting is canceled

December

Dec. 2 (Saturday) – Annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA. Like last year, the social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The announcement on p. 20 has all the details. Please make your reservations early. We plan on having another great event with lots of real nice door prizes. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dec. 2 – Shepherdstown Christmas Parade (See info below)

Dec. 20 (Wednesday) – BROWN BAG - Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – 7:30 p.m. Rules are in the October, November and December Scripts..

Dec. – Board Meeting - TBD

From Shepherdstown Rotary Club:

The town of Shepherdstown WV is hoping to recruit antique vehicles to participate in town parades. We hope you'll be willing to help us again.

Specifically, we'd appreciate it if you could announce that we'll be delighted to have your club's members participate in this year's Shepherdstown Christmas Parade, which will be held on Saturday, December 2, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Our parades always draw a large audience, and antique vehicles are always very popular. Of course, there is no charge to participate.

WANT ADS

For Sale

Pair of 1937 North Carolina plates for sale. No rust thru. \$25. Contact Phil Kania at <yardmaster2102@juno.com



Hood and radiator. Radiator recently pressure tested. Hood--\$150 Radiator--\$400. Contact Frank Sublett at 540-327-6216 or <subs@comcast.net>



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