

# The Ford Script

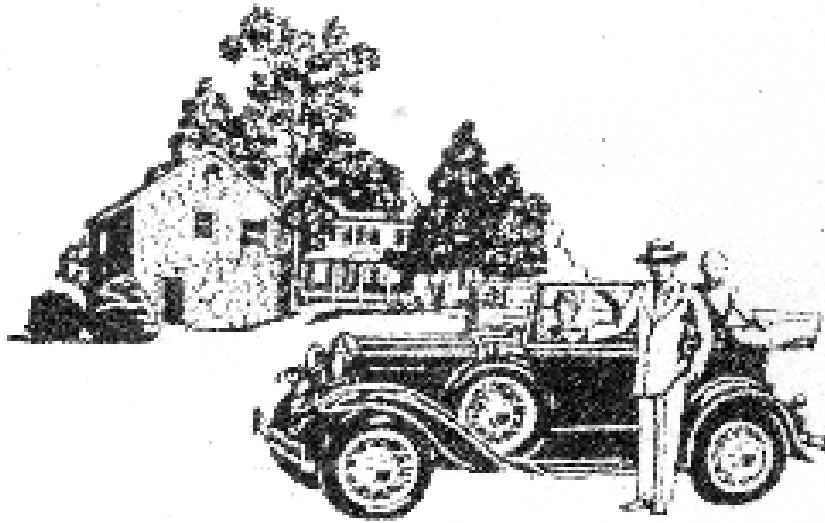


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## 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Sully Antique Car Show



**Father's Day Car Show At  
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**Next deadline: Tuesday, July 2nd**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Sully is upon us. I hope everyone has signed up for one or more tasks at Sully. I will be judging in addition to helping on the Take Apart Car for the Model T Club. It is always a great event and one that the club can be proud of. Thanks to John and the Sully committee for all the prep work required to put on the show.

I joined Club members for the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. The day threatened rain, but we were lucky; only a few drops before the parade started. Shuyan drove our 1928 roadster in the parade, which she enjoyed very much. Thanks to Jason Cunningham for organizing the parades for the Club. There is a nice video on our group on the Club's web site.

Jason had just returned from the New Generation tour near Bedford, PA, which was a tour for AACA members under 45 years old. It sounds like it was a fun tour and it drew people from a wide region of the eastern half of the country. It's great to see the younger crowd active in the antique car clubs and it's nice to have them join in our activities, too.

I sent in my registration for the MARC meet in Asheville in July. Asheville is a nice town, so it should be a fun meet there. I signed up for Touring Class judging, so I have my work cut out for me leading up to that meet.

I have never been one to put much emphasis on having my car judged, but I did get a First Junior from AACA at Hershey. I put my car on the show field at Hershey to help add to the number of Model As at that meet, never really intending to have the car judged, but I did and got that award. I mounted my award badge on my car just before the Memorial Day parade.

As many of you know, I believe that the national clubs are a real asset to the hobby. The club magazines are very high quality and we get significant benefits as a chapter of the national clubs. One of the most important benefits we receive is the insurance coverage that allows us to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, the show at Sully and on tours. If you are not a member of the national Model A clubs, I encourage you to join.

Milford

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Summer is coming and it's that time of year when Bruce Metcalf, my Assistant Editor, will take over the reins of The Script for July and August. I shall return over Labor Day weekend, ready to take back over for the September issue.

Meanwhile, the light may be at the end of the tunnel for Blaze. We've found a painter, thanks to Dave Greenwood (and an upholsterer), so now we're just haggling over price.

Bill Sims

## **FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ANTHONY'S RESTAURANT SIDE ROOM**

Board Meeting  
May 23,2024

Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 6:25 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb, Don White, Jeff VanGorder, Bill Bass, Bill Sims, James Kolody, Valerie Faircloth, and Dave Greenwood.

Treasurers report: Doug said our balance is about the same as last week's members meeting. Doug and Bill Bass will be contacting the Wells Fargo Bank to obtain a better rate on our CD before June 30 to get all the details on renewal prior to the expiration on July 7, 2024.

Membership: Jeff will be sending out the digital directory soon and the printed version will follow.

Sully #49, & 50: John provided a report to Milford. Mike DiBerardino is computerizing the judging forms and ranking system to make tallying easier and faster. Jeff Van Gorder will be filling in for Gene Rainville as Chief Judge. We now have 17 flea market vendors signed up, and for Special Displays, the Hit- Miss engines will be there. The next committee meeting is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Things are moving along well.

Youth: James Kolody has the results of the 6 scholarship applications. A motion was made by Bill Bass and seconded by Jeff VanGorder to provide four \$1000 scholarships and two \$250 scholarships. The board unanimously approved the increased allocation. This returns the amount to near pre-pandemic levels. The Board thanked James for leading this again.

Programs: The July meeting is an indoor and outdoor Model A parts flea market. Don is working on the August program.

Activities: Valerie Faircloth said all the slots are filled for the DC Memorial Day Parade. June 7 is the car show at Greenspring Senior Living campus, Jeff will send out a reminder to the membership. The Sully show is June 16 and will count as our members meeting and activity program. The Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" is stopping on June 25<sup>th</sup> for lunch in Purcellville, VA, if members want to see the event. For details see [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com)

Script: Bill said June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for articles and Bruce Metcalf will be editing the July and August Scripts.

### General Discussion:

Future tours in the planning:

Orange, VA.—Doug Tomb is developing the plans for the overnight tour for early fall.

Northern Neck, VA—Milford Sprecher is developing the plans and likely will be early November.

James Kolody is planning a local day trip to the Philomont General Store this summer.

Bill Bass made a motion, seconded by Dave Greenwood, to donate \$500 to the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) , the Board unanimously approved.

Bill Bass suggested we consider hosting the 2028 National meet. That will be the 100-year anniversary of the Model A and having it in the Nation's Capital would be fantastic. The Board approved for Bill to reach out to MARC and MAFCA about the 2028 plans and to report back.

Milford discussed with the Board concerns that we review our insurance coverage for tours, events, and D&O. He will get the details and report back at the next Board meeting for discussion, education, and potential action.

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

Dave Greenwood made a motion that we purchase two copies for The GWC Library of the thumb drive from MAFCA of the first 50 years (300 issues) May/June 1956 thru March/April 2006 of the Restorer magazine, Bill Bass seconded. The Board approved a budget of up to \$200. The thumb drive has a digital index and copies of very helpful tips, Q&A and articles on how-to.

The Board meetings for June, July and August will be via Zoom and the next in-person meeting will be on September 26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Dave Greenwood  
Secretary

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

The Ford Script of June 1999 was all about Sully, with an artist's rendition of an A400 with the plantation house in the background. SULLY TIME! SULLY TIME! SULLY TIME! was the header over his column, which President Clem Clement called "From the President's Computer." He said, "It's that time again friends. Time to get those yellow vests on; time to get ready to see all the other club members out and working; time to meet new club members; and time to help the public enjoy the best car show in the National Capitol Region. The show is us and we are them. So come on out and work it and enjoy." He made a pitch for members to volunteer and for Walt Bratton's parts, saying he wants to sell them and is ready to help with anything to get your Model A out to the Sully show.



Reporting on the board meeting, Don Temple said Bill Worsham had Sully on schedule with moderate changes from the Park Authority and that there had been a real good sign-up so far. Stan Johnson reported on progress on our Model A engine air compressor, saying an assembly seminar would be held and members would be invited. President Clem reported that the Ford Script had won the MARC Newsletter Award for Continuing Excellence, and paid tribute to the Daedalians presentations at the tomb of the unknown soldier while Mrs. Clem, aka Sandy, eulogized bikers and their participation in Rolling Thunder and their humility at the wall with the names of those who didn't come back, most or all engraved by our own Wayne Parker.

Michael J. Greer, Secretary of the Baltimore chapter of MAFCA/MARC, wrote telling of the assistance given him by our member Jim Albin. Michael's 1930 coupe broke down on I-495 near the River Road exit and his troubleshooting was to no avail. Along came Jim, willing to help out. He even drove to and back from his home in Chevy Chase to get needed equipment to unclog the shut off valve. Don Temple lent his helping hand too, via phone communication. Michael wanted to publicly tip his hat to Jim and to our Club.

Now for a laugh;

He played a sax  
had no B.O.  
his whiskers scratched  
so she let him go



Dave Henderson

## **SULLY #49 IS COMING FAST!**

I am about ready. Now, it is up to you!! A quick update and then one last plug!

We have a last-minute change in our Chief Judge position. Gene Rainville and his family lost a family member to cancer last month. Gene and Lana are in California. While they plan to be back in time for the Sully show, judging preparations continue until set-up on Friday before the show. Jeff VanGorder volunteered to step in as Chief Judge and Michael DiBerardino volunteered to take care of the judging data entries as Bill Benedict hands off registration information. Thank you all for the extra effort one month before the show! And, I know each member of our GWC family joins in sincere condolences and prayers for Gene and Lana's family.

The great success of the last 48 Fathers' Day Sully Antique Car Shows happened each of those years because our GWC members 'roll in' in mass. It is not too late to sign up to volunteer if you have not already. Thank you to those of you who have signed up and thank you in advance to those of you who will sign up!! We are doing well for judges and those assignments should be complete on 1 June. If you are waiting until the last minute to commit, just show up and ask Jeff (Judging), or Bill (Registration), or Jim (Car Corral), or Wayne (Parking) what you can do to help!

We also need a couple more folks to help setting up on Friday, 14 June!

Your Sully Committee had our last planning meeting with Sully and Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) representatives on 29 May. All of the many pieces for this effort are falling into place nicely. I am also happy to report that the FCPA is finally completing the hiring process for replacement staff members at the Sully Historic Site, to include a new manager!! The Sully staff has been thin since last August with folks from FCPA and other parks stepping in to keep all operations running, to include the car show!

So, if you have not already, dust off the 'favorite' car in your collection, put some fresh gas in it, and bring it to the Best Antique Car Show around on 16 June.

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY AND SEE YOU AT SULLY! AHOOGHA!**



John Dougherty  
Sully Chairman

Wayne Parker on duty last year.

**George Washington Chapter 2024 Approved Budget - AS OF 5/31/2024**  
**OPERATING BUDGET #2**

<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	2023 Actual	2024 May	2024 ACTUAL
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 2,092.00
Misc Income (Donations)	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 65.00		\$ 10.00
Programs & Technical Seminars	<b>White</b>	\$ 56.00	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	<b>Faircloth</b>	\$ 1,460.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Script Advertising	<b>Bass</b>	\$ 450.00		\$ 650.00
Hands-on Seminars, Repair	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	<b>Dougherty</b>	\$ 13,826.50	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 2,955.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$18,752.50</b>	<b>\$1,133.00</b>	<b>\$5,807.00</b>
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	<b>VanGorder</b>	\$ 868.07		\$ 173.55
Club Programs	<b>White</b>	\$ 1,650.34	\$ 20.39	\$ 20.39
Club Tours & Activities	<b>Faircloth</b>	\$ 5,701.44	\$ 260.89	\$ 960.89
Tool Shed / Tools	<b>Leonard</b>	\$ 308.63		\$ 428.52
Sully Car Show Expenses	<b>Dougherty</b>	\$ 4,445.04	\$ 1,082.31	\$ 3,843.58
Web Hosting Expense	<b>Shepherd</b>	\$ 163.22	\$ -	\$ 119.88
Presidents Fund	<b>Sprecher</b>	\$ 943.63	\$ 251.75	\$ 701.38
Secretary Supplies	<b>Greenwood</b>	\$ 157.40	\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	<b>Tomb</b>	\$ 552.46	\$1,500.00	\$2,552.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$14,790.23</b>	<b>\$3,115.34</b>	<b>\$8,800.19</b>
<b>UNDER/(OVER) Revenue</b>		<b>\$3,962.27</b>		<b>-\$2,993.19</b>

**CONTRIBUTATION BUDGET**

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,263.92</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)**

WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR + CD	Board	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Peyton Randolph Memorial Fund	Remainder	\$ (296.81)	\$ -	\$ -

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$17,054.15	\$3,115.34	\$8,800.19
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Sum Income and Expenses	\$1,698.35	-\$1,982.34	-\$2,993.19

Current Bank Balance + CD as of 5-31-2024	<b>\$ 31,914.55</b>
Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2024 Actual)	<b>\$ 34,907.74</b>



## **THE MAY MEMBERS MEETING**

This month's presentation was on "Judging cars at Sully #49 2024."

President Milford Sprecher convened the business meeting at 7:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 31 members and guests present and unfortunately had no participants online.

Treasurer: Doug Tomb said that as of April 30 we have a checking balance of \$23,896.89, down some but expected to rapidly increase as Sully registrations come in. We also have \$10,000 in CDs that are up for renewal in July.

Sully: John Dougherty reported that Gene Rainville had family issues come up in California that will prevent him from being the Chief Judge. John is looking for a new lead. Otherwise, things are progressing, and we have the county permit. We have 94 cars registered so far and 12 flea market vendors. He had the Sully pins and flyers for distribution. Registration will be pre-registration-only to mitigate safety concerns. Check-in is 7:00-9:30 and cars must be parked by 10:00. We still need about 50 more volunteers; other clubs are helping. Set-up will be on Friday, June 14, at 8:00AM. John gave the projected weather forecast for the 2024 show. The next committee meeting with the county is May 29 at 10:00AM.

Membership: Jeff VanGorder said we had no new members to join this month; we have 164 members currently. Jeff is working on finalizing the printed roster.

Activities: We filled all the openings for the Memorial Day parade.

Youth: May is Model A Youth month. James Kolody said he had 3, expecting 6, scholarship applications and now has 3 members to do the reviews. The Youth hand-built gravity car race at Gunston Middle School was a great success. we had 3 Ford Model As and a 1928 Chevrolet on display; interesting to compare the vehicles. The local Porsche dealer displayed an electric Porsche and a two-seater convertible, and a parent brought a BMW. Next year's race will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year and James is looking to do something special to celebrate.

Programs: Don White said the June program is the Sully car show—there will be no members meeting. July will be the GWC indoor flea market. The rest of the year is still in planning, and Don is looking for presenters and topics. We will rotate bringing snacks until we have a lead volunteer. **(Please let Milford or Don know if you can bring the snacks for the meetings).**

Script: Bill Sims said Script articles for June are due by June 3. Milford presented Bill Sims, the Editor, with an Award of Excellence for The Ford Script of the George Washington Region of MARC.

**We are still looking for a lead for the MARC Mileage Program.**

Other: We had a great turnout for the Luray swap meet, and there were many vendors and quality items. There is a car show planned at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield on June 7, 2024 from 9-2 contact: Kimberly.Nelson@erickson.com. Benny Leonard is asking the member who has the GWC Head puller to return it to him, another member needs it.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

## **THE MAY MEMBERS MEETING (Cont.)**

Program: led by John Dougherty on the Judging forms and procedures for Sully. Unfortunately, because of inclement weather we were not able to judge vehicles in the parking lot. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Dave Greenwood

## **GWC FORD SCRIPT AWARD FROM MARC**

In case you missed it, our chapter received another award for Continuing Excellence, so thanks again to newsletter editor Bill Sims and assistant editor Bruce Metcalf for their excellent work on The Script. There were also awards for articles published in the Model A News and Don Swofford of our Club got an Honorable Mention for Best MARC Showcase Article.

Milford



Editor Bill Sims (in his Sully t-shirt) accepting the award presented by President Milford Sprecher on behalf of himself and Assistant Editor Bruce Metcalf at the May membership meeting.

## **A COOL MODEL A COUPE CONVERTED TO A PICKUP TRUCK**

"Old Cars" is one of my favorite car magazines and in the April 15, 2024, issue (Vol. 53, No. 8) there's a piece by Bob Tomaine on a 1930 Ford Model A coupe, owned by Fred Wicker, with a rare pickup bed conversion. I never knew about these pickup bed kits, which were popular during the World War II era due to greater gasoline rations provided to truck owners rather than car owners. On the next page is the piece reproduced as it appeared in "Old Cars," a magazine I recommend highly: [oldcarsweekly.com](http://oldcarsweekly.com).

Paul Bjarnason

Bob's mailing address is as follows:

Bob Tomaine  
341 Washington Ave  
Jermyn, PA 18433

Setting aside for a moment the fact that the box is made of wood, the coupe's rear side-window gives the ration truck a look not unlike that of an Australian ute.



# Rational Model A

*1930 Ford coupe still sports rare pickup bed conversion*

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BOB TOMAINE

Tucked in a Hershey flea market space, Fred Wicker's 1930 Model A coupe was easy to miss, but most of those who did notice it just couldn't resist stopping.

"They look at it," Wicker said. "Some people who don't know history, some people who are only in their 30s, they don't have a clue about it. People in their 80s or 90s who come around, they spot it, they come right over."

Both are odd reactions upon seeing a Model A coupe at Hershey—where Model As certainly aren't in short supply, even if they no longer abound in the numbers they once did—but Wicker's car is no everyday example.

"It was turned into a ration truck in 1943 or '44," Wicker explained. "The fellow had a young family and he didn't go into the service. You could get four gallons of gas a week with a car, you could get eight gallons of gas a week if you had a truck."

Ford did, of course, offer trucks right out of the factory in the Model A era after having



The design of the ration truck's box enables it to extend slightly inside of the original coupe sheet metal to provide every possible bit of cargo space.

a somewhat bumpy record with the Model T, which wasn't consistently available with a commercial body in its early years. The factory-built pickup, in fact, didn't appear until 1925 when it became a standard item through the last of the Model Ts in 1927. When the Model A was introduced for 1928, a pickup was included in the range and would remain in the Ford line right up to today.

But if Ford and its competitors built pickups before World War II, why would it have been necessary to convert a Model A coupe?

"You could not find a truck for sale back in the day," Wicker explained. "Nobody had any money for them, but you could buy a (Model A) coupe for like \$20, and then Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Pep Boys, Western Auto, all made these little truck beds."

With the automakers producing for the war effort and new civilian vehicles unavailable, businesses relying on trucks were not likely to give them up at any price, so re-purposing a car was, for many drivers, the only realistic way to come up with a commercial vehicle and receive the greater amount of gas that came with it. Some drivers, no doubt, simply hacked the back end off of the first car that presented itself, added a crude platform or box and called it a truck, but the kit was a smarter approach by far.

"If you look at it," Wicker said, "you can tell it's not a homemade one. When I first saw this on (Facebook) Market-

place ... I saw the hardware and I said, 'That was a kit. That's the real deal.' People were bashing the man on Marketplace with what'd been done to a coupe.

"Well, the Model A guys, they're OK with it, because you hear about them, but you never see them. That's why it's at Hershey, so people can say they saw one, because you can go a lifetime without seeing one."

He doesn't know the kit's manufacturer, but he does know something of the truck's history. The seller's grandfather, he said, had made the conversion, and the seller recalled riding around in it on his grandfather's Arizona farm in the 1960s. He also remembered his grandfather's talking about the kit and about how he'd bought it, assembled it and installed it. And there were stories.

"They called him 'Fast Ed' when he moved (from Arizona) to California," Wicker said, "because he was always racing around the neighborhood at probably 75 years old in the thing."

He'd made some modifications over the years—minor ones, compared to the conversion—such as fresh paint, new glass and different wheels, but when he passed in about 2015, the Model A was to be sold as part of his estate. The grandson bought it and had it shipped to Virginia. Wicker said, and eventually put it up for sale.

"I contacted him right away," he continued, "and I said, 'You've got a ration truck.' He said, 'Ration truck?' I said,



A rear three-quarter view of the ration truck shows that it's plainly not an everyday Model A pickup.



‘That’s the name. It’s a ration truck. I’m local, I’m an hour-and-a-half away. I’m going to be up there to see a friend and I’ll swing by and take a look at it.’

“We talked a little bit and I showed up with a flatbed trailer. I had my tools. He went to start it and it didn’t want to start. I got in there and it fired off. I made some adjustments, got it to where it was running a little better and ran it around. I started explaining everything about it, everything on it. ‘This is correct, this has been changed, very nice work’ and I explained the kit to him.

“He said, ‘You’re the man who needs to have this,’ so I struck a deal and drove it up on the trailer. It’s very rare for me to drive a Model A up on a trailer when I find one.”

Once he had it at his home in Matthew County, Va., he learned more about it, as a friend identified the box as a “wide bed” version.

“‘You’ll never see another one.’” he recalled his friend telling him, “and I said, ‘Probably not.’”

Wicker did some work to it ranging from installing a new wiring harness and an original dashboard to adding a brake light and replacing the radiator. There was one feature, though, that needed no work at all, and actually proved to be an advantage over a factory-built Model A pickup.

“The extra legroom,” Wicker said, “because the seat moves back and forth, because it’s a coupe, it makes a difference. A big man can ride in it.”

Whether the driver is big or small, when Wicker has it out for a ride, the pickup doesn’t escape notice.

“It’s a fun truck to drive,” he said. “Here, they stop and look at it every time I go by when I drive it around ... It’s cool, and when I ride around in it, everybody stops and looks at it.”

That reaction isn’t limited to those at Hershey who know what it is, and something similar happens when it’s not even moving.

“I parked it at my buddy’s space down at the end of the Chocolate Field Monday night,” Wicker said. “Next thing I knew, three or four guys wanted it ... A man was here yesterday and pulled out a wad of cash. I said, ‘No, thank you.’”

Some of the attention it generates is about what would be expected, but in a very different way.

“I’ve had other people take measurements, take pictures of it,” Wicker said. “If you have a coupe and it’s wrecked, you can’t get quarter panels. You’ve got to have somebody good to make some. Then (with a correct box), you’ve got your ration truck and it’s the real deal.

“They ask me, ‘Have you had it long? When was it built? Did you build it?’ I basically just throw the story out there. I’ve got it written on the side and some people like that. ‘This is cool. Does it run?’ ‘Yeah, I’ve got an overdrive in it and all this stuff.’ Then they start asking if it’s for sale. ‘Not for sale.’ I have no intentions of selling it.”

He certainly understands their interest in buying it, however.

“You hear about them,” he observed, “but you never see them. And there it is.”

## THE MAFFI MINUTE

Have you ever wondered what being a Trustee for the Model A Ford Foundation is all about?

The Model A Ford Foundation has 15 Trustees and the positions are nonpaid. Terms are three years in duration and term limits are 6 consecutive years. Meetings are done via Zoom, but there is a day-long face-to-face meeting in Michigan two days prior to Model A Days each year (also, travel expenses are non-reimbursable; this is 100% volunteer work).

A sampling of duties include: creating and ordering signage at the museum for displays and events, programming and maintaining inventory, and financials--some daily. There are several committees to be chaired and worked on: day-to-day museum management, finance, fundraising, the construction expansion, the design and development of the displays, insurance, assessment/deassessment of vehicles, fleet maintenance, social media, solicitation of parts, tool acquisition and inventory, by-laws and job description updates, advisory, and partner museum liaisons as well as Model A Days each year (which has a huge number of subcommittees from parking to staffing the gates to managing the swap meet, the first start program, riding and driving Model A's). There is always a variety of other projects that need a manager too (i.e.: bus restoration, booth displays at meets, library collections, period attire collections as well as developing national magazine articles and ideas.)

Individuals also serve as officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and a variety of other tasks: MAFFI registrar, picking up and delivering vehicles, managing gift shop items, updating and maintaining the MAFFI website and IT systems within the museum.

If any of this kind of work is of interest to you, please contact John Begg at [wbegg@gmail.com](mailto:wbegg@gmail.com).

Happy Motoring



Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Secretary

Pictured is a 1929 Blindback with Jerry Dennany, MAFFI Trustee, next to it; Jerry and his crew just finished getting this car ready for sale at the GR Auto Gallery in Grand Rapids, MI, to raise funds for the museum expansion.

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## MID-ATLANTIC PRE-WAR SHOW – LURAY 2024

As we discussed our plan for Luray, Clem told me his eyes were giving him fits. So our annual trip to the Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Show in Luray became my solo trip to Luray.



I left home at 5:30 a.m., and arrived at 7 a.m. There was a medium number of vendors with many booths open, but not many of us “pickers.”

My first stop was at the VFW food booth - \$3 bought a tasty egg and cheese sandwich.

Then off to “The Carb Shed” booth; new this year and interesting. They refurbish Tillotson and Zenith Carbs for Model As. A Zenith standard carb was \$475 without a core exchange, and \$375 with an exchange... made me realize it's time to restore the many Zenith carbs I still have in the garage. Impressively, these folks had driven from Indiana to sell their wares.



But that was not as impressive as the drive of a fellow I'll call “Izack,” a real old-timer, who had driven 1,000 solo

miles to the show from Iowa ... in a Model T!



As I approached him, several of the Model T guys there sorta' surrounded him to discuss his epic trip. Not being a Model T guy, I decided to keep wandering and try to catch up with him later. That turned out to be a bad choice, since I didn't see him again.

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## LURAY 2024 (Cont.)

Clem missed a few items there—old Marx trains and a circa 1950s Japanese-produced metal parking garage. And even a cast iron locomotive and car. Which, upon inspection, appeared to be modern.

I saw GWC clubber Mark Wetherby, who had a large collection of radiator emblems for sale – I inspected his one Gray radiator emblem, but reluctantly passed. Very soon after, I came upon an original Zenith sidebowl (used only on July to end of production Model A carbs); this was my only purchase.



There was a good showing of Model Ts on the field – first was the T apparently driven by “Izack,” then an almost ready to roll “needs a touch of paint” on the back of a trailer; and a good-looking restoration of a Sears Roebuck T.

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LURAY 2024 (Cont.)



I got to visit with a lot of local Club folks. From the GWC—Life Member Donnie Temple and wife Judy; Club President Milford, who arrived with Assistant Treasurer Bill Bass as his passenger; past President Luke Chaplin; past President Tom Quigley; and booth owner Mark Wetherby. From the NVRG I saw Nick Arrington and Leo Cummings. Folks I missed included Jim and Edna Cross; Bruce Metcalf; and Dave Gunnarson.

Although the morning had been foggy, it hadn't rained until about 10:30, when the heavens opened up, and I headed for the truck. By 10:45, with it continuing to rain, I decided to head home. It was an interesting show, one I'll need to go back to next year.

Jim Gray  
Past GWC President  
NVRG cub reporter



Jerry Olexson,                   , Luke Chaplin, Edna Cross, Jim Cross, Dave Greenwood, Tom Quigley, Milford Sprecher, Don Temple, Bill Bass, Loretta Metcalf, Bruce Metcalf, John Dougherty



## Great fun at the 2024 National Memorial Day Parade

Watch us in the Parade: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g895ucZzJ6U>

What started as a gray morning transformed by parade time into one of the most fun and cool and refreshing Memorial Day Parades since 2018.

The Club turned out in full force, filling each of our nine parade spots with cars to honor the fallen.

Parade mainstays Doug and Beverly Tomb joined the parade in their phaeton along with Kenny Johnson, Jeff and Cindy VanGorder, Valerie Faircloth, Michael Diberardino, Milford and Shuyan Sprecher, John Molino, Jason and Loriel Cunningham, and David Welch and his friend Cody Presson.

Hailing from Fort Meyers, Florida, David Welch wins the award for having come the furthest to be in the parade, having driven four hours to put his 1930 Deluxe Town Sedan on the AutoTrain in Orlando.

The entire group had a ball waving flags and greeting the enthusiastic crowds. The threat of rain didn't seem to deter any spectators as the crowds seemed to be as full and lively as ever.

Thank you to everyone who participated! We all had a marvelous time and loved using our cars to honor the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our freedoms.

Jason Cunningham



**SEEN AT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



## HONORING OUR AUTOMOTIVE “HOLIDAY”

### SEMA Applauds Introduction of Congressional Resolution Recognizing July 12 as Collector Car Appreciation Day

At the request of the SEMA Action Network (SAN), a resolution (H. Res. 108) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize July 12, 2019, as [Collector Car Appreciation Day \(CCAD\)](#). H. Res. 108 is sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus House Co-Chairs Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL) and Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA). The date marks the 10th commemoration in what has become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

Intended to celebrate the classics of the past and the future, the U.S. Congress has helped launch CCAD by introducing resolutions each year at SEMA’s request. These Congressional leaders have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and recognize the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation’s appreciation for the automobile’s unique historical place in our history.

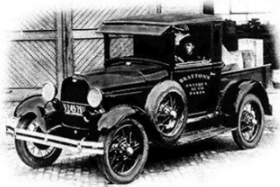
A list of officially scheduled events to commemorate America’s time-tested love affair with the automobile is posted in the link below. Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events may submit the details of their July celebration at no cost [using this link](#).

States, local governments and Canadian provinces have adopted similar commemorative declarations, making it an international recognition of the collector-car hobby and the millions of individuals who support it. Several jurisdictions are pursuing similar initiatives.

Download the official logo and flyer [from the homepage](#) and help promote this special day. As always, the SAN welcomes any level of participation and encourages everyone to spread the word about our hobby’s “holiday.” For questions, contact SAN Director Colby Martin at 909-978-6721 or [san@sema.org](mailto:san@sema.org).

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## THE GREAT RACE IS COMING!

This year the Great Race is running from Owensburg, KY, to Gardiner, ME, from June 22 to June 30. It will be in our area on Monday, June 24, spending the night in Frostburg, MD, and at the Gettysburg Gateway on June 25 at 4:45 both nights. Given that they have publicized the places and dates, I assume that it is okay to show up and take a look at the cars. For more info: <https://www.greatrace.com>

Milford

## FAIRFAX CITY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

We invite you to join us for the upcoming Fairfax City 4th of July Parade! We still have slots available, so please let me know if you would like to participate. It's always a fun event that you won't want to miss.

For any inquiries or to confirm your participation, feel free to reach out to me at <[valerie.faircloth@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.faircloth@gmail.com)> or 703-609-6713. I have replaced Gene as point of contact because he is out of town due to a family emergency. More details about the parade will be shared later this month.

Val Faircloth

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## PARADE INVITATION FROM SHEPHERDSTOWN ROTARY CLUB

Shepherdstown Rotary Club would be delighted to have GWC club members participate in this year's Shepherdstown 4th of July parade, which will be held on Thursday, the 4th, starting at 11:00 a.m. We're located about 65 miles from downtown Fairfax.

Below is a link that will take your members to an online parade information sheet and registration form. Once they complete the form, they can simply hit "submit" and we'll receive their registration. Once they've registered, additional information will be sent to them.

Here's the link to the online parade information sheet and registration form (or go to pp. 25 and 26 at the end of this Script):

<https://app.emailmeform.com/builder/form/SN06cY8dr1V0Ac>

If any members don't want to register beforehand, that's OK too. They can simply show up prior to the parade and we'll work them into the lineup.

The parade will be followed by a community picnic at the town's Morgan's Grove Park from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., and your members will be welcome to join us there, too, and display their vehicles if they want. There will be no fee for the picnic and no need to register in advance. Just show up and have fun.

The picnic will include children's activities and live music. The Rotary Club will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages. All proceeds from those sales will be used to help cover event costs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [shepherdstownparades@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdstownparades@gmail.com) or give me a call at 304-876-1139.

Peter Smith  
Rotary Club of Shepherdstown WV



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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **June**

June 7 (Friday) -- Greenspring car show at Green Spring Village in Springfield, Virginia, 10 AM to 2 PM

**June 12 (Wednesday) -- GWC and CDC breakfast in person Fair Oaks SILVER diner, 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway, 9 AM**

**June 16 (Sunday) -- Sully 49 at Sully Park Chantilly, Virginia, 8 AM, contact John Dougherty. This will replace the June Membership meeting.**

June 20-22 (Monday – Wednesday) ACA Eastern spring meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

June 25 (Tuesday) – The Hemmings Motor News “Great Race” is stopping for lunch in Purcellville, VA – see [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com)

**June 27 (Thursday) -- Monthly board meeting, 7:00 PM**

### **July**

July 4 (Thursday) – Fairfax City Parade POC: Valerie Faircloth (see p. 21)

July 4 -- Shepherdstown Rotary Club 4th of July parade, starting at 11:00 a.m. (See pp. 22, 26 and 27 for details and forms.)

July 4 – Washington DC Parade – POC Jason Cunningham, [jicunningham@gmail.com](mailto:jicunningham@gmail.com)

**July 10 (Wednesday) – GWC & CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway**

**July 17 (Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – Indoor/Outdoor Model A Flea Market – McLean American Legion Hall 6:30pm**

**July 20 (Saturday) – GWC’s Summer Picnic at Sully Historic Site. See article in July Script for details.**

**July 25 (Thursday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7pm**

**Save the Date!**

**December 7 (Saturday) – Annual GWC Christmas Party at American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA**

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1930 Model A Town Sedan—It is currently up on blocks and does not currently run for unknown reason. Interior and paint job are poor. The engine was regularly rotated and it may be full of oil. Has Virginia antique plates. It has been garaged since 1975 and is rust free. Has been run several times since. Deal also includes an extra Model A engine and engine stand, spare wheels (one with tire), assorted extra parts and books, two compressors (one on wheels) and assorted nozzles. Asking \$5,000. Contact Kathy Nelson at <kgn@jeee.org>



1930 Model A Tudor. Currently garaged in Fairfax. 2-tone paint, 12-volt alternator system with master battery cutoff, 12-volt horn, 3 distributors—one mechanical advanced, 5-speed transmission with synchronized floor shift, rear brake with dual tail lights, exterior storage trunk with a folding bracket shelf, aluminum steering box with a short Pitman arm, maintenance/parts records dating back to 2006, and a Model A instruction book (1928). Asking \$12,000. Contact Becky Beierle, 703-946-6844.



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# 2024 Shepherdstown 4th of July Parade— Instructions and Entry Form

Parade date and time: Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 11:00 am

Entry deadline: Monday, July 1, 2024

This year, Shepherdstown will again celebrate Independence Day with a July 4 parade and community picnic sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown. Join in the fun by being part of the parade! Here's what to do:

1. Choose a parade representative—This person will be responsible for completing your group's Parade Entry Form and for handling all communication between your group and the parade committee. All details regarding the parade will be sent to this person. It will be their responsibility to share this information with your group's members.

2. Complete the Parade Registration Form that follows below and send it via US Mail to:

4th of July Parade  
Rotary Club of Shepherdstown  
P.O. Box 603  
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

3. Clearly label your entry with the name of your organization or group.

4. Include the type of your parade entry, such as "band," "horse and carriage," "antique automobile," "person riding in car," "walking group," "float," etc. (Please bring extra adults for large groups of children to ensure their safety; entries involving animals will be required to include immediate clean-up to follow behind the entry, i.e. pooper scoopers.)

5. Include a brief announcement for the parade announcer to read. Parade committee has the right to edit this description for appropriate content and length.

6. NO ALCOHOL

7. PLEASE REMEMBER: THROWING CANDY TO PARADE CROWDS IS PROHIBITED BY THE TOWN OF SHEPHERDSTOWN!

8. The parade will form up beginning at 9:30 am on Church Street, south of German Street. When the parade starts at 11:00 am it will proceed down German Street to Princess Street and end there. When you arrive, please check in with the Parade Coordinator on Church Street BEFORE 10:00 am.

9. Parade entries will enter the parade lineup by driving on Church Street beginning at Minden Street (Middle School). The parade lineup will be determined as entries arrive.

10. Parade entries will be allowed to stop and "perform" for a maximum of 1 minute at the German Street/King Street intersection.

11. Detailed parade lineup instructions will be emailed or mailed to the representative of each entry.

After the parade, we hope you will attend the community picnic if you can. It will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at Shepherdstown's Morgan's Grove Park.

# 2024 4th of July Parade Entry Form

Entry Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2024

Organization or group name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of our parade representative \_\_\_\_\_

His/her phone number \_\_\_\_\_

His/her email address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please include this contact info, it is vital for providing you with last-minute updates)*

I have read and understand all information pertaining to the 4th of July parade:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of person filling out form)

Type of parade entry (for example: band, horse and carriage, antique automobile, walking group, float. Etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

We agree to make arrangements to clean up after any animals that are part of our parade entry:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of person filling out form)

**Information for Parade announcer** (Write exactly what you would like the parade announcer to read as your parade entry approaches the center of town. The Parade Committee reserves the right to edit descriptions for appropriate content and length.)

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