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Introducing MAFFI's newly restored 1931 Model AA bus. Club member and former Club President Don Temple's group in North Carolina restored the chassis.



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Chapter members are encouraged to belong to both MAFCA and MARC national clubs and the Model A Ford Museum (MAFFI). The chapter Web page on the Internet may be accessed by:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, Fall is officially here. I have just returned from Model A Days at the Gilmore. It is always a worthwhile and enjoyable trip.

The big draw this year was the unveiling of the MAFFI bus that has been under restoration for 7 1/2 years. I have followed this project since the beginning and the end result is nothing more than amazing. More on that in a separate article.

September was filled with travel, with a trip to Boston, a trip to Dearborn for the Old Car Festival, a trip to New Hampshire and then to the Gilmore. I need to figure out how many miles we drove, but it was a lot. While we were in New Hampshire, we connected with Doug Tomb and got a ride on his steamboat, the Pumpkin Seed. It was part of the steamboat festival on Lake Winnipesaukee. We later visited Doug and Beverly at their house nearby.

The Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village has become a must-attend event for us. Participation was down a bit this year, from what we heard, but it was still a great event. We had a good showing from our Club this year.

October has two great events: the Eastern Regional Meet of AACA at Hershey, which needs no explanation. The Rockville Car Show, another excellent event, is scheduled for October 19. The GWC is a sponsor, so I hope we will have a good showing. The show is preregistration only and often fills up.

We are getting on elections time for the Board of Directors. If you have any interest in serving on the board, please let me know and we can put your name in the hat.

I am still looking for someone who could serve as Fun and Fashion coordinator, to plan a few more spouse-oriented events.

The Northern Neck Tour for early November is firming up. Dates are November 8 - 11. I hope to have more details on that tour shortly and want to get a head count to gauge interest. More in another article in this issue.

Milford

FROM THE EDITOR

September was an interesting month. First, our daughter sprung a surprise by announcing the future arrival of grandchild number 6! But an even bigger surprise was that it wasn't going to be grandson #6. We were finally going to get a girl! Great family jubilation ensued (except the oldest, age 6, who complained, "Not another baby!"

Then there was Hurricane Helene. After lovingly describing the quaint little town in western North Carolina where we have a summer place in last month's Script, we weren't sure what would be left of it. Apparently, except for a small tornado, the town was spared. We'd already planned a short trip down for next week, which we still plan to do. But friends in that town have already run by and our house is still standing and unscathed.

Last week I went out and tested our A, and it started right up! But I didn't drive it around, fearing a repeat of my Sully adventure when the car would start, run for a mile, and then cut off. All the guys who worked on it couldn't figure out why, so I wasn't taking any chances.

Bill Sims October 2024

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM

Board Meeting September 25, 2024



Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug

Tomb, Jeff VanGorder, John Dougherty, Valerie Faircloth, James Kolody, Bill Sims, Bill Bass, and Dave Greenwood.

<u>Sully Report</u>: John informed the Board that he will not chair the Sully event in 2025. He is actively looking for a replacement chair to recommend. In the short term he is focused on updating the procedures manual and coordination with the county to finalize the LOA (Letter of Agreement). The Board thanked John for his years of service and willingness to help through the transition.

<u>President's Report</u>: Milford has asked a candidate to lead the nominating committee, and we are seeking candidates. In addition to Sully Chair, we are also seeking a Youth Chair and have identified a lead. Dave Greenwood has accepted the appointment of MARC Mileage lead and will coordinate with MARC and our members for 2024 reporting. Milford informed the Board that he has investigated the MARC insurance and is satisfied that we are covered for our Club tour and other activities. Individuals' vehicles are under their own insurance coverage.

Milford presented and the Board unanimously approved a Lifetime Membership application motion by Dave and seconded by Jeff, who were reviewers of the application.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: Doug said there was no change from the Members Meeting report. Doug and Bill Bass worked on the renewal of our CD. It was renewed at 41/2% interest for 6 months in July and will be up for renewal again on January 7, 2025.

<u>Activities Report</u>: Milford has a tentative agenda for the Northern Neck Tour on November 8-11. The hotel is \$100 per night. The 8th will be a driving day. The 9th is a ferry ride and visit to Tangier Island. The 10th is Matthews, VA, and a visit to Bill Digg's Gas Station and Model A Museum. The 11th is a drive home. More details to follow.

Val is planning on a live guitarist for the Christmas party and is within the budget for the event. She is also seeking help to coordinate the event. Val provided samples of the layouts for the magnetic signs for the Club to use in parades. She will finalize the details. Members can purchase a personal copy at a cost of \$35 each.

The Board meetings in October and November will be via Zoom. There will be no December Board meeting, and the next in-person meeting will be January 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM at a local restaurant, details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Dave Greenwood Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In his President's Computer column, Clem Clement said, "Wow, it's October already and so much yet to do. September brought the Pig Pickin', the Glidden Tour, Laurel Show, Mt. Airy and Lucketts 99. Ya' can't ask for more mega-fun than that! Guess what--here comes October with Carlisle, Hershey, York, Rockville, the Baltimore club's show and our caravan to West Virginia and still another weekend for the Halloween parade in Annandale."



Clem spoke of his attending the Soldiers and Airman's Home car show, saying it is always a nice show and that he was always glad to do something for those men and women who have done so much for our country. He said one fellow, Mr. William, told his life story--3 wives, one of which he liked. He set his third outside the window and told her not to return. She wanted to kill him cause he was fooling with a blonde after 2.5 weeks of marriage. Clem's comment: "seems risky to me".

The September Board meeting was held at the home of the Eisenmans during the Pig Pickin', with Walt Bratton, Dan Lyon, Chuck Manns, Howard Minners, Jon Phillips, Eric Rogers, Bill Sims, Don Temple and Bill Worsham among others in attendance. 34 Model A's showed up plus a few other assorted makes and models. The star of the gathering, a red Rockne!

Clem had attended the Glidden Tour, an 8-day 900-mile one with 380 cars, including 179 Model A's participating. It was a hub tour centered on Staunton, Va. Some of the attractions visited on daily trips were the New Market battlefield, WW Motor Cars and Parts, Meens Bottom Covered Bridge, Luray Caverns, UVA, Goshen Pass, VMI, Natural Bridge, the P. Buckley Moss Museum, Andre Viette's Nursery, Jumbo the 1911 Robinson fire truck, the Statler Brothers Museum, Woodrow Wilson's birthplace and the Museum of Frontier Culture. Wow.

V.P. and Activities Chairman Walt Bratton reported that the October meeting would feature a presentation by Glen Looper, owner of a Gas Tank Renew USA franchise, showing how they restore gas tanks and radiators.

A plea from Clem, "During the rain at Sully, Sandy and I loaned out 6 umbrellas and 4 rain coats. We ain't seen none back and 2 hurricanes have passed and it's cold workin' on the Phaeton in the rain. Can I have them back?".

Dave Henderson

MARC MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Beardmore	35 Years
Bill and Carol Benedict	40 Years
Howard Minners	40 Years
Bill Sims	30 Years
Don Temple	40 Years
Harry White	25 Years

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

September 18, 2024, Members meeting, this month's presentation was on Restoring Model A Generators.

Vice President Don White called the meeting to order at 7:50 with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 16 members and guests present and 5 online virtually attending.

Treasurer: Doug Tomb gave the current financials, the highlights are in the Script. Our \$10,000 CD was renewed in July for 6 months is up for reinvestment on January 7, 2025.

Activities: Valerie Faircloth gave the group an update on the plans for the Christmas party. She is currently gathering door prizes. Upcoming events:

- Manassas Edgar Rohr Car Show September 21
- Leesburg Car Show October 5
- Rockville show October 19
- AACA Hershey Show and Swap meet October 8-11
- Northern Neck GWC Club Tour November 8-11, more details to follow
- Christmas party at the Fairfax VFW is reserved for December 7

Board 2025: Milford is appointing a nominating committee for nominations to the 2025 Board of Directors. Any member having an interest please contact him.

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

Comments were opened to the floor: Larry Oliver gave an update on getting his Model A on the road and thanked members who have been coming over to help. Another member gave praise that his 1931 Model A speedster is now running after 5 years in storage.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

<u>Program</u>: led by Steve Blancard included a slide show and discussion and display cut-out on restoring Model A generators. He explained the aspects of how they function, how the cut-out works and how the third brush is adjusted. He also provided several YouTube links on his restoration process. Steve also explained what parts are rare and asked members to keep a look out for them as he is always looking for parts. He does this as a hobby, not as a business, and will be at the Hershey Swap meet. He also explained that if your Model A has LED focused-beam headlights and LED tail lights, they have so little current draw that they basically eliminate the need for a 3rd brush. Steve also provided us a reference to a supplier in Canada that makes an insert voltage regulator that fits into the standard generator case, thus keeping it looking authentic. One of Steve's YouTube presentations shows how to install it. Just search for his name on You Tube and add Generator; it will come up.

Dave Greenwood

George Washington Chapter 2024 Approved Budget - AS OF 9/30/2024 OPERATING BUDGET #2

			2024	
Budgeted Income	Contact	2023 Actual	AUGUST	2024 ACTUAL
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 2,895.00	\$-	\$ 2,119.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 65.00	\$-	\$ 210.00
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ 56.00	\$-	\$-
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 1,460.00	\$-	\$ 100.00
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 450.00		\$ 650.00
Hands-on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$-	\$-	\$-
Sully Income	Dougherty	\$ 13,826.50	\$ -	\$12,779.00
Total Income		\$18,752.50	\$ 0.00	\$15,858.00
Budgeted Expenses	_			
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 868.07	\$-	\$ 863.77
Club Programs	White	\$ 1,650.34	\$ 16.35	\$ 36.74
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 5,701.44	\$-	\$ 960.89
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 308.63		\$ 428.52
Sully Car Show Expenses	Dougherty	\$ 4,445.04	\$-	\$ 4,153.17
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 163.22	\$-	\$ 165.22
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 943.63	\$-	\$ 701.38
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ 157.40	\$-	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 552.46	\$-	\$ 2,127.70
Total Expenses		\$14,790.23	\$ 16.35	\$ 9,437.39
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$ 3,962.27		\$ 6,420.61

CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

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REED MARTIN Oct. 1, 2024

News of Reed's death arrived just as The Script was going to press. The next issue will contain more information about him, as well as photos and remembrances.

SULLY CHAIR NEEDED

John Dougherty announced to the board that he is stepping down as chair of the Sully show. Hard shoes to fill, but if you are interested in organizing the Sully show, please let a board member know.

OCTOBER'S PROGRAM

The program for the October meeting will be by Peter Jakob, retired from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, to talk about the Wright Brothers.

THE MAFFI MINUTE

I usually write this message from my kitchen table in Wisconsin, but this message is about as close to live as you can get: I'm at Hickory Corners at the Model A Museum on the eve of Model A Days 2024!

The Trustees, friends and family ---and the Grape A's Model A Club-- have been working out at the museum all day to get everything ready for tomorrow (setting up tables, tents, moving cars, cleaning and polishing). It's a bittersweet excitement because we usually work next to Trustee and Grape A member, Jerry Morrissey, who lost his battle with cancer a few short weeks ago and we miss him so much! He always headed up this day, so to not see his cheerful face is difficult.

But, on a brighter note, the attached photo is the expansion in progress. It's great to see what's happening after a year of fundraising! (Many thanks to all of you!) And, because it's the eve of Model A Days and the bus won't be unveiled for 24 hours, I'll have to wait with that picture until next month, but if you've been following the progress on Facebook, you know she's a beauty.

Drive those A's and mark your calendar for next year's Model A Days (third weekend in September, the 19th and 20th of 2025), so you can see the museum expansion for yourself!



Cindy Ellenbecker MAFFI Trustee, Secretary

OLD CAR FESTIVAL

We made our second trip to the Old Car Festival in Dearborn Sept. 7 & 8. We had an uneventful drive up to Dearborn on the 6th. My new to me truck drives like a dream towing the Model A and a U-Haul trailer.

The U-Haul trailer is heavy and I am likely to get assigned to a different location than the one where I reserved the trailer. One needs to look closely at the equipment, too. i have had trailers with lights that did not work, wheel straps that were worn, etc. I don't have any real alternatives, so that is the route I need to take.

The drive to Dearborn isn't bad. Shuyan and I take turns driving and we work to minimize stops so we can make good time.

The first night includes a buffet dinner of sorts. I saw Jeff and Cindy VanGorder, Mike DiBerardino and Jason Cunningham, so GWC was well represented.

There is a very festive atmosphere at the OCF, so it is very easy to have a good time. After the dinner, we headed to our AirBnb, which was only about ten minutes from Greenfield Village, so very convenient for us.

The newest car you can register for the festival is 1932, so if you like older cars, it is the place to be. Most of the cars are Model T and Model A Fords, but you can find just about anything there. We saw a couple of Brush cars, there are always a few Stanley Steamers and a number of Reos. Jason Cunningham took his new Packard. There is usually a collection of early Ford letter cars: Models A, K, S and N, among others. While it is a car show, it is also for driving around the roads of Greenfield Village, so there is a constant parade of vehicles.

The festival also features a judged section and there were many great cars there. I was most interested in two Detroit electrics. One was fully restored and another was in "as found" condition. The person showing the cars owned one and is the caretaker of the other and we were able to talk to him at length about the cars.

Another interesting car at the show was an unrestored Model T



that the owner's mother and a number of her girlfriends used to travel around the country. They even went to Dearborn and met Henry Ford and struck up a friendship with him.

The two times we have attended have included a large group of high wheel bicycles, including demonstrations of the different styles of bicycle and even some daredevils who did tricks on the high wheelers. I am not sure I want to ride one and I certainly don't want to do any tricks on them.

It appeared that there were fewer cars there this year and Shuyan overheard someone say that there were 200 fewer cars there this year than last. I was sorry to hear that because the festival is a unique event and the more the merrier. Regardless, it was a lot of fun and we hope to go again.

SEEN AT THE OLD CAR FESTIVAL





FORD THROWS OPEN ITS VAULT

Ford throws open its vault



Ford is making a century of its archival material available to the public through a new online database called the Ford Heritage Vault.

Ford created the Heritage Vault for fans, journalists and car enthusiasts, making it easy to discover the company's rich heritage from anywhere in the world.

The searchable artifacts are downloadable for personal use, free of charge, for the first time as part of the American auto industry's most comprehensive online database.

The Vault contains more than 5000 curated photographs and product brochures from Ford and Lincoln vehicles, spanning from the company's founding in 1903 to its centennial in 2003.

Ford will grow the Heritage Vault over time, drawing from its archives.

"We're opening up in a way we've never done before," Ford archive and heritage brand manager, Ted Ryan, said.

"Our archives were established 70 years ago, and for the first time, we're opening the vault for the public to see. This is just a first step for all that will come in the future."

The materials available in the online collection today were carefully curated over the past two years by Ford's archives team.

Many of the high-resolution images showcase the design and functionality of Ford and Lincoln vehicles.

Others are memorable images that bring Ford's heritage to life for fans and car enthusiasts, while also educating newcomers to the Blue Oval.

One set of brochures serves as a time capsule for the 1970s and '80s.

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FORD THROWS OPEN ITS VAULT (Cont.)

The series was created to market specific vehicle design packages to younger consumers and shows beach outings, racing and skydiving, accentuated with vivid oranges, browns and yellows.

Ford worked with graduate students from Wayne State University's library and information science program in Detroit, as well as Ford employees and retirees, to pilot the Heritage Vault in advance of its launch.

The collection appealed to both casual browsers and dedicated automotive enthusiasts, who reported a better appreciation for Ford and its heritage after using the site.

A Ford employee even remarked that seeing the old photos brought tears to his eyes.

Ford Bronco and Ford F-Series were common search items among testers.



MODEL A DAYS AT THE GILMORE

We made what was most likely our fourth trip to Model A Days this year. We left on Wednesday, the 18th, towing a trailer full of Model A parts that Bratton's was donating to MAFFI. Stan Johnson had organized the donation and loading of the parts into a trailer, which we then picked up and drove up to Kalamazoo. The beginning of the trip was rainy, but the rain cleared by the time we got to Michigan.

On Thursday morning, we unloaded the parts next to the Model A Museum. I made the first purchase of a 21" wheel as a spare for my roadster.

The rest of the day was spent helping out at the museum and helping Larry Shepard get the two "first-start" cars ready for the first-start attempts on Friday. One group was setting commemorative bricks and there was quite a bit of activity around the Gilmore. Some people were driving 1960's Cadillac convertibles and a Lincoln Continental convertible around the campus.

Friday was the swap meet, which was more dispersed this year because the ground has been broken on the museum addition. There were quite a few vendors, but nothing I really had to have.

Friday afternoon featured the real star of Model A Days, the unveiling of the newly restored 1931 Model AA bus (see this issue's cover photo), a herculean effort that was spearheaded by Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer. Ken made a presentation to the club on the bus project and we donated a cylinder head to the effort. Club member and former Club President Don Temple's group in North Carolina had restored the chassis.

I have followed the project on Ford Barn and the Model A Facebook groups. The goal was to get the bus finished by Model A Days and the team made it with one day to spare! Ken and Ron made a presentation of the project to the group, which finished up with the bus driven up to the crowd gathered to hear the story. Rides in the bus were offered to attendees afterwards.

It is a magnificent bus. The interior includes wood-grained trim and mirrors in between the windows. The seat frames are copies of seats in a similar bus owned by Greenfield Village with seat springs from Snyder's. It is a work of restoration art if there ever was one. Plans are to take the bus to Hershey, so if you are going, look for it there.



The first-starts were to occur on Friday afternoon, but rain postponed those until first thing on Saturday morning. There were two cars there, a 1930 roadster that had not run since 1974 and a rather decrepit 1931 pickup that had not run since the current owner bought it in 1982 and probably many years before that.

We got an early start on Saturday with the first starts. The expectation was that the 1930 roadster would be the easiest to start, but that was a false assumption. The car

MODEL A DAYS AT THE GILMORE (Cont.)

did not have a key, so we had to bypass the ignition switch. There was a short in the system somewhere and the team resorted to installing a startup ignition bypass dashboard that attaches to the timing cover. After about 45 minutes or so, we were able to get the car started and drive it around the grounds with the former owner along for a ride.



With the '31 pickup, the wiring was questionable at best. There was a ground problem that was resolved and the car roared to life. It went on a shorter drive, but the owner was very pleased that the team got it running in around 35 minutes.

Saturday had some technical sessions on plating at home and how to identify scams when selling your car. I missed the first session on

the introduction of the Model A in 1927 and 1928.

Saturday afternoon included inducting new members into the Model A Hall of Fame. New inductees included Murray Fahnestock, who worked for Ford and published many books about Ford that are still in print today. Other inductees included Ron Ehrenhofer, long-time MARC Technical Director' Allen Stoll, former MAFAC president and treasurer; and Gerald Morrissey, former director of the Model A Museum. Our own Greg Shepherd received recognition for his service as a MAFFI trustee. He will continue as the foundation webmaster. (See photo of Greg with his plaque.)



Model A Days concluded with a presentation on Model A mail trucks by Roger Davis, who had his own mail truck for the attendees to examine, plus a lot of other memorabilia to share. Roger had collected photos of many Model A mail trucks and has become an authority on these historic vehicles.

GWC was well represented at Model A Days. In addition to me and Shuyan, I saw Walt Bratton, Luke Chaplin, Stan Johnson, Dave and Mary Greenwood, Greg and Laura Shepherd, Howard, Brad and Kirsten Minners and Don Temple.

We had a little rain on Friday, but overall, the weather was beautiful and the agenda was full and enjoyable. We got rides on the MAFFI bus, an AA school bus that the museum has and a Model T owned by the Gilmore. I heard John Begg, President of MAFFI, say that the attendance was the best of the Model A Days so far.

Milford Sprecher

THE WOODY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL NORTHERN NECK TOUR -- NOV. 8-11

This tour is modeled after a tour developed by long-time GWC stalwart Woody Williams in 2002. The tour begins with the drive to the Northern Neck, tentatively gathering at the first stop, the George Washington Birthplace. We will then continue on to the Reedville area.

Our hotel for the tour is the Bay Motel. The nightly cost is just under \$100 per room. http://www.baymotelvirginia.com/ Driving time from Fairfax to the GW birthplace in a modern car is about 1 1/2 hrs, so factor in maybe another hour in a Model A. The distance from my house is about 1 hr 50 min in a modern car, so three hours in a Model A on secondary roads. I will look into a place for lunch so we could plan on meeting at around noon, and then going to the GW birthplace and then on to Reedville.

Day 2 is a boat trip, without cars, to Tangier Island off of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Departure time is 10 AM, arriving in Tangier at 11:30. Departure is at 2:15 with an arrival back in Reedville at 4:15. We will have lunch on Tangier and walk around the island. There are no cars on the island. For more on the island go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tangier,_Virginia. The round trip cost for the ferry is \$35 per person. If boat rides are not your cup of tea, you can certainly explore the area on your own, if you wish.

Day 3 will include a visit to Bobby Diggs' restored gas station and



collection of mostly Model A's in a replica Ford dealership in Mathews. The gas station was a stop on the 2002 tour. We will spend a few hours there. I will look into having a picnic there, so we can



have a leisurely visit at his collection. I will probably add another stop in the afternoon, TBD.

Day 4 is the return trip. I will look into a stop at Stratford Hall, the historic home of the Lee family. The house will not be open that day, but we could stop at the grounds and look around.

It should be a great trip, weather-dependent, of course. I will be finishing up the tour route, including restaurants, later in October. If you plan on participating, please let me know so I have an idea of how many people to plan for. Modern cars are acceptable. milford.sprecher@gmail.com 301-830-2198

Milford Sprecher





COMING EVENTS

October 5 (Saturday) (rain date October 19)– 36th Annual Leesburg Car Show (Academies of Loudoun) – Town of Leesburg – Let Val Faircloth know if are participating so we can meet up before signing in and getting in line)

October 8-11 (Tuesday - Friday) AACA Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey - 7:00am-7:00pm

October 9 (2nd Wednesday) – GWC & CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

October 16 (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall 7:30pm

October 19 (Saturday) – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show – Rockville Civic Center Park 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville – 11:00am – 3:30pm gates open at 8:00am to position cars

October 23 (4th Wednesday) – Monthly board meeting, 7:00 PM on Zoom

November

- November 8-11 (Friday-Monday) Northern Neck Tour Northern Neck, Tangier Island, Reedville, VA, Matthews, VA. – (See p. for full details.) Notify Milford Sprecher <u>milford.sprecher@gmail.com</u> if you intend to go.
- November 13 (2nd Wednesday) GWC & CDC Breakfast Fair Oaks Silver Diner 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am
- November 20 (3rd Wednesday) Monthly Membership Meeting McLean American Legion Hall 7:30pm
- November 27 (4th Wednesday) Monthly board meeting, 7:00 PM, on Zoom

Save the Date!

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



October 2024

WANT ADS

For Sale

1929 Ford Model A Briggs Blindback (60B). Vagabond green, LeBaron-Bonney interior, frame-

off restoration 2007 (comes with CD documenting restoration), engine rebuilt by Schwalms in 2014 with Dan McEachern gears. Trunk is period correct: restored: covered with car's top material and leather. Following has been replaced, restored, or rebuilt over the years: wiring, carb, distributor, starter, 7 tooth steering, tie rods, speedo, horn, steering wheel, etc. Five American Classic 21" radial tires (black wall) with thick radial tubes. liners and beads, black powder-coated wheels. All records go with car.

Other considerations: shocks and license plates do not

transfer with the car; has alternator, has oil fill tube with breather hose like fumaze. I am the second owner since 1962. Asking \$18,000. Contact: Bud Pratsch at lpratsch@verizon.net

1929 Model A Special Coupe. Good condition, good driver, no rust, starts right up. Paint is in fair

condition, but may be cleaned up to good condition. I've owned it for seven years and I have a clear title in hand. I was told by the previous owner that this was a late 60's - early 70's restoration by a former Club member, was originally purchased in Washington, DC., and has an all-Henry Ford metal body. But I cannot personally confirm any of that information. If there is any further information you need, please let me know. Asking \$12,000. Contact: Doug Verner at D2V16@icloud.com or (301) 526-4548

- 1931 Indented Firewall Coupe. During the course of restoration, it has had the following:
 - CHASSIS--New Lester WW tires, frame painted, brake overhaul, new shock absorbers and links, new running boards, steering; box rebuilt, re-plated spark and throttle rods and new steering wheel, rebuilt engine
 - BODY--Metal worked and new panels installed as needed, blasted, primed and ready for blocking and paint, exception; RF fender still needs some work, restored original cowl band, all new glass, new Albrecht steel rear fenders, new Rootlieb hood
 - INTERIOR--LeBaron Bonney complete new seat from the wood to the upholstery installed, and interior door and side panels. (I understand that Cartouche as well as Le Baron are out of business now.) Rumble seat area has new side panels, and seats from J. C. Whitney. Some parts are still off awaiting installation after painting. All new top wood, chicken wire and covering installed. Asking: TBD. Contact: Dave 703 938 8954
- 1930 rumble seat coupe, complete car that has been disassembled for restoration, one owner, rust-free western car, was complete and running. Every part is there, including cowl lights. \$9000 spent on restored chassis, rebuilt balanced motor, new trans and rear axle components, cast iron brake conversion, backing plates rebuilt to standard chassis is all painted and assembled with motor, trans and rear, powder coated straw wheels on new Firestone black walls. Seats still have upholstery. Body has never been damaged or patch panels. Extremely nice project if looking for a coupe. All sheet metal was stripped and primed, body and fenders very nice and straight. \$9500. Don Temple. 252-943-4373







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Model A Motors - Five assembled short blocks, were running when removed. All need rebuilding; would be excellent cores for rebuilding. Two with heads and oil pans. \$650 for all. Don Temple 252-943-4373

Model A Sheet Metal - Nice set of '31 front fenders, '31 splash aprons, '31 rear Tudor fenders, no breaks in fender edges, have scuffs and scratches, replacement cost today would be \$2200 and shipping. \$1100 for all. Don Temple 252-943-4373

1930 VA license plate. Asking: \$50.00 plus shipping Contact: Pat Roberge <u>roberge4026@gmail.com</u> (614) 527-1562





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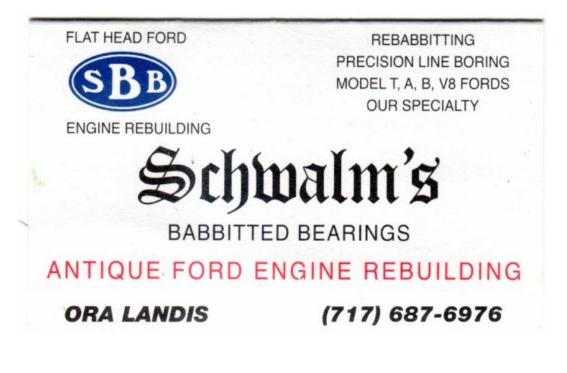


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