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Tom Terko as we knew him



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Next deadline: Monday, March 31

FROM THE PRESIDENT -- IN LIKE A LION



It's a very windy first day of March, but we have had some more moderate temperatures lately and the days are longer, always a good sign.

February was a tough month for our membership. We lost two members—Tom Terko and Cliff Green. Tom was a Club stalwart and had won the Carl Patrick Award in 2005. Cliff was a V8 guy who didn't regularly attend our meetings, but I knew pretty well from the V8 club. He had not renewed his membership last year, but he often took his Green Acres 1940 Ford Woody to Sully. He also rehabilitated V8 distributors on the side for many years.

Everyone knew Tom. He did a lot of work on starters and generators and helped many a member over the years, including me. Condolences to both families.

Jim Gray suggested that we use Tom Terko as the subject for our Sully pin, which I thought was a terrific idea. I got a couple of photos from Carol Terko and Jim put them together for the pin.

Activities are starting to pick up. One of the first is the annual Cherry Blossom Parade. That is always a popular activity and often involves members we don't see often at other events. Planning is under way for Small Parts Day, so stay tuned for that.

Stan Johnson gave a great presentation at the last meeting on starting up a dormant car, which was particularly appropriate for me as I was going to work on getting Tom Terko's Model A started so it could be driven to his visitation. An article on the start-up process is included in this issue.

Last weekend I joined the Sugarloaf Mountain Region of AACA for its annual "Heater Tour." It was mostly more-modern cars, but we all stayed warm and toured some of Washington County's iconic stone bridges. It is a tour that would be a good one for our Club to replicate, so I will look at putting that on the calendar in the coming months. Another tour I have in mind is something around cherry blossom time, visiting the Kenwood neighborhood in Bethesda. A very short tour, but that neighborhood is quite beautiful with cherry blossoms, so if the weather cooperates, it should be a fun trip.

It's time to get our cars ready for the coming driving season, so I hope to see you all at an upcoming event.

Milford

FROM THE EDITOR

One thing I noticed in our cover photo this month is that all the people appearing in the row behind Tom are also deceased—Gretchen Minners, Mark Kuklewicz and Val Zadnik. Time has a way of taking the best from us. That photo is a reminder of that. But it's such a great photo of Tom. He came over to my place several times to get my A started and was Milford's go-to on the phone the dozens of times he's worked on my car over the years. He'll be missed.

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FROM THE EDITOR (Cont.)

I've been browsing through Scripts from the '80s and come across articles that may still be of interest to Club members, so I'm going to start running them whenever I have the space. I've also been reading about the Club car, a panel truck that functioned as a vehicle different members could drive when they wanted. It supposedly caused a rift in the Club before it was sold, but there's no indication of that from what I've read. Maybe some old timers can elucidate.

FROM THE VIRTUAL ROOM

Board Meeting
February 26, 2025



Milford Sprecher President called the GWC board meeting (Via Zoom) to order at 7:04 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug Tomb, Jeff VanGorder, Bill Sims, Valerie Faircloth, Blane Adcock and Dave Greenwood.

Milford updated us on the Sully show. The pin is of Tom and Carol Terko with their Model A in memory of Tom passing and his contributions to the GWC. Milford was able to get Tom's car running to take to the memorial service. Several members of the GWC attended the service.

Treasurer's report: Doug received several checks for advertisers and will get the list to Bill Sims. In addition, he received 8 to 10 Zelle payments for membership dues. His treasurer's report will be in the Script.

Membership: Jeff said we have received 14 Zelle membership payments for dues so far. We still have about 40 members' dues outstanding. He will be getting the Board members' the unpaid members' contact information to make personal contact.

Activities: Small parts day, Val has contacted James Kolody about asking Benny about the use of his shop. If his shop is not available Val is looking for alternative sites. Val is coordinating with Milford to schedule a day for a tour to Kenwood, MD, to see the cherry blossoms, likely a Friday near the end of March, watching for the news on predicted peak. Val, Milford and Doug will be contacting John Leydon to finalize the details on the May 18 picnic at Oak Hill, VA.

Youth: Blane is expanding outreach to include a presence on other social media platforms. He is also checking with high schools to find a media club that would be interested in developing a video of the 50th Sully show. The GWC will provide a stipend to help offset costs.

Programs: Milford will be doing the March program on how the model car-building hobby brought youth into the antique car and Model A hobby. Members will be encouraged to bring samples of the cars they built and participate in the discussion.

Script: Articles are due by March 3. Dave Henderson will be handing over the lead to Doug on writing the GWC 25 Years Ago column. The Board thanked Dave for his dedication and collection of old Scripts to make it possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Dave Greenwood

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

In his From The President's Desk column, Chuck Manns wrote glowingly of last month's 15- minute station-to-station technical seminars and thanked the presenters, Chuck Zierdt, Herchell Brummitt, Don Temple and Luke Chaplin for a productive and entertaining evening. Stan Johnson, Vice President & Program Chairman, was doing a great job establishing a series of programs for throughout the year. He also thanked Don and Judy Temple for having been the driving force in developing and orchestrating activities for the past three years



Sandy Clement wrote a four-page essay entitled "Thoughts On Caravanning From The Passenger side of the car." Only a veteran caravanner could have addressed so many aspects so well. She had on her list caravans for Red Cross Disaster Relief, military groups and many as a Mom on traveling sport teams' trips. Suggestions included were pre-trip briefings prior to departure, a written plan to be distributed to all drivers, driver meetings at each stop, contingency plans for problems that might occur, communication devices (walkie talkies' in that era), configuration of the participants, a final stop meeting before heading home and finally with "P.S. to my designated driver, a suggestion; you would get less chatter in your right ear if you remembered your wife gets the blanket not the stuffed eagle in the rumble seat"!

Hubby Clem was heard from too, writing about the "triple," a 3-stop excursion he and I attended, getting up in the wee hours of the AM in order to arrive by a little after 6:00 to take in the Howard County flea market, the "gas show," a flea with 75 vendors selling petroliana, gas pumps and parts, signs, oil cans--you get the drift. Then on to "Patina," a large flea market featuring antique tools. All that and then up at an insane time again the next day to arrive at the indoor South Jersey Cowtown flea market while vendors were unpacking.

Editor Bill wrote about an idea Bill Worsham had had a few years back, which was running a month-to-month news article about what was going on in the Club 25 years before. I picked up on Bill's idea and started GWC 25 Years Ago in April, 2000, thus marking my 25th year writing the column and having fun reminiscing every month. I am retiring after the June issue of the Script. Subsequently the task will be in the competent hands of Doug Tomb.

Family Night was approaching, to be held at the K of C Hall in Arlington. GWC would provide 2 types of bar-b-cue, rolls, utensils and drinks. As if that wasn't already enough, attendees were split in 3 ways. Those in the last name M thru R group were asked to bring a main dish, and enough of it for 8 to 10 people... Whew!

Dave Henderson

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GWC FEBRUARY MEMBERS MEETING

GWC Members Meeting February 19, 2025, 21 Members and guests attended and 4 attended online. Yes, you missed the presentation and discussion on how to start a long-dormant and stuck Model A engine.

Milford called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a moment of silence in remembrance of two members who recently died, Tom Terko and Cliff Green. The members recalled stories and told of experiences of both men.

Our Business meeting began with the Treasurer's report: Doug said our checking balance as of January 31 was \$23,649.23. Our CD was renewed with a balance of \$10,781.73 for another year at a lower rate of around 3%. We now accept Zelle payments for dues and Doug is expecting the income to grow soon.

Membership: Jeff said we are now down to only 50 members that have not yet paid, hoping to close the gap soon.

Activities: Val outlined upcoming events in March and reminded us to save the date for the May 18 Oak Hill event and the December 6, Christmas Party. is coordinating plans for a tour of Kentwood, MD, for the cherry blossoms and a stop for ice cream.

Sully show: Jim Gray gave Milford an update, the LOA is signed, and the vendors' contract should be finalized on February 21. Jim is looking for a lead for the Parking team, Wayne Parker will assist. The pin will be of the Terkos and their car in recognition of his many contributions.

Mileage Program: Dave reported that we have added three new members for 2025 and he has applications with him. Two members requested applications.

Youth: Thomas Adcock will be attending the University of Tennessee majoring in aerospace engineering. Congratulations!

Script: Bill thanked the members for the articles and the next deadline is March 3.

Programs: Don is looking for speakers and topics for the April and May members' meetings.

Open floor: Luke has been making progress on reviving his Tudor and hopes to bring it to an event soon. Luke said his Hersey find of a Boyce moto meter that has an inside gage is now working and will be installed on his Tudor. Milford is working on Tom Terko's car hoping to bring it to his memorial service and Sully. Don White is making progress on his Woody and is hoping to bring it to an event soon. Stan Johnson only has to bleed the brakes on his Model A hot rod and it will be road worthy. The business meeting concluded at 8:20 followed by refreshments and Stan Johnson's presentation on how to start a long-dormant Model A engine. That presentation appears on the following pages.

Dave Greenwood

HOW TO START A LONG DORMANT ANTIQUE CAR ENGINE INITIAL INSPECTION And PREPARATION



Check for mice nests, mud daubers, bee hives, remove as necessary

- Inspect and remove foreign objects from the intake manifold, air cleaner, exhaust pipe, radiator, water jacket, and clutch housing
- Clear debris from the area around the vehicle, lubricate hood and door hinges



Gas Tank may be rusted, clogged or filled with stale fuel. Drain and refill OR use a substitute tank.

GET THE CRANKSHAFT TO ROTATE 360 DEGREES

1. Make sure the transmission is in neutral
2. *Or put it in high gear and rock the car back and forth*
3. Try to turn the crankshaft pulley with a wrench (CW not CCW) or crank.
4. If it won't turn, try to find the cause of blockage or "freezing"
5. Pour Marvel Mystery Oil into spark plug holes (or acetone, evapo-rust, transmission fluid, vinegar, etc.).
6. Try to use force to turn the engine over 360 degrees
7. If you can manually rotate the engine 360 degrees, then try the starter.



IF IT WON'T ROTATE, THE HARD DECISION . . . SIGNIFICANT DISSASSEMBLY

1. Remove the head to assess and repair
 - a. Condition of pistons and cylinders
 - b. Condition of valves
 - c. Hone cylinders, wire brush pistons
 - d. Unstick frozen valves
 - e. Reface valves and seats
2. Remove the oil pan to assess and repair.
 - a. Search for any physical blockage
 - b. Check tightness of bearings
 - c. Look up into cylinders for rust or debris
3. Remove starter

Apply force – pry bar on flywheel teeth; pound wooden block on pistons; extra leverage on breaker bar; heat



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ONCE UNSTUCK, STARTING A DORMANT ENGINE

Before attempting to start the engine:

- Check and replace
Pour one quart down the distributor opening
- fluids like oil and coolant
- Ensure a blockage-free fresh fuel supply
- Provide a strong battery with sufficient charge
- Add a few drops of oil into each cylinder through the spark plug holes
- Check for any potential issues with the ignition system and belts before attempting to start.



ADDITIONAL STEPS IN STARTING AN ENGINE

Look at everything, a “pre-flight” inspection

In advance of firing, try to get oil to all the bearings and guides.

Running the starter with the ignition off primes the oil pump.

Don't abuse your starter. Crank no more than 10 seconds and wait a minute or so to avoid overheating.

If fuel, ignition and compression are correct, the engine will respond quickly. *Hope* should not play a role.



IGNITION TIMING FOR A MODEL A FORD

Retard the ignition timing lever to the maximum extent (push up)

Unscrew the camshaft timing screw, invert it and put the rounded end back into the hole.

Turn the engine until the timing pin drops into the indent in the camshaft gear.

At this point the piston in cylinder number 1 is at top dead center (TDC)

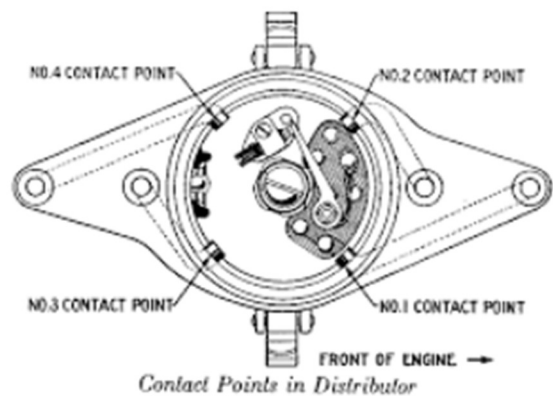
Loosen the screw holding the points cam to the distributor shaft

Move the points cam until the points are just opening.

Set points gap at .020 (matchbook cover thickness)

Tighten the points screw and the cam screw

Adjust the spark lever



Tom Terko

June 8, 1950 – February 9, 2025

TOM TERKO – MASTER MECHANIC



Tom Terko, one of our Club's master mechanics, passed away age 74 on February 9, 2025. Thomas Howard Terko was born June 8, 1950 in Washington, DC, the son of Howard and Mary Terko.

Tom joined our Club in 2002, and was very quickly active on the Board of Directors, as Technical Director, in 2005.

Tom quickly established his mechanical expertise in the Club in this position, and in 2006, was selected to receive our Carl Patrick Award. The report in the January 2006 *Ford Script* tells the story:

"Tom Terko was selected for the award, as a result of his volunteer efforts to help out several club members who were just not in a position to get things taken care of by themselves. Tommy showed up, on some occasions unannounced, and brought direction and purposefulness to the effort. He doesn't work with a lot of fanfare and bull, he just applies his skills and gets it done. These traits undoubtedly come from the many years that he was responsible for the reliability and safety of the Montgomery County, Maryland, school busses."

Tom was an avid antique auto collector, with a particular affinity for Model A and Model T Fords. His favorite was his 1927 Model T Roadster that was just like the car his grandfather owned, the car in which he learned to drive.

Tom also owned an award-winning 1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan, and 2 other early model Fords. He was an active member of many local Ford Model A and T clubs and found purpose in helping the other members of those car clubs work on their cars. He was also active in helping organize events and run those car clubs.



The last few years, he spoke of the great times and fond memories he had volunteering to help set up and run the antiques/old timers section of the Montgomery County (MoCo) Fair. He was also an active member of the Friends of the Montgomery County Farm Park.

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TOM TERKO – MASTER MECHANIC (Cont.)

Tom graduated Wheaton High School, class of 1969, and furthered his education at a trade school in Baltimore where he learned auto mechanics. He spent his career working for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation where he was a supervisor. After retirement, he started an auto body shop in Hyattsville and worked part time at Bratton's Antique Auto Parts in Mt. Airy.



An avid gun collector, at one point he owned a variety of firearms. He was an active member of the Greenbelt Gun Club, where he was a sharpshooter. And, although he never completed the full course, he had worked to obtain his private pilot's license, and told me several times how much he enjoyed flying.

Tom lived a very full and active life and found joy in helping others. He never did anything for anyone with the expectation of getting something in return and always tried to give more than he got.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Carol, son Ryan and a granddaughter, Mia (who was the light of his life), and numerous cousins and other family members.

We are pleased to be able to honor Tom on this year's Sully pin:

Jim Gray
Sunshine Chair



Sources:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/silver-spring-md/thomas-terko-12243576>

The Ford Script, January 2006, pg. 7

Sully pin image courtesy of PnFanatics.com



STARTING TOM TERKO'S MODEL A

At the February meeting we had a great presentation by Stan Johnson on getting a dormant Model A started. That was a good refresher as I was tasked with getting Tom Terko's Model A started so it could be driven to his visitation on Feb 23. I have had a fair amount of practice starting cars that would not start, including Reed Martin's car, a couple of Club member's cars and First Start cars at Model A Days, so I thought I was up for the task.



The last time I had seen Tom's Model A, it was in Tom's garage, but it had been parked outside at some point in the last couple of years in one of those metal framed tents so his Mercedes 380SL could be moved inside. It was a bit tough to get to, as it had a car cover and some other tarps on it.

My initial task was to charge the battery. My charger indicated that the Optima battery it had was still good. I put the charger on it and it wasn't really taking the charge. I then took the battery out, cleaned the cables and terminals and charged it out of the car, which was succeeding.

I know Tom was pretty good about putting Stabil in his gas, so I removed the gas cap and the gas didn't smell bad. I turned the shutoff valve on and I could smell bad gas dripping out of the carb. While I was waiting for the battery to charge, I drained about 2 1/2 gallons of honey-colored gas out of the tank. I also removed the sediment bowl and drained the bad gas out and cleaned the bowl. The battery still had time to charge, so I left it to return on the following day.

When I got back the following day, the battery was charged, so I put it back in the car and connected the cable. I had a couple of gallons of fresh gas, so I put that in the tank. I also drained the bad gas out of the carb. The engine turned over with the starter, but did not start. I then checked out the voltage from the starter to the terminal box and coil and to the points. They all read 5.7 volts, not full charge, but probably good enough to start the car. I did not have spark through the points when I cranked it over.

I filed the points, still no spark. I got alcohol and a Q tip and cleaned the points (they were dirty). Still no spark. I filed the points again. Still no spark. At this point, I decided to go home and get new points and condenser just in case. I replaced the condenser because it was easy (not a good diagnostic technique) I took the distributor body off and noticed that the spark plugs were loose. I guess Tom had put some oil in the cylinders. I tightened them up.

The starter was not cranking the engine very fast, so I thought it made sense to check the ground on the battery cable, so I loosened that to make sure that it had adequate ground. I then checked the coil wire for fire when the switch was turned on the points closed, getting a good solid spark at the grounded coil wire when I opened the points. I then filed the points one more time, more aggressively than before and adjusted the points. I finally got spark through the points, so I buttoned it back up and went inside the car to try and start it again. It immediately

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STARTING TOM TERKO'S MODEL A (Cont.)

fired and quit. I did that a few more times and I got it to run and it ran very well. I ran to check the coolant and didn't see any. I added almost a gallon of coolant and let it run for a while.

The car was on jack stands, so I removed those and filled the tires with air. It was getting late and I had a lawn tractor to move out of the way, so I got that running and moved so I could

move the car when it was time. Tom's son came over and cleaned the car so it would look as good as it could for the visitation. The day of the visitation, I was able to drive it to the funeral home and park out front so visitors could see it.

The car drives and runs well and, as usual, I attracted a good bit of attention on the way to and from the visitation.

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TRIVIA

(Taken from the 1981 copy of the Guinness Book of World Records and reprinted from the April 1982 Ford Script.)

Charles Creighton and James Hargis of Maplewood, MO, drove their Ford Model A 1929 Roadster in reverse from NYC to Los Angeles (3,340 miles), July 26-Aug. 13, 1930, without stopping the engine once. They arrived back in NY on Sept. 5, again in reverse, thus completing 7,180 miles in 42 days.

Cliff Green

August 23, 1938 -- February 18, 2025



Donald Clifton "Cliff" Green, 86, of Fairfax Station, VA, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025. Cliff was born on August 23, 1938, in Fairhaven, MA, to Donald and Nancy Ericson Green.

Cliff was a member of the GWC from 2013 until 2023. You may also remember that he was an instigator for many of us Model A folks to join the Northern Virginia Regional Group Ford V-8 club, where he was the trophy man for the annual NVRG annual Armed Forces Day car show in Fairfax. He encouraged those of us with Model As to join in their show, and encouraged me to sponsor a trophy specifically for Model As. In return, he was a strong advocate in the NVRG to bring their stunning cars to Sully, and to help us with judging.

Cliff's 1940 Ford Deluxe Woody Station Wagon was a meticulously restored masterpiece, one he shared with us every year at Sully, like in this shot from 2015. His skill rebuilding the fickle Early Ford V-8 distributor was extraordinary. He was a charter member of the Northern Virginia Regional Group, and recognized nationally as a Woody expert. He was also a great personal friend for over 20 years



Cliff graduated from Boston University where he was a member of the varsity crew team. Upon graduation, he attended Naval Officer School in Pensacola, FL, and earned his wings. Cliff was Sandra's "Top Gun," as he was a fighter pilot assigned to the famed Jolly Rogers VF-84 Fighter Squadron, based out of Oceana NAS in Virginia Beach and assigned to the USS Independence. After his tour of duty, Cliff went on to have a long and fulfilling career as a pilot with American Airlines. He was based in Washington, D.C., and they made their home in Fairfax Station, VA, for decades.

Outside of his career, Cliff was a man of many talents and interests. As a charter member of the Northern Virginia Early V-8 Club, he served in many capacities for decades. He enjoyed restoring classic Fords, particularly the vintage flathead models, as well as antique clocks and furniture. He also enjoyed building things for the grandchildren, designing and building Lionel train layouts, and doing numerous other woodworking projects.

Together, Cliff and Sandra enjoyed a life of family, travel, ski trips, golfing with friends, and spending winters in Amelia Island, FL. They loved gardening on their property and created an

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CLIFF GREEN (Cont.)

oasis in the woods behind their home of 42 years. Each morning, he began his day walking the azalea paths through the woods with his beloved shelties.

Cliff was known for his kind heart and his willingness to always lend a hand and help others, and his unshakable loyalty to his family and friends. He found joy in the simple things and always had a story to tell. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, laughter, and inspiration.

He is survived by his cherished wife of 62 years, Sandra; his daughter, Tracy Green Foster and her husband Rick Webb; his son, Russell Green and his wife Mary Green; his grandchildren, Shane Foster, Jordan Green, Noelle Foster, Jackson Green, and Charlie Green; as well as numerous extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

On March 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., friends and family are invited to gather in the reception room located in the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home. At 1:00 p.m., attendees will proceed by car to a graveside service on the grounds of Fairfax Memorial Gardens. Immediately afterwards, attendees are invited back to the funeral home's reception room where there will be a celebration of Cliff's life.

We are encouraged to drive our early Ford V8s or Model As to the funeral home for Cliff's funeral and celebration of life – he surely loved our old cars.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Jim Gray
Sunshine

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OPERATING BUDGET

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<u>Budgeted Income</u>	Contact	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 FEB
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 1,401.00	\$ 580.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 280.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 650.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$12,839.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$18,361.00	\$ 2,251.00	\$1,385.00
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 1,027.38	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Club Programs	White	\$ 52.73	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 4,876.88	\$ 458.60	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 428.52		\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	Gray	\$ 4,153.17	\$ -	\$ -
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 165.22	\$ -	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 738.96	\$ 288.16
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 343.00	\$ 343.00
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$1,567.21	\$ 637.81
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$ 3,804.89		\$ 747.19

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2025 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)

WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR + CD	Board	\$ 10,781.73	\$ -	\$ -
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\$ 10,781.73

Total Expenses

\$ 19,556.11 \$ 1,567.21 \$ 637.81


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Sum Income and Expenses

-\$ 1,195.11 \$ 683.79 \$ 747.19

Current Bank Balance, as of 2-28-2025 **\$ 24,396.42**

Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2025 Actual) **\$ 23,712.63**

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THE MAFFI MINUTE

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) is excited about the progress on the expansion of the museum at Hickory Corners, MI. As always, there are normal hiccups, weather being one of them. There was a hiccup with the HVAC system installation too, Maffi Minute but any of you that have built structures know snags along the way are just how it goes. As such, we've had to announce the closing of the Museum for the month of February until some of the major disruptions are over.

Meanwhile, plans for Model A Days are in process. Mark your calendars for September 19 & 20, 2025. You don't want to miss the christening of the expansion since all of you are a part of making it happen! Every year at Model A Days is fun, but this year promises to be extra special with nearly double the square footage of the museum. Imagine the possibilities! Be a part of the expansion and the history of the museum by having your name, city, and state and a color picture of your Model A on the wall at the museum. It's called the "My A" program. Contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or email at TheMyAProgram@gmail.com or send a check for \$200.00 made out to MAFFI and sent to Val Maron, 417 Oak Grove Circle, Wauconda, IL 60084. The attached photo shows the floor of the expansion being readied for concrete installation.

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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

February 2025

Members, don't forget to renew your dues for 2025! We are currently very close to 5,000 members with about 1,000 members yet to renew. The good news is that our renewals are running higher than 2024. Let's grow our membership in 2025. Please encourage all your fellow Region members to renew!

Also, don't forget that your Board has increased eligibility for **Youth** membership to include ages 18-21. While a MARC sponsor is required, we have dropped the requirement that youth members must live at home. Membership includes a digital copy of the *Model A News* and other benefits of membership. The best part is that membership is **FREE!**

Remember to register for the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana April 11-13. Nashville is known for 120 privately owned shops nestled in the hills of Brown County. Tours are available from the Columbus, Indiana visitors center, 20 minutes away from Nashville. Plenty to do and see. Find your registration form in the Nov/Dec issue of the *Model A News*. Join us there!

Consider entering your Model A in the first Driver Class judging to held at Gettysburg in June. This new class will allow certain modifications to enhance performance and safety of your Model A. Standards will allow an average restorer to compete for an award. Parts utilized in the restoration need not necessarily be correct for the year or month of manufacture with no penalty for the use of reproduction parts like plastic fan blades, etc. Judging standards are complete and will be posted on the MARC website in the near future.



SUGARLOAF AACA HEATER TOUR

The Heater Tour is an annual tour put on by the Sugarloaf Mountain Region of AACA around this time of year. I had participated in one about ten years ago and my 1930 Model A was far and away the oldest car on the tour. This year the tour was of some historic stone bridges in Washington County, MD, so I was interested in going. I got Tom Terko's Model A running on the Friday before, so I was able to join the tour on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Washington County has quite a few stone bridges, all of similar design. The best known is Burnside Bridge on the Antietam battlefield. If you are familiar with that bridge, you have an idea of what the others look like.

The county has a brochure called The Bridges of Washington County, MD, which includes 22 different bridges located in the county with a short description of each one.

We met at the McDonalds at the Myersville exit off I-70 in Frederick County. There were seven or so vehicles who met up for the tour, the oldest of which was a 1965 Corsair, so it was a pretty modern bunch. I drove my not quite antique Mazda Miata.

The length of the tour was 39 miles from the starting point with an estimated travel time of 1 1/2 hours. The tour included eight of the county's stone bridges. We didn't stop at any of the bridges, but continued on. The tour ended at the National Road Museum in Boonsboro.

The bridges included in the tour, in order, were Fellfoot Bridge, Pry's Mill Bridge, Hitt Bridge, Roxbury Mill Bridge, Rose's Mill Bridge, Claggett's Mill Bridge, Booth's Mill Bridge, and Devil's Backbone Bridge. The oldest bridge, at around 200 years, was the Roxbury Mill bridge and the youngest was Pry's Mill, built in 1858.

At the end of the tour, we stopped at the National Road Museum in Boonsboro, a small, but very well done, museum that featured the history of the National Road. When we were finished, we were on our own to tour Boonsboro and get some lunch. Author Nora Roberts has purchased a number of buildings in Boonsboro and has a few businesses, including a bookstore run by her husband.

About two thirds of the way through the tour, we drove by my grandparents' house where my father was born in Tilghmanton/Fairplay, which was an extra treat for me.

Milford Sprecher



One of the Washington County bridges crossed during the AACA Heather Tour

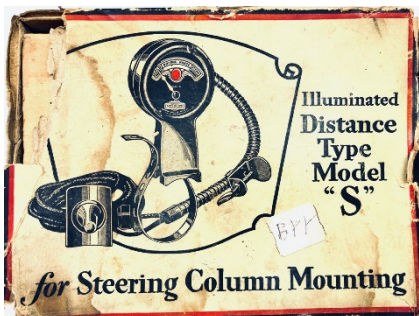
WINTER PROGRESS

Winter is finally approaching its end; have you all been busy on indoor (in garage) projects? I have! In the last two months, I have accomplished the following on my Deluxe Tudor: replaced the instrument panel and under-hood wiring; rebuilt the water pump and replaced the dangerous original fan with a cast one; replaced the whole fuel line system and installed electric fuel shut off; rebuilt and installed a "pressure balanced" Zenith carb; and tested and installed the "red ball" inside motometer that I acquired at Hershey and showed at the November meeting.

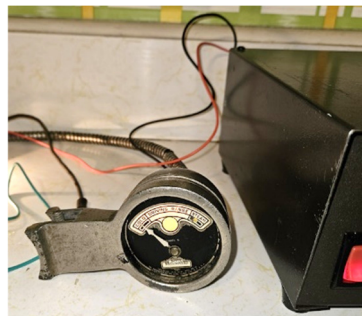
The "redball" motometer was an in-the-car temperature gauge available during Model A production. I saw this one at the Hershey flea market last October. The capillary tube between the meter and probe is often broken, but this one looked OK, so I took a chance. But does it work? I set a pot of water on the stove and put the probe in it along with a lab thermometer and started heating. It worked fine; notable points are as follows:

bottom of driving range- 120 degrees
middle of driving range- 150 degrees
top of driving range---- 180 degrees
touches peg----- 200 degrees
red flag rises---- water starting to boil!

Now that I knew it worked, I replaced the wire to the internal lamp and made a new strap to clamp it to the steering column. Originally, the probe mounted in an adapter to put in the upper radiator hose, but I did not have that piece, so I had to make something. I used a repro water outlet that has a fitting for a temp probe or heater hose and mounted that when I rebuilt the water pump. Then I needed to do some lathe work to some brass plumbing pieces from Ace hardware to fit the original probe threads. The last part was mounting it all up, which took most of a day to do (I blame my hand issues for that!). So now for some pictures:



original box



power applied, unit cold



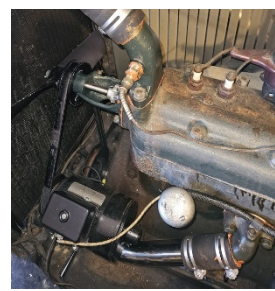
original probe and adapter



my adapter



mounted in my '31 deluxe tudor
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probe in engine (box on generator is a regulator)

March 2025

SULLY 50 – JUNE 15, 2025

Sully 50 is just around the corner. If you have not signed up for your two-hour day-of-show job, please do so as soon as you can. Contact any of the Sully Committee members to volunteer.

We need someone to take charge of the Old Car Parking job. The very experienced Wayne Parker will be able to assist this year, but can't be the lead this year due to work constraints.

There are two big changes in store for this historic show – first, we will allow Model A Ford Hot Rods this year. After all, we're celebrating the longevity of not only vintage Model A Fords – the car that brought America through the great depression - but the amazing reinvention of them when enthusiasm for speed, style and creativity - but a lack of original parts - came together to create Hot Rods. You know... *American Graffiti*.

Our second big change this year is that we will have a mobile ATM on the field. So, if you have things to sell, your potential buyer will be able to get cash to close the deal.

Here is your Sully Committee for Sully 50:

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I will be at the March meeting with my sign-up sheet. Those who sign up will receive 2 gate passes (a \$24 value), a free car registration or a \$10 discount on a flea market or car corral space.

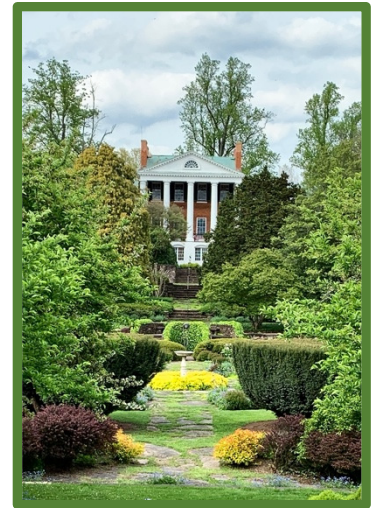
I plan to have this year's pin to sell for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00 at the April meeting, and we'll plan to have a quick judging refresher course at our May meeting. Please contact me if you would be willing to have your car at the May meeting so we can review how to judge at Sully. Those right-hand drive phaetons are always welcome.



Jim Gray
2025 Annual Meet Chairman

OAK HILL FARM - MODEL 'A' REUNION – MAY 18TH

As many of you know, Oak Hill – the James Monroe Presidential Estate in Aldie, VA – is still scheduled to transition to *The Conservation Fund* to eventually become a Virginia State Park on 30 September, 2025. The current owners, Tom and Gayle DeLashmutter have kindly invited all of us (GWC, GBMAFC, Old Dominion and Skyline) to once again gather at the estate for a last hoorah while we have the grounds to ourselves. The date is **Sunday, May 18th** (the weekend between Mothers' Day and Memorial Day) there will be final details to come, but **put that weekend on your calendar**. Each Activity Director will plan out Saturday and Sunday around the myriad things there are to do and experience in Virginia Horse and Wine Country and the surrounding greater NOVA area.



The last time we all got together at Oak Hill was in 2018, when we had 44 Model A's arrive and approximately 120 people on a gorgeous early summer day. Cross fingers for this time, as we are expecting 60+ Model 'A's. **(There will be no rain date or repeat occasion – this is it!!)**

Features at the Sunday Party and choices over the weekend will include:

- The Knuckle Dusters Bluegrass Band
- Hammerdown Bar-B-Q lunch
- Private Tours of the main Monroe Presidential Mansion and Formal Gardens
- Open House at the Cross Car Collection
- Planned rural tours of Virginia Horse Country
- Saturday tour of the Manassas Battlefield
- Multiple local attractions including the Morven Carriage Museum in Leesburg
- And again, a private tour of the Udvar-Hazy National Air & Space Museum

The host hotel will be the new Hilton Home2Suites in South Riding/Chantilly, VA (about 18-20 minutes from Oak Hill,) and our contact there is the Sales Manager, Danijela (703-253-3400). 30 rooms @ \$140 have been blocked out for out-of-town clubs for the weekend (Friday & Saturday nights: 05/16 and 05/17..... plus Sunday 5/18 for those who



would like to stay over) and the Reservation Code is **“Model A Ford Club – CODE 909”**. Hint to the wise: make reservations early (and let your Activities Director know) ... that weekend is getting into wedding and horse show territory around Aldie/Middleburg.

RSVP TO YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR AND JOHN LEYDON

< JKLEYDON@GMAIL.COM >



Oak Hill Picnic Update (3-5-25)

Venue: Oak Hill Farm - 39893 Oakhill Farm Road, Aldie VA
(look for **Model 'A' Event** signs off US-15, 2 mi north of US-50 circle)

Date and time: May 18th (Sunday) 11:00 – 4:00

Contribution: \$15 per person – for catered bar-b-q picnic, band, etc.

Hotel: *Home2Suites* by Hilton (Chantilly/Dulles) 703-253-3400
Hotel Address: 43340 Defender Drive, Chantilly VA
Exit off US-50: take South Riding Blvd
Time to Oak Hill Farm from Hotel: 18 minutes (at 45 mph)

Hotel Group Reservation Code: “**Model 'A' Ford Club – CODE 909**”

Hotel Group Rate: \$140

Hotel Cancellation Window: 48 hours (Renegotiated 2-7-25)

Hotel Group Reservation Cut-off: April 10th

Note #1: An automotive garage with Model 'A' specialized tools and small parts is available in Aldie.

Note #2: As of this writing (3/5), all 20 of the initial hotel rooms reserved have been taken. A second block of 10 has been requested. **Book ASAP** if interested in attending and let your Activities Director and John Leydon know:

<< jkleydon@gmail.com >>

PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS !!!!!

RSVP for Oak Hill Picnic on May 18th

I/we plan to attend the Oak Hill Model 'A' Picnic on Sunday, May 18th (11:00 - 4:00)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number of attendees x \$15 = \$_____

Enclosed is my/our check payable to **GWC** (George Washington Chapter).
(Refundable if event needs to cancel for weather or any other unavoidable reason)

I/We will be driving a _____ Model 'A' Ford _____
(Year) (Body Style)

I/We **DO** **DO NOT** (CIRCLE ONE) plan to join the group leaving the *Hilton Home2Suites* in Chantilly at 9:30 Saturday morning (5/17) for the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum.

At the moment I/we plan to book into the following hotel for the night(s) indicated:

1) Name of Hotel or B&B _____ for the night(s) of:
FRI SAT SUN (May 16, 17, 18). Circle all/whichever night(s) apply.

OR

2) I/We have not yet decided on accommodations, but will notify our club Activities Director if and when we do. (**Deadline for the Hilton Hotel club rate is 4/1/25**)

Contact Name: _____ Mobile: _____

e-mail: _____

Club or Chapter Affiliation (circle): **GWC GBMAFC OLD DOMINION SKYLINE**

Please mail form and check made out to '**GWC**' to:

J. K. Leydon
P. O. Box 146
Aldie, VA 20105-0146

COMING EVENTS

March 2025

March 12 (2nd Wednesday) – GWC & CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

March 19 (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall 7:00pm

March 21-22 (Friday-Sunday) - Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA Parts and Swap Meet - Carroll County Agriculture Center (706 Agriculture Dr., Westminster, MD 31157) – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Sugarloaf Mountain Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America smraaca@aol.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/788731128310976>

March 26 (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm

April 2025

April 1 (Wednesday) – Kenwood Tour of cherry blossoms. We can set a meet up time at 11 AM in Bethesda, site TBD

April 3 - 5 (Thurs. – Sat.) – AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC

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

April 11-13 (Friday – Sunday) – MARC Membership Meet – Nashville, IN

April 12 (Saturday) – Cherry Blossom Parade – Downtown DC – 10am-12pm

April 12 – BRH Point to Point Races and Antique/Exotic Car Show - Several members attended last year and had an enjoyable day at the races. (See p. 28 for more info.)

April 16 (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall 7:00pm

April 23 (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm

April 23-27- Carlisle Spring Small Parts Day – Carlisle Pennsylvania Fair Grounds

April TBD – Small Parts Day @ Benny's – 11am-4pm - More info to follow

Save the Date!

May 18 (Sunday) – Oak Hill Farm Model “A” Gathering – Aldie, VA – Watch for more information in the coming months!!

December 6 (Saturday) – Annual GWC Christmas Party at American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA

WANT ADS

For Sale

2 Model A engines I once intended to build a Model A powered airplane. That pipe dream is long gone. At some point I acquired 2 Model A engines. I gave away the accessories and flywheels as the aircraft wouldn't need them. Now, I am ready to give away the engines. One is frozen, one is turning. It is in a homemade stand and has a timing chain-driven governor. I think it powered a pump. The blocks are in my hangar at White Post, Virginia. If anyone in the Club has a use, they are welcome to them. Contact M. "Zeke" Zechini at 703-801-6312 or marcus.zechini@gmail.com

There is what appears to be a very nice original 1953 Studebaker Champion Starliner for sale by an elderly gentleman in Fairfax Station, VA. Pictures are attached. It is believed to have had a repaint, a nice two-tone paint job. The interior is the optional deluxe roll and pleat Naugahyde. The transmission is automatic. The flat 6-cylinder engine has an aftermarket aluminum intake manifold with two single-barrel carburetors – a nice touch. It has wire wheel covers. Looks like it might have a shade over 43K miles on the odometer (possibly original mileage considering the condition of the car). The car was purchased new by the seller's father. It appears to be garage kept. The seller is looking for a fair price. The seller's neighbor, a pleasant fellow named Ryan Jacob, is helping to sell the car. If you have an interest in the car, or know someone who might, you/they should contact Ryan at (202) 590-7407; call or text him; or email him at Rjacob81@gmail.com .



**Blue Ridge Hunt Races
And
Antique/Exotic Car Cruise-In
Woodley Farm, Berryville, VA
Saturday, April 12th, 2025**

ATTENTION:

Mark your calendars, **Saturday, April 12th, 2025.**

Free admission for those arriving in an antique car.



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For more information please visit our website: BlueRidgeHunt.org
OR contact Michael Morris at 703-577-5702.

Model A and T Event

May 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2025

Hosted By Mike Silbert & Juanita Hayes

Location: Juanita's Mothers Place "The Farm"

4928 Cherry Tree Lane, Sykesville MD 21784

Mike needs to get the brakes fixed on the '28 roadster and get it out of mothballs. Plus the '21 Centerdoor needs to get going and be checked for other issues. Both have been sitting and need to be returned to the road.

We are open to tinkering on other cars, we want to get cars going.

Model T and Model A Driving School is available upon request.

Multiple excellent automotive testing roads are right around the corner.

For Model A repairs RSVP Norm Molter or Steve Meyer by April 18th

For Model T or other repairs RSVP Mike Silbert

5 auto parts stores and a Walmart nearby have generic parts available.

The owner will have to bring the parts and specific tools they need.

For Model A specific tools contact Bill Crawford for small tools
and Dave Sturges for large tools

We have rotten pine logs to feed the bonfire and cook hotdogs, bring a picnic basket?.

The bonfire will run all weekend for evening entertainment so maybe bring a chair.

The Cruise In @ the Home Depot on Saturday evening is 3 miles away.

Tours of the home renovations and garage will occur @ various times.

Food is available at many locations nearby, water and hot dogs provided.

Primitive camping is available.

The goal is to get cars going, hang out with friends and celebrate life.

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