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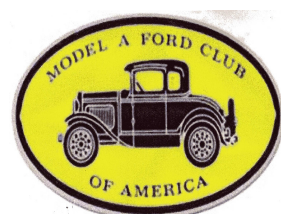
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is flying by. It seems unfair to me that after the beginning of summer, the days start getting shorter. I am also a fan of daylight savings time, which comes under a lot of criticism. Not good for your health, some say. I am always happier with more light in the evening, but what do I know.

Not Model A related, but I had an experience that was quite enlightening. I was taking my grandson to camp using the native GPS in his parents' Tesla. During the trip, my destination changed. I wondered what was going on? My son-in-law called. He had forgotten about a dentist appointment, so he went into the car's GPS from his phone and changed the destination to go to the dentist. I was baffled about what had happened and didn't realize the capability of the phone app for the car. At least this is something we don't need to worry about with our Model A's.

As I share in a separate article, I attended the MARC annual meet in French Lick, IN. I really enjoyed the meet and encourage members to attend when they can. Next year's meet is in Tulsa, which is quite a way's away. I plan to attend, but probably won't take a car.

Larry Shepard's technical sessions are often a highlight of the seminars. This year's was on front ends and was excellent. Larry always brings parts to pass around and had a complete front end to show. He also featured Ron and Ken Ehrenhoffer demonstrating how to use a Bear front axle jig to determine the straightness of your front axle. I suspect many of us have bends in our axles that we are unaware of. The upshot of the seminar is that Larry has given me lots of things to look at on the front ends of my A's when I get time. I hope that MARC can video some of these sessions and make them available on the MARC web site so others can learn from these sessions.

Our big activity in August is the rescheduled club picnic. Unfortunately, I have a conflict and won't be able to attend.

It looks like the Armed Forces Retirement Home is reinstating its car show. The timing isn't good as it's the same day as the Rohr meet in Manassas, but maybe some club members can go as we have supported this show in the past.

We always need club members to organize activities for the membership, so please volunteer to organize an activity that would be of interest to the membership. Club board nominations are coming up, so volunteer for a board position, too.

Milford Sprecher

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

I managed to run over a semi's driveshaft on Friday, only damage was two bent rims and ruined tires. I had my minivan towed to my house and wanted to put in my space saver spare. It hadn't seen the light of day since 2018 when it was installed and had no pressure and the valve stem cap needed pliers to get off. I have been very remiss in keeping an eye on it and ready for actual use. Anyway, go out and check your spare tire!

My left front fender had evidence of a small contact and minor touchups weren't working, so I unbolted it and the rear fender for fixing and painting. See story below.

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (ONLINE)

Board Meeting
July 22, 2026

President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Doug Tomb, Don White, Valerie Faircloth, Jeff VanGorder, Bruce Metcalf, Michael DiBerardino, Blane Adcock, and Dave Greenwood. Paul Bjarnason attended to discuss a proposal to the Board. We had a quorum. Correction to the June 3, 2026, Board meeting notes, we had a quorum, Michael had two votes, as Annual Meet Chair and Club Property Manager.

Paul and Valerie proposed that Paul on behalf GWC approach Aarondale Senior Living Facility and our insurance carrier to offer rides in a model A in conjunction with one of Aarondale's outings. Paul will report back with details, GWC may cover the cost (about \$100) of fuel and ice cream. Blane made the motion and Bruce seconded, the approval to proceed was given by Unanimous vote.

Sully Summary: Michael said we had 298 registrations and 50 no shows. The County had sufficient paid attendees and sent us payment of \$4000 per the agreement. We do not yet have a full summary, costs are still coming in, and we have not received the vendors fees. Michael and Doug will provide a full summary at the August Board meeting to allow for a review to set future event pricing. Michael is also scheduling a debriefing with the Park Authority and for the GWC committee.

Doug provided an abbreviated financial update and indicated we have paid the AM Legion Post 270 rent for the rest of 2026.

Don said Milford was working on a program speaker for August Members meeting. Milford indicated the possibility of a presentation on a recently restored 1931 Sedan delivery or a presentation on Wireless bicycle turn signal installation on a Model A. He also mentioned that we may want to consider having a zoom presenter, the Baltimore club recently had Les Andrews present and it was well received.

Valerie has rescheduled the Summer Sully Picnic for August 8, 2026, 11:00 Am - 4:00 PM, she will get Jeff the details to send out. Valerie and Dave met with the Tysons Corner Embassy Suites event staff to discuss hosting the Christmas Party there on December 12, 2026. The costs are like those of previous years and there is sufficient room. Valerie will check on pricing adjustment if we offer 3 proteins instead of two and will go to the Hotel to sample the food offerings. If the experience is good, she will proceed with final booking arrangements.

Plans are proceeding for an October 25, 2026, Picnic at Oak Hill. Recently ownership has changed to Virginia State control, but the registration paperwork will not likely change before October. Valerie will work with John Leydon and Jeff to get the required forms out to the Members to complete soon. Valerie and John will update the Board at the August and future meetings so that we can adjust to any estate ownership requirements.

Club Property Storage: Michael has preliminary costs on building the new tools shed on his property. The costs are estimated to be about \$10,000. He is planning to have a premanufactured Shed/ Garage installed. He will be asking for Club members to help prepare the site including cutting trees and leveling the site. Blane made a motion to approval an expenditure of \$5000 by the GWC as their portion of the costs, Dave seconded. The Board approved unanimously. Initially the Shed will not have electrical power, that should change in the future as Michael upgrades the power panel in his garage.

Smith Compressor Sale: Milford indicated he has seen the prices for compressors between \$500 and \$3200. The Board agreed to preliminarily price ours at \$2500. Milford has asked Michael to get pictures of the compressor to post with the for-sale listing. We may adjust the price after the pictures are ready.

Bruce reminded us that the Script articles are due by August 3, 2026.

Doug motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dave, unanimously approved, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

AUGUST 2001 GWC 25 YEARS AGO

On the cover is a picture of the Ford factory parking lot, at the 2001 MARC Meet in Cincinnati, OH. They had 850 Model A Fords in the parking lot that day. Eleven Model A Fords from the GWC drove out and back, to the MARC Meet that year. When a Ford worker asked why all the Model A's were there, one member told him, "Factory Recall".

Inside, President Jon Phillips mentioned that he was busy with a shop full of Model A Fords, and was still looking for his next project to work on. He mentioned his efforts at Carlisle and Hershey to find parts he needed. He couldn't wait for his visits that year.

The Board Meeting in July was held at the home of Luke Chaplin. The August program was to be the annual GWC Flea Market. George Merkel reported that the Pig Pickin was on track. Jim Gray had produced a pocket size Club roster, to fit in the door pocket of a Model A.

Howard Minners reported on the time, 74 years earlier, in August 1927, when Ford announced a few details about the "New Ford". Details were sketchy, but the whole nation was watching and waiting. This same month, Charles Lindberg flew to Dearborn and gave airplane rides to Henry (his first) and Edsel Ford in his plane, the Spirit of St Louis.

It was reported that the Club Picnic was a success. They had 70 adults and 20 kids in attendance, at the Jaeger's river home. Everyone brought a dish to share and many went swimming.

John Kandl received a special award for his Model A huckster, at the July Monthly Meeting. He had done a quick, but extensive transformation of the vehicle, between the time he bought it and when he brought it to Sully that June. Members who were familiar with the cars original condition wanted to recognize John for the amazing transformation.

It was also reported that the GWC was awarded the Elly Doyle Park Service Award by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, for an outstanding contribution to the park system of Fairfax County. We were nominated for the award by the Sully staff for all our hard work in producing the car show which was still one of their largest fund raisers.

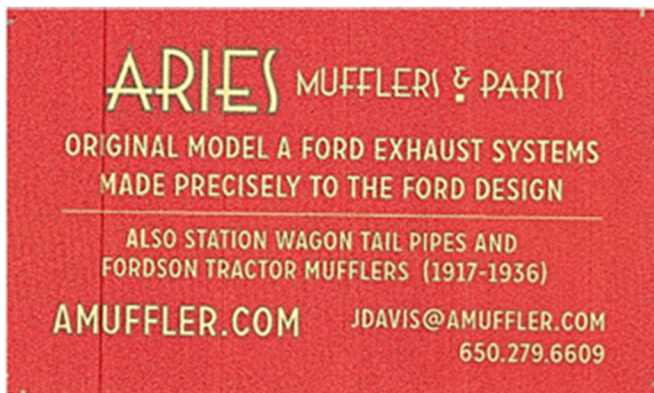
The GWC 25 Years Ago column (August 1976) announced that the Club was moving locations for the Monthly Meeting. They would now meet at the McLean American Legion Hall, on Balls Hill Road in McLean. Also, then GWC President Bob Wild had sent a letter to the Virginia Attorney General asking if antique cars were required to be inspected. The reply was Yes. Since then, we have been given a waiver on annual inspections. Club auctioneer, Gary Hubbard, was asking members to bring spare parts for the club's monthly auction at the Monthly Meeting.

In Coming Events, the GWC was hosting an event at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, MD. Awards would be given for Best of Show and longest traveled. The annual GWC Pig Pickin was scheduled for the Eisenman Farm.

In the Classifieds were a Model A engine (no head, but stored inside) \$125. There was a Wanted for a 1931 Model A sedan 4-door.

The George Washington Chapter and Mount Vernon Region, in action.

Doug Tomb



George Washington Chapter 2026 Approved Budget - AS OF 7/31/2026

OPERATING BUDGET #2

Budgeted Income	Contact	2025 Actual	2026 ACTUAL	2026 JULY
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,133.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 89.00	\$ 1,450.96	\$ -
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 860.00	\$ -
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$ 10,151.50	\$ 8,990.67	\$ 6,041.23
Total Income		\$16,323.50	\$12,901.63	\$6,041.23
Budgeted Expenses				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 440.20	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Club Programs	White	\$ 855.92	\$ 34.97	\$ 19.57
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 9,343.06	\$ 1,192.95	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	(Vacant)	\$ 81.93	\$ 135.47	\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	DiBerardino	\$ 4,667.61	\$ 2,469.80	\$ 321.08
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 189.22	\$ -	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,021.50	\$ 1,743.70	\$ -
Secretary Supplies + Zoom	Greenwood	\$ 167.90	\$ 167.90	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 3,207.50	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$19,974.84	\$7,179.79	\$1,340.65
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		-\$3,651.34	\$5,721.84	\$4,700.58

2026 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 2,263.92	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -

WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)

WELLS FARGO ONE YEAR + CD	Board	\$ 10,781.73	\$ -	\$ -
WELLS FARGO PART YEAR + CD	Board	\$ 10,000.00		

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\$20,781.73

Total Expenses	\$22,238.76	\$10,179.79	\$1,340.65
Sum Income and Expenses	-\$5,915.26	\$2,721.84	\$4,700.58

Current Bank Balance, as of 7-31-2026	\$ 8,783.13
Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2026 Actual)	\$ 6,061.29

MARC MEET IN FRENCH LICK, IN

MARC held its annual meeting in French Lick, IN, July 13-16. It was the third time the meet has been held in French Lick, a place I had never heard of before MARC held a meet there. We enjoy the grand tours and Shuyan likes the Ladies Drive Model A's events, so we trailered our car there. We thought it best not to drive out all in one day, so we left on the 11th in the evening, spending the night in Unionville, PA, about three hours from home, and finished the trip on the 12th. We hit a pretty severe storm in Western MD, but the weather on the 12th was mostly good.

Our route to French Lick included traveling west on I-270, to I-70, to I-68, and then heading north on Rte. 40 until we connected up with I-70 again and continued west.

Western Maryland, Allegheny and Garrett counties, are quite beautiful and I am reminded that I want to spend more time out there. Route 40 is the old National Road and also follows the route General Braddock took during the French and Indian War and the site of Fort Necessity, where he was killed and George Washington first saw combat. Another place I want to return to at some point.

I followed much of the same route we took to the MARC meet in Hamilton, OH two years ago and then headed south toward French Lick. Given the cost of trailering on toll roads, we successfully avoided tolls at little penalty in extra time.

My first MARC meet was Niagara Falls in 2015. I have attended most of the meets since then and enjoy them immensely. I enjoy the seminars, the grand tours, the flea market, and usually participate in the repair tent, so there is a lot to get out of the meets. I have gotten involved in era fashions, too, which is not something I expected.

French Lick and its neighbor, Baden Springs, is a resort town, initially developed because of the mineral springs, which were supposed to have health benefits and also because of a variety of illegal activities that went on there. The water had laxative properties, which were beneficial in a more constipated age. The water was bottled as Pluto Water and sold widely until it was deemed potentially hazardous in the 1970's.

French Lick and West Baden deteriorated during the 1970's and 80's and were revived as a part of a years-long effort by historic groups, private philanthropists, and government bodies. Gambling was allowed, which provided some economic boost to the area.

The headquarters hotel was the French Lick Springs hotel. It has an expo area and a lot of meeting rooms, which allowed for the seminars and the flea market. The repair "tent" was in the parking garage.

There were three hundred registrations and many brought their cars, so there were many Model A's driving around town, always a welcome sight. It was nice to see the different cars brought to the meeting. There were about a half dozen Model A's inside the hotel and a Model A powered tractor. There was a Model T in the hotel, as well, but the lack of signage led me to believe it belonged to the hotel, not to MARC members.

I was asked to bring the suit I entered in fashion judging last year to the fashion seminar, which I did. The theme of the seminar was "Putting on the Ritz," so fashions for dressing up.

MARC Technical Director Larry Shepard usually puts on a seminar and this year's was on Model A front ends. It was an excellent session, but his sessions always provide lots of things for me to check on with my cars, so my to-do list gets longer. There were sessions on the new judging standards, judging, horns and manifold heaters. I missed a few of the seminars, unfortunately, but there was more than enough to keep attendees occupied.

MARC MEET IN FRENCH LICK, IN (Cont.)

Shuyan participated in the Ladies Drive Model A's trip and it was her first solo outing in the Model A. She does well, but I was a little nervous about having her go by herself on the off chance that there would be a mechanical problem, but she went and returned without incident.

I spent a little time in the repair area, adjusting brakes and looking at an alternator problem. One car had a small electrical fire which required some rewiring, so the repair area was pretty busy. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the more technical aspects of our cars and to test our diagnostic skills, while looking over Larry Shepard's shoulder while he works on cars and lending a hand when you can.

This year was the second year that I participated in fine point judging, which I really enjoy. I judged sheet metal again this year and the team was about the same as last year.

There were 16 cars to get fine point judged. The field consisted of two AA's, two original cars and just about every Model A body style. I appreciated all the work that the owners had put into their cars and trucks and the proper way to restore the cars' sheet metal. In addition to fine point, there were also Touring and Driver Class judging. This year is the first year for Driver Class judging. Fine point judging was held in the atrium of the West Baden hotel. The hotel is quite the architectural masterpiece, as nicely restored as the French Lick Springs hotel.

Club members Joe Candella and Steve Van Pelt entered their cars in Fine Point Judging and Touring Class, respectively. I also saw club members Don Swofford and Gary Donley there.

The meet ended with the Grand Tour to an Amish village for lunch. The drive there was about 38 miles. It was a warm day, but cloud cover made the driving a little easier so we weren't in the bright sun the whole way. We made it back before forecast rain, but some were caught in the deluge on the way back.

All-in-all a very enjoyable meet and well worth the trip to get there. Next year's meet is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a much longer drive. I plan to go, but may not take my Model A.

Milford Sprecher

An official vehicle registration form for the 2026 AFRH Classic & Antique Auto Show. The form is titled "2026 AFRH CLASSIC & ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW" and "OFFICIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM". It is for "SATURDAY, SEPT 19" from "8 AM to 12:30 PM". The form is divided into four sections: 1. OWNER INFORMATION (NAME, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS), 2. VEHICLE INFORMATION (VEHICLE MAKE, MODEL, YEAR, CLUB AFFILIATION), 3. VEHICLE TYPE (Antique Auto, Classic Car, Truck, Military Vehicle, Motorcycle, Other), and 4. EVENT PARTICIPATION (Are you willing to give a short ride at 10 AM?, Will you participate in the 11 AM Parade?). At the bottom, it provides the location: SCOTT MCKEE COURTYARD, WASHINGTON, DC, and contact information for RITHA GASKIN. It also mentions "HOSTED AT AFRH" and "SECURE YOUR SPOT! REGISTER BY SEPT 12!".

MARC MEET IN FRENCH LICK, IN (Cont.)



GATSBY GARDEN PARTY!

On the 11th of July 2026 members of our club attended a garden party at the former home of General George C. Marshall, Dodona Manor, in Leesburg VA. The garden party was attended by Jeff and Cindy VanGorder and Valerie Faircloth and of course, their Model As, which were parked in front of the Manor. The two coupes were a big draw. All evening folks were strolling out front to take pictures with the coupes in front of Dodona Manor! All but a few folks were in period dress. What a lovely late afternoon into evening! We sat in the beautiful backyard by the courtyard watching people learning/doing the Charleston to the 1920's music, and enjoying finger sandwiches, desserts and Champagne (best I've ever had)! There was even a speakeasy in the cellar where Val played a game of craps and won! And yes, the great Mr. Gatsby was there!

GATSBY GARDEN PARTY! (Cont.)



VOLUNTEER MODEL A'S NEEDED FOR ICE CREAM DRIVE SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

At its most recent board meeting, the GWC board conceptually approved an outing, which I am now planning. I have scheduled the outing for Tuesday, September 22, 2026 and it will be a Model A Ford ride (and ice cream) for interested residents at the Aarondale Senior Living Residence located at 6929 Mathew Place in Springfield, Virginia. The plan is to take interested residents from Aarondale to Clifton (or some other local place) for ice cream and then back to Aarondale. I expect the outing will take approximately two hours, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. To finalize this, there are three contingencies: 1 - the level of interest from the Aarondale residents; 2 - a sufficient number of volunteer Model As from the GWC membership – at least six are needed; and 3 - a certificate of insurance coverage for the outing from MAFCA, which has been applied for. To discuss this or to volunteer, please contact me by phone at: 703.627.1324 or e-mail at:

paul.bjarnason@gmail.com. Once I have an idea of how many Model A passenger “seats” are available I will ask Aarondale to offer the outing to its residents. I say “seats” because Model As have different capacities, depending upon the model, as you know.

Further information: Aarondale is an assisted living community for the elderly that provides activities. Hagerty, my insurance company, told me that an outing like this would be a permitted covered (i.e., non-commercial) event under my policy. For anyone interested in volunteering, it would be a good idea for them to check with their own insurance company. Aarondale will support this outing with their shuttle bus to carry walkers and wheelchairs and with attendants to the extent they may be needed. If this works out well, it is my hope and expectation that we can do this at other senior residential facilities.

Paul Bjarnason

POSTCARD PROVENANCE

From at least May, 1973, Jack Wishnick operated the New Jersey Antique Auto Museum. He apparently started his enterprise a little south of Tom's River along Rt 37, moving later to a spot along Rt 34 in Wall Township, New Jersey.

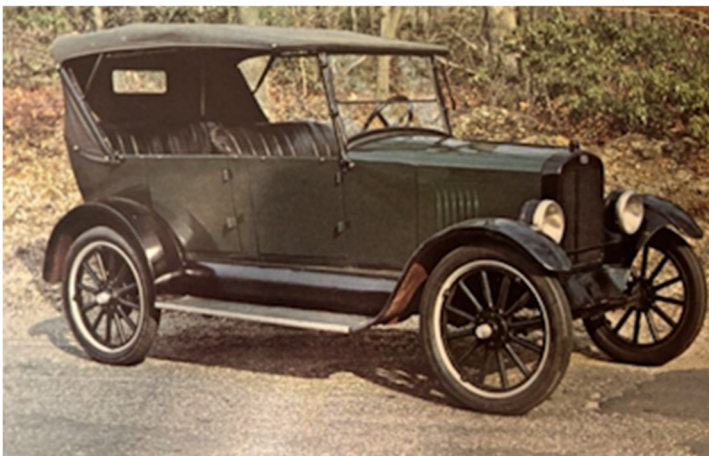


Although difficult to see in this picture of a postcard of the museum's last location in Wall Township, the sign reads: "Roaring 20s Auto, Inc., Antique Autos Museum and sales."

I found a few comments on Facebook about one of the earlier locations of this museum in the Beachwood Plaza Shopping Center on Route 9, 2 miles south of Tom's River, NJ.

In this March 1966 advertisement on Facebook, Jack claimed: "One of the World's largest Indoor Showrooms with minimum of 80 Autos on display. We will buy your car, or our facilities are available for the sale of your car or our extensive search system can locate the car of your choice."

But the real find for me was a second post card... the car on this eBay listing looked familiar, and when I looked at the back of the card I found it was a 1923 Gray Touring.



And on closer inspection, I realized it was more of a find than I first thought; this postcard car wasn't just ANY 1923 Gray Touring – it was MY 1923 Gray Touring.

I counted 9 identifiers on this postcard that match identifiers on my car – first, the color. Green was not a factory color, in fact in 1923 all Gray automobiles were black. Not unique, but an interesting coincidence.

Second there's the water stain on the radiator – not completely unique but apparently a match to the water stain on the radiator I took off my car since it

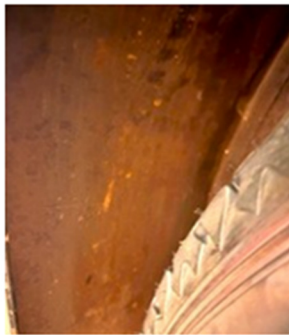
leaked. On the 1980 postcard the leak is a fresh dark thick line down the radiator, on my car what remained was a wide white streak.

POSTCARD PROVENANCE (Cont.)

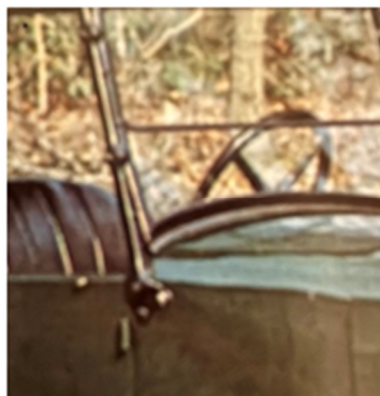
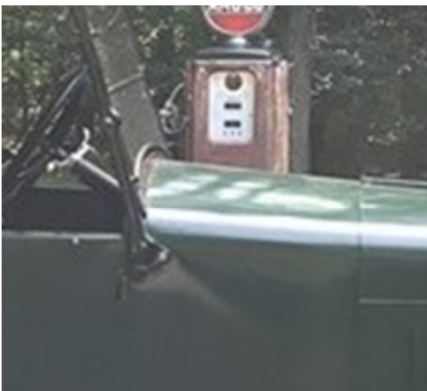


Third, take a look at the radiator apron – how could you possibly have two different cars with the same wrinkled apron... those were all smooth out of the factory.

Fourth, I noted the red oxide wheel wells; although black from the factory (I still have original paint under the car in a few areas), both the car on the post card and my car have what looks like red primer in those wells. Then fifth, I noted that the dent under the passenger door of the car on the postcard matched a dent under the passenger door of my car.



And sixth, although all 1923 Gray cars came from the factory with a nickel plated spyder on the steering wheel, both the postcard car and my car had black spyders. Seventh, note that the bolts holding the windshield stanchion match – both cars have 2 black and 1 shiny top bolts.



POSTCARD PROVENANCE (Cont.)



Two last bits of visual signs, the eighth and ninth similarities, convinced me that the car on the postcard was, indeed, my car. Note that there are no top rests on either this green postcard car or on mine, although all convertible topped Grays came from the factory with these rests. And even the wrinkles in the top next to the passenger side rear top bow look strikingly similar.

I spoke with the man who sold me these 2 postcards, and he told me that Jack had a postcard made of each car in his collection just before he closed the museum in 1980. My card says it is #593, and that it was published and copyrighted in 1980 by Roaring 20 Autos – Wall, N.J. 07719.

I bought the car in 2019, and the previous owner told me he had gotten it about 10 years earlier from a guy in Ohio.

I say these 9 improbable coincidences between a postcard and a car separated by 39 years and 2 owners are now solid provenance.

Jim “Gray with an “A”
And a famous Gray

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FENDER REPAIRS

My left front fender had some contact at some point and needed repainting, plus there were other spots that needed touchups. I decided to take it to a bodyshop and was steered to shop that didn't focus on insurance work. He had me take the fenders off, which was a good job! Several bolts and nuts may have been there since 1985 or maybe 1931 and were rusted together. My Dremel and cutoff wheels got a good workout. The wire in the bead of the fender was broken, so the shop said to get the repair strip from Snyder's, which I did. I also gave them the front apron, steel spare tire cover, and some painted front bumper parts. They've had it for 2+ weeks, but I have stopped by and they are making progress.

Bruce Metcalf

FOLLOW THE TRACKS OF TIME

The 2027 MAFCA National Tour
Durango, Colorado
June 13-18, 2027



From ancient stone dwellings and narrow gauge rails to legendary mountain highways, the 2027 MAFCA National Tour traces America's story from the driver's seat of a Model A Ford.

Based in Durango, Colorado, this unforgettable journey blends historic landscapes, iconic roads, and the fellowship of those who believe the best way to experience history is to drive through it.

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- *Million Dollar Highway Tour
- *Pagosa Springs & Wolf Creek Pass Tour
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- *Model A displays, car games & social events





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CLUB APPAREL

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



Edsel Ford's Personal Coachbuilt Model A
One-Off Dual-Cowl Phaeton Bodywork by LeBaron

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

The *Running* Board Report

Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

August 2026

Memories were made in French Lick, IN at the National Meet, July 12-16. Over 512 people and 200 plus Model A's gathered for food and fun at the beautifully restored, 120-year-old resort. Technical Seminars and touring through the Southern Indiana countryside kept everyone busy. See more details on the festivities in the coming issues of Model A News (MAN).

A seminar was provided at the Meet for Membership by Will Langford and Gary Price on the new MARC website. The website is phenomenal on the historical availability of technical and informational articles on the Model A. This content is available only to current MARC Members and is not offered in one place by any other national organization.

Remember to renew your MARC membership annually. MARC changed the membership expiration date in the past to actual expiration month instead of end of the year. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the MAN and the access to the website. \$30/year for electronic access to MAN and full member benefits or \$50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

Could your Regional Leadership please go to the website www.modelarestorersclub.org and log in with their email address and zip code. Click on "Members Only" at top right of screen after login, click on "Annual Region Update" and enter your Regions information to ensure it is up to date. This information is essential for MARC to maintain contact and keep your local Region up to date with the latest information.

MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

Win This Beautiful

1930 FORD MODEL A TOWN SEDAN

Ticket Sales Begin

March 23, 2026

Entries Close

October 10, 2026

Drawing Date

October 23, 2026

Enter now
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Generously donated by Ron Jennings, this stunning 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan was lovingly restored by the Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Their team completed a full frame-up restoration including new wood, bodywork, rebuilt drivetrain, upholstery, glass, and a beautiful Ford Maroon finish, as well as brand new Goodyear tires and radiator by the MAFFI staff. The vehicle was proudly presented to MAFFI during the 2014 MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup, Washington.

GRAND PRIZE

1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan

Winner may choose \$15,000 cash instead



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For more information - Jarrod Williams | jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com | maffi.org



2025 Arthur Ault Award winner
1973 AMC Javelin AMX
Owned by Steve Deitz



Rain or Shine

Saturday, September 19, 2026

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(registration closes at 11:00 AM)

Location: Historic Manassas Rail Depot

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(must be received by September 17th)
fill out form below

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Visit our website for complete details, rules, and award categories BullRun.AACA.com or click this QR code

General Information: Randy Higgins 703-853-2235 or rfh24@yahoo.com



**NOTE: ALL show vehicles MUST enter on Prince William Street from Grant Ave. and proceed to check-in per Manassas City
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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

E-mail _____

Vehicle #1 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Vehicle #2 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Car Corral X _____ cars @ \$30.00 each (no for sale signs allowed unless registered in the Car Corral) Not eligible for awards.

Flea Market Vendor X _____ spaces @ \$35.00 each (10'X15')

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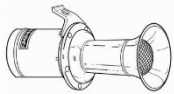
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FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

COMING EVENTS



ACTIVITIES

August 2026

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- August 12 – (2nd Wednesday) –CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:30am
- **August 19 – (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – American Legion Hall, McLean – 7:30pm**
- **August 26 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting**

September 2026

- September 7 – 27th Annual Labor Day Show in Fairfax City, VA - 8am to 2pm; registration opens at 6am if you are showing your car. Free; but they would love a donation
- September 7 – Car Cruise-In to benefit the Alzheimer's Association – Spring Arbor Senior Living, Winchester, VA – 3pm-6pm
- September 9 – CDC Breakfast (2nd Wednesday) – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:30am
- September 13 – Prince William Cruisers' Benefit Car Show – Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, VA – 9am-3pm
- **September 17 – Monthly Membership Meeting (3rd Wednesday) – American Legion Hall, McLean – 6:30pm**
- September 18-19 – Model A Days – The Gilmore Car Museum – Hickory Corners, MI – 9am-4pm
- September 19 – Orphan Car Show – Lyceum – Alexandria, VA – 10am to 1pm
- September 19 – 50th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet –Historic Manassas Rail Station – 8am to 3pm
- September 19 – Armed Forces Retirement Home – Washington, DC – 8am-1pm
- **September 27 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting –7:00pm**

COMING EVENTS (Cont.)

Save the Date!

December 12 (Saturday) – Annual GWC Christmas Party at American Legion Hall – Fairfax, VA

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

Wanted: License Plates Wanted

1930 Virginia License Plates.

Dave Carroll

daveseggfarm@gmail.com.

757-438-3967

1930 Model A Radiator

I was wondering if there is someone local who can either fix/repair Model A radiators or sell me one ?

Thank you

Bill and Nadia Harte

571 302 6105

For Sale

1931 Cabriolet

Longtime club member Dick Johns is offering his beautiful 1931 Model A Cabriolet for sale through a no-reserve auction on Bring a Trailer.

The auction can be viewed here:

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1931-ford-model-a-289/>

According to Dick, this car retains all of the hard-to-find original trim pieces that make these Cabriolets especially desirable. If you have questions or would like additional information, Dick can be reached directly at 703-541-2032.

The auction closes on June 8, so if you've been looking for a Model A to add to your collection, don't let this opportunity pass you by.

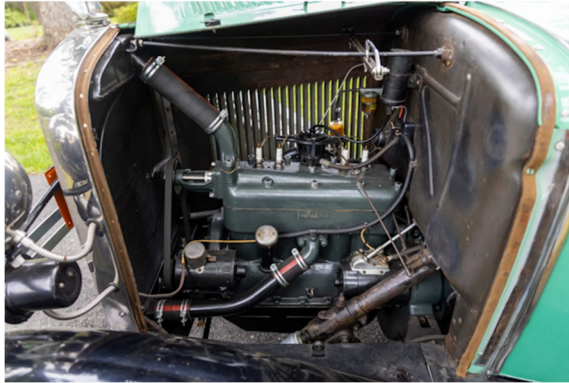
Some highlights of the car include:

- Family-owned since 1979
- Seafoam green with black fenders and running boards
- 201 cu. in. L-head four-cylinder engine
- Three-speed manual transmission
- Tan convertible top and rumble seat
- Green-painted 19" wire wheels with Lester tires
- Rear-mounted spare tire and fold-down luggage rack
- Quail radiator mascot
- Garage kept and started regularly
- Carburetor rebuilt approximately two years ago
- Brakes recently serviced
- Includes extensive maintenance records and numerous spare parts

Also included in the sale are original tools, a jack, tire pump, owner's manual, extra wheels, windshield frame, right front fender, reproduction sub rails, brake and clutch pedals, and other valuable Model A parts.

The seller notes that all recent work was performed by Don Temple of Bath, North Carolina, who is well known within the Model A community.

CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont.)



For Sale

1930 Ford Model A Restoration Project Car

Motor turns via key and foot starter. Zenith carb from Berts, received in January. All four cylinders have spark. Engine will not start. Four new tires, tubes, and rim liners. Engine Date from block #: October 29, 1930. Both running boards perforated rust and need to be replaced. The fender roots adjacent to the running boards have perforated rust. Roof sealed with tar. Rest of the body is good. Glass is good. Can provide some history. Wiring harness missing or needs replacement. Bin with a number of parts. This car had a very low budget driveway restoration in the late 80s. Stored outdoors. Last driven in 2005. 2005 forward stored in a garage and not driven.

Asking: \$8,500

Contact:

Pete

ppjoran@gmail.com



CLASSIFIED ADS (Cont.)

For Sale

Designed to sell things off of the back. I purchased it in 2009. It was fully and beautifully restored in Chicago. It has always been garaged.
Willowcroft Farm Vineyard, VA

Asking: \$24,000

Contact:

Lew Parker

703-472-7000



MODEL A MECHANICAL

Tiny Tips

Tiny Snell wrote for the Restorer in the 50s and 60s. Members would send in their tips for his column then perhaps win a new firewall patent data plate. Here are a few tips on repairing or restoring your Model A that might be worth revisiting.

- The Restorer often runs into a major problem when approaching the installation of the rear spring. This can be accomplished with little effort by inserting the spring into the rear frame member and installing one shackle complete. Place a 2"x4" block under both ends of the spring. Roll hydraulic floor jack under center section of the rear frame member and under the jack. Then bolt ends of chain together. As you jack the rear end up the chain prohibits the frame from rising. The spring will spread to a place where the other shackle can be inserted and hooked up. Remove the top of the spring. The center bolt head will drop into place in the rear member. Attach the "U" bolts and tighten securely. Before removing the instrument panel or doing any work at the ammeter or ignition switch the battery should be disconnected.
- To prevent the drain hole in the flywheel housing from becoming plugged up be sure to insert a cotter pin from inside and bend open. This cotter key will help keep the hole open.
- When filling the pan for the first time in a rebuilt engine put the oil in through the distributor shaft to be sure main bearings receive oil at once.
- In cold weather the generator voltage is considerable higher than normal. This is sometimes noticeable by the blueish white color of the light from the bulbs. The increased voltage is caused by low temperature of the electrolyte, which increases the internal resistance in the battery, and in order to maintain a constant charging rate, the generator voltage correspondingly increases. The voltage increase often exceeds normal operating limits due to charging rate set too high or due to loose connection in the battery gen circuit. This can result in prematurely burned out light bulbs. To correct this situation first clean and tighten all connections starting at the battery terminals. Don't forget the ground connection. If bulbs continue to burn out, generator output should be reduced 2 to 4 amps. The battery can be used as a guide in determining the correct charging rate by making successive hydrometer readings and recording them. Gen charging rate should be adjusted until the battery registers no consistent loss of gravity or does not use an excessive amount of water.



