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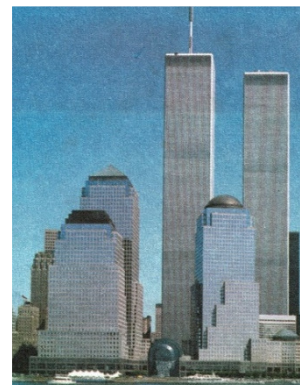


The Grays' decked-out '31 Delux Coupe at Sully 51 celebrating the country's 250th birthday



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25 Years Ago

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Chapter meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the American Legion Hall, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean, Virginia. Social meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 7:45. Members and guests are invited and encouraged to drive their antique cars to the meetings.

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



Fall is almost upon us—hopefully cooler weather and a changing of the seasons. One of the most significant events of the season is, of course, the annual Hershey swap meet and car show. Also on the calendar are the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn and Model A Days at the Gilmore. The weekend after Hershey is the Rockville Car Show, which is always a good time. We also have the Club picnic coming up on October 24, so lots on the calendar.

I recently attended the AACA Grand National meet in Allentown, PA. 500 cars were entered for judging, including a nice selection of Model A's. The Grand National Meet is also where the AACA Zenith Award is given, so some terrific cars up for that award. The meet was held on the grounds of the NB Center for Automotive Heritage. Quite the place that I will describe in a later article and program for the Club.

Fall also brings the nominating committee for the GWC Board. We always need volunteers for the board, so if you have an interest, please let a board member know. After two and a half terms as president, I am ready to move out of the president's chair and let someone else take over. I have enjoyed my term as president, but it's good to get a new person in to provide new ideas and leadership for the organization. I have also been asked to serve on the MARC Board, something I did not anticipate. I have been pretty active with MARC, so I agreed to put my name forward.

I have kept my calendar full with a variety of antique car activities this summer, including a couple of tours and both AACA and MARC events. I have also spent some time working on my 1930 Town Sedan. I am having some lighting issues, which I am trying to get sorted out. No luck so far, but I will get back to it after Model A Days.

We are always looking for suggestions for activities and programs, so please come up with ideas that we can implement to make the Club a meaningful organization for all of us.

Milford

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, I can't say I'm totally happy to be back, considering that today's heat index is supposed to be 100°. Apparently, I missed a lot of that sort of thing, not to mention the smoke invasion. I think our summer camping days are over—maybe spring or fall. Our summers will now be permanently spent in the mountains of North Carolina away from all this heat and humidity.

As expected, Bruce did a bang-up job with all the summer issues, including June while I was in Hawaii. I'm still not planning on retiring from this job, but when I do ...

I heard a lot of 4th of July parades got cancelled due to the heat. Where we were, it was a little cooler but we noted the near complete absence of marching bands or groups. The parade was essentially a lineup of makes and models of post-war cars with all their passengers basking in their air conditioning. No Model Ts or As to be seen.

My Model A made it all the way to Sully and back without breaking down. Hallelujah!

FROM A VIRTUAL ROOM

Board Meeting
August 26, 2026



President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Valerie Faircloth, Jeff VanGorder, Bruce Metcalf, Michael DiBerardino, Blane Adcock, Bill Bass and Dave Greenwood. We had a quorum.

Milford is appointing a nominating committee to get the slate of officers for 2027. Milford is also appointing a committee to review the Carl Patrick award application.

Doug was traveling so an updated finance was not available.

Programs: Don said the September program will be by Steve Meyer of the Baltimore club on his restoration of a 1931 Sedan Delivery. For October Don is considering a recap of the Hershey swap meet or an overview of the NB Center for Automotive Heritage in Allentown, PA. November's program is still open. Our next flea market is planned for January although members are welcome to bring parts for sale to meetings.

Paul and Valerie are still working out details on behalf of the GWC to approach Aarondale Independent Senior Living Facility in Springfield, VA, and our insurance carrier to offer rides in a Model A in conjunction with one of Aarondale's outings. The plan is to provide rides on September 22. Paul is looking for volunteers. He would ideally like 10 cars.

Valerie has changed the location of the fall picnic to Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, VA, instead of Oak Hill. John Leydon and Valerie are setting out the new details, which will be in the Script.

The Christmas Party will be at the Tysons Corner Embassy Suites on December 12. The costs are like those of previous years and there is sufficient room.

Club Property Storage: Michael DiBerardino and James Kolody are meeting on Saturday at Sharon Leonard's to help Zak, Sharon's grandson, sort out the inventory of GWC tools to be moved to the new shed. Michael will also get pictures of the Smith Compressor to put in the advertisement. Michael is working on details for the shed permits and grading plans.

Annual Car Show- Sully: Michael updated the Board on discussions with the Park Authority about the 2027 show and beyond. The Board gave Michael support to continue dialog to resolve issues.

Bruce reminded us that the Script articles are due to Bill Sims for the next Script.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

Dave Greenwood
Secretary

GWC 25 YEARS AGO (AUGUST 2001)

On the cover is a picture of member Jim Scheidel and his 1931 Fordor at the Pig Pickin'. Inside it was reported that Jim had held classes on the Model A at the Club Car Show at Homestead Gardens recently.



President Jon Phillips reported on the Homestead Gardens Car Show, and how it came about.

The Script Editor, Bill Sims, was asking for more technical articles, to make the Script more appealing. He was also asking members for feedback on the articles that were in the Script, so he could be sure they were what members wanted to see.

The Board meeting was held at the home of Jon and Susan Phillips. At the September Member Meeting, Jon would give a program on powder coating of parts.

Clem Clement gave his sunshine report. He noted that Stan Johnson was deterred from attending an auction of a 1936 Ford, due to his need to stay home and babysit his grandchildren. Stan was reported to be recovering nicely from his ordeal.

Jon Phillips had an article clarifying aspects of the Model A electrical system. He discussed the significant difference between amperage and voltage. Maintenance of the Model A wiring harness was the first step in caring for an electrical system.

Clem Clement reported that he would initiate a new column in the Script, "Hints from the Back of the Garage" starting in the next issue.

Hotel accommodations were reported on for the upcoming 2002 MARC Meet in Green Bay, WI.

In the GWC 25 Years Ago column (September 1976), it was reported that the GWC would host the 1978 MAFCA National Meet. There were reports on the current-year MAFCA Meet, and how it could be improved, which the GWC would do in 1978. Also, several members had ordered the Restorer Books I and II, at \$4.25 and \$5.25 each. (Can I still place an order?)

GWC Treasurer Phil McCormick, including his 40-year Navy career, was profiled in the Script.

There was a Loudoun Fall Tour, which ended up at the Jebraa Farm of Jim and Edna Cross. Jim had his original saw mill in action, and his car collection was available for members to see.

In membership news, the Script listed the name and address of all new members that month.

Sand Blast Day was coming up on Sept 22nd, and the Annual Pig Pickin on Sept 23rd. Coming Events had a full slate, with car shows in Alexandria, VA, Manassas, VA, Richmond County Fairgrounds, Leesburg, VA, and the Rockville Show, all in September. Nice!

In the Classifieds, there was a 1929 Town Sedan, totally original, for \$12,750, a 1947 Hudson pickup, a Model B motor, ready to install for \$2,800, and garage items from Ed Wiencek.

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

Doug Tomb

GWC MEMBERS MEETING AUGUST 19

15 Members and guests attended in person and 5 online. Yes, you missed the well researched presentation on how to deal with air leaks from a warped and sagging exhaust manifold. Milford Sprecher, President, opened the meeting at 7:40pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Activities report: Valerie updated the members on upcoming events that will be shown in the Script. The October 25 fall picnic will be at Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, VA; the Christmas Party will be on December 12 from 12-4 at the Embassy Suites in Tysons Corner, VA.

Old Business: Michael DiBerardino and James Kolody will be at Sharon Leonard's with Sharon's grandson Zack to inventory and make ready the Club tools for moving to the new shed. Michael is working on permits and preparing the foundation, more to follow on workdays. He also thanked members who helped clear trees on the site for the new shed.

Milford is setting up a nominating committee for the 2027 officers slate and to review the Carl Patrick award nomination.

From the floor: Jeff VanGorder has been helping Kevin Trissell get his car going. More work is needed; it has no spark across the points. Jess Ashby talked about acquiring from John Dougherty the Fordor that was originally restored by Peyton Randolph. Jess had a great conversation about the car's history with Carol Randolph.

After a refreshment break, the program began.

Don While led the program discussion about the leak in his exhaust manifold. After researching The Ford Barn and other forums, he reviewed the pros and cons of the gasket products. Because of the sagging manifold, none of the traditional gaskets or gland rings would seal. Over time the gland rings came loose and went into the muffler.

He found one product, a gasket manufactured by REMFLEX, part number 3040, for the flat head 4 Model A&B 28-34. The gasket is thick and squashable, and the holes are larger, which enable it to seal around the sagging rear exhaust port. Don successfully installed it on his 1931 Model A and drove it to the meeting to show how it worked. Don spoke directly to the manufacture about how it works, they recommended he order it from the parts suppliers.

Don found it at discount on the Walmart website. REMFLEX has other valuable products on their website. There was a good deal of discussion about the issue, and many look forward to seeing how it performs on Don's car over time. It appears to be a much less expensive and good option instead of a new manifold.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Dave Greenwood



George Washington Chapter 2026 Approved Budget - AS OF 8/31/2026

OPERATING BUDGET

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<u>Budgeted Income</u>	<u>Contact</u>	2025 Actual	2026 ACTUAL	2026 AUGUST
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	(vacant)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$ 10,151.50	\$ 8,990.67	\$ -
Total Income		\$16,323.50	\$12,901.63	\$0.00
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 440.20	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Club Programs	White	\$ 855.92	\$ 34.97	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 9,343.06	\$ 1,192.95	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools	DiBerardino	\$ 81.93	\$ 135.47	\$ -
Sully Car Show Expenses	DiBerardino	\$ 4,667.61	\$ 2,646.15	\$ 176.35
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 189.22	\$ 245.27	\$ 245.27
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,021.50	\$ 1,743.70	\$ -
Secretary Supplies + Zoom	Greenwood	\$ 167.90	\$ 167.90	\$ -
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 3,207.50	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 25.00
Total Expenses		\$ 19,974.84	\$ 7,626.41	\$ 446.62
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		-\$ 3,651.34	\$ 5,275.22	-\$ 446.62

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

Total Expenses	\$22,238.76	\$10,626.41	\$ 446.62
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Current Bank Balance, as of 8-31-2026	\$ 8,336.51
Beginning of year Balance (01-01-2026 Actual)	\$ 6,061.29

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SULLY 51 TROPHY WINNERS

Best of Show

Thomas Crabtree, 1957 Belair Convertible

Chosen by our sponsors, Chris Berry and Maxie Garcia of Blackwolf Automotive.

2026 Bill Benedict Memorial Award

James Sollenberger, 1929 Model A Speedster

Chosen by our Annual Meet Chairman, Michael DiBerardino

By Class

1. Model A Ford - 1928 – 1929, Open & Closed
1st Rande Young, 1929 Special Coupe
2. Model A Ford – 1930, Open & Closed
1st John & Deborah Dougherty, 1930 Sport Coupe
2nd Michael DiBerardino, 1930 Briggs Fordor Sedan
3. Model A Ford – 1931, Open & Closed
1st Jim Wolbert, 1931 Coupe
2nd Gilbert Beckner, 1931 Roadster
3rd Michael DiBerardino, 1931 Victoria
4. Model A Ford Commercial – 1928 – 1931
1st Blane Adcock, 1929 Roadster Pickup
7. Original – All Marques through 2001
1st Alex Divov, 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce
2nd Keith Randall, 1980 Datsun 280ZX
3rd John Bailey, 1994 Cadillac El Dorado
8. Pickup Trucks – All Marques through 2001
1st Phil Ray, 1969 Dodge A100
2nd Michael Curles, 1947 Chevy Thriftmaster 5-window 2-Door
3rd Gay Harrington, 1949 Ford F-1
9. Ford, Lincoln & Mercury – 1932 through 2001
1st Anya Rentsch, 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible
2nd David Claveloux, 1971 Ford Torino Halo
3rd J.R. Veeder, 1939 Ford Special Coupe
10. Mustang – through 2001
1st Jack Dye, 1998 Mustang SVT Cobra
2nd John Page, 1966 Mustang
3rd Chris Fennell, 1966 Shelby GT 350
12. Thunderbird – 1958 through 2001
1st Gary Miller, 1966 T Bird Convertible (100 points)
13. Corvette – through 1967
1st Joseph Stoltz, 1961 Corvette (100 points)
2nd Trevor Gardner, 1965 Corvette Coupe
3rd William Faiella, 1963 Corvette Convertible

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SULLY 51 TROPHY WINNERS (Cont.)

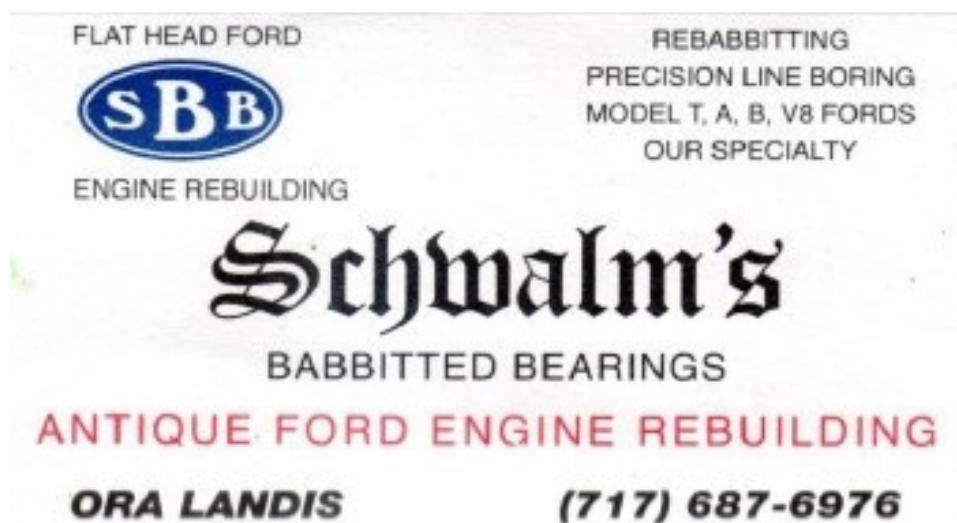
14. Corvette – 1968 – through 2001
 - 1st Robert Burnett, 1995 Corvette
 - 2nd John Zampino, 1991 Corvette
 - 3rd Fred Verdi, 1989 Corvet
15. Cadillac & LaSalle through 2001
 - 1st Eli Hammerman, 1968 Fleetwood Sedan
16. Chevrolet – through 1964
 - 1st Thomas Crabtree, 1957 Chevrolet Belair Convertible
 - 2nd Kenny Smith, 1957 Chevrolet 150 Wagon
 - 3rd Lionell Bruton, 1964 Chevrolet 2-Door
17. Chevrolet – 1965 – 2001
 - 1st Frederick Seoane, 1976 Cosworth Vega
 - 2nd Melissa Edwards, 1969 Camaro Z/28
 - 3rd Fred Verdi, 1989 Corvette
18. Chrysler, Plymouth, & Dodge – through 2001
 - 1st Dwight Green, 1932 Plymouth
 - 2nd Robert & Fay Woolwine, 1969 Charger
 - 3rd Michael McCoy, 1973 Chrysler Imperial LeBaron
19. Oldsmobile & Pontiac – through 1970
 - 1st Harry Dinch, 1969 Pontiac Lemans 2-Door Convertible
 - 2nd Todd Stevens, 1970 Pontiac GTO
 - 3rd Harry Dinch, 1966 Pontiac Lemans 2-Door Convertible
20. Oldsmobile & Pontiac – 1971 – 2001
 - 1st Matt Smith, 2001 Firebird Formula
 - 2nd John Colman, 1990 Fire Bird
21. Packard & Studebaker – through 2001
 - 1st Jeff Bradel, 1963 Studebaker Convertible
 - 2nd Hal Hermann, 1957 Packard Sedan
22. Other Marques – through 2001
 - 1st Tom Parker, 1990 Buick Convertible
 - 2nd Phillip Taub, 1976 International Harvester SUV
 - 3rd Richard Banko, 1978 International Scout ii SUV
23. British (less MG) – through 2001
 - 1st Theodore McFarland, 1956 Jaguar XK-140 Drophead Coupe
 - 2nd Taylor Edwards, 1956 Austin Healey 100M
 - 3rd Brieuc Bloxam, 1957 Austin Healy Convertible
24. MG & Triumph – through 2001
 - 1st Doug Dallhoff, 1968 Triumph Roadster Convertible
 - 2nd Matthew Harmon, 1974 Triumph TR6 Convertible
 - 3rd Victoria Junkins, 1971 Triumph TR6 Convertible
25. Mercedes Benz – through 2001
 - 1st Raymond Schlicht, 1967 Mercedes Benz 250 SL
 - 2nd Stephen Penhoet, 1953 Mercedes Benz 300 S Coupe
 - 3rd Geroqe Lollar, 1970 Mercedes Benz SL

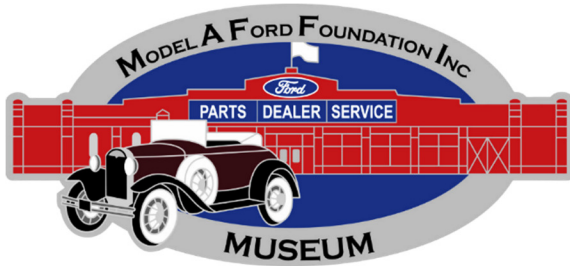
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26. Porsche – through 2001
1st Keith Segerson, 1989 Porsche Cabriolet
2nd Greg Hapgood, 1968 Porsche Convertible
3rd Pete Russell, 1962 Porsche 356 B Notchback
27. Volkswagen – through 2001
1st Cheryl Ayres, 1968 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia
2nd Jeff Sloat, 1971 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia
3rd William F. Golner, 1973 Volkswagen Squareback Type 3
28. Other Imports – through 2001
1st Robert Zager, 1989 Ferrari, 2- Door Coupe
2nd Bob Picardi, Datsun 1969 2000 Roadster
3rd Scott Johnson, 1971 Alfa Romeo Convertible
29. Commercial – through 2001
1st Harry Scott, 1960 Mack B-61
30. Special Displays
1st George Grant, 2002 Ford Lightning Pickup
2nd Dale Adams, 1966 Rambler Wagon
3rd Robert C. McCartney, 1966 Ford F 100 Pickup pulling a hand built wooden speed boat made from circa 1951 Popular Mechanics plans
31. Model A Hotrods
1st Kenneth Rogers, 1931 Ford Pickup
2nd Gary Burkholder, 1928 Ford Tudor
3rd Johnny Patel, 1931 Ford Convertible Pickup

Jaime Gray Nelson
Sully 51 Chief Judge





MAFFI Minute
September 2026

MODEL A DAYS ARE ALMOST HERE!

Join us **September 18–19** at the Model A Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus for two days celebrating Model As, good friends, and everything we love about the hobby.

There will be plenty to see and do throughout the weekend:

- **Celebrate the Model A Speedster** and enjoy technical seminars, fashion, the Hall of Fame and more throughout the weekend.
- **80 vendors** have already signed up for the two-day Model A swap meet — so come ready to hunt for that elusive part, piece, or treasure!
- **Bring your camera!** Special photo opportunities will include tribute cars inspired by characters from children's movies, along with a Phaeton inside the museum.

And don't forget to enter the **2026 MAFFI Sweepstakes!** This year's grand prize is a beautifully restored **1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan**. The winner can take home a stunning Ford Maroon Model A — or choose **\$15,000 cash instead**. Scan the QR code to enter!



Next stop, Hickory Corners!

Heather Marshall Resnick
MAFFI Trustee

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WHY ARE TRAFFIC LIGHTS RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN?

For drivers in many parts of the globe, the red, yellow, and green sequence of traffic lights has become an instinctual part of how we move through the world. But why these three colors? How did they come to govern the movement of billions of people across the planet every day? As it turns out, there are a few factors in play, including the history of transport, color psychology, and basic physics.



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Red Lights and Railroads

The colors used in traffic lights today were not invented for roads. They were largely inherited from the railway industry, which began developing light-based signaling systems in the 1830s (based on even older semaphore flagging). But in the early days of railroads, the colors were slightly different: While red was used to signal “stop,” white meant “go,” and green was the color used to indicate caution.

The use of red in the original system was never really in doubt. In the human psyche, red has an innate connection with warning and danger — a psychological and possibly biological response that might be due to the color’s association with blood and fire.

That alone makes red a natural choice for warning signs. But there’s also some physics in play. Red has the longest wavelength of any color in the visible light spectrum, making it visible over

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WHY ARE TRAFFIC LIGHTS RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN? (Cont.)

greater distances than many other colors. Red light also dissipates less in the atmosphere when compared to shorter-wavelength light.

So, when a signal must be seen from as far away as possible — and remain visible in fog, rain, or at night — red is the perfect choice. The people in charge of developing railway signals were well aware of both the psychology and physics of the hue, and as it worked just fine for trains, it was later used as the color for “stop” in the world’s first mechanical, electric traffic lights, which appeared in Paris in 1923.



Why Are Traffic Lights Red, Yellow, and Green?



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WHY ARE TRAFFIC LIGHTS RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN? (Cont.)

From White Light to Green

While red was a no-brainer for “stop” for both train and traffic lights, the choice of yellow and green wasn’t so inevitable. The railway system originally used white as the color for “go” — but it soon became apparent that this was problematic and potentially dangerous, simply because of the sheer prevalence of white lights in our surroundings. A train driver could easily mistake a star, streetlamp, oil lantern, or the light from a building for a “go” sign. So the railroads decided to adopt a new color — something more distinctive and not easily confused with the light pollution of the modern world.

The solution was to replace white with the color initially used to indicate caution: green. Green light has a shorter wavelength than red but remains highly visible over long distances — and, due to the nature of the photoreceptors in the human eye, green is actually a more widely visible part of the light spectrum at any distance.

The human eye contains photoreceptor cells called cones, which come in three types sensitive to roughly red, blue, and green wavelengths. The green-sensitive cones are the most numerous and most sensitive, so our eyes process green light more efficiently than any other color. This, combined with the psychological association that green has with calm and safety, made it a good option for “go.” It also offered an obvious contrast with the red lights already used for train traffic.



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The Addition of Yellow

With green selected for “go,” the railroads chose yellow (or amber) to represent caution. Yellow was distinct enough from red and green to make it a viable option — it sits between those two colors in the visible spectrum. As well as being bright and easy to spot, yellow occupies a

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WHY ARE TRAFFIC LIGHTS RED, YELLOW, AND GREEN? (Cont.)

middle ground psychologically, having neither red's alarm nor green's calm.

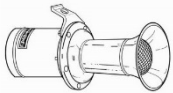
When William Potts — the Detroit police officer credited with designing the first three-way colored traffic lights in the 1920s — adapted the system for the road, he continued the use of yellow as the intermediate cautionary light. The system — colors included — spread rapidly, and in 1935 the Federal Highway Administration officially standardized red, yellow, and green as the required colors for all traffic lights in the United States.

Author Tony Dunnell

GWC - AARONDALE SENIOR LIVING ICE CREAM TOUR

In the August Script, it was announced an "ice cream tour" for residents of Aarondale Senior Living in Springfield, Virginia, on September 22 with a rain date of September 29, about 1:00 - 3:00 pm. If you can volunteer your car, please contact Paul Bjarnason at "paul.bjarnason@gmail.com" or [703.627.1324](tel:703.627.1324). When we have an idea of the number of volunteer cars, Paul will let Aarondale know to get sign-ups from the residents.

Jeff VanGorder



GWC FALL PICNIC!

It's almost time to get our Model As put to bed for the winter. Come join us at the Model A Fall Picnic. This year it will be on Sunday, 25 October 2026 at Algonkian Regional Park's Shelter 3 from 11am-3pm. We'll be among the trees along the Potomac River and enjoying the sights and sounds of the river, a yummy meal, and conversation with our friends.

Don't forget to drive your Model A! Don't forget to bring lawn chairs!

For this Pot Luck.... The Club will provide BBQ brisket, pulled pork and chicken, buns, condiments, water, sodas, and ice. We are asking everyone to pay \$10/person and bring something to share. Since we don't want to have *all* cakes, we are dividing it up this way:

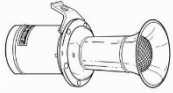
- If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad or side dish.
- If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a hors d'oeuvres or dessert.

Please RSVP to Val at valerie.faircloth@gmail.com or text her at 703-609-6713 and let her know

1. Number of people coming
2. And, that you have dropped the check in the mail.

You can send the check to:
Valerie Faircloth – GWC
803 Potomac Ridge Court
Sterling, VA 20164
See you at the picnic!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



September 2026

- September 7 – 26th 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 opportunity to benefit the Alzheimer's Association and celebrate National Assisted Living Week – Spring Arbor Senior Living – Winchester, VA – 3pm-6pm
- September 9 – CDC Breakfast (2nd Wednesday) – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am
- September 16 – Monthly Membership Meeting (3rd Wednesday) – SWAP MEET – American Legion Hall, McLean – 6:30pm
- September 18-19 – Model A Days – The Gilmore Car Museum – 6865 W. Hickory Road, Hickory corners, MI 49060
- September 19 – Orphan Car Show – Lyceum – 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria City, VA – 10am-1pm
- September 19 – 50th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet – Historic Manassas Rail Station – 8am to 3pm
- September 19 – Armed Forces Retirement Home Car Show – 140 Rock Creek Church Road, DC – 8am-1pm
- September 23 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – 7:00pm

October 2026

- October 3 – Crums Church Car Show – Crums Church 2832 Crums Church Road, Berryville, VA – 10am-3pm
- October 3 – 38th Annual Leesburg Car Show (Academies of Loudoun) – Town of Leesburg – To Register: <https://www.lcps.org/o/acl/page/car-show> NOTE: If you want to park together, you must register at the same time and be in pre-show lineup together.
- October 6-9 – AACA Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – 7am-7pm
- October 14 – (2nd Wednesday) – CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

- October 17 – Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show – Rockville Civic Center Park 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD – 11am-3:30pm – Field opens at 8:00am to get positioned on the field
- October 21 – (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – American Legion Hall, McLean – 7:30pm
- October 25 – Fall Picnic – Algonkian Regional Park – Sterling, VA – 11am
- October 28 – (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – 7pm

Save the Date!

December 12 (Saturday) – Annual GWC Christmas Party at Embassy Suites in Tyson's, VA



A portion of show entry proceeds will be donated to Fisher House



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

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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Three ways to register for your convenience:



Pre-Register online by
September 17th - \$20.00
(click QR code)

Pre-Register via mail \$20.00
(must be received by September 17th)
fill out form below

The first 150 pre-registrations will receive
a limited-edition town hall print.

Register Day of Show \$25.00

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 rth24@yahoo.com

NOTE: ALL show vehicles MUST enter on Prince William Street, from Grant Ave, and proceed to check-in per Manassas City Police for safety and entry control. No exceptions.

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')

Pre-registration fees are non-refundable unless the show is cancelled by Bull Run Region

Mail registration form with payment to: Steve Deitz 8183 Hillcrest Dr. Manassas, VA 20111

Make Checks Payable to "Bull Run Region AACA"

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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GWC - ROCKVILLE SHOW REGISTRATION

As of August 17th, the Rockville show had 150 spots left, so register soon if you want to attend. Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, or when registration reaches capacity.

Pre-1931 cars can register for free.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show-registration-1990875994693?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

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10 AM: TAKE A RIDE IN A CLASSIC VEHICLE
11 AM: CLASSIC ANTIQUE AUTO PARADE
12 PM: GRAB OFF THE GRILL: SODA POP, CHIPS, HOT FOOD
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8 AM to 12:30 PM

1. OWNER INFORMATION
NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

2. VEHICLE INFORMATION
VEHICLE MAKE: _____
MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____
CLUB AFFILIATION (Optional): _____

3. VEHICLE TYPE
☐ Antique Auto ☐ Military Vehicle
☐ Classic Car ☐ Motorcycle
☐ Truck ☐ Other: _____

4. EVENT PARTICIPATION
Are you willing to give a short ride at 10 AM? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will you participate in the 11 AM Parade? ☐ Yes ☐ No

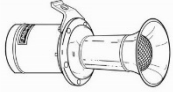
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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2026!



Heads Up!! Due to a scheduling conflict, our GWC Christmas Party has moved to a new date and venue...

The party will be at the Embassy Suites Tysons from 12pm-4pm on Saturday, 12 December 2026!

Embassy Suites is offering a block of discounted rooms/breakfast included.

Metro is available via the Springhill/Silver Line Station, which is about a 10 min walk to Embassy Suites.

What hasn't changed: \$20/person. Music is again provided by Dave Nichols. The gift raffle. Toys for Tots donations collection. Cash Bar. Buffet lunch (beef tenderloin, chicken, potatoes/rice, veggie, rolls, salad, dessert). Cash Bar.
More info to come.

Valerie Faircloth

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

Model A Chassis My name is Jason Cody Potter, 16. I recently acquired a 1930 Town Sedan from Club member Cameron Davies. He sold me the car knowing it was going to a good home and would be taken care of. So far, I've fixed its backfiring and distributor issues with the help of Mr. James Kolody, Mr. Dave Greenwood, Mr. Mike DiBerardino, and Mr. John Dougherty. I'm now tackling the issue of safety and roadworthiness. The next step is to look for a completed and good-condition rolling chassis. Since I'm a kid, money is an issue, so it would be great to find a rolling chassis donated or sold to me for a good deal. Thanks for the help.

1930 Virginia license plate. Dave Carroll daveseggfarm@gmail.com. 757-438-3967

1930 Model A Radiator Bill and Nadia Harte 571 302 6105

SUNSHINE SNAPSHOT

Andy Jaeger had been in the hospital recently, and is just finishing a 6-week stint in rehab. He's going home, but needs a wheelchair to get around. Clem is sharp of mind, but also faces mobility issues. Kathie took Sharon Leonard to Bobbie Warhurst's house for a visit and to celebrate Billie's 80th birthday.

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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.

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