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Classified ads are free to members and may be renewed upon request but are subject to space limitations.

Local dues are \$25 per year. Membership in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) is required and membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is encouraged. Contact the Membership Chair at the number shown above for GBMAFC, MARC, and MAFCA membership application forms.

The Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club remains committed to all of its members. If any Club member needs assistance, whether it's a maintenance problem or even in the event that a surviving family member needs advice on the liquidation of their Model A, please feel free to contact any of the Club officers. We will try to provide you, get you, or at the very least let you know where to get the help you need. Remember, we are here when you need us most.

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NEXT Membership Meeting:
Tuesday, July 15th at 7:30 PM
Lincoln School of Technology
Columbia, MD 21046

Newsletter Update

Keep all those articles, updates and Tech Tips flowing into the newsletters. Your efforts are appreciated.

Submit items for the next newsletter by

July 26th

Send to dave.b.mcleish@gmail.com

August’s issue will be publish about Aug. 1st



THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings fellow Friends of the Model A,

What can I say about the month-long heat wave that we are experiencing? It is difficult to drive our cars when it is over 90 degrees with high humidity. Many of us don't have air-conditioned garages, making it uncomfortable to even work on our cars. My garage is about 10 degrees hotter than outside most of the time, even with the doors open, making working in it a matter of working for 10 minutes and then taking 20 minutes to cool off inside. This has slowed (but not stopped) the work on my "new" fire engine. It, like me, wasn't firing on all cylinders and needed a head job. I am now in the final stretches of that project and hope to have it running soon (but not for 4th of July parades, unfortunately). Thanks to our Club members, especially Norm Molter and Dave Sturges, for their technical advice and help. I will pay them back by helping our member who needs to change his clutch. Who else can help? Please call and let me know.

The heat hasn't slowed down the number of events for our cars. Participating is fun, so let the sweat come and let's have a good time together. This newsletter has our full schedule of events, so I hope to see you at some of them. Descriptions of past events can be found in our newsletters so that you can see what you are missing by not participating. Are you uncomfortable driving your car for long distances? We can help by inspecting your car

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GBMAFC Vice President Corner

By Miguel Escobar

Our next club meeting will be held at Lincoln Tech on July 15th at 7:30 PM. Presenters Dave Sturges and Bill Crawford will discuss the club's large and small tools, available to all members. Additionally, mark your calendars for our Club Picnic at Piney Run Park on August 23rd.

Despite the inclement weather in Gettysburg, those who attended had a fantastic time. We explored historic battlefields and museums, but most importantly, we enjoyed the camaraderie and the impressive array of Model A vehicles on display.

Our club made a significant impact at the meet. Scotty served as the event VP, while Norm took on the role of event Treasurer. Dave delivered an engaging presentation on his ongoing research into Model A production numbers, and Norm provided an interesting and thorough talk on rebuilding the Zenith carburetor. In the judging hall, we had a dedicated team including Hunter, Norm, Joe, John, and Steve, along with his grandson Jack, who is an up-and-coming judge! At the repair tent, Kevin, Mike, and Norm assisted many members in getting back on the road after unexpected issues arose. Thank you all for your contributions and for making this event a memorable one!

Overall, our club made quite an impression at this meet, and as Hunter aptly put it, "GBMAFC rocks!!!"



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Sunday, July 27 9 AM to 2 PM	Reisterstown Regional Park Show See flyer in newsletter Contact Steve Meyer if attending

August 2025

Sat, Aug 3rd 11:00 AM - ?	"Terra Rubra", Birthplace of Francis Scott Day Drive Contact: Steve Meyer 443-285-3890
	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING in August Attend the picnic !!
Sat., Aug 23rd 11:00—5:00 pm	GBMAFC Club Picnic, Piney Run Park, 30 Martz Road, Sykesville Md. Volun- teers needed, Contact Steve Meyer 443-285-3890 or Bill Long 410-497-2003

FUTURE Activities

Friday, Sep 26th 11:00 am—3:00 PM Mercy Ridge Car Show, 2525
Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD Contact: Steve Meyer 443-285-3890
Rain date Friday Oct 3rd

FUTURE Activities (cont.)

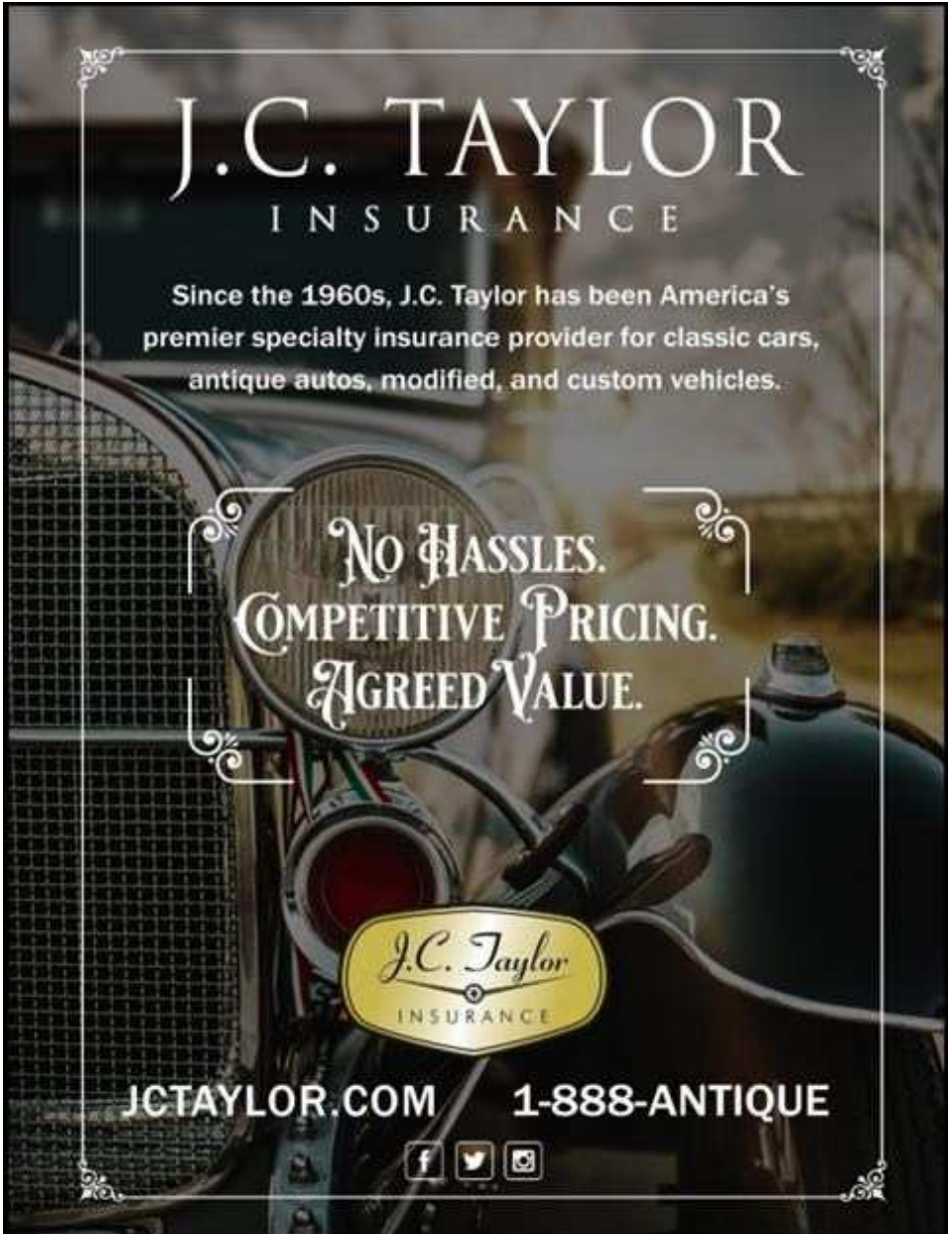
Saturday, October 18th 9:00-11:00 The 9th Annual Cars, Trucks, and things that GO, Gilman School, 5407 Roland Ave, Baltimore , Md.
Contact: Andrew Reymer 202-413—3478 for more details

Saturday, October 18, 2025 Rockville Car Show, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, [603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851](#) Registration for the 2025 show will open on Monday, July 7, 2025. Free for Model A's.

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The Royal GTOs and Pontiacs Car Show

The show was held from 8:30-2:00 on Saturday, June 14 at Lincoln Tech in Columbia. Two Model As were in attendance, a Town Sedan driven by Harvey Hack and a roadster owned by Bill Finagin, who trailered it. There were more than 100 cars at the show, ranging from a 1937 Ford Custom to relatively modern Pontiacs. The weather was threatening rain but it stayed dry, with the heavy cloud cover keeping temperatures below 80. Crowds were enthusiastic and two food trucks were serving everything from hot dogs and Pizza to ethnic foods. There was a 50/50 drawing and two types of door prizes. Harvey won a set of razors and his car won a set of shop towels. His car also got a top 50 award. Bill won the Judges Choice Award, which Harvey picked up for him. A number of other awards were also presented. Those who didn't attend missed out on a good time.



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Saint Louis School Youth Activity

By Steve Meyer

On the morning of May 23rd, a group of us visited Saint Louis School to give a presentation to the kindergarten of our Model A's and one '56 Ford! Our group included myself, Sue Meyer, Dave and Laurie McLeish, Don Keller, Gemma Kuijpers, Harry Pressman, Dave Sturges, Miguel Escobar and Harvey Hack in Model A's, and Jon Miller in his '56 Ford Fairlane.

The children participated in a scavenger hunt to find car parts such as the horn, the wheels, and the horn button. They asked lots of questions and were generally enthralled by the uniqueness of the old cars! Naturally the horn and the horn button were their favorite parts! AHHH OOGA!!

After a very busy morning with about sixty children we had a very relaxing lunch across the street at Chick Fil A! Please consider joining us next year, the more the merrier!





OAK HILL GATHERING - May 18th

Gorgeous day! Mom Nature did herself proud ... balmy temps, no wind, puffy white clouds **Thank you MOM !!**

Add 38 antique and vintage buggies – including Jim & Edna's City of Savannah Model 'T' Fire Brigade command wagon and Malcolm Collum's 1930s Daimler limo – plus a whole slew of Model 'A' Fords, and you've got the beginnings of a show.

Then plug in the *Knuckle Dusters'* Bluegrass Band, Hammerdown Bar-B-Q, a gazillion side dishes, tents, balloons, corn-hole games, raffle, plus lots of volunteers, and the whole mix turns into a party!!

So, now you take your party and overlay it on the beautiful James Monroe Presidential Estate & formal gardens in Virginia Horse Country and voilà! - an event! We had an EVENT eat your hearts out, those who missed it.

The Baltimore Club (GBMAFC) got a jump on the rest of us. Led by Steve & Sue Meyer, they arrived in NOVA a couple of days early, stopping at the Dodona Manor and International Center (General George C. Marshall's estate in Leesburg), followed by a tour of Oatlands Plantation and gardens (est. 1804) enroute to Jim and Edna Cross' farm and terrific auto collection. Whew! If that wasn't enough of a full day, they led off the following morning for a prearranged VIP tour of the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum followed by the Manassas Battlefield Park after lunch on Saturday. With time to spare before dinner, several of the Baltimore contingent took advantage of maps drawn up by John Leydon of his horsey neighborhood and Middleburg, VA perfect Model 'A' back country touring roads and territory!!

Joining the out-of-towners were six members and their buggies from the Running Board 'A's of Bucks County, PA and several members of the Skyline Club from the Shenandoah. Wonderful to have them!!

Sunday (5/18) dawned as above with great sighs of relief after a rainy week. Valerie Faircloth made an early morning run for a ton of ice, and all the volunteers took their places to set-up, park and serve 140 attendees.



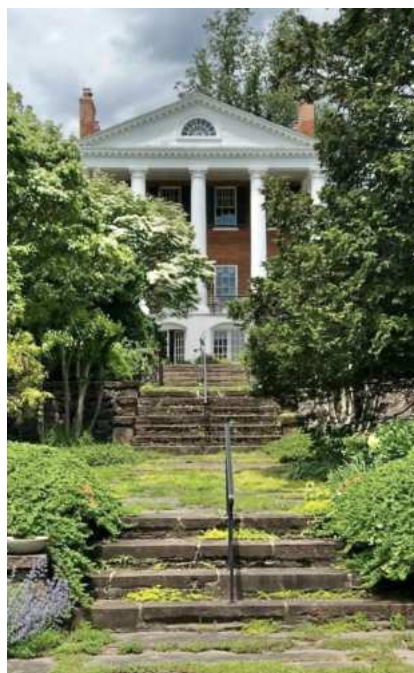
John Leydon welcomed everyone, introduced the band, thanked the DeLashmutt family (owners of Oak Hill) and then turned the mic over to Steve Meyer for a report from his recent trip to the Gilmore Complex and MAFFI's Model 'A' Museum. Next up was Jim Gray of the George Washington Chapter (GWC) for a reminder and plug that Sully Plantation on Fathers Day is right around the corner. And of course, a raffle of lunch and dinner gift cards at local and regional restaurants with drawings by Shiloh Gotch (7 years old now and voted the cutest woman in the place).

Then it was on to music, feasting, garden walks and a lot of ooh-ing and aahing over dozens of the most beautiful of Henry's Ladies. Almost every model was represented - from roadsters and cabriolets to woody wagons and pickups. A delight for shutter-bugs!



Thank you everyone who made it happen and all those who came. Worked out fine Have a safe and fun summer !!!!

John Leydon





Sunshine News

Jeff Whitsett, Sunshine Coordinator

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It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of Roberta “Bobbie” Cockey, the beloved wife of our fellow club member, Ned Cockey. The memorial service to celebrate her life was held on June 21st. Please keep Ned and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me if you hear of someone who needs one of our special Club cards!

The SWAP MEET

Send items for sale to dave.b.mcleish@gmail.com

Club Members can list items that they would like to sell, give away or are searching for. Listings run for one month unless you extend them by email or phone call.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



Membership News

By Cindy Titus—Membership Chair

Happy Spring! This month we are holding steady with our membership and vehicle count. Another reminder that if you still need to sign up for your membership to MARC (Model A Restorers Club) please do so. This protects and maintains our insurance coverage and your full color magazine. You can renew your MARC membership at :

<http://model-a-ford.org/top-page-1join/membership-application>

Once you get your MARC number (**Located on the plastic cover of the magazine**), please email me your number so I can add it to your records.

As a member of the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club there are many different activities you can participate in along with your family. They are fun and it helps to get to know the current members and build life-long friendships.

Many members will be attending the National MARC meet at Gettysburg. If you haven't been to a Marc National Meet, I highly encourage you to attend if you're able. It a wonderful opportunity to see many incredible cars, shop for parts you need and attend many of the workshops available.

I passed out name badges for new members at the June 7, 2025 meeting. If you were unable to attend, I'll see you at the July meeting or I can mail you your badge if needed. I also still have several name badges for current members. See me at any upcoming meeting. If you haven't requested a name badge, please email me. If you have any questions or needs pertaining to your membership or have any changes to your contact information, please call or email me with the updated information. Please feel free to contact me at any time. (gbmafc2020@gmail.com.) And let me know if I can assist you in any way.

Thank you for your continued support as your membership chair.

Cindy Titus, GBMAFC Membership Chair

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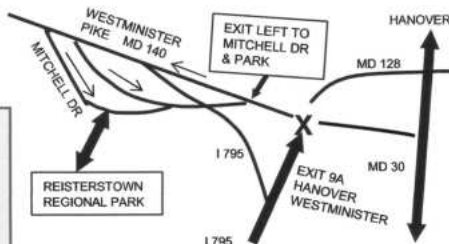
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National News

by Jeffrey Whitsett



MARC

July 12, 2025. 14th Annual Vintage Car Show. Standish MI Historical Depot and Welcome Center.

July 24-27, 2025. 63rd Annual Wisconsin Model A Reunion, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

July 25-27, 2025. The Annual Historical Engine Society Show. Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Kirkland, OH.

August 8-10, 2025. Eliot Ness Tour. Coudersport, PA.

August 15-16, 2025. Model A Ford Swap Meet. Thomson, GA.

August 15-16, 2025. 16th Annual Iowa Model A Days. Amana, IA.

August 23, 2025. 23rd Annual New England Speed Meeting.

“Gathering of the Faithful”. 1963 and older, **This Meeting Is for All Types of Vintage Speed 4’s, 6’s, 8’s, Flatheads, Nailheads, Hemi’s, Dragsters, Gassers, Stock Cars, Sprint Cars, Midgets & Vintage Motorcycles.** Middleborough, MA.

September 6-7, 2025. Old Car Festival. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI. This year will showcase pre-1900 vehicles, both original and replicas. Registration opened June 2nd.

September 13, 2025. International Model A Ford Day.

September 19-20, 2025. Model A Days at the Gilmore Car Museum. Hickory Corners, MI.

November 2, 2025. Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford Swap Meet. Miami County Fairgrounds, Troy OH.

January 10, 2026. 41st Annual Winter Swap meet. Specializing in Model A Ford Parts. Shepherdsville, KY.

The Model A Restorers Club has a noteworthy youth coordinator. Her name is Emily Ellway, she can be contacted at YouthCoordinator@Model-A-Ford.org. Ask about Jr. MARC for youth.

MAFCA—President Tolman reports the following...

The Model A Ford Club's National Tour this year will be to the Civil War battlefields of Virginia and neighboring states. Over 700 miles in 8 days starting and ending in Waynesboro, Virginia on June 15th with stops as far north as the Amish Country of Pennsylvania. This is a 'bucket list' trip that I just couldn't pass as I'm not getting any younger. Doug Diller, of the Orange Blossom A's of Riverside and I planned on making this epic journey very early on.

At first the plan was to ship our Model A's to H&H Restoration in Virginia (Thanks Chris Howell) and then after the Tour, drive them back home some 2,800 miles. Both Doug and I purchased Burtz blocks to run in our cars but as luck would have it, Doug had issues in building his and had to back out. He will, however, still join me on the return trip and help drive our Model A.

Another change in plans happened when my 16-year-old grandson, Max Tolman, consented to driving the eastbound leg with me instead of shipping my car. But because he has family vacation plans, he'll be flying home the day before the Tour starts from Charlottesville, where fellow Pomona Valley member Gary Larson in his 1931 Huckster will join us.

Our outbound journey will start from Upland, California on Friday June 6th, the day after school gets out. We plan on driving 300-400 miles per day with our first stop in St George, Utah then Grand Junction, Colorado and Colorado Springs where we will visit my cousin, Mitch Tolman and his family. Next, we'll travel to Dodge City, Kansas and then Eureka, Kansas where we will visit fellow Pomona Valley chapter members, Dick and Jean Ware. Our next stop will be Saint Louis, Missouri, then Salt Lick, Kentucky and finally Waynesboro, Virginia with a brief stop to visit fellow Model A'ers Terry and Melanie Whittington in West Virginia. Ideally, we will use their lift to service our Model A before continuing the National Tour. Lube and

oil change at the very least.

We will be driving our 1928 Tudor, Fudge, who is no stranger to long distance travel. The previous owners, Dave and Karen Cornelius, have driven Fudge to many National events including places like Kansas City, Puyallup, Washington and Reno, Nevada. And yes, as you would imagine, Fudge is Light Brown with a dark brown belt. The color of chocolate!

Fudge has had the following ‘upgrades’ during her restoration in 1999: a Mitchell Overdrive, 1939 synchro transmission and a hydraulic brake conversion by Dave Cornelius. (Thanks to Al Zanino for his expertise on 39’ transmissions) And in preparation for this cross-country adventure I have built and installed a Burtz motor and an F-100 steering box from Randy Gross. Both upgrades will no doubt prove to be a blessing as we travel a total of 7,000+ miles across 11+ states and across the Continental Divide, twice.

As you might imagine, my wife Monika turned down the invitation to make this historic trip (surprised?) so I’m glad to be joined by my grandson Max and then, on the return leg, by Doug Diller. I hope to make daily posts of our experiences on Facebook and Instagram or at the very least, a report on the BBQ cuisine we find! And now, as my friend Paul Shinn would say: “Drive your Model A like you know how to fix it!”

Ed Tolman,
2025 MAFCA National President

MAFFI Minute (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, “THANK YOU” to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn’t have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A’s Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It’s looking good, and we can’t wait for the ribbon

cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, schoolhouse vignette ---complete with bus in the background). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome his museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

The Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Souvenir Gift is Thursday evening, Sept. 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Model A Days are September 19 & 20, 2025 so get your room reserved to stay for the weekend. It promises to be an exciting event, especially this year!

And don't forget to enter the Sweepstakes for a chance to win the 1928 Ford Model A 4-door Phaeton! (Maffi.org and then click on Expansion).

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

Other Collector News

Old Car Festival September 6-7, 2025. Dearborn, MI. Registration opened June 2, 2025.

Our **Calendar** of up-to-date events for 2025 is listed on our website under the calendar tab. www.gbmodelafordclub.org

MARC Meet in Gettysburg

Received from John Leydon:

Attached are some random snaps of the MARC Meet in Gettysburg last week dodging raindrops all the way !!

All the tanks and military hardware are from the *WW II "American Experience" Museum* at the end of the "countryside tour" actually fascinating and nostalgic to the vets in the gathering.

The GBMAFC 'group photo' was of the gang heading out for ice cream one night. Missing were a whole bunch of GBMAFC attendees who took a pass on the ice cream run: Steve & Sue Meyer & grand-kids, Miguel & Jody Escobar, Milford Sprecher, Kyle Barrow, Bill & Charlie Bass, and others.

Lot of GBMAFC prizes and awards at the banquet, including Joe & Beth Candella (Excellence - check with Joe), John Leydon (a 1st in Touring), Milford Sprecher (Award of Excellence in Fashion - see great pic attached) and others check with Joe for a complete list.

Mom Nature wasn't all that cooperative (and at times, downright hostile) but I thought Tom Hovetter and his wife did a wonderful job. Kudos and thanks to all involved.

Received from Kevin Mueller:

Here are some photos of the Gettysburg meet. Feel free to use any if you wish. The two kids are Steve Meyer's grandsons- Jack and Luke. The 1928 roadster belongs to Mike Silbert one of our members. Mike is also pictured with some guys who were working on my ('30 Tudor) points in the repair tent. Kyle is pictured cranking his '31 AA. Lastly, many of the Baltimore club people are pictured in the hotel lobby.









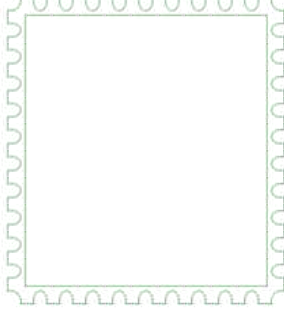


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Club Tools

This is a reminder that various tools and how-to videos are available for the personal use of Club members. The list of tools and videos is available at the monthly meetings, in the Club roster, and on the Club website. The Club hereby represents that to the best of its knowledge, the tools are not defective; however, it is the borrower's duty to inspect the tools before use. The Club is not liable for defects or misuse.



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