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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Apologies for last month's column. I inadvertently sent the column for the Model T club newsletter by mistake.

Summer has arrived with a bang and it's been pretty hot. As most know, Sully had a partial rain out, but we still had both cars and attendees. It appeared that everyone had a good time. The rain had stopped by show time, so some stalwarts were there.

Thanks to everyone who helped out and a special thanks to Jim Gray and Michael DiBerardino for their work to make the meet a success.

We had one attendee from North Carolina who was driving up for the MARC meet, so that was a nice addition to our Model A's. He even won a trophy. I hope it got to him.

I attended the MARC meet in Gettysburg. I had planned to drive my roadster, but the weather was pretty bad on Monday, so I thought better of it.

The meet was a lot of fun. I entered fashion judging and won a prize. John Leydon, Bill Bass, and Steve Van Pelt all had their cars entered in judging. I also served as an apprentice judge on sheet metal and really enjoyed the experience. I also helped out at the repair "tent". Dave Greenwood volunteered there, too. The repair tent is a lot of fun and a nice place to observe what is going on and help out. Fred Chapman of Gettysburg and Larry Shepard of St. Louis split the repair tent leadership. Fred had a great truck that he brought his tools in. Foolishly, I didn't get a photo of it. Hopefully someone else did.

I am working on a one day tour to a site in Carroll County, MD to see an antique truck and tractor collection at a historic house. It's up near Thurmont, MD and should be a nice tour once we are out of the metro area. It's a little farther for the Virginia folks, although heading up 15 from Leesburg is an option. Rick Reale told me about the place as the tractor club he belongs to took a tour there and he thought it would be a good destination for us. Stay tuned.

We often get requests to help people with their cars, most of which are handled by John Dougherty and crew. I got one from someone who lived in Oakton whose car quit on the way to the gas station and wouldn't start. I met up with Dave Greenwood and Dave Jenkins to see what we could do. The car looked pretty good and it cranked over well. He had it taken to Brent Terry's in Tennessee after his car was at the Model A Garage awaiting work when John Phillips died. Brent put a new head on it as the old one had cracked and replaced the carburetor.

A quick test with the volt meter isolated the problem at the fuse on top of the starter. A little fiddling and we got a good connection and the car started right up. Ten minutes at the most to get it running. By the time Don White got there, we had it running and were ready to leave. The owner is moving to Florida, so we won't get a new member out of it, but we got some good will and we suggested that he join a club when he gets to Florida.

Milford Sprecher

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

My motor started getting noisy and I fear that it is my rods. To be honest, with all the shims out, the babbitt rod bearings had a pretty big clearance per the plastigage 15 years ago. I really should have checked them when I had the engine out in 2020, but I didn't. The easy way would be to haul it up to Schwalm's for a full rebuild, but I am too "thrifty" for that. I am hoping that when I check them, the insert mains and the cam are OK. My pistons are .100" oversized, so if they have too much clearance, re-sleeving or (gasp!) a Burtz block would be in the picture. My title is based on the motor number, so that detail would have to be addressed if I have to replace the block. I have the hood and radiator off and the motor stripped down to just the head remaining to take off.

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR (Cont.)

Unbolt it front and rear and I can pull it out. I got a new engine stand with four wheels that will be much more stable than my old 3 wheel one. See photos later in this issue.

Bruce Metcalf

FROM THE SMOKE-FREE ROOM (Virtually)

Board Meeting
June 25, 2025

Milford Sprecher President called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Jeff VanGorder, Valerie Faircloth, Bruce Metcalf, and Dave Greenwood.

This was a very short meeting because of the Sully show activity and the MARC national meet.

Activities: Post Sully Picnic: Val said we have 21 signed up and she is watching the weather before she orders the food, Jeff is leading the picnic filling in for Val because of her health limitations. Everything is a go for now.

Milford is discussing with the Baltimore club a joint tour to Terra Ruba Farm in Carrol County near Keymar, MD, the Birthplace of Francis Scott Key. The tentative date is July 12, 2025, more to follow.

Programs: Our July 16, 2025, meeting will be an indoor and outdoor Flea market at our regular monthly meeting site, the Mclean American Legion Hall. Milford is going to contact Norm Molter about doing a Carburetor seminar for a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER 25 YEARS AGO

(Editor's note: Doug Tomb is assuming the 25 years Ago duties for your newsletter. Bill Sims and I want to thank Dave Henderson for all his years of preparing the summaries of 25 Years Ago.)

The cover of the July 2000 The Ford Script reads: "MARC National Meet – The Repair Tent". The GWC, then known as The Mount Vernon Region of the Model A Restorers Club, signed up as the Repair Tent for the MARC National Meet in Williamsburg, VA.

The Repair Tent was under the leadership of Clem Clement, Repair Tent Chairman. It was reported that many sick cars, were indeed cured by the capable members of the GWC crew on hand at the tent.

In his President's Message, President Chuck Manns reported on the successful recent events, the MARC 2000 National Meet, the Sully Car Show, and the Jaeger Picnic. Travel to the MARC Meet went without problems, the weather cleared for a successful Sully, a concern after the washout at Sully the year before, and the Jaeger Picnic had spectacular weather too.

The June Board Meeting was held at the home of Board member Dave Henderson, and was well attended. Stan Johnson wrote an article about the importance of having younger members be encouraged to join in the Model A fun.

A report by Jim Cartmill on the Model A caravan to the Williamsburg meet, and by Clem Clement on the success of the Repair Tent there, were included.

The July Monthly Meeting program was about Upholstering Your Model A.

Among Coming Events were: the Wintergreen Music Festival, the Francis Scott Key Antique Car Club Show, the Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACA 31st annual Car Show, and the Bull Run Region 25th Annual Edgar Rohr Car Meet.

A 1928 Tudor, 1930 Tudor, 1959 Ford Edsel, and a 1972 Ford LTD were advertised in the Classifieds.

In the final picture, Howard Minners played the piano, while other members sang along.

The George Washington Chapter at it's best.

Doug Tomb

THE STARS OF SULLY 50 – MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

As Ruby and I rolled into Sully on Father's Day, I was greeted by a solitary Wojo salute from the Flea Market. It was misty with an overcast sky, but that salute said things were looking up!

I drove up to the Model A lawn and wondered how things would go with the "Seattle sunshine" cooling things off. I'd gotten a call the night before from Butch Yowell, one of our 2 Hit & Miss engine men – telling me that they would not be able to make it because of the rain – if their magnetos got wet, their engines wouldn't run.

So I was concerned as I walked around the fields, straightening the class parking signs knocked down by the evening's rain. When I got back to the lawn, I saw Larry Faircloth in his truck, and knew he'd need help unloading his 17 cases of water. Larry pulled up onto the lawn and suddenly Dave Greenwood and a Fairfax Parks volunteer showed up to help Larry and me with the unloading. Team work! Soon the show-cars would arrive, and things would get busy. In spite of the weather, the show must go on!

We had 270 vehicles registered, but 144 didn't make it. By the time the show opened at 10:00 a.m., we had 126 on the field.

And in spite of the somewhat dreary (but cool) weather, these 52 stars of Sully shown bright.

*Chris Berry	Co-owners of Black Wolf Automotive, our Sponsors &
& *Maxi Gonzales	Best of Show Judges
Dave Greenwood	Show Field Layout
Michael DiBerardino	Show Field Layout
Wayne Parker	Show Field Layout
Roger Thiel	Show Field Layout
Gil & Charlene Beckner	Plaques & Trophies, water and snacks on set up day
Jaime Gray Nelson	Co-Chief Judge
Kathie Gray	Judging & Help Where Needed
Jeff VanGorder	Co-Chief Judge
Rande Young	Judging assistance
Jerry & Cindy Olexson	Information tent
Dan & Donna Lyon	Information tent
Bill Sims	Information tent & T shirt sales
Donna Stubin	Advertising
Bill & Carol Benedict	Registration
Madelyn Zadnik	Registration runner
Zadnik Sophia	Registration runner
Niria White	Registration
Mary Greenwood	Registration & root cellar snacks
Cindy VanGorder	Registration
Bruce Metcalf	Flea Market
Greg "WoJo" Wojtkun	Day of show flea market
Rusty Rentsch	Day of show flea market & post show sign pick up
Doug Tomb	Century Class, trailer parking & judging
Jim Cross	Century Class
Jason & Loriel Cunningham	Sno Cones
Greg & Laurel Shepherd	Sno Cones
Larry Faircloth	Water delivery for Sno Cone Booth
Billy Jaeger	Trailer parking
Don White	Trailer parking
Gene Rainville	Trailer parking

THE STARS OF SULLY 50 (Cont.)

*Kenneth "Eric" Sumner

*Matthew Gailani

*Joe Fioramonti

*Dawn Bova

John Dougherty

Paul Bjarnason

John Leydon

Milford Sprecher

*Bob Clubb

Jim Ryan

Mary Lucas

Andy Koerner

James Kolody

Luke Chaplin

(* denotes a person who is not a member of the GWC)

Sully staff - help on field

Sully staff - help on field

Sully Staff

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Gray Beard; ordering & picking up coloring books

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Paddy Wagon

Car Corral

Car Corral

Car Corral

Special Displays

Special Displays

Of course, the show exists because we had judges. For Sully 50 we had 25, 15 of whom were doing at least double duty. Our judges were: Jim Cartmill, Milford Sprecher, Nick Arrington, Dave Greenwood, Michael DiBerardino, Doug Tomb, Barry Gargia, Ken Compher, David Brace, Jeff VanGorder, Rusty Rentsch, Mark Jefferson, Don & Niria White, Thomas & Blane Adcock, Jamie Lucas, Andrew Murfitt, Jaime Gray Nelson, Cindy VanGorder, Frank Shoemaker, Paul Bjarnson, Christine Schoen, Hank Dubois, and me.

I know more than these 62 helped make Sully 50 work. And with all that said, I apologize if I inadvertently left your name off our list of stars for Sully 50. Suffice it to say, putting Sully together and making it work is a true team effort.

If you haven't already seen it, go to our web page at gwcmodela.com/ and click on "Sully Father's Day Car Show" to watch the video of our show made by Matthew McGuire of the Capital Triumph Register (CTR) car club. I'm sure glad I asked Matthew to send me a link after the show.

This was the first Sully where we allowed registration of Model A Hot Rods; we had three registered, but only Nick Arrington (of the NVRG) showed up. And he earned a trophy.

This show was the first time we had an ATM on site – it was provided by Justin Pence of Blue Point ATM in Woodstock, VA. Even with our lowered attendance, the ATM had 60 users who withdrew \$1,660. I think this is something we should have on site in the future.

The Hot Dog man said he had a steady business, so we may want to continue having him on site again too.



The judging was expertly orchestrated and conducted by our Co-Chief Judges, Jeff VanGorder and my daughter Jaime Gray Nelson. They got it done, but each opined we could use more judges in the future. As our sponsors, Chris Berry and Maxi Gonzales, Co-owners of Black Wolf Automotive, selected our Best of Show.

After studying the field closely, Chris and Maxi chose Gay Harrington's 1949 deep blue Ford Pickup Truck ("The Budster") as Best of Show. This is the second year in a row that a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the early Ford V-8 Club has won Best of Show – class acts from a class club.

THE STARS OF SULLY 50 (Cont.)

After receiving her first place trophy in Class 8, Pickup Trucks – All Marques through 2000 - Gay thought she was done for the day. But at the closing of the trophy announcements, Gay was visibly shocked to be called up to receive her Best of Show trophy from Chris.

It's also significant to report on the show's second double winner. Blane Adcock's son, and GWC member, Thomas, not only won first place in Class 4 for his 1929 Model A Pickup, but was also one of 5 scholarship winners this year!

Thank you all and congratulations to all who worked on Sully this year, and special congratulations to our double winners: Gay Harrington and Thomas Adcock.

Many hands make light work.

Jim Gray, GWC 2025 Annual Meet Chairman



SULLY 50 TROPHIES

Class	Place	Name	Car
1.	1.	Dave Greenwood	'28 Model A Fordor
2.	1.	Gene Rainville	'30 Model A Coupe
3.	1.	Jeff VanGorder	'31 Model A Coupe
	2.	Wayne Michael	'31 Model A Coupe
	3.	Michael Diberardino	'31 Model A Deluxe Coupe
4.	1.	Thomas Adcock	'29 Model A Roadster Pickup
5.	1.	Ford Chinworth	'27 Model T Fordor
	2.	Dick Sullivan	'25 Model T Touring
6.	1.	Cameron Davies	'15 Model T Touring
	2.	Jim Cross	'15 Model T Touring
7.	1.	Alex DiBois	'86 Alfa Romeo Convertible
	2.	John Bailey	'92 2 Door Cadillac
	3.	Joe Hughes	'41 Buick Convertible
8.	1.	Gay Harrington	'49 Ford Pickup
	2.	Clark Fenwell	'59 Chevy Pickup
9.	1.	Dave Westrate	'39 Ford Deluxe
	2.	Dave Westrate	'39 Ford Standard
	3.	Robert Vignola	'37 Ford Phaeton
10.	1.	Emily Campagno	'72 Ford Mustang 2 Door
	2.	Erick Havens	'64 ½ Ford Mustang
	3.	Lyn Adams	'65 Mustang Convertible
11.	1.	Caleb Burgoyne	'57 T-Bird Convertible
	2.	Rob Ruyak	'51 T-Bird Convertible
	3.	James Luehrs	'55 T-Bird 2 Door
13.	1.	Caleb Burgoyne	'67 Corvette Convertible
14.	1.	Marc Liberman	'95 Corvette Convertible
	2.	Travis Young	'72 Corvette Coupe
	3.	Nicholas Clark	'89 Corvette Convertible
15.	1.	Daryll Fine	'94 Cadillac Sedan
16.	1.	Randy Moran	'55 Chevy 2 Door
	2.	Bob Eller	'47 Chevy 4 Door
17.	3.	Frederick Seoane	'76 Chevy Vega
18.	1.	Michael McCoy	'73 Chrysler Imperial 4 Door
	2.	Jack & Cher Galagher	'64 Plymouth Sport Fury Convertible
	3.	Lyle Dillon	'67 Dodge 2 Door
19.	1.	Harry Dinch	'69 Pontiac 2 Door
	2.	Richard Sisson	'70 Pontiac 2 Door
	3.	Leo Cummings	'66 Pontiac Convertible
20.	1.	Tom Hyden	'72 Oldsmobile Cutlass
	2.	Jarrett Chang	'78 Pontiac Trans Am Coupe
21.	1.	Ron Hoff	'65 Studebaker 2 Door
	2.	Joseph Santana	'40 Packard Convertible
23.	1.	Anthoney Dahanayake	'53 Morris Minor 2 Door
	2.	Jim North	'73 Rolls Royce Sedan
24.	1.	Doug Dallhoff	'73 Triumph Convertible
	2.	Ben Cheshire	'71 Triumph Convertible
	3.	Matthew McGuire	'76 Spitfire Convertible
25.	1.	Michael Jaffe	'69 Mercedes Benz Convertible
26.	1.	Michael Copperthite	'53 Porsche Coupe
	2.	Peter Bloom	'86 Porsche Targa
	3.	Keith Kanzler	'87 Porsche Targa

SULLY 50 TROPHIES (Cont.)

27.	1. Jeff Sloat	'71 Volkswagen Convertible
	2. Victoria Jenkins	'65 Volkswagen Coupe
	3. Jack Miles	'58 Volkswagen Sedan
28.	1. Scott Johnson	'71 Alfa Romeo Convertible
	2. Raymond Junkins	76 BMW Sedan
	3. Ryan Chirnomas	'85 BMW Coupe
31.	1. Nick Arrington	'30 Model A Ford Hot Rod

Perfect scores highlighted in yellow; Best of Show highlighted in green

Jim Gray
GWC 2025 Annual Meet Chairman

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JULY SUNSHINE

Chuck Kunstbeck passes

Edna Cross received a call recently saying that Chuck Kunstbeck had passed. Many of us remember how involved Chuck and Karilyn were in the GWC while they lived here in Virginia. They remained members of our club even though they had moved to Tallahassee. Chuck served on the Board of Directors and enjoyed driving Honey Bun as often as he could. He planned on continuing his Model A adventures, since he had recently upgraded Honey Bun with a Burtz motor. You will be missed, Chuck.

The following is the obituary posted by the Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

"Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck, age 86, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully on June 3, 2025, in Crab Orchard, West Virginia, while visiting family with his beloved wife, Karilyn. Born on August 20, 1938, in nearby Matoaka, West Virginia, Chuck's life came full circle in the same hills where it began—surrounded by the love of family.

JULY SUNSHINE (Cont.)

Chuck proudly served in the United States Navy as a Radioman, an experience that sparked his lifelong passion for communication. After his military service, he became a devoted amateur radio operator, a pursuit he enjoyed for over 70 years. His call sign became familiar across the airwaves, connecting him to a community that spanned the country and beyond.

He later worked for the United States Government in Washington, D.C., before transitioning into a successful and fulfilling career in real estate. As a broker, property manager, and business owner, Chuck built a reputation for integrity, dedication, and an unshakable willingness to help others—traits that defined his character both professionally and personally.

Chuck had a deep love for family, and his greatest joy was spending time with those he cared about. He also had a lifelong passion for vintage automobiles, particularly his treasured 1931 Model A Ford, affectionately named “Honey Bun.” Purchased in 1972, “Honey Bun” was a constant companion on countless journeys. Chuck often said, “If you ever see the car on a trailer, you know it was stolen.” He believed wholeheartedly that “life is too short to drive boring cars.”

Beyond driving, Chuck was an enthusiastic organizer in the antique car community. He coordinated numerous Model A and Model T driving tours, bringing together more than 50 fellow enthusiasts from up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Ever forward-looking, he was already planning the 2026 tour at the time of his passing.

In 2014, Chuck and Karilyn retired to Tallahassee, Florida, where they embraced a quieter life filled with sunshine, meaningful friendships, and quality time with their children and grandson.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Karilyn Kunstbeck; his children, Greg Kunstbeck, and Pamela Rice; his son-in-law, Ron Rice; and his grandson, R.J. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; a passionate car enthusiast; a dedicated veteran; and a man whose kindness and good humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee, Florida. Interment with military honors will follow at Tallahassee National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Hanbury Scholarship Fund Tallahassee Region Antique Auto Club P.O. Box 882 Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Kunstbeck family with their arrangements. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).”

Jim Gray
Sunshine Chairman



JULY SUNSHINE (Cont.)

GWC Member Bill Hunter

"Hi Jim, This is Cathy Hunter, Bill's wife. We are checking Bill's email and thought we should tell you that Bill passed away early in the morning of June 2nd. He died in his sleep at the age of 88. We had the funeral on Friday, June 6th. The obituary can be found at the Grandle Funeral Home

website <https://www.grandlefuneralhome.com/obituary/william-bill-hunter-jr> I'm sorry to have to tell you this. Cathy Hunter, hunterbrdw@aol.com"

Bill was born August 16, 1936, in Haddonfield, NJ, the son of William J. Hunter Sr. and Dorothy (Hadley) Hunter.



His first job was at Howard Johnson's at Exit 5 on the New Jersey Turnpike. Bill graduated from Haddonfield High in 1954. Following graduation, he attended Drexel Institute of Technology, where he received two Bachelor of Science degrees in 1959 and 1972. After college he entered the U.S. Army in 1960, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. After leaving the Army, he worked at RCA in Morristown, NJ, as an electronics engineer.

He met his wife Cathy on a blind date, taking her to a car show. They have been going to car shows ever since. They were married on August 18, 1963, and resided in New Jersey, where they began raising their three children: Jeff, Cheryl, and Charlie. In 1971, Bill went to work for the U.S. Navy at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, moving the family to Chesapeake, VA. They then moved to Burke, VA, in 1980, when he transferred to Space and Naval Warfare

Systems in Crystal City. Bill and Cathy retired to Broadway, VA, in 1997. His hobbies included traveling with Cathy, working on his Ford Model Ts and Model A, participating in various antique car clubs, especially the Tri-County AACA and the Shenandoah Valley Racketeers, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents Bill and Dot. He is survived by his wife Cathy, his brother Aaron Hunter, his children Jeff Hunter and wife Amy (Faulkner), Cheryl (Hunter) Goss and husband Gary Goss, and Charlie Hunter and wife Janine (Harris), his grandchildren Christina (Goss) Haye and husband Jeff Haye, Megan Goss, Jonathan Goss, Chara Hunter, Will Hunter, Jordan Hunter, Nora Hunter, David Hunter, Nicholas Hunter, Lucy Hunter, Patrick Hunter, Alice Hunter, and great grandchildren Coralynn Haye and Jiren Haye.

Bill's funeral was held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 6, at Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, VA, followed by burial at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Model A Ford Foundation Museum (www.mmafi.org) or to a scholarship fund of your choice.

Jim Gray

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MARC MEET



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MARC MEET (Cont.)



Fashion Award



Fine Point Judging



Vintage fashionistas

MARC MEET (Cont.)

Lotsa 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. 🙌

Photos attached of some gorgeous cars and cheerful faces. Note especially: Milford looking period dapper with Honest Abe, Luke posing with the Fire Brigade, and the undercarriage judges having some serious confab in Finepoint.



MARC MEET (Cont.)



Luke



Milford and Friends



John Leydon

FASHION JUDGING AT THE MARC MEET IN GETTYSBURG

For the last few years, Shuyan and I have participated in the fashion show at the MARC meets. We had bought some vintage clothing at the MARC meets and at other vintage stores. There is a fashion swap meet at the annual meetings, which often has some great items. Last year at the MARC meet in Asheville, Shuyan found a suit at the swap meet that she wanted me to look it. It was a wool three piece, double breasted suit. I tried it on and it fit me perfectly, so I bought it and wore it in the fashion show.

The MARC fashion committee sponsors fashion judging, like fine point judging for cars, but for clothing. I was encouraged to enter fashion judging and when I filled out the registration for the Gettysburg meet, I signed up for fashion judging.

Right after Asheville, I found a pair of never-worn vintage socks in the right size and color and ordered them. I already had a pair of reproduction shoes and I bought a pocket watch at Hershey. Now that I was on the hook for fashion judging, I had to get to work finding other items.

On line I found two period-appropriate original ties. I had a shirt that would suffice, but I bought another with a longer pointed collar. I also found an original pair of period boxer shorts, so I was set. The shorts were a little big, but in excellent condition. I bought a package of sleeveless t-shirts and a watch chain for my watch. I could not find an appropriate hat, however.

I had some items from my father to add to my ensemble. He graduated from college in 1927 and medical school in 1931, so Model A era. He had a watch fob for the ODK academic fraternity with his name and the year 1927 on it. I also had a pin from a medical school organization with 1931 on it and a collar bar that goes under the knot of the tie. I was ready to go. When I got to Gettysburg, I stopped in at the fashion swap meet and found a reproduction brown felt hat that fit nicely, so my ensemble was complete!



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FASHION JUDGING AT THE MARC MEET (Cont.)

I was assigned a time for judging and went down to the room to get judged. In case you are wondering, I took the vintage boxer shorts down separately so they could look at them. You are not required to wear them, so no uncomfortable examination of undergarments.

There are fashion judging standards, like the judging standards for our cars and a method of assigning points to five different judging categories: Major Garment, Headgear/hair, Coordinated Apparel, Accessories and Footgear, for a total possible points of 150. Thank goodness I had a hat. Without one, I would have lost 26 points! As it was, I did quite well, ending up with a score of 149. I lost one point because of some wear on the undershorts that needed some repair. I received an award of excellence. The top award is the Clara award, like the Henry award for fine point judging.

I enjoyed the experience of getting judged and felt fortunate that I could find the items I needed fairly easily.

Milford Sprecher

MAFFI MINUTE

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, school house 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!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

PROGRESS PHOTOS FOR ENGINE REMOVAL



Bruce Metcalf

George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 6/30/2025

OPERATING BUDGET #2

Budgeted Income	Contact	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 JUNE
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 2,098.00	
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 280.00	\$ 50.00	
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,310.00	
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 650.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Hands on Seminars, Repair	Leonard	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$ 12,839.00	\$ 10,151.50	\$ 8,456.50
Total Income		\$18,361.00	\$14,159.50	\$8,456.50
Budgeted Expenses				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 1,027.38	\$ 286.84	\$ 266.84
Club Programs	White	\$ 52.73	\$ 15.99	\$ 15.99
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 4,876.88	\$ 3,298.60	\$ 2,090.00
Tool Shed / Tools	Leonard	\$ 428.52	\$ 81.93	
Sully Car Show Expenses	Gray	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 3,466.90	\$ 1,167.23
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 165.22	\$ 143.88	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 810.58	\$ -
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 200.35	
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 1,982.50	\$ 1,018.00
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$10,287.57	\$4,558.06
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$3,804.89	\$3,871.93	\$3,898.44

2025 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

		2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 JUNE
MAFFI	Board	\$ -		\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00		\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92		\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 2,263.92	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

WELLS FARGO BANK CD + RESERVE FUND (Information only)

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

Total Expenses \$16,820.03 \$11,287.57 \$5,558.06

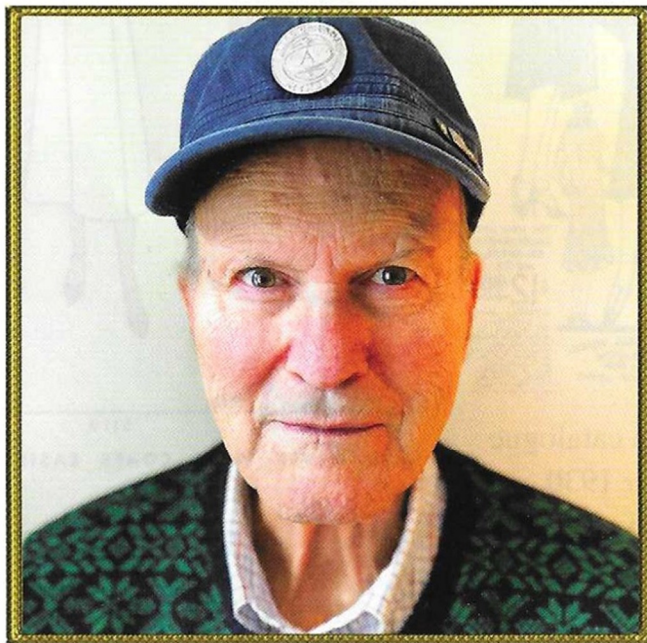
Sum Income and Expenses \$1,540.97 \$2,871.93 \$2,898.44

Current Bank Balance, as of 6-30-2025 \$ 26,584.56

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

MODEL A FORD HALL OF FAME

GWC Members



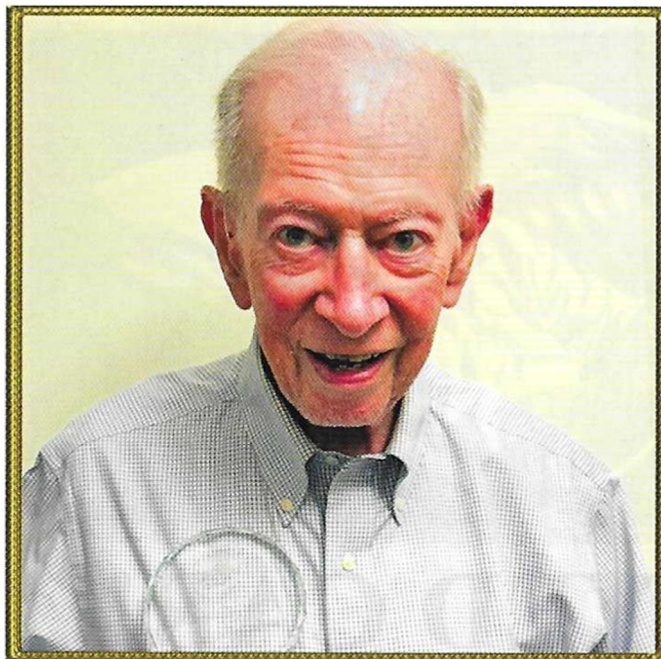
Stanley R. Johnson

Inducted 2022

Member #28

I got the news about the Hall of Fame selection when I was recovering from open heart surgery. The news came as a total surprise and added greatly to my thankfulness for my family and Model A friends. It spurred me make the trip to the Gilmore induction ceremony, just less than four months after the surgery.

Stan Johnson



Howard A. Minners

Inducted 2022

- Member #34

I'm honored to have been inducted into the Model A Ford Hall of Fame. My early participation in deciding on the location and subsequent creation of a MAFFI Museum has been most satisfying. Subsequently, seeing the realization and progress of such a successful enterprise represents an enduring contribution to the world of the Model A Ford.

Howard Minners

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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!

HELP NEEDED TO DEFOG HEADLIGHTS

Phil Kania asked if there was anyone in the club who knows how to defog modern car headlights. If so and they would like to do a presentation for the club I have two headlights I could provide for a demo. I don't know how to defog them. They were replaced after Bambi's mom had a close encounter with my car.

If you can help, contact Phil Kania at yardmaster2102@juno.com



FROM THE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

COMING EVENTS

July

July 11 (Wednesday) – CDC Breakfast– Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:30am
 July 11 (Wednesday) – Greenspring Car Show – Greenspring Village, Springfield – 7430 Spring Village Drive
 10:00am-2:00pm – POC Gene Rainville
 July 15-18 – MARC National Meet – Crown Plaza, Ashville, NC
July 18 (Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting– SWAP MEET – American Legion Hall, McLean – 6:30pm
July 25 (Wednesday) – Board Meeting– In-Person Meeting– Anthony's in Falls Church – Meeting at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm
 July 25-27 - Shenandoah Valley Steam & Gas Engine Show "Pageant of Steam" – 890 W Main St., Berryville, VA
 Clarke County Ruritan Fair Grounds – 8:00am with evening shows
TBD – Tractor and Truck collection at the Francis Scott Key birthplace "Terra Rubra" in Carroll County in July – POC is Milford

August

August 13 – (Wednesday) –CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9:00am
August 20 – (Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – American Legion Hall, McLean – 7:30pm
August 27 – (Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7:00pm

Save the Date!

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

WANT ADS

For Sale

Here are items I have for sale but don't plan to bring to the July flea market due to size, weight, or other handling reasons, please announce. Thank you.

"How to Restore Your Model A, all 9 volumes	\$60
30-31 coupe front floor pan	\$50
30-31 radiator apron	\$20
30-31 hood	\$250
30-31 front fenders, pair	\$600
30 restored radiator shell	\$500

Dave Henderson 703 938 8954

Wanted

The radiator on my 1931 has developed fatal leaks. I removed it and took it to Smitty's in Hyattsville and they told me it wasn't worth fixing. So I am asking if anyone has a radiator for sale. Also for suggestions regarding sourcing a replacement. I plan to see if there are any at Gettysburg.

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