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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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Next deadline: Monday, January 5th

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe it is December already. With the temps dropping, harder to wander out to the garage to work on the cars. I will do what I can.

A comment on the closing of Bratton's retail operation. They have been my go-to source for Model A parts and their location in Mt. Airy made it possible to run up and pick something up when needed.

Debbie and Jeff were easy to work with and I was happy to patronize a local business. Walt has been a long-time member of the Club.

The landscape of our hobby is changing due to the aging of Model A owners and the lack of interest in the hobby by a younger generation. Our cars are still popular with the public at large, so getting out and doing things that let people see our cars is important, as is supporting members who need help with their cars. I have done quite a bit of that lately and I know others have as well, so thank you to everyone who pitches in to help Club members with their cars.

My son is a car guy, although his tastes are a bit different. He does like my cars and was pleased when I stopped to visit with my 51 Ford on the way to the AACA tour in Maine this summer. He asked me to bring it up when we visit at Christmas. I don't think I will do that as the weather may be iffy, but I am glad that he appreciated seeing and driving the car. He has also commented on the tours we do and how we help each other out. He would like to be a member of a club that does that. While he may be bit of an anomaly, it's nice that he appreciates what our clubs, and others like it, do for our community.

At the last board meeting, I brought up the topic of what could we do that is new or more of to keep our members engaged in the coming year? There was talk of additional tours, or periodic meet-ups for lunch or some other activity. Think about what you might want to do and, more importantly, organize something to keep the Club active and vibrant.

Have a good holiday season.

Milford

FROM THE EDITOR

Just when Milford gets my Model A running, the driving season comes to an end. I've had it out in the neighborhood for a spin a couple of times, but that hasn't satisfied my urge to get it out on the open road. Hopefully, it'll be ready to go next spring.

I think with this issue, I will have completed 30 years as editor of our newsletter. When I started, it was a 16- to occasionally 20-page paper newsletter, restricted to that size by the increased postal rates we'd be subject to beyond that. Now I can go as high as 30, my only concern being that too large a newsletter can't be sent electronically to our members. And, oddly, it takes me longer to put together issues now than it did when I had to print out and paste up each page. I think it's the cropping and otherwise playing with pictures that slows me down. But that's also one of the most enjoyable parts of putting the newsletter together. Anyway, I have no plans to retire anytime soon. It's just too much fun, plus I get lots of support from my columnists and other members. Keep those stories coming!

FROM A FAVORITE RESTAURANT

Board Meeting November 24, 2025



President Milford Sprecher called the GWC board meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members in attendance: Milford Sprecher, Don White, Doug Tomb, Valerie Faircloth, Bill Sims, Michael DiBerardino, Blane Adcock, and Dave Greenwood. Jeff VanGorder and Bruce Metcalf provided a written proxy. This meeting had a quorum!

Milford thanked Don for the creative November program comparing other car manufacturers' offerings versus the Ford Model A.

Annual Event: Michael now has supplies from Jim Gray such as signs, etc. He also has received a draft outline of the agreement with the county on use of the Sully Historic site for 2026.

Treasurer: There were no financial changes from the members meeting report. Doug presented a summary of the expenses from the October picnic at Oak Hill. Blaine made a motion seconded by Valerie to pay John Leyton \$856.84 for the GWC portion of costs; it was approved unanimously by the Board. Doug is developing the 2026 budget and will present it for discussion and Board approval at an early January meeting.

Activities: Valerie said things are almost ready for the Christmas party. Paul Bjarnason and Valerie have collected about 30 great items, some of which were donated by members for the gift raffle. Valerie has also reserved the 2026 party venue at the American Legion Hall for December 5, 2026.

Programs: The December program is the annual brown bag gift exchange. The January program is the Indoor Flea Market. We then had a discussion on future topics. We are considering Zoom presentations by Model A parts suppliers and specialty manufacturers. We are also considering resuming 50/50 raffles.

Script: Articles are due by December 1.

Old Business:

We have not yet had any interest from members in purchasing the Smith Compressor. We had a further discussion about using it as a display-only item at events. We will plan for future storage of the Smith Compressor.

Dave reported that he has not yet been available to meet with James to discuss the Club tools and is planning to meet with Zak (Benny's grandson) to go over and update the inventory.

New Business:

We are planning for a Board kickoff dinner with spouses on January 10th, more details to follow from Milford. Milford discussed his desire for a Northern Neck tour near the end of May. Dave will discuss with Bill Bass about GWC involvement with the national clubs during the 2028 100th anniversary celebration at the Gilmore Museum. We also discussed a luncheon tour to Mount Vernon. Blaine will contact Mount Vernon. Don is to discuss a joint meeting between the GWC and the Washington Jazz Club. Other ideas were a tour to Woodlawn, coffee on the weekends at Ravensworth shopping center near Braddock Road and I-495, a day trip to a winery.

The next Board meeting will be on January 10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

GWC NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 19th, 27 members and guests attended in person and 2 attended online. We had a very lively discussion and presentation on the alternative cars manufactured and sold during Model A production.

Milford called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our business meeting began with the Treasurers Report. Doug said our checking balance as of October 27 was \$12,055.21, plus two CDs worth approximately \$20,800. We have a negative balance for the year but the checking reserves more than cover the shortfall. Our generous award of youth scholarships caused the use of reserves, a wise use for the future. We are now collecting dues that will replenish the account.

Activities: Valerie summarized recent activities and noted upcoming opportunities. She reminded the members of the Christmas Party on December 6 and the Brown Bag Gift Exchange on December 17 regular Club meeting. Details are in the Script.

Membership: Jeff is collecting dues for 2026.

Old Business: Milford mentioned our ongoing discussion about keeping the Smith Compressor. We will continue seeking options for it to stay in the GWC tools or find a new home, preferably with a member.

New Business: The nominating committee presented a slate of 2026 officers and a motion was made by John Dougherty and seconded by Luke Chaplin to approve the officers. The vote by members was unanimous. The only change from the existing officers was that Michael DiBerardnio will lead the 51st Sully event in 2026, replacing Jim Gray. Congratulations, Michael, and welcome to the Board of the GWC.

Sunshine Report: Jim Gray gave a sunshine report on members.

Script: Bill said articles are due December 1st for next month's Script.

General discussion: Doug described his attendance of the 60-mile London to Brighton tour for pre-1905 cars, 88 cars were American made.

A group is forming to go and assist in selling Art Follansbee's car and parts collection.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

After a short break and refreshments, the program by Don White focused on comparing the other manufacturers' car offerings at the same time as the Ford Model A. Chevrolet outsold the Ford Model A in 1928, 1930 and 1931. The conclusion of the discussion was that likely the reason so many Ford Model As are still on the road even though other brands outsold Ford was because of the simplicity of design and repair, the Ford dealer network and parts availability. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Dave Greenwood

George Washington Chapter 2025 Approved Budget - AS OF 11/30/2025

OPERATING BUDGET

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<u>Budgeted Income</u>	Contact	2024 Actual	2025 ACTUAL	2025 NOV
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 2,593.00	\$ 240.00
Misc Income (Donations)	Tomb	\$ 280.00	79.00	
Programs & Technical Seminars	White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 450.00
Script Advertising	Bass	\$ 650.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Hands on Seminars, Repair		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sully Income	Gray	\$12,839.00	\$10,151.50	\$ -
Total Income		\$18,361.00	\$15,333.50	\$ 690.00
<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>				
Membership	VanGorder	\$ 1,027.38	\$ 411.20	
Club Programs	White	\$ 52.73	\$ 192.65	\$ -
Club Tours & Activities	Faircloth	\$ 4,876.88	\$ 3,867.85	\$ -
Tool Shed / Tools		\$ 428.52	\$ 81.93	
Sully Car Show Expenses	Gray	\$ 4,153.17	\$ 4,657.11	\$ -
Web Hosting Expense	Shepherd	\$ 165.22	\$ 189.22	\$ -
Presidents Fund	Sprecher	\$ 1,049.51	\$ 1,021.50	\$ 210.92
Secretary Supplies	Greenwood	\$ -	\$ 167.90	
Treasurer Supplies & Insurance	Tomb	\$ 2,802.70	\$ 2,007.50	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$14,556.11	\$12,596.86	\$ 210.92
UNDER/(OVER) Revenue		\$ 3,804.89	\$ 2,736.64	\$ 479.08

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2025 CONTRIBUTION BUDGET

MAFFI	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MODEL A YOUTH REST AWARD	Board	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOLARSHIP	Board	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
AFRH	Board	\$ 500.00		\$ -
MILEAGE AWARD EMBLEM	Board	\$ 263.92		\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 2,263.92	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -

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 \$16,820.03 \$16,596.86 \$ 210.92

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Sum Income and Expenses \$ 1,540.97 -\$1,263.36 \$ 479.08

Current Bank Balance, as of 11-30-2025 **\$12,449.27**

Beginning of year balance (01-01-2025
Actual)

\$23,712.63



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2026 GWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED

Voting for the 2026 GWC Board of Directors is now closed, and no additional email votes are being tallied.

At our meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, all submitted votes were counted, and the proposed slate of officers was officially approved.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the election. Your involvement keeps our Club strong and active.

THE MAFFI MINUTE

Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130), which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt (though personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).



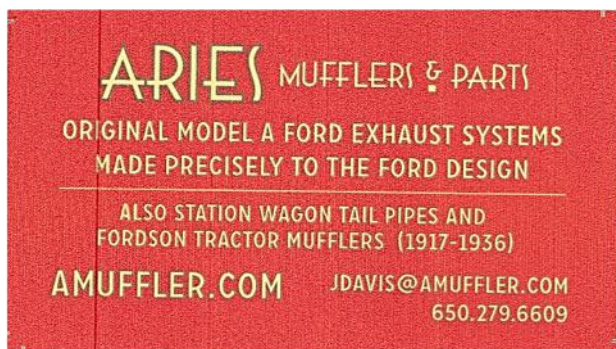
Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton, and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model A Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum.

There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something great to keep in mind, especially for your local club.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim,
Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI



ARE YOU HAVING FUN DRIVING YOUR MODEL A?

Well then, why not join the Mileage Program as part of the GWC and administered by MARC (Model A Restorers Club, Think "Model A News," the magazine)? Even if you are not yet ready for the road, get your car in the program, you may be pleasantly surprised that your car was previously registered, and you have a jump start on the next award.

One of the advantages is that you transfer the mileage to the new owner to continue reporting because the registration is by VIN number, not necessarily the owner. This is even true with transferring your prized car to the next generation.

The next time you are at a car show look on the radiator for a badge indicating the mileage level, a nice trophy to have!

One of the requirements of the program is membership in the national MARC organization. All mileage accumulated throughout the year counts toward the program. However, mileage accumulated during years you are not a member of MARC does not count toward an award. Betty Fisher, National MARC Mileage Program Chairperson has indicated that she will not continue to administer the program after this reporting period. She uses the published MARC roster to determine membership, so some adjustments may occur. If a Club member drops their membership in MARC, I do not carry them in the program, though I do maintain their previous data. Should they rejoin, their mileage begins accumulating from their total the last year they were a member.



If you are planning to go to any of the MARC or MAFCA meets this year (miles are miles) or just participate in Club events, why not make your miles count by joining in the MARC Mileage Program? To join you must, as mentioned, be a member of MARC, \$50 per year, and pay a one-time registration fee of \$1.00 per car. Your car must be of original manufacture (1927-1931), be titled as a Model "A", and be authentic in that it should have an original-type four-cylinder engine (1927-1934) and have an original body style for year of manufacture. Awards begin at the 2,000-mile point, followed by a 5,000-mile award, then every 5,000 miles thereafter. Come join the fun and make all those miles this year count. Contact Dave Greenwood by phone (703-801-5526), or by email (ourhomepc@aol.com), to receive a registration form and information sheet. You can also find information about the program and the necessary forms on the MARC Website www.model-a-ford.org.

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MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM AWARDS FOR 2025

The 2024 mileage report (total Mileage not just 2024) is noted below:

Pauline Burkett	30 Tudor	6,013
Pauline Burkett	30 Delux Fordor	4,564
Jim Cartmill	31 Tudor	44,663
Joe Curatola	31 Tudor	12,911
Dave Greenwood	28 Fordor	2
Andy Jaeger	31 Pick Up	9,963
Andy Jaeger	30 Town Sedan	10,278
Chuck Kunstbeck	31 Delux Coupe	31,579
Benny Leonard	30 Tudor	16,597
Larry Oliver	30 Cabriolet	15,554
Bill Sims	31 Town Sedan	15,673
Milford Sprecher	30 Town Sedan	6,258
Milford Sprecher	28 Roadster	3,581
Jeff VanGorder	31 Coupe	1,046

New Members added for 2025

Bruce Metcalf

Valerie Faircloth

Based on these mileages we have no awards pending for 2025. Note that these are miles while in the MARC program only, many of the cars have additional miles while outside the program.

Dave Greenwood

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FORD'S OUT FRONT

On the Night Before Christmas

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Of a Ford in their future—smart, swanky and gleaming;
And Mother and I gaily grinned, for we knew
That this wonderful dream was about to come true.
Then out in the driveway wheels crunched on the snow
And the Ford dealer gave us a cheery "Hello"
He wasn't the Santa Claus type—he appeared
Without any reindeer, a pack, or a beard,
But when he drove up in that elegant bus
You bet he was Santa, in person, to us.
"Merry Christmas," he said, with a smile that was pleasant,
"The Ford in your future is now in your present."
Well, Mother was eager, and I was agog
So we took the new Ford for a nice little jog:
A jog? It was more like a journey on wings,
What zest in that motor! What ease in those springs!
With Queen size in comfort, and King size in brakes
We laughed "Ford's out Front with whatever it takes"
So, proud as a Princess and rich as a Lord,
We glowed with our glory in having a Ford,
And thought, "When the kids start their Christmas-Day hunt
For presents, they'll find that a Ford is Out Front."

...Berton Braley

First printed in the December 1987 Script. Submitted by Fred Morse, taken from a 1940s Ford ad.

MEMBER AWARDS AT 2025 MARC NATIONAL MEET IN GETTYSBURG

Fine Point Judging



**1928 76-A Pickup - William Bass – Washington DC
409 points - MARC of Excellence / Ray Matthews Award**

Touring Class Judging



**Joe Candella – Odenton, MD
1928 Tudor - P3 Award**



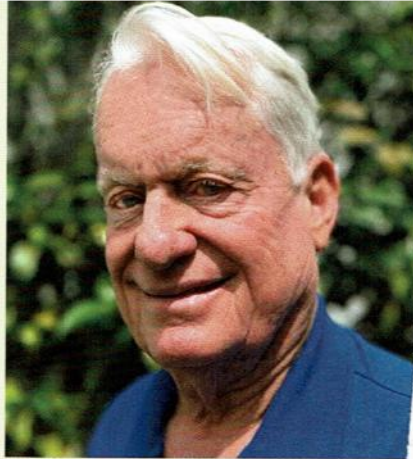
**John Leydon – Aldie, VA
1930 Roadster - First Place**



**Steve Van Pelt - Annapolis, MD
1931 Fordor - Third Place**

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NEW MARC DIRECTOR



William 'Bill' Bass

William 'Bill' Bass – Washington, DC

I have been a proud member of MARC for the past sixty years and am now completing my first term as your Director of Publications and Library. It has been a great honor to have the opportunity to serve the Club in my capacity as a member of the Board of Directors. We have all been working hard to address numerous challenges facing our Club.

This year I have worked with our printer to make changes to the *Model "A" News* that will save the Club over \$7,000.00 per issue. The work of the Board is not finished, however, and for that reason I am running for a second term to try to help get the job done.

In addition to my duties with MARC, I am also on the Board of the MARC George Washington Region, serving as assistant Treasurer.

I have actively participated in National Meets including Gettysburg 2017, Touring Class at Dearborn 2019 and Oshkosh 2021, Fine Point judging at Morgantown 2022, Hamilton 2023, Asheville 2024 and Gettysburg 2025. I am proud to have won not only a MARC of Excellence award this year, but also the Raymond H. Matthews Commercial Vehicle Award for my 1928 76-A open cab pickup.

After working as a registered architect in Washington for 13 years, I took over running an architectural panel and building accessories manufacturing company located in Beltsville, Maryland, where I have been ever since. The company has evolved into a primarily e-commerce enterprise with great success.

My wife Susan, an attorney, and I divide our time between our primary residence in Washington, DC and our farm located on the shores of the Patuxent River in Calvert County Maryland. I also serve as Vice-Chair of the Calvert County Historic District Commission, which meets monthly. We have three adult children.

MEMBER AWARDS (Cont.)

Fashion Judging



**Milford Sprecher - Tacoma Park, MD
Blended -Daytime - Award of Excellence**

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

December 2025

Membership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is Very Encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12 month membership (non MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award winning *Model A News* magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested in our hobby to join.

As you may know, we are updating the *Driver Class Judging Standards*. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years/models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model A in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

Recently we asked Region Presidents/Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many, but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at modelarestorersclub@gmail.com or to Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com.

Additionally, Larry Shepard is looking to compile a list of Model A Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model A owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org.

Certainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May. Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!



GWC MODEL A MEMBERS HELPING EACH OTHER

Karen and her son Jack Bush, after many years of driving Frankie, her late father's beautifully restored 1931 Town Sedan, needed help getting it to her brother Karl Franck. After Jeff VanGorder and Dave Greenwood installed a new battery and checked things out, it started right up (of course, it's a Model A!) and was safely driven by Karen and her niece Elizabeth Franck onto the trailer and secured for the long trip. The car and trailer safely traveled back to its original home near Litchfield, NH, and is already making more memories with the Franck family. (Pic showing Karl, Spouse Mary, Daughter Elizabeth and father-in-law Ernie Parsons). Jeff and Dave had a great time figuring out how best to secure it; that would make a good future program discussion for the GWC.

Dave Greenwood



KNOCK, KNOCK. WHO'S THERE?

Bill Sims' Model A engine has had a knock. The first step was to determine whether it was a rod knock or a main bearing knock. To determine which it was, I grounded all the plugs and the knock persisted, so I assumed it was one of the main bearings. I dropped the oil pan and we found a few pieces of babbit in the pan, fingernail size and four or five of them. Uh oh.

One by one I removed the main caps and Plastigauged each bearing. Each was within the required tolerance. While under the car, I saw that the #4 connecting rod seemed loose and was missing some thrust babbit, the babbit on the outside edges of the rod. I started with that rod and it was way out of tolerance. I removed shims until I got it within the .015 tolerance required. All the other rod bearings were within tolerance, so I put everything back together with new cotter pins to keep the rod and main nuts secure, all torqued the proper amount.

After everything was buttoned up with new pan, valve cover and exhaust manifold gaskets, we started it up and it ran well, without a knock. Success! I was surprised that it was a connecting rod bearing given my prior diagnostic, but I was pleased that we were able to find the real cause and to address the problem.



Part 2

Bill has been having problems with the car quitting without warning. It has been starting fine recently, so it's hard to diagnose when it is running well. The carb leaks, so I took it home to see if I could determine what the issue was. I took the carb apart and noticed that the float valve appeared stuck. I looked closer and the carb had one of those viton tipped float valves. I have had those stick on me, so I replaced it with another float valve I had on hand. I reinstalled the carb and the car started and ran well. As the car's stalling was intermittent, it's hard to know if the sticking valve was the cause of that, but I suspect that was the case.

Thanks to Donnie Temple for his advice during the process of checking the rod and main bearings.

Milford Sprecher

1920S FORD TRUCKS AT WORK!

Milford shared this link to an interesting video about Ford trucks that we thought you might enjoy: <https://youtu.be/DbKH6jJ51ww?si=y79NZ9rv4pZupTMI>

A CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

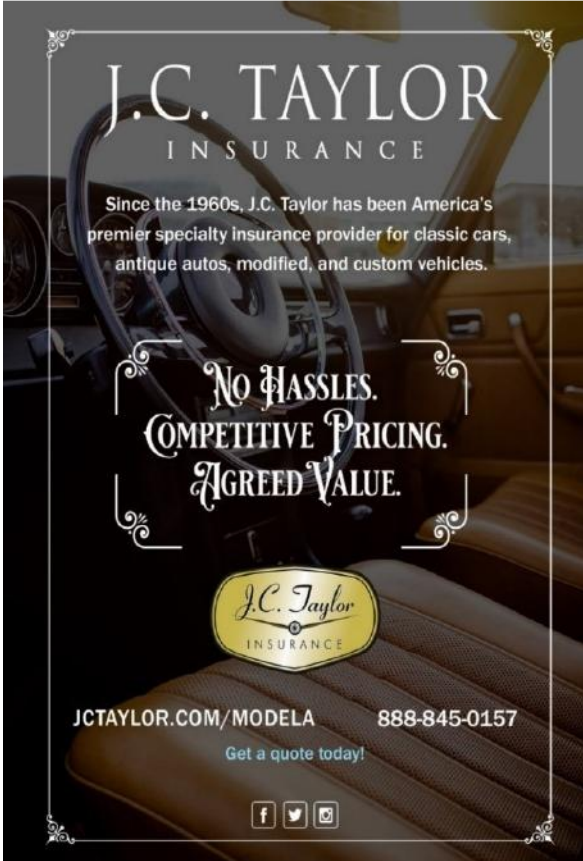
Ho ho ho — the season is near!
Our festive gathering is almost here!
So this little reminder is coming your way,
To be sure you don't miss our big party day!

Our GWC crew will gather with cheer,
At Post 177 — the same spot as last year.
But listen up closely (you'll want to take note!):
The doors now open at **Noon** — not 12:30 as previously wrote!

Val's prepping the goodies, the prizes, the fun,
Prime rib and good fellowship for everyone!
But she needs your RSVP — it helps her prepare,
So please send your response if you haven't been there.

Let her know you're coming, and your meal choice too,
By November 26 — she'll be grateful to you!
Then shine up your hubcaps and brighten your day,
'Cause the GWC Christmas Party is headed your way!

Attached once again are the details so clear —
We hope you'll join us for the best party all year!
Jeff VanGorder



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2025 GWC MODEL A FORD CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Doors open at 12:00 p.m., and the cash wine & beer bar will be open. Dinner will be served at 1:30pm. And, did I mention music??!!

We are again supporting "Toys for Tots" this year. If you wish to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy and we'll deliver it to the Marines.

WHERE: American Legion Post #177
3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

COST: \$20 per person

ENTRÉE CHOICES: Choose one from the following for the entree:

1. Prime Rib of Beef
2. Salmon
3. Baked Chicken Breast

All entrees are served with Red Bliss Potatoes-Herb Roasted, Green Beans Almandine, Tossed Salad, rolls and butter, along with water, coffee or hot tea.

DESSERT CHOICES: Choose one from the following for the dessert. Triple-Layer Chocolate Cake, NY Style Cheesecake, Key Lime Pie.

Beer and wine are served at the cocktail hour, and at dinner. Cash bar. BYOB is allowed, but they have to pour the drinks for you, out of your bottle. There is also liquor allowed, but again, they have to pour it for you.



GIFT EXCHANGE GUIDELINES

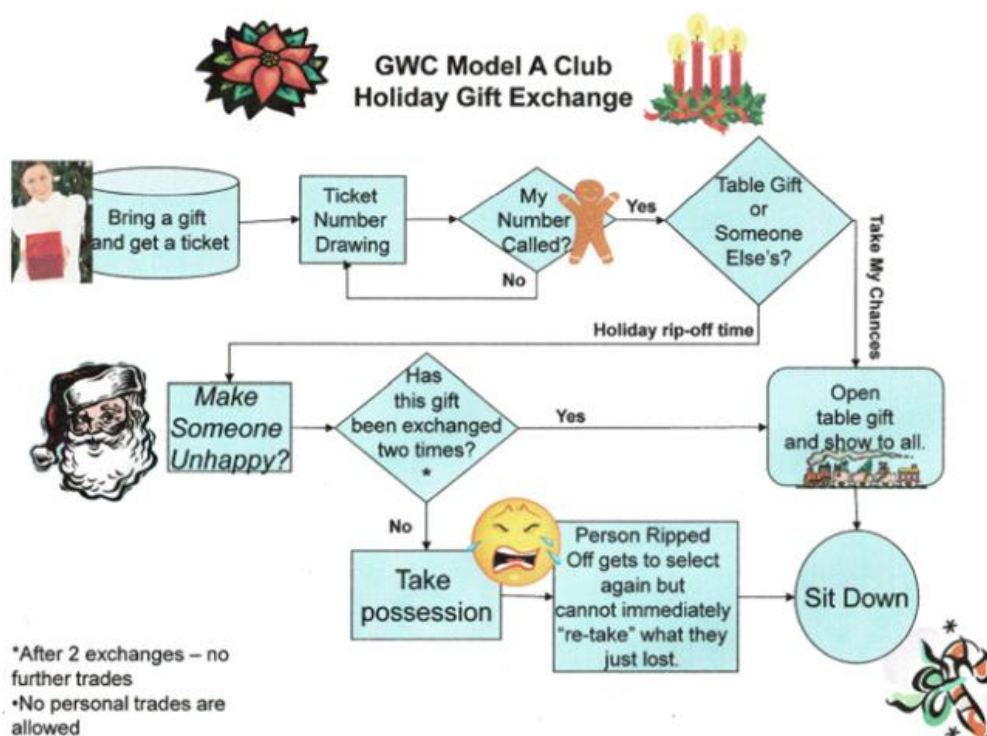
The most important thing everyone needs to remember with the brown bag gift exchange is that this is the Christmas Season and all Club members are our Model A family. **TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR FAMILY!!** This is no time for junk; this is no time for gags; this is no time to see if you can stick it to someone ... that simply is not in the spirit of this event. Before you pack up your selected gift and bring it to the meeting, ask yourself the question, "Would I be happy to come home with this?" If not, do not bring it! If you bring junk, the person who gets your junk just got cut out of the real fun of the game (which is the stealing and swapping part) and for the rest of the evening they just get to watch others having fun. We are suggesting a guideline of \$20 as an appropriate gift value.

Anyone expecting to participate in the exchange must bring one gift to put in the pile. Only one gift will be accepted per person. Members should not bring "extra" entries to cover someone else or "just in case."

If you start the game, you finish the game. The game isn't finished until everyone has picked, at which point all presents are "retired." The game will go for the duration of one of our typical full meetings and a big part of the fun is the swapping and "counter swapping" that goes on in the exchange. If you do not intend to remain for the full game, please do not start.

Now is the time to start thinking about December and what you might bring. Don't wait till last minute! Some of the members of our Club are real parts "nuts" and have all sorts of genuine goodies on hand; some members of the Club are not as mechanically inclined and do not have real good stuff readily available. So, plan ahead! There will be two different pools of gifts ... Model A-related items and General Christmas Cheer. Start thinking about it now. What do you want to bring to share with your Model "A" Family??

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS HOLIDAY'S BROWN BAG FUN FOR EVERYONE BY ADHERING TO THESE SIMPLE GUIDELINES.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

December

December 6 – (Saturday) – GWC Christmas Party – Fairfax American Legion – 3939 Oak St – 12pm-5pm

December 6 -- Shepherdstown's 2025 Christmas Parade. It begins at 10:00 a.m., and the start time for the parade lineup is 8:30 a.m. (See November Script for details.)

December 10 – CDC Breakfast (2nd Wednesday) – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9am

December 17 – Monthly Membership Meeting (3rd Wednesday) – *Brown Bag Gifts and nourishments* – 7:15pm

January

January 10 (Saturday) -- Board Meeting/Transition Dinner with current, retiring, and new Board members. Location to be decided.

January 14 (2nd Wednesday) – CDC Breakfast – Fair Oaks Silver Diner – 12251 Fair Lakes Parkway – 9am

January 21 (3rd Wednesday) – Monthly Membership Meeting – McLean American Legion Hall – *Swap Meet* – 7:15pm

January 28 (4th Wednesday) – Board Meeting – Zoom 7pm

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

Fenders for a 30 Tudor. Need all four but will take one or more. Contact John Ryan at 240-271-4097 or john@ryanweb.com

Searching for a working 6V NU-Rex Alternator at a reasonable price. I'm a longtime Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club member. Contact: Rob Penfield at 410-666-0633 or rsptng@verizon.net

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