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COLONIAL "A" NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, it's certainly bittersweet to say one last "Hello CVMAFC Family" from the President's page. Yes, my two-year term is now coming to a close and, truly, it feels like it just started. I suppose the old saying that "time flies when you're having fun" is real because it certainly has been a fast and fun-filled two years! Looking back on our Model A **Family, Fellowship, and Fun**, I think we can all say that we've lived out that motto. Whether it was enjoying the many tours we experienced together; having fun with Santa at our Christmas Banquet last year; giving food and gently used clothing to organizations for the needy; helping the Jamestown Scotland Ferry Celebrate its 100th Anniversary (twice!); educating the Queens Lake & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Middle School Students about Model A's; or literally drooling over the Audrain and Schaubach private car collections(just wow!)--we've had some really good times during the last two years! So, I say, "let the good times roll" as we forge ahead into 2026 under the leadership of our next CVMAFC President (who will be elected and take office at our January meeting). I'm excited for our new leadership and am confident that in the coming year and beyond, our organization has many more model A memories and good times ahead.



Now, as I say my final goodbyes from this page, I must also say thank you to all my fellow Club members for entrusting me with this assignment but, more importantly, for the great friendship, fellowship, and fun we've had together: it has truly been a blessing! You guys are the best, and you made leading easy! As we look forward to more good times ahead in 2026, I'll sign off by wishing you a Merry Christmas and **Ahooga Blessings** in the New Year, --Marlon

"Every ending is a new beginning." V.E. Schwab

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The purpose of our club is to restore, promote and preserve Model "A" Fords and to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts and to further attract prestige and respect within the community with family oriented activities and civic and community involvement.



Birthdays and Anniversary's

1 Peter Maytham
3 Faye Curl
7 John & Lynn Heimerl
8 Barbara Amory
8 Patty Belvin
8 Marlon & Lynn Spratley
11 Bob Griffin
12 Jon & Margaret Bitler
15 Jon Bitler
15 Bud & Ann Thrasher
21 Ray Harp
28 Tania Haszard
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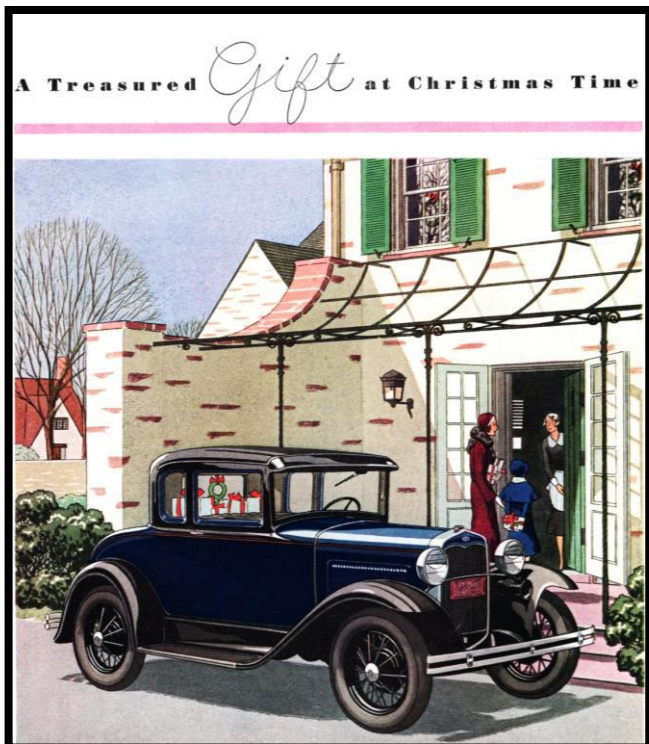
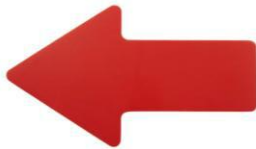
Model A Stuff For Sale

Cobra Long Grain Model A Top Material
for a Sedan (for sale) new in the box.
Contact Marlon Spratley at
healthyequation@hotmail.com



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For Sale!!**

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Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club

CVMAFC MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting of the Colonial Virginia Model A Club was held November 15th at the Dock on the Bay Restaurant. The meeting started at 12:42 pm. following the tour of 2 great private car collections: the Audrain Car Collection in Surry, VA and the Dwight Schaubach Car Collection in Carrollton, VA . There were 10 Model A's on the tour and about 5 modern cars. David Dowdy opened with the Pledge and Lynn Spratley gave the grace. Sunshine report: Micky West is recovering at home from pneumonia. October minutes were accepted and the Treasurer's report was filed for audit. For the Newsletter report, Lynn Spratley asked that any reports to be included in the December Newsletter be sent to her as soon as possible. There were no Membership, National Club or Technical reports. Vicki Morgan reported on the December 6th Christmas Banquet as follows: doors open at 5:30 pm. Members must sign up and pay no later than November 27th (\$30pp). There will be a cash bar. Carl Carlson gave a short report about the Williamsburg Christmas Parade.

Our Model A's will be on display for the middle school students at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School on Thursday November 20 with a meet-up at Shorty's Williamsburg at 11:30am for the event from 12:30-2:30pm.

The Club has been asked to provide transportation for a bride party of 25 at a Wedding in Williamsburg on June 13th. A donation will be made to the Club for this service.

Merasol Avery won the 50/50 (again!) in the amount of \$57.

Old business- Rick Morgan made a Motion to raise dues from \$25 per family to \$40 per family, which was seconded and passed.

New Business – Our Snowflake tour will be held on January 1st. and our Soup Kitchen will be held on January 17th at the Edgehill Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Meredith Jackson, Secretary

CVMAFC Treasurer's Report for November 2025

CHECKING ACCT, 30 SEPTEMBER, thru, 31 OCTOBER, 2025

PREVIOUS BALANCE

as of 9/30/2025 \$2,522.71

EXPENSES:

Four checks written -659.95

Bank service charge -5.00

INCOME:

Total Deposits +150.00

STATED BALANCE:

as of 10/31/2025 \$2,007.76

CHECK BOOK BALANCE:

as of 11/15/2025 \$2,007.76

Prepared by: Rick Morgan, Treasurer

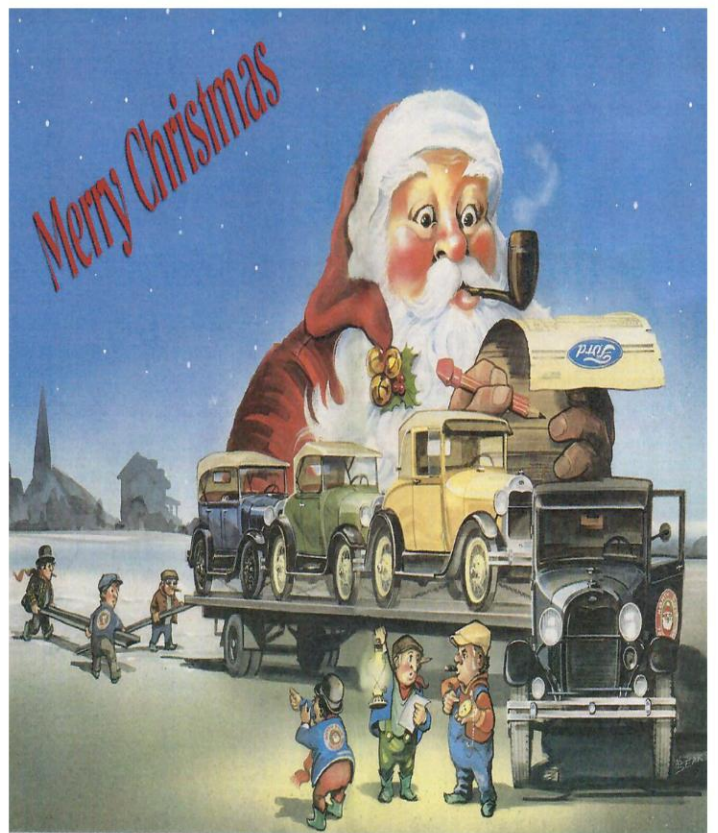


The Club's donation of 53 lbs. of food to House of Mercy on Nov. 18th

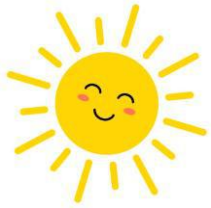
Nominees for the 2026-2027 Club officers are:

President:	Ed Sanchez
Vice President:	Larry Munk
Treasurer:	Rick Morgan
Secretary:	Shared duty between:
	Vicki Morgan
	Martha Wilkins
	Linda Westenberger
	Meredith Jackson
National Representative:	Patty Belvin

Election of 2026-2027 Officers will take place at the January 17th CVMAFC meeting. Officers will assume office immediately after the vote!!!



C L U B N E W S

**December Sunshine Report ☺**

Mickey West continues to recover at home from the effects of pneumonia. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all who keep me informed about our members so I can send a card or give them a call.

Martha Wilkins mbwilkins44@gmail.com or 757-880-7952

First Tuesday Breakfast

CVMAFC members and friends gathered for the First Tuesday Breakfast on November 4 at the Capitol Pancake house in Williamsburg. Those present were Carl Carlson, Tim Branem, Larry Munk, David Dowdy, John Heckman, Rick Calhoun, Ed Case, Mat Mulherin, Marlon Spratley, Fred Nekson, Des Donnelly, and Dave Westenberger. The food was good and the car chatter was even better.

If you are available, please join us for more First Tuesday Fun at the Yorktown IHop on December 2 at 9:00 am. Next time we'll even remember to take a group photo 🙄.



November 15th CVMAFC Tour

For the past two years CVMAFC President, Marlon Spratley, had been trying to get the Club inside of the illustrious Audrain Motorsport private car collection in Surry, Virginia. Marlon first heard about the massive collection from another CVMAFC member who told him that the Club had visited the Audrain Car collection back in 2017 or so, and how amazing it was. Well, another Club member, who now lives outside of Virginia, happened to be speaking with Marlon about all things Model A, and the subject of the Audrain car collection came up. This other Club member just happened to have the contact information for the person who manages and oversees the Audrain cars. Well, Marlon being “friend to all” reached out to the Audrain contact and developed a rapport with him. Nevertheless, try as he might, Marlon’s efforts to get the Club into see the car collection kept coming up short (mostly due to scheduling conflicts on the other end). Well, to make a two-year long story short, several weeks ago the manager of the Audrain collection called Marlon and said that he had spoken to the owner who said, “yes” the Club could come and tour the collection in November! So, out the window went our previously planned November Gloucester tour and hello to the Audrain Motorsport Car collection. And,--as a cherry on top, the manager of the Audrain cars said he would also make arrangements for the Club to visit the Dwight Schaubach car collection on the same day! Needless to say, we had an excellent November 15th tour ogling over 100s of the Audrain cars. Though we were not permitted to take pictures inside the Audrain site (with the exception of the group picture below), we visited two huge spaces filled with pristine collector’s cars (approximately 170) on display, and we were also able to see the mechanic space where the cars are serviced and repaired. What a treat for the senses!! After leaving, we travelled to Carrolton, VA, had our lunch and meeting at Dock of the Bay Restaurant, and then travelled on to the Schaubach Car collection, which was only two minutes away. Yet again, we were blown away by pristine automotive beauty, and by the graciousness of Mr. Schaubach (who personally toured us around his facility) and his lovely wife. **It was a great day!!!**



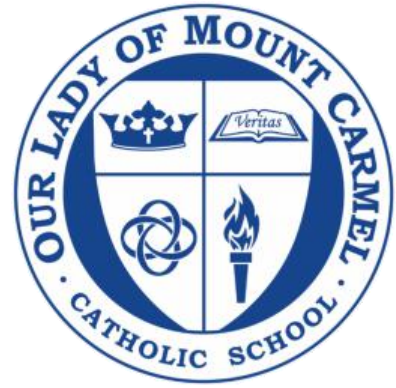






SCHOOL DAYS

On November 20th, 9 CVMAFC cars and their owners travelled to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School, to display their Model A's for the Middle School Students in support of their Social Studies curriculum. Our A's parked in the back parking lot of the school and spaced out for the purpose of allowing groups of students to gather around each car. There were 3 classes of students of approximately 20-23 in each group (which allowed for about 4 students per car). The students came to the cars with pre-prepared questions and worksheets so they could take notes. The students most commonly wanted to know what our drivers most liked about owning their Model A's, and the most given answer was the incredible appreciation for American history that the car engenders as well as the attention that it gets due to its age and beauty. The Middle Schoolers were quite inquisitive and seemed to truly appreciate the Model A's; **however**, the real excitement began when the second-grade class *exuberantly ran* out of the school (as second graders are prone to do) into the parking lot to see the cars. Why they jumped in one side and out the other of our cars, hung onto side doors by the window openings, honked horns, and otherwise had a genuine blast with our A's (a



CVMAFC participant reported that he observed one car literally *rocking* as it was filled with a group of excited second graders!). Well.....they had fun and were educated about the Model A in the process, and that's what it's all about 😊.







Carl showing off his warm & fuzzy side!

Christmas Banquet - December 6, 2025

The CVMAFC Christmas Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 6th at Marlbank Cove Clubhouse, located at 111 Lookout Point in Yorktown. The Social Hour starts at 5:30pm with a cash bar and appetizers, and the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing many of you as we usher in this festive Season during our last Club gathering of the year where we will enjoy a scrumptious dinner and our end of year program. **Don't forget to bring your Toys for Tots donations!** The Banquet is a reserved and pre-paid event. If you are reading this and have not made your reservation and payment, unfortunately, it is too late for you to attend. Nevertheless, do not dismay, because we'll do it again next year!



Williamsburg Christmas Parade!

On Sunday, December 7th six pre-registered CVMAFC A's will participate in the Williamsburg Christmas Parade, which begins at 5:00pm. We will meet at Carl Carlson's house at 1409 Jamestown Road Williamsburg at 3:30 pm. Parade participants will be in place at the William & Mary Kaplan Arena parking lot at 4:00pm for the Parade step-off at 5pm. Participants may attend an optional dinner at Panera Bread (or other restaurant as agreed on by participants) after the Parade. The theme for Parade decorations is: "Rockin Retro."



Christmas in Model A Days: Times Have Changed!

In 1928 Small children were no more warm to sitting on Santa's knee than they are today (pictured right). Also, gag gifts make their debut. The joy buzzer, invented in 1928, was a prank device comprising a coiled spring inside a disc worn in the palm. When the wearer shakes hands with another person, a button on the disc releases the spring, which quickly unwinds, creating a vibration that feels like a minor electric shock to the unsuspecting victim. **In 1929** The U.S.-Mexico border was moved two blocks north for a couple of hours on Christmas Day in 1929 so Mexican children could participate in a celebration. An 89-year-old newspaper clipping from the Arizona Daily Star said that Nogales, Arizona, invited children from all neighboring towns to a Christmas party. "At the last moment, it was discovered that about 3,000 children on the Mexican side would be barred by immigration laws," the unnamed reporter wrote. Mexican and U.S. officials held "a great many conferences" and decided to move the international border back far enough to include the municipal Christmas tree. Once each child received a present, the plan was to "gently" herd the "youngsters" back to Mexico, "each hugging a bag of candy, a toy and some new clothing." Then, the border would be restored to its original location. "No trouble is expected," the article said. (KJZZ Phoenix | By Claire Caulfield originally Published December 25, 2018).



U. S. Border Moves North So Children May Receive Toys

Sonora And Arizona Join To Assist In Christmas Party

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The United States will be a few acres smaller tomorrow for a period of three hours. The occasion is a municipal Christmas tree to which the children of both border cities are invited.

At the last moment it was discovered that about 3,000 children living on the Mexican side would be barred by immigration laws.

After a great many conferences between American and Mexican officials it was decided to move the international border back far enough to include the tree. At 9 a. m. inspectors and guards will be moved back two city blocks. There they will stay until each child has received its present.

At a signal they will begin to gently herd the youngsters back to their own country, each hugging a bag of candy, a toy and some new clothing.

Great care will be taken to see that none of the children slip through the line, although no



In 1930 For the first time, there are more households using electric lights, and not lit candles, on their Christmas trees.

In 1931 Artist, Haddon Sundblom, creates the "Coca-Cola Santa," which first appears in a Saturday Evening Post ad. Sundblom's work helped create and popularize our modern image of Santa. Also, the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lit up for the first time in 1931.

Back then, the tree was just a 20-foot balsam fir bought with the pooled money of construction workers

to lift their spirits. (Pictured right- The Christmas tree outside the Rockefeller Center in 1931)





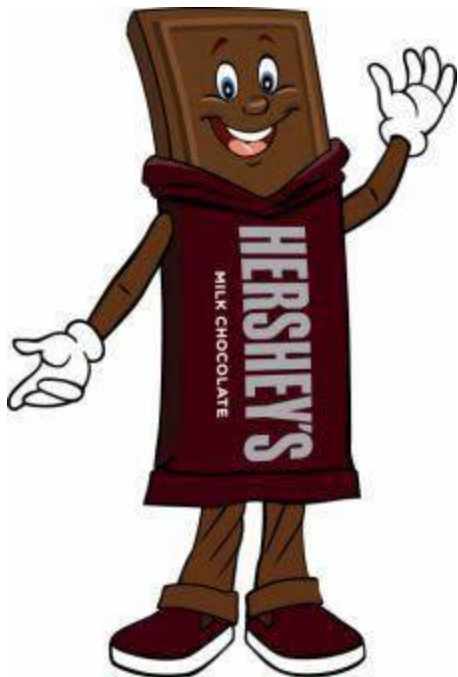
UP CLOSE & PERSONAL: MODEL A MEMORIES

David Carroll

My love for old cars really started for me when I was quite young while observing antique cars in parades much like our club does today during the holidays. As I entered my high school years I picked up a Trading Post newspaper at my local 7-11 store to shop for something cheap to work on. I found it "cool" to see how far back the cars went in years; even as far back as the 20's and 30's. Not knowing quite what I was doing, I found a 1930 coupe body in one place and then a frame, engine and fenders in other places. Then collage, marriage, and then kids came along and my project collected dust rather quickly. The massive bills of being a young father quickly pushed me to an early sale before my project was finished. However, ten years ago I was fortunate to meet my wife, Cathy, and she learned about my love for the Ford Model A and this really "neat" place called Hershey PA.

This past October Cathy and I made a five-day road trip to Hershey Pa. for the Annual fall AACA car meet. We had been planning to go for some time but as life would have it, the trip got postponed many times. We left on a Monday morning and returned home Friday evening loaded with many goodies for our 31 Tudor packed into our small Honda accord. We figured we would justify the cost of the trip by saving money on shipping of the items we purchased! Good reasoning, right?? Some of the items we needed were new stainless-steel bumpers, (chrome has been hard to come by} an extra radial tire for the spare, a complete water pump and that ever important new horn rod so we can get our Ahooga back. Apparently when we purchased the Tudor a few years back, the horn wires were taped off at the horn to prevent the horn from sounding nonstop because of a grounding issue in the rod. Des has been a great help in diagnosing this problem. Cathy even found the wooden slat pieces she needed for rebuilding our luggage rack.

We had accumulated enough credit card points





to stay at the Howard Johnson in Hershey so we were fairly close to the action, flea market fields and restaurants. Cathy and I were so tired from walking, we were happy to turn in early after dinner each evening. We took a moment to stop by and say hello to Ed and his son. The event has grown so much, it now includes 5 large fields compared to only three when I first started coming by myself at the age of 18 in 1974. Talk about a kid in a candy store!! Anything old and automotive, Hershey has it. We may consider using a golf cart next time to cover more fields. The smell of chocolate was everywhere.

Besides purchasing the goodies we had pre ordered, we had a short list of things we wanted to do: An Amish buggy ride around the farming community, a trip to Chocolate world to buy chocolate of course and a ride into Bird In Hand Pa. to Kauffman Orchards to buy apples, cider and

The Carrolls & Model A Guru, Paul Shinn!

Amish cold cuts. There were also many Amish quilts shops and antique stores along the way. We also scoped out a few campgrounds in case we may bring our RV next year. We were blessed to have wonderful weather as well.

We read in the September "The Restorer" magazine that the MAFCA technical director Paul Shinn would be at the MAFCA tent hangin out. Paul's YOUTUBE videos have been a great source of information and help in keeping our Model A running. Our questions get answered by Paul and his staff quite quickly and are able to communicate back and forth on just about anything Model A: www.tech@mafca.com. Paul was a pleasure to meet as we were able to talk about our Williamsburg chapter and the projects his chapter in southern California was involved in. His wife Tina and Cathy are both nurses and we invited Paul & Tina to our chapter in Williamsburg if they should ever make it out this way.



CVMAFC 2026 DUES INCREASE

Our annual dues have increased to \$40 per family. Please send your payment, made payable to the Colonial VA Model A Ford Club, to Treasurer, Rick Morgan, at 213 Artillery Road, Yorktown, VA 23692.





JANUARY 1ST SNOWFLAKE TOUR

Mark your calendars:

The 19th annual Snowflake Tour will take place on **January 1, 2026**.

We will depart from Jamestown Settlement parking lot at 9AM and travel the Jamestown Island long loop and then the Colonial Parkway

up to the Henry Street exit, going left at Francis Street, left on Capitol Landing Road to Capitol Pancake House for breakfast, arriving around 10AM.

Come and celebrate the New Year with us!

Dave and Linda Westenberger

January Soup Kitchen 2026

~Time to start coordinating our January Soup Kitchen for 2026~

Jerry and Martha Wilkins have reserved the Edgehill Community Center in Yorktown (700 Cockletown Rd.) for Saturday, **January 17th**, for this event. I will be making a list of what you plan to bring: Soups, Sandwiches and Desserts, etc. **Starting at 10:30a.m., we will need folks to help set up tables and chairs for lunch, the buffet, and the silent auction. We will start the meeting at 11:30a.m. followed by lunch & our silent auction.** A sign-up sheet will be circulated for food at the Snowflake Run Breakfast on Jan 1st, or you can email me, rbelvin@cox.net or call Patty at 757-810-8119.

Start looking for items you would like to bring to the Silent Auction such as Model A parts, tools, memorabilia, books and apparel. Era Fashion and other automobile related items are welcome. The Auction is a CASH ONLY event and if your item does not sell, please take it home. We will have auctioneers to help with setting up your items. All auction proceeds go to the Model A Ford Museum. This is our once-a-year club contribution to the Museum.

Of course, after we have enjoyed our soup and auction, it will be clean-up time. This is a group effort, and we all jump in and help to do our part.

This is your 'jump start' to a fabulous 2026 Model A year ahead!

Keep on chuggin', *Patty Ann*



MAFFI Minute

November 2025

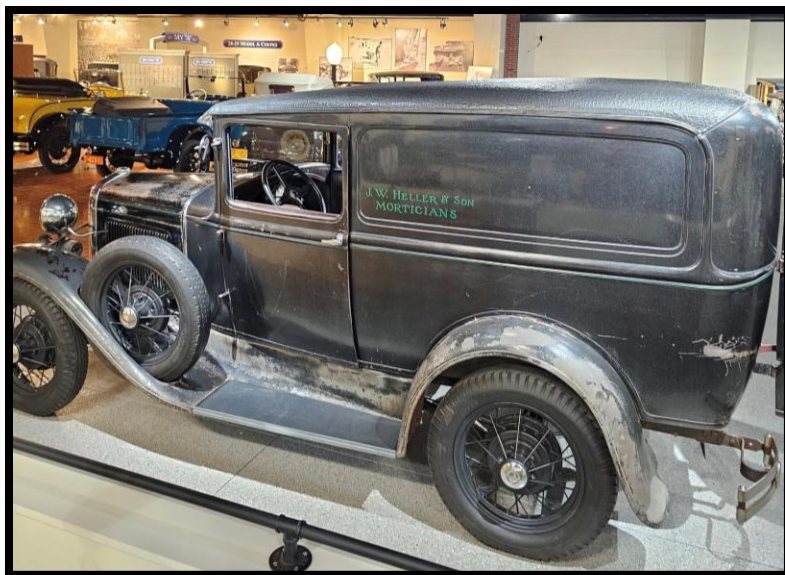
Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130) which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. This will be used during Model A Days 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



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!

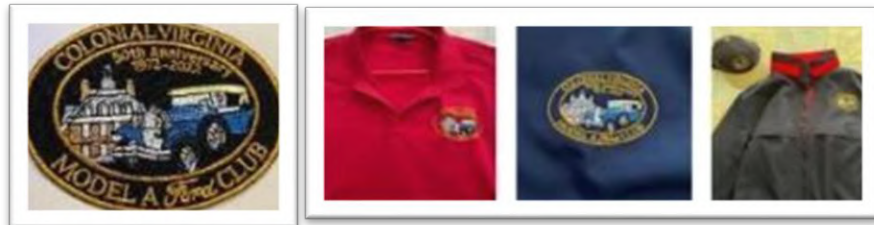


UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 2** First Tuesday Breakfast at IHop , Yorktown, 9:00am
- Dec. 6** Christmas Banquet, Marlbank Cove Clubhouse, 5:30pm
- Dec. 7** Williamsburg Christmas Parade
- Jan. 1** Snowflake Tour, leave Jamestown Settlement at 9am
- Jan. 17** CVMAFC Meeting at 11:30am (Election of Officers!) followed by Soup Kitchen & Silent Auction

CVMAFC Website, Clothing & Patches

Visit our website at <https://cvmafc.com> to find more information about our Club, including upcoming events, past events, and a portal through which potential members can contact us. You can also purchase CVMAFC Anniversary Patches (\$10), CVMAFC Enamel Radiator Medallions (\$10), and CVMAFC decals (\$8) from Club member, Carl Carlson.



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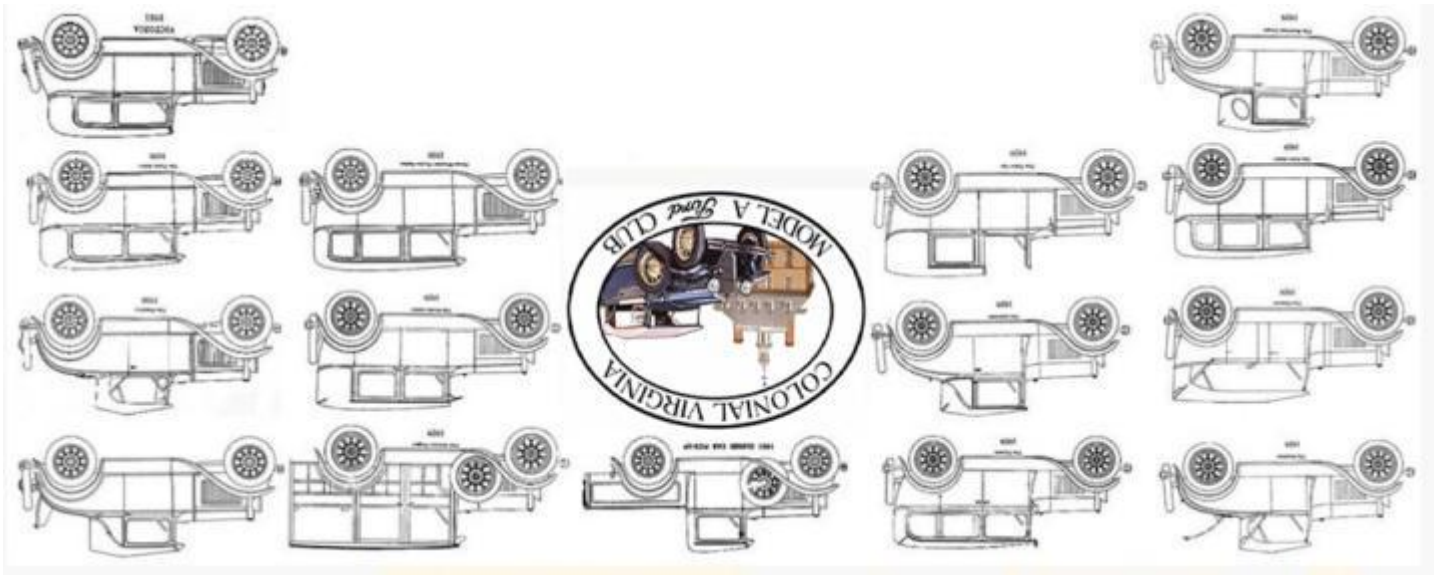
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