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COLONIAL "A" NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello CVMAFC Family! We had a great July and another wonderful showing for the July 4th Yorktown Parade! Eleven CVMAFC cars and their owners participated! This year's Parade was especially good because instead of being the grand finale, our Club cars were *third* in the Parade line-up and some of our members transported Parade dignitaries along the Parade route. And, as we approached the Parade reviewing stand, the announcer gave brief (pre-provided) descriptions of our As. I thought that was a wonderful way to help people appreciate the beauty and history of the Model A. Many thanks to our 4th of July Parade Coordinator, Carl Carlson, who attended the pre-Parade meetings and organized our participation. Carl did a wonderful job! Also, because we were only third in the Parade line-up, we were done pretty early, which gave us plenty of time to gather our delicious dishes and hop on over to the Club Picnic. What a smorgasbord of wonderful dishes and desserts we had at the Picnic!!! Everything was so good, but a big shout out goes to Scott and Merasol Avery for the 20 or more (ok-maybe not 20) food items they prepared and shared (many thanks to Merasol, who stayed home from the Parade and cooked up a storm!). Now, with that off my chest, I must say that everyone's contributions were delicious and the only thing that topped the great food was the even greater fellowship! We had a wonderful time celebrating Independence Day together! Of course, that gets me excited and ready for our August tour to Bryan and Glenda Daniel's Private Model T Museum in Toano, led by John Heckman. Look for additional details in the Newsletter and join us in August for more **Model A Family, Fellowship & Fun! -- Ahooga Blessings, Marlon**



"August: the summer's last stand." Sara Baume

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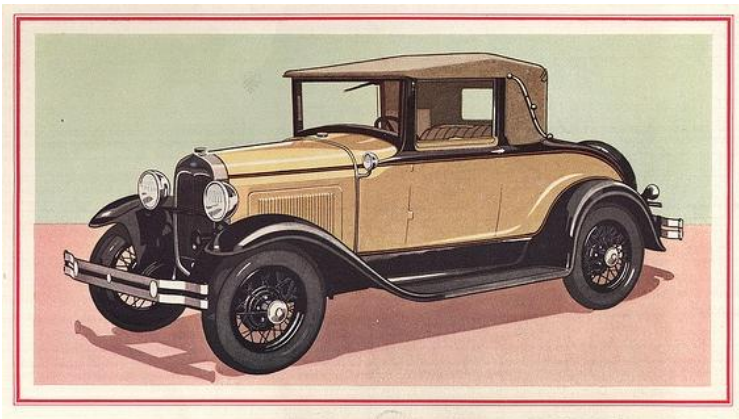
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The purpose of our club is to restore, promote and preserve Model "A" Fords and to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts and to further attract prestige and respect within the community with family oriented activities and civic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



Birthdays and Anniversary's

6 Joe & Pok Shaw
9 Shirley Gunnels
11 Fred Nelson
17 Ed & Ellie Sanchez
19 Rick & Vickie Morgan
20 George & Barbara Amory
21 Don & Helen Baxter
23 Butch & Pam Blanks
27 Ed Case
31 Jim Bostic
31 Jim Norton



Model As For Sale



1928 Ford Model AA Truck for sale by Carl Carlson. Please see listing in eBay Motors for details. All restoration receipts in hand. Truck regularly driven in Club events. Additional information and more pictures can be obtained from seller: Carl Carlson 339-222-7254 carlsoncg26@gmail.com. \$18,750 OBO.



1930 Slant Window Fordor.



Model A Ford – 1930 Genuine License Plates. Professionally Repainted. Make an Offer; contact Rick Calhoun at r.calhoun412@gmail.com



Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club

CVMAFC did not hold a July business meeting.

CVMAFC Treasurer's Report for July 2025

CHECKING ACCT, 30 May thru 30 June

PREVIOUS BALANCE
as of 5/30/2025 \$769.41

EXPENSES:
Four checks written -74.73
Bank service.25 charge -5.00

INCOME:
Total Deposits +65.00

STATED BALANCE:
as of 6/30/2025 \$754.68

CHECK BOOK BALANCE:
as of 7/19/2025 \$754.68

Prepared by: Rick Morgan, Treasurer

C L U B N E W S



August Sunshine Report ☺

Rick Morgan had shoulder replacement on July 2. He has started going to PT but has had exercises to do at home all along with the purpose of keeping the shoulder from getting stiff. He is currently predicting a good outcome from his surgery. At some point he says he will have the other shoulder replaced but it will be in the winter because there is less work to do in the yard during winter as opposed to summer. He and Vicki are attending PT together as she is still doing therapy for her ankle. Rick says they are both on a "good trajectory".

I also talked to Jim Bostic. He says "so far, so good!" He will see his doctor in September for an x-ray of his neck and then if all is well, he expects to be released.

I talked to Barbara Amory last week. She says they really miss the club meetings and activities. They would love to join us. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This month cards were sent to Barbara and George, Rick Morgan, and Jill Morefield. Thanks to all of you who keep me informed about our members who may need some sunshine. I really appreciate it and you!!

Text or call 757-880-7952, or e-mail me at mbwilkins44@gmail.com Martha Wilkins

First Tuesday Breakfast

We had a great First Tuesday breakfast on July 1st at the Williamsburg Shorty's restaurant. As usual the conversation was lively, and we enjoyed quite a bit of "car talk." Additionally, we were happy to welcome Model A enthusiast Bryan Sullivan and his lovely wife, Kathryn, who were both a great addition to our monthly breakfast. The rest of us in attendance were: Terry Gunnels, John Atkinson, Dave Carroll, David Dowdy, John Heckman, Larry Munk, Des Donnelly, Mickey West, Dave Routten, Fred Nelson, Ed Case, and Marlon Spritely. Our next First Tuesday Breakfast will be on August 5th **at the IHop in Yorktown** located at 5518 George Washington Memorial Hwy.

The fun begins at 9:00am.



Yorktown 4th of July Parade



We had a grand time participating in the Yorktown Fourth of July Parade! Of course, we started by getting the cars all gussied up in red, white and blue regalia, and then it was off to the Parade staging area. Thankfully, we did not wait in the staging area for long before we were called to take our place in the Parade line-up. Eleven of our cars participated, with the first three cars carrying the Grand Marshall and the two Deputy Grand Marshalls of the Parade. In fact, the Parade Grand Marshall, Michelle Rower (who was named the 2025 York County School Division Teacher of the Year!) even joined us after the Parade at our Club picnic. As usual, participating in the Yorktown Fourth of July Parade was a great way to celebrate Independence Day!





David Dowdy in the S. Norfolk 4th of July Parade with CHMAFC

CVMAFC 4th of July Picnic





UP CLOSE & PERSONAL: **MODEL A MEMORIES**

David Dowdy

In 1968, I bought my first Model A Roaster when I was fifteen years old. I didn't have a driver's license but the Model A was titled in my name only. The motor ran but it was really rough. I drove it to high school in the 10th grade but it seems like I pushed it more that I drove it. I parked it in the garage and would start it up now and then just to keep the motor running.

Fast forward to the early '90's, I decided to start restoring it, but my wife told me that I should just go buy one already done since I was already working 5 1/2 days a week.

So, in August of '94 I bought a nice 1931 two-tone Green Coupe. My Dad and I always talked about Model A's and old cars, so on Saturday afternoons I would pull up in his driveway with the Coupe and hand him the keys and say, "You're driving." The smile on his face was priceless and now are precious memories. Six months later he passed away.

A few years later a group of us were on a Sunday afternoon tour in Elizabeth City, NC. We stopped for ice cream, when a gentleman came inside and said that he had a '29 Model A Coupe for sale. We asked what kind of Coupe and he said a convertible Coupe. It was a nice 1929 good driver Roadster. My wife encouraged me to buy it, and I drove it for several years before selling it once I bought my Fordor in 2010.

I took my first '29 Model A Roadster and turned it into a Closed Cab Pickup Truck, which I restored and still own and drive today. I painted it myself in a portable barn using a \$25 Harbor Freight low pressure high volume pain gun. I painted it part by part, one fender at a time and parts were laid out around my pool table in the house as needed.

My favorite is my 1931 S/W Town Sedan Fordor which I purchased around 2010. It was built at the Norfolk Assembly Plant in Virginia. It was delivered to Sawyer Ford Dealership in Manteo, NC. They used it for a service or dealer car until they sold it to my friend Dewey Milligan in the early 1980's.

Dewey restored it to like new and drove it in the 1989 GREAT RACE from Waterside in Norfolk, VA to Disney World in California. This is the Model A that I wish I could have bought first.



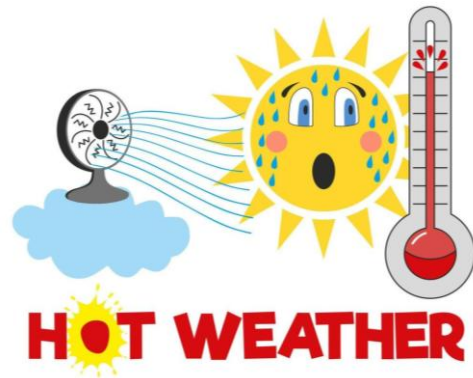
For a short period of time, I had four nice running Model A's licensed and on the road. I have since sold the Roadster but still have the other 3 Model A's.

The best thing about Model A's are Model A people. They are a special breed. They are a family brotherhood and some of the best people you will ever meet, and goodness knows they love to eat good food. I enjoy dressing up to match the era of the cars and to make people smile. Remember it's about having fun and fellowship. The more you drive your Model A's the better they run.

Retirement Community Runs

Future Run Dates:

**NO RUN DATES IN AUGUST!!
TOO HOT!!**



Contagious Restoration – The Story of Stinky



About a year ago while at the Luray Swap Meet, Larry and Cathy Munk made a deal to purchase their 1928 Model A Ford Business Coupe. They picked the car up in Henderson North Carolina and used John Wyatt's trailer to get it to Williamsburg. Though the car's restoration began in California in the late 1970's, it sat unfinished for 47 years, moving from California to North Carolina. The chassis had been restored, the engine was rebuilt, the body was dipped and primed, but there it sat until



it found a new home, which is where Larry and Cathy stepped in.

After getting the car home, they named it Stinky because it had buildup of whatever was floating around in the garage where it had been stored and had developed "a unique aroma". Larry gave the car a good bath and, thankfully, Stinky doesn't stink anymore 😊.

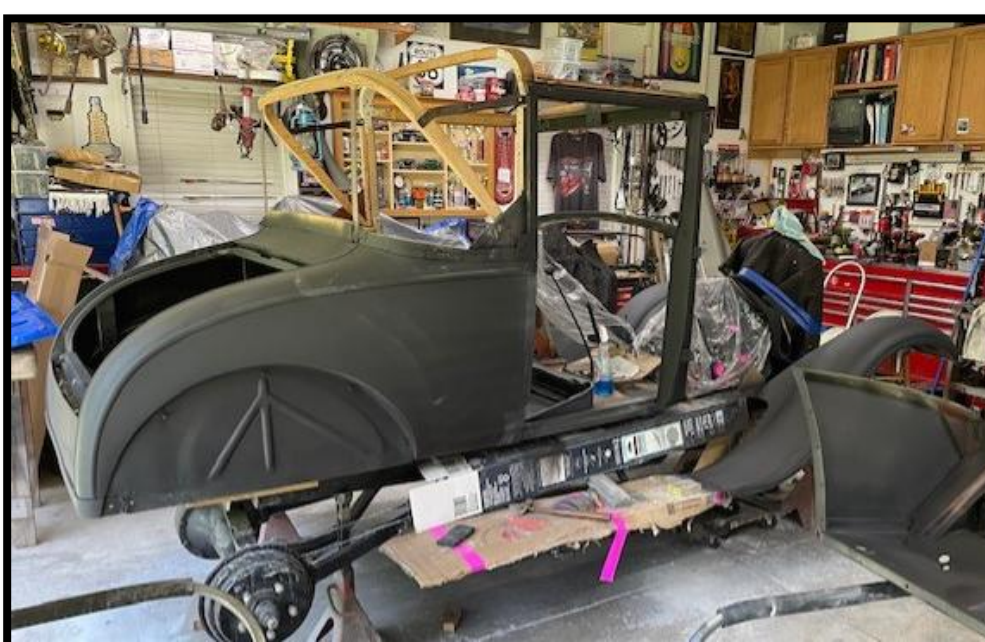
Regarding the restoration progress, Larry writes, "It's been a busy summer but Stinky is progressing well. Most of the big stuff is painted and lots of small things still need to be painted. But it's nice to see Stinky coming together and starting to look like a Model A. We took some time after the Richmond Swap Meet and went to the Ford Garage in Short Pump for lunch. It's a really neat place and the food is good.

I thought that I had parts really organized but it seems like I spend as much time looking for stuff as I do working. I really hope to have Stinky ready for the opening of the Colonial Parkway next year."

Stinky's looking pretty good to me (scroll down to see pics of Stinky)! Marlon and Fred better hurry up with Frankenstein and Minnie or else Stinky's gonna leave them in the dust.

To be continued.....





August 16th CVMAFC Tour

Meet:

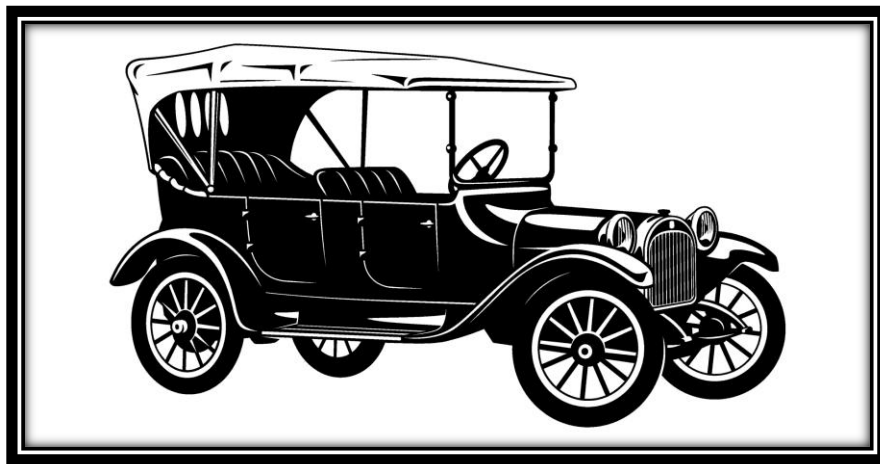
At Shorty's in Williamsburg at 9:00am (**Tour led by John Heckman**)

Tour:

Arrive at 10:30am and tour **Bryan & Glenda Daniel's Private Model T Museum**
8343 Richmond Rd., Toano, VA 23168

Lunch & Meeting:

12pm at Stonehouse Grill 9700 Mill Pond Run, Toano, VA

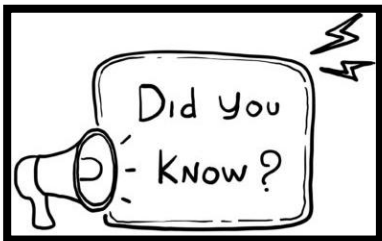


Christmas In July August!



CVMAFC will be participating in the Christmas Parade again this year which will be held on **Sunday December 7th** (but August is not too early to discuss the details!). Once again, the Parade will be a Nighttime Parade, and we'll start with a 4pm meet up at Carl's house. The Parade will kick off at 5pm and our participation will conclude at about 6pm. There will also be an optional meet-up for dinner at Panera Bread in New Town after the Parade.

Please come to our August meeting prepared to commit to participating. Reminder: The CVMAFC Board previously determined that CVMAFC Parade Participants will share equally in paying the \$100 entrance fee, so the fee will be split among all Parade participants.



The Ford Quadricycle was the first vehicle developed by Henry Ford. His first car was a simple frame with a gas-powered engine mounted onto four bicycle wheels. In 1896 Ford sold his first Quadricycle for \$200 to Charles Ainsley. He later built two more Quadricycles: one in 1899, and another in 1901. He eventually bought his first one back for \$60.



Model A Backfiring

*Originally published on July 9, 2012 by the Tulsa Chapter of MAFCA

Question:

My Model A is running a little rough with a lot of backfiring when you step on the accelerator. Can you give me some idea where to start looking?

Ever ask yourself this question? — I have!! Les Andrews provides some tips you may want to consider to eliminate this problem.

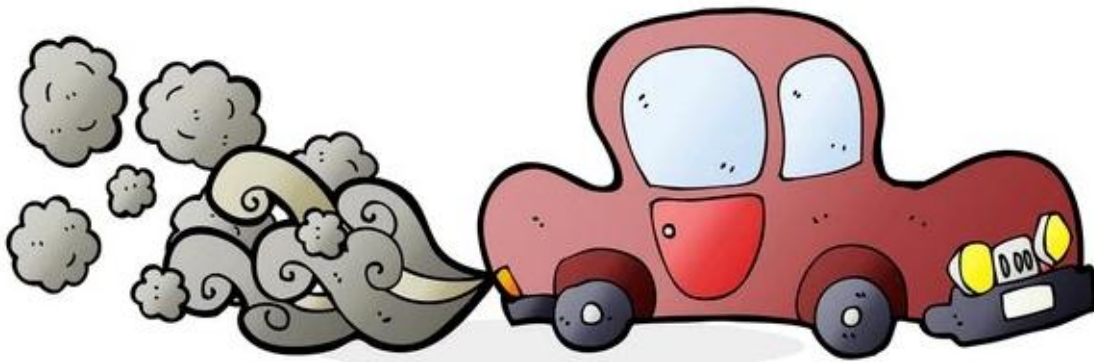
Answer:

Back firing is usually caused by the condenser failing, or the points may not have sufficient gap. Make sure they are set at .018 to .020". Make sure they are not burnt.

Backfiring can be caused by intermittent firing of the ignition system or very lean fuel mixture. If the car has been setting for a while, the carburetor float valve may be sticking. Clean the float valve good and set the float level. Backfiring due to intermittent ignition can be caused by a frayed wire on the bottom side of the distributor plate . . or . . by intermittent connection of the ignition switch.

Potential Solutions:

1. Check point setting first.
2. Replace condenser next (unless you are using modern points). Make sure the condenser you buy is the right length, some are too short, and that it is good quality.
3. Check that the carburetor float valve is operating correctly.
4. Sometimes the pop out type ignition switches get intermittent. As a last resort, replace the ignition switch/cable.
5. Check the GAV to make sure it is not set too lean



MAFFI MINUTE

This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed --to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

"The first Model A " Serial Number: 1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes: Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non synchronized Body: Ford Motor Company Maximum Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery w/positive ground Tire Size: 450-21 Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift

This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee and Secretary



Got Jokes???

Why did the beach house fall asleep at the end of summer?

It's always near the sand, man!

How do trees get ready for cold weather?

They leaf their worries behind!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses on the first day of school?

Because her students were so bright!

Why is the calendar scared every August?

It's about to fall!

Why did the tomato turn red at the end of summer?

It saw the calendar and realized ketchup season was over!

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

August 2025

Maybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Also, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

Regions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

Continuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5 – First Tuesday Breakfast at IHop in Yorktown at 9:00am

August 16th – CVMAFC Tour at the Daniel's Private Model T Museum in Toano

Please pay \$25 to *renew* your dues for 2025

Existing members pay \$25 dues (those who receive US mailed copies of the Newsletter pay \$35). **For new members**, dues are \$35 (which covers one name badge. An additional name badge for a spouse is another \$10). Make check payable to: **Colonial VA Model A Ford Club**. Mail to Club Treasurer, Rick Morgan, at: 213 Artillery Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692



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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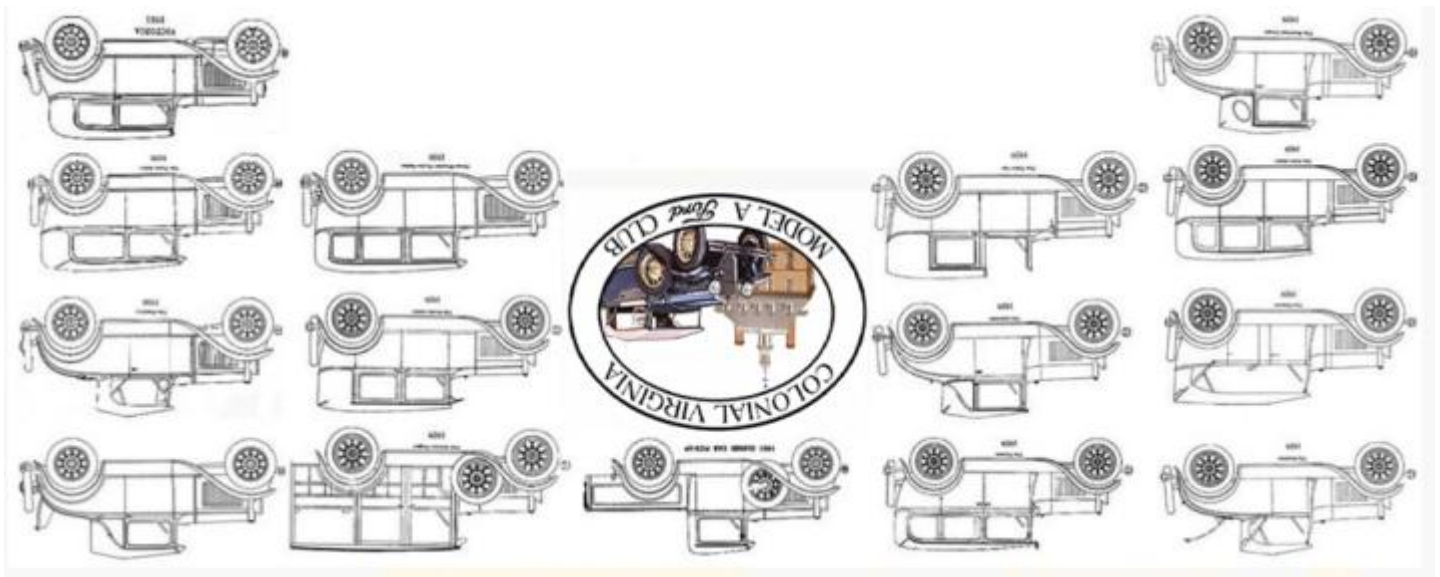
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