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COLONIAL "A" NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello CVMAFC Family! We had a good time showcasing our Model A's during our September tour to the Cars and Coffee "car show" gathering in Williamsburg. When the train of Model A's paraded into the Cars and Coffee parking lot,

heads turned because we were certainly among the oldest vehicles there and because, well, the A's looked great coming in all together. Quite a few Cars and Coffee spectators took pictures of our cars and showed genuine interest in the A's. Our participation in this informal event was definitely a great way to showcase the Model A. Interestingly, we found a non-CVMAFC Model A in attendance at Cars and Coffee, and we quickly corralled the owner. He and



he and his grandfather, Bill Gaertner (who also owns an A but didn't drive it that day) joined us for our lunch and meeting after the car show. In fact, Bill joined our Club that day (this was his second CVMAFC event) and I believe his grandson wants to join in October. It's certainly exciting to see new folks become a part of our ranks!

Also, I wanted to say another big thank you to all 14 Club members who made our Home Depot service activity and fundraiser a great success!! We had a wonderful time acting as antique taxicabs to the Home Depot executives and they really appreciated being able to ride in a gorgeous piece of history. Now, I'm looking ahead to our October "Hoping for Fall Colors" tour through the winding roads of Charles City County, led by Larry and Cathy Munk. I sure hope to see you all there for more **Model A Family, Fellowship & Fun!** -- Ahooga Blessings, Marlon

"October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen."

Hal Borland

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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

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6 Pok Shaw

8 Ty Bland

12 Rick & Lynne Calhoun

14 Ann Thrasher

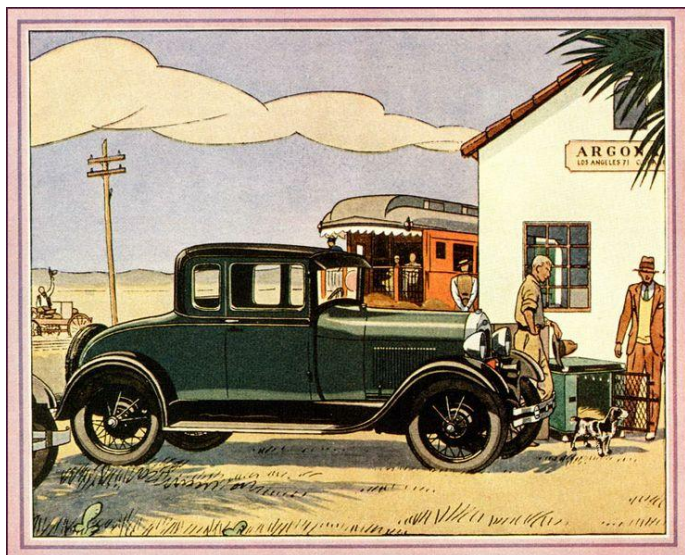
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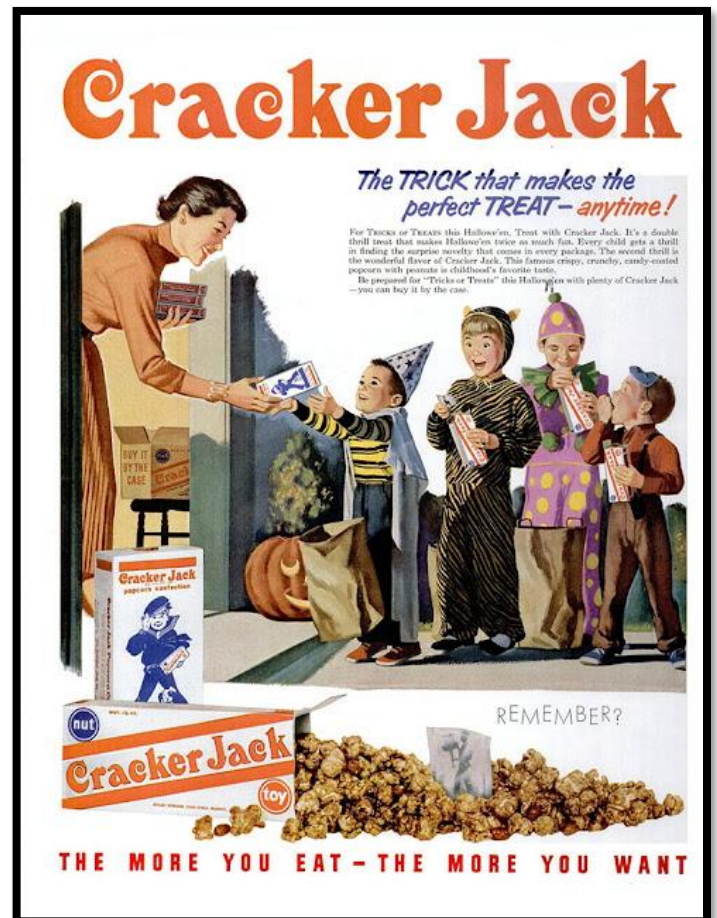
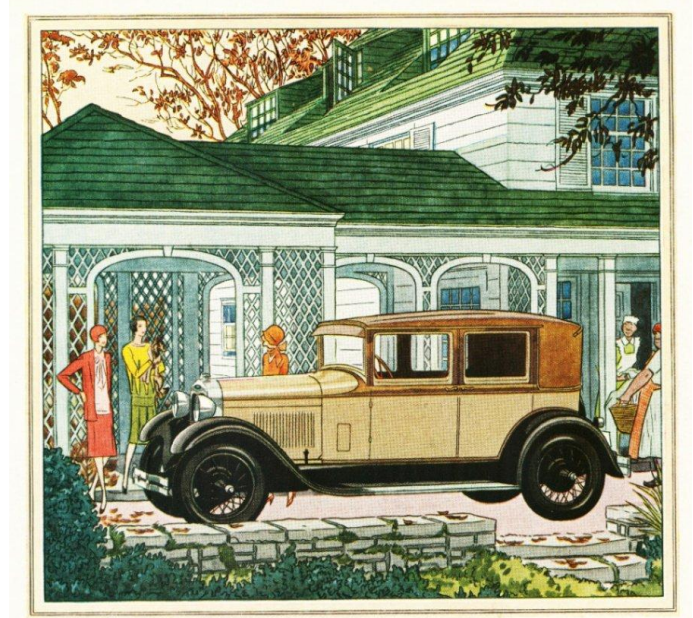
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Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club

CVMAFC MEETING MINUTES

The September 20, 2025, meeting of the Colonial Virginia Model A Club was held at Old City Barbeque in Williamsburg. Club President, Marlon Spratley called the meeting to order at 12:00pm, with the pledge lead by Larry Munk followed by the blessing given by Ed Case. Martha Wilkins gave the Sunshine Report. The passing of Jim Norton was announced and four people stated they would be attending the graveside service on 9/22.

The Treasurers report by Rick Morgan was accepted. The August Secretary's minutes had no changes and were approved. There was nothing to report on the Newsletter. Marlon introduced Bill Gaertner and Mitchell Harris, who are Grandfather and Grandson. They own a 1931 Vicky and a 1930 Tudor, respectively. Bill joined the Club at the meeting. Ivan has sent reports to both national magazines. There was no Tech Report.

The Fall Festival weekend at Newport News Park is October 4 & 5. For the Club to earn an honorarium for our participation, we will need 10 cars present at the Park each day. 8 Club members signed up for Saturday and 10 for Sunday. Parking passes will be distributed later as they had not arrived as of our meeting date.

The October tour will be led by Larry & Cathy Munk. After a drive through the countryside the Club will visit the Charles City County Courthouse. The lunch will be across the street at the Grill, and our meeting will be held at the nearby Love Shack.

Speaking of love, Marlon announced that Scott and Merasol are engaged and will marry next year! Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Jackson, Secretary



Merasol Avery won the 50/50!

CVMAFC Treasurer's Report for September 2025

CHECKING ACCT, 31 July thru 29 August

PREVIOUS BALANCE
as of 7/31/2025 \$749.68

EXPENSES:
Three checks written -255.97
Bank service charge -5.00

INCOME:
Total Deposits +0.00

STATED BALANCE:
as of 8/29/2025 \$488.71

CHECK BOOK BALANCE:
as of 9/20/2025 \$2419.71

Prepared by: Rick Morgan, Treasurer



C L U B N E W S



October Sunshine Report ☺

Jim Norton passed away on Monday, September 4. The service was held on September 22. There was an outside service with full military honors held at the cemetery in Suffolk. Patti Belvin, Meredith Jackson, David Dowdy, and David Carrol were in attendance. Jim's wife, Ione was very appreciative to have 2 Model A's there. A card was sent from the Club.

Cards were also sent to George Amory and to Jill Morefield. Just a note that Jill is very happy that Ivan retired in September and so he will be able to attend the meetings more often since sometimes he had to work on Saturdays (and of course, he will bring Jill).

Rick Morgan recently injured his shoulder and is rehabbing at home. A card is being sent.

A card was also sent to thank Bryan Daniel and the Colonial Virginia Model T Club for hosting our August tour destination.

I really appreciate everyone letting me know when someone needs a card or a call.

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

First Tuesday Breakfast

Our Colonial Virginia Model A Club First Tuesday Breakfast was held on September 2 at Capitol Pancake House in Williamsburg. We had a great turnout with plenty of Model A chatter. Plus, Capitol Pancake House served up a great breakfast meal. The sixteen (16) members fortunate enough to attend included Rick Calhoun, Carl Carlson, Dave Carroll, Tammy Copland, Wick Copland, Ed Case, Des Donnell, John Heckman, Rick Morgan, Larry Munk, F. E. Nelson, David Routten, Marlon Spratley, Mickey West, David Westenberger, and Jerry Wilkins.

Our next First Tuesday breakfast will be on October 7 at the Yorktown IHOP. The fun begins at 9:00 am. Have even more fun and drive your "A". *Jerry W.*



September 13th CVMAFC “Service Project” & Fundraiser

On September 13th fourteen (14) CVMAFC members and their Model A's shuttled Home Depot Executives from the Williamsburg Inn to a reception they were attending at Christiana Campbell's Tavern in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. The one-way transport went smoothly, without a hitch, and everyone arrived at their destination safe and sound. The executives were truly impressed with our Model A's and marveled at the age and beauty of the cars. **It was a very exciting experience!**





September 20th CVMAFC Tour & Meeting

On September 20th we met at Shorty's in Williamsburg and travelled as a group to the **Williamsburg Cars and Coffee** event located at the High Street Shops, sponsored by the Tippy Beans Café. Cars and Coffee is a monthly gathering of car enthusiasts who come together on the 3rd Saturday of each month to meet and display their vehicles. The CVMAFC A's "stole the show" as we arrived fashionably late (for car show folks) at 10am and made quite the entrance! Though Cars and Coffee drew some really cool cars, our Model A's certainly held their own. With that being said, we definitely enjoyed admiring many of the beautiful vehicles that turned out, and quite a few of the Cars and Coffee participants enjoyed admiring our A's as well. After we left Cars and Coffee, we travelled to Old City Barbeque in Williamsburg for a delicious lunch and a quick meeting. As usual, **a good time was had by all!**







This two-day, family-friendly festival will be held at Newport News Park (13560 Jefferson Ave.) on **October 4 and 5** from 10am-5pm and includes traditional marketplace crafters and exhibitors, Halloween-themed vendors, live stage entertainment, and more! **Once again, CVMAFC will have a booth at the festival and will display at least 10 of our cars on both days.** Additionally, the CVMAFC Executive Board will meet on Saturday October 4 at 12pm at our booth. Please plan to have your cars on display!

TRICK OR TREAT - 1928

According to research conducted by etymologist, Barry Popik, the earliest recorded U.S. example of the phrase “trick or treat” dates to 1928. That November, Michigan’s *Bay City Times* claimed residents dreaded Halloween night, when they’d encounter on their doorsteps the “fatal ultimatum ‘Tricks or treats!’ uttered in a merciless tone by some small child who clutched in one grubby fist a small chunk of soap capable of eliminating the transparency from any number of windows.” Halloween candy solicitation paused during World War II because of sugar rationing, but afterwards it came back stronger. The mid-20th century’s growing and thriving suburbs presented ideal routes for trick-or-treating kids, and more individually wrapped candy made the whole process easier for homeowners.

“Trick or treat!” is now a less literal phrase than the *Bay City Times* reported in 1928; few children today have intentions to pull a prank if they aren’t offered candy. And if a house doesn’t wish to participate in the fun, they can simply turn off their porchlight to avoid the attention of little ones.



A few kids dressed up for trick-or-treating,
circa 1925 Kirn Vintage Stock / Corbis via Getty Images

Excerpted from an October 24, 2023, publication in the *Smithsonian Magazine* entitled “The History of Trick or Treating Goes Back Centuries” by Rose Eveleth and Sonja Anderson.





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

John Atkinson

My interest in Model A Fords started in my teenage years growing up in Northern Michigan along Lake Michigan. My Father owned a 1930 Tudor that I drove in various 4th of July parades in our local towns and my older brother always had one that he was working on. My first Model A was just an almost running 31 frame & axles with a 283 Chevrolet engine mated to a 39 transmission that cost a whopping \$50 in 1968. I know what your thinking, but every teenager had copies of Hot Rod magazines and wanted a hotrod. Bodies were abundant in farmers' fields and woods for next to nothing. I located a coupe body, but a tourist from downstate Michigan wanted the car more than I did, and cold cash won that deal and that was the end of my own Model A ownership until 2023.

In 1970, I joined the Navy as a jet engine mechanic, but flew as a Naval Aircrewman on helicopters, including the UH-1 Huey and RH-53D airborne minesweeping helicopter with a total of over 1200 flight hours, including 180 hours under tow hunting mines. After that, I spent the second half of my career as a Maintenance



Master Chief at Norfolk based helicopter Squadrons and aircraft carriers deploying eleven times. After 31 yrs in the Military, I retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer from USS George Washington (CVN-73) followed by 16 years as a senior civil servant as the COMNAVAIRFOR MH-60 Helicopter Deputy Class Desk Officer and retired for good in October 2016.

As the retirement/assisted living visit coordinator for Classic Cruisers Car Club, I met Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club member, Jim Bostic, and mentioned that I always wanted a Model A. I told him if he ever wanted to sell one of his two classics, I was interested. In December of 2022, Jim called and said he was ready to let one go. On my test drive around Poquoson, I know Jim was cringing with my shifting & grinding, I guess I forgot a few things in 60 years! In late May 2023, we exchanged cash and keys for "Rosebud" and Larry Munk sponsored me for membership in CVMAFC. To date, I have accumulated over 1200 miles on the odometer going on local Club tours and visiting Peninsula retirement facilities. My wife Linda and I enjoy the Club members, learning the Model A from Ed, Des & Larry, and driving "Rosebud" as well as my other modern car, a 1956 Oldsmobile "Dunesmobile" convertible around the area.

John is a real asset to CVMAFC and has provided great leadership in coordinating our Retirement Community Runs. Thanks for your dedicated service, John!

Hoping For Fall Colors Tour

The details for our **October 18th CVMAFC Tour**, led by Larry and Cathy Munk, are as follows:

At 9:30am we will meet up in the Brewsters/Food Lion parking lot at 5289 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg (this Food Lion generally has clean bathrooms).

We will depart at 10:00am preceded by a brief meeting describing the tour route.

The Tour will be a Fall drive through Charles City County on and off the beaten path roads. We will hopefully enjoy the leaves changing and beautiful countryside. We will stop at the historic Charles City County Courthouse where there is a self-service Visitor Center with restrooms next door.

We will then go across the street to Cul's Courthouse Grille at 10801 Courthouse Rd, Charles City, and enjoy lunch. After lunch we will gather at the Love Shack for our meeting, which is next to the restaurant. Upon leaving the meeting we'll cross over Rt 5 to Rt 155 and proceed on Rt 155 to Providence Forge where we will get on Rt 60 for a leisurely drive home.

There are two gas stations at the turn onto Rt 60 for anyone needing gas.



Retirement Community Runs

Future Run Dates:

October 3 - 11am-1pm	Windsor Meade 3900 Windsor Hall, Williamsburg
October 8 - 10:00am-12:00pm	The Hamilton/Assisted Living 113 Battle Road, Yorktown (turn at York Library on 17)
October 21 - 2pm-4pm	Verena at the Reserve 119 Reserve Way, Williamsburg



Extend and maintain your battery. Snyders and/or others sell a battery pulse maintainer to keep it pulse charged. Dave W.





CVMAFC has two new members: Bill Gaertner and his wife, Jo Carolyn Gaertner, of Charles City County!! Bill and Jo own a 1931 Victoria, pictured right. This coming March, the Gaertner's will celebrate 60 years of marriage! They enjoy traveling, snow skiing, and boating. This past summer they travelled on their boat for three months from Tampa to Key West, Florida then up the East Coast back to Virginia. Thanks to their grandson, Mitchell Harris, their interests have now shifted to Model A's (Mitchell drives a 1930 Tudor as his daily driver). The Gaertner's look forward to touring with the Club and hope to attend some National tours as well. They are even planning their own personal tour this November to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Welcome to CVMAFC Bill & Jo, we're so glad you're here!! 😊



MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just "electric" at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area.

Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional Phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter.

And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Trustee/Secretary



Restoration Updates: Frankenstein & Minnie



Marlon Spratley's 1929 Special Coupe, Frankenstein, is coming right along. When we last checked, Marlon had hand scraped all of Frankenstein's green paint off, and Fred and Marlon had primed the body and all its parts. Since that time, Marlon purchased new cobra grain for the vehicle's top and had it professionally installed (after a cobra grain self-install fail; the cobra grain was a beast to install with the Special Coupe's material extending all the way down the back side of the top). Additionally, he has now completed the process of wet sanding the vehicle and it's ready for the paint booth. Also, notice that he converted the car's rumble seat to a trunk.



When last we checked with Fred Nelson, he had totally disassembled his "new" 1931 Tudor; he had done all the sheet metal work on the car; and he had covered the car in epoxy primer. Now, Fred has replaced the cobra grain top using a self-engineered mechanism to stretch and properly place it. Additionally, Fred constructed and installed a Model A Tudor Basement which consists of two floor storage compartments. He, too, has completed the wet sanding process, but is waiting to find a driver side front & rear fender before the car will be ready for painting.

To be continued!!!



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3 11am Retirement Run – Windsor Meade, Williamsburg
 - Oct. 4 12pm CVMAFC Board Mtg at Falloween – Newport News Park
 - Oct. 5 Falloween – Newport News Park
 - Oct. 7 9am First Tuesday Breakfast at Ihop in Yorktown
 - Oct. 8 10am Retirement Run - The Hamilton, Yorktown
 - Oct. 18 9:30am meet up for CVMAFC Hoping for Fall Colors Tour/Lunch & Meeting
 - Oct. 21 2pm Retirement Run – The Verena, Williamsburg
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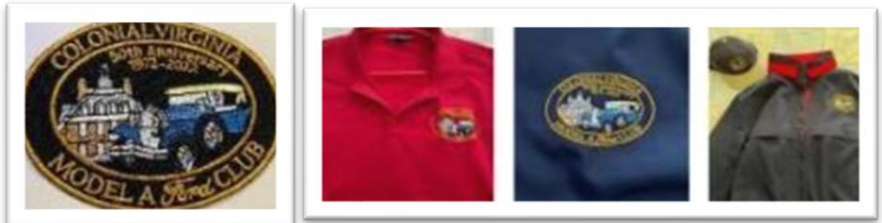
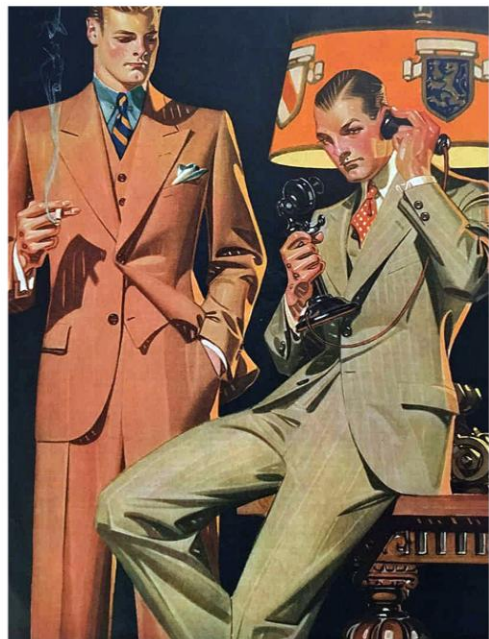
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CVMAFC Website, Clothing & Patches

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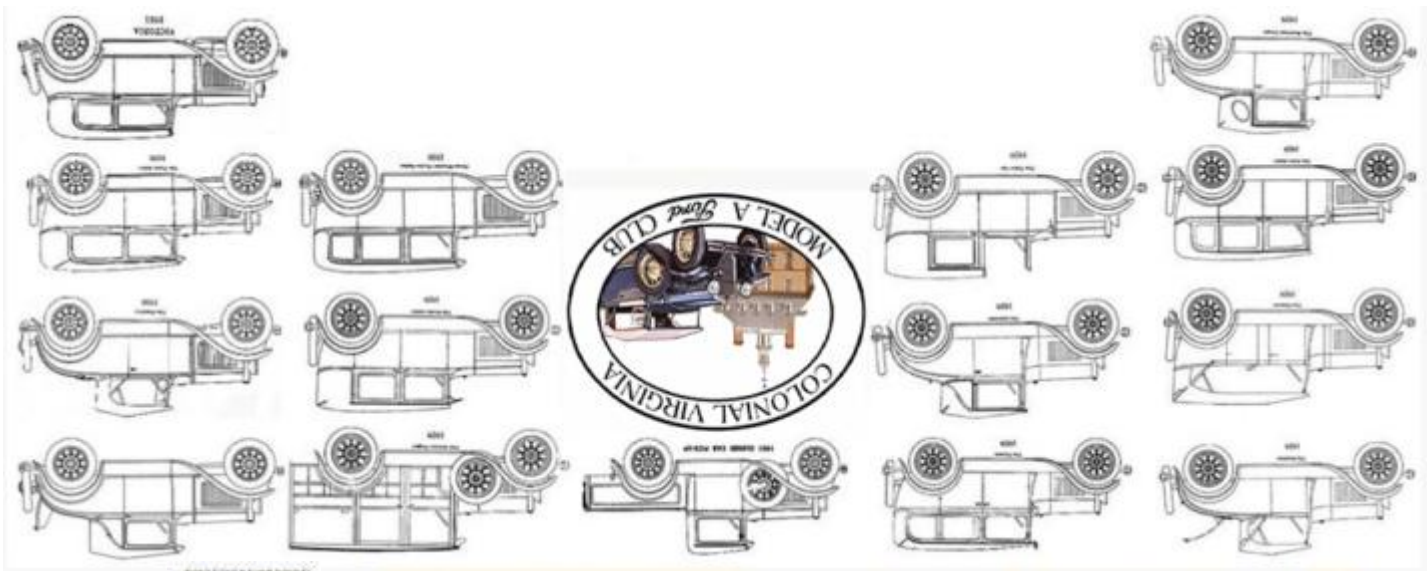
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