



The Grease Rag



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2025 Club Meeting Dates

Oaklette United Methodist Church
Indian River Rd / 520 Oaklette Dr.,
Chesapeake, Va.

Month	Date	Time
January	9	7:00pm
February	13	7:00pm*
March	13	7:00pm
April	10	7:00pm*
May	8	7:00pm
June	12	7:00pm*
July	10	7:00pm
August	14	7:00pm*
September	11	7:00pm
October	9	7:00pm*
November	13	7:00pm
December	11	1:00pm

* Pot Luck Dinners - normally

Meetings - Normally the 2nd Thursday of the month.

www.chmafc.org and Facebook

Wednesdays

Breakfast/Dinner Runs

Hardees on Little Creek 8:00 a.m.

Fridays

Centerville/Mt Pleasant, Angie's 8:00 a.m

First Thursday night of the month

Dinner at Southland - 5:30

Editor's Note: This month's cover image was taken by the editor during a recent tech session at the Woodall's garage and depicts "Luther", the Woodall's 1929 Sedan Delivery.

Corrections, omissions or updates, including but not limited to addition or removal requests for the "Classy-fieds", birthday and anniversary lists, published dates or times, etc. to TheGreaseRag@gmail.com New content like "I caught a fish this big!" stories, photos, technical info or anything else you think might be of interest to our readers may also be sent to TheGreaseRag@gmail.com

Please submit your content by the 22nd of the month

(Editor's Note: Errors, omissions and blatantley obvious missteaks only become visible after the newsletter has been published and distributed.)

The Grease Rag is the Newsletter- Cape Henry Region of MARC

The purpose of this club shall be to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of 1928-1931 Ford Model "A" and "AA" motor vehicles and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the vehicle in its original likeness. Ownership of a Model "A" is not necessary, only an interest in the purposes and activities of the club. All members must also have current membership in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is encouraged.

Technical DVD's available to members:

Rebuilding Shock Absorbers
Installing New Roof on your Pickup Truck
Rebuilding 2-Tooth Steering
Installing Flathead Ted's Brake Floater Kit
How to set your Engine Bearing Clearances
Put Bounce back in your Springs
Replacing your Timing Gear on the Road
Replacing your Brake Drums
Rebuilding the Model "A" Transmission
Rebuilding and Timing your Distributor
Rebuilding the Model A Front End + Freeing a Stuck Spring Perch
Dial "D" For Distributor
40 Horses
Contact David Curl to check out videos

President's Message

I am a happy camper because the heatwave and rain deluge has ended for a while. I have been working on some ideas for our celebration to the National Model A Ford Day in September. I am looking for suitable parks where we can have some food and car games if that is what the members would like to do. I would like to have a range of options to discuss at our meeting next Thursday. If you have any thoughts or recommendations, please bring them up at the meeting.

I would like to use whatever we decide to do as a venue to take pictures and offer them with our story to the local media for their use. My thought is to use our occasion for having a good time to plan the idea of joining the Club in the public's mind. Please come and bring your ideas.

All the best,

Jerry



1930 31 SLANT WINDSHIELD FORDOR (140 A B C)



1928 29 LEATHERBACK FORDOR (170 A B)



1928 29 STANDARD PHAETON (155 A)



1930 31 STANDARD PHAETON (155 B)



1930 31 DELUXE ROADSTER (140 B)



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1930 31 STANDARD ROADSTER (140 B)



1930 31 DELUXE PHAETON (155 B)



1928 29 OPEN CAB PICKUP (170 A)



1930 31 OPEN CAB PICKUP (170 B)



1928 29 CLOSED CAB PICKUP (182 A)



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Meeting Minutes

Meeting came to order at 7p with The Pledge of Allegiance

Guest: Ben Spitzer, owns a 29 coupe

Sunshine Report: We are all healthy - nothing to report

First time out: None

Discussed the desire to have some "club wear" - had polo shirts and hats in the past - maybe patch with our emblem? Possible vendors - Tidewater Emblem, Alltuf T-shirts, 4Imprint. Kerry to investigate further

Model A Day - Discussed possible activities to engage in for participation

Treasurers report in The Grease Rag

Kerry to find location to post club pictures / content

Jerry O will call Jim W to get access to Face Book Page

Rest Home car show participants we're given a huge thanks by the Woodalls and the Woodalls were thanked for their efforts in spearheading this program.

Honorary membership voted on and accepted for young man who approached club during recent Library show. Discussed need to reach out to more schools

August 7 - National Lighthouse Day - 2 at Cape Henry, Fort Story - tall operational house will be opened to public for free - need military id or Real ID to get on base - nice presentation - activities for kids. Very first public project in Washington administration

Rich provided a collection of older Model A magazines to members

motion to adjourn, seconded

In the Passenger's seat with

When I heard the basic story about how Ken DiBiaso's A was obtained by the family by simply pulling it from the swamp, I had to get the full story. I asked him to write up a little bit about that. So here it is, in his own words. Thanks for the back story Ken!

My Grandfather (John DiBiaso) owned a garage in West Haven CT called SPEEDWAY Garage, it was next to the old Maurice P. Quigley stadium where the New York Yankees farm team used to play. Notable West Haven Yankee alumni features: Ron Guidry, Buck Showalter, Dave Righetti, Willie McGee and Steve Balboni. The club also had future Major League managers at its helm, notably featuring Bobby Cox and Stump Merrill. I have a picture of my grandfather with all his cars lined up on third base.

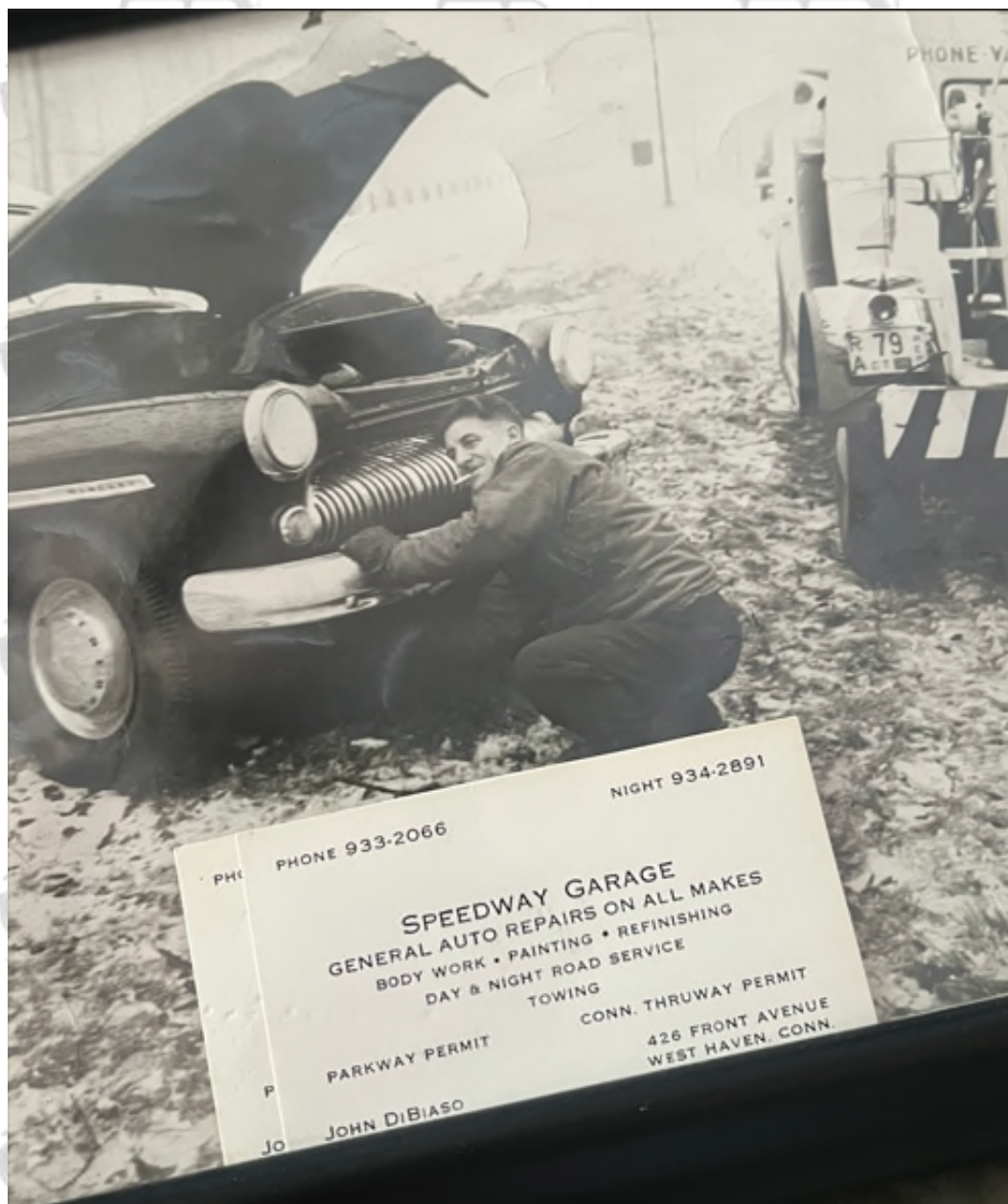
He had a pretty large tow truck and back then he would drive around at night and see a bumper sticking out of the water in the reservoir and toss the hook out to it. He had a total of three model A's, a Plymouth and a Cadillac. Growing up I remember going to his garage and sitting in the cars and pretend driving to far off places with my sister and brother. Back then they were just rust buckets and next to nothing but a steering wheel a frame and engine that looked pretty pitiful. I would come back every couple of weeks and watch the transformation. I know I was in awe when I saw the shiny black car the first time. He would do parades and weddings all the time. After he passed away, my uncle had the car and still kept it running, and that when he showed me all the stuff that was done to it, the one thing I guess I never paid attention to was learning how to start it. I had moved away joined the Navy and had come home a few times and we would go for rides in it. Still never watched him start it. Well, shortly after I retired my uncle passed away. He never had married or had any children so he split up everything between us four kids. No one really wanted the Model A but me. So I went to CT with my son and an empty trailer and loaded up every tool and part that I could find or thought was a Model A. He had a two car Garage - Model A side and a 1954 Mercury Sun Valley. I had ordered a trailer to pick up the A but I had yet to get it started. Unfortunately, he worked on a lot of his friend's cars and kept all their keys in an old frying pan in his living room. My dad said Ahh don't worry about when you get back to Virginia you can figure how to get it running. That would not fly to well with me or my son. I needed to get this car started. I had found directions on the inter-web on what to turn how to set the spark etc.. but still needed to find the key. Over 100 set of keys we looked over and finally found a weird looking set that had a funny shape key. I found where his kill switch was and turned it on the lights came on. I pressed the button on the floor and she fired right up like the very first time I heard her start.

I have pictures of my car from 1975 on a parade where all of my uncle's friends and him dressed up as keystone cops for a parade. I have learned a lot over the years by just

looking at what notes he had in some books and just driving it. My goal would be to get her repainted when it 100 yrs old. I have done my best to keep everything the way my grandfather had (with exception to putting alternator and oil filter). I know eventually my son will have this car and keep it running just as I have.

My dad will be 90 in January. Next November my daughter is getting married in Maryland. I cant drive the car that far (wouldn't even think of it) I want to be able to show my dad just how much work I've done and condition of the car the last time he saw it. Also get a picture with the entire family with all their wives and Husbands

KEN DIBIASO USN RETIRED





Checking balance as of August 1, 2025 \$3,116.71

Transaction to date:

No activity this month.

Treasurer's Report

As a side note, since Gordon Spence Jim Duke has volunteered to sell the 50/50 tickets at the meetings but more importantly, we no longer have a correspondent for the Model A news magazine. If you have a few minutes every two months and would like to give it a go, let Jerry O'Donnell know.

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.



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(76 A)



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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/Secretary



In The Tail Light



1928-29 STANDARD COUPE
(45 A)

1928-29 SPECIAL COUPE
(A)

31 STD & DLX COUPE
(45 B)

1928-29 BUSINESS COUPE
(14 A)

South Norfolk 4th of July Parade



(40 B)

(40 A)



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In The Headlights



W. J. GIBSON and J. GIBSON

August 2nd - Watermelon Festival, Mufreesboro, North Carolina

Sept 6 - Ancient Order of the Hibernians Car Show 7:30a - 3p

Catholic High School

4552 Princess Anne Road

Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

<https://www.virginia.org/event/14th-annual-aoh-car-show/31511/>

Sept 13 - International Model A Ford Day



INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2025

PO BOX 45 NORTHPORT, NY 11768

July 1, 2025

Dear Model "A" Ford Club Representatives:

INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2025 will take place Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a local rain date of 9/14. Please put on an event like a tour & picnic to help enjoy the day.

This day is simply a formal opportunity for Model "A" Ford owners and Clubs around the world to all go out for a drive or event on that same day and submit photos to me for submission to the National Magazines. Hopefully, the photos will show UNIQUE backgrounds to your locale. Email JPEG photos to sailbruce@aol.com. ***ALSO Please consider posting pics & comments to FACEBOOK GROUP "INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY 2025" so all can see.***

EMBROIDERED 3.5" IRON-ON PATCHES, as above logo, to commemorate the day are available for \$4.00 apiece, minimum order twenty, from Bruce Adams, Founder, International Model "A" Ford Day. **All profits will be donated to The National Club's MODEL A YOUTH Scholarship and Restoration programs.**

Checks to **Bruce Adams, PO Box 45, Northport, NY 11768** includes shipping and handling.

Hoping to see you and your club participate and enjoy this great day and to submit photos to share with the entire Model "A" Ford community.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams

Coordinator-Founder-International Model "A" Ford Da



Sept 27 - Neptune Day Parade 11:30a-1pm
Virginia Beach Oceanfront

Oct 11 - 11:00a-1p
1200 Atlantic Shores Drive, Va. Bch. 23454



Get shined up and ready to show.

Gear up for the Atlantic Shores 7th Annual Classic Car Cruise-In

It's time to get your classic car ready to show and share. Get in line with all our vehicle lovers and compete for one of three fabulous prizes. While the judges are casting their ballots, you'll enjoy a complimentary lunch prepped by our award-winning culinary team.

Saturday | October 11, 2025 | 11:00am – 1:00pm

\$250 Gift Cards Awarded to First Place Winners for:	Best in Show	Fan Favorite	Best Themed Car
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Claim your parking spot now before we fill up! Hope to see you there.

RSVP to **757.716.3024** or **kingb@ascanet.com** by October 3, 2025



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November 1 - Warsaw Veteran's Day Parade - North Carolina

November 11 Veterans Day Parade, Va. Bch

Dec 3-6 - Mobile Alabama - 2025 National Awards Banquet



2025 MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET





Join us in Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Click on link below for the
Registration form
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqvKedfWTs>



In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkinhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley



[Click here for Registration Form](#)
[Click here for Informational Video](#)

December 3rd - Currituck Christmas Parade (night)

December 6th - Elizabeth City Christmas Parade (night)

December 6th - Gates County and Edenton Christmas Parade

December 6th - Holiday Parade, Va. Bch

December 25th - Hertford Christmas Parade

Classy-fied

Send requests for additions or removals to TheGreaseRag@gmail.com. The Cape Henry Model A Ford Club does not endorse, guarantee or otherwise ensure the accuracy of ads placed here. It is the responsibility of the buyer to engage proper due diligence to determine the true condition and value of any item offered for sale here (my lawyer made me say that!).

FOR SALE: Running Model A motor and transmission. Contact Kip at 206-310-0345

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A, 4 door, new engine rebuild, extensive maintenance record. is available from owner. Tom Cunningham
757-407-2729 tomvcunningham@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1940 Ford Transmission. Harry Boone (757) 479-3776



FOR SALE: five 19" Model A rims. \$25 each. Contact Red Calkin at redcalkin@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1930 Coupe

1930 Model A, 5 window coupe with rumble seat. Original engine and drive train, original mechanical brakes, 6 volt electrical system. New tires. Runs good. \$19,000. I believe this is a fair price to start with. It was restored in the 90s and has been garage kept. Not much use in recent years but used to go the mountains every year on driving tours. Used to belong to Ernie Fulford. 757-374-8744. Ask for Leigh



Sunshine Report

Shannon Duke has graciously volunteered to be the Sunshine person. Thanks Shannon!

Send any updates to Shannon at sleaduke@yahoo.com.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

3 - PJ Williams

8 - Jim Duke

9 - Scott Oman

9 - Becky Woodall

16 - Betty Willis

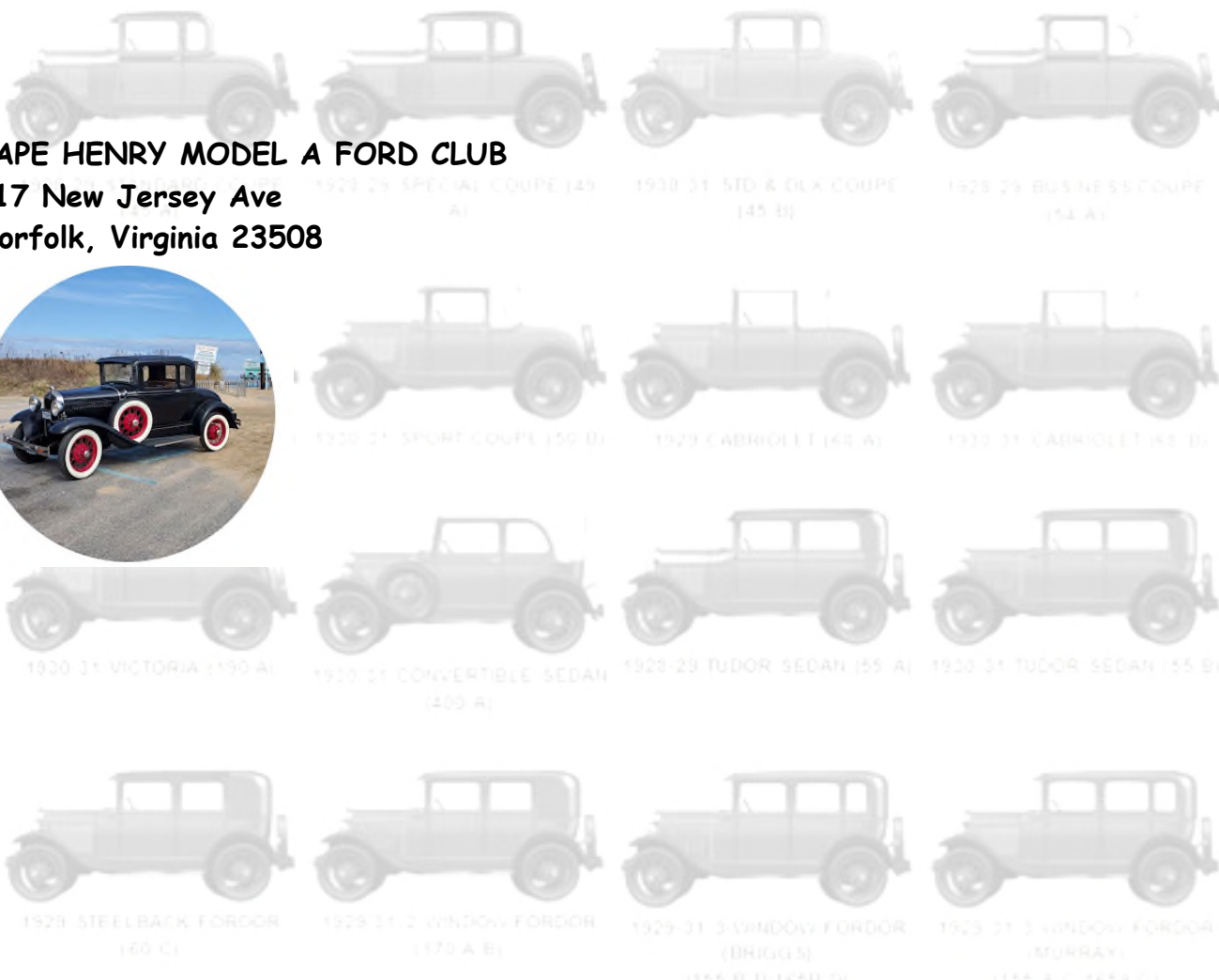
21 - Bob Ward

BRIDES (and their other halves)

20 - Sandy and Scott Oman

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Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? _____

EMAIL address _____ Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? _____

CAPE HENRY MODEL 'A' FORD CLUB APPLICATION and RENEWAL

Membership is extended to the household of the applicant and a second adult living in that household

Names- First _____ Last _____ 2nd Adult _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ E-mail _____

1st Adult Birthday (m) _____ (d) _____ 2nd Adult Birthday (m) _____ (d) _____ Anniversary? (m) _____ (d) _____

*MARC Membership # _____ MAFCA Membership # _____

Model A's owned 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Dues for CHMAFC are \$25.00 per Calendar Year and are due by the first business meeting in February.
Please make checks payable to: **CHMAFC** and send it to the **Treasurer Jerry Johnson, 2300 First Settlers Ave., Virginia Beach, Va. 23453-3500**

***Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club is a pre-requisite for membership in CHMAFC.**