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COLONIAL "A" NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello CVMAFC Family! October was action packed, so hopefully you all are catching your breath a bit as we gear up for November and the Holidays. Between our Club's participation in the two-day Newport News Park Fall Festival, our October Board meeting, and our Club meeting,-- October was a Model A activities packed month! It was all good, though, and I must say that I enjoyed myself! A Big thanks goes out to our Fall Festival participants who helped make that event meaningful for so many, and I thank Larry and Cathy Munk for planning and executing our October Hoping for Fall Colors Tour, which was also a great success. From the beautiful and scenic drive through Charles City, to our historic Courthouse visit, to our "Love Shack" outdoor meeting (the weather was beautiful!), and ending with a delicious lunch at Cul's Courthouse Grille,--we had a wonderful Model A Family day! Now as we prepare to gear up for the busy season ahead and all that the Holidays hold, my hope is that we can take a moment to exhale and simply reflect on the goodness that we have enjoyed this year. I know the year is not yet over, but we'll soon be bringing it to a close. As we approach that time, let's examine the goodness that we've experienced as a Club, and simply give thanks. With that being said, we definitely have more great memories to make together during the remainder of this year, with our next stop being November's Gloucester Historic Meet & Eat Tour. I'm ready and excited and hope you are too as we look forward to more **Model A Family, Fellowship & Fun!** -- Ahooga Blessings, Marlon



"Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy." Jefferson Bethke

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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

- 2 David & Faye Curl
- 6 Bill & Marilyn Geib
- 7 Marlon Spratley
- 10 Ivan & Suzy Morefield
- 15 John Atkinson
- 18 Carl & Karen Carlson
- 20 Don Weber
- 21 Jerry Wilkins
- 24 John Heimerl



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**There used to be a time when
a man could drive in peace.**



Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club

CVMAFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Board of the Model A Ford Club met on October 4, 2025, at Newport News Park. President, Marlon Spratley, called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Board Members attending were Marlon & Lynn Spratley, Rick & Vicki Morgan, Meredith Jackson, Linda & Dave Westenberger, Jerry & Martha Wilkins, Patty Belvin, Carl Carlson, Ed Case and Des Donnelly. A few non-board members were also in attendance.

Marlon requested that the Board members think about possible tours for next year and be prepared to discuss ideas with the incoming Vice President in 2026. Marlon reminded Treasurer Rick Morgan to schedule the annual audit of the Club's accounting books in January 2026. Two Club members at large will be selected and requested to conduct the audit and report their findings during the February meeting.

Marlon led a discussion with Board members addressing the current dues structure and the need for an annual dues increase in order to give the Club more flexibility to support future projects. After everyone had a chance to address the issue, a motion was made by Meredith Jackson as follows:
Motion:

The current annual dues amount of \$25 be increased to \$40 beginning January 1, 2026.

The motion was second by Carl Carlson.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The action of the Board will be published in the November Newsletter and will be presented to the general membership for their consideration during the stated meeting in November.

The Treasurer, Rick Morgan, requested that the total fee for new members be incorporated in the Board Meeting minutes to avoid any confusion in the future.

New members joining the club:

Dues	\$40
Name badge(s)	\$10
(each) News-Letter Mailed	\$10

Old Business: Marlon thanked everyone who participated in the Home Depot shuttle and noted that the event planners would like to use our Club in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Vicki Morgan, Acting Secretary

CVMAFC MEETING MINUTES

The October 18, 2025, CVMAFC meeting was called to order by President, Marlon Spratley, in the Love Shack at Cul's Courthouse Grill, Charles City, VA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by new member, Bill Gaertner and the Blessing was given by Patty Belvin.

Marlon thanked Larry and Kathy Munk for the wonderful county tour. The following reports were given:

Sunshine Report: Glenda Wade is having knee replacement surgery on the 22nd.

Secretary's Report: The minutes reported in the September Newsletter were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Morgan reported a balance of \$3272.71 in the checking account. Rick announced that today is Vicki's birthday. The Club sang Happy Birthday.

Newsletter Report: No report.

Membership Report: No report.

National Club Magazine Editor Report: Ivan presented the 5,000 mileage from National to Carl Carlson. Ivan was congratulated on his retirement.

Technical Report: No report.

Tour Report: The November tour will be hosted by Meredith Jackson and Patty Belvin. We will drive to Gloucester Courthouse area for a guided tour of their museum. Lunch will be in the back room of Olivia's at 12:30 with a limited menu. More details will follow in the Newsletter.

Presidents Announcements The Newport News Falloween Festival was a great success. We had 13 cars on Saturday and 10 on Sunday and received our \$750 honorarium.

The second board meeting of the year was held on Saturday at Falloween. The Board voted to increase the dues to \$40.00 per year. A vote by the membership will be held at the November meeting.

Please bring canned goods to the November meeting for donation to House of Mercy.

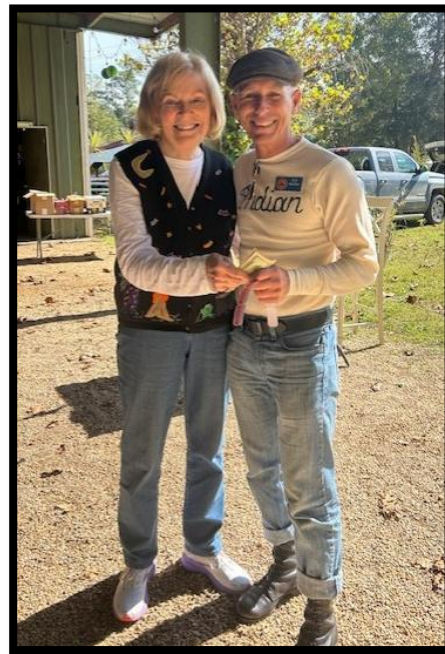
Christmas Parade – December 7th in Williamsburg. Be at Carl Carlson's by 4:30 to caravan to the lineup.

Christmas Banquet- Vicki Morgan and Linda Westerberger have obtained the use of the Clubhouse at Marlboro Cove in Yorktown. It will be a catered event. The cost will be \$30 per person. More details in the Newsletter. Bring unwrapped toys to Christmas Banquet for donation to Toys for Tots. Most needed are toys for toddlers and young teens.

50-50 Drawing – The winner of \$30.00 was Ed Sanchez.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

Linda Westerberger, Secretary



Ed Sanchez won the 50/50!



CVMAFC Treasurer's Report for October 2025

CHECKING ACCT, 29 August, thru 30 September, 2025

PREVIOUS BALANCE
as of 8/29/2025 \$488.71

EXPENSES:
No checks written -0.00
Bank service charge -5.00

INCOME:
Total Deposits +2,039.00

STATED BALANCE:
as of 9/30/2025 \$2,522.71

CHECK BOOK BALANCE:
as of 10/18/2025 \$3,272.71

Prepared by: Rick Morgan, Treasurer



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November Sunshine Report ☺

It was so good to see and talk to Jill Morefield at the October Tour with her newly retired son, Ivan, and his wife Susie. Their family are long time Club members.

A little birdie told me that Glenda Wade is scheduled (probably happened) to have a knee replacement surgery. Having had a couple of those myself, I will keep her in thoughts and prayers and I hope you will too. I will be putting cards in the mail for her from the Club.

Rick Morgan reinjured his shoulder, but he and Vickie attended the October meeting and Rick hopes to be out of his sling soon.

Lastly, Mickey West was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. Marlon visited him and said he was in good spirits. Thankfully, Mickey was very recently released and is at home recovering. 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

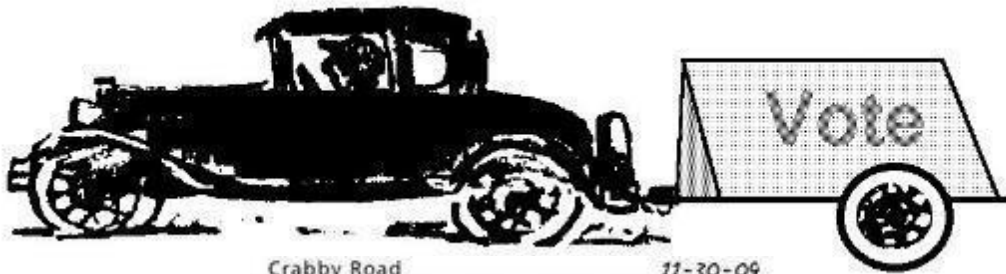
First Tuesday Breakfast



Our Colonial Virginia Model A Club First Tuesday Breakfast was held on October 1 at the Yorktown IHOP. We had a good turnout with a lot of good “car talk”. The twelve (12) participants were Marlon Spratley, Matt Mulherin, David Routten, John Heckman, Larry Munk, Des Donnelly, David Westenberger, Rick Morgan, John Atkinson, David Dowdy, Jeff Long, and Fred Nelson.

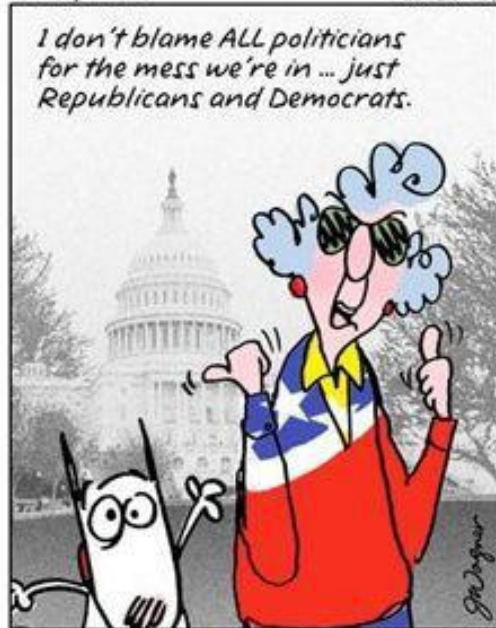
Our next First Tuesday breakfast will be on November 4 at 9:00 am at the Capitol Pancake House, located at 802 Capitol Landing Road in Williamsburg. **Go VOTE and then come and eat!!**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH



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NEWPORT NEWS FALL FESTIVAL



Once again this year, CVMAFC enjoyed participating in the Newport News Fall Festival, which was held on October 4th & 5th from 10am to 5pm. We had 13 cars on Saturday and 10 on Sunday!! This is a major commitment for our participating Club members, as each participant is responsible for having their Model A's present at the event starting around 8am until after the event concludes at 5:00pm. Therefore, a big thank you goes out to everyone who hung in there and either made their cars available and/or stayed at the

Park all day long on either or both days!!! As usual, many festival goers took pictures with the cars and had lots of questions about our Model A's. This event certainly helps to spread the word about our beloved hobby and, as usual, Des Donnelly was on hand with his Model A chassis to help demonstrate the inner workings of the A. Needless to say, our participation in the Fall Festival was a great success!!





Hoping For Fall Colors Tour

On October 18, we gathered once again for our monthly tour and meeting, with Larry and Cathy Munk leading the way. Larry and Cathy ably led us down the beautiful and scenic roads of Charles City to Cul's Courthouse Grille (structure built in 1872!) where we disembarked and walked across the street to the Historic Charles City Courthouse, which was built in 1730. Though the Courthouse was not open for visits at the time, we were able to peer inside the windows and get an additional glimpse of history (pppst... I saw a few Windsor benches inside that I would have liked to take home with me 😊). We were also able to pop inside of the self-service Visitor's Center which was next to the Courthouse and learn more about the history of the area. The Visitor's Center was built in 1901 and previously served as the Clerk's Office for the Courthouse. Wow!

After stretching our legs a bit, we meandered over to the "Love Shack" which is a covered open-air venue behind the Cul's Courthouse Grill parking lot, where we had our meeting. During the meeting Ivan Morefield presented Carl Carlson with a 5000-mile recognition from MARC for the extensive driving he's done this year in his 1931 Phaeton! Go Carl!

When the meeting concluded, we walked a few short steps to Cul's and ate a great lunch. Thankfully, we had wonderful weather to enjoy the beautiful fall drive and outdoor meeting.

Once again, a good time was had by all!!!





Three young fellas waiting outside the Court Clerk's Office for their cases to be called.

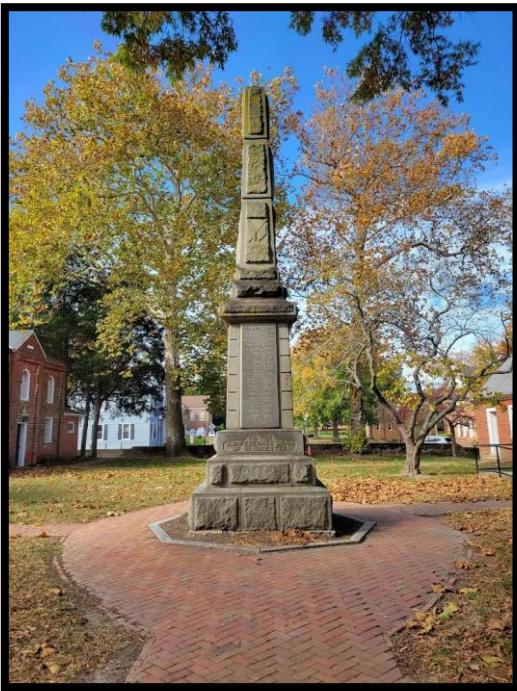




Carl with the "big" 5000-mile win!!!

November 15th CVMAFC Tour

Our November 15th **Eat & Meet & Tour** will be to Gloucester County. Plans have been made to visit the Historic Gloucester Courthouse which is now a museum. New exhibits opened in October, and the staff is excited for all to come and see. The history of Gloucester during the Revolutionary War is just as important as what went on in Yorktown. It was the military support in Gloucester County and at Gloucester Point that pinned the British in Yorktown. The Historic Court Circle Walking Tour is a close walk from the museum with many important buildings to see – the 1766 Courthouse, a 1770 tavern, and numerous other buildings from the early – 19th and 20th centuries. We will Eat & Meet at Olivia's just 3 blocks away from the museum. So where does this all start??? **Meet at Patriot's Square (8100 George Washington Memorial Hwy.) at 10:15 AM. We will leave at 10:30 AM and travel north on RT 17 to the Gloucester Historic Courthouse and Museum (6505 Main Street). We will eat at 12:30 PM, at Olivia's Restaurant at 6597 Main Street in Gloucester.** Meredith Jackson will lead the way, and Patty Belvin will bring up the rear. Plan now to join us. PS: Want to do some research? Look up "Gloucester Courthouse Historic District, Virginia".



Bring canned and non-perishable food items to our November meeting for donation to House of Mercy which is a charitable organization committed to providing food, comfort, and hope to our less fortunate neighbors in Greater Williamsburg.

DONATIONS
-ACCEPTED-



UP CLOSE & PERSONAL: MODEL A MEMORIES

Coming to a Newsstand near you next Month!

Retirement Community Runs

CVMAFC was mentioned in the October 18th edition of the Virginia Gazette for our participation and joint service with the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Classic Cruisers Car Club at the WindsorMeade Retirement Community on October 3rd! We had a great Retirement Community Run season, thanks to all the various CVMAFC participants who helped put smiles on the faces of so many retirement residents during this past year! Double thanks go out to John Atkinson for coordinating this year's retirement community visits. **Job well done!!!**



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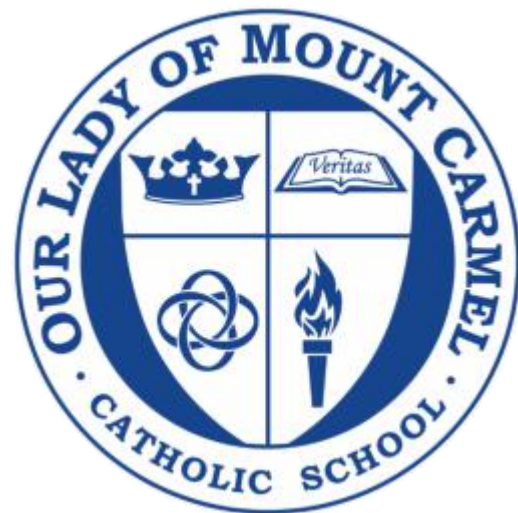
IN THE COMMUNITY



Members of the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region - Antique Automobile Club of America, the Classic Cruisers Car Club and the Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club brought out their vintage cars to the WindsorMeade Retirement Community on Oct. 3. The visit was coordinated by John Atkinson. **AL CRANE**



Be On the Lookout:



CVMAFC has been invited by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School to display our cars for their middle school social studies students in November. **A date has not yet been finalized, but you will be notified by email once the activity is scheduled.** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School is located at 52 Harpersville Road in Newport News. Hopefully, we'll have a good showing of cars for the middle school students.

-----NOTICE: POSSIBLE 2026 DUES INCREASE -----

Please be advised (as mentioned at our October meeting) that the CVMAFC Executive Board is recommending an annual dues increase for existing members that will take effect on January 1, 2026, which would increase dues from \$25 per family to \$40 per family. The membership will vote on this recommendation at the November meeting.



MODEL A OVERHEATING

There are several things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some of the older replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose and cannot dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator has old calcium deposits



its cooling efficiency will be reduced. Like many Model A owners we had to replace a radiator as once we got the car over 40 MPH it would get hot. The radiator had 3 tubes but only 6 fins per inch (normal) plus the flow rate was quite slow. The new core that was installed had 12 fins per inch and were crinkled to provide maximum cooling surface area. Replacing the radiator along with slowing the rate of flow (installed a Thermostat) stopped the overheating on our "A". Other potential causes of overheating: first make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like a license plate. If you have a new engine, it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing. A blown head gasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This may indicate a blown head gasket. Running your car too lean (Gas Adjustment Valve, GAV) can also contribute to your motor running hot. In hot weather there can be many contributing factors. *(From the Tulsa, Oklahoma Chapter MAFCA)*



Christmas Banquet December 6, 2025

The CVMAFC Christmas Banquet will be held on December 6th at Marlbank Cove Clubhouse, located at 111 Lookout Point, Yorktown, VA
Social Hour starts at 5:30pm with a cash bar and appetizers
Buffet dinner at 6:30pm

Menu

Chicken Marsala
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans with Garlic Butter
Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Ranch dressing
Sister Schubert's Rolls with Butter
Cake
Coffee and Tea

The cost is \$30 per person

Make check out to Colonial VA Model A Ford Club and send to Treasurer, Rick Morgan, at 213 Artillery Road, Yorktown, VA 23692, **no later than November 24th.**

Assuming that the CVMAFC dues will increase to \$40, you may also tender a single check at the November meeting for your 2026 dues and for the Christmas Banquet (or after the November dues vote, mail a single check for both to the Treasurer).



By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation (Made on November 03, 1931)



We approach the season when, according to custom dating from the garnering of the first harvest by our forefathers in the New World, a day is set apart to give thanks even amid hardships to Almighty God for our temporal and spiritual blessings. It has become a hallowed tradition for the Chief Magistrate to proclaim annually a national day of thanksgiving.

Our country has cause for gratitude to the Almighty. We have been widely blessed with abundant harvests. We have been spared from pestilence and calamities. Our institutions have served the people. Knowledge has multiplied and our lives are enriched with its application. Education has advanced, the health of our people has increased. We have dwelt in peace with all men. The measure of passing adversity which has come upon us should deepen the spiritual life of the people, quicken their sympathies and spirit of sacrifice for others, and strengthen their courage. Many of our neighbors are in need from causes beyond their control and the compassion over this winter that they too may have full cause to participate in this day of gratitude to the Almighty.

Now, Therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 26, 1931, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do recommend that our people rest from their daily labors and in their homes and accustomed places of worship give devout thanks for the blessings which a merciful Father has bestowed upon us.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.



Done at the City of Washington this 3d day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

A handwritten signature of Herbert Hoover in cursive script.

HERBERT HOOVER

Herbert Hoover, Proclamation 1974—Thanksgiving Day, 1931 Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/208700>

**Every president since Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a holiday, with a temporary, controversial shift in the date by Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1939 to 1941, before Congress passed a law in 1941 to make the Thanksgiving holiday the last Thursday in November.*

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.



MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks as well.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or to see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim

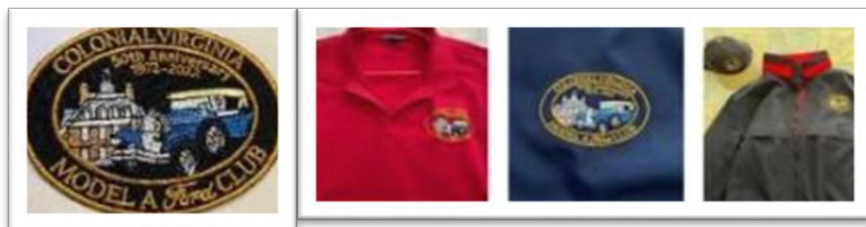
MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4 First Tuesday Breakfast, Colonial Pancake House, Williamsburg**
 - Nov. (date TBA) – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School Model A's Display**
 - Nov. 15th Gloucester Historic Site Tour & Meeting**
 - Dec. 6 Christmas Banquet, Marlbank Cove Clubhouse, 5:30pm**
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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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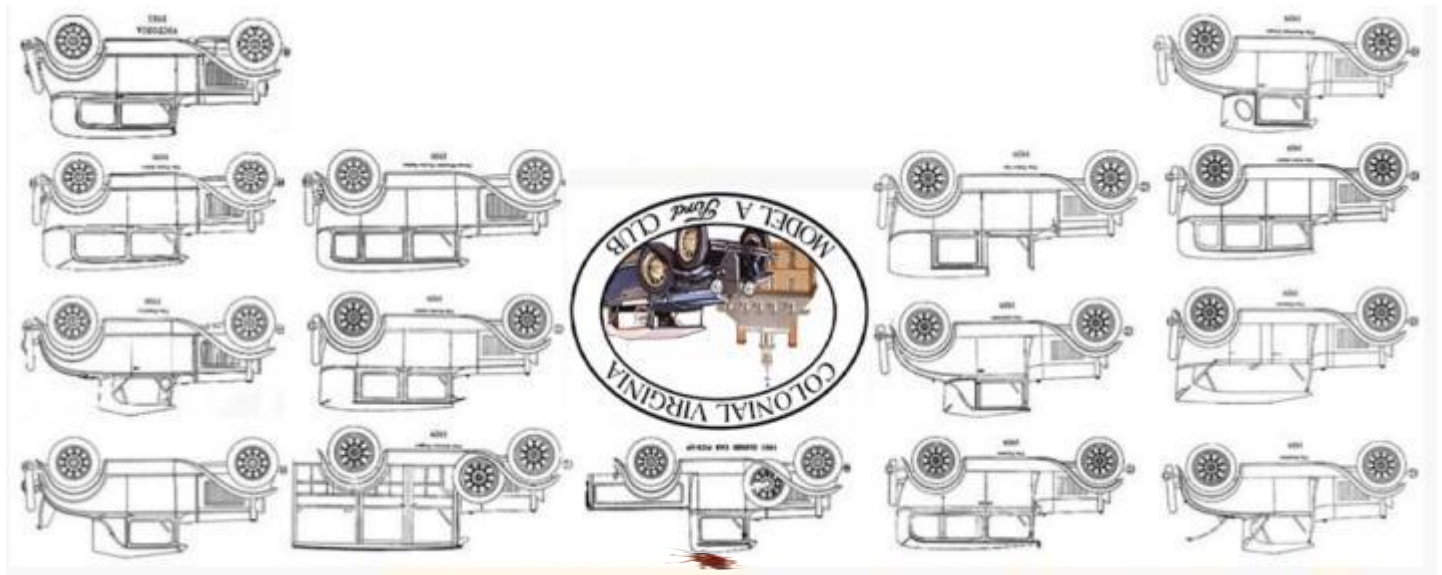
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