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Picnics and garage tours draw large crowds



2009 has become the year of the picnic and judging by participation the club loves it. A large group of our members joined with the Louisville Model A Club to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary with a picnic at the home of Phyllis and Gayle Hammond. After a great meal the group took part in car games, corn toss and talking about Model A stuff.

Our members enjoy the company of the Louisville club and hopefully we can do more things together in the future. Many thanks to Mike and Judy Akers for organizing this tour.

Late May was a perfect time to get together again at Blue Lick State Park for another picnic. The weather was outstanding and so was the turnout. Many good friends who hadn't been able to attend earlier events were here, allowing everyone to catch up on what was going on. More food was brought than could be eaten but everyone did their best not to leave much behind. We definitely

have some talented cooks in the club. Evelyn and Billy Hunt took care of all the arrangements at the park and Martha and Jerry Baker led the group on some of the areas most scenic roads to get there. The participants were very appreciative of all the hard work put into this event.

Linda and Jack Kubik also did a super job planning the June tour. Most folks traveling through Lexington on the main roads have no idea what beautiful scenery is just a turn away from all the traffic. Jack led us through some of the most beautiful farmland in the world, at it's best in late spring.

We were able to stop by the home of Cy Hanks to take a look at his impressive collection of antique cars. Everyone had a different favorite but it would be hard to beat the Model A Roadster he drove to our lunch destination at Hall's on the River. It was very nice of Cy to open up his place for our visit.

Driving down to the river is always an interesting route with lots of curves and hills. The weather was excellent so lots of motorcycles and convertibles shared our road. Even if you weren't hungry you would enjoy visiting Hall's, just sitting on the balcony under the trees overlooking the river.

Several of the people on the tour had planned to take a shortcut toward home after lunch until they learned Jack had an afternoon stop planned for frozen custard. Needless to say the group didn't shrink very much. Thanks Jack and Linda for a great time.

Several of the club members will be attending the MARC National Meet later this month but the next local get together will be the July 4th picnic at the Brumfield's in Nicholasville. Remember to bring a side dish and a lawn chair. See inside for more information. July 18th is our club exhibit at Keeneland and July 25th is our tour to Springfield. You will get more details on these events in our next update. Fire up that old Model A and come join the fun!



Notice the bio-fuel unit mounted in the bed of this Model T, just add corn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Whether filling up with gas or stopping at a restaurant our old cars get a lot of attention from the public. People want to know how old they are and depending on the price of gas, top speed or miles per gallon. When our club members attend national meets in other states a common question is " You drove all the way from Kentucky in that?"

Recently several of our members were recognized with national awards for passing driving milestones in their Model A Fords totaling 205,000 miles. This only includes the miles after they entered the program and only for the members who reached a milestone in 2008. Jerry Baker is collecting data on Model A miles for our entire club. Please send him your mileage.

2008 MARC mileage awards

Mike & Judy Akers - '29 Coupe @ 2000 Mi.

'30 Tudor @ 20,000 Mi.

Bruce & Linda Bailey - '30 Fordor @ 2000 Mi.

Grant & Jennifer Baker - '30 Tudor @ 2000 Mi.

Jerry & Martha Baker - '31 Pickup @ 2000 Mi.

'30 Town sedan @ 5000 Mi.

Walter & Judy Brumfield - '29 Coupe @ 2000 Mi.

Delmer & Linda Dalton - '30 Coupe @ 2000 Mi.

Jack & Linda Kubik - '31 Roadster @ 2000 Mi.



At 70,000 miles, Becky and John Yates lead the club. It seems they've been everywhere in their '31 coupe; Florida, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Louisiana, Washington and all points between. If you see this Model A on a trailer call the police, it's been stolen!

Charlie Spurlock - '30 Fordor @ 2000 Mi.

Mike & Barbara Tearney - '30 Fordor @ 2000 Mi.

Alan & Kay Henderson - '30 Tudor @ 5000 Mi.

Jeff & Mary Rhodes - 'Roadster @ 5000 Mi.

'30 Town Sedan @ 40,000 Mi.

Darrell & Joan Webb - '31 Tudor @ 5000 Mi.

Herman & Nancy Butler - '30 Tudor @ 15,000 Mi.

Billy & Judy Bates - '30 Victoria @ 20,000 Mi.

John & Becky Yates - '31 Coupe @ 70,000 Mi.

You're invited to the Saturday, July 4th picnic at the Brumfield's

Back by popular demand is the July 4th picnic hosted by Judy and Walter Brumfield. Walter supplied the following information: We are really looking forward to the picnic and seeing all our Model A friends again this year. We are supplying the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. For those who don't know the way to our home, we will meet you in the parking lot of Tractor Supply on the north side of Nicholasville. We will leave there about 11 o'clock to go to our home for the picnic. If you want to go on your own the directions are as follows:

From US 27 in downtown Nicholasville, turn **East** on to KY 169 (**Richmond Avenue**). Travel three miles. Turn right on to **Bethany Rd.**. Travel one mile. Watch for balloons and a green sign on the tree on the right. Turn right into gravel lane.

If you get lost call us at 859-885-4415 or 859-559-5349.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Please check your address label, if it has a red dot we have no record of your dues being paid for 2009. Please contact me if this is incorrect or you would like to continue your membership.

Cash Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 1,758.79	
Cash Receipts:		
Dues	\$ 295.00	
Interest	<u>144.85</u>	439.85
Subtotal		\$ 2,198.64
Cash Disbursements		
Postage	\$ 126.00	
Printing	258.59	
Calendar	681.43	
MARC Registration	7.50	
January Meeting	<u>186.02</u>	1,259.54
Cash Balance, June 1, 2009		\$ <u>939.10</u>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We send our most sincere condolences to Charles and Betty Spurlock on the recent loss of their son, Wayne.

MODEL A FORD MARKET

Model A Fords for Sale:

30 AA Ford stake bed, solid original truck with factory bed, \$6,500. Lots of Model A parts, too numerous to list. Gary Peck, 606-365-7115 Stanford.

Model A & T repair manuals, dealer service magazines, lots of assorted early Ford literature, large collection model cars of the prewar era, unassembled Hubley metal models, unopened Monogram plastic models. Herb Walker, 859-332-0050, Perryville.

'30 Coupe, Black, 32,000 original miles, many recent improvements including brakes and head gasket. \$8,500 Bill Goetz 859-299-5333, Lexington.

Roadster project, best reasonable offer. James Barnes - 859-901-0993

New Model A Parts & Service available locally from Antique Auto Parts of Kentucky. Jerry Baker, (859) 227-0695 antiqueautopartsofky@gmail.com

Used Model A Parts One of the largest collections of good used and rebuildable Model A parts in Kentucky. Darrell 859-312-2549

New Club Items T-Shirts & Sweatshirts with the club logo are being ordered. Get the size you want and at a reduced price by taking advantage of a bulk purchase. Club jackets and name tags are also available. Contact Carl Goodwin 859-987-6198 or see him at the July 4th picnic.



Get to know Maggie & Nate Bowman

Welcome our newest members to the club, Maggie and Nate Bowman and baby Hannah. Nate's father recently moved to Arizona and left a slant windshield Model A sedan for Nate to restore. The Bowman's attended our June tour to Hall's and found a wealth of resources to assist them with their project. They also got a feeling for how much fun it is to explore the backroads in a Model A.

Maggie and Nate are wise to join the club during the restoration process and take advantage of all the mistakes the rest of us made while trying to do the job on our own. They have also discovered a great family friendly activity that little Hannah will grow to love.



There will be a planning session at the July 4th picnic for those taking the September tour of northern Michigan. Some have indicated a desire to drive modern with the group as far as Detroit to visit the Henry Ford Museum and then return home. It may be possible to get group discounts if the numbers are large enough. Others plan to drive straight to the starting point.

Tech Tip: Finding your way in a Model A

As the price of GPS navigation devices continue to drop more people are using them for assistance with directions when they travel. Would a GPS be a benefit when you get separated from the group on a Model A tour? Yes and no, the device will tell you where you are, which is helpful when you're traveling down an unmarked route. If you know your destination it will quickly show you how to get there from where you are in the fastest most efficient way. As those familiar with Model A touring know that will seldom be our route. You can set the device to avoid major highways but then you are often routed far out of the way when a much closer route on side roads is available but without a map you would never know.

Bottom line; a GPS will not replace your map or tour directions when exploring back roads but it will tell you where the nearest gas, food, and restrooms are located and how to get there. It will keep up with how fast and how far you have traveled. Most importantly it will tell you where you are so you will never be lost. But remember, no matter where you go, there you are, and if you're driving a Model A Ford that's likely good enough.

Vintage clothing care; How to protect your investment

Many folks who drive old cars are also interested in clothes from the same time period. Below are some care tips from a vintage clothing website:

Tip #1 Dry cleaning is the easiest method, and the only one recommended for rayons and velvet. For those of you who want to do it yourself, be careful when using Woolite or something similar, as it contains chemicals that can contribute to the deterioration of vintage clothing. Wash and rinse, rinse, and rinse again. When it comes to appliances, again, common sense is a necessity. Wash on "delicate" at a warm to cold temperature, and hang on a drying rack, never in the dryer.

Tip #2: The fastest way to throw your investment down the drain is store items in intense heat. Never store in heat, such as an uninsulated attic.

Tip #3: Do not store in plastic bags-ever!

Tip #4: Fold sweaters and delicate lace items carefully for storage - do not use hangers.

Tip #5: Hats can be stuffed with acid-free paper, and stored in trunks or boxes. Hats hold up quite well and using acid free paper to stuff and loosely wrap will keep them nice for another 100 years. Store in a cool, dry place. Alternatively, displaying them in an area where the sun won't hit them is also acceptable.

Tip #6: Never iron velvet - steam from the inside and brush as you go. Velvet has a thick nap that can be ruined by pressing with an iron. Dry Cleaner is the best choice. If you must do it yourself, follow instructions as above.

Tip #7: Always steam rayon on the inside - otherwise shiny spots will appear. Rayon is another tricky fabric. You, again, should let a dry cleaner do it. But if you insist on doing it yourself, steaming from the inside while pulling fabric slightly taut will give it a flawless finish.



THE RESPECTED DOCTOR DEPENDS ON A RELIABLE FORD.

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