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Holiday memories; New Year plans



Officers and directors for 2010 are (from left, seated) Jerry Baker, Judy Akers, Darrell Webb, (standing) Mike Tearney, Burt Nation, Jack Kubik, Walter Brumfield, Billie Bates, Bruce Bailey, Jeff Rhoads, Allan Wickersham.



Walter Brumfield, left, presents Jerry Floyd with the traveling "bad luck" rubber chicken to display on his car in 2010.



Above — John Blair won the split-the-pot drawing at the Christmas party. Look for more split-the-pot opportunities at events throughout the year. The proceeds will help keep dues low.



Left — A big note of thanks goes to Danny and Tammy Godbey for editing the club newsletter for 10 years.

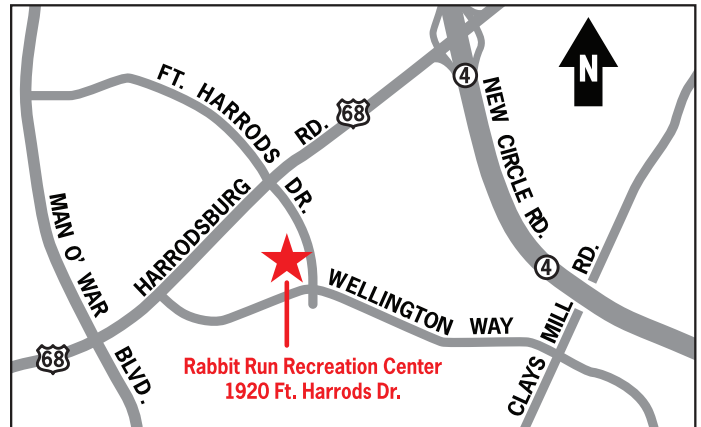
Food, fun, festivities, friends and fellowship — and did we mention food? CKMARC members gathered Dec. 12 at Southern Heights Baptist Church in Lexington to celebrate the holiday season, elect the club's leadership, bid on treasures in the silent auction, submit ideas for activities, and do what we do best — *eat*.

A listing of the officers and directors who were elected, along with their contact information, appears on page 2.

At the meeting, CKMARC members provided a wide range of suggestions for one-day activities and overnight trips. From this pool of ideas, the newly elected board has crafted a calendar of events that will give you many miles of Model A memories. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Cure your cabin fever at our January potluck

Get out of the house, enjoy good food, talk cars with your Model A friends and share memories on **Saturday, Jan. 23**. We'll gather at Rabbit Run Recreation Center, 1920 Ft. Harrods Drive in Lexington, at noon and eat lunch at 12:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your photos and videos of last year's club events; the club will provide meat, drinks and paper products. Thanks to **Delmer** and **Linda Dalton** for coordinating this event. For more information, call them at (859) 223-5078.



President's message

We have an exciting agenda of tours and events planned for 2010. I'm looking forward to them and hope to see you throughout the year.

As was discussed at the Christmas party, our club's expenses are exceeding revenues (see treasurer Mike Tearney's analysis at right). The membership voted to keep dues lower than our actual cost per member, so we're initiating some fun fund-raising activities — including a split-the-pot drawing at each club event and a live auction at our July picnic. We'll continue the silent auction at the Christmas party as well — all to delay the need to raise your membership costs. Please support these efforts, and let me know if you have other ideas.

See you down the road!

— **Jerry Baker**

Treasurer's report

The following analysis of 2009 revenues and expenses per member shows you why we'll be having split-the-pot drawings, auctions, and other revenue-producing activities this year. Your support of these efforts will help prevent an increase in annual membership dues. — **Mike Tearney**

Revenues	
Dues & other (interest, auction, split-the-pot, etc.)	\$25.74/member
Expenses	
Newsletter, calendar, club activities (January and December meetings, picnics, etc.); other (contributions, flowers, fees)	\$55.55/member
The bottom line	
2009 expenses exceeded revenues by \$29.81 per member.	

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Fashion footnote

In the early 1930s, fashion designers took advantage of new fabrics to capture the folds and drapes that are characteristic of the era's couture. Of course, no man-made fabrics could live up to silk, but rayon dyed well and had a similar feel, so it was often used for lingerie and lower-end dresses and skirts. Wool crepe remained popular for the way it molded to the body and held pleats. Renowned designer Coco Chanel began using cotton around this time and changed the public's perception of that fabric from something used only for work clothes into a stylish option.

Editors' note

After 10 years and several national awards, **Danny** and **Tammy Godbey** decided it was time to turn over the newsletter production to a new team. They leave us big shoes to fill, and your new editors — **Martha Baker** and **Jeff Rhoads** — need your help in order to keep the newsletter informative and interesting. Let us know if you'd like to write a recap of a tour or event, share a technical tip, submit a classified ad, or just tell us a story about your Model A. We'll be looking for photos, too.

Several of you have expressed interest in receiving the newsletter by e-mail only, to help with the club's effort to reduce expenses. We're exploring the logistics of this. Most likely, those who opt out of the printed newsletter would receive an e-mail message with a link to the newsletter on the club's Web site, www.ckmarc.com.

If you're interested in this, please send an e-mail to Checkmark@ckmarc.com.

Tech tip: *When was the last time you saw one of these?*



Photo courtesy of Kentucky Utilities Company.

From the archives of Kentucky Utilities Company comes this photo of a 1931 Ford AA ice delivery truck.

These days, Kentucky Utilities Company is strictly an electricity provider. But years ago, the company also operated gas and water works, ice plants, transit services and appliance stores in many communities across the state.

The handwritten memo on the back of the original print states, “New Ford ice delivery truck in Lebanon. The sign, carried by the truck, is similar to those carried by all ice trucks during the special ice refrigerator activity.”

According to *The Legendary Model A Ford* by Peter Winnewisser, 513 such trucks were built between February 1931 and April 1932. The truck’s list price, F.O.B. Detroit, was \$735.

The truck’s pose here is strikingly similar to the illustration from an original advertisement for this model shown in Winnewisser’s book.

Among the interesting details in the photo — as well as in the ad illustration — is the indentation in the driver’s door, made necessary by the larger “Double-A” spare tire.

Also, note the unusual rear fenders. Could these have been unique to the ice delivery body? And although the

truck was new when the photo was taken, it appears that the driver’s side rear fender has already been scraped against something.

Winter Specials from Antique Auto Parts of Kentucky

— Good through Feb. 15 —

- **Rubber-stem tube and rim liner package: \$15 each.**
- **Model A radiators** — Quality handcrafted in the USA by Brassworks; heavy duty with 10 fins per inch for maximum cooling; all years available. Regular price \$590; **sale price \$580.**
- **Complete shock absorber kit** — Includes shocks, arms, tubular links, and all fasteners. Regular price \$725, **sale price \$675.**
- **1928/29 chrome radiator shell** — Regular price \$149.95, **sale price \$139.95.**
- **Trunk and luggage rack combination** — Black or brown trunk, chrome luggage rack: **\$495.**

Remember that we will gladly ship your order or arrange for pick-up in Lexington.

Antique Auto Parts of Kentucky — Jerry Baker

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Mark these 2010 club events on your calendar

- ✓ **Jan. 23** — Potluck get-together, Rabbit Run Recreation Center, Lexington (**Delmer and Linda Dalton**).
- ✓ **Feb. 20** — Mystery tour (**Grant and Jennifer Baker**).
- ✓ **March 27** — Tour to Frankfort and Midway (**John and Becky Yates**).
- ✓ **April 9-11** — MARC national membership meet, Terre

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Meet Eric Akers, designer of our club's Web site

He's the son of **Michael and Judy Akers** and has been brought up with a respect for Model A Fords. When he had time off from college, he helped with the restoration of his dad's 1930 Tudor.

Eric lives in Turlock, California with his wife, Annie. They are expecting their first child this summer. He has his own freelance business,

LivingtreeStudios.com, and also works full time for an advertising company based in Santa Barbara.

He has done a great service for our club, and we appreciate all the work he does for us.



Haute, Ind. (**Delmer and Linda Dalton**).

- ✓ **April 30-May 2** — Weekend tour to Creation Museum and northern Kentucky (**Darrell and Joan Webb**).
- ✓ **May 22** — Car display at Thomas Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore (**Jack and Linda Kubik**).
- ✓ **June 13-18** — MARC national meet, French Lick, Ind.
- ✓ **June 26** — Model A/Model T combined event in Jessamine County (**Bill and Lee Baker**).
- ✓ **July 3** — Running board picnic and auction in Shelby County (**Burt and Rita Nation**).
- ✓ **July 17** — Keeneland Concours d' Elegance, Lexington (**John Yates**).
- ✓ **Aug. 14** — Tour to Moyer Winery, Manchester, Ohio (**Walter and Judy Brumfield**).
- ✓ **Sept. 11** — Tour to Springfield (**Burt and Rita Nation, Bruce and Linda Bailey**).
- ✓ **Sept. 18** — William Whitley House display, Lincoln County (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Oct. 21-24** — Long weekend in Monticello; joint event with western Kentucky and Louisville clubs (**John and Loretta Baker**).
- ✓ **Nov. 13** — Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11** — Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).

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