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Get ready for a road trip

Club adopts full schedule of events for 2008



If you enjoy exploring scenic back roads in the Model A, you will have a lot of opportunities this year. Members provided many excellent ideas at the annual Christmas meeting and your board of directors met early in January to put them in place. Our members are a diverse group and the touring schedule reflects that, with something for everyone. For those who like short day trips we have tours scattered throughout the Central Kentucky area. Everyone can participate in an event close to home. Those who like extended trips should be pleased with a week on the Natchez Trace, watching spring arrive as we travel

south through Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Whether its picnics, country stores, or hanging out with other gear heads, there should be several events you will enjoy. The problem is usually finding time to do it all. The details are inside, you're encouraged to mark your calendar now to avoid schedule conflicts later. The *Checkmark* will continue to update tour information throughout the year and inform you of other events not on the schedule that might be of interest to our members. If you know of such events let your editor know, so the information may be shared with other members.

Gene Swisher Retires

After ten years of outstanding service to our club as treasurer, Gene Swisher has decided it is time to pass the torch. Gene's guidance kept our organization on solid financial ground without raising membership dues. His influence during the planning of the 2006 MARC Membership Meet had a great impact on the success of the largest project our club has experienced. Gene's calm and positive demeanor helped set the tone for the many work sessions involved with the meet.

Gene and his wife Nancy will continue to be active club members. Our new treasurer, Mike Tearney, can count on Gene to help with a smooth transition.



SPRING COMES ALIVE ON THE TRACE

How would you like to travel south in your Model A, leaving the gray winter skies of Kentucky behind as you watch the redbuds bloom, the dogwoods blossom and the azaleas flower? In the spring of 2001 several of our members had the pleasure of driving their old cars down the 450 mile Natchez Trace to the southern end of the Mississippi River. Since then there has been much discussion about going back, and this is the year. Mary and Jeff Rhoads, who led the last trip, have agreed to guide us again. They have researched the many interesting stops along this scenic highway and will make sure we don't miss a thing. The trace is a perfect Model A road. Like the Blue Ridge Parkway, it is protected from commercial traffic and the 45 m.p.h. speed limit is strictly enforced. From the hills of it's Nashville beginning, the road flattens out and the Model A rolls effortlessly along.

With eight days on the road you'll get a good look at the countryside and there's lots to see. Aside from the scenic beauty, we'll be passing through some of the most historically significant areas of our country's early frontier and civil war eras. If you're more interested in



modern history we'll also visit the hometowns of Elvis and Oprah. Old car museums are also a good possibility.

If this sounds like a trip for you, it's important to let Mary and Jeff know soon, to be included in the planning stages. Lodging has to be arranged early and it's easier to cancel out than be added on as the group gets further along in the plans. You can reach Mary and Jeff at 859-273-9593 and JRhoads@windstream.net or come to the January event to hear what has already been planned.

**Grant & Jennifer Baker**

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After several years of searching and saving for an antique car, we bought

our **1930 Tudor Sedan** in March, 2007. Grant spent the next 7 months working on the mechanics while Jennifer hand crafted the lovely seat covers. It has already been on several CKMARC activities plus countless errands and joy rides around Lexington. Our Model A is all go and no show. We enjoy driving a "barn fresh" Model A and Andrew enjoys "fixing" the bumpers and fenders using any wrenches or hammers that happen to be lying around. Don't worry though, we'll keep him away from your car!

Help Create a Club Directory

Pick out your best photo of you and your Model A and jot down a few notes you would like included in our new directory. On the left is an example of what we would like to do for each member. Grant Baker has volunteered to put it all together for us. When it's done you'll get a free copy. Grant would prefer to have the information sent to him by email but if that isn't practical for you mail it to the *Checkmark* address or give it to one of your board members during one of our monthly events.

**RABBIT RUN FELLOWSHIP MEAL JANUARY 26**

Winter touring weather is unpredictable, but you can always count on Model A folks showing up to eat. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, the club will furnish the rest. We'll eat around 11:30, but come an hour earlier for some good fellowship. If you have some photos to share bring them along. We'll be set up to play videos and watch the UK game or if you prefer, a mean game of dominos will be ongoing. Rabbit Run Recreation Center is located at 1920 Fort Harrod Dr. just off Harrodsburg Road. For more details and better directions call Linda or Delmer Dalton at 859-223-5078.

President Allan Wickersham

Greetings! What a great year we have planned for enjoying our favorite old car and each other's company. Take part in as much of it as possible. We have several volunteers

working on special projects for the club, please support their effort and don't delay providing them with the information they need. Remember the end of this month is the last chance to order a new club jacket for half price. Come to the January event and try one on for a good fit.

Secretary Judy Akers

Let's have a Happy Touring Year! It was great last year and I can't wait to get started this year. At the December meeting we elected our new board of directors. There will be some business

regarding a national meet to discuss at our January event. Please let me know of any health issues or deaths involving our members so I can send an appropriate response.

Treasurer Mike Tearney

Gene Swisher and I are in the process of transferring all the responsibilities of the office and I now have a much greater appreciation for his contribution to the

club. Gene says we made \$607.75 on the December silent auction, the best results ever. If you haven't paid your club dues please mail them to me at 4890 McCowans Ferry Road Versailles, KY 40383. They are still only \$10 individual or \$15 for a family.

MODEL A MARKET

1928 Model A Ford Roadster

Fresh out of the barn car that can be driven as is or restored. Red with black fenders, rumble seat, lots of vintage dust and dirt, all for \$6500. Gary Peck, Stanford 606-365-7115

1925 Model T Ford Tudor

Completely restored, LB interior. Car has been in same family many years, can be in yours for \$9500. Roger Loiselle, Lexington 859-299-3654 or 859-806-3656

1931 Model A Ford Tudor

This car is in good condition with a green body and black fenders. \$13,500. Tom Blanck 859-523-6884

We Need Your Mileage

CKMARC has a widespread reputation as a "driving" club, and we would like to document just how many miles we really travel in our Model A's. Supreme Potentate Allan has authorized (forced) me to collect this data. At the end of the year, we hope to be able to report the total number of miles we have logged as a club, how many average miles per vehicle, and how many cars and people attended each event. So, as soon as possible, I need the mileage on each of your Model A's. If you happen to have a non-working speedometer (hey, it's no disgrace) let me know and we'll use a separate log. Call me at (859) 227-0695 or e-mail antiqueautopartsofky@gmail.com before January 31 so this project can be successful. Thanks!

Jerry Baker

Model A Club Swap Meet

Saturday, January 19th
Louisville National Guard Armory
2729 Crittenden Drive

Tour Schedule

January 26th

Rabbit Run Pot Luck Fellowship

February 23rd

Irish Acres in None Such, Ky

March 15th

Natural Bridge State Park

March 29th - April 5th

Natchez Trace Tour

April 19th

Lexington Mounted Police Tour

May 31st

Our Best Restaurant, Smithfield, Ky.

June 14th

Running Board Picnic, Jackson Co.

July 19th

Keeneland Concours d' Elegance

August 16th

Beaumont Inn, Harrodsburg

September 5th - 7th

Renfro Valley with WKY Friends

September 27th

Fall Picnic at Blue Lick State Park

October 25th - 26th

Fall Foliage Tour to Rogersville, Tenn.

November 1st

Model A & T Day at Jack Kain Ford, Paris

December 13th

Christmas Celebration

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Club looks forward to a great new year exploring back roads and small towns.

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