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Spring Model A tours are popular escapes



Patton Museum, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Cold damp weather, bad economic news and the other aggravations of life can get you down after a while. It's a relief to have a little escape to look forward to occasionally. That may help explain why so many of our club members are taking advantage of this year's monthly tours. A large crowd turned out for the mystery tour developed by Grant and Jennifer Baker. Even when our group doesn't know where they're going there is confidence it will be an enjoyable time spent with friends, and driving a Model A is always a treat.

The overnight tour to Doe Run Inn was also a popular destination with lots of interesting stops along the way. The weather for Saturday was perfect, allowing full enjoyment of the spring season blossoming all around.

Elizabethtown has more to see than you can manage in one afternoon. We took in the Coca Cola Museum and

Swope's Antique car museum. Coke is one of the most recognized words around the world and it's easy to see why looking at all the advertising items produced with their logo. Collecting Coke memorabilia has become a huge hobby creating a tremendous demand and amazing prices for what was given away in years past. The Elizabethtown collection is one of the most complete in the nation and well worth your time when you're in this area.

The club enjoys visiting the Swope Museum on a regular basis. It's well maintained, it's free and the display of automobiles continually change. How can you beat a combination like that?

The Rineyville Model A Museum is another popular spot for our group. Ernie and his wife graciously welcomed us with sweet tea and cookies and allowed us to roam freely throughout their forty year

Model A collection. Better than having a gift shop, if you see something on display you really want, Ernie will sell it to you. He also runs one of the busiest sandblasting establishments in the area and will be happy to help you with this restoration process.

Doe Run Inn was filled with our club and after the staff cleaned up from the evening meal they went home and left it to us. Abraham Lincoln's father helped build the mill in 1821. In 1927 it was converted into an inn and has remained a popular destination.

On the way home Sunday we stopped by the Patton Museum at Fort Knox to learn more about one of our country's most legendary military leaders and the world's most powerful armored division. Henry Ford's Model T tank was a popular exhibit with our group. This may be our last visit to this facility as a new museum for this collection is being constructed in Georgia.

Mary and Jeff Rhodes always plan a great trip and this was one of their best. Plenty to see and do, good food and miles of relaxed driving in a beautiful area of our state.

The Dalton's coupe at Doe Run Inn





Get to know Charlie and Ruby Cox

Hearing a Model A engine takes Charlie Cox back to his boyhood days. He can remember his father using a Model A to transport goods they raised on the farm to market. Rural roads were pretty rough in those days and the Model A was well suited for the challenge. Being easy for the owner to make repairs was also a plus for owning a Ford.

Ruby and Charlie have owned several hot rods and antiques over the years, from a Model T to a Corvette, but the old Model A will always be a favorite. Charlie enjoys a good trade and as a result has owned many A Models, several of them are now owned by other club members. If you're looking for a Model A Charlie can tell you where to find one and likely tell you the history behind it.

Ruby and Charlie participate in most of the club tours and also enjoy getting together with their Model A friends who live nearby for some back road driving. Ruby enjoys the hobby just as much as Charlie.

Spring Specials

Cast Iron Brake Drums-front or rear, U.S. made: \$95 each

Black Steering Wheels-all years available: \$95

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Tech Tip: Model A Tools by Rick Black

Many people see old tools with a FORD script on them and assume they're for a Model A or Model T. What I've found interesting is that few, if any, Model A tools had part numbers on them! Model T tools did, most of the time. And beginning in 1932, almost all Ford tools had a part number on them that also identifies the first year they were used. And the same numbering system is still used today.

Ford parts had a base number (like 17017) that identifies the part, a prefix that identifies the year (01A) and sometimes a suffix number that identifies revisions to the part.

Example: part **A-17017-B**

- "A" prefix indicates the part was used from 1928-1931.

- "17017" identifies this as a spark plug wrench

- "B" suffix indicates this was revision B

The "A" and "T" spark plug wrenches were nearly identical. Neither had part numbers. Most had Ford script. The basic difference is in the width of the open end and box end.

If the open end is more than 1", it's for a Model A.

If the open end is less than 1", it's for a Model T.

Men's Fashion of the 1930s by Carol Nolan

The decade of the 1930's saw dramatic changes in men's fashion. It began with the great Wall Street Crash of October 24, 1929. By 1931, eight million people were out of work in the United States. Less or no work meant little or no money to spend on clothing. The garment industry witnessed shrinking budgets, and going-out-of-business sales were prevalent. The Edwardian tradition of successive clothing changes throughout the day finally died. Tailors responded to the change in consumer circumstances by offering more moderately priced styles.

Editorial- Reality check; most men dressed with little regard to the latest fashion trends. Times were hard and most folks were more concerned with keeping a roof over their head and food on the table. The gap between the haves and have nots grew wider. Fearing social unrest many wealthy people began to tone down their conspicuous consumption. Unfortunately this reduced job opportunities even more for those producing expensive items for the rich.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our trip to the national membership meet in Marietta, Georgia was professionally led by Delmer and Linda Dalton. We knew up front that it was going to be a rainy trip from start to finish but that didn't dissuade the six CKMARC couples who packed into their A Models and headed south. We made an overnight stop on the way down and one on the return trip to make for four easy days of driving. The host hotel was very nice and the Gold Mine Region club members were friendly and had plenty of activities and self guided tours to keep everyone entertained. Jeff and Mary met us on their way back from Florida so, now we were seven happy couples. Of course Darrell found lots of good food for us and we saw some interesting sights but the fun we had just being friends was the best part of all. If Burt didn't know everyone there before we went, he certainly did by the time we left. The guy is just too shy I tell you. Judy Akers met up with her brother and his family one night and they led us to a wonderful restaurant for a feast.

May proclaimed as official "Drive your Model A to a Picnic Month"

Warm weather is picnic time and we have two scheduled for May. The Louisville Model A Club celebrates their 50th anniversary this year and we have been invited to join them for a picnic on **May 9th** at the home of Gayle and Barbara Hammond in Campbellsburg, KY. The Hammonds say all we need to bring is a lawn chair and an appetite. Mike and Judy Akers will lead us to the picnic. They will meet the group at McDonald's on Leestown Rd./Rt. 421 at 8:30 and will leave promptly at 9:00.

On **May 30th** Billy and Evelyn Hunt have reserved the best spot at Blue Lick State Park for our picnic. We'll savor a delicious potluck meal and lots of Model A fellowship. Bring your favorite recipe to share (your choice of meat, side dish or dessert). Plates, plasticware, cups and napkins will be provided. Picnic tables are plentiful but you may prefer to bring a folding chair. Plan on arriving around 10:30 for a good visit before lunch at 12:00. If you're coming from Lexington Jerry and Martha Baker will be leading a group from North Park McDonald's at 9:00.



I heard several accounts of how many A Models were there but the most I counted at one time was twenty six and remember that we drove six of them. The weather kept several cars away as one night we dealt with tornado warnings and torrential rains to go with the steady downpour the rest of the time. It was the maiden voyage for our old '29 Tudor and the only issue we had was picking up a screw in a tire about twenty miles north of Marietta on the way down. With the help of John Yates, the tire was quickly changed and we were on our way again. We hope to see everyone on the road soon and by the way, I highly recommend manifold heaters!

SECRETARY'S REPORT We wish Allan Wickersham a speedy recovery from surgery!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 1,758.79
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 295.00
Interest	144.85
Subtotal	439.85
	\$ 2,198.64
Cash Disbursements	
Postage	\$ 126.00
Printing	258.59
Calendar	681.43
MARC Registration	7.50
January Meeting	186.02
	1,259.54
Cash Balance, April 21, 2009	\$ 939.10



MODEL A FORD MARKET

Model A Fords for Sale:

'31 Tudor, Black, good driver, very solid, \$8,500 '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

'28 Model A chassis, \$500 Rick Lyons 502-895-6222

From the Cincinnati area:

'28 Roadster - \$15,000, '30 Tudor - \$12,000, '31 S/W Town Sedan - \$14,000 Dave Helton 513-769-3029

'29 boat tail speedster with new Ron Miller engine, \$15,500. Ron Brown, 513-367-9685.

'30 Town Sedan Murray body, mostly original, \$10,000. Jack Meyer, 513-207-1931

'31 S/W Town Sedan, lots of extras, great touring car. Tom Lange, 513-310-7172

Burt & Rita Nation headed south to Marietta, GA for the April MARC Membership Meet.



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