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Christmas Celebration 2008



more than willing to put the weight loss program on hold for at least this day.

Although the Model A Ford was the common interest that originally brought this group together, it was evident that the bond has grown much deeper. Over the years, sharing the joys of life as well as the burdens we must all endure, has transformed a mere club into more of an extended family.

Young couples with toddlers on their hips and grandparents assisted by grandchildren enjoyed this time of reminiscing and discussing plans for the future. There were several new members to welcome into the fold and unfortunately also some old friends that can now only be with us in spirit.

It was a beautiful winter day as the crowd began to gather at the Southern Hills Baptist Church for our club's annual Christmas meal. Although many were envious of our friends from the eastern part of the state who enjoyed a snow covered landscape while traveling to Lexington, all appreciated this unusually warm December day.

The church was decorated in all the splendor reserved for this special season. Several of our more creative members arrived early to add a special touch for our celebration. Although several large tables were filled with food, when all was said and done there was little to be taken back home, a sure sign that everyone was

This was the last event for 2008, a year filled with great memories. Thanks to the Blairs for arranging the use of the church, Mary Rhodes and crew for the meal, Mike Tearney and friends for organizing a very successful auction, the board of directors for a very efficient meeting and everyone who contributed in making this one of the best Christmas celebrations ever.





Bruce Bailey elected as new board member

Upon joining our club a couple of years ago it was soon evident that Bruce and Linda Bailey were going to be very active members. They seldom miss a club activity and cheerfully help with the chores associated with these events. Bruce and Linda love to travel in their 1930 Fordor, logging several thousand miles just this year. They are quick to let people know what a great hobby this is, helping to recruit new members.

Bruce's father and grandfather ran Bailey Garage in Lancaster, Ky. during the Model T and A era. This may explain his affinity for all things mechanical. In addition to maintaining the Fordor you may also find him working on the family's Model T truck or Delco home light plant, powered by a hit and miss engine.

Bruce will be joining an outstanding group of officers and directors that take care of all the boring business details, allowing the rest of us to enjoy touring the back roads in our Model A Fords.

The 2009 board of directors include:

- President - Allan Wickersham
- Vice President - Jerry Baker
- Secretary - Judy Akers
- Treasurer - Mike Tearney
- National Director- Jack Kubik
- Past President - John Yates
- Editor - Tammy Godbey
- Directors - Mike Akers, Grant Baker, Kenny Brake, Burt Nation, Jeff Rhoads, Bruce Bailey

Darrell Webb leaves the board in January having completed a very successful two year term. We appreciate his dedication and hard work for the club and look forward to his continued participation in CKMARC events.

The 1930s - the Era that Changed Fashion Forever

American women in the 1930s were suddenly thrust into a society suffering from the result of the stock market crash of 1929. No longer were women allowed to be playful, independent flapper girls; they had to be able to survive. And during the depression, when a good many men were out of work, they weren't going to survive by getting jobs. The independent spirit of the 20's flapper gave way to a softer, more feminine 30's woman who had to dress for success. And success in the 1930s meant to snag a husband.

Women had been dressing to appease men for centuries. The 1920s women were tired of that. They had just recently thrown off the binding corsets, cut their hair and began wearing loose, comfortable dresses. Women had the right to vote and, although drinking was banned during prohibition for virtually all of the 1920s, most people knew where they could get liquor and the flapper girl was a party girl. Suddenly, the stock market crashed, and the country sunk into a deep depression. The party was over, reality sunk in and women looked for men to marry.

Women found that men were more attracted to softer, shapely feminine types than the 20's flapper girl, with her shapeless dresses and short, severe hair. The first thing women began to transform was their hair. American women in the 1930s began to grow their hair a bit longer than their 20s counterparts. In addition to longer hair, they began opting for soft, feminine curls. But no one had any money for expensive curling processes, which sometimes took up to 12 hours in a salon. During the 1930s, women began using a process called "finger waving" their hair. The process was easy to do; they simply combed their damp hair straight and, using a comb and their fingers began making waves in their hair; holding the shape with their fingers while they applied a hair pin to keep it in place.

Brill Cream was used to get a lustrous appearance; and as women in the 1930s didn't wash their hair every day, the style was held in place during sleep by a night cap. Finger waving was an inexpensive way to add a bit of style to hair that continued to grow longer with the decade.

Holiday Cheddar Cheese Ring

- 1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- ¾ to 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- ½ teaspoon tabasco sauce

Hand blend all 6 ingredients and mold into a ring.
Place 1 cup of strawberry preserves in the center.

Welcome to new members Donna and Richard Dean from Mount Vernon, KY. They saw how much fun everyone was having at the Renfro Valley event and decided to join in. They are the proud new owners of a green 1930 Tudor. We look forward to their continued participation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well it's that time again, when we scratch our head and wonder where the year went. My first term as club president has been an incredible experience and 2008 has been an impressive year for the club due to the effort of our members. Gene Swisher and Mike Tearney made a flawless transition in the treasurer's office insuring our club remains in sound financial condition. Thanks to your help Grant Baker is making progress on our first club directory. With board support our newsletter was upgraded to include color. Also with board support one of our youth members received a restorable Model A at no cost from our national club's youth participation program. Thanks to the organizational efforts of our members there were more Model A activities available this year than most folks could attend. We visited many places for the first time and increased our involvement with the two other Kentucky Model A clubs. New members continue to join because we are a welcoming group having a good time driving the Model A Ford.

This office has allowed me to see the unselfish efforts of all those members who continually work to make this organization feel more like a family than a club. Thanks to all!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Notes from the Dec. 13th meeting:

1. Pay club dues to Mike Tearney
2. Send mileage award info to Jack Kubik
3. Send total "A" miles driven to Jerry Baker
4. Send club directory info to Grant Baker
5. If you plan to attend a national MARC meet this year contact Jeff Rhoads.
6. If you have an idea for a club activity for next year contact a board member.
7. Mark the calendar for the Louisville swap meet Jan. 17th.
8. Have a Merry Christmas!

Central Kentucky Model A Restorers Club

Financial Statement

January 1 - December 12, 2008

Cash Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 3,018.27
Cash Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 315.00
Jackets	547.00
Renfro Valley Weekend	7,413.63
Interest	785.73
Advertising	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>9,136.36</u>
Subtotal	\$12,154.63
Cash Disbursements:	
Postage	\$ 373.00
Printing	1,153.55
Calendar	562.98
Check Printing Charge	17.85
Contributions	100.00
MARC Registration	7.50
January Meeting	200.00
Jackets	633.93
Antique Car Show	300.00
Renfro Valley Weekend	7,362.25
Flowers	210.02
State Incorporation Fee	<u>4.00</u>
	<u>11,157.00</u>
Cash Balance, December 12, 2008	\$ <u>997.63</u>

Tech Tip: "GYP" Parts

The February 1930 Ford Service Bulletin warned dealers that counterfeit "GYP" parts of inferior quality are constantly being made and sold as Ford parts. When these parts fail the customer doesn't blame the manufacturer but the shop that sold them the part and Ford Motor Company, meanwhile the people who made the imitation parts simply move on to another unsuspecting shop.

Nearly eighty years later the same problem exists. Unfortunately Ford no longer produces parts for the Model A and NOS parts are near impossible to find. Although most reproduction parts for our old Fords have improved over the years, the buyer must still beware.

Just as in 1930, if you get a bad part you go back to the person that sold it to you. Our club has the advantage of Jerry Baker, a parts vendor that also uses what he sells in his antique auto repair business. He knows from experience when a part doesn't fit correctly and goes back to the supplier to make it right. Still there are times when the best part available must be modified to make it work and Jerry will help you with that process. Parts for your Model A are easy to get from a variety of places. It's the hands-on experience and knowledgeable advice that sets Jerry apart from other businesses that just sell parts over the phone.

MODEL A FORD MARKET

Model A Fords for Sale:

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

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, cell # 513-207-1931

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

Model A Parts for Sale: transmission with u-joint, needs input shaft bearing \$60, torque tube with drive shaft \$30, brand new 19" Firestone white wall never been on the ground \$110, very good used clutch plate \$10, six blade plastic fan \$40, and a very rare running board tire pump, works with a crank and has four pistons to pump air, patent date is 1910 \$ 500. o.b.o Alan Henderson, 606-862-4876 or cell 606-224-7570

Interested in embroidering the club logo and name on your personal clothing? The cost for the logo is \$11.00 and a name is \$5.00. Name tags and club jackets are also available. Carl Goodwin 859-987-6198

Tax Holiday from Antique Auto Parts of KY extended by popular demand

Through the end of January 2009, club members will not be charged sales tax on parts. Order now and save! Gift certificates are available for holiday giving. Call Jerry, 859-227-0695

The cover art is by William Phillips and is titled "A Christmas Leave: when dreams come true". A WW II soldier home on leave enjoys a frosty Model A ride with his best friend. This is the second of three paintings. The first shows the trusty roadster covered in snow with the Collie patiently waiting for the master to arrive. The third shows the Model A parked with the families' newer cars in grandma's driveway. 33" x 18" limited edition prints of this painting are available at 800-255-6498 or e-mail bnr@thevine.net



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