

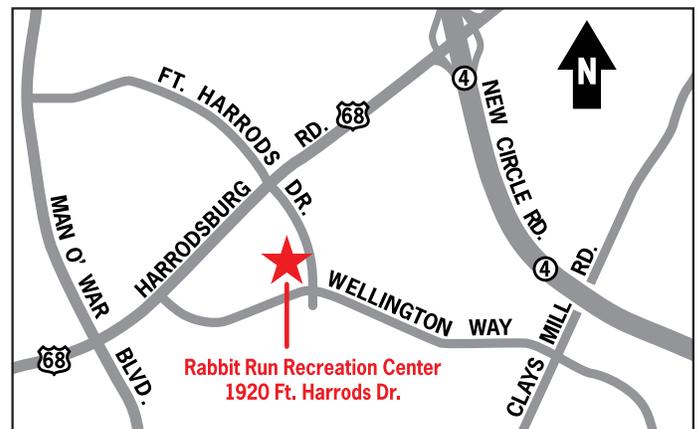


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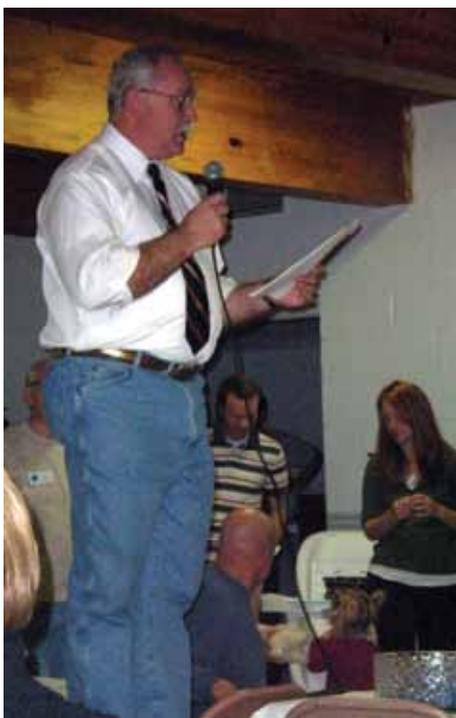
Cure your 'cabin fever' at January potluck

Get out of the house, enjoy some good food, and talk cars with your CKMARC friends on Saturday, Jan. 22. Plan to gather at the Rabbit Run Recreation Center, 1920 Ft. Harrods Drive, Lexington, at noon. Bring a dish to share, and we'll eat at 12:30 p.m. The club will provide meat, drinks and paper products. If you have photos and videos of club events, bring them along. It's always fun to re-live our past tours and activities.

Thanks to **Delmer and Linda Dalton** for coordinating this event. For more information, call them at (859) 223-5078.



Scenes from CKMARC's Dec. 11 party



Left—Jack Kubik gave the group an update on the 2013 MARC National Meet.

Above—Officers and directors for 2011. Front row, from left: Darrell Webb, vice president; Burt Nation, director; John Yates, director; Martha Baker, co-editor; and Jeff Rhoads, co-editor. Back row: Jack Kubik, national director; Jerry Baker, president; Carl Goodwin, director; Delmer Dalton, director; Judy Akers, secretary; Mike Tearney, treasurer; and Allan Wickersham, past president.

Right—Jerry Floyd (in Santa hat) passed the "bad luck chicken" to Jeff Rhoads. The traveling trophy is presented annually to be displayed on the recipient's car.



President's message

Homemade delicacies filled the buffet tables to overflowing at the club's December 11 Christmas party. Thanks to **John and Karen Blair, Jeff and Mary Rhoads**, and many others for coordinating the festivities.

The annual silent auction brought in \$343, a first-ever live auction made \$543, and split-the-pot added \$113. We also received a very generous \$85 donation from a long-time member. All these funds will go toward club expenses for 2011. Thanks for your support.

The directors have planned a full agenda of activities for this year (see the list on the back of this newsletter). So mark your calendar and plan to participate in all of these fun events. Remember, too, that we'll need everyone's help in planning for the 2013 membership meet. It's going to be a busy, but fun year. See you down the road! — **Jerry Baker**

Treasurer's report

Remember that it's *time to pay your dues for 2011*, if you haven't already done so.

CKMARC improved its financial condition in 2010 as compared with 2009. One of the main reasons is that we welcomed 10 new members. In addition, auction receipts were up by \$1,076, primarily due to the two live auctions that were conducted, and split-the-pot was up by \$225. Thanks to everyone for your participation. These receipts go directly to club activities and help keep your membership dues low. Lower expenses for summer picnics, auto shows, and jacket purchases in 2010 also helped our financial picture. On the negative side, our interest earned was down slightly.

The net result is that our total cash increased by \$484 in 2010 and decreased by \$2,196 in 2009, an improvement of \$2,681.

If you'd like to see a detailed treasurer's report, contact me. — **Mike Tearney**

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Editors' note

A big note of thanks goes to all of you who helped us by submitting ideas, articles, tech tips, photos, and other material for the newsletter last year. Your stories and pictures make this publication much more interesting and informative, and we'll continue to ask for your input in 2011.

Remember that if you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically instead of by mail, send an e-mail to checkmark@ckmarc.com. When the newsletter is published, you'll receive an e-mail message with a PDF copy of the newsletter attached. You can also access the newsletter on the club's website, www.ckmarc.com.

— **Martha Baker and Jeff Rhoads**

Thanks

Dear members,

Thank you for the beautiful peace lily in memory of **Betty**. Your visits to the funeral home were also greatly appreciated by our family. Thank you for your ongoing care and concern. — **Charlie Spurlock and Family**

Dear CKMARC friends,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your expressions of sympathy for the passing of my father, Walter T. Brumfield, Sr. The flowers were very lovely and helped us through this difficult time. It's friends like you that make CKMARC what it is. — **Walter and Judy Brumfield**



From the archives of Kentucky Utilities Company comes this photo of Main Street in Lexington in 1946. Can you spot the Model A? It's a 1929 three-window Fordor with a Murray body. We wonder where this car is today. In your garage, perhaps?

Tech tip:

Check those cables!

by Walter Brumfield

Just before a recent tour, the “A” would die every time I applied the brakes and slowed and stopped the car. We went “modern” on the tour but as soon as we got home I started trying to find out what was wrong. Thinking it was a fuel problem, I didn’t think to see what would happen if the car was sitting still. I disassembled the carburetor, cleaned it, and reassembled it with new gaskets, but the problem remained. If anything, it got worse this time without moving.

If fuel wasn’t the problem, then it must be electrical. I unhooked the brake light switch, started the engine, and the problem remained. I turned it off, crawled under

it, and had Judy push the brake pedal. I searched for a “shorting” wire, and when I touched the negative battery cable it was very hot. A closer look revealed a place where

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Congratulations

Todd and Michelle Brown officially became the parents of **Tobias Michael Brown** Dec 16 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The CKMARC family congratulates them on the adoption being finalized, and we look forward to seeing them on a tour soon.

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the brake pedal had rubbed the insulation off and was shorting the cable to ground.

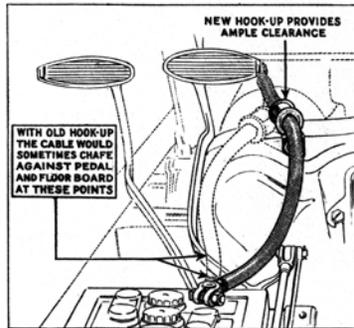
Unlike everyone else in the club, most of the problems with my Model A have been self inflicted. For example, a year or so ago I had installed a battery “cut-off” switch. Being a *very* apprentice Model A mechanic, I didn’t think to route the cable away from the pedal arms. I removed the cut-off switch, threw it away, bought and properly installed a new cable and grommet, and the problem was solved.

Actually I feel lucky that the problem happened the way it did. This could have caused a fire that could have burned up the car—and maybe our garage.

Out of embarrassment, I debated whether to let any of this be known, but I thought maybe someone else (particularly an apprentice like me) might have a similar problem sometime. **Check those cables!**

Last night, I ran across an article on page 19 of the November-December 2009 *Model A News* on this very subject.

In the future, I will let **Jerry Baker** do all of my repair work. I’m a better CEO than I am a mechanic.



Editors' note: The Ford Service Bulletin for November 1929 addressed this very problem... proving it can happen to anyone—even “way back when.”

Events calendar

- ✓ **January 22** — Potluck social at Rabbit Run Recreation Center in Lexington (**Delmer and Linda Dalton**). See details elsewhere in this issue.
- ✓ **February 26** — Tour to the Danville Arts Center to view historic railroad photographs by O. Winston Link (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **March 12** — Tour to Richmond for lunch and a visit to the Hummel Planetarium.
- ✓ **April 16** — Tour to Harrodsburg for lunch at Eddie Montgomery’s Steakhouse and a visit to the antique mall.
- ✓ **May 13-15** — Three-day, two-night tour to Ashland, Ky. area (**Grant and Jennifer Baker**).
- ✓ **June 11** — Picnic with Louisville Model A Club in Finchville, (Shelby County) Ky.
- ✓ **July 2** — Picnic at the home of **Kenny and Kris Brake** in Irvine, Ky.
- ✓ **July 16** — Keeneland Concours, Lexington.
- ✓ **August 13-14** — Overnight tour to Clifty Falls (Indiana) State Park.
- ✓ **September 3** — Potluck lunch at the home of **Walter and Judy Brumfield** in Nicholasville, Ky.
- ✓ **Oct. 15-16** — Overnight tour to Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park (**Carl and Ramona Goodwin**).
- ✓ **November 12** — Lunch at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park.
- ✓ **December 10** — Annual Christmas luncheon and general membership meeting.
- ✓ **January 28, 2012** — Potluck social at Rabbit Run Recreation Center in Lexington.