



Member spotlight:

Ron and Pearl Looney

Ron and Pearl Looney retired in February 2000 and joined CKMARC shortly thereafter. Ron had worked with **John Yates** at GTE in the early 1970s through 1983, and when the Looneys moved back to Kentucky, they were reunited. At the time, John was restoring his coupe, and Ron followed the progress with a casual interest.

"I guess the 'rusty bolt virus' can incubate for 20 years before taking its toll," Ron says.

Their 1930 Town Sedan, affectionately dubbed **Floozie**, was purchased from Bill Johnson in Anderson, Ind., in July 2001. Floozie received a body-on amateur restoration from Ron and a new paint job from a body shop in Winchester.

Ron and Pearl have attended two national meets — in Indianapolis and Williamsburg — and numerous CKMARC overnight and day trips.

Zoot, a 1930 closed cab pickup, is their newest project. The cab was purchased in Hershey, Pa., in October 2008, and the running gear was purchased from **John Yates**, **Mike Akers**, and **Darrell Webb** — our local used-parts dealers.

Mystery Tour — Saturday, Feb. 20
See details on page 4.

President's message

If you'd like to have a say in the discussions about the possibility of our club hosting a MARC National Meet, here's your chance! The next meeting on the subject will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the home of **Jack and Linda Kubik**, 3889 Foley's Trail in Lexington.

Also, please note the reminder from our treasurer, Mike Tearney, about paying your dues for 2010. Don't risk missing an issue of *Checkmark* — and possibly being left out of the fun!
— **Jerry Baker**

Fashion footnote:

Marcel waves were signature look for Model A ladies

In the mid-1920s, women began cutting their hair short — as much to assert their independence as to make a fashion statement. By the latter part of the decade, hairstyles took on a curvy silhouette known as the Marcel wave.

Treasurer's report

Quite a few members haven't paid their dues for 2010. Check the mailing panel on this issue of *Checkmark*. If there's an asterisk (*) beside your name, it means your payment hasn't been received.

Your \$15 per year is the best bargain you're going to get anywhere. Don't risk being dropped from the mailing list. Please send me your dues by March 31. My address appears in the red box on this page. My phone number is there, too, in case you have any questions.
— **Mike Tearney**

This style, which revolutionized the art of hairdressing and remained in vogue for over 50 years, was achieved with a heated curling iron and was named for Francois Marcel, a nineteenth-century French hairdresser who invented the process. The original curling irons were heavy tongs with rounded internal surfaces that had to be handled by an operator trained in making deep waves rather than round curls. The tongs were heated over a gas burner.

As you can imagine, such primitive equipment made it nearly impossible to achieve and maintain the correct temperature for the iron. Too cool and the wave didn't set, too hot and the hair burned. The hairdresser tested the iron on a piece of paper before using it on a client's hair. If the paper singed, the iron was too hot.

Model A-era ladies were fortunate because in 1924 an electric waving iron was introduced that allowed the temperature to be regulated.

The Marcel wave's feminine allure and classy, polished appeal is making a comeback among celebrities today, as seen in several recent movies and at formal events such as the Golden Globes. Watch next month's Oscar ceremony to see if you spot any stars sporting Marcel waves.

Editors' note

Each issue of *Checkmark* is posted on the club's Web site as soon as it goes to press. Several of you have already told us you'd be willing to receive it that way, instead of a printed copy, to help reduce printing and mailing expenses. We'll probably remain in the data-collection phase until after the March issue, so everyone should still receive a printed copy in the mail until then.

If you're interested in opting out of the print version, please send an e-mail to Checkmark@ckmarc.com.

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Tech tip: *Battery tips to help keep you from getting cranky*

by Jerry Baker

A lot of our Model As have spent the last couple of months in hibernation. Springtime brings an opportunity to limber them up again. Unfortunately, it's also the time when batteries often decide not to wake up. Here are some tips to avoid battery problems.

Do yourself and your car a favor by buying the heaviest rated battery you can find. A six-volt system is very adequate to start and operate a Model A. Find a battery that has at least 800 cold cranking amps, and everything should be just peachy.

While you're at it, make sure the battery cables are the proper gauge (don't use modern 12-volt cables), all connections are clean and tight, and the battery is secured to the battery box. Check the ground cable (positive battery post) where it attaches to the cross member. Most are undisturbed for years, and this is a prime area for a poor connection or high resistance. It's also a good idea to run an extra cable from the cable connection at the cross member, and then connect the



other end to one of the transmission shift tower bolts.

Don't use eight-volt batteries. They're usually very light in the cold cranking department (about 450 CCA).

They may crank the car faster when the battery is new, but an eight-volt charging system really doesn't exist, so there's no way to maintain the peak voltage. The extra voltage also is very hard on light bulbs, starters, and generators — a guarantee of short life. If you plan to use 12-volt accessories like XM radio, GPS, iPods, or lighted make-up mirrors, convertors are available to supply the power from your six-volt system.

It's hard to improve on Henry's electrical system design. Simply make sure the battery, wiring, starter, generator or alternator, and connections are in good shape. Do these things and you'll never be cranky, but you'll definitely get a charge out of driving your Model A.

Scenes from the January potluck

1. Hailey Bowman, daughter of Nate and Maggie Bowman, gets comfy on Jack Kubik's knee.
2. Rita Nation, left, has no excuse for riding in a dirty Model A, thanks to this door prize she won at the January club meeting. Danny Godbey, center, won the split-the-pot drawing, and Darrell Webb's door prize was a Faraday flashlight.
3. The group sang Happy Birthday to the members attending the meeting who celebrated their special day in January. From left: Bruce Bailey, Dottie Loiselle, Rita Kelly, Rita Nation, Allan Wickersham, Jeff Rboads, and Mary Rboads.
4. Linda and Delmer Dalton clean up after the potluck lunch. Thanks to them for a great job of hosting the event.



Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful planter, cards and telephone calls I received while recovering from surgery. It is so great to belong to a club that seems like family.

— Judy Akers

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Mark these 2010 club events on your calendar

- ✓ **Feb. 20 — Mystery tour (Grant and Jennifer Baker).**
Meet at Chick-Fil-A in front of Turfland Mall in Lexington at 9 a.m. The tour will be about 50 miles — and yes, a lunch stop is planned.
- ✓ **March 27 —** Tour to Frankfort and Midway (**John and Becky Yates**).
- ✓ **April 9-11 —** MARC national membership meet, Terre

Reserve your room for Oct. weekend in Monticello

Make your reservations soon at the Holiday Inn Express-Monticello for our fall tour, October 20-24, hosted by **John and Loretta Baker**. The hotel is holding 30 rooms for Oct. 20-23. The tour starts on Thursday morning, Oct. 21, so you'll want to arrive the night before. The rate of \$71.10 per night is available until Sept. 1. Call (606)340-8687 and ask for the car tour block.

The weekend will include a visit to Cumberland Falls, Mill Springs Civil War Battlefield, Somernite Cruise, Wayne County Museum and one-room schoolhouse, plenty of beautiful back road tours, and lots more. John and Loretta's home is about a mile from the hotel, and they'll open their garage for nightly gatherings and tire kicking. Watch future issues of this newsletter for more details, and plan to join your friends — and meet new friends — from the western Kentucky and Louisville clubs for this fun-filled weekend.

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**). See article at left.
- ✓ **Nov. 13 —** Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11 —** Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).