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Members climb on board for Danville train exhibit

A beautiful late winter day Feb. 26 brought out 48 people for a tour to Danville and a visit to a train and railway exhibit at the Community Arts Center arranged by **Danny and Tammy Godbey**. **Herman and Nancy Butler** led a group from Lexington, which met with others traveling from the south at the museum.

Members enjoyed an elaborate model train display, historic photos, interactive exhibits (especially popular with the younger set), and even a live presentation by a hobo.

After lunch at Off Broadway, a newly renovated restaurant in a historic church building, the group was treated to more model trains at a private collection nearby.



Left: Model As parked in front of Off Broadway Restaurant while members enjoyed lunch inside. Above: The Danville Community Arts Center is located in the old federal building. Below, from left: Kristin and Kenny Brake, Mary Lou and Fred Rossetti, and Linda and Bruce Bailey. More photos appear on page 2.



March tour will be out of this world

Did you ever wonder how to tell a planet from a star, or what that faint fuzzy glow in the night sky really is? Find out at the Hummel Planetarium when we tour to Richmond on March 12.

John Yates will lead a group from Arby's on Tates Creek Road, departing promptly at 9:30 a.m. We'll enjoy lunch at Opal's Restaurant, owned by CKMARC member **Opal Jennings**, and then travel to Eastern Kentucky University's campus for a visit to the planetarium. There's plenty of parking next door, and the show, *More Than Meets the Eye*, starts at 3:30 p.m. and lasts about 45 minutes. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors age 62 and over, and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

You'll learn how to find nebulae, galaxies, binary

stars, star clusters, and planets. The show also lets you see what these stellar bodies look like through telescopes, binoculars, space probes, and the naked eye.

More photos from the Danville tour



Above: Linda Kubik was the lucky winner of \$45 in the split-the-pot drawing. Below: Off Broadway Restaurant welcomed the group for lunch.



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I remember when...

By Michelle Brown

I know that I am not at an age where I can sit back and tell stories of “the good old days” or doing without, but I can honestly say that I am of the age that I appreciate all those things and more.

I remember at Christmas time when my uncle’s army buddy from Florida would send a box of the biggest navel oranges I had ever seen, along with grapefruits and tangerines, and then my uncle would mix that all up with mini candy bars that we didn’t get to eat very often at home. We could sneak them and no one would know if there was any missing. But, they knew.

I remember the day my grandma trusted me to drive her to town for groceries in her old car, and when my faster pace was more than her heart could handle, even though no angry words were said. She trusted me.

I remember the day I was put into a position as the adult taking care of my other grandma when we knew my grandpa was dying in the hospital. I had to know the right things to say to her so that his passing was peaceful and her sanity was real.

Everyone has those moments and more. So precious are the stories that need to continue to be told so that family, friends, memories, and wondrous events are kept alive. They’re building blocks that make us who we are and teach us how we can handle situations in the present and for the future. Those who listen to our stories learn what their futures might hold through the lessons learned from a story that is told.

I found strength in a statement that my grandmother shared with me after I struggled for years to prove to my uncles that even though I was a young girl, I could do hard work just like they learned to do at my age. She told

Dues are due

If there’s an asterisk (*) by your name on the mailing address panel on the back page of this newsletter, it means you’re not on record as having paid your 2011 dues, and **this will be your last issue of *Checkmark***. Don’t miss out on any of the fun activities we have planned. Send your dues to **Mike Tearney**, treasurer, at the address in the red box on this page.



me that years ago, she was the one out in the barn doing the milking and taking care of the animals — just like they wouldn’t let me do. When I found that out, they didn’t have a foot to stand on in their argument against me working in the barn, and the change felt empowering. Imagine what magic or strength of self esteem you can pass on through the power of your words.

Have you taken the time to share your stories about your curiosity and enthusiasm when you started driving and collecting Model As? Even the oddest of beginnings brings to light or even shows similarities with how a younger generation might feel about getting involved, but not knowing what direction to take. Guidance, assurance, or just plain information shared from a story could be just the spark you could ignite along your journey to theirs.

So capture your stories. Remember them in all their details, whether they are good or bad, and then take the time to share them, enjoy them, and relive them in the moment: a moment that could create a lifetime of love for the next generation.

Make your reservations now for our May 13-15

Ashland Adventure: A River and Rail Towns Tour

Grant and Jennifer Baker plan a full weekend of touring to Jennifer's hometown (Ashland, Ky.) May 13-15.

Plan to leave at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 13, from McDonald's on Winchester Road for a lively tour that will include the following attractions:

Friday

- *Lyn' Lee's Used Cars* — several warehouses full of old cars and signs.
- *Lunch at Smokey Valley Truck Stop* — featured on the Food Network, delicious home cooking and pie to die for.
- *Fannin Motors Museum and '50s Diner* — an eclectic collection of antique cars, a shark tank, and other memorabilia. The diner will be open for ice cream.
- *Dinner at C.J. Maggie's* — located directly above the center of Planet Earth, across the street from our hotel.

Saturday

- *Tour of one of the largest historic houses* in Ashland, owned by a local bank president who is graciously opening it for us.
- *Lunch at Hillbilly Hotdogs* — featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives*.
- *J. Taylor Auto Collection* in Huntington, W. Va.
- *Ashland Highlands Museum* for dinner and a tour.

Sunday morning

- *Return home*, with a lunch stop along the way.
- Reserve your room now by calling the Ashland Plaza Hotel, (606) 329-0055, and asking for the Model A Club Tour block of rooms. The rate is \$82 per night plus tax and includes continental breakfast. Please make your reservations by April 15.

Events calendar

- ✓ **March 12** — Tour to Richmond for lunch and a visit to the Hummel Planetarium. See details on page 2.
- ✓ **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**). See details at left.
- ✓ **June 11** — Picnic with Louisville Model A Club in Finchville, (Shelby County) Ky.
- ✓ **July 9** — (*Date changed*) — 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 (**Bruce and Linda Bailey**).
- ✓ **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.