



North to Cincinnati for first overnight of touring season

Darrell and Joan Webb led an enthusiastic group of CKMARC members across the Ohio River to Cincinnati April 30 for the first overnight of the touring season.

Roy and Anna Williams met the Kentuckians — and honorary Kentuckians Todd and Michelle Brown, who came from Michigan for the tour — at the old Union Terminal, which now houses the Cincinnati Museum Center. VIP parking was reserved for the Model As in the circle in front of the building. After a quick lunch, the group watched an underwater adventure feature at the IMAX theater, and then visited the natural history museum.

Saturday included a tour of the Creation Museum, antiquing and ice cream in the afternoon, and dinner and country music at the Red Barn.

Sunday morning's plans were cancelled by heavy rain, so the tourists split into different groups to head for home.

Thanks to Darrell, Joan, Roy and Anna for planning a fun weekend.

Top right: With the Cincinnati skyline in the background, John and Loretta Baker, Mike and Judy Akers, Roy and Anna Williams, and Todd and Michelle Brown take advantage of VIP parking in front of the museum center. Right: Roy and Anna Williams coordinated activities in the Cincinnati area. (Note: Their radiator isn't spewing; that's a fountain in the background.) Lower right: Andrew Baker and Burt Nation rest on the bumper after a long day of touring. Below: Darrell and Joan Webb led the group to Cincinnati.



Fashion footnote:

Aprons were vital to the Model A lady

Many young people today hardly know what an apron is, but aprons were an important part of daily life in the 1930s.

The primary use was to protect the dress underneath, because most women only had a few dresses — and without modern washing and drying machines, it was easier to wash and iron aprons than dresses. It also required less fabric to make an apron.

In addition to protection, the apron often served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. When dinner was ready, the homemaker would walk out onto the porch, wave her apron, and the men would know it was time to come in from the field to eat. Aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, and when the weather took a sudden chill, they could be wrapped around a woman's arms for a bit of

warmth. They were handy for drying children's tears, and occasionally for cleaning out dirty ears.

On a trip to the chicken coop, an apron was useful for carrying eggs back to the house. In cold weather, it could hold wood and kindling for the fire. From the garden, it carried vegetables, and after the beans had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, it could be used to bring in apples that had fallen off the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road in a Model A, it was surprising how much furniture an apron could dust in a matter of seconds. It even provided an ideal hiding places for shy kids.

It will be a long time before someone invents something with so many uses as the old-fashioned apron.

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President's message

MARC driving awards for mileage driven in 2009 will be awarded May 22 during our tour to the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center. Many of our members participate in this program, which offers national recognition for all miles driven. Most of us put a lot of miles on our Model A's every year, so if you are not currently signed up for the driving awards, I encourage you to do so. All it takes is a one-time \$1 registration fee. Report your odometer reading at the end of the calendar year, and you'll receive a radiator plaque for the first 2,000 miles and a replacement mileage tab at 5,000 miles and each 5,000 miles thereafter. Jack Kubik coordinates the program for our chapter; see him for details.

— *Jerry Baker*

Editors' note

CKMARC members have wonderful stories to tell and tips to share, as you've already seen this year with items submitted by **Carl Goodwin** and, in this issue, **Walter Brumfield**. Watch a future issue to learn how **Bruce Bailey's** father and grandfather instilled in him a love for the Model A. We want your story, tips and pictures, too, so keep them coming, either by e-mail at the address in this newsletter or simply by telling one of us your story and letting us write it down. Thanks for helping make our newsletter interesting and relevant.

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Tech tip: *Model A pre-flight checklist*

Walter Brumfield shares his vast experience in preparing for long trips in his Model A with this list of essential tasks to perform before you leave home.

1. Arrange for babysitter for grandkids
2. Check fuel level and fill if required (Top it off even if it isn't required.)
3. Check oil
4. Check radiator
5. Check headlights, turn signals, brake lights
6. Check differential
7. Check transmission
8. Check tire inflation, including spare
9. Check spare tire mounting bracket nuts
10. Check tie rods and steering arms
11. Check lug nuts

For Sale



1921 Ford T runabout. Older restoration in good condition. \$11,500. **Ken Hager**, (859) 268-6094.

1924 Ford TT stake bed truck. New tires; 1.6-liter Pinto engine; stock Model T transmission with Kevlar bands. \$6,000. Contact **Bill Goetz**, (859) 293-0065.

12. Clean windows and coat with Rain-X
13. Remove rumble seat cushion (if required)
14. Load extra motor oil, transmission oil, water, and spare parts (*see list*)
15. Load appropriate tools (*see list*)
16. Load chairs
17. Load blanket, if required
18. Load suitcases
19. Load cooler with ice, drinks, and food
20. Load passenger (if required)
21. Charge walkie-talkies and put in car
22. Check camera and put in car
23. Put maps, sun glasses in car
24. Check flashlight, fire extinguisher
25. Prepare to start engine
26. Turn "on" battery disconnect
27. Close and latch hood (if required)
28. Get in car (this is important)
29. Check horn (equally important)
30. Open fuel valve (easy to forget)
31. Turn key to "on" position
32. Push spark lever to full "up" position (Good idea to do this when engine is shut off.)
33. Pull throttle lever down four notches
34. Depress clutch
35. Place transmission in "neutral"
36. Press starter and accelerator buttons on floor
37. Pull choke lever out and release
38. When engine starts, push spark lever down
39. Push throttle lever to full up position
40. Make sure way is clear before moving
41. Toot horn, wave goodbye to family and friends

Tools, etc.

1. First aid kit



After their stint as guardians of the club's hard-luck "rubber chicken" award, Walter and Judy Brumfield have learned some secrets of trouble-free touring.

2. Fire extinguisher
3. Screwdriver
4. Pliers
5. Adjustable wrench with 3/8" square end
6. Open end wrench 9/16" x 5/8"
7. Open end wrench 7/16" x 1/2"
8. Jack with handle in working order
9. Tire irons
10. Tire pump
11. Crank and lug wrench
12. Grease gun full of grease
13. Rear axle nut knocker (rear wheel puller)

Spare parts

1. Points and condenser
2. Generator and cut-out
3. Light bulbs (head, tail, and stop)
4. Coil
5. Timing gear
6. Inner tube
7. Front wheel bearings (one set pre-packed)
8. Fan belt
9. Fan
10. Water pump
11. Starter bendix spring with new bolts and lock washers
12. Complete gasket set
13. Distributor cap and/or body

Help honor veterans with car display May 22

One of our club's community events this year will occur Saturday, May 22, when we will honor the patients and residents of the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore with a display of our vehicles.

Jack and Linda Kubik have planned a brief tour with a lunch stop at the Dixie Café and Quick Stop in Keene before continuing on to Wilmore. Meet at Chick-fil-A at Turfland Mall on Harrodsburg Road at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be around 12:15 p.m., and we will arrive at the Veterans Center about 2 p.m. Plan to stay about one hour as they bring the veterans outside to view our vehicles.

This is a great opportunity to put a little joy into the day of some veterans who deserve all the time we can give. The Thomson-Hood Center is a 285 bed long-term care facility providing skilled nursing care and rehabilitation for Kentucky veterans. It is operated by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the shop for repairs

Karen Blair is recuperating from recent hip replacement surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Going to the National Meet?

Please contact **Jeff and Mary Rhoads** as soon as possible so you won't be left out of the group's travel plans. Their contact information is in the box on page 2.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **May 22** — Car display at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore (**Jack and Linda Kubik**).
- ✓ **June 13-18** — MARC National Meet, French Lick, Ind. (**Jeff and Mary Rhoads**).
- ✓ **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**). Hotel reservations: (606) 340- 8687. See the February issue of *Checkmark* for more details.
- ✓ **Nov. 13** — Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11** — Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).