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## Tour Henry Ford's timber land June 20-21

### Contact Bruce Bailey **by June 10** if you plan to participate

Our June activity plans have changed.

After a discussion among the members who attended the May activity in Bardstown, it was decided to cancel the Lady As tour to Midway. Instead, we have an opportunity to attend a special event on Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21.

Model T and Model A Fords are invited to tour Clay county and see where the Ford Motor Company, in the 1920s, owned about 100,000 acres of land from which timber was harvested to be used in the Ford factories to make cars. That land

is now a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Ron Meister of the Cincinnati MARC region and Gill Russell of London, Ky., have planned the event.

We've been asked to come to London on Friday afternoon, June 20, for a free cookout at Russell's farm on Highway 192, two miles west of Interstate 75.

At 9:30 the following morning, we'll leave the K-Mart parking lot in London and drive about 30 miles to Clay County to see the former Ford property and two old buildings used in the logging operation.

The area is normally closed to the public, and we've been granted access by special permission from The National Forest Service. Rangers will be there to give the history of the land once owned by Ford Motor Company.

Dave Shuffett of Kentucky Educational Television will be there both days to film a future episode of *Kentucky Life*.

If you want to go on Friday, two motels offer a special rate of \$49 single and \$55 double.

- **Microtel**  
1895 Hwy. 192  
London, Ky.  
606-877-3400
- **Red Roof Inn**  
110 Melcan Ln.  
London, Ky.  
800-733-7663

This event will generate good publicity for our hobby and our club. If you are going, please notify **Bruce Bailey** at (606) 669-0428 **before June 10** so he can provide a head count for the food at the cookout and the tour. They are expecting 200 to 300 people.

Model As and Ts will lead the tour, followed by other old cars.

We will leave London at 9:30 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. on Saturday. You will need to bring snacks and drinks for the day.



CKMARC members visited the Tasting Room as part of their tour of the Maker's Mark distillery. See page 3 for more photos from the Armed Forces Weekend in May.

# Seeing the world through the eyes of past generations

by Michelle Brown

I've observed that there's a widespread misperception being put in the minds of people who see us out driving our old cars. It centers on what we're trying to accomplish or pursue in our hobby.

After our National Meet last year, an article in a local Kentucky newspaper conveyed the stereotype that all owners of Model A Fords are male members of older generations. Apparently, the writer had meandered around the parking lot at the host hotel, noticing only the male drivers — rather than the families with kids and grandkids

riding in rumble seats or the amazing women involved in this tradition.

The article's tone also could be discouraging to potential young Model A owners.

If enough kids showed an interest in owning a Model A, it would be a blessing to know that the torch could be passed and the magic would continue. We need to spark that interest, and not throw water on it. We must foster pride of ownership and the sense of accomplishment that comes from hard work. For many kids, "drive" is disappearing, and so is the notion of taking care of what they have, rather than disposing of it and replacing it with something new.

Memories don't have to date from 80 years ago with a story that begins, "My grandfather's first car was a 1929 Model A Ford." We're not limited to the tales lived out by our father's father. Looking through Grandpa's eyes, we make our own memories every day with new experiences.

This is amazing to me! We can do the same things Grandpa did — albeit with a few twists here and there. Yet the experience is similar, and the fun continues, because we're a "family" who enjoys the Model A.

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to **Dennis Bauer** in the death of his father, and to **Lonnie Pruitt** in the death of his mother.

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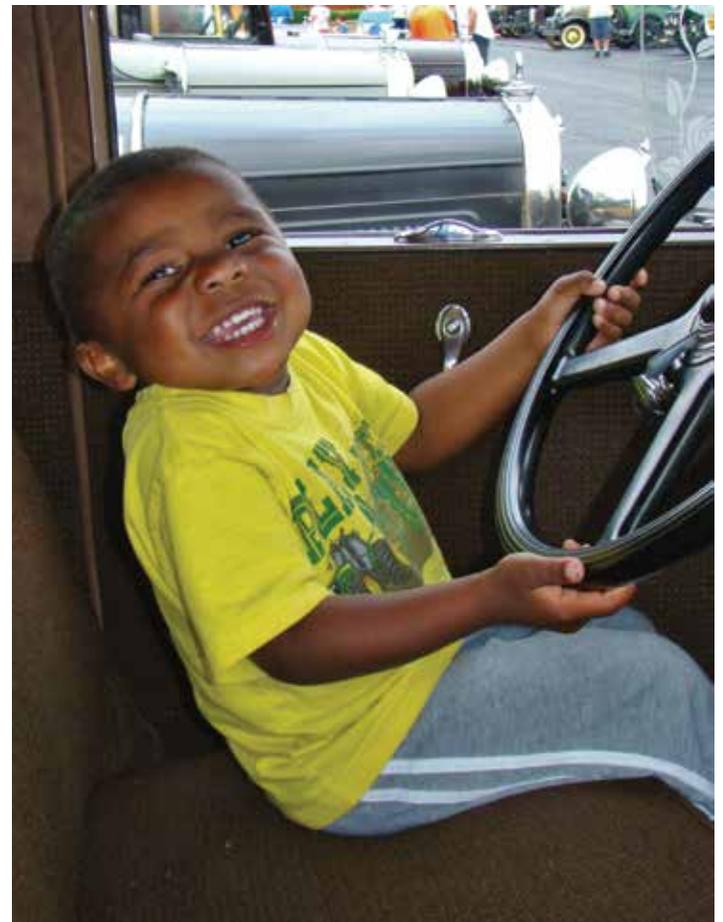
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Toby Brown is among the next generation of Model A enthusiasts.

# Bardstown/New Haven Armed Forces Weekend

by Kim Hollis

When the weekend starts out with two police escorts, you know fun times are ahead.

Lunch at The Depot Restaurant in McKinney kicked off the tour. Yellow fields full of mustard flowers and dark skies made the drive to Maker's Mark distillery impressive. After our private tour and tasting, **Fred and Mary Lou Rossetti** announced our next stop: Lyon's Vintage Junkyard, where the men hiked to the back 40 to survey hundreds of vintage automobiles and

the ladies were happy just to look at pictures of the inventory.

Where there's a tour, there's an all-you-can-eat buffet; Stephen Foster Restaurant in Bardstown served its purpose. After dinner, we all were invited to Fred and Mary Lou's Story Hour; old tales were revisited and new episodes shared.

New Haven Railway Museum was a short drive from Bardstown Saturday morning. Activities for the day included World War II displays

and maneuvers, the Ladies of Liberty (a 1940s singing group reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters) and swing dancers from Louisville.

Just before 2 p.m., "all aboard" was sounded and the club boarded a private dining car. As the train began to pull out of the station, lunch was served. Thank you to **Tammy Godbey** and **Mary Lou Rossetti** for keeping our cups filled with sweet tea.

As the train began to pick up speed, we quickly noticed we were being followed. The **Emeric Howell** gang was familiar with the route to Boston and had us guessing and searching where his Model A would pop up next. The dining car rocked back and forth as we enjoyed the scenery. Once we reached Boston, we were invited to stretch our legs and watch the engine change positions from ground level. Emeric's Model A was missed on the return home.

Rumor has it this was the first tour planned by Mary Lou and Fred. Thank you for an enjoyable weekend. We look forward to the next adventure!



Above: Mary Lou Rossetti with the Ladies of Liberty.  
Below: The cars at Maker's Mark distillery.



Left: Anna Williams with Armed Services boys. Below: The group at Maker's Mark distillery.



# 'MARC' your calendar

## ✓ *June 20–21 (NEW DATE AND DESTINATION)*

— Tour to London, Ky. area; visit property that formerly belonged to Henry Ford. Details on page 1. (**Bruce and Linda Bailey**).

## ✓ *June 22–27* — MARC National Meet, French Lick, Ind.

✓ *July 5* — CKMARC picnic at Logan Hubble Park in Lancaster starting at noon. The club will provide meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish. A board meeting will be held after the picnic.

✓ *July 19* — Concours d' Elegance at Keeneland (**John Yates**).

✓ *Aug. 30* — Tour of Gary and Pam Johnson's collection of antiquities in Stanford, Ky. (**Bruce and Linda Bailey**).

✓ *September 12–14* — Celebrate International Model A Day with other MARC regions in Shepherdsville, Ky. See details on this page.

✓ *September 20–26* — MARC National Tour, Cary, NC. (**Delmer and Linda Dalton**).

✓ *Oct. 17–19* — Boone's Trace (**Delmer and Linda Dalton**).

✓ *Nov. 15* — Fleming County covered bridge tour (**Carl Goodwin**).

✓ *Dec. 13* — Annual holiday potluck, general membership meeting and election of officers (**John and Karen Blair; Jeff and Mary Rhoads**).

## *Celebrate 'Drive Your Model A' Day with neighboring MARC regions in September*

Mark your calendar for the weekend of Sept. 12-14 (Friday through Sunday). The Falls City Model A Club is hosting Kentuckiana's inaugural observance of "National Drive Your Model A Day."

Escorted by police, we'll roll out of Shepherdsville at 8:35 on Saturday morning, Sept. 13. The day is filled with Kentucky backroads and a visit to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum in Elizabethtown. A group lunch stop is planned before ending the afternoon at Shepherdsville City Park, where car games and a Model A Ford Car Show are planned until 6 p.m.

Shepherdsville Best Western is the host motel. Rooms are \$75 a night (includes hot breakfast). Rooms must be reserved by July 1 by calling (502) 543-7097. For those interested in camping, the KOA Louisville South campground has available sites starting at \$43 a night. Call (502) 543-2041.

The Louisville Club asks those who plan to attend to fill out a registration form and return it by July 1. To obtain a form, contact one of the following.

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