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Cookout at 'Nation Plantation' marks holiday weekend

What could possibly be a better way to celebrate our nation's birthday than with a cookout at the Shelby County home of **Burt and Rita Nation**?

Grant and Jennifer Baker led the group to the "Nation Plantation," passing through Mt. Eden, where the Model A Fords became an impromptu part of the town's July 4 parade.

A big thank-you goes to the Nations for generously providing grilled pork chops, corn on the cob, and drinks to supplement the potluck dishes brought by members. With stomachs filled to capacity, the group gathered in the barn for an auction that brought in \$542 for the club. (See the president's message on page 2).



1. The Model A caravan became an impromptu part of the July 4 parade in Mt. Eden.
2. and 3. Model As parked on the grass at the Nation farm.
4. Note the straw hats of the two farmers (Burt Nation and Jeff Rhoads) driving a Model A truck back into town to get Jeff's car running after a gear shift problem.
5. Burt and Rita Nation, posing here with granddaughter Hannah, were gracious hosts for the cookout.
6. Jerry Baker, left, conducted the auction by his own rules—with help from spotters Jack Kubik and Burt Nation.
7. Herman Butler holds the fan belt that broke on the way home. Luckily, he had a spare.



Exhibit your Model A, look at fancy cars, visit with friends at Keeneland Concours d'Elegance July 17

Come out and see some of the most beautiful and expensive cars in the nation at the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance on July 17. To participate in our club's display, meet at Chick-Fil-A at Turfland Mall on Harrodsburg Road at 8:30 a.m. **John Yates** will lead us to Keeneland.

Admission is \$15 per person, which benefits the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital.

This event always generates good public relations for our club and also is an opportunity to recruit new members — and, of course, spend a relaxing day talking with friends about our favorite subject.



Brandon Rector tests his driving skills while crossing a creek in a 1929 rumble seat coupe. His wife, Emily, says he passed with flying colors.

Members enjoy day with Model T-ers

Henry Ford would have been proud of the variety of Model A and Model T vehicles that made their way through Fayette and Jessamine counties June 26 for a combined event. **Bill and Lee Baker** laid out a beautiful tour that included crossing a creek—the highlight of the day for many in the group—and lunch at Chrisman Mill Winery.

President's message

'Thank you' is inadequate to express my feelings about the great things that have happened in this club since our last newsletter.

First, thanks to **Bill and Lee Baker** for a beautiful tour June 26.

Next, to **Burt and Rita Nation** for going above and beyond in hosting our July 3 cookout, providing pork chops and all the fixings, inflatables for the kids, and to their daughter **Sylvia** and son-in-law **Jeff** for helping cook and serve.

And finally, to all of you who helped make our first live auction a huge success. Your contributions of auction items and lively bidding brought in \$542—all of which will go directly to club operations. This issue of the newsletter, for example, is expanded to six pages to accommodate additional news and pictures of the many club activities that have taken place over the past month. That cost \$35 more to print than our usual four-page newsletter. We'll also use the funds to delay the need for a dues increase. So everyone benefits.

Again, thank you!

— **Jerry Baker**

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Welcome Toby Brown

Todd and Michelle Brown have a new passenger in their Model A. **Tobias Matthew Brown** was born May 23. Michelle went back to work July 6, and Todd's mom, **Kathy**, who has been on several of our tours, is providing day care. Michelle shares the following note with CKMARC friends.

"Thanks for all the well wishes and congratulations. We are surviving our whirlwind parenthood and loving every minute of it—or at least when we've had enough sleep to remember how we remain upright without our eyes closed.

"The baby's name was chosen because, as we were throwing around names, I had searched name meanings and liked Matthew or Matthias, which means 'gift of God,' but since my brother is a Matthew, Todd didn't want that. He suggested Toby, and I told him go do his own research and see what he could find for names that had a solid meaning, especially for what we had been waiting and wishing for so long. He looked up Tobias or Toby and found that it means 'God is good,' and it stuck. Michael comes from Todd's middle name, and that means 'of the Lord.' But mostly we call him Peanut, Boo Bear, or Little Stinker.

"We were chosen by the birth mom on May 13, and on that day she was involved in an accident that sent her into pre-

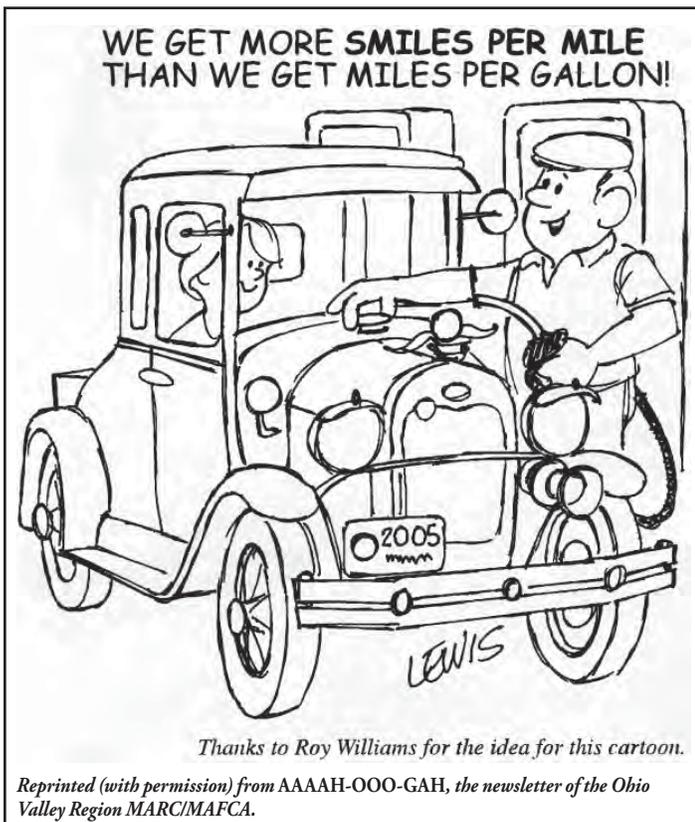


term labor until the hospital was able to stop her contractions. We met her on May 18, and because of the accident didn't know if she would make it to her due date of June 12. Toby was born May 23, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., at 18 inches long, and he did great. We spent two nights in the hospital in a 'family room.' The fold-out cots were not the greatest things in the world, but we were able to help with feedings, change diapers, and bond with Toby until his release to us on May 25. We had no diapers, formula, or clothing for a newborn, but we had a car seat, which we got a quick lesson with, and a pack-and-play, plus a couple of bigger items.

"Toby has been a slow eater, but he finally got the hang of it and is gaining weight, and really filling out as he keeps filling up his diapers!

"Right now we have temporary custody, but hopefully by July 19 we will have legal custody. Legal adoption in Michigan takes a minimum of six months, so that will happen a few months later. We'll keep everyone posted.

"The neat part is that we are mom and dad now, and we are so blessed!"





Keep up with adventures of Alaska travelers

<http://ckmarc.com/alaskatrip/>



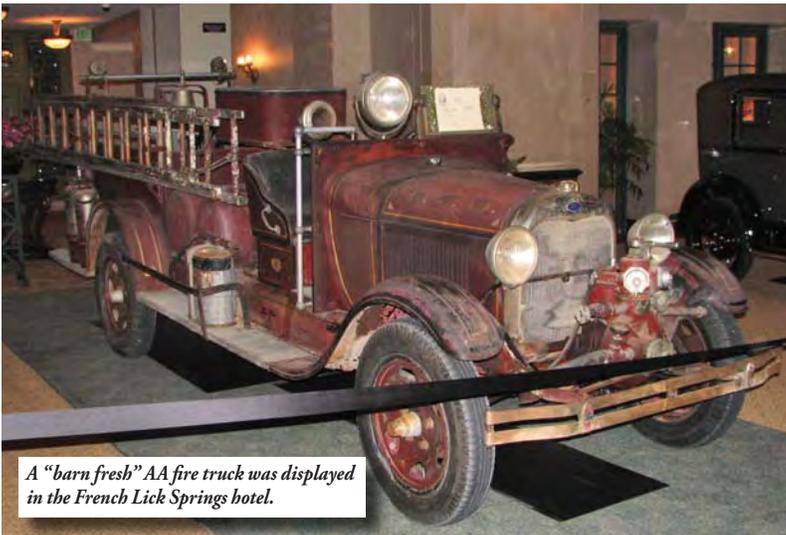
CKMARC members **Mike and Judy Akers** and **Danny and Tammy Godbey** are taking us along on their Model A trip to Alaska through their blog, <http://ckmarc.com/alaskatrip/>. Don't forget to check it regularly for news of their adventures, including wild animal sightings and on-the-road mechanical innovations.

The travelers tell us that they look forward reading your comments every day, so be sure to send them a message by clicking on "Comments" under each day's heading, then typing your note in the "Leave a reply" section at the bottom of the screen.



CKMARK's own Alaska adventurers **Tammy and Danny Godbey** (above, left) and **Judy and Mike Akers** (above, right).





A "barn fresh" AA fire truck was displayed in the French Lick Springs hotel.



Both of the grand hotels in French Lick have been restored to their former glory.



Model A Fords in front of the French Lick Springs Hotel.

Scenes from the MARC National Meet French Lick, Indiana — June 14-18, 2010

Representing our club were Linda and Bruce Bailey, Lee and Bill Baker, Linda and Delmer Dalton, Carl Goodwin, Pearl and Ron Looney, Rita and Burt Nation, Mary and Jeff Rhoads (with Jeff's aunt, Thelma Schmucker), Greg and Bob Smith, Joan and Darrell Webb, Gail and Allan Wickersham (with grandson, Elijah Wickersham), and Becky and John Yates.



Greg Smith, right, and his father, Bob, enjoy generous portions of seafood at Mike Linnig's Restaurant in Louisville on the way to French Lick.



The restored Beck's Mill building, near Salem, Indiana, dates from 1864.



The welcome party was held under the rotunda of the West Baden Springs Hotel's atrium.



The traveling Fords lined up in front of historic Beck's Mill.



"Aunt Thelma" Schmucker at the famed Pluto Spring.



On the front porch of the French Lick Springs Hotel: Jeff Rhoads (second from left, in cap), Thelma Schmucker, Rita Nation and Delmer Dalton.



Lee and Bill Baker ride the French Lick Scenic Railway.

The Ford owner's 23rd Psalm

The Ford is my auto, I shall not want another. It maketh me to lie down beneath it. It soreth my soul. It leadeth me into the paths of ridicule for its name's sake. Yea, though I ride through the valleys, I am towed up the hills. I fear much evil; my rod and my engine discomfort me. I anoint my tires with patches; my radiator runneth over. I repair my blowouts in the presence of mine enemies. Surely, if this thing follows me all the days of my life, I shall dwell in the bug-house forever.

From *Funabout Fords* by J.J. White. The Howell Company, publishers, Chicago, 1915.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **July 17** — Keeneland Concours d' Elegance, Lexington (**John Yates**). See details elsewhere in this issue.
- ✓ **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**).
- ✓ **Sept. 25** — Lawrenceburg Burgoo Festival car display (**Burt and Rita Nation**).
- ✓ **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**).