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Members display cars at Concours

Club members braved a heat wave to display their Model As at the Keeneland Concours d' Elegance on July 17. Friends from the Louisville club joined the group with three Model As to make an impressive exhibit. A warm breeze kept it bearable, and everyone enjoyed looking at the rare and expensive vehicles entered in the competition.



Burt Nation's 1931 pickup.



Jay Zwischenberger's 1930 station wagon.



Please pardon us while we digress from Model As for a moment. This 1948 Tucker, from Frankfort, Indiana, was one of only 50 ever built. The revolutionary car inspired a 1988 movie—and the cartoon on page 3.



Mark Morton fired up his Model A speedster as John Yates braced himself for the thundering exhaust note.



Artist Peter Williams painted a 1909 Knox. Williams has a home in Kentucky and one in his native New Zealand.



Darrell Webb displayed his camper trailer hitched to his 1931 Tudor Sedan.



John Yates brought his 1931 coupe (foreground), and Bob Lykins showed his 1930 Tudor Sedan.

Lunch at Moyer Winery, Aug. 14

Tour leaders **Walter and Judy Brumfield** have set a 9:45 a.m. meeting time at the McDonald's at I-75 and Winchester Rd. in Lexington. **The group will leave promptly at 10:00 for the winery.**

The true definitions of certain common tools

By Grant Baker, with help from the Internet

Here are some definitions of parts and tools that you might use when rehabbing a Model A.

Drill Press: A tall, upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the room, denting the freshly painted project that you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

Wire Wheel: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "oh, ----!"

Pliers: Used to round off bolt heads, and often in the creation of blood-blisters.

Belt Sander: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

Hacksaw: One of a family of cutting tools built on the

ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

Vise-Grips: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Oxyacetylene Torch: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy

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Make plans for October weekend in Monticello

John and Loretta Baker have planned a weekend full of fun Oct. 20-23 in Monticello. The tour starts on Thursday morning, Oct. 21, so you'll want to arrive on Wednesday night. Here's a rundown of the activities.

Wednesday evening

- Dinner at the Bakers' home, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday (drive approximately 55 miles)

- Houseboat factory tour
- Mill Springs Mill and historic Brown-Lanier house
- Picnic lunch at Mill Springs Park
- Conley Bottom Marina
- Monticello-Wayne County Museum, one-room schoolhouse, and restored theater
- Dinner at the Bakers' home

Friday (drive approximately 130 miles)

- Cumberland Falls
- Lunch at Dupont Lodge
- Harold and Loretha Worley's car collection
- Evening option—Somernites Cruise block party

Saturday (drive approximately 120 miles)

- Wolf Creek Dam
- National fish hatchery
- Lunch at Lure Lodge
- Mill Springs Civil War Battlefield and museum
- Haney's Orchard and Apple Barn
- Evening option—ghost train at Stearns

Sunday morning

- Donuts and coffee at the Bakers'

Make your reservations by calling the Holiday Inn Express-Monticello, (606)340-8687, and asking for the car tour block. The rate of \$71 per night is available until Sept. 1. Questions? Call John and Loretta at (606) 348-5126.

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Tech tip: Ignition timing

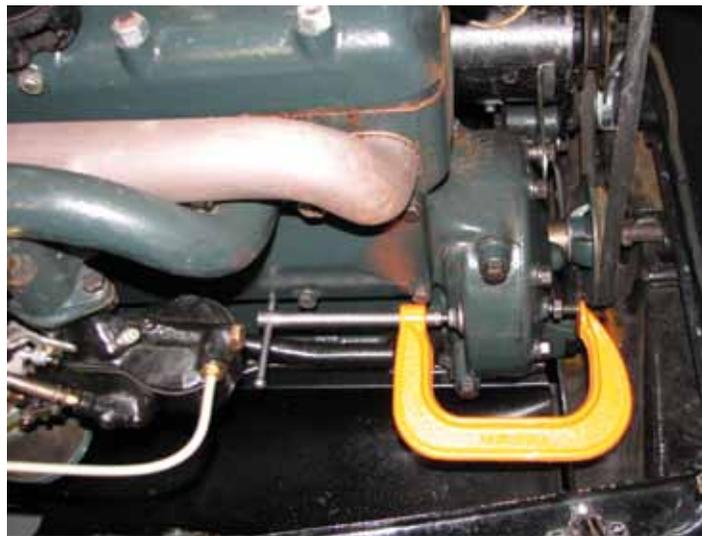
By Noah Logan

Follow these procedures to properly set the ignition timing on your Model A Ford:

1. Begin with the spark lever fully retarded (top). Remove the timing pin, reverse and insert into the opening. With the starting crank, turn the engine slowly as you apply pressure on the timing pin until it slips into the dent in the timing gear. *Note: See the photo at right for a handy tip from the Ohio Valley Region MARC.*
2. Remove the distributor cover and rotor.
3. Loosen the cam locking screw enough to allow the cam to turn.
4. Replace the rotor and turn until the rotor arm is opposite the No. 1 contact point inside the distributor body.
5. Place a cam wrench on the cam and adjust the tension until the cam can be turned, but with some resistance.
6. Turn the cam counter-clockwise until the points are open.
7. Turn the cam clockwise until the points make contact. *Note: It may be necessary to use a test instrument to get the exact position of the cam when point contact is made. This adjustment is always made by moving the cam clockwise.*
8. Holding the cam wrench without movement, tighten the cam screw securely.
9. Replace the rotor, distributor body, and cap, and secure in position.
10. Secure the timing pin in position.

To make proper use of the ignition control lever:

1. Start the engine and set on fast idle, with the spark lever fully retarded (top).
2. Slowly advance (pull down) the spark lever. You will



If you're working by yourself—turning the crank with one hand while pushing on the timing pin with the other—it can be difficult to tell when the timing pin drops into the indentation in the cam gear. This tip, which appeared in the Ohio Valley Region's newsletter, gives you an extra hand with the task. With the timing pin reversed in its hole, gently attach a four-inch C-clamp as shown. Then, slowly turn the engine with the starting crank. When the clamp falls off, you've found the notch!

notice the engine speed increase. Continue to advance the lever until the speed no longer increases.

3. This is the point of maximum advance that you should ever use. *Note: Driving with the ignition timing too far advanced will result in serious damage to the engine.*

President's message

Plans are progressing for the 2013 National Meet that our club has agreed to host. Contracts were recently signed with the hotel and convention center, and **Jack Kubik**—chair of the meet—is working on a budget. A planning meeting will be announced shortly. In the meantime, think about what committee you would like to chair or serve on. We'll need everyone in the club to pitch in and make the event a success. — **Jerry Baker**

ONE SHOW WE'RE NOT LIKELY
TO SEE ON THE HISTORY CHANNEL:



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True definitions

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for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

Band Saw: A large, stationary power saw primarily used to cut good aluminum sheets into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

Two-ton Engine Hoist: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt. Can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out phillips screw heads.

Straight Screwdriver: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

Pry Bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50-cent part.

Hose Cutter: A tool for making hoses too short.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **Aug. 14** — Tour to Moyer Winery, Manchester, Ohio (**Walter and Judy Brumfield**). See details elsewhere in this issue.
- ✓ **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 details elsewhere in this issue..
- ✓ **Nov. 13** — Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11** — Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).