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Brakes host July CKMARC picnic

A perfect summer afternoon brought out a large group of Model A Fords for a backroads tour to **Kenny and Kris Brake's** beautiful log home on July 9. Everyone ate their fill — and then some — of members' potluck dishes and the Brakes' delicious barbecued ham. **Darby Arvin**, a friend of the Brakes, won the split-the-pot drawing and generously donated the \$57 prize back to the club.



Above: Bill and Judi Bates and their dog, Ambie, relax on the front porch of one of several log buildings on the Brakes' property. Below: Jenny, Kris and Kenny Brake graciously gave CKMARC members the run of the place for the day.



Above: Kenny Brake built the family's home from logs salvaged from old buildings. He is truly a master craftsman. The two bottom photos illustrate the diverse display of automotive history that CKMARC members brought to the picnic. All four years of Model A production — and many of the body styles that were offered — were represented there.



Let's tour to Clifty Falls, Aug. 12-14

Twenty-four families are registered for our August 12-14 tour to the Clifty Falls/Madison, Ind., area. **Bruce and Linda Bailey** have planned a full weekend. You'll see Model A and Model T fire trucks in action at a fire engine and memorabilia show at the Riders, who will provide lunch on Saturday for a donation.

Several groups plan to leave from different locations. **Jeff and Mary Rhoads** will lead a group from Lexington, departing from the McDonald's in Palomar Centre at 8 a.m. on Friday. Bruce Bailey will lead a group from the Stanford McDonald's, departing at 8 a.m. Both groups will meet at the Lawrenceburg McDonald's at 9:15 a.m., leaving at 9:30 a.m. We'll meet a group from the Louisville area at the Dairy Queen on the Kentucky side

of the bridge in time to top off our gas tanks and arrive in Madison for lunch at noon.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs. Also be aware that the Clifty Falls Inn has an indoor pool and hot tub, and there are hiking trails at the falls.

Questions? Contact the Baileys at (606) 669-0428.

CKMARC cars displayed at Keeneland Concours



Jack Kubik poses in front of his 1931 Delux Roadster at the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance on July 16. CKMARC member Jay Zwischenberger's 1930 Station Wagon was accepted for judging in the show. Emeric Howell of the Louisville club, who has been on several CKMARC tours, won the trophy in the Vintage 1925-49 class with his 1931 Delux Phaeton.

Sharing stories is a highlight of CKMARC activities

One of the best things about club activities is the opportunity to get to know other members and share stories. Here are a few from the picnic at **Kris and Kenny Brake's** farm on July 9.

Richard Hobby, age 90, has been a car lover nearly all his life. His family owned a Ford agency—which also sold Maytag washing machines—in Scottsville, Ky., near Bowling Green, for more than 50 years. Richard started working there at age 15, sweeping floors and pumping gas, which sold for 12 cents a gallon. It was also the year that he bought his first Model T—a two-seat soft top that set him back \$13.



Richard Hobby

"We kept spare parts for the Model Ts in a gunny sack in the basement coal bin," Richard recalled. "Whenever a customer needed a part, it was my job to go down to the coal bin, get the gunny sack, bring it up, and empty it out so that we could find the right part. Later on, we developed a system to identify the parts."

When Richard needed oil for his Model T, he would swipe some used oil out of the 55-gallon drum that was kept at the agency. He later traded the car for a Star automobile. Always an innovator, when the gear shift broke, he used a long-handled screwdriver to shift gears.

Richard is a perfect example of a loyal club member who has always loved Model As, but has never owned one.

Charlie Spurlock's love for the Model A began in the 1930s, when he was about 12 years old. A neighbor in Lee County had a Model A coupe, and Charlie enjoyed watching him drive it.

"We could hear that car coming down the road two or three bends away," Charlie said. "Once you've heard a Model A, you know the sound. The owner worked for an oil company, and he had to drive through a creek bed to get to the oil wells. The Model A was higher than a more modern car, so it could go through the creek when others couldn't."

In 1963, Charlie's wife told him that her friend's grandfather had a Model A coupe for sale. Charlie bought it, and kept it until last summer. Over the years, he's owned five Model As. He sold three of them last year, and

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Swimwear fashions reflected lifestyle of 1930s Americans

As the nation recovered from the Great Depression in the 1930s, people discovered that swimming was an inexpensive form of recreation. Swimwear was modest, but it became more revealing as the decade progressed.

Women's swim dresses that ended mid-thigh were seen in 1931, but by the following year, backless one piece suits with an optional

wide beach hat were the new style. A revolutionary and controversial bathing suit, the maillot, was borrowed from the Riviera in 1932. It was skin-tight and cut very low in the back. Police had to control crowds when it was

first displayed in a window in New York—reminiscent of the situation when the Model A was introduced in December 1927.

Swimsuit colors during the period tended toward ivory, white, cream, grey, black, and buff, but often were accented with touches of red.



Third International Pageant of Pulchritude and Ninth Annual Bathing Girl Revue, June 1928. Galveston, Texas. Source: Shorpy.com

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still has a 1930 Fordor sedan.

Don and Colette Tolliver had planned a trip to Colette's native Germany, but had to cancel it because of her knee problems. We were happy they came to the picnic so we could get to know them better.

They met when Don was doing military service in Europe. He brought Colette back to the U.S.; they married and lived in Michigan for five years until Don said, "I'm getting out of here and going back to Kentucky." He completed mechanic school and started a business that included a restaurant, filling station, pool room, and car repair shop.

"In the 1970s, we had a 1930 rumble seat coupe that

we trailered to Mexico every year," says Don. "We would stay there a month and use the Model A to run around. The Mexicans loved it, and the border guards never even looked at it."

The Tollivers joined our club in 1992 and have a 1930 Fordor. They live in Whitesburg, Ky.



The Tollivers

Events calendar

- ✓ **August 12-14** — Overnight tour to Clifty Falls (Indiana) State Park (**Bruce and Linda Bailey**). See details on page 2 of this issue.
- ✓ **September 3** — Potluck lunch at the home of **Walter and Judy Brumfield** in Nicholasville, Ky. Afterward, we'll travel to the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore to display our cars to the residents there.
- ✓ **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.