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CKMARC hits the road twice in September

It was a busy month for CKMARC members with a tour to Springfield followed by a car display at the Lawrenceburg Burgoo Festival.

Bruce and Linda Bailey and **Burt and Rita Nation** arranged a full day on beautiful backroads September 11. The day included a stop at the Beech Fork covered bridge in Washington County, erected in 1865; a bountiful buffet lunch at Mordecai's on Main in Springfield; a tour

of Flaggy Meadow Fiberworks and Sunshine Alpacas; and afternoon refreshments at Nee Nee's Boutique and Collectibles.

September 25 saw 13 CKMARC cars and 10 from the Louisville club converging in Lawrenceburg for the annual Burgoo Festival. Participants enjoyed beautiful fall weather as they kicked tires, exchanged stories, and feasted on tasty treats.



Above: The Lawrenceburg Burgoo Festival drew a crowd of Model A-ers and onlookers. Below: Enjoying the shade at the Burgoo Festival are (from left) Jerry Baker, Mike Akers, Jack and Linda Kubik, and Judy Akers.



Below: The Beech Fork covered bridge is closed to traffic, but it provides a perfect photo setting.



Above, left: Judy Akers bugs one of the "Tucky Bears" made at Flaggy Meadow Farm. Above, right: "No, we didn't say 'old Packards.' We said ALPACAS!"

Below: Cars parked on the grass while members tour Flaggy Meadow Farm near Springfield.

President's message

The 2010 touring season is winding down, but we still have plenty of fun and fellowship ahead. We've added an activity to the calendar on October 16, and I hope to see many of you at the Tiptons' restaurant in Nicholasville. I also look forward to seeing many of you — along with our friends from Louisville and western Kentucky — in Monticello later this month.

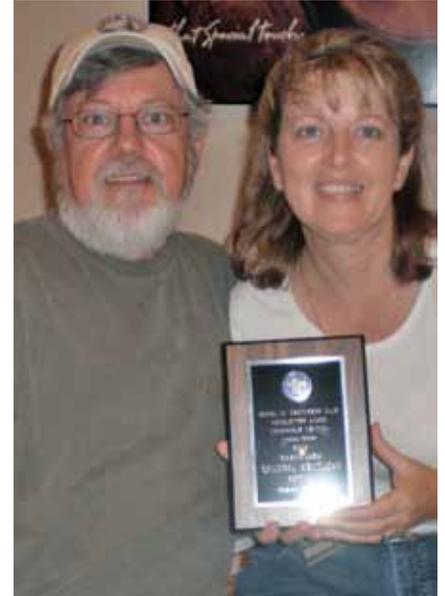
Everyone loves going to Berea, and **Danny and Tammy Godbey** are planning a great tour there on November 13. To wrap up the year, **John and Karen Blair** will host our annual Christmas potluck December 11. Remember that we'll have a live auction this year, so start gathering items and come ready to bid high and buy. Our July auction brought in more than \$500, which went directly to club operations and will help keep your dues low.

See you down the road! — **Jerry Baker**

Godbeys win newsletter award

Congratulations to **Danny and Tammy Godbey**, who received an honorable mention award for *Checkmark* for 2009. The award recognizes what we already knew: that the Godbeys did a wonderful job of editing the club's newsletter for 10 years before turning it over to a new editorial team in January.

Danny and Tammy are currently staying busy with their twin grandsons, Connor James and Mason Edward, born Sept. 22 to their son, Matthew Godbey (at right, holding the twins) and his wife, Becky.



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Monticello tour coming up

Join Louisville and Western Kentucky MARC members for the fall tour in Monticello, Oct. 20-23. **John and Loretta Baker** have planned three full days of sightseeing, food, and fellowship, beginning with dinner at their home on Wednesday evening.

Please note that the Holiday Inn Express has changed its name to the Lake Cumberland Inn. It is under the same management and will honor all reservations. A few rooms are still available by calling (606) 340-8687. If you need additional information about the tour, call the Bakers at (606) 348-5126.

Nations' Model A memories



Above: Sylvia Nation McCarty recreates the pose (inset) with the 1931 coupe that appeared in the Louisville Courier-Journal in 1974.

Below, right: Rita and Burt Nation on a river cruise in Chicago at last year's MARC National Meet.

It was 1974, and **Burt and Rita Nation** had just purchased their first antique car, a 1931 Ford coupe. They had a motorcycle, but now that daughter Sylvia was four years old, they wanted something that would allow her to ride along. A newspaper ad led them to the coupe.

Their first outing was to the Tobacco Festival in Bloomfield. Sylvia put on a bonnet that Rita's mother had made for her and climbed into the rumble seat.

"Looking back, I can't believe we let her ride back there all that way," said Rita. "We took part in the parade and even won the best car trophy."

A photographer from the Louisville *Courier-Journal* was at the festival and took a picture of Sylvia standing beside the car. It was in the paper the next day, and Nations were hooked. Their collection has grown through the years, but Sylvia still loves to ride in the '31.

"I practically grew up in that car," she said. "We've had lots of fun with it."



Oct. 16 tour, display added to calendar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 16, for a horse farm tour, car display, and complimentary lunch.

Walter and Judy Brumfield will lead the group from Chick-Fil-A on Harrodsburg Road, leaving promptly at 9:30 a.m. After a short drive, we'll arrive at Taylor Made Farm for a tour; then new club members **Bryan and Melissa Tipton** have invited us to their Arby's restaurant in Nicholasville for a car display and free lunch for participants. We'll be finished by early afternoon.

The Tiptons are preparing to remodel the restaurant and would like to have pictures of Model As in front of it before the project begins. Come out and support our fellow club members.

Tech tip

By Grant Baker

I love to drive my Model A, so I seldom ride in the passenger seat. Recently, while helping a new driver, I noticed a tendency to stay near the center line of the road. I took the wheel and brought the car toward the right side.

This is a common inclination when driving a Model A because, in modern cars, the steering wheel sits over the tires. In a Model A, it sits more toward the center of the car. That's important to keep in mind for safe driving.



Strike up the band for Ford

This June 1929 photo, from the archives of Kentucky Utilities Company, shows the Paducah (Ky.) High School Band riding in KU trucks. (KU provided electric service to the city of Paducah at the time.)

Leading the caravan is a Ford pickup on the standard Model A passenger car chassis.

The truck following the pickup appears to be of non-Ford pedigree; most of the potentially identifying features are covered by the people standing in front of it.

Next in line is a truck with a custom-built cab, built on the Ford AA commercial chassis.

Bringing up the rear is a factory-cab Ford AA truck with ladder racks.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **Oct. 16** — Horse farm tour and car display (**Walter and Judy Brumfield**). See details elsewhere in this issue.
- ✓ **Oct. 21-24** — Long weekend in Monticello; joint event with western Kentucky and Louisville clubs (**John and Loretta Baker**). Hotel reservations: (606) 340- 8687.
- ✓ **Nov. 13** — Tour to Berea (**Danny and Tammy Godbey**).
- ✓ **Dec. 11** — Christmas potluck and auction, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington (**John and Karen Blair**).