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Love of old cars and all things mechanical comes naturally to Bruce Bailey

Bruce Bailey's mechanical ability may be genetic, as can be proven by the fascinating life story of his grandfather, Herbert L. Bailey.

Herbert was born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1886, the only child of William Bruce and Rachel Adams Bailey. When he was four years old, Herbert's mother died, and he and his father moved to Lexington. When Herbert reached school age, his father needed him to work instead of attending school, and he grew up working wherever he could find a job, including Saunier Iron Works and the manufacturing facility for the Lexington automobile. While the young man swept floors and did odd jobs, some of the machinists and mechanics recognized that he had a natural mechanical inclination, and they taught him some things about their trades.

At one point in his young life, Herbert worked as a taxicab driver in Lexington and often brought people who had come to Lexington by train to the Crab Orchard Springs Resort. There, he became friends with the Scott brothers — Albert, Harry, and Walter — of the Goshen community in Lincoln County. (As a side note, Bruce and Linda bought the Walter Scott home in 1979 when they married and have

Join Model Ts for June 26 event

Bill and Lee Baker are planning a fun day of touring with the local Model T club on Saturday, June 26. Meet at Palomar shopping center in Lexington, in front of the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery, and plan to leave promptly at 9 a.m. We'll tour through the countryside before arriving at Chrisman Mill Winery for a bountiful buffet lunch that will include a complete salad bar, fresh vegetables, a carving station, and dessert. Cost of the lunch is \$20, including gratuity.



Bruce Bailey's grandparents, Herbert and Nellie Cox Bailey, are pictured in a 1915 or 1916 Model T Ford in front of their garage in Stanford.

lived there ever since.)

Herbert moved to Lincoln County in 1915 and opened Bailey Garage on Main Street in Stanford in an old livery stable behind what formerly was the St. Asaph Hotel. He operated the garage until 1917, when he entered into World War I. Upon returning home from service in 1918, he opened a garage on Depot Street. That building was later occupied by Stanford Tire Company and was torn down in 1995. It's now the location of the Lincoln County Public Library.

In 1920, at the insistence of Bruce's grandmother, Herbert moved the garage to Lancaster, her hometown. There Bruce's father, Jack Cox Bailey, and his brother and two sisters were born. Herbert operated the garage until his death in 1957, and Bruce's father continued to run it until 1991.

Herbert's wife taught him to read and write after they married—something he always wanted but had been unable to do because he could not attend school growing up. Bruce's grandmother passed away in 1995, and his father in 1996.

President's message

You've all heard me say that CKMARC members love to tour. **Mike and Judy Akers** and **Danny and Tammy Godbey** are taking that statement to new heights as they embarked on their long anticipated trip to Alaska on June 1. I'm sure they're attracting lots of attention along the way. After all, it isn't every day that you see a couple of Model As pulling handcrafted trailer down the road. The trailers will be a cozy home away from home for the next three months — that is, if there's enough space for sleeping among the tools, spare parts, food, clothing, and other necessities they've packed.

Unlike early pioneers on the westward frontier, our friends have several modern conveniences, including the Internet. Keep up with them on their trip blog, <http://ckmarc.com/alaskatrip/>, and be sure to go to the "Comments" section to send along your encouraging words.

— **Jerry Baker**

Mileage awards presented

By **Jack Kubik**

MARC mileage awards were presented at the Veterans Center vehicle display May 22. The program recognizes miles driven by awarding a radiator plaque at 2,000 miles, 5,000 miles, and each 5,000 miles thereafter.

- 2,000 miles:** **Bill & Katherine Goetz**..... '30 Coupe
Burt & Rita Nation '31 Coupe
Bob & Betty Lykins '30 Tudor
- 5,000 miles:** **Mike & Judy Akers**..... '29 Coupe
Bruce & Linda Bailey..... '30 Fordor
Grant & Jennifer Baker '30 Tudor
Walter & Judy Brumfield..... '29 Coupe
Burt & Rita Nation '30 Tudor
Mike & Barbara Tearney... '30 Town Sedan
- 10,000 miles:** **Darrell & Joan Webb** '31 Tudor
- 15,000 miles:** **Delmer & Linda Dalton** '29 Fordor
- 20,000 miles:** **Danny & Tammy Godbey**..... '31 Coupe
- 35,000 miles:** **Mike & Judy Akers**..... '30 Tudor
- 75,000 miles:** **John & Becky Yates**..... '31 Coupe

Our club now has 34 vehicles registered in the MARC mileage awards program. If you are not registered and would like to be, see **Jack Kubik**. There is a one-time \$1 initiation fee per vehicle.

Tech tip: Obtaining a classic vehicle project title

By **Ron Looney**

Kentucky law has recently been changed to ease the restrictions for obtaining classic motor vehicles titles. Kentucky House Bill 676 was signed into law on April 24, 2008, and contained language pertaining to "Classic Vehicle Titles" that establishes a category separate from regular vehicle titles. Amendments were added to KRS 186A.500 thru KRS 186A.550. The rollout of the procedures was launched in the first quarter of 2009.

Essentially, your project must meet the following criteria by being:

- at least 25 years old;
- not in road worthy condition; and
- either currently in the state and not titled, or brought into Kentucky with a regular title from another state that does not denote it as salvage, junk, rebuilt, or any similar designation.

If it meets the test, you may apply for a "Classic Project

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The group lined up for a photo in front of the tank displayed at the Veterans Center. (Photo courtesy of Lo Arnold.)

Veterans enjoy car display

It looked like a trip back in time in front of the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center on May 22 as members of CKMARC and the Bluegrass Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America displayed their cars for the residents.

The day started with a beautiful back roads tour to Keene for lunch at the Dixie Café, then on to Wilmore. Club members could be seen pushing veterans around in their wheelchairs for a closer look while sharing memories of the days when these cars were driven daily.

Linda Kubik won the split-the-pot drawing. It was **Ron and Pearl Looney's** lucky day, as they won two door prizes. Other door prize winners were **Walter Brumfield**, **David Graves**, and **Kate Baker**.

Celebrate at Nation Plantation July 3

Mark the Independence Day weekend with your Model A friends at a running board picnic and auction July 3 at **Burt and Rita Nation's** farm in Shelby County. Meet at Chick-Fil-A at Turfland Mall on Harrodsburg Road at 9:45 a.m. and plan to leave promptly at 10 a.m. for a back roads tour led by **Grant and Jennifer Baker**. The Nations are generously supplying meat, bread, drinks, and utensils. Bring a dish to share, serving utensils for your dish, and lawn chairs. Each family also is asked to bring one item (car-related, craft, food, etc.) to donate to the club for the auction that will be held after lunch.



Above: Cars lined up for a display at the Veterans Center. (Photo courtesy of Lo Arnold.)

Right: Jack and Linda Kubik organized the day's activities.

Below: Residents enjoyed looking at the cars and reminiscing. (Photo courtesy of Lo Arnold.)



Tech tip

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Title — Not for Road Use” by completing:

- TC 96-182 (application for Kentucky certificate of title);
- police inspection to verify VIN; and
- supporting documents and proof of ownership paperwork. (I supplied a handwritten letter stating from whom and when I purchased the parts and that they were from salvage.)

Proof of insurance is not required at this time. If you want to avoid paying usage tax based on the book value of a completely restored vehicle, you should get a notarized signature about the sale added to the TC 96-182. The turnaround time for my title was only four days.

I've been told by the county clerk that after you have your project title and complete your restoration work (no minimum or maximum timeframe) on your vehicle, you may apply for a regular certificate of title by completing:

- TC 96-182 again;
- police inspection again to verify road worthy status (KRS Chapter 189);
- your project title;
- payment of historic registration and title fees; and
- proof of insurance.

A regular certificate of title will then be issued. This title will not be branded as salvage, junk, or rebuilt.

Remember that there are 120 counties, so there may be 119 interpretations out there that differ slightly from what I encountered in Clark County. My 1930 closed cab pickup, nicknamed Zoot, now has a birth certificate.

Upcoming events

- ✓ **June 13-18** — MARC National Meet, French Lick, Ind. (**Jeff and Mary Rhoads**).
- ✓ **June 26** — Model A/Model T combined event in Jessamine County (**Bill and Lee Baker**). See details on page 1 of this issue.
- ✓ **July 3** — Running board picnic and auction in Shelby County (**Burt and Rita Nation**). See details on page 3 of this issue.
- ✓ **July 17** — Keeneland Concours d' Elegance, Lexington (**John Yates**).
- ✓ **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**).
- ✓ **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**).