



# MMOCC Newsletter – APRIL 2024

*Mid Mo Old Car Club  
PO Box 1594,  
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## 2024 MMOCC MONTHLY MEETINGS

*(Location and Topic Subject to Change)*

Date	Location	Topic
04/25/2024	HyVee Community Room	
05/23/2024	HyVee Community Room	
06/27/2024	Noble Needle Upholstery. 5400 West Business 50 / Suite 7 / JCMO.	BBQ. Bring a side to share.
07/25/2024		
08/22/2024		Trunk Swap.
09/26/2024	HyVee Community Room	Car Show Details.
10/24/2024	Stuckey Farm. 3215 Zion Road / JCMO. 4 to 7:30pm.	Bonfire. Main course provided by the Club. Bring a side or dessert to share along with a lawn chair and drink of your choice.
11/21/2024	No meeting in November.	
12/19/2024	American Legion / 1423 Tanner Bridge Road / JCMO. 6pm.	Holiday party and rob your neighbor gift exchange. Meal provided by the Club.

Some serious pavement pounders came out of this little Chevy dealer in Cannonsburg, PA. I remember seeing Yenko cars at used car lots for next to nothing. Price them now. Yenko Chevrolet was a Chevrolet dealership located at 575 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Operating from 1949 to 1982, the dealership is best known for selling customized sports cars during the late 1960s. Referred to presently as "Yenkos," they are among the most collectible 1960s vehicles. Yenko Chevrolet's history dates back to 1929, the year Frank Yenko initiated a dealership for selling Durant cars. After the Durant company ended in 1932, Yenko opened a Chevrolet dealership in Pennsylvania in Bentleyville in 1934. During 1949, Yenko opened a second Chevrolet dealership in Canonsburg, nearby in the same state. During 1957, Frank's son Don Yenko assumed ownership of the dealership. Known for his modified Chevrolets, Don managed the dealership until 1982, at which time he sold the business.



### Scholarship Auction Report:

During the March 28 MMOCC Meeting at Jim Martin's garage, the Scholarship Auction was a big success! The total was \$884. Included in that amount was \$174 of added donations. This gives us a balance of \$1,060.35 in the scholarship fund.

How does this compare to past years? In 2022 we raised \$845.10 and in 2023 the total was \$588.25. So, good job everyone!

Treasurer Larry Rhea

'60 Dodge Dart Phoenix 2-door hardtop, courtesy Genko Berk.



**For unusual effect, new bank chooses  
CONCRETE SHELL ROOF**

A vintage advertisement for the Gleaner-Baldwin self-propelled combine manufactured by the Gleaner Harvester Corporation, Independence, Missouri.



Trooper M. Dace and Trooper J.A. Tandy (right) stand next to a 1932 Ford Model A. #TBT



To haul the most goods for the least money...  
year in and year out

**Studebaker**

HEAVY DUTY 1 1/2-TON TRUCKS

SQUARE DEAL MOTOR  
STUDEBAKER  
HATFIELD, MASS.

**I'm Not Buying  
Anymore  
Project Cars!**



False Information

Reviewed by independent fact-checkers



# "Wife Finds Race Car Receipts" Oil on Canvas



Comparing our 0-60s to a Tesla is like comparing a grill to a microwave. It might cook faster, but no one wants a microwaved steak.



First World Series game in St Louis - Sportsman's Park, October 5, 1926.





**NICHOLS CAREER CENTER**

## Car Show

\$20 Entry Fee



- Concession Stand
- Student Choice Awards
- Tool Raffle
- Kids Corner
- Car Bash
- 50/50 Raffle
- Silent Auction

Pre-register for a free T-Shirt by April 3rd



# April 21st

12 - 3 pm

Adkins Stadium Parking Lot  
610 Union St, Jefferson City, MO

All proceeds benefit Nichols Career Center's SkillsUSA Chapter

NO TOBACCO or ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

## 120 years ago - George Wyman



George A. Wyman as he Appeared at the end of his Cross-Continent Ride.

In 1903, a time when automobiles were still in their infancy, a daring adventurer named George Wyman embarked on a journey that would redefine the boundaries of motorized travel. His trusty steed? Not a powerful car, but a 1.5 horsepower California motorcycle – essentially a motorized bicycle with a 200cc engine strapped to a standard steel frame.

Wyman's California, though primitive by modern standards, was a marvel of its time. Equipped with wooden rims, a rudimentary suspension system, and a belt-driven drivetrain, it weighed a mere

70-80 pounds. This lightweight design allowed it to reach a respectable speed of 25 mph on the low-octane gasoline available back then. However, throttle control was far from perfect, and engine revs were primarily managed by adjusting the spark timing. The carburetor was equally basic, a metal box with cotton batting acting as a crude fuel filter.

Despite the lack of modern amenities, Wyman packed light for his epic trek. A set of warm clothes, tools, spare parts, a water bottle, a camera, and even a .38 caliber revolver comprised his entire luggage. On May 16th, 1903, at 2:30 PM, he set off from Lotta's Fountain in San Francisco, embarking on a 51-day odyssey that would see him traverse the vast expanse of the United States. He documented his journey for a publication aptly named "The Motorcycle" magazine, offering readers a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of this groundbreaking trip.

Wyman's route took him across the formidable Sierra Nevada mountains, the scorching Nevada desert, the vast plains of Wyoming and Nebraska, and finally through the heartland of America to reach Illinois. Due to the primitive state of roads in 1903, Wyman spent a significant portion of his journey riding on railroad tracks, a testament to the versatility of his motorized bicycle.

However, this unconventional route came with its own set of problems. Sleep often came courtesy of railroad company housing or small towns that sprung up around the train tracks. The journey was far from smooth sailing – Wyman's trusty California suffered multiple breakdowns along the way. His mechanical ingenuity was constantly tested, forcing him to make repairs with whatever he could find until he reached a town with replacement parts. A major setback occurred near Aurora, Illinois, where a broken crankshaft brought his journey to a halt. Forced to pedal his hefty machine all the way to Chicago, Wyman waited five agonizing days for the necessary parts to arrive before he could continue eastward.

Leaving Illinois behind, Wyman continued his journey through Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania before reaching New York State. Unfortunately, just outside of Albany, his engine sputtered its last breath.



Undeterred, Wyman strapped on his helmet (or whatever headgear he used in that era) and pedaled the final 150 miles into New York City, using a designated bicycle path.

On July 6th, 1903, after 51 grueling days and 3,800 miles, George Wyman finally reached his destination. He wasn't just the first person to cross America on a motorcycle – he was the first to traverse the North American continent on any form of motor vehicle. His California machine was proudly displayed at the New York Motorcycle Club, a fitting tribute to the journey. While recovering from his ordeal, Wyman witnessed the formation of the Federation of American Motorcyclists, a testament to the growing popularity of motorized two-wheeled transportation.

Wyman eventually returned to San Francisco by train, his trusty California returning with him. The now-iconic motorcycle was put on display in Golden Gate Park, forever etched in history as the machine that conquered a continent. While George Wyman's name may not be as widely known as other automotive pioneers, his story serves as a reminder of the daring spirit and innovative thinking that pushed the boundaries of transportation in the early 20th century. His journey across America on a motorized bicycle stands as a testament to human grit and a testament to the machines that dared to dream big.

GM began working to develop a viable electric car in the mid-1960s. Electrovair II was one of the experimental engineering vehicles built as part of the program. It was powered by a 532 volt silver-zinc battery system that combined with its 115 HP electric motor delivered a top speed of 80 MPH and a range of 40 to 80 miles per charge. The cost and complexity of the silver-zinc system made it impractical for high volume production.



1955 Chevrolet Biscayne - Concept Car



Among the many curiosities of the 70's was our persistent need to fool people into believing our vehicles were at least partly made of wood.



## MMOCC SHIRTS:

We have T-shirts in gray and white, collared polo-type shirts, and a humorous T-shirt addition. If your shirt looks dingy, time to upgrade! Shirts available at future meetings and events. \$20 for collared shirts. \$15 for t-shirts. \$10 for hats. Contact Jim Martin at 573-864-4048.



# From Lyle's Home Town:



**INTERNATIONAL-SUPERIOR** School Buses

**SUPERIOR ALL-STEEL SAFETY SCHOOL BUS MODEL**

**SKYSCRAPER CONSTRUCTION STEEL FRAME**

**SUPERIOR BODY COMPANY**  
Lima, Ohio

*(Note: Detailed text describing the bus's safety features and construction is present in the original advertisement but is too small to transcribe fully.)*

### Wentzville School Bus Routes

School busses of the Wentzville Public Schools will operate on five approved routes this year. These routes are as follows:

No. 1 — Paul Obrecht, driver. Leave Wentzville at approximately 7 a. m., to New Melle over the Wentzville-New Melle road, then back over the same road to Boonslick road, west on Boonslick to the Goellner road, north on Goellner road to Highway 40, east on Highway 40 to Wentzville, arriving at approximately 7:50 a. m.

No. 2 — Clem Obrecht, driver. Leave Wentzville at approximately 7 a. m., east on Highway 40 to O'Fallon, then south on the Farm-to-market road from O'Fallon to the Boonslick road, then west on Boonslick road through Dardenne to Highway 61, then north on Highway 61 to Wentzville, arriving at approximately 8 a.m.

No. 3 — Paul Obrecht, driver. Leave Wentzville at approximately 7:50 a. m., west on Highway 40 to the Point Prairie road, south on Point Prairie road to the Jackson road, west on Jackson road to the Woods Crossing road, north on Woods Crossing road to Highway 40, east on Highway 40 to Wentzville, arriving at approximately 8:40.

No. 4 — Clem Obrecht, driver. Leave Wentzville at approximately 8 a. m., north to the Wentzville-Foristell road, west on Wentzville-Foristell road to the Camp Creek road, south to Foristell and to the Meridian School, east on the Boonslick to the Theilmann road, north on the Theilmann road to Highway 40, east on Highway 40 to Wentzville, arriving at approximately 8:50 a. m.

No. 5—Paul Kersting, driver. Leave St. Paul at approximately 7:20 a. m., through Josephville, Flint Hill, to Highway 61, north on Highway 61 to the Foristell-Olivet road, then back to Wentzville over Highway 61, arriving at approximately 8:30 a. m.

The above routes will be traveled on opening day. It is possible that some adjustment will have to be made in them after school starts in order to accommodate the students transported to the best advantage.

Students are urged to be at the point of pickup early on opening day. Thereafter, the time of pickup will be more definitely known, as the busses will run on definite time schedules.

# Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

## A. Wings and Wheels Poker Run.

- Saturday, April 20 starting at the Jefferson City Airport with registration at 10am and departing at noon.
- See flyer at right. →

## B. MMOCC Member Dan East Memorial Service.

- Saturday, April 20 at 2pm at St. Anthony Community Park at 1247 Hwy A in St. Anthony. Luncheon served. Sides and Desserts appreciated. RSVP to Brenda Otto at 573-301-4393.
- MMOCC will meet at the gas station in Brazito leaving at 1pm. Drive your old car as a tribute to Dan.

## C. Nichols Career Center Car Show.

- Sunday, April 21 from 12-3pm.
- JCHS Adkins Stadium Parking Lot at 610 Union Street / JCMO.
- All proceeds benefit Nichols Career Center SkillsUSA Chapter.

## D. April MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, April 25 at 6pm. Topic to be determined.
- HyVee Community Room – Upstairs.

## E. “I Haven’t Come Up With A Name Yet “ Poker Chip Run.

- Saturday, April 27 meeting at the Schultes/Jefferson Bank parking lot about 9am and departing about 9:30am.
- Finish at Daisy Delight for lunch.

## F. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

- Last Saturday of each month from April to September. 3-7pm.

## G. Capitol Cruise In (JC) East Capital at Madison.

- Last Saturday of each month from March to September. 5-9pm.

## H. Ford Enthusiast Nationals / Shelbyfest.

- May 1-4.
- Downtown Jefferson City.

## I. Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Cruise In.

- Second Saturday of each month from April to October. 5-8pm.
- Thriftway in Linn.
- May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12.

## J. California Cruise In.

- Second Saturday of each month from April to October.
- Pizza Hut in California, MO.
- May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12.

## K. Ready for Summer at the Warehouse.

- Jim Logan invites you to an event at the Warehouse at 120 W Tanner Way next to Central Church.
- Sunday, May 19 starting at 1pm.
- Bring an appetizer to share. Organized by Jim Logan at 573-690-4622.

## L. Sheriff’s Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff’s Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 4 serving from 4-7:00 pm. Arrive when you can. Leave when you want. Bring a chair.





- BBQ pork steak or chicken available.
- Old Car parking inside the Cole County Fairgrounds near the flagpole.

**M. Lohman Cruise In.**

- Sunday, June 30 from 10:30am to 2pm in Lohman on Front Street “by the big tree”.
- Bring a chair and cooler. Come and go as you please.
- Lions Club BBQ available at the Community Center from 10:30am to 2:30pm.
- Fireworks at the Church at 9pm by Dennis and Laura Even.

**N. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.**

- Moniteau County Fairgrounds near downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 21. Registration 9:30-11. Judging 11-2. Awards at 3.
- “Cars and More” Show (Cars, Tractors, etc.) at the Fairgrounds and small-town Parade (optional).

**O. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.**

- 55<sup>th</sup> annual.
- Saturday, September 28, 2024.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.
- Car Show Chairs Tom and Karen Winters. Junior Car Show Chair needed to help in 2024 and take over in 2025.



**Officers:**

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