



# MMOCC Newsletter –

## JANUARY 2024

*Mid Mo Old Car Club  
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### **WHEN YOU PASS BY THOSE NAMES ON THE HIGHWAY...**

**Memorial Name: BILLY DEAN ROBINETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**Travelway: US 54 from SHEPHERD HILLS RD S to HAMMANN DR E**

Billy Dean Robinett, 58, of Jefferson City, passed away Saturday, February 1, 2014, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born March 26, 1955, in Tuscumbia, Missouri the son of the late Warren A. and Freda K. (Ordnung) Robinett.

Billy was a graduate of Honey Creek Lutheran School, a 1973 graduate of Cole County R-5 in Eugene and later of the Tri-County Technical School in Eldon. He was employed with Angerer Store, Kiral's Brazito Garage, Roger Mertens, and currently the Eagle Stop on Jefferson Street. Billy was once owner of Dody's store and was also a cattle farmer. Billy enjoyed people, serving everyone with a ready smile: family, friends and customers alike. He especially looked forward to weekly family gatherings and shared social events at his farmhouse.

**Memorial Name: US ARMY SPECIALIST MICHAEL CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**Travelway: US 54 from RT E to RT D**

Campbell attended St. Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia where he became friends with Sam and Steve Sommerer from the Brazito community. On occasion, he would travel to visit his friends in Brazito, quickly capturing the hearts and respect of the entire Sommerer family.

Shortly after his graduation in 1988, Campbell enlisted in the U.S. Navy, completing a stint that included time aboard the USS Spiegel Grove and the USS Whidbey Island, the latter which he served aboard during the Persian Gulf War. Following his discharge, he remained in the Naval Reserve and then called upon friends in Brazito while searching for gainful employment.

Inspired by the events of 9/11, Campbell enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed his basic combat training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 2004, he was transferred to Schweinfurt, Germany, where he was assigned as a truck driver with Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment of the First Infantry Division. Within weeks following his arrival, he deployed to Iraq.

Campbell was killed by a roadside bomb while in a combat zone near Baghdad on May 19, 2004 and was laid to rest in Higginsville, Missouri, becoming the posthumous recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

**Memorial Name: CORPORAL JOHN ALLEN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**Travelway: RT C from RT HH to OLD RT C E**

The second Cole County resident killed in Vietnam, Campbell grew up on a farm outside Russellville, the third of 11 siblings.

After graduating from high school, Campbell was turned down from the Army due to a heart murmur. However, in 1966, he joined the Marines. He was a squad leader.

About 45 days before he was to come home, he was killed in action from multiple fragmentation wounds from an enemy explosive.

**Memorial Name: LT GEORGE S GRAZIER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**Travelway: US 50 from .057 mile(s) after RT U to .057 mile(s) after CRD LOOKOUT TRL**

George served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 35 years prior to his retirement as a Lieutenant on Dec 13, 1989. He was a lifelong resident of the Central Missouri area and was a 1949 graduate of Jefferson City High School where he was co-captain of the Jay football team. He also attended Central Missouri State University and Lincoln University. He was a member of the Central United Church of Christ, a charter member of the 1033 Benevolent Fund, a founding member of the Friends of Rochport, a founding father of the California Cabelleros, a youth saddle club. A charter member of the Ware Creek Yacht Club, a group of retired highway patrol officers, a past president of the Quarter Century Club of MSHP. A member of the Missouri State Historical Society, A member of the American Legion Roscoe Enloe Post 5, a member of the Masonic Lodge number 183 of California, Mo. A member of the Moolah Temple, Columbia, Mo. and a member of Mystic Shrine, St. Louis. He was the author of "And then it Happened", a book detailing the killings of patrolman Ben Booth and sheriff Roger Wilson in the line of duty.

George received resolutions from the Missouri Senate, House of Representatives, and Governor on his lifetime of accomplishments.

**Memorial Name: AMVETS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**Travelway: MO 94 from US 54 W to .694 mile(s) after NEWTON DR.**

This bill designates the portion of State Route 94 in Callaway County from one mile east of State Route D to the intersection of U.S. 54 as the "AMVETS Memorial Highway." The costs for the designation are to be paid by private donations. FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the designation will bring recognition to American veterans and help raise money to support veteran programs.

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## Cars and Meteors

At Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, named after major contributor and department store owner Marshall Field, is a unique exhibit in their meteorite section.

### Putting a Town on the Map

On Thursday morning between 9:00 and 9:10 a.m., September 29, 1938, a meteorite entered earth's atmosphere and entered a trajectory towards Benld, Illinois. Benld, a coal mining town, was named after founding landowner Benjamin L. Dorsey and is located between St. Louis, Missouri and Springfield, Illinois. Benld was originally situated on Illinois Route 4 in 1924. Route 4 was the Chicago to St. Louis highway. Between 1926 and 1930 it was located on Route 66, until Route 66 was realigned, bypassing Benld.

### Did You Hear Something?

That morning both the property owner Mrs. Edward McCain, who was in her yard pumping water and her neighbor Mrs. Carl C. Crum, who was standing outside and 50 feet away from the impact site, heard what sounded like an airplane in a power dive, followed by the cracking sound of wood. Finding nothing after a brief search of the immediate area it was dismissed as "just one of those things".

When Mr. Edward McCain returned from working at the mine to his residence, located on the south edge of town, a little after 3:00 p.m., he decided to take his car to run some errands in town. When he got in his 1928 Pontiac coupe, which was parked in a shed, he noticed a hole in his seat. He called his neighbor Mr. Carl Crum over to see what damage the rats had done.



### **Alleged Rat Damage**

It was then they noticed holes in the car's soft-top and in the shed's roof. When the vehicle was driven out of the shed, the seat cushion was removed, showing the meteorite had penetrated the floorboard, rebounded off the muffler, creating a dent, and reentered the cushion. It took a set of plyers to cut it out of the cushion springs.



### **That is Not Possible**

The meteor measured 4.3 x 3.5 x 3.1 inches and weighed 4 pounds. Since it was the second Illinois "fall" meteor, it is known as the Benld meteor, Illinois #2, or geology specimen ME2259. A fall meteor is one which is observed by people or automated devices. When the first Illinois fall meteor was noted in 1927 and



Doctor Oliver Cummins Farrington, leading authority of meteorites and Curator of Geology of the Field Museum was informed, he stated "That just isn't possible, no meteorite was ever known to have fallen in the State of Illinois". A professional investigation was conducted two weeks later and since the car was parked in ruts on the shed's dirt floor, accurate measurements and a trajectory angle could be obtained. The meteorite originated from the area of the "Big Dipper" from the asteroid belt located between Mars and Jupiter. Because prior to entering Earth's atmosphere its temperature was about minus 458 degrees Fahrenheit, it did not heat up enough in

the atmosphere to cause any fire or scorch marks. In January 1939 it was put on display at the Field Museum which has one of the world's largest collections of meteorites.

### **What are the Odds?**

Several very scientific calculated estimates of being hit by a meteorite range from 1: 250,000, 1: 1.6 million, 1: 840 million or 1: 100 billion. Take your pick.

*Submitted by MMOCC member Craig Haugen, Lohman, MO*

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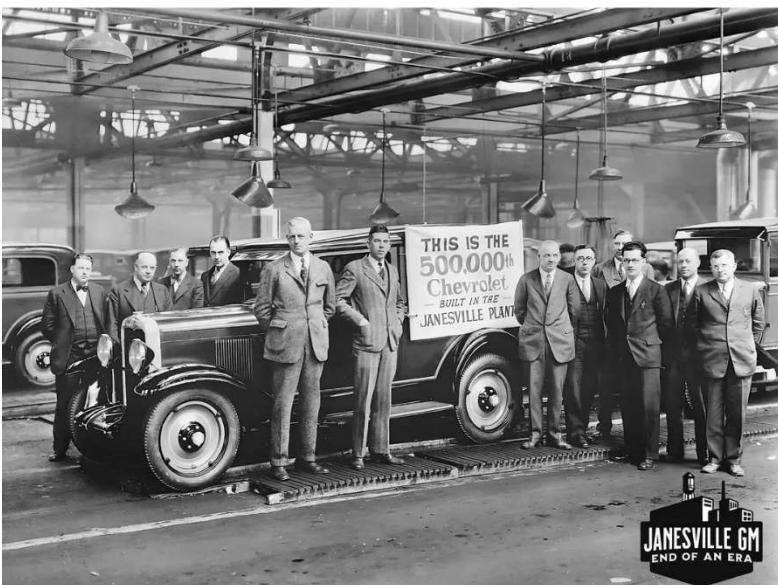


1965 Life Magazine

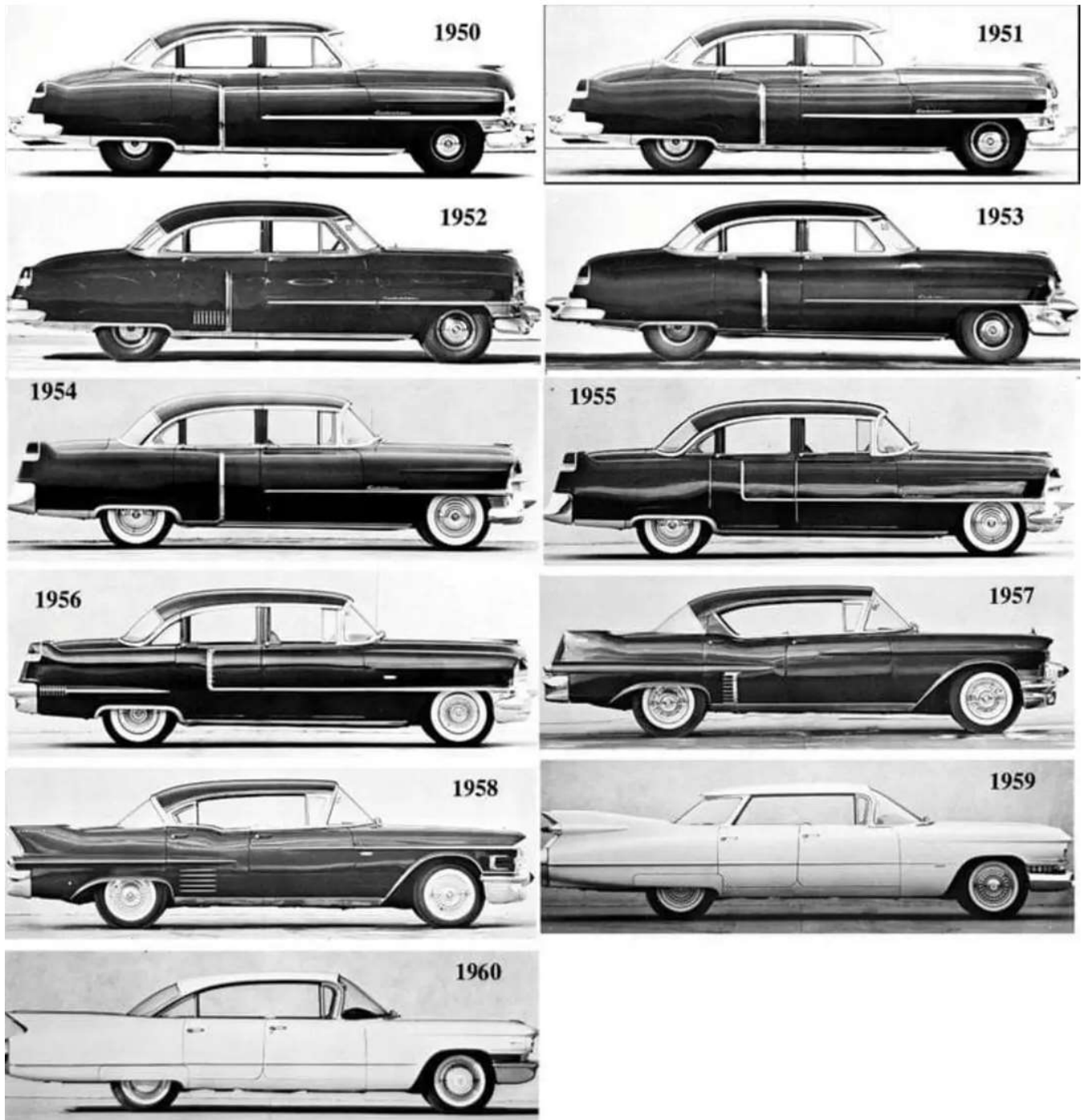


April 9, 1929

The 500,000th Chevrolet was made in The Janesville Assembly plant. Men shown here are from left to right: L. Trimble, J. Fathers, Perkins, H. Warner, H. Corneth, E. Wright, G. Wilson, J. Calhoun, P. Kohler, Powers, F. Shuler, and L. Markham.



# 1950's-1960's Cadillac Models Reference Guide



## **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.

# Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

## A. January MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, January 25 at 6pm.
- Towner Communications at 2511 Industrial Drive (lower level) JCMO.
- No food at this meeting.
- Show and Tell: Bring a tool or device to share and explain.

## B. February MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, February 22 at 6pm.
- Location and topic to be determined.

## C. March MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, March 28 at 6pm.
- Annual Scholarship Auction. Bring donated items to auction off and cash to buy some bargains! (Baked goods have been a big hit in the past.) All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.
- Location to be determined.

## D. Capitol Cruise In.

- Saturday, March 30 at 5pm.
- 298 West Capital Avenue (around the Capitol).

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

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

## F. 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.

***WE NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR 2024. What would you like to do?  
What would you like to repeat? What would you like to organize?***



# MID-MO OLD CAR CLUB



*Jefferson City, MO*

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