



MMOCC Newsletter –

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello my fellow Mid Mo Old Car Club members:

A car repair shop ran a help wanted ad in the local paper. One candidate came in for an interview and seemed to answer all the questions correctly, but they wanted someone who really knew cars, so he asked the young man to wear a blind fold. Then, he had his mechanics start the engines of various cars in the shop, expecting the candidate to name the car by sound alone. First car he answered "Chevy". "Correct". Second car: "Ford". "Correct". Third car, "Dodge". "Correct". At about that time someone came out of the nearby men's room, flushing the toilet on his way out. The candidate hollered "Honda". to which the manager replied "Your hired!".



At this month's meeting, we will have our auction to help fund our scholarships. So please, bring items to sell, and money to buy items as well. We will also be discussing car show trophies. If you have any ideas for car show trophies, please bring pictures and prices.

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MMOCC Member Todd Slanker announces an addition to his collection, a 1956 Pontiac Star Chief 3+2 Car.



Then vs. Now: Kansas City's First Stoplight

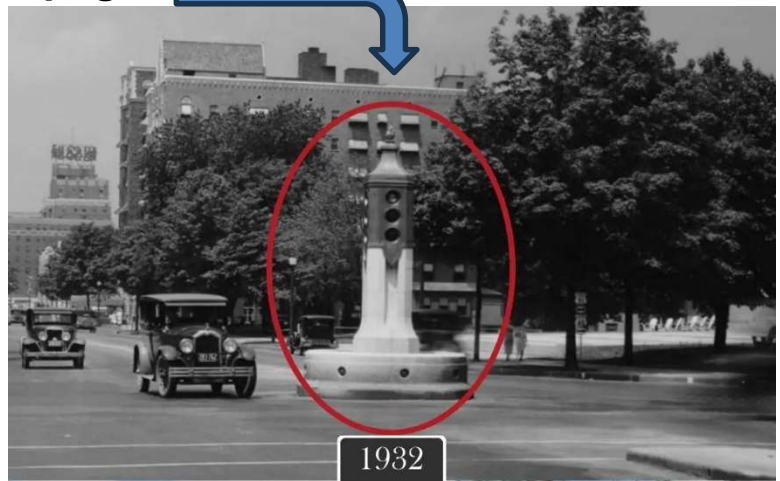
- Installed in 1931 at Linwood Boulevard and The Paseo, Kansas City's first controlled intersection signaled the city's growing reliance on automobiles.
- Designed by architect Edward Buehler Delk — best known for the timeless design of the Country Club Plaza — the 17-foot-tall traffic light became a local landmark due to its unique structure and placement.
- Remarkably, this historic traffic signal remains operational today.

The first Ford Motor assembly plant in St. Louis, pictured circa 1940s, along Forest Park Avenue at Sarah Street. View is westward. The plant opened in spring 1914, with production capacity of 1,000 cars per month. In 1920 the factory assembled Fordson tractors, 100 per day at peak, as the line temporarily suspended production of Model T cars. The 1920 Fordson Tractor's list price was \$850 with a sale to mark end of World War One, reducing the cost to \$790. The last Ford cars rolled off this line in 1942, when the building sold to the government. Digital image from the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.



TOM HANKS AND THE CORVAIR CONNECTION -
This 1960 Corvair belongs to actor, Tom Hanks!
It's one of his three oldest cars in his collection according to a recent article dated Feb. 13, 2025, published by Tork.Buzz. The Corvair is his oldest car. Vairy Cool!

For those who are curious about the other two oldest vehicles in Hanks collection: a 1974 Fiat 126p and 1980 Toyota FJ40 Land Cruiser.



Parking Lot 1970



Parking Lot 2025



Submitted by MMOCC Member Craig Haugen
2025 photo is the State Lot at Scruggs Station Road and South Country Club.

From the Trenton Republican Times
submitted by MMOCC Member Roger Bauer.

republican-times.com

4 Missouri Drives Recognized Among The Nation's Best Winter Road Trips

Winter road trips offer a unique charm that's hard to match. Despite the cold snap which affected large parts of the country recently, the winter months usually bring scenic routes to life with snow-dusted landscapes, serene coastal drives, and cozy small-town stops that feel like hidden gems. With fewer crowds, travelers can enjoy peaceful adventures, whether winding through national parks, exploring quaint towns, or chasing the crisp horizon of a quiet beach.

4 Missouri winter road trips emerged among the best in the country:

Great River Road (Hannibal to New Madrid)

This drive along the Mississippi River features snowy bluffs, historic towns, and river views. Highlights include Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal and the French colonial charm of Ste. Genevieve, where you can explore historic sites and enjoy warm meals by the fire.

Route 66 in Missouri (St. Louis to Joplin)

This roughly 300-mile stretch of the iconic Mother Road takes you through historic towns, quirky roadside attractions, and snowy

countryside. Stops include the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the charming town of Carthage.

Hermann Wine Trail (Hermann and Surrounding Areas)

This loop in Missouri's wine country is perfect for a cozy winter getaway. Snow-covered vineyards and charming wineries in Hermann offer tastings and warm hospitality, while the quiet countryside enhances the experience.

Mark Twain National Forest Scenic Highway (Rolla to Lebanon)

This drive through the Mark Twain National Forest offers a peaceful winter retreat, with snow-covered forests and frozen streams. Stop at the Ozark Trail for a snowy hike or explore the small towns along the way.

Winter road trips bring a special kind of magic, offering snow-dusted landscapes, serene coastal views, and the charm of quieter, hidden-gem destinations. Whether it's winding through national parks, exploring historic small towns, or taking in breathtaking mountain vistas, these journeys remind us that the colder months are perfect for road trip.

1957 Chevy Bodies Leaving Fisher body side heading to the Chevrolet side



This photo of a 1927 Nash and its driver hopelessly stuck in the mud in the Route 66 city of St. Louis, MO, is exactly why roads like Rt. 66 had to be established in 1926. St. Louis photographer Russell Froelich is standing ankle-deep in mud with his car buried to the axles in the metropolitan area in 1927. This photo has a fantastic resolution.

Digital image from the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.



The Phoenix Project Update

October 2024

(Submitted by MMOCC Member Steve Hall)

The Franklin club Midwest chapter holds an annual spring and fall tour. The 2024 fall tour was held from October 2-5, 2024, in eastern Ohio in Amish country. My wife Jamie and I attended the Franklin Midwest Amish Backroads & Byways meet and were offered a ride in



Jamie and me in the Hasslen's 1926 12B Sport Runabout

Jeff and Joan Hasslen's 1926 12B Sport Touring car which is a two-seater with a rumble seat. Jamie and I had a lot of fun riding in the rumble seat during the daily tour destinations which included among other stops the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum, Lehman's Hardware, Stutzman's Wheel, and Hochstetler's Wood Factory.

Although all the tour destination stops were unique and interesting, the highlight from my perspective was to witness one of my wood chassis frame rails (or sills) being milled out on the Hochstetler's CNC machine. I reported in an earlier project update that my 1925 Franklin 11A coupe has a wood chassis

frame rather than steel. Franklin used wood for structural flexibility and to reduce weight. One of the drawbacks to the wood frame rails used in the 1925 Franklin is that the new Frank de Causse body design required a 'drop center' over the span of the wood frame rail to accommodate the styling profile of the body. The body would sag some and cause alignment problems with cowl and hood areas. Vehicles that were exposed to the elements for years would tend to suffer from dry rot in several areas, which was the problem with one of my original frame rails. Several Franklin Club members went in on this job to make about 9 sets of frame rails to support their restoration projects.

The frame rails are laminated with three $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick second growth ash which are over 11 feet long. Franklin Club Jeff Hasslen coordinated the procurement of the ash material and contract with Hochstetler's. The Hochstetler's Wood Factory rough cut the ash stock and laminated the boards together with modern glue in a large press. Then the boards were rough cut and pained to working size. Tim Hochstetler demonstrated the CNC machine finishing operation which milled out the final finished dimensions.

I have started to measure out and mark the hole locations for drilling all the mounting holes based on the original factory drawings. Stay tuned for the next article when by then I hope to have mustered up enough courage to drill the holes... measure twice, cut once.



Jamie and I pose for the photo. One of my frame rails is the left most rail in the picture. Note the 'drop center' on the compared to the other two 'straight' frame rails for earlier models.

Tim Hochstetler demonstrated the setup of the CNC machine used to mill the finished dimensions of a wood sill. The tooling jig is a vacuum chuck that holds the piece firmly during the machining operations. Note the tooling has two other set-ups for earlier 'straight' frame rails.



Demonstrating the use of a custom press used to bend wood into shape at Stutsman Wheel

Franklin Mascot



October 1, 1939 News and Tribune

submitted by MMOCC Member Mike Schaefer.

MONROE 1119—Six room modern residence, tile bath, in excellent condition. Call Mr. Seney, phone 186.

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1937 CHEVROLET Pickup	\$395
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USED CAR LOT -- 410 WEST HIGH ST.

1937 DODGE 4 Door Sedan	1935 PLYMOUTH Coach
1937 PLYMOUTH Coach	1935 CHEVROLET Coupe
1936 DODGE Sedan	1933 PLYMOUTH Coach
1936 PLYMOUTH Coupe	1932 CHEVROLET Sedan
1935 DODGE Sedan	1931 DeSOTO Sedan

1935 FORD 1½ Ton L.W.B. Truck
1935 FORD Pickup

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328 E. Capitol Ave. Phone 223 or 2920

SPECIAL FUR SALE

OF THE NEWEST 1940 CREATIONS!

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY
October 2-3-4th!

RUBINS FURS, Inc.
Present a complete showing of the latest styles in lovely fur coats! A special representative of Rubin's Furs, Inc., will be here to assist you!

Convenient Terms
May Be Arranged!

Schell & Ward's

103 E. High Phone 49

A black and white illustration of a woman wearing a long, patterned fur coat and a hat. She is standing with her hands in her pockets.

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobiles for Sale

DODGE—1936 4-door Sedan, 1st class condition, almost new tires, \$375. Phone 2811.

MERCURY SEDAN—Will trade equity. Low mileage. Phone 343, Mr. Page.

PLYMOUTH — 1937 DeLuxe Coach, all new tires and heater. 513 East High Street.

USED CARS

1938 Chevrolet DeLuxe Coach
1937 Packard Touring Sedan
1936 Nash 400 Sedan
1936 Plymouth Coupe
1935 Plymouth Coupe
1934 Chevrolet Coach
1933 Terraplane Sedan

Shikles Motor Company
208 Broadway. Phone 1396
Used Car Lot, 306 Mulberry
Open Evenings

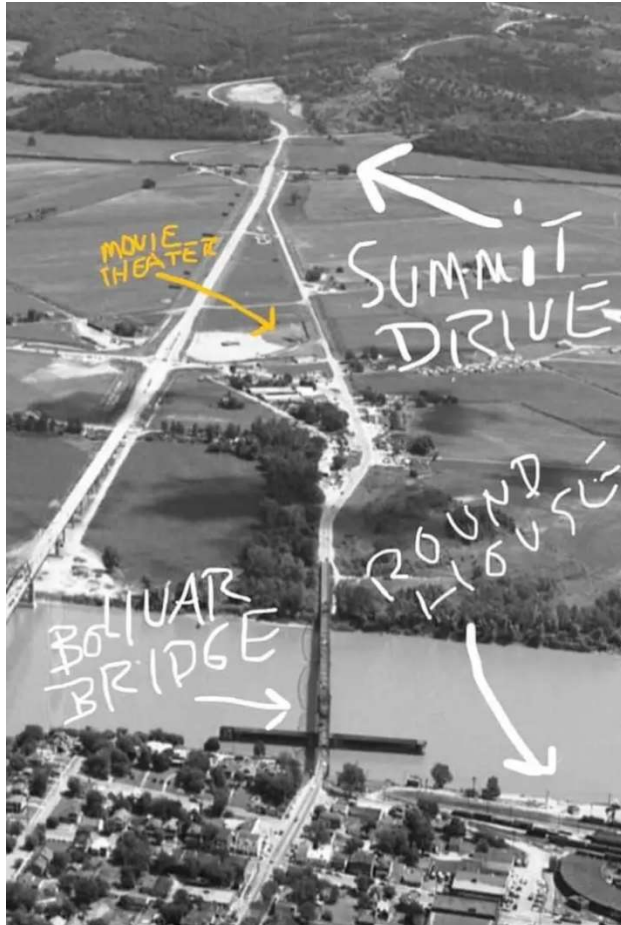
1936 PLYMOUTH—DeLuxe Sedan, Radio & heater. Good running condition. Bargain. 1104 E. Miller.

Auto Accessories, Tires, Parts 13

Stolen from Jim Dyke of Cottonstone Galley at 116 East High Street JCMO

SPEED LIMIT WAS ONLY 25 miles per hour about 69ish years ago...crossing the narrow Bolivar Street Bridge over the Missouri River in Jefferson City, Mo. Also back then, US 54 to Holt's Summit was the pavement now called Summit Drive. The current corridor to Holt's Summit had once been the route for the C&A railroad from the Mo River to Chicago and Alton. (In some places you can still easily see the raised train bed running through the trees along the west side of the current Highway 54 to and from Holts Summit.

In this top photo, US 54 was still that little strip that shoots down from Hart's Hill (where they now park stuff during floods, and it comes down and crosses the KTY Trail near the trail head, and it is now blocked by a red metal gate.) Notice the Bolivar Street spin bridge sat at a different angle than the bridge added in mid-1950s that still crosses the Missouri River into Jefferson City along with it's twin 1990s bridge that takes traffic north/east out of Jefferson City. The old "Hoods" store in North Jefferson City (originally Great Central Lumber) sits on the old US 54. It



is very fun to see how things used to be when my grandparents were kids. NOTE: The support base of the spinning section of the old Bolivar Bridge sits in the water and reached west nearly to Clay Street. Notice the old train yard roundhouse in bottom right corner of photo... it is now a parking lot at north east corner of West Main and Harrison Streets just across from the entrance of the Secretary of State/State Archives building down in the flour mills "millbottom" area by the Mo River.

Two other photos show the bridge from the north bank. One shows a flood year (maybe 1952) and cars crossing into Jefferson City. The other shows the gas stations and Beck's Grocery that greeted people when you landed on the North side of the Mo River.

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. March MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, March 27.
- 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.
- Meal prior in California, Missouri.
- Auction at 7pm at Tom Winters' Kustum Signs shop at 507 E. Buchanan in California, Missouri.
 - Meal is at Robbie D's Bar & Grill (907 W. Buchanan St.) inside California Lanes (i.e. bowling center): arrive as early as 5pm. They are CASH ONLY, but there is an ATM inside (get extra cash for the auction while you're at it!).
 - Coming from Jefferson City on Hwy 50 you will take the 2nd California exit (i.e. Hwy 87) and turn right at the top of the exit ramp. Then turn left at the stop light onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately .6 miles where you'll find California Lanes on the left.
 - You can enter through the main doors at the front of the building, but best to enter the doors on the east end of the building that go straight into the restaurant.
 - They will have their All You Can Eat (AYCE) broasted chicken buffet that evening which comes with the salad bar, you can also order just the AYCE salad bar, or anything off their full menu.
 - Auction is at Kustum Signs (507 E. Buchanan St.): arrive NLT 7pm
 - Bring an item or items to auction and lots of cash or your checkbook to spend big!
 - Bring a chair, but I have a small variety here in case you forget.
 - If coming straight for Jefferson City on Hwy 50 (i.e. not joining us at Robbie D's) you will take the 1st California exit (i.e. California Drive) and turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Then turn left at the stop sign onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately 1 mile where you'll find Kustum Signs on the left. Enter the lot at an angle to avoid dragging as the entrances are pretty steep!
 - If coming to the auction following the meal you will turn right onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately .9 miles where you'll find Kustum Signs on the right. Enter the lot at an angle to avoid dragging as the entrances are pretty steep!
 - Advise Tom Winters of your food plans at 573-533-1294 or if you get lost or need any additional information.

B. Capitol Cruise In (JC) East Capital at Madison.

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

C. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

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

D. Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Cruise In.

- Second Saturday of each month from April to October. 5-8pm.
- Thriftway in Linn. Contact the Evens at 573-291-6209 if questions.

E. April MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, April 24 at 6pm.
- Location to be determined.
- Topic: MMOCC Member Rusty Baldwin – Missouri State Motor Vehicle Inspector, discussing Titles, VINs, safety inspections, vehicle ownership do's and don'ts, etc.

F. Nichols Career Center Car Show.

- Sunday, April 27 from 12-3pm.



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APRIL 12
MAY 10
JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13
OCTOBER 11
5-8 PM



- JCHS Adkins Stadium Parking Lot at 610 Union Street / JCMO.
- All proceeds benefit Nichols Career Center SkillsUSA Chapter.
- Lots of student cars and projects on display.

G. Wings and Wheels Poker Run.

- Saturday, May 10. Start and end at JC Memorial Airport.
- Visit airports throughout the area.
- Registration at 10am, ride at noon, last vehicle back at 5pm, prize raffle at 5:30pm.
- Proceeds benefit Wyatt's Wings Memorial Foundation and Shriners Hospital.



H. May MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, May 22 at 6pm. Location and topic TBD.

I. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 10 serving from 4-7:00 pm. Arrive when you can. Leave when you want. Bring a chair. Contact Lyle at 573-291-7159 if questions.
- BBQ pork steak or chicken available.
- Old Car parking inside the Cole County Fairgrounds near the flagpole.

J. June MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, June 26 at 6pm. Location and topic TBD.

K. GOBMC British car show - Springfield MO

- June 27-28 <https://gobmccarshow.com/show-details-1>

L. Lohman Cruise In.

- Sunday, June 29 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. Contact Lyle at 573-291-7159 with questions.
- 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.

M. July MMOCC Meeting / Trunk Swap.

- Thursday, July 24 with Swapping starting at 3. Meal about 5. Meeting about 6.
- Bandelier Mustang Connection. 102 Route T / JCMO. (NE of the intersection of Rt.T Bus.50) (Best access on Bus.50 across from Farmers Bank of Lohman).
- All the usual participants are, of course, invited, and guests are welcome.
- Probably just a hot dog roast or something simple.
- Bring lots of stuff to swap or sell (garden vegetables expected) and cash to buy.
- Plenty of parking. Bring Chairs and your favorite Beverages.

N. August MMOCC Meeting – BBQ at McClung Park.

- Thursday, August 28. McClung Park Indoor Pavilion (air conditioned). 931 McClung Park Drive.
- Arrive as early as 5. Meal at 5:30. Meeting at 6. Indoor BBQ. Bring a side to share and bring your own beverages. Pulled pork, plates, and utensils provided by the Club.
- Contact Connie Schaefer with questions at 573-690-5954.

- Topic to be determined.

O. September MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, September 25 at 6pm.
- HyVee-JC Community Room (upstairs). Room is available at 5pm, so get your meal and come upstairs and dine together.
- Topic: MMOCC Car Show on September 27.

P. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 56th annual.
- Saturday, September 27, 2025.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.
- Car Show Chair Justin Colvin at 573-694-6813.

Q. October MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, October 23 at 6pm. Location and topic TBD.

R. NO November meeting.

S. December Meeting / Holiday Party.

- Thursday, December 18, 2025. Arrive as early at 5pm. Meal about 6pm.
- American Legion off Tanner Bridge.
- Meal provided by the Club.
- Bring a rob-your-neighbor gift for your gender valued around \$25. Be creative!

Missouri Route 5 is the longest state highway in Missouri and the only one that runs all the way through the state. Up north, it continues into Iowa as Iowa Highway 5, and down south, it becomes Arkansas Highway 5, forming a 650-mile highway across three states. For the most part, it's a two-lane road, with just a few exceptions.





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