



MMOCC Newsletter –

JULY 2026

*Mid Mo Old Car Club
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So today (7/6) is the day Juanita and I were supposed to set out on our Rt 66 trip. Still not gone yet. The 57 is complete, but there is still a little wiring to do and an A/C system to finish installing. We're still going, just a couple days later than expected. For those who are curious, I've included some current pics of the 57. Lots of pictures will be taken and shared with the club. Our next meeting will be the trunk swap meet at Paul Bandalier's garage. – MMOCC President Nathan Fuller



July Birthdays

Ron Bandelier
Janice Bonnot
Lisa Rhyne
Susan Stephens
Larry Rhea

July Anniversaries

Ron & Linda Bogg
Ricky & Heidi Mendez
Nathaniel & Juanita Fuller
Douglas & Susan Stephens



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Historian Mike Schaefer is accumulating your profile. If you have not completed the profile, mail to the info to MMOCC / PO Box 1594 / JCMO 65102 or Email the info Mike Schaefer at cnn_schaefer@yahoo.com.

MMOCC Car Club Profile

Name: (Husband & Wife)
Address:

Phone: (Home)
(fax)
E-Mail Address:

Date of Birth:
Date of Birth:

Anniversary:

Make, Model, & Year of all Vehicles:

Occupation:

Hobbies:

Children:
Grandchildren:

Anything you want to share:

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Monday, July 20

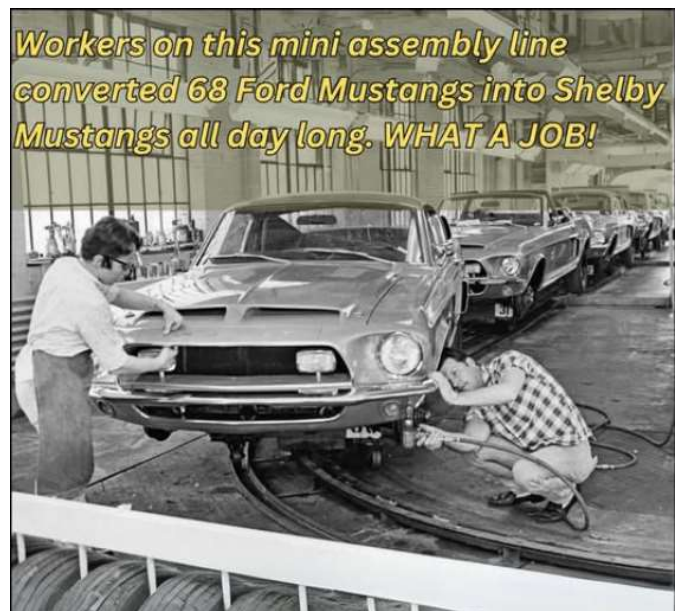
St. Louis, MO NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart: 9:30 a.m.
Pacific, MO First St. Crossing	Arrive: 11:30 a.m. Depart: 11:45 a.m.
Hermann, MO Boat Ramp Road Crossing	Arrive: 2:15 p.m. Depart: 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

Jefferson City, MO NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart: 9:00 a.m.
California, MO East St. Crossing	Arrive: 10:00 a.m. Depart 10:15 a.m.
Kansas City, MO Union Station 30 West Pershing Road	Arrive: 5:30 p.m.

MMOCC SHIRTS:

Shirts available at future meetings and events. Contact Doug Stephens at 573-298-0317



MID AMERICA RACEWAY – *Where the Big Ones are!*

Wentzville's Lost Landmark of Motorsport 1963 – 2004 *(Wentzville is Lyle's hometown)*

For four decades, the rumble of racing engines drifted across the rolling hills of St. Charles County. Mid America Raceways — known to racing fans simply as M.A.R. — was one of the most beloved and challenging motorsport facilities in the Midwest. Situated on Scotti Road near Wentzville, Missouri, roughly 45 miles west of St. Louis, MAR hosted everything from club-level sports car races and professional Trans-Am championships to drag racing and the very first national autocross competition in American history. Today the track is gone, paved over by subdivision streets and housing developments — but for those who drove, crewed, or cheered there, the memories burn as bright as ever.

THE TRACK: Layout & Characteristics

MAR operated two distinct racing surfaces on the same property. The road course measured 2.89 miles (approximately 4.6 km) in length and featured 10 corners — seven right-handers and three lefts — carved through terrain with significant elevation changes that made it both visually spectacular and technically demanding. A long main straightaway doubled as the facility's 1,200-foot drag strip. Eleven flag stations were positioned around the circuit, with the final station posted on the straight near a driveover bridge at the end of the drag zone.

Drivers universally praised MAR as a "driver's course" — rewarding commitment and punishing hesitation. The combination of blind crests, a sweeping esse, elevation drops, and the famous Turn 1 bluff (where many an overeager driver discovered the drainage ditch the hard way) kept even veterans on their toes. The dragstrip's run-off area sloped downhill at the far end, meaning brakes were at an absolute premium. Facilities were modest — camping in the infield paddock, open spectator seating — but the atmosphere was relaxed and welcoming, the kind of place where a family could spread a blanket and watch legends race by at arm's reach.

Year	Milestone
1963	Dragstrip opens; inaugural drag race held August 11, 1963
1964	Road course construction begins; first SCCA regional race held June 7
1966	MAR hosts the 2nd-ever SCCA Trans-American Sedan Championship race (June 12); the inaugural Trans-Am had been held at Sebring months earlier
1967	Jack Hinkle sets Group 4 lap record (2:06.000) in a Porsche 906 at SCCA National

1970	Jack Hinkle sets Group 7 lap record (1:54.200) in a Lola T165 at SCCA National
1973	MAR hosts the first-ever SCCA Solo II National Championship (Autocross Nationals), drawing 224 drivers — essentially the birthplace of organized autocross in America
1975	IMSA GT Camel GT Challenge (Falstaff 350) held July 19–20; IMSA events return in 1977
1977	Carl Shafer sets the all-time lap record of 1:48.500 in a Chevrolet Camaro (IMSA GTO) during the Mid-America 100 Miles
1984	Road course closes to racing; deteriorating pavement and strained relations with SCCA cited
1992	Full circuit activity formally ends
2004	Final drag racing event held October 31 — the last motorsport event at the property
2005	Property sold to housing developer; drag strip later repurposed as Huntleigh Parkway

FAMOUS DRIVERS

The list of notable drivers who turned laps at MAR reads like a who's who of American motorsport. Perhaps the most celebrated visitor was Paul Newman — Hollywood icon and serious racing talent — who competed at MAR in the 1970s driving for the Bob Sharp Racing Datsun team. Spectators who were in the pits that day still talk about Newman's ice-blue eyes and his utter focus behind the wheel. He was no celebrity dilettante; Newman went on to win four SCCA national championships and remain competitive into his 80s.

Mario Andretti and his son Michael Andretti also made appearances at the track, lending MAR a pedigree few Midwestern circuits could match. Drag racing legend Don Garlits brought his fire-breathing dragsters down the 1,200-foot straight. Local heroes like Mack Yates — who set an early lap record in a Shelby Cobra during the 1964 SCCA Regional — and Jack Hinkle, who holds two official lap records at the circuit (Group 7 and Group 4), were fan favorites who consistently turned heads against national competition. Other notable names include Dorsey Schroeder, Terry McKenna, Bob Spooner, Dennis Wilson, Mark Weber, and Bernie Sunier, among many regional stars who cut their teeth on MAR's demanding layout.

LANDMARK EVENTS

The 1966 Trans-Am race stands as perhaps MAR's most historically significant moment. When the SCCA launched its brand-new Trans-American Sedan Championship that spring, the second race of the entire series — a 300-mile sprint featuring over 50 entries — was held at Wentzville on June 12, 1966. Tom Yeager and Charlie Johnson took the

over-2.0-liter victory in a Ford Mustang, cementing MAR's place in the very DNA of American road racing.

Equally significant — though less celebrated — is MAR's claim as the birthplace of competitive autocross in the United States. In October 1973, the St. Louis Region SCCA organized the first SCCA Solo II National Championship on the MAR property, drawing 224 drivers to compete on a dual course layout. That single event launched a nationwide movement; the Solo Nationals have been held every year since, now drawing thousands of competitors annually. The IMSA GT Camel GT Challenge (the Falstaff 350) came to MAR in July 1975 and returned in 1977, bringing professional closed-wheel sports car racing and the fastest lap times the circuit ever saw.

THE END OF AN ERA

By the early 1980s, the road course pavement had deteriorated badly — decades of freeze-thaw cycles and limited maintenance had left the surface lumpy and unpredictable. Chunk-sized pieces of asphalt were being flung by motorcycle tires at triple-digit speeds, and road racing quietly ceased around 1984. The dragstrip soldiered on through the 1990s and into the 2000s, hosting nostalgia drag meets and club events, until the very last race took place on Halloween night, October 31, 2004. In 2005, the property was sold to a housing developer.

Today, what was once a main straightaway carries family sedans to subdivision cul-de-sacs along Huntleigh Parkway. Faint traces of the back section of the road course still linger in satellite imagery — a ghost of asphalt through overgrown woods — but the roar of engines has long been replaced by lawnmowers and birdsong.

Mid America Raceways deserves to be remembered not as a relic, but as a vital chapter in the story of American motorsport — a place where legends raced, where autocross was born, and where generations of Midwestern gearheads fell in love with speed. For those of us who carry the memory, that straight will always be wide open.

Racing fans, remember the race Tower from MAR Speedway in Wentzville ?!?! yes, it's still around !

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Mid-America Raceway in Wentzville, 2004 & 2025



This is the old M-A-R race track in Wentzville, Mo. It had an (uphill!) drag strip and a road course that was raced by remarkably famous names given this was a small rural track in the far reaches of St Louis, MO. Now it's a neighborhood, but bits and pieces of pavement are still visible.

Paul Newman. Jackie Ickx. Dan Gurney. Mario Andretti. Parnelli Jones. The list goes on.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Cruise Ins.

1. **Holts Summit Pizza Hut Old Car Cruise In.**
 - First Saturday of each month from April to October. 4:30-8pm.
2. **Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Cruise In.**
 - Second Saturday of each month from April to October. 5-8pm.
3. **Sonic Hot Summer Nights.**
 - Third Saturday of each month from May to September from 6-10
 - Sonic in Versailles.
4. **Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In. DILLARDS LOT.**
 - Last Saturday of each month from April to September. 3-7pm.
5. **Capitol Cruise In (JC) East Capital at Madison.**
 - Last Saturday of each month from April to September. 5-9pm.

A. BBQ and Fireworks at the Baldwins.

- Saturday, July 11. Arrive as early as 4pm. Fireworks at 9:15 at the Brazito-Honey Creek Lions across the road. Come and go as you please.
- 3239 Route E / JCMO. Contact Rusty with questions at 573-338-5356.
- Baldwins provide the hot dogs, chips, pork n beans, watermelon and bottled water. Members can bring a side and other drinks they would prefer.
- Members and invites can park on Baldwin side of the road and driveway/ yard until full. Then parking across the street at the Lions Club.
- Bring chairs.

B. July MMOCC Meeting / Trunk Swap.

- Thursday, July 23 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 A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE.
- Pauls Shop/Garage furnishes Air and comfort and plenty of stuff to see ..bring your chairs.
- Walking Tour of the original Bandelier farm , Old buildings and log House circa 1867
- Note / interesting fact : "The 100th Anniversary" US Route 50 established 1926 as Federal Highway System...a gravel road (part of which now is our Driveway between Rt. T and Bus 50).
- Bring lots of stuff to swap or sell (garden vegetables expected) and cash to buy.
- Plenty of parking. Bring chairs and your favorite beverages. Contact Ron Bandelier at 573-893-2553.

C. Argyle KofC Car Show and BBQ.

- Saturday, August 1 at 11am.
- 513 Second Street in Argyle.

D. Concord Baptist Church Capital City Cars and Coffee.

- Saturdays: 08/01, 08/22, 09/12, 10/03, 10/24 - 8am to 12pm.
- 3724 W Truman Blvd / JCMO.

E. Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Cruise In Car Show.

- Sunday, August 23 11am-6pm.
- 540 N Mill Street / Eldon
- Sonny Evers. 573-338-0552.

F. Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO) Showdown Car Show and Cruise.

- Saturday, August 29. Gates open 7am. Judging at noon. Awards at 2pm.

- Cole County Fairgrounds.
- \$25 entry fee. Many classes. <https://allevents.in/jefferson-city/somo-showdown-car-show-and-cruise/200028530448959>

G. Hangover Cruise In.

- Monday, September 7. 12-4.
- Mary's Home, Missouri.

H. Show Me State Air Show – Car Display.

- LYLE WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.
- Looking for commitments from about 12 cars for Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 from 8am-2:15pm at the Jefferson City Memorial Airport as a car display for the Air Show.
- Benefits include free admission to the air show, T-Shirt, lunch, and you get to drive your car on the runway under the aerial portion of the show.
- Need commitments for Saturday, Sunday, or Both Days.
- Contact Lyle at lrosburg@hotmail.com or 573-291-7159.

I. Wheels for Meals Car Show Fundraiser.

- Saturday, September 12 at 8:30am.
- Russellville High School / 13600 Route C.

J. Tillie Mae Foundation Car Show.

- Saturday, September 12 with Registration 11-12, Spectator Judging 12-3, Winners Announced at 3:30. \$10 entry per car.
- 28991 Asahl Road / Clarksburg, MO 65025 (between California and Tipton). Contact Greg at 573-694-9507.

K. Cruisin' to Folk – Fall Festival and Car Show.

- Sunday, September 13. 11am-6:30pm.
- Car show at Laura and Dennis Even's house (173 Hwy EE) in conjunction with the Church's Fall Festival.
- Contact the Evens at 573-291-6209 if questions.

L. Chamois Days.

- Saturday, September 19. 10am-3:30pm.
- Optional Parade at 10am.

M. All Ford Show.

- Sunday, September 21 at 8am.
- Wal-Mart (East) / 401 Supercenter Drive / JCMO.
- \$25 fee. Various classes.
- Sponsored by Central Missouri Mustang & Ford Club.

N. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 57th annual.
- Saturday, September 26, 2026.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

O. No November Meeting.

P. December Meeting / Christmas Party.

- Thursday, December 17, 2026. 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!

43rd Annual All Ford Powered Car Show

Central Missouri Mustang & Ford Club

September 20, 2026
Rain Date September 27, 2025
Walmart, 401 Supercenter Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Joe Machens CAPITAL CITY
McLarty Automotive Group

Mustang Club of America

Walmart

Food Trucks On Site

Registration 8:00am – Noon
Judging Noon – 1:00pm *** Participant Judged
Awards for 1st thru 3rd place in all classes.
Day of Show - \$25.00, Display - \$10.00

Proceeds to benefit Mid-Missouri Charities:
\$1000.00 State Tech Automotive Scholarship,
Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, Mid
Missouri Fisher House, Pascal Pals, and
Vincent P. Gurucharri MD Foundation, Inc.

Special Awards: Best of Show, Walmart
Choice, Mayor's Choice, Fireman's Choice,
Police Choice, Kids Choice, Veterans
Choice, Club Choice, Longest Distance, and
Club Participation.

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Call (573) 619-5646 for more information

A. 64 1/2-66 Mustang all
B. 67-73 Mustang all
C. 74-93 Mustang all
D. 94-04 Mustang GT, V6
E. 05-09 Mustang GT, V6
F. 10-14 Mustang GT, V6
G. 15-17 Mustang GT, V6, 4Cyl
H. 18-Present Mustang GT, V6, 4Cyl
I. 94-04 Mustang Specialty*
J. 05-09 Mustang Specialty*
K. 10-14 Mustang Specialty*
L. 15-19 Mustang Specialty*
M. 20-Present Mustang Specialty*
N. 1903-49 Ford, Mercury, Lincoln
O. 1950-Present Ford, Edsel, Mercury, Lincoln
P. 1903-96 Ford Truck
Q. 97-Present Ford Truck
R. Cougars All
S. Bronco All
T. Thunderbird All
U. 62-76 Fairlane, Torino, Cyclone
V. Tuner (Focus, Fiesta, Fusion)
W. Ford Powered Specialty **
X. Youth (21 and Under)
Y. Electric Vehicle All
Z. Sport/High Performance (All years)

* Specialty includes Shelby, Boss, Roush, Saleen, and Mach 1
** Cobra, Sunbeam, Pantera, Bricklin, Kit cars, etc.

All Fairlane Club of America Members welcome

Plans in process:

- Meet up with Columbia's Old Wheels Car Club at the Post Office Bar and Grill in Fulton. Date to be determined. Organized by Lyle.
- Route 66 Day Trip to include Hooker's Cut (see October 2025 MMOCC Newsletter) and the Route 66 Museum in Lebanon.
- Evening tour of the Jefferson City Fire Department Museum with dinner at Daisy Delight.
- Do you have an idea? Let's do it!



Officers:

President Nathan Fuller (573-645-7088)

Vice President Doug Stephens (573-298-0317)

Secretary/Newsletter Editor Lyle Rosburg (573-291-7159)

Treasurer Connie Schaefer (573-690-5954)

Historian Mike Schaefer (573-645-7802)

Car Show via Committee: Bob Brandt, Nathan Fuller, Lyle Rosburg, Mick Rhyne, Doug Stephens

Dues are \$20 for July 1 to June 30 each year. Mail to MMOCC / PO Box 1594 / JCMO 65102

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