



MMOCC Newsletter –

MARCH 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Spring is just around the corner. Time to start getting those classic cars ready to be driven this summer. With the 100th anniversary of Rt 66 and the 250th birthday of our nation, this should be a very enjoyable summer, along with the car shows and car cruises.



I recently got word that the cruise at Pizza Hut in Holts Summit will have their buffet open during cruises this year.

This month's meeting will be at Tom Winters Jr's place of business on old Hwy 50, as we'll have our annual auction to help fund our scholarships, so bring items to auction as well as money to buy other people's stuff. Last year, baked items did well.

QUESTIONS:

1. How many Dodge Chargers were used in the original "Dukes of Hazard" TV show that ran from January 26, 1979 to February 8, 1985?
2. What tail lamps did the 1968 Shelby Mustang use?
3. What's really under the hood of a 1069 Chevrolet COPO (Central Office Production Order) Camaro?
4. What color was the first Chevrolet Camaro to come off the production line?
5. What was the name of the car Chrysler built in 1940 as a publicity stunt? BONUS: How many were made?
6. How many Plymouth Hemi Barracuda convertibles were ever made?
7. What does the word "automobile" actually mean?

Answers on Page 5.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ACT OF 1956

August 13, 1956 - Construction began on a short stretch of Interstate 70 in St. Charles, Missouri near the present-day Fifth Street exit. Those few miles of I-70 were the very first of over 40,000 miles constructed under the Interstate Highway Act.

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 29, 1956, authorized \$25 billion for the construction of 41,000 miles of the Interstate Highway System over 13 years. It is considered one of the largest public works projects in U.S. history, fundamentally altering American infrastructure and community development by fostering a national network of highways and prioritizing automobile travel.



BIG 4 CHEVROLET



1921

In 1920, General Motors Corporation purchased the property at 2400 S. Jefferson to build St. Louis' main Chevrolet dealership.

In 1928 the Art Deco building opened as "Big Four Chevrolet", 30,000 sq. ft.

In 1953 the building doubled in size with a new South addition to 55,000 sq. ft.

Car sales and service stopped in 1975 and Giuliani's Carnival supply took over and operated until 1995.

BIG 4 ST. LOUIS' OLDEST AND LARGEST CHEVROLET DEALER



CHEVROLET

2400 SOUTH JEFFERSON
Just One Block North of Gravois

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1951



Today



ANSWERS (to the questions on Page 1):

1. A total of 309 Chargers were used throughout the total run of the popular series.
2. The 1968 Shelby's used the 1966 Ford Thunderbird tail lamps, but the 1967 Shelby used tail lamps from the Mercury Cougar.
3. The ZL-1 427 V-8 that sits under the hood of a '69 COPO Camaro is essentially an aluminum race engine. There are no special emblems or identifying marks to indicate the power there, making the car somewhat of a "sleeper."
4. The first Chevy Camaro was black.
5. In 1940 Chrysler built only six of the Newport Dual-Cowl Phaeton's.
6. Plymouth only produced 7 HemiCuda convertibles for the 1971 production year. In fact, they are so rare and sought after, in early 2014 one sold at the Mecum Auction for \$3.5 million.
7. Automobile means "self-moving." Auto means "self" and Mobile means "moving."

Source: <https://woodsidecredit.com/odd-and-fun-facts-about-classic-cars/>

Freese Garage / Ford Dealer

Wentzville, Missouri. George Freese was Lyle's Great Uncle.



Lyle and his Great Uncle George



At George's 87th birthday in 1972

Inside the Ford Garage



The Chrysler automobile plant opened in Fenton, Missouri during the 1950s and was in production until 2008.



Pictured above is the assembly plant in 1959.



MMOCC SHIRTS:

Shirts available at future meetings and events. Contact Doug Stephens at 573-632-2895

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend:

A. March MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, March 26.
- 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.
- Auction at 7pm at Tom Winters' Kustum Signs shop at 507 E. Buchanan in California, Missouri.
 - 5:30pm meal 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 there is a small variety, 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 will 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!
 - Coordinated by Tom Winters (573-533-0419) if you get lost or need any additional information.

B. Holts Summit Pizza Hut Old Car Cruise In.

- First Saturday of each month from April to October. 4:30-8pm.

C. 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.

D. Sonic Hot Summer Nights.

- Third Saturday of each month from May to September from 6-10
- Sonic in Versailles.

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

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

F. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

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

G. Nichols Career Center Car Show.

- Sunday, April 26 from 12-3pm.
- 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.

H. Shelbyfest.

- No Shelbyfest in JC for 2026. Postponed to May 6-8, 2027.

I. Freeburg Cruise In.

- Friday, May 29 at 6:30pm. 110 West Oliver in Freeburg.

J. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.

- Tuesday, June 2 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.

K. Sunday Drive to Syracuse (MO) to meet West Central Vintage Auto Club from Sedalia.

- Probably Sunday, June 7 or 14. (Exact date yet to be finalized).
- Depart Capital Mall (Cruise In Area) at noon, arriving at Hometown Café in Syracuse about 12:45. 39 miles.
- Visit, Eat, Network with Sedalia old car owners.
- Organized by Lyle Rosburg (573-291-7159).

L. Cole County Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary.

- Saturday, June 20 with Classic Car Cruise in at 2pm.
- 13203 Railroad Avenue in downtown Russellville.



M. Hemmings Great Race Route 66 Lunch Stop Road Trip.

- Road trip! Sunday, June 21, 2026 12:00pm - 3:00pm.
- Carpooling from Schultes, leaving 10:00am.
- Waynesville Square at 301 Historic Route 66 / Waynesville, MO.



N. June MMOCC Meeting – BBQ at McClung Park.

- Thursday, June 25. McClung Park Indoor Pavilion (air conditioned). 931 McClung Park Drive / Jefferson City, MO.
- 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.
- Topic: Haggerty Classic Car Insurance.
- Contact Connie Schaefer with questions at 573-690-5954.

O. Moonshiners Poker Run.

- Saturday, June 27. Registration 10-11. See flyer.

P. Lohman Cruise In.

- Sunday, June 28 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 until out.
- Fireworks at the Church at 9pm by Dennis and Laura Even.

Q. City of California 250th Anniversary July 5 event.

- The City of California is holding several 250th Anniversary of the USA events throughout the day on Saturday, 04 July 2026. One of these events is a parade starting at 9am and they

Missouri Moonshiners
 Street Rod Club
Seventh Annual Poker Run
 Saturday June 27, 2026
 Proceeds going to Relay for Life
 AMERICAN CANCER ASSOCIATION
 Registration starting at 10:00 till 11:00 am at
 The Donut Shop [on the square] in Linn
 Next stop The Hatchery [antiques] in Loose Creek
 Then to the Pub in Argyle then off to
 Mr. Tequila [Mexican Restaurant] in Vienna
 Legends Bank on Hwy 50 in Westphalia
 [Red Cow Bakery on site, enjoy some sweet treats]
 Last stop at the Barn in Loose Creek
 Last car in no later than 4:00 pm.
 \$10.00 per hand play as many hands as you want
 [SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE]
 For more information call Tom at 573 644 4478
 not responsible for any accidents

would like to have a group of VFW Post 4345 members in the parade. Tom Winters Jr. is the Post Representative on the committee that is putting on the day's events and he suggested at the last committee meeting that we have a "VFW Throughout the Wars" theme where we honor one member from each of the following wars.

- World War I (1914-1918): of course we don't have any surviving members from this war period, so this war will be represented by a POW/MIA flag
 - World War II: 1939-1945
 - Korean War: 1950 - 1953
 - Vietnam War: 1955-1975
 - Gulf War (aka Desert Shield/Desert Storm): 1990-1991
 - The Global War on Terrorism (includes the War in Afghanistan, Iraq War, Second Iraq War, and Syria War): 2001-2021
- Tom would like to have a vehicle from each of these war periods for the honored member to ride in with a banner on each of the front doors that contains the name of the war, the years of the war, and the name of the honored member. So if you have a nice American made vehicle from any of the above war periods (or know someone that does) that you would like to drive in the parade as the vehicle for that war, then please let Tom know via email to thomaswinters2003@msn.com or phone/text to 573-533-0419.

R. Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Cruise In Car Show.

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

S. Argyle KofC Car Show and BBQ.

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

T. 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>

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

- Sunday, September 7. 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.

V. Wheels for Meals Car Show Fundraiser.

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

W. Chamois Days.

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

X. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

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

Y. No November Meeting.

Z. December Meeting / Christmas Party.

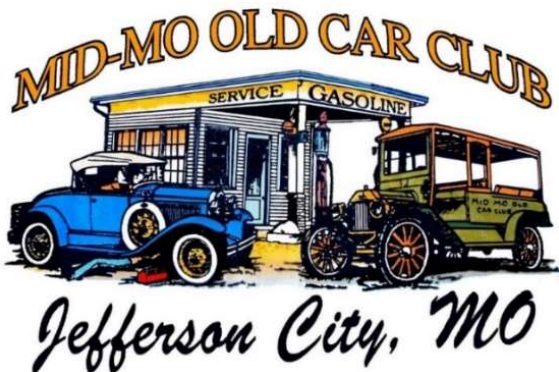
- Thursday, December 17, 2026. Arrive as early as 5pm. Meal about 6pm.
- American Legion off Tanner Bridge.
- Meal provided by the Club.

- Bring a rob-your-neighbor gift for your gender valued around \$25. Be creative!

... and many more as the year progresses.

Plans in process:

- Route 66 Day Trip to include Hooker's Cut (see October 2025 MMOCC Newsletter) and the Route 66 Museum in Lebanon.
- Boonville Day Trip with the Studebaker Club to the Mitchell Antique Motorcar Museum.
- Evening tour of the Jefferson City Fire Department Museum with dinner at Daisy Delight.
- *Do you have an idea? Let's do it!*



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