



MMOCC Newsletter –

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Well, these certainly are odd times. Never thought I would see such a drastic change in society in a matter of weeks. Social distancing, volatile stock market, mass layoffs, Coronavirus, are something I hope we never have to see again, but I fear we have not left the odd times in our rearview mirror.

Looking in the rearview mirror, I think of the neat cars I have seen in person, online, and in magazines, and all the “odd” (said with affection) cars we have in the Mid Mo Old Car Club.

When I got my 1951 Chevrolet, it was considered second rate since it was a four door. At that time, only



1961 Chevrolet Corvair Monza
Steve Hall
Member since 2015

convertibles and two door classic cars were

cool. Fortunately, with time, the four door has come in to its own and now the cars that get the most looks might be station wagons, suburbans, micro cars, and utility vehicles. While those are odd, they are sooo cool!

As a sign of the odd times, our April 23 meeting has been canceled, pushing our Scholarship Auction to

May 28. We will also postpone our planned April 25 trip to Kelsey Tire in Camdenton.

In the meantime, the Saturday morning coffee guys are now getting together via ZOOM at 8am on Saturdays, the emails are more frequent with varied topics, and the

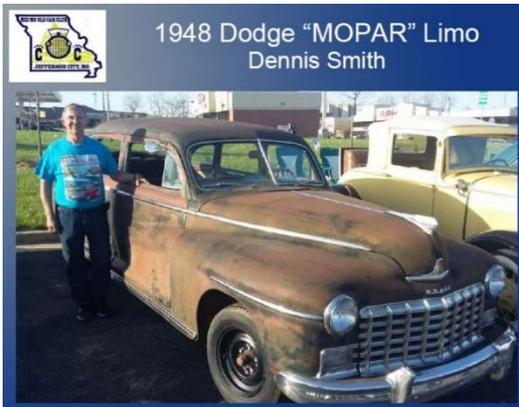


1963 King Midget Model 3
Dennis Smith
Member since 1995



1999 Isuzu VehiCross
Lori Rosburg
Patient Spouse since 2005

midmoodlcar.club website continues to offer over 2,200 photos for your enjoyment while you maintain your social distance and stay at home.



One of the questions posed in the emails was good locations for old car photo shoots with the Capitol, Supreme Court Building, Rotary Park on Bolivar, Paddy Malones, Noren Access, Missouri State Penitentiary, Claysville Store (with lunch), Train Station on State Street, Downtown Russellville, and Murphy's Ford Road, to name a few. You can still send me your ideas as we think about life after we are allowed out and about. The odder, the better!

Another request was for you to photograph and send an image of your OLD CAR DASH. Some look odd, but that's cool. A new section has been started on the website and a "quiz" of dashes is in the works. Email those photos to lrosburg@hotmail.com or text to 573-291-7159.

We are lucky to have some very cool (and odd) cars in the MMOCC which is why Old Cars are Cool!

MMOCC President Lyle Rosburg



DASH:

Email dash photos to lrosburg@hotmail.com or text to 573-291-7159.



LOGO STICKERS:

Be proud of the MMOCC and help advertise MMOCC by putting the State Shaped MMOCC Logo on your car. Free to all members. Available at meetings and events or advise Lyle and he will get you as many stickers as you need.

SHIRTS:

We have increased our MMOCC Shirt Inventory. 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.

IS THAT AN ISETTA? NO, IT'S A CORSETTA

Now what in the world is a Corsetta? Simple. It's a '57 BMW Isetta powered by a



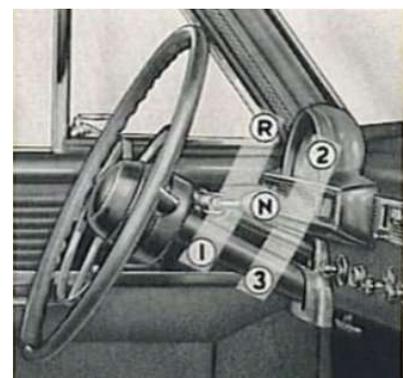
Corvaire pancake six. And if you don't think the engine swap and power-to-weight ratio is interesting, look what a couple of rodders like Homer Krohn and Jerry Kacvinsky did, with up-and-coming results.



Missouri's Historic Highways

Yesterday at 1:00 PM ·

Early striper designed and built by the highway department



NOT A CAR SHOW



Late 70's High School Parking Lot

New Amber Turn Signals Causing Unexpected Turmoil

Detroit (AP)—This is a story of how a simple idea can become complicated if enough people get involved.

Our subject is the flashing light on the front of your car which signals a turn. By now most states require them. All cars have come equipped with them for the past decade.

Sometimes the flashing light is difficult to distinguish for an oncoming motorist. In sunlight the white light isn't bright enough. At night, too often it gets mixed up with headlights.

The folks who make light bulbs and the folks who make cars recognized the problem. They got together and ran tests. Why not, they asked, try some other color, like amber? Fine, but what color is amber?

One dictionary says yellowish to brownish. Reddish-yellow, says another. Webster's Third International says amber is variable, averaging a dark orange yellow.

Tests Conducted

Obviously, if the turn signals were to be uniform, the color would have to be the same. Tests followed. European countries came to observe. Phoenix and Detroit were two of the test locations.

By the end of 1953 everyone who mattered was convinced. A specific amber color had been chosen as most effective in bright sunlight, the best contrast to headlights and the least objectionable reflection off chrome.

It wasn't until the 1963 model cars, however, that front turn signals became amber. That's because a lot of other people had to be convinced.

Some 25 states have laws which specified white, and only white, for turn signals. It took until January, 1962, to get all of these changed.

When amber got the green light everywhere, the Automobile Manufacturers Assn. recommended to the carmakers that they make the switch at the start of the 1963 model year. Checker jumped the gun and changed to amber lenses last spring when it had used up its stock of clear lenses.

Similar Operation

When the 1963 models appeared, most had the same style amber lens which Checker uses.

A few used a clear white lens with an amber lamp. In operation they looked the same.

Oldsmobile and Buick opened the year with amber lamps, but switched to amber lenses. Ford's Galaxie and Thunderbird switched from lenses to lamps. Pontiac, Plymouth, Mercury Monterey and the Buick Riviera have used amber lamps right along.

Pontiac said it preferred these lamps to the lenses for styling reasons. The lens generally was a less expensive way to make the change.

Cadillac used a clear white lens with an amber filter behind it.

All of these variations are legal. But then the free thinkers got into the act. Why not, they reasoned, dress up your older car with the amber lenses. If Amber is so much better, why make it a 1963 exclusive?

So amber flooded the market. Your local gas station or garage probably has lenses to fit your car, if it is of recent vintage. Also on the market are pressure sprays to turn your present lenses amber. After all, with some cars such as the Lincoln Continental and Chevy II showing virtually no styling changes from 1962 to 1963, new amber lenses are all that's needed to make the car look new again.

Points Overlooked

As it turned out, many of the amendments which made amber legal didn't take into account dressing up older cars. Some authorities are taking a very dim view of such enterprise.

"It is illegal," said a bulletin issued to Virginia State Police and official inspection stations, "to operate a motor vehicle with a turn signal that has been changed, unless the new parts are identical to those used when the lamp was first approved..."

In California the state police said some of the new amber bulbs aren't suitable for older cars, that the coating discolors or peels. In filtering back to Detroit, this report became distorted to say that all amber bulbs were banned. Because of its huge auto population and sales potential California can cause the entire auto industry to become nervous. So the manufacturers association hustled a delegation to Sacramento to at-

tempt an agreement on testing procedures.

Presently there is an uneasy truce. All 1963 installations are legal. Most do-it-yourself operations aren't.

Most states including California require the manufacturers to submit new parts for approval. Thus a company may offer its amber lamps for testing.

The AMA admits it never counted on a controversy. "I guess," said one spokesman ruefully, "this comes from our doing something right."

Regulation in State

The Pennsylvania regulation stipulates that all amber lights must be approved by the secretary of revenue before use and must be installed in cars as a unit, such as in the new 1963 models. Police said any person who installs amber bulbs or lenses or who uses sprays or paint to coat signals an amber color is subject to arrest. The person or business firm which sells this illegal equipment or paint also can be prosecuted, police added.

Handbag Hassle Staged by Women

Phoenix, Ariz., March 23 (AP)—The nine women of the Arizona House of Representatives are on the warpath.

The top of the speaker's rostrum was covered yesterday with handbags of all shapes and sizes. A sign on the rostrum read: "House Memorial 3 on the debate calendar or else."

It was signed, "The Women." House Memorial 3 urges Congress to repeal the luxury tax on the sale of handbags. The women claim handbags are the same as pockets in a man's trousers and thus a necessity, not a luxury.

Seward's Folly

William Seward, secretary of state under President Johnson bought Alaska for \$7,200,000. Opponents called it "Seward Folly."



Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. April Meeting – **CANCELED.**

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B. Capital Mall Cruise In.

- 4pm to 8pm.
- April 25????? / May 30 / June 27 / July 25 / August 29 / September 26.

C. Roaring 20s at the Governor's Mansion.

- Saturday, May 16 from 9am to 2am.
- Period correct cars on the Mansion Lawn.

D. May Meeting.

- Thursday, May 28 at 6pm.
- Cole County Sheriff's Department / 350 East High Street / JCMO.
- Annual Scholarship Auction – Accumulate your contributions and bring your cash!

E. 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.
- BBQ pork steak or chicken.
- Old Car parking inside the Cole County Fairgrounds.

F. Kelsey Tire – Vintage Tire/Cars.

- Date to be determined.
- Caravan leaving Schultes at 8:30am arriving about 9:30am
- 1190 East Highway 54 / Camdenton.
- Tour until about noon.
- Lunch after at a location TBD.

G. THE GREAT RACE visits Rolla.

- Tuesday, June 23 at noonish.
- The Great Race has a lunch stop in Rolla.
- Caravan from Gerbes near Eastland leaving at 10am.
- Check out the cars and talk to the drivers.
- In 2018, the Epples from Jefferson City hosted MMOCC at their hanger and taught us about The Great Race. They will participate again in 2020.
- <https://www.greatrace.com/route>

H. June Meeting.

- Thursday, June 25 at 6pm.
- Braun-Be-Que.
- Arrive as early as 4:30 with Meal at 6 and meeting to follow.
- Kenny Braun's Lake at 9404 Route B (south of the B and E intersection) 573 496 3639 or 573 821 2586.

I. Sonic Summer Nights – MMOCC Caravan.

- *Always the Third Saturday of the Summer Months.*
- July 18 caravan leaves Schultes at 3:30pm.
- Sonic in Versailles.

J. July Meeting.

- The Wes Scott Swap!
- Thursday, July 23 at 6pm.
- *(Moved to July in 2020 from August).*
- Wes and Betty Scott's – 7311 Old Bass Road / Eugene.
- Swapping starts at early at 4pm with meal at 5:30pm. Meeting at 6pm.

K. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

- Argyle, Missouri.
- Saturday, August 8 at 11am.

L. August Meeting.

- Thursday, August 27 at 6pm.
- Location and topic to be determined.

M. Truman VA and Vet Center Car Show.

- Truman VA Medical Center, Columbia, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 19. 10am to 2pm.
- MMOCC caravan from the North Jefferson City Commuter Lot departing at 9am.

N. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.

- Downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 19. 9-4.
- MMOCC caravan from the Farmers Bank of Lohman in St. Martins departing at 8:30am.
- “Cars and More” Show (Cars, Tractors, etc.) and small-town Parade (optional).

O. September Meeting.

- Thursday, September 24 at 6pm.
- Car Show Details.
- Location to be determined. Might be Stan Fast's back yard.

P. Old Car Round Up and Show.

- Saturday, September 26.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

Q. October Meeting.

- Thursday, October 22 at 6pm.
- Car Show Recap.
- Location to be determined.

R. Eugene PTO Car, Truck, and Bike Show.

- Cole R-V High School in Eugene.
- Saturday, November ____ 9am to 2pm. Registration ends 11am.



- \$15 pre-registration. \$20 day of.

S. ETET (Eddie Tremain Ethanol Tour).

- Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day). Sorry, they do not do weekend tours.
- Tour of POET Biorefining (Ethanol Plant) at 809 North Pine in Laddonia, Missouri. <https://poet.com/>
- Depart North Jefferson City Commuter Lot at 8:15am, arriving in Ladonna at 10ish for a 90 minute tour.
- Lunch at Hobo Bar and Grill at 106 Chestnut in Laddonia.
- Possible afternoon tour of Missouri Plant Science Center or Zenith Aircraft in Mexico, Missouri.

T. NO November or December Meetings.

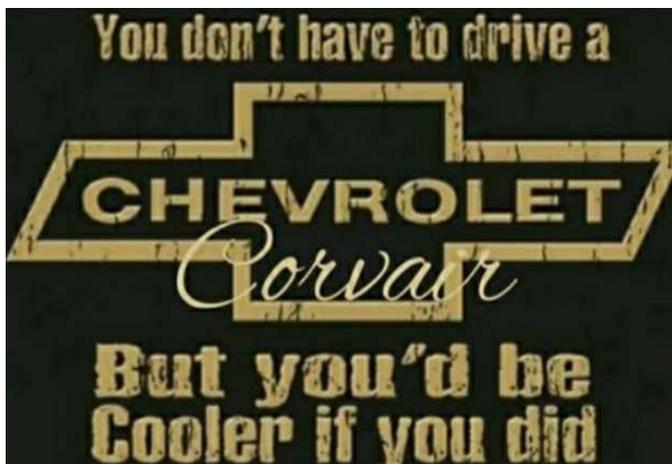
- Attend the Holiday Party and New Year's Day Cruise, instead.

U. MMOCC Holiday Party 2020.

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6pm.
- American Legion / Tanner Bridge / JCMO.

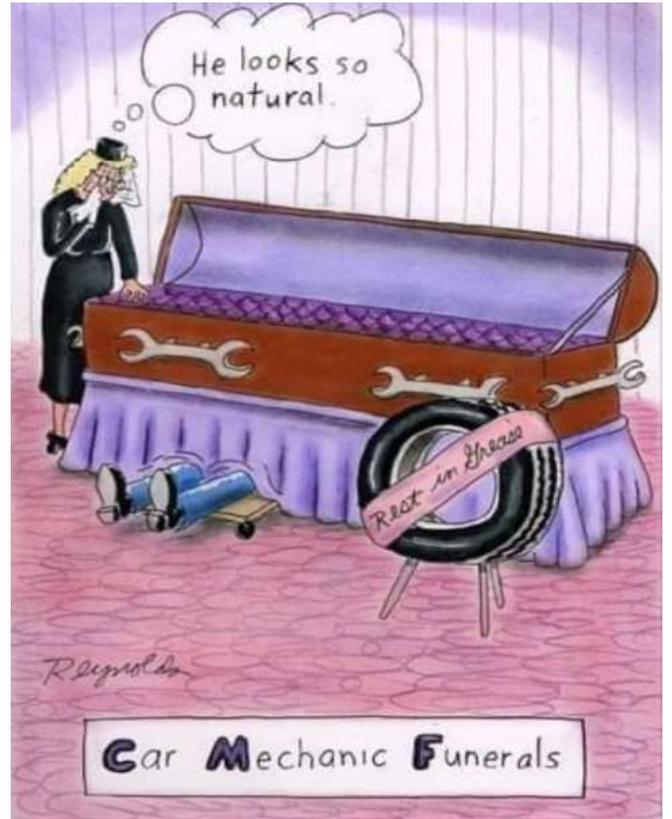
V. 2021 New Year's Day Cruise.

- Friday, January 1, 2021.
- Lunch and Garage Tours.
- Need YOUR GARAGE as a destination. Contact Dennis Smith.



2020 Officers:

- President Lyle Rosburg
- Vice President Dennis Smith
- Secretary Vacant (it could be you!)
- Treasurer Tom Webb
- Historian Roger Hager
- Events Chair Ron Clark
- Car Show Chairs Tom and Karen Winters
- Immediate Past President Nathan Fuller



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