



MMOCC Newsletter – APRIL 2023

*Mid Mo Old Car Club
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – DAN EAST



Mechanics Illustrated

Workbench Award

This is to Certify that Danny East has been awarded a Mechanics Illustrated Workbench Prize for the excellent craftsmanship of his workshop project.

Speedster

Robert M. Be...
Editor, Mechanics Illustrated

May 19 1966
Ford Cars For Sale

1932 FORD V8 4-door sedan, excellent parts car or possible restoration, dual side mounts, luggage rack, Everything lost bumper. Best offer over \$125 or trade for factory rebuilt 30-31 "A" block assembly. Polaroids 5c. Joseph Faunt, 43 First Ave., Kingston, N. Y. 12401.

SPEEDSTER - FORD 1932
Rest with yellow wheels and pin-strings, shiny brass, completely restored, runs correct. Appropriate signs from various layers. Only \$500!
DAN EAST - 1932 Ford V8 4-door sedan

ANTIQUE SPEEDSTER was assembled from authentic 1920-era automobile parts by Dan East of Carthage, Mo. Engine frame.

**Submitted by MMOCC
Member Ron Bandelier:**

This Declaration and photo were photographed on Dan East's garage wall, before it was destroyed by fire.

He was awarded the "Mechanics Illustrated Workbench Prize" for his Excellent Craftsmanship.

Young Danny East was featured in Mechanics Illustrated Magazine for the Ford Speedster he built

.....and later... in 1966, he offered it for sale in Hemmings.

Ride a Duck?

One of the most original vehicles in military history, the DUKW, known as "the Duck," was produced as a solution to a specific problem encountered early in WWII. Time and again, American supply vessels found themselves standing offshore unable to deliver vital supplies. Two men, Palmer Putham and Ron Stephens, envisioned an amphibious vehicle capable of ferrying men and cargo from ship to beach. DUKW stands for:

- D: A vehicle designed in 1942
- U: "Utility" (amphibious)
- K: All-wheel drive
- W: Two powered rear axles

Built by the GMC division of General Motors and powered by a GMC OHV inline six-cylinder engine with 270 cubic inches, the DUKW weighs in at 7.5 tons, operates at a top speed of 6.4 mph on water and 50 mph on land. They measured 31 feet long and 8.2 feet wide. GM plants in Pontiac, Michigan and St. Louis, Missouri produced 21,000 vehicles between 1943-1945. Thousands are still in use worldwide. Most parts can still be purchased from GM.



As a basis for their design they used the proven GM 2-1/2 ton truck. A waterproof hull substituted the standard body and a propeller and rudder were added for use in the water. Amazingly, 85% of DUKW parts were common with the original GM truck. Just 38 days after the completion of the mock up, the first Duck rolled out of the workshop. From the onset the project met with skepticism from the military, however, Lady Luck stepped in four days prior to the demonstration. A Coast Guard vessel ran aground in heavy seas. When all other attempts to rescue the stranded crew failed, the Coast Guard requested help and two Ducks were sent. Despite the waves, the pair successfully retrieved the entire crew. Shortly afterwards the original vessel broke up.

Over the next few days, the story of the dramatic rescue was publi-

cized and subsequent demonstrations were well attended. The Army Duck was finally on its way to becoming a huge success. Over two thousand Ducks were utilized on D-Day. Not only did America have DUKWs, 2,000 were supplied to Britain under FDR's Lend/Lease program. An additional 535 were used by Australian forces, while 568 were supplied to the Soviet Union.

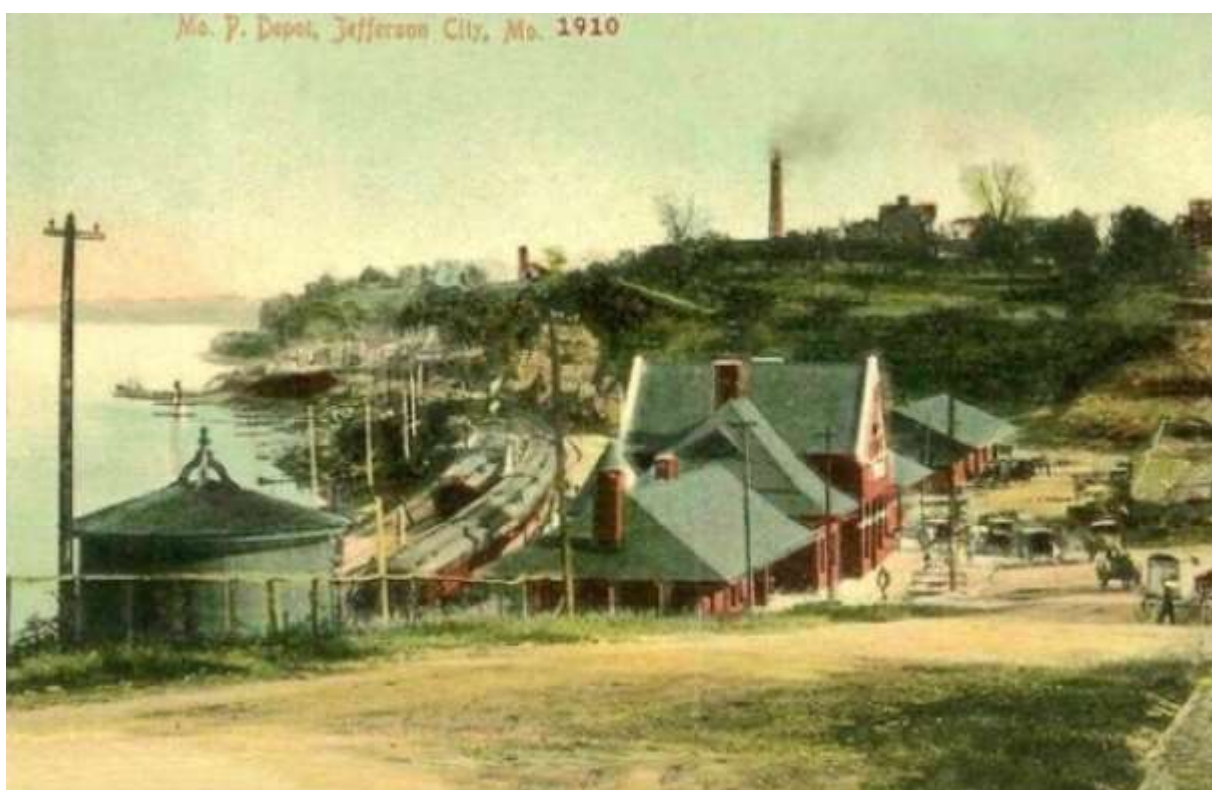
After the war many of the Ducks were sold, although the Army deployed several hundred during the Korean Conflict. France deployed theirs to the Indo China War. They were given new hulls in the 1970s and subsequently retired in 1982. The Royal Marines still use them for training purposes. In Australia, they are still in use, not only for tours but were also used on Antarctic supply voyages until 1970. From 1945-1965 they supplied lighthouses on remote islands. Several were used by fishermen to take their fresh catch right off the boat to market in California.

Whenever a natural disaster happens, it's Ducks to the rescue, saving hundreds of lives in the 1955 Hunter Valley floods. They were loaned out in the Great Flood of 1993 and in 2005, deployed to help in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, transporting 67 victims from their roof tops to helicopter pads temporarily set up in New Orleans.



-JACKIE JOHNSTON

Construction of the Alaska Highway, by Theodore Huntley, is a well-written and fascinating account of the first year of construction, from conception through month-by-month progress toward completion in late 1942. [The original edition of this report includes a longer section—with photos—of the second year of the highway (1943), as reported by R.E. Royall, Senior Highway Engineer.] This hard-to-find report was scanned from copies made of the original pages at the National Archives in Seattle, Washington.



In the early 1970s, Ford Motor Company was producing the Maverick, a compact car marketed as an affordable and efficient vehicle. However, the demand for the Maverick was not as high as Ford had anticipated, and they found themselves with a surplus of unsold cars.

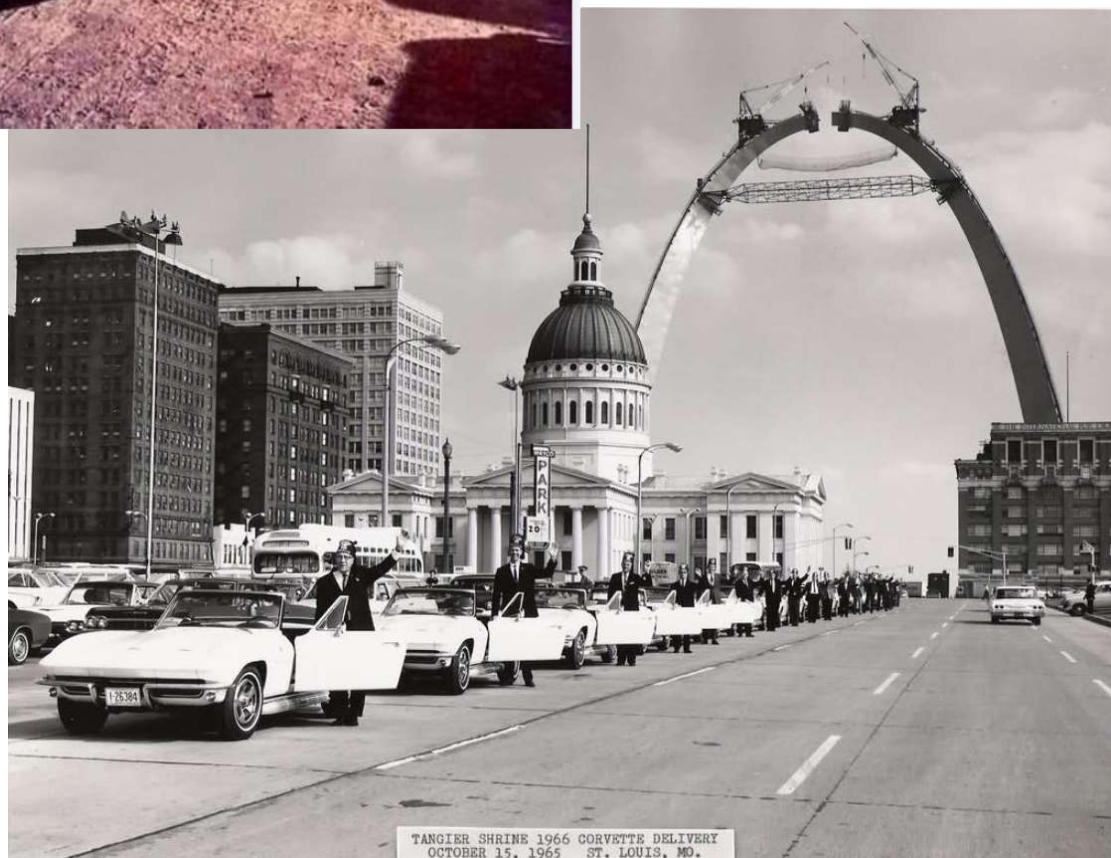
To deal with this surplus, Ford decided to store thousands of unsold Mavericks in the SubTropolis caves located in Kansas City, Missouri. SubTropolis is a man-made underground complex of limestone mines, covering over 55 million square feet, and is home to many businesses that use the caves for storage and other purposes.

Ford leased about 25 acres of the cave complex, which was ideal for storing the cars as the caves are naturally climate-controlled with temperatures ranging between 60-70 degrees Fahrenheit year-round. The cars were kept in the caves until they could be sold, which reportedly took several years.

The storage of the Mavericks in the SubTropolis caves became somewhat of a legend in the automotive world, with many car enthusiasts and historians fascinated by the idea of thousands of unsold cars sitting underground for years. Today, the SubTropolis complex is still in use, and while the Mavericks are no longer stored there, the story of their time underground remains a unique piece of automotive history.

SubTropolis - Wikipedia

<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/SubTropolis>





Lyle's mom (Marilyn Holt-Rosburg) leaving for college (Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville) in about 1948 outside her (and my) childhood home in western St. Charles County, MO. What year is the car?



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The State Historical Society of Missouri
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Harry Truman, the only president from Missouri, was born in Lamar, Missouri and later lived in Independence. In this photo, Truman rides in a parade with Winston Churchill through the streets of Fulton, Missouri. Churchill was in town to visit Westminster College, where he gave his famous "Iron Curtain" speech on March 5, 1946.

On this day in 1972 the 15,007,034th rolled off the assembly line, officially overtaking the Model T as the most produced single model of a vehicle. By the time global production ended in 2003 more than 21 million had been built. Learn more in today's mini automotive history lesson.



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.

MID-MO OLD CAR CLUB

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to these businesses and individuals for sponsoring our 53rd Annual Old Car Round Up and Show!

We encourage you to visit these businesses to show them your support in return!

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In 1953, Marilyn Monroe appeared on The Jack Benny Show, but because of her contract with Fox, she wasn't allowed to receive cash for the any appearances she made. Jack Benny bought her a brand new 1954 black convertible Cadillac in return.



Interstate 70 (I-44) 1965

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. Nichols Career Center Car Show.

- Sunday, April 23 from 12pm to 4pm.
- Jefferson City High School.

B. April MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, April 27 at 6pm.
- B's Kustom Kreations at 423 W. Dunklin (same parking lot as McKnight Tire).
- Bring a chair. Pizza for \$5. Bring your own drink.

C. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

- Last Saturday of each month from April to September. 3-7pm. (New times for this year.)

D. Shelby Fest.

- Thursday, May 4 to Saturday, May 6
- Downtown Jefferson City.
- <https://shelbyfest.net/>

E. May MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, May 25 at 6pm.
- Location and Topic TBD.

F. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 6 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.

G. Locost 7 Cruise.

- Based out of Jefferson City. June 8-10.
- Contact MMOCC Member Chris Reinke at 573-821-9147 or cmreinke882@gmail.com for a detailed schedule and cruise routes.

H. Lohman Cruise In.

- Sunday, July 2 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.
- Lions Club BBQ available at the Community Center from 10:30am to 2:30pm.
- Fireworks at the Church at 9pm.

I. Salute to American Cruise In.

- Downtown JC in front of St. Peters Church.
- Tuesday, July 4. 11am to 3pm. **Help requested to park cars. No judging duties.**
- Organizers: Larry Rhea (573-606-9266) and Dennis Smith (573-680-2505).

J. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

- Argyle, Missouri.



Capital Mall Car Cruise
Last Saturday
of each month
3pm-7pm
Capitalmall.com

facebook Instagram

April-Sept
Free
Family Event

All Car and Motorcycle
Enthusiasts Welcome

The image is a promotional poster for the Capital Mall Car Cruise. It features a yellow truck at the top right, an orange classic car in the middle, and a red classic car and a green motorcycle at the bottom. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, black, and blue. There are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. A blue arrow points from the 'C. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.' text to the poster. The poster also includes the text 'April-Sept Free Family Event' and 'All Car and Motorcycle Enthusiasts Welcome'.

- Saturday, August 5 at 11am.

K. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.

- Downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 18. 9-4.
- “Cars and More” Show (Cars, Tractors, etc.) at the Fairgrounds and small-town Parade (optional).

L. 2023 – Audrain County Historical Society “Walk Back in Time”.

- September 22-23, 2023.
- Historical Event featuring pre-war cars (requesting 1940 or earlier).
- 501 South Muldrow / Mexico, Missouri 65265 / 573-581-3910 – Paul Baum at walkbackachs@gmail.com and <https://www.audrain.org/events>
- More details and times to follow.

M. September MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6pm.
- HyVee Community Room – Upstairs. Get your food as early as 5pm and dine together.
- Topic: Car Show.

N. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 54th annual.
- Saturday, September 30.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

O. No November or December MMOCC Meeting.

P. MMOCC Holiday Party.

- Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6pm.
- American Legion off Tanner Bridge.
- Meal provided by the Club.
- Bring a rob-your-neighbor gift for your gender.

FUTURE AND UNSCHEDULED EVENTS

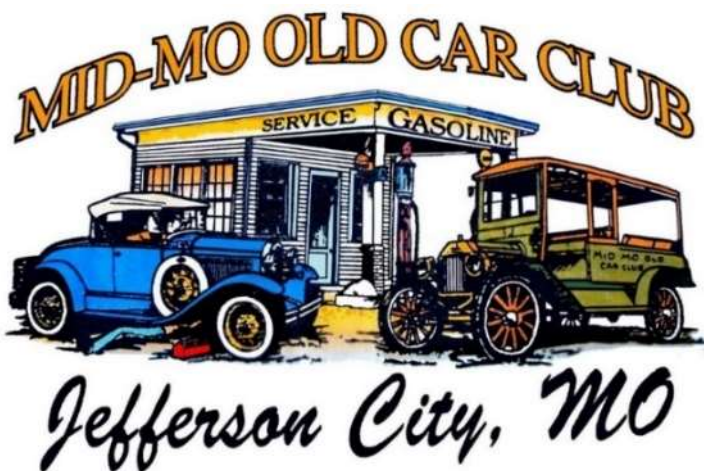
Q. Old School Drive In Theater.

- Date to be determined.
- Newly opened Drive in Theater in Moniteau County.
- 34263 State Highway T near Hwy 87 south of Burghers.
- <https://www.facebook.com/Oldschooldrivein>

R. Jefferson City Fire Museum Tour.

- Date to be determined.
- Fire Museum Tour at 305 East Miller / JCMO and then to Daisy Delight 2715 East McCarty / JCMO.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Lyle Rosburg (573-291-7159).

S. Your idea, here. Speak up and plan something!



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