

MMOCC Newsletter –

DECEMBER 2019



*Mid Mo Old Car Club
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Twas the night before Christmas,

and upon my garage bench,
Not a tool was a spinning, not even a wrench.
The cars were all parked in their stalls with great care,
In hope that St Nicholas soon would be there.

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This car guy was nestled all snug in my bed,
While visions of cars raced through my head.
And my wife in her overalls and I in my driver's cap,
Had just parked our booties for a long winter's nap.

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When out on the driveway there arose a valve clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the garage I flew like James Hunt,
But I tripped on a floor jack and had quite a shunt.

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The moon on the paint of my shiny car's hood,
Had the luster of fresh paint on cars that are good.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a train of cool sports cars with a driver so dear.

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He was a spirited old racer, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than racers his cars they all came,
And he honked, and blipped throttles, and called them by name!

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"Now Porsche! Now, Ferrari! Now, Ford and Chevrolet!
On, BMW! On, Bugatti! On Aston Martin from the UK!
Drive Jaguar! Drive McLaren! Drive Lamborghini and Audi
too!
Shift Tesla! Shift Morgan! Shift Mercedes and boy how
they flew!"

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The smell of spent fuel lingered thick in the air,
And the marks of burnt rubber on my driveway were there,
So on to the driveway the marques how they flew,
It was a sleigh pulled by cars, driven by St Nicholas too.

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And then, all a revving, I heard in the garage
The distinct double clutch of a red Viper Dodge.
As I poked in my head, he was turning around,
And in to my garage did St Nicholas pull up with a bound.

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He was dressed like a racer, from his head to his foot,
And his race suit was tarnished with oil and black diesel
soot.

A bundle of car parts he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a mechanic opening up his tool sack.

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His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how quaint!
His cheeks were like chrome and his nose like metallic
paint!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as a headlight's
glow.

...

The exhaust from his tail pipes drifted through the night's
air

And he shut down the engines with a quick blip and a
care.

His smiling face looked out, of his Bell helmet all round,
He shook when he laughed, like a V12 making sound!

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He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old racer
And I laughed when I saw him, like a barn find car chaser.
A wink of his eyes were like the sparkle of chrome stars,
And I knew that this old jolly fellow really loved cars.

...

He spoke not a word, and delivered his treats,
He filled the glove boxes, the trunks and bucket seats.
And laying his wrench aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, in to his car he arose!

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The cars they all fired up with a glorious roar,
And away they all drove right out my garage door.
How he yelled with excitement, as he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Stolen and slightly modified without permission from <https://carsyeah.com/the-night-before-christmas/>

Season's greetings!

MMOCC President Lyle Rosburg

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. NO December MMOCC Meeting.

B. 2020 New Year's Day Cruise.

- Wednesday, January 1, 2020.
- Lunch and Garage Tours.
- Starting at 11am at the Holts Summit Pizza Hut.
- Depart Pizza Hut about 12:30pm.
- Schaefer, Petty, Rutledge, Baldwin, Siebeneck.
- 4pm arrive at the Smith's at 5003 W Business 50 in Apache Flats.

C. January Meeting.

- Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6pm.
- HyVee (JC) Community Room (upstairs).
- Get your meal and come on up!

D. February Meeting.

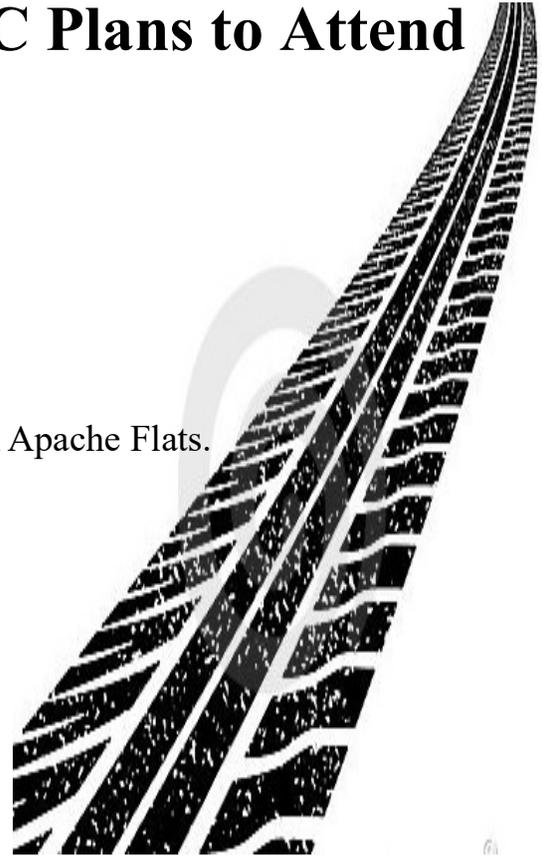
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6pm
- HyVee (JC) Community Room (upstairs).
- Get your meal and come on up!

E. Bicknell Engines Shop Tour – Rolla, Missouri.

- Saturday in February or March with lunch at Alex Pizza.
- Time and date to be determined.
- Old and modern cars, welcomed.

F. MMOCC Holiday Party 2020.

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



As the year comes to an end, I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents because spare parts for old models like you are no longer in stock. forward to other old models you care about.



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...

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. \$15 for T-Shirts, \$25 for the new humorous T-shirts, \$35 for collared shirts, and \$10 for hats.

JOIN US FOR THE...

NEW YEAR'S DAY GARAGE TOUR



- Wednesday, January 1, 2020.
 - Lunch and Garage Tours.
 - Starting as early as 11am at the Holts Summit Pizza Hut.
 - 152 North Star Drive / Holts Summit, Missouri 65043
 - Depart Pizza Hit about 12:30pm.
 - Connie and Mike Schaefer – 573-645-7802
 - 6030 Roling Road / Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
 - Leonard Rutledge – 573-496-3440
 - 9030 Tanner Bridge Road / Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
 - Rusty and Mica Baldwin – 573-338-5601
 - 3239 Route E / Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
 - Floyd Siebeneck – 573-496-3531
 - 9922 Tanner Bridge Road / Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
 - Tim Petty – 573-694-2977
 - 9108 Clibourne Road / Russellville, Missouri 65074
 - About 4pm, arrive at the Dennis and Linda Smith's at 5003 W Business 50 / Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 (in Apache Flats) for more food, conversation, and musical entertainment.

NOTES:

- *Maps / Directions available the day of, during lunch.*
- *Locations and timing subject to change.*
- *Contact Dennis Smith at 573-680-2505 with questions, if you get lost, or need to meet up with the group part way through the tour. Come and go as you please.*
- *Old cars encouraged, but not required.*

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ARE NEW CARS RUINING OLD CAR SHOWS?

By [Mark Simpson](#) of <https://www.classicarrestorationclub.com/>

The warmth of the sun felt good on the back of my neck as I joined several old friends who had gathered in the grassy area next to the parking lot where our classic cars were on display. A warm weekend in Minnesota in late September tends to bring everyone out, as the knowledge there were not too many of these events left for the season.



Turn out was good, with over 200 cars filling the car show lot, but a quick scan also revealed more than half were built within the last 15-years. I suppose I should have been tipped off to this when we pulled into the lot and the event organizer instructed me to park on the other end of the lot as they were saving this area for

MoPar's... I scratched my head (driving the DeSoto, thinking to myself, "this is a MoPar"). What I didn't realize is, she meant new MoPar's and soon a large section of the lot was full of newer Challenger's, Charger's, Durango's and Jeeps. While the event was promoted as a American Made Event there was no restriction on years, and they had every right to enjoy the event as much as others.

As we sat in the early morning sun taking in the array of cars entering the event and enjoying a warm cup of coffee, it didn't take long before someone in our group remarked, "I think these new cars are ruining old cars shows!" It's funny how sometimes a single statement can bring back plenty of memories of those who have echoed such concerns in the past. Having been around long enough, I can even recall an old car show where Model A owners had to take a back seat to Model T owners. Over the years, nearly every car has had it's place in the hot seat and been shunned by the wider car community, from 50s to 60s to 70s to 80s and beyond.

I recalled reading an editorial from nearly a decade earlier by Jim Sutherland, who voiced concerns over the onslaught of new sport trucks attending old car shows. In which he wrote: "What kind of twisted logic allows a post-millennium car or a brand new truck to qualify for a car show when some poor schmo who put thousands of unpaid hours into his '57 Ford has to park away from the show in a dusty parking lot?... I know I speak for every car owner in the free world when I ask for a hard-line adherence to the 25-year rule. In other words, bring that 2009 Mustang back in 2034. Until then, leave it in the dusty parking lot outside the show because you haven't paid any old car dues. You've simply taken on monthly payments for a soulless clone made out of 90 percent plastic. That hardly qualifies as earth-shaking (although the sound system might), and it leaves you outside the fence in the "real" old car world."

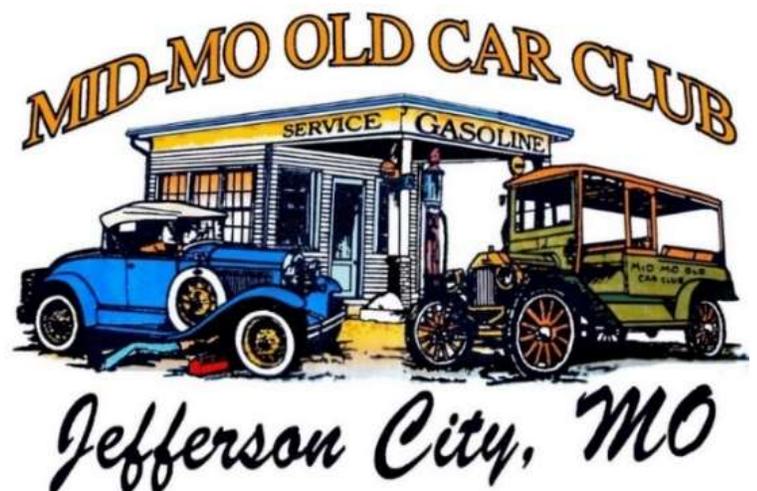
Although written over a decade ago I was surprised by the number in our group that would make these same claims today. As the conversation in our crusty group of car guys became more colorful as we discussed the merits of these newcomers to the hobby, leaving one old grey beard to remark, "Those guys in the new car world have car shows every day of the week... They're called new car dealerships". I smiled and reminded them it wasn't so long ago that many of them lamented the same sentiments in regards to Rat Rods, Sport Trucks, Tuners, or even obnoxiously loud audio systems.

As we discussed the merits of different cars, eras and fads the acknowledgment that **the youth car enthusiast will always find a way to participate in the car hobby**. While the path they choose may be different than our own, **if we do not support and encourage them our hobby will cease**. Then there will be no one left with an appreciation for our classic cars much less a willingness to buy them when we decide to let them go. We concluded our discussion vowing to go spend some time checking out what these young enthusiasts had done to personalize their rides, and gain a better understanding of the challenges they face. **Ultimately, there is a place in the hobby for everyone and there are still plenty of car events that are geared toward the 25-plus year old cars.**



2019 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 Connie and Mike Schaefer
Immediate Past President Nathan Fuller





Merry Christmas from Lyle, his 1951 Chevrolet, and Bandit (in the back seat).

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