



MMOCC Newsletter –

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That's Shocking!

I have a multi-meter, but not an electrical engineering degree. I would like to learn how to use a multi-meter for basic testing of bulbs, switches, and, specifically, the gas gauge and sending unit of a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair. I can YouTube it, but what is the fun in that? Fortunately, MMOCC's own Bob Brandt will give us a "Multi-Meter for Dummies" presentation at the January MMOCC meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 6pm at HyVee in Jefferson City. Join us for an electrifying evening! Bring your multi-meter along! I will do my best to ZOOM the meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87144847530?pwd=WklZ2Z2V6WWhLaG0rSDhpYXd6dExsZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 4484 7530

Passcode: 037224

Also shocking is that we canceled the New Year's Day Cruise... shocking, **because it was not because of COVID**, but because of bad weather. Fortunately, each stop has agreed to be a future stop and we might slip that trip in before next New Year's Day 2022.

Can you present to the Club in February? We need a topic.

MMOCC President Lyle Rosburg

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. \$20 for collared shirts. \$15 for t-shirts. \$10 for hats.



Automotive Accessories – Steer Warms

The heated steering wheel might seem like a modern day luxury item, but, being more exposed to the elements, there was an apparent need for that invention in the early days of our automotive history.

The adjoining picture shows a Ford Model “T” steering wheel electric hand warmer on display in the automotive section of the Patee House Museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri. The inventor, Reuben S. Smith, listed an address of Kansas City, Missouri when he applied for a patent on 14 March 1913. The patent for the laced-on electric warmer was granted on 19 January 1915.

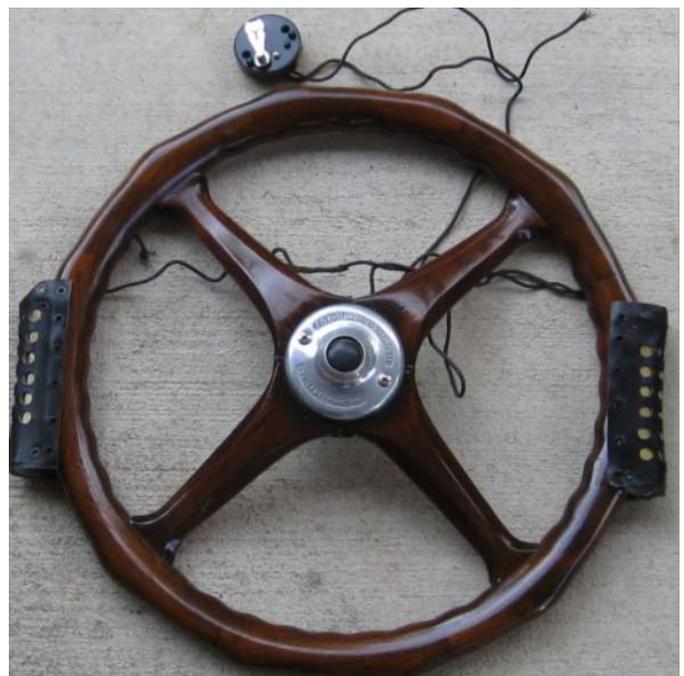


Reuben Sylvester Smith was born 16 April 1885 in Carthage, Panola County, Texas, located near the east-central Texas border with Louisiana. Throughout his life he also lived in the states of Oklahoma, Missouri and Louisiana. The U.S. Census indicates the following occupations: 1910 machinist at his own shop in Tillman, Oklahoma; 1920 retail merchant of auto accessories in Marshall, Texas; 1930 manager of an automobile company at Homer, Louisiana. While in Marshall he also owned the Smith Motor Company; Whippet Agency.

His 1913 invention included a switch/rheostat to control the current flowing to the two leather covered sections of resistive wire, mounted at points most convenient for the driver. Wire cords extending down the steering column to the magneto, and then in later models to the storage battery.

The battery could provide better current to properly warm the driver’s fingers as to have better control of the car. The heater was said to draw less current than a single headlight bulb.

Ford Steer Warms were manufactured by the Interstate Electric Company of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Ford Special sold for \$5.00 and the model for other makes was \$7.50.





Reuben Smith also had other related electric heated steering wheel patents dated 1912 to 1915, along with a 1909 patent for an electric hammer.

James Townes Casey of Longview, Texas was a friend of Reuben Smith. Casey was a lawyer and former district attorney in Marshall, Texas. On Friday 4 August 1933 he left his law office in Longview and traveled to Homer, Louisiana to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Smith to take them along on a business trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Reuben Smith at that time owned Smith Ford Agency in Homer. Mrs. Smith conducted a ready-to-wear establishment in Homer.

At 1:45 P.M. Casey was driving his Plymouth coupe on Highway 67 (also known as the Texarkana – Hot Springs Highway), about five miles south of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, along with the Smiths as passengers. They travelled at a high rate of speed rounding a curve and veered off onto the gravel shoulder, going out of control, leaving the roadway, overturning several times and hitting a telephone pole. Casey age 42, and the Smiths ages 48 and 42, were all thrown from the car and killed instantly suffering from severe head injuries.

Reuben Sylvester Smith and Abigail Stanton (Crawley) Smith are buried southeast of Marshall, Texas at the Crossroads Methodist

Cemetery.

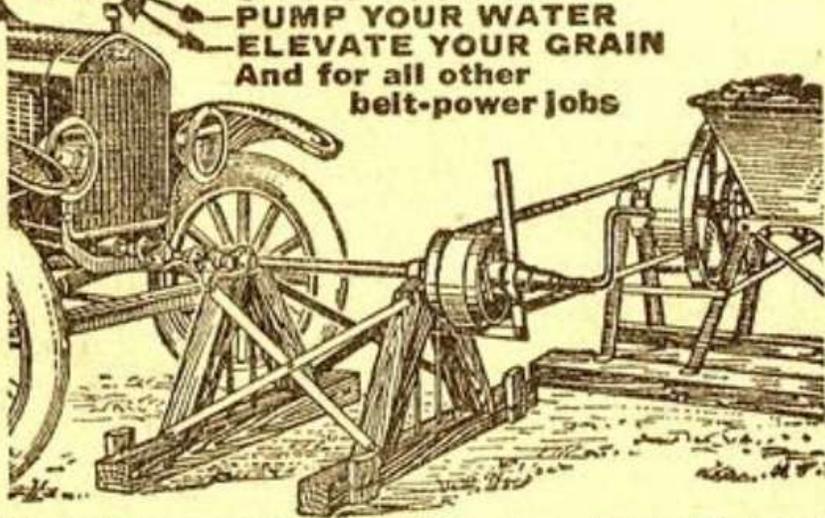
Submitted by MMOCC Member Craig Haugen – Lohman, Missouri



Use Your Ford

to

- SAW YOUR WOOD
 - GRIND YOUR FEED
 - FILL YOUR SILO
 - SHELL YOUR CORN
 - PUMP YOUR WATER
 - ELEVATE YOUR GRAIN
- And for all other belt-power jobs



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January 15, 1919 Jefferson City Post Tribune

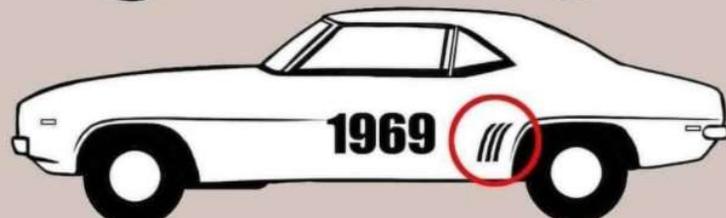
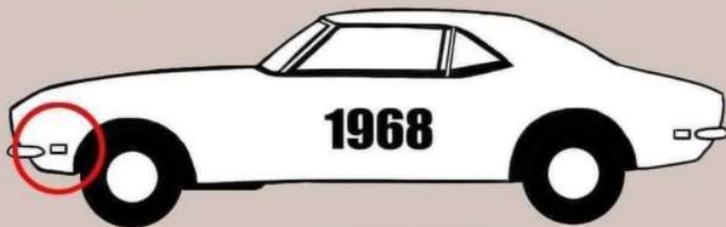
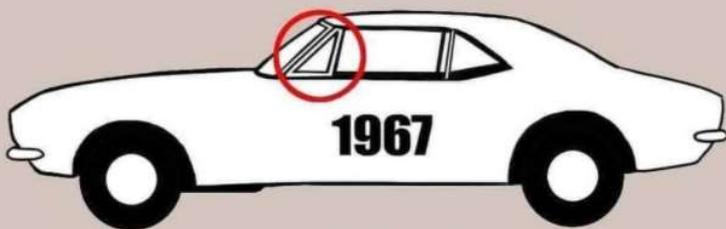
NEW FIRM.

The Osage and Cole County Overland Automobile Company Established.

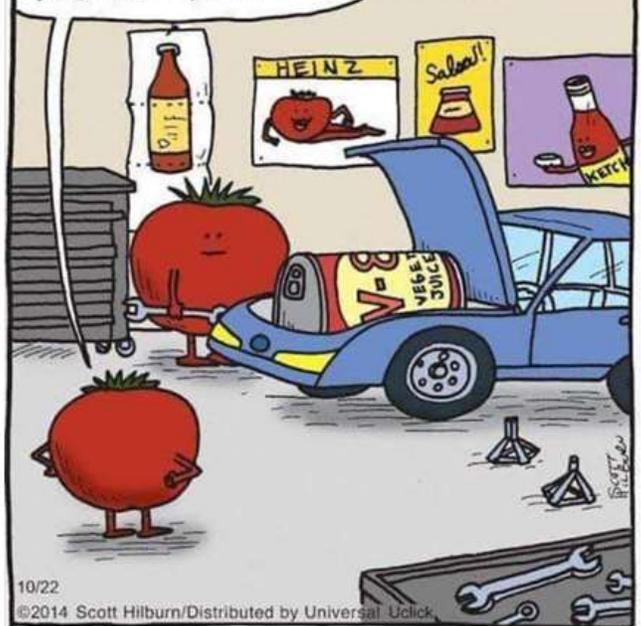
A new automobile firm, the Cole and Osage County Overland Automobile Company, has been established in this city. The proprietors are Chas. O. Muenks, of Osage Co., and Otto Dulle, proprietor of the Jefferson Auto Co. of this city. Their business will be operated from the firm of the latter.

The territory that this company will cover will be in the rural districts of Cole, Maries and Osage counties. No sales are to be made in Jefferson City, and other towns in their territory. Agents will be sent through these counties to sell the automobiles.

YEAR IDENTIFICATION OF FIRST GENERATION CAMAROS



SWEET RIDE. WHAT KINDA ENGINE YOU GOT IN IT?



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Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. January MMOCC Meeting.

Also via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87144847530?pwd=WklZZ2V6WXhLaG0rSDhpYXd6dExsZz09>
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- Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6pm.
- HyVee (JC) Community Room (upstairs).
- Get your meal and come on up!

B. February MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6pm
- HyVee (JC) Community Room (upstairs).
- Get your meal and come on up!

C. St. Patrick's Parade.

- Saturday, March 13 lining up around 1:30 with parade starting at 2pm.
- Meeting, starting, and returning at Patty Malones at 700 West Main Street / JCMO.
- Downtown Jefferson City route (the parade, itself, is small, with about 500 feet of participants), but it brings a lot of smiles!

D. Bicknell Engines – Winter/Spring Trip – Rolla.

- Date to be determined during the Winter/Spring of 2021.
- MMOCC Member Bill Bicknell (970-218-1352) invites us back to Rolla.
- Caravan leaves Gerbes on Eastland at 9am.
- Arrive about 10am at 410 North Elm Street / Rolla.

E. USS Aries Road Trip.

- A weekend day in (now) May/June/July (depending on the water level). Date TBD.
- Leaving from Gerbes on Eastland.
- Tour of the USS Aries in Gasconade, Missouri (confluence of the Gasconade and Missouri Rivers).
- Restored Hydrofoil Guided Missile Gunboat.
- Pack your own lunch and beverages. Arranging for a port-a-potty.
- <https://www.ussaries.org/>

F. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 1 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. THE GREAT RACE visits Rolla (COVID postponed from 2020).

- June 22, 2021 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 2021.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Larry Rhea.

H. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

- Argyle, Missouri.
- Saturday, August 7 at 11am.

I. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.

- Downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 18. 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).

J. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 52nd annual.
- Saturday, September 25.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

K. 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.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Richard Heidbreder (573-690-1826).

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

- Cole R-V High School in Eugene.
- Saturday, November ?? from 9am to 2pm. Registration ends 11am.
- \$15 pre-registration. \$20 day of.

M. ETET (Eddie Tremain Ethanol Tour).

- Date to be determined, but has to be a weekday. 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 Ladonia at 10ish for a 90 minute tour.
- Lunch at Hobo Bar and Grill at 106 Chestnut in Laddonia.

N. Tim Petty’s Drive In Theater.

- Date to be determined.
- Drive in Theater at the Petty Estate.

- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Tim Petty (573-694-2977).

O. State Technical College of Missouri (Linn) Tour.

- Auto Section was included with the Poker Chip Run East on 10/10/2020, but much more to see at State Tech! More tours to be scheduled. Dates to be determined.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Rick Mihalevich (573-690-3545).

P. JC Schools Nichols Career Center Tour.

- Date to be determined.
- Nichols CC contact name received.

Q. Old School Drive In Theater.

- Spring/Summer 2021. 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>

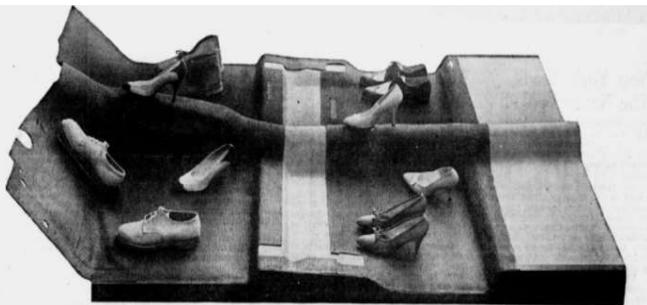
R. NO November or December Meetings.

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

S. 2022 New Year's Day Garage Tour.

- Saturday, January 1, 2022.
- Lunch and Garage Tours.
- Need YOUR GARAGE as a destination.
- Contact Dennis Smith at 573-680-2505.

New project or progress on a project? Share it with the Club with photos and a story. Email to Lyle at Irosburg@hotmail.com.



which floor belongs to Corvair?



the one that remembers people have feet!

"Hey," said our Corvair engineers (bless 'em), "people who sit in the *middle* seat have feet, too!" So they put Corvair's engine-transmission package in the rear (only U.S. compact built that way) and presto! a practically flat floor, front and rear.



Drop in at your dealer's and try Corvair's middle seat. Then slide behind the wheel and pretend that Corvair is yours. Soon will be, we think.



See your local authorized Chevrolet dealer for economical transportation



First Presidential Car: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.

CORVAIRS IN THE CLUB

From MMOCC Member Bill Bicknell:

This weekend we purchased a 1965 Corvair convertible. It is intended to be for Ina to drive, but maybe she will give me some time behind the wheel too. The car has been in storage in Indiana for several years and came from North or South Carolina. It appears to be rust free, but needs a little TLC as it hasn't been run in a couple of years. I hope to have it running in a couple of weeks and to start enjoying it this spring. It came with lots of spare parts, so if you need something for your car let me know. I have not inventoried the parts yet, so I don't know what is there.



1961 Chevrolet Corvair Monza
Steve Hall
Member since 2015

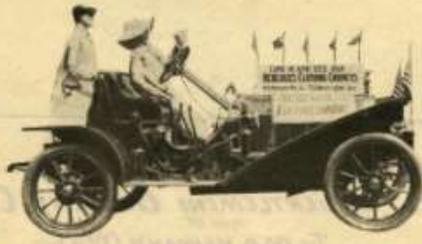


1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa
Steve Hall
Member since 2015



1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza
Lyle Rosburg
Member since 2005





Clipped from *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, August 19th, 1908

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A cry of horror went up from the people on the sidewalk who had seen the accident and who saw the young woman was lying on the street car track directly in front of a swiftly running car. Both victims of the accident lay perfectly still, and a man ran into a store and telephoned for an ambulance.

Meantime persons rushing in from all directions saw Heimann standing over the prostrate bodies laughing heartily. They rushed upon him with cries of anger. But they did not offer him violence when they saw that the blonde young woman was made of no more sensitive matter than wax, cotton and the requisite stuffing to give her form. Her feelings were not even hurt. The young man was of the same quality. The crowd helped Mr. Heimann load them into his automobile again and he resumed his trip.

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Salesroom 713 Washington Ave. Factories 13th and Rutger Sts.



January 6, 2021 BRUMLEY, Mo. — An historical engineering marvel and unique must-visit experience in the Lake of the Ozarks area was closed today. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) says the Brumley Auglaize Swinging Bridge is no longer safe for drivers, or even pedestrians.

SO GLAD MMOCC visited all three remaining swinging bridges in Miller County on May 23, 2020. See photos of that trip via 05/23/2020.

Commonly known as simply "the swinging bridge," the 500-foot-long structure was built in 1931 by bridge-builder Joseph Dice, who planned for it to last 60 years, according to Miller County Museum archives. But it is loved by many in the community and visitors for whom it is a popular sightseeing destination. Brave ones take a drive across, while others prefer to watch from non-swinging, solid ground.

Name this JC spot.

Buildings are gone and, I would imagine, most of the cars.



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