



MMOCC Newsletter –

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*Mid Mo Old Car Club
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NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to the club!

First, thank you all for the opportunity to be president again of this fine organization.

I don't remember the exact year I joined the club but being a member has been one of the best things I've been a part of.

Hanging out with likeminded automotive enthusiasts and seeing and learning about other members interests has kept me interested in my own vehicular endeavors over the years.

One of the best experiences was working with my Grandfather Vernon Towner as he restored his 1928 Model A Phaeton.

I was fortunate enough to know my Great Grandpa Bryan Parsons, my Grandpa J.L. Petty, and Grandpa Towner, who passed this last year and who I got to spend my working days with since 1993, going to church together, and working on and restoring his Model A.

Vern, as I often called him, had a longtime friend Dr. Stuart Exxon who many of you may have known, was who he purchased the project from. The two would often visit at Grandpa's workbench where he would tinker with answering machines or telephones that Doc Exxon would bring in for repair. I don't know how many times the two talked about how Dr. Exxon would sell Grandpa the old Model A to him. I finally said to them one day "why don't we just make a plan to get the car next week?"

And so, it started....



(Pictured: Vernon Towner, Mark Towner, Ryan Towner, Tim Petty)

We started on the project in 2007 when Grandpa was 82 years old. To say it was a basket case was putting it mildly.

Along the way I picked up a Model A frame and found a roadster pickup body and bed to put on it with leftover parts from his project he may or may not have been aware I used.

Between the two of us and numerous MMOCC club members, who shall remain anonymous, a few well earned dollars, Harrison's auto body, and lots of shop time, we finished the project.



I tell this story in hopes it provides encouragement, that no matter how old or young you are, owning, restoring, working on, or just enjoying old cars is a great way for us to all continue the long history of this club as caretakers of these fine automobiles so that they can be enjoyed for years to come.

I look forward to a great 2022 and spending time with the club as we keep rolling down the road. Sometimes the road is smooth and other times rough, but there is always lots to see and do along the way.



(Pictured are Mark Towner, Linda Petty, Jill Howell - children of Vernon and Lou Towner)

MMOCC President Tim Petty

January MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6pm.
- [Blu Taco at 125 City Plaza / Holts Summit.](#)
- *Show and Tell:* Restoration photos and a story to share about your car/cars or story of how you purchased the car or had it handed down or the significance or history of said vehicle.

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. **Contact JIM MARTIN at 573-864-4048.**

Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City, both ends...



One of the 11 Winners in the United States!



Left to Right: Ralph Smallwood, Ed. Cole, Mr. Waters

Mr. Waters says: "I am very happy to have been one of the eleven winners in the General Tire and Rubber Company's Football Forecast Contest for the games played on November 24.

I know I will most certainly enjoy the greater protection and longer mileage of General's Super Squeegies tires presented to me by Cole and Smallwood, General Tire distributors of Jefferson City."

COLE and SMALLWOOD

GENERAL TIRE DISTRIBUTOR

Highway 50 West

Jefferson City

Dial 6-6423

OPENING Lohman Garage

Lohman, Mo.

Monday, January 7, 1952

Auto & Tractor Work
Acetylene & Electric Welding
Satisfaction Guaranteed

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Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

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B. February MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6pm

C. St. Patrick's Parade.

- Saturday, March 12 lining up around 1:30pm with parade starting at 2pm.
- Meeting, starting, and returning at Paddy 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. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 7 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.



E. Lohman Cruise In.

- Monday, July 4 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.

F. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

- Argyle, Missouri.
- Saturday, August 6 at 11am.

G. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.

- Downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 17. 9-4.
- "Cars and More" Show (Cars, Tractors, etc.) and small-town Parade (optional).

H. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 53rd annual.
- Saturday, September 24.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

I. 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.

J. Bill Bicknell Engines in Rolla.

- MMOCC Member Bill Bicknell has invited us back to his shop in Rolla.
- 410 North Elm Street / Rolla.
- Date and time to be determined.

K. 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).

L. Old School Drive In Theater.

- Spring/Summer 2022. 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>

M. NO November or December Meetings.

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

N. 2023 New Year’s Day Garage Tour.

- Sunday, January 1, 2023.
- Lunch and Garage Tours.
- Need YOUR GARAGE as a destination.
- Contact Dennis Smith at 573-680-2505.

The Auto Ambulance

On display at the Patee House Museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri is an item marked Auto Ambulance. Although it is incorrectly labeled and is actually a Weaver Auto Twin Jack, both items are the invention of I.A. Weaver of Springfield, Illinois.

How the West was Won



Ira Adelbert Weaver (1871-1965) was born in Mitchellville, Iowa, just east of Des Moines. His mother Mary was born in Atchison County, Missouri in 1850. A few months prior to Mary’s birth, her father James Hayes took a wagon load of provisions to the gold miners in the state of California, most likely taking the

Overland Trail and what was ten years later to become the Pony Express Trail from Saint Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. After waiting twelve years for James to return from California, Mary’s mother married a prosperous farmer. Sometime after that, James appeared back in Mitchellville and asked some men in town about his family. Apparently satisfied, he took a westbound train back to California where he died sometime later in Sonoma County, which is California wine country.

First Things First

While residing in Des Moines, Iowa, Ira applied for a patent in 1898 for a combination lifting jack and wrench for working on wagon wheels. His first invention patent was granted in 1899.

The Edison of the Automotive Industry

I.A. Weaver moved to Springfield, Illinois and was the chief designer for the Sattley Manufacturing Company, producer of farm equipment. On his own time he developed a chuck for high-speed drills. He and his brother Gailard Evert (G.E.) Weaver (1883-1942) opened up a shop to manufacture chucks. Weaver Manufacturing incorporated in 1910 and later he later built a 130,000 square foot facility which in the 1930's employed about 400 people. For a time they were the world's largest manufacturer of automotive garage equipment.

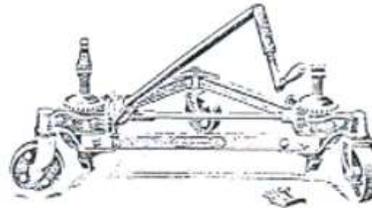
I.A. had over 100 patents to his name including those for farm implements, tire changers, automotive gauge testers, a military torpedo in 1917 and a government contract in the 1940's to produce lifts to hoist 2,000 pound bombs. In 1959 The Dura Corporation bought Weaver Manufacturing, which then sold to Walter Kidde Company in the 1960's and in 1973, closed the Springfield plant and moved operations to Paris, Kentucky. The reason believed to be so that they would not have to pay union wages. The Weaver Jack Corporation was located in Adrian, Michigan but was then acquired by Rotary Lift of Madison, Indiana.



RECOMMENDED FOR

HUDSON-ESSEX SERVICE STATIONS

Weaver Auto Twin-Jacks



THE Weaver Auto Twin Jacks are especially designed to facilitate handling dismantled as well as complete cars in the service station, garage, repair shop and wash room at a great saving of time and labor.

Enable Car To Be Manipulated in Small Space.

With a Jack under each axis, the car (even with all four wheels removed) can be pushed sideways, turned completely around within its own length or otherwise manipulated in a space no larger than the car itself occupies, since they are confined within the limits of the car. This is of great advantage in handling cars under crowded conditions in the service station and repair shop. As they can be used in any location in the garage, they are preferable to a turn table.

Absolutely Safe.

The dependable screw mechanism and broad wheel base afford an absolutely safe foundation for supporting the car, so that the mechanic will feel perfectly secure while at work, as illustrated in Cut No. 2.

Ball and Roller Bearings Facilitate Operation.

The caster sockets are equipped with ball bearings and the wheel hubs with roller bearings. The weight of the load rests on balls which operate between two hardened steel cases, as shown in Cut No. 3. This construction greatly facilitates the handling of heavy burdens.

Of Great Assistance in Unloading Cars.

The Auto Twin Jacks are especially adapted to unloading automobiles from

freight cars, as shown in Cut No. 4. The caster wheels enable the operator to shift the load in the desired direction with the least possible effort. And being confined within the limits of the car, these Jacks require a minimum amount of space for manipulation.

Especially Adapted for Use in Repair Shops, Wash Rooms, Etc.

The ability of the Weaver Auto Twin Jacks to handle cars with or without their wheels removed makes them of particular value in the repair shop, wash room, etc. where it is necessary to transport cars about the shop to take advantage of the best the shop to the proper equipment to enable repairs to be made or to take advantage of the best possible light.

Fit Front or Rear Axles.

Auto Twin Jacks will fit either front or rear axle. Extension blocks are supplied to reach unusually high axles. These are so designed as not to interfere with truss rods.

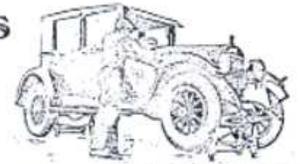
Rubber Tires Easy on Floors.

These Jacks can be had equipped with heavy rubber tires at a nominal additional cost.

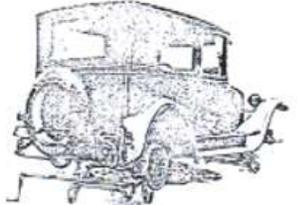
Construction.

The general construction of the Auto Twin Jacks is of high carbon steel and malleable iron to withstand hard usage.

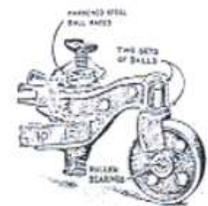
Lifting capacity, 6,000 lbs.
WA 12, regular, ship. wt., 100 lbs.
WA12, rubber tired, ship. wt., 100 lbs.



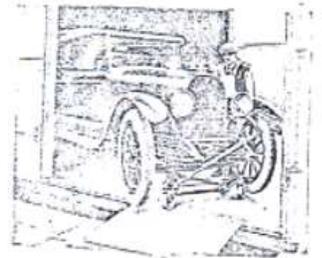
No. 1. Cars can easily be moved wherever desired in the garage.



No. 2. Mechanic can work under car supported by the Auto Twin Jacks with absolute safety.



No. 3. Full ball and roller bearing construction reduces friction.



No. 4. Handy to unload cars.

Twin Jack, \$29; Rub. Tired, \$36; U. S. East of and including Denver. For Western & Canadian Prices, Ask Your Jobber

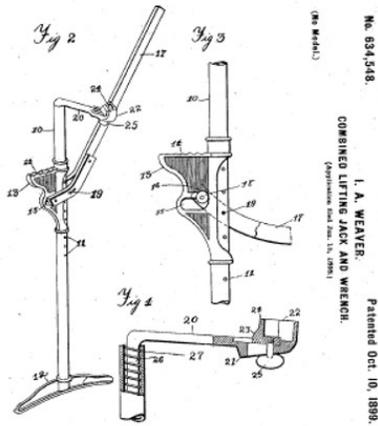
Gone but not Forgotten

Weaver Jack Corporation in Adrian, Michigan once manufactured safety equipment, alignment testers and their brake tester was once the most widely used tester in the world. Their large facility now appears abandoned, but they still have a handful of employees performing metal manufacturing in a small building at that site. The brake and alignment testers, built under the name of Weaver Safety Test Lane Division, are now manufactured under the company name of Castle Equipment Company of Braidwood, Illinois. Weaver also

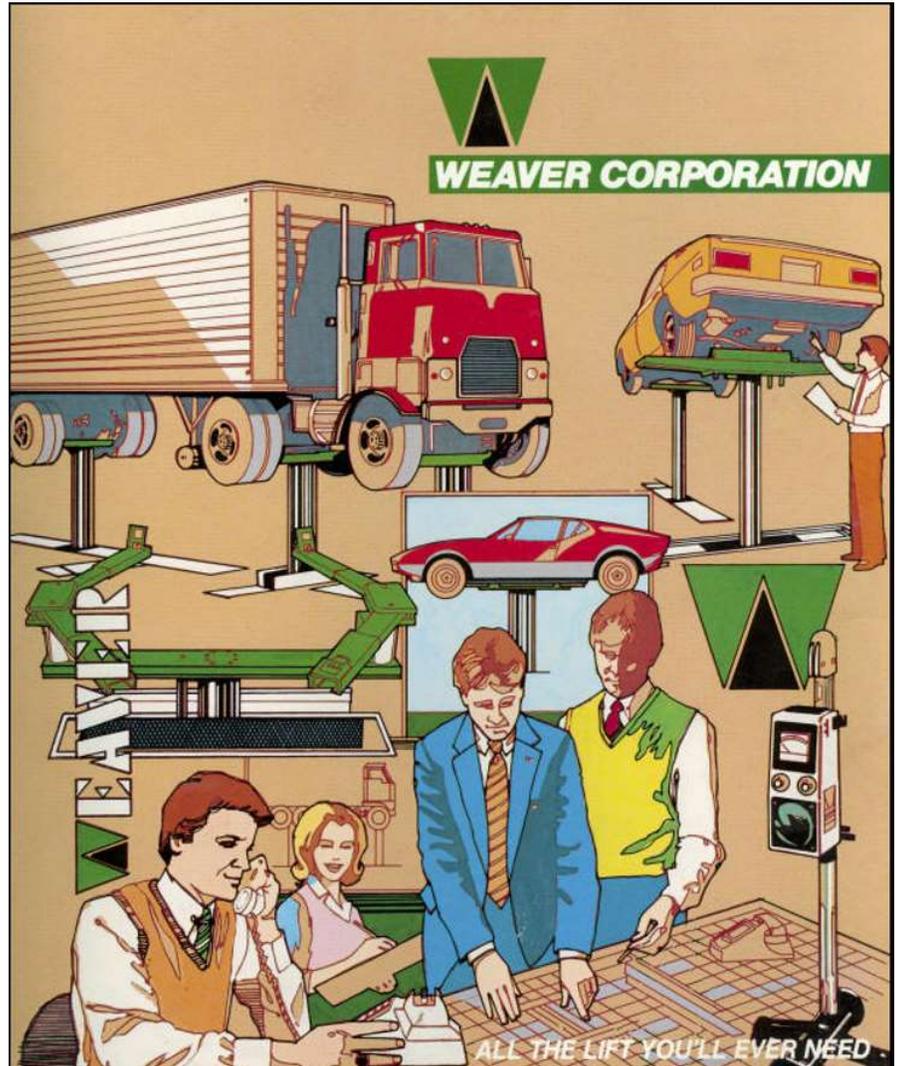
had manufacturing facilities in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, along with Bedford and London, England.

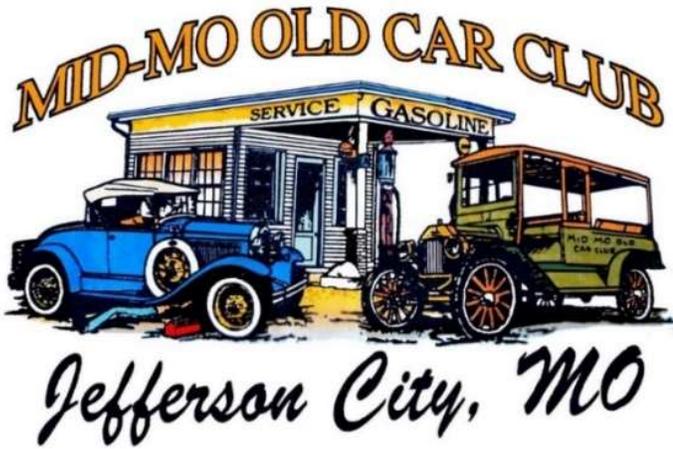
Weaver Lift Division was acquired by Rotary Lift of Madison, Indiana, which discontinued the Weaver name brand line in 1989. Aftermarket repair parts are still available and other companies are manufacturing Weaver-style lifts, based on the long proven dependable design.

Craig Haugen
MMOCC Member
Lohman, Missouri



No. 634,348.
I. A. WEAVER.
COMBINED LIFTING JACK AND WRENCH.
(Application filed June 15, 1898.)
Patented Oct. 10, 1899.
(See Model.)





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