



MMOCC Newsletter –

MAY 2021

*Mid Mo Old Car Club
PO Box 1594,
Jefferson City, MO 65102*

May 30, 1931 – 90 Years Ago – First Across the Dam

In 1912, Ralph Wood Street (1882-1953), a lawyer from Kansas City, had the first idea to build a hydroelectric dam on the Osage River. He was possibly inspired by a project during that same time period on the White River in southern Missouri which created Lake Taneycomo (Taney County Missouri) in 1913. In 1924, Street partnered with Walter Price Cravens (1882-1968), president of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank to fund the project, to bring hydroelectric power to Kansas City.

Cravens was charged, along with others, with misappropriations of funds in 1927. In 1928 he was convicted on eighty-eight counts of federal violations. His legal appeals went all the way to the United States Supreme Court along with a clemency appeal to President Roosevelt. He lost and in 1933 began a six year sentence at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas. Street took a job with Union Electric of Saint Louis, which completed the project to provide electricity to the Saint Louis area.

Construction of the dam started on August 6, 1929 with an average workforce at anytime of 4,600 and an average pay of 35 cents per hour. Over 20,000 workers constructed the dam, working twenty-four hours a day. The twenty foot wide highway slab across the top of the dam was



completed on January 31, 1931. The lake began filling on February 2, 1931. At the time it was the largest man-made lake in the United States with a surface area of 58,500 acres and 1,150 miles of shoreline.

Early to Rise

The official opening for traffic across the dam was set for 6:00 a.m. Saturday May 30, 1931 (Memorial Day). Oma Frances DeGraffenreid (1902-1990), her sister Noma Ann DeGraffenreid (1904-1989) and their



Oma Frances DeGraffenreid



Elta (Harper) DeGraffenreid (R)

sister-in-law Elta (Harper) DeGraffenreid (1899-1989) left the George Riley DeGraffenreid (1876-1939) home near the village of Bagnell at 4:00 a.m. George was the father of Noma and Oma. Because it was raining and due to the poor dirt road conditions, the five mile trip took an hour and they arrived at the west side of the dam, in their 1928 Chevrolet Coach, at 5:00 a.m. They waited in the pouring down rain until the road barrier was taken down and when the whistle blew at 6:00 a.m., they went speeding off. While crossing the 2,543 foot long dam they met four cars, which had started from the east end barrier area. The girls sped away and as they crossed the east end, they looked back and saw the other cars had not yet driven

past the west end, making them the first car to cross the dam after it officially opened to traffic.



Politically Correct Winner

There was a controversy as to who crossed first. The Eldon Advertiser newspaper stated that Mrs. J. T. Ritter, wife of the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation hospital superintendent, crossed it first in a new Auburn-Eight. Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation oversaw the construction of the dam. Mrs. Ritter was given the right-of-way to cross first because she “had a good many friends at the dam”.

Instant Sightseeing Destination

It was reported that 1,771 vehicles crossed the dam that first Saturday and 2,914 on Sunday. Many others parked and watched on both sides to first check the dam’s strength. The society sections of newspapers would report the names of people who took a day trip, or longer, to view and cross the dam, from as far away as surrounding states, as it was the largest body of water to see without having to travel to a coast.

The First Drowning

Just over a week later the first drowning at the lake occurred. On Sunday June 7, 1931, George William Haskell (born 1876) drown, as some newspapers reported, while bathing in the lake. Haskell was a steam-fitter or pipe-fitter and superintendent of the pipe division for the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, based near Boston, Massachusetts. He had worked at the dam site since the beginning of construction in 1929. Other newspapers and his death certificate tell a different story as his certificate states: "Drowned at Lake Ozark Forest Campground in 40 feet of water trying to swim the lake, as a feat of expert. Certainly shock to heart after a hearty breakfast and cold water. Congestion of stomach and heart blocked created from shock." His body was recovered with drag lines near the campground area located about fourteen miles below Warsaw. He had bragged he could swim from one side of the lake to the other. His body was taken to the Gillespie Funeral Home in Sedalia and was then shipped by Union Pacific Railroad to his home in Lutherville, Maryland. He was buried in Towson, Maryland near Baltimore.

Elta-Oma-Noma

The DeGraffenreids were descendants of Baron Christopher DeGraffenreid of Bern, Switzerland who founded New Bern, North Carolina (birthplace of Pepsi-Cola) in 1710. Their branch of the family moved to Miller County in the mid 1800's. Oma and Noma lived their lives in the local lake area. Elta's husband, Lloyd DeGraffenreid passed away in 1934. She remarried and passed away in Johnson County, Kansas but all three women are buried in the Conway Cemetery, Osage Beach. George Riley DeGraffenreid, father of Oma and Noma, was the original owner and builder of the famous White House in Lake Ozark, a hotel, café and dance venue. He was a road construction foreman during the building of the dam. The women's nephew, Tennyson DeGraffenreid worked thirty-three years for Union Electric and was operating foreman at the electric plant. In the past, the Oma Noma Heritage Festival has been celebrated at Lake Ozark including such things as a parade, outhouse race and old car caravan across the dam.

Submitted by MMOCC Member Craig Haugen, Lohman, Missouri

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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.

**How about
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Seymour
Motor Co

**Garage believed
to be firebombed**

A garage belonging to Albert Edwards in Russellville was completely destroyed early this morning by what law enforcement officers believe to have been a fire bomb.

The garage, five cars and one wrecker in the building were completely destroyed in the fire. A conservative estimate places damages at \$30,000.

Floyd Vaughn, who lives close to the garage, heard a crash near the garage around 2 a. m. and saw a car leave the area. It is believed the car was headed west on Route C.

Five departments from Russellville, California, Centertown and rural Jefferson City assisted in putting out the blaze.

Russellville City Marshal Charles Platter and Jesse Crocker, Cole County deputy, investigated the accident during the early morning hours.

June 16, 1970 – JC Post Tribune

A continuation of some topics from our April Meeting.



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- Car Show Chairs Tom and Karen Winters
- Immediate Past President Nathan Fuller

The stories behind car brand names - David Airey

- Alfa Romeo – the company was originally known as ALFA, an acronym for **A**nonima **L**ombarda **F**abbrica **A**utomobili. When Nicola Romeo bought ALFA in 1915, his surname was appended.
- Aston Martin – from the "Aston Hill" races (near Aston Clinton) where the company was founded, and the surname of Lionel Martin, the company's founder. Audi – Latin translation of the German name "Horch". The founder August Horch left the company after five years, but still wanted to manufacture cars. Since the original "Horch" company was still there, he called his new company Audi, the Latin form of his last name. In English it is "hark."
- BMW – **B**ayerische **M**otoren **W**erke (Bavarian Motor Works).
- Cadillac – named after the 18th century French explorer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe, sieur de Cadillac, founder of Detroit, Michigan. Cadillac is a small town in the South of France. The company, founded in 1902, was purchased by General Motors in 1909 and survives to this day as a GM brand.
- Chevrolet – named after company co-founder Louis Chevrolet, a Swiss-born auto racer. The company was merged into General Motors in 1917 and survives only as a brand name.
- Chrysler – named after the company founder, Walter P. Chrysler.
- Citroën – named after André-Gustave Citroën (1878–1935), a French entrepreneur of Dutch descent. He was the fifth and last child of the Dutch Jewish diamond merchant Levie Citroën and Mazra Kleinmann (of Warsaw, Poland).
- Daewoo – company founder Kim Woo Chong called it Daewoo which means "great house" or "great universe" in Korean.
- Datsun – first called **DAT**, from the initials of its financiers **D**en, **A**oyama, and **T**akeuchi. Soon changed to DATSON to imply a smaller version of their original car, then (as SON can mean "loss" in Japanese) again to DATSUN when they were acquired by Nissan.
- Ferrari – from the name of its founder, Enzo Ferrari.
- Fiat – acronym of **F**abbrica **I**taliana **A**utomobili **T**orino (Italian Automobile Factory of Turin).
- Ford Motor Company – named after its founder, Henry Ford, who introduced automobile mass production in 1914.
- Honda – from the name of its founder, Soichiro Honda.
- Hyundai – connotes the sense of "the present age" or "modernity" in Korean.
- Mercedes – from the first name of the daughter of Emil Jellinek, who distributed cars of the early Daimler company around 1900.
- Nissan – the company was earlier known by the name **Nippon Sangyo** which means "Japan Industries."
- Porsche – car company named after founder Ferdinand Porsche, an Austrian automotive engineer. The family name may have originated in the Czech name "Boreš" (boresh).

- Renault – named after the founder Louis Renault.
- Rolls-Royce – name used by Rolls-Royce plc and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, among others. In 1884 Frederick Henry Royce started an electrical and mechanical business, making his first car, a Royce, in 1904. He was introduced to Charles Stewart Rolls on 4 May that year. The pair entered into a partnership in which Royce would manufacture cars to be sold exclusively by Rolls, and the cars would be called Rolls-Royce.
- Saab – founded in 1937 in Sweden as **Svenska Aeroplan aktiebolaget** (Swedish Aeroplane Company); the last word is typically abbreviated as **AB**, hence Saab and Saab Automobile AB.
- Subaru – from the Japanese name for the constellation known to Westerners as Pleiades or the Seven Sisters. Subaru's parent company, Fuji Heavy Industries, was formed from a merger of six companies, and the constellation is featured on the company's logo.
- Toyota – from the name of the founder, Sakichi Toyoda. Initially called Toyoda, it was changed after a contest for a better-sounding name. The new name was written in katakana with eight strokes, a number that is considered lucky in Japan.
- Volkswagen – from the German for people's car. Ferdinand Porsche wanted to produce a car that was affordable for the masses – the Kraft-durch-Freude-Wagen (or "Strength-Through-Joy car," from a Nazi social organization) later became known, in English, as the Beetle.
- Volvo – which means "I roll" in Latin, from the infinitive form "volvere." It was originally a name for a ball bearing being developed by SKF.

AN EPIC EVENT!

During the recent Shelby-Fest in Jefferson City, MMOCC Members Dennis and Laura Even led a caravan of 70 Mustangs through the beautiful sites of Cole and Osage Counties visiting Taos, Wardsville, Osage Bend, St. Thomas, Meta, Freeburg, Westphalia, and more. Dennis and Laura not only led the parade, but started their own ruckus when their Mustang broke down on the way to Shelby-Fest only to be assisted by friends with tools, a Missouri State Trooper that located the needed part, and a Cole County Deputy to warn traffic about their “repair in progress”. *Dennis Even tells it better... so make him tell you the story!*

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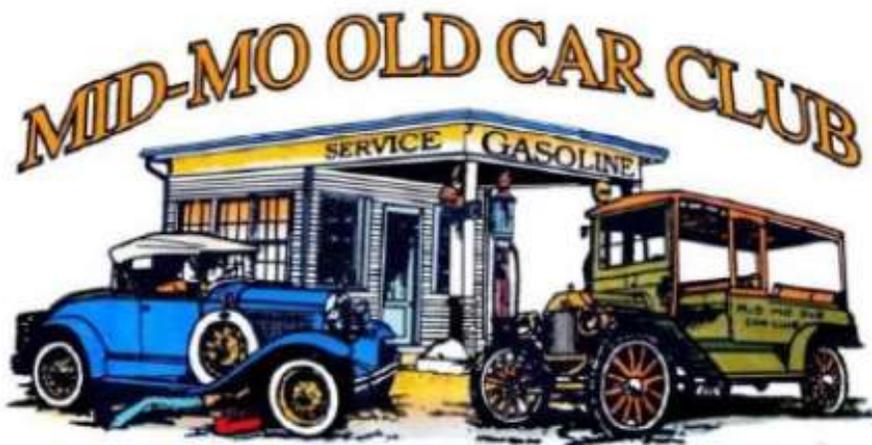
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Father of MMOCC Member Richard Foster



52nd ANNUAL OLD CAR ROUND UP AND SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

The Mid-Mo Old Car Club is hosting its annual round-up and show in conjunction with the Old Munichburg Association Oktoberfest.

Location: Intersection of Dunklin and Broadway Street, Jefferson City, MO
(enter via Broadway/Cedar Way, Broadway/Ashley, or Dunklin/Mulberry)

Cost: \$20.00 per vehicle (FREE ENTRY for Class 1 and Class 2!)

Registration: 8:00 am – 10:00 am (**NO** entry after 11:00 am)!
(dash plaque, goody bag, and door prize to the first 100 entries)

Judging: starts promptly at 10:00 am

(NOTE: MMOCC Members will be allowed to bring and display their car,
but they will **NOT** place or receive a trophy!)

For more information about the car show call Tom at (719) 660-9012.

SHOW IS FREE TO SPECTATORS!



Mid Mo

Old Car Club

<https://midmooldcar.club>

Stock Classes (up to 3 mods allowed):

- Class 1: Cars & Trucks: through 1931
- Class 2: Cars & Trucks: 1932 – 1945
- Class 3: Cars: 1946 – 1954
- Class 4: Cars: 1955 – 1957
- Class 5: Cars: 1958 – 1964
- Class 6: Cars: 1965 – 1967
- Class 7: Cars: 1968 – 1970
- Class 8: Cars: 1971 – 1980
- Class 9: Cars: 1981 – 1996
- Class 10: Trucks: 1946 – 1970
- Class 11: Trucks: 1971 – 1996
- Class 12: Corvettes: 1953 – 1996
- Class 13: Mustangs: 1964 – 1996

Open Classes (Stock or Modified):

- Class 14: German Make: through 1996
(it is the Oktoberfest after all!)
- Class 15: Other Foreign: through 1996
- Class 16: Young Adult: through 1996
owner is 25 years old or under!!

Modified Classes:

- Class 17: Cars: through 1960
- Class 18: Cars: 1961 – 1996
- Class 19: Trucks: through 1970
- Class 20: Trucks: 1971 – 1996
- Class 21: Rat Rod: through 1996

Awards:

Top 3: in each Class 1-20

Rat Rod: 1st Place only (Class 21)

Diamond in the Rough: 1st Place
only (Class 21 excluded)

People's Choice: 1st Place only
(chosen by exhibitors / spectators)

Best of Show - Stock: highest
overall score out of Classes 1-16
(only stock vehicles considered from
Classes 14-16)

Best of Show - Modified: highest
overall score out of Classes 14-21
(only modified vehicles considered
from Classes 14-16)

MMOCC and OMA are not
responsible for losses,
damages, or injuries while at
this show.

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. Freeburg Cruise In.

- Friday, May 21 at 5pm (or earlier to get a good spot).
- The church parking lot in Freeburg.

B. Auto World Museum.

- Sunday, May 23, 2021 with caravan leaving the North Jefferson City Commuter Lot at noon.
- Arrive at Auto World Museum about 12:30pm at 200 Peacock Drive / Fulton visible from Hwy 54. \$8 admission.
- Lunch at the Museum from Mojo's for \$9.50 – Chicken or Brisket. **BRING YOUR OWN DRINK.**
- Rain or shine but, if you can, drive your old car or carpool with an old car driver. Meet up with us when you can.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Nathan Fuller.
- RSVP for food count to Nathan at 573-645-7088 or njfuller57@yahoo.com.

C. May MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6pm
- BLOW YOUR HORN... bring a car with a horn or a horn without a car and we will check them out and hook them to a battery. Horn not working? Bring that car and let's trouble shoot.
- Location: Jim Martin's garage in at Route T and 2nd Street in Elston.
- Buy your meal and or ice cream at the Taste-T-Stop in Elston.
- Bring a chair and sit a spell!

D. Capital Mall Cruise Night.

- Last Saturday of each month, April to September.
- May 29, 2021.

E. 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.

**SONIC SUMMER NIGHTS
2021 SCHEDULE**

APRIL 18TH - DARRELL BIAS MEMORIAL CRUISE
MAY 15TH
JULY 17TH
SEPTEMBER 18TH - END OF YEAR BASH

JUNE 19TH
AUGUST 21ST

Versailles, Missouri SONIC Drive In...

MMOCC Member Doug Stephens invites you to caravan with him to:
Hot summer night at the dam
May 14, June 11, Aug 13, and Sept 10, meeting at Schultes about 2:30 Friday and leaving at 3:00.

Doug Stephens
at dawg2847@hotmail.com
and 573-632-2895.

F. Poker Chip Run.

- Larry Rhea has done it again!
- Saturday, June 12.
- Arrive at the Capital Mall at 8:30am. Caravan Departs at 9:00am.
- Heading northwest, but mileage, route, and details to follow.
- Coordinated by MMOCC Member Larry Rhea at 573-606-9266.

G. Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Fathers Day Poker Run.

- Saturday, June 19, 2021.
- Registration at 9am at Deutches Heims at 87 Hwy CC in Linn (across from Missouri State Tech).
- Stops in Chamois, Linn, Loose Creek, Argyle, and ends at Westphalia Pizza no later than 3pm.
- \$10 per hand.
- For info, contact Tom at 573-644-4478.

H. THE GREAT RACE visits Rolla (COVID postponed from 2020).

- June 22, 2021 at noonish.
- The Great Race has a lunch stop in Rolla. East Fifth Street at 11:45am.
- 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 at 573-606-9266.

I. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

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

J. 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).

K. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

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

L. Bicknell Engines –Spring Trip – Rolla.

- Date to be determined.
- 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.

M. USS Aries Road Trip.

- A weekend day. 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/>

N. 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).

O. 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.

P. 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 Ladonna at 10ish for a 90 minute tour.
- Lunch at Hobo Bar and Grill at 106 Chestnut in Laddonia.

Q. 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).

R. 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).

S. 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>

T. NO November or December Meetings.

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

U. MMOCC Holiday Party 2021.

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6pm.
- American Legion / Tanner Bridge / JCMO.
- Bring a gift for your gender for the “Rob Your Neighbor” Gift Exchange.

V. 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.

