



MMOCC Newsletter –

MAY 2023

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In 1962, Ford made a daring end run around the NASCAR rulebook, and it worked---but for only one race. An obscure but fascinating story!



Lyle's note: When NASCAR Stock Cars were really "Stock Cars". Not anymore.

As the 1962 NASCAR Grand National Series got under way, the Ford teams were soon faced with a significant problem, and it's evident in the two photos just above. For '62, Ford dropped the sleek Starliner hardtop body style of '60-61 (top) and adopted a squared-off, formal look (just below) for the Galaxie. Ford called it "Distinguished Hardtop Styling," but in NASCAR lore it became known as the Boxtop.

Drivers reported that with the boxy, Thunderbird-style greenhouse, the Galaxie no longer handled properly in traffic, while Holman Moody, Ford's official factory race shop, estimated that the new roofline cost 3 mph or more on the big tracks. Clearly, something had to be done. There was added pressure from Dearborn. Henry Ford II declared that spring that the AMA's



1957 racing ban had “come to have neither purpose nor effect,” so now the carmaker was totally committed to motorsports. And naturally, results were expected.

Exactly who came up with a workaround for this apparently unsolvable problem is no longer clear, but it was a peach. A lift-off fiberglass top for the Galaxie Sunliner convertible was quickly engineered with a sleek, slippery profile much like the '60-'61 Starliner. The aerodynamic bolt-on top was given the name Starlift, as Ford hoped to sell it to NASCAR by representing it as a factory-authorized dealer accessory.

Unfortunately, the execution wasn't very convincing. For one thing, the rear passenger glass on each side didn't come close to fitting the sloping C-pillar, requiring a pair of tacked-on plastic fillers to close the gap. The officials weren't buying it, and as chief inspector Norris Friel huddled with NASCAR boss Big Bill France—long story short—the Starlift roof was outlawed.

But since five Starlift-equipped Fords had already qualified for a rained-out event at Atlanta before the ban, they were allowed to start the make-up event on June 10. And there, driving a Holman Moody Ford, Fred Lorenzen scored a victory for the Starlift the one and only time it ever raced in NASCAR competition.

Ford collected a meager five wins in 1962, a year dominated by Pontiac. The company's aero troubles would be solved the following year with the '63 1/2 Galaxie Sports Hardtop.

The Starlift did run one more time—at Bonneville in October of '62, where Holman Moody and Lorenzen brought the Atlanta winner, now equipped with an experimental FE-based 483 cubic-inch V8 built by Ford engineering. There, the big Ford was clocked at 182.19 mph and averaged 163.91 mph for 500 miles, setting a slew of international speed records.

IMPRESSIVE!

Located just south of Route C on Route D in Cole County.

L-o-n-g burnout.

How many miles were worn off those tires?

Not too far from Donald Weber's stomping grounds... coincidence?







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A 1932 American Bantam that was used for ferry service over the Pudding River in Oregon. The operator removed the tires and placed rubber bands on the rims for traction. Three cables were strung, two for the wheels and the third attached through the top of the car for stability. It was said that one gallon of gas was enough for 1500 trips across the 120 foot span.



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From a post I posted 4 years ago today. While visiting with Dale Inman yesterday I found out a little fact that I was not aware of. These STP decals that started showing up on the fenders over the wheel well area of the car in 1974 were not placed there as decoration. They actually served a purpose. Dale informed me that they would set the body of the car so low that the front tires would rub the top of the fender well which would bow the top of the fender up causing all the paint to crack and chip away in that area. They would just place an STP decal in that location of the car to cover up the chipped up paint. Just a little fact that a Petty history geek such as myself found interesting. Little information like this is invaluable because once Dale and The King are gone so is this kind of info.



The longer you look, the worse it gets.....



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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Columbia Auto Auction

ClassicSpecialty Vehicle Auction

Thursday June 1, 2023 at 12pm

5950 S. Rolling Hills Rd. Columbia, MO 65202

Open To The Public

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC TO BID, DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION IS MAY 15, 2023**

NO ENTRY FEE & NO FEE IF VEHICLE DOES NOT SELL!

For Info Call Keith 573-219-1222 or Al 573-356-3078

****Regular Thursday Dealer Auction at 10AM****

****Pre And Post Sale Drawings With Lunch Provided For Dealers****

Dealers Call 573-443-2428 For Consigning To The Weekly Dealer Sale

Food Vendors will be on site

MAY 25 MMOCC MEETING

HyVee community room May 25 at 6pm with room available at 5pm. Get your meal and come on up!

Topic: IRWIPI 2023 It Ran When I Parked It

Tips from members for resurrecting a vehicle that has been sitting for some time. Plan to learn and prepare to share!

Did Great Aunt Agnes leave you her beloved pink Nash Rambler in her last will and testament? Will that Mustang you found in the barn in Cole Camp that has been sitting since 1982 ever run again? Did you decide the Road Runner needs to move under its own power since before 2020? Did the dog mark his territory or is that brake fluid under the Stingray's right front tire?

Don't miss this opportunity to hear what the minds of the car club have to offer when it comes to firing up that beloved antique automobile!

"The movers are here."

Beyond the tetanus shot. Initial Evaluation and clean up.

- The puddle on the floor 101. Checking fluids--coolant--oil.
- Was that a wasp sting or do I have a bad ground somewhere? Battery-spark-timing.
- Has anyone seen my fire extinguisher? Carburetion-air-fuel.
- It runs! Let's go for a spin! But wait... I seem to be forgetting something... what could go wrong? Brakes-steering-chassis.



Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend

A. Jim Logan's "Another Warehouse Party".

- Sunday, May 21 starting at 1pm.
- 120 West Tanner Way / JCMO.
- Park in the Central Church side lot.

B. May MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, May 25 at 6pm.
- HyVee Community Room (upstairs). Room available at 5pm. Get your meal and come on up.
- IRWIPI – It Ran When I Parked It.
- Tips from members for resurrecting a vehicle that has been sitting for some time.

C. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

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

D. 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.

E. Locost 7 Cruise.

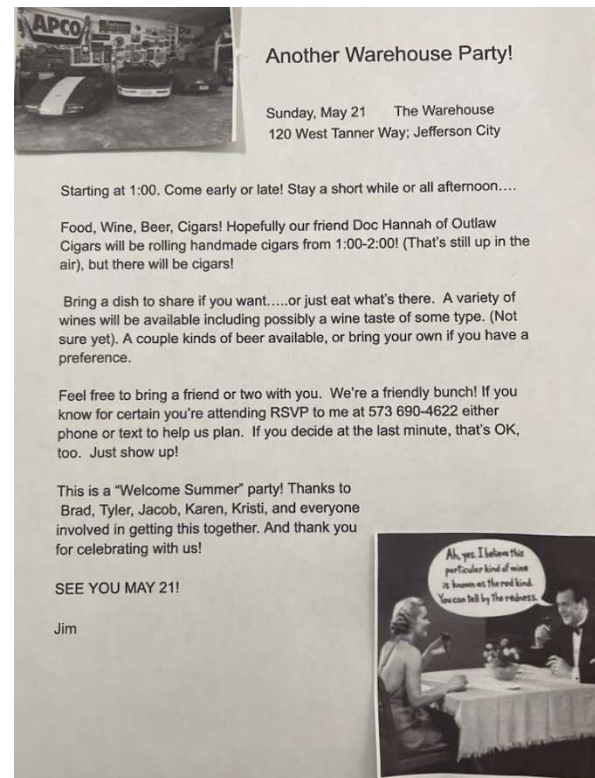
- Based out of Jefferson City. June 8-10.
- Contact MMOCC Member Chris Reinke at 573-821-9147 or cmreinke882@gmail.com for a detailed schedule and cruise routes.

F. Loose Creek Parish Picnic with Car and Tractor Parade and Show.

- Sunday, June 11 – 1 hour Car and Tractor Drive 12:30pm and Parade at 2pm followed by show.
- Organized by Ralph Schaefer at 573-418-7608.
- Loose Creek Community Club – 173 County Road 403.

G. Primrose Father's Day Cruise In.

- Sunday, June 18 from 10-noon.
- Primrose Retirement Community / 1214 Freedom Blvd / JCMO.



Another Warehouse Party!

Sunday, May 21 The Warehouse
120 West Tanner Way; Jefferson City

Starting at 1:00. Come early or late! Stay a short while or all afternoon....

Food, Wine, Beer, Cigars! Hopefully our friend Doc Hannah of Outlaw Cigars will be rolling handmade cigars from 1:00-2:00! (That's still up in the air), but there will be cigars!

Bring a dish to share if you want....or just eat what's there. A variety of wines will be available including possibly a wine taste of some type. (Not sure yet). A couple kinds of beer available, or bring your own if you have a preference.

Feel free to bring a friend or two with you. We're a friendly bunch! If you know for certain you're attending RSVP to me at 573 690-4622 either phone or text to help us plan. If you decide at the last minute, that's OK, too. Just show up!

This is a "Welcome Summer" party! Thanks to Brad, Tyler, Jacob, Karen, Kristi, and everyone involved in getting this together. And thank you for celebrating with us!

SEE YOU MAY 21!

Jim

Al, yes. I believe this particular kind of man is known as the red kind. You can tell by the redness.



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

- Residents will visit and talk about their automotive memories. Pinewood Derby planned.
- Organized by Brandon McIntire at 573-634-5408.

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 near the Capitol.
- 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. Old Cars at the Capitol for “Grease”!

- Friday, August 4 from 6:30-8:30pm.
- JC Parks hosting the movie “Grease” on the Capitol Lawn at 8:30pm.
- Show off your old car on the Media Lot (between the Capitol and the Supreme Court Building) before the movie. Bring your car and your lawn chair.
- Stay for the movie or head home before dark.

K. Argyle Knights of Columbus Car Show.

- Argyle, Missouri.
- Saturday, August 5 at 11am.

L. Ozark Ham and Turkey Festival.

- Downtown California, Missouri.
- Saturday, September 16. 9-4.
- “Cars and More” Show (Cars, Tractors, etc.) at the Fairgrounds and small-town Parade (optional).

M. All Ford Powered Car Show.

- Sunday, September 17. Registration 9am to noon. Judging noon to 1pm.
- Capital Mall / JCMO.

N. 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.

O. 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.

P. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 54th annual.

- Saturday, September 30.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

Q. No November or December MMOCC Meeting.

R. 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.

Officers:

President Tim Petty
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