



MMOCC Newsletter –

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I'm writing this the day after our club's trip to Cuba.....Missouri. I had a friend at work ask me if we were going to the better known Cuba. It was a fun trip. I had never been to a re-chroming business, so it was educational for me. Apparently the shine you see comes from the nickel, the chrome itself is more of a "clearcoat". I'm glad mom and pop businesses like that still exist.



Afterward we ate at a restaurant on Rt 66 called Missouri Hick BBQ. It's right beside the Wagon Wheel Motel that's been there since the 40's. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

This month we will set up a car show committee during our business meeting at Hy Vee. Remember, if you're absent, you might be a prime candidate for it. See you there!

CAR SHOW RELATED:

Accumulate your extra pistons and rods for this year's car show trophies.

Contributions and questions, contact Mike Schaefer at 573-645-7802.

THE "FEDORA" FACTOR

Back in the day of creating our classic cars, design stylists had to include the "Fedora Factor" when fashioning interiors of vehicles...including Corvairs. That's why there's so much head room in our air-cooled wonders.

Former GM Assistant Chief Designer and good friend, Paul Deesen, shared with me how they had to make sure there was enough height room in the interior to accommodate (mainly) men's hats, i.e. fedoras. Paul is credited for the facelift of the 1961 Corvair, had design input on the 1962 Corvair, created a wheel cover for the 1961 Corvair and emblems on the early models, designed the side of the 1962 Monza GT concept car, and even owned a Corvair Monza coupe at one time. He noted that's why early Corvettes (which Paul also worked on) had higher roof lines because of the "Fedora Factor." Although the ladies also wore more hats back in those days; it was mainly the men's ability to have enough head room that designers were focused on. The average height of a man back in 1960 was around 5'8" tall.

Fedora hats were popular from the 1920's into the mid 1950's but fashions began to change into the 1960's. Designs for Corvairs were created starting from the early 1950's until the mid 1960's. Nowadays, forget the fedora factor; you have to sometimes duck just to get your head inside because some modern cars are made so much lower. What goes around comes around? Interestingly, in recent years, the fedora hat has made a come made in fashion. Will designers have to consider a "Fedora Factor" in newer vehicles? Who knows?



One thing I have noticed in later years (after Corvairs were already made) is noticing some guys who don't have enough "leg room" in their Corvair. Average height for men grew from 5'8" in the 1960's to 5'10" in later years. Those particular guys had to put "seat extenders/relocation brackets" in their Corvairs to move factory seats further back.

Next time you sit in your Corvair or go to a classic car show, think about "The Fedora Factor." How times have changed... When I see these old photos of guys in fedora hats (and trench coats), they look like FBI or CIA agents, don't they?

Eva "Corvair Lady" McGuire, Corvair Historian/Creator,



One of two vehicles received from the National Highway Safety Act. Seen is a 1971 Buick, equipped with an elevated traffic and warning bar. Photo courtesy: JCPD

JCPD History by MMOCC Member Craig Haugen: The JCPD Traffic Division Cars were 222 and 223 (223 seen above, see plate).

Friend Jack Renick, as a youth, worked at Robo Car Wash and, after a wash, would have to park the car on a nearby hill to get the water to drain out of “the box”. The building is the former Carmelite Nuns’ house east of St. Joseph Cathedral.

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In 1958, Missouri State Patrol experimented with 1958 Dodge 2-door hardtop Patrol Cars.



THE NATIONAL ROAD

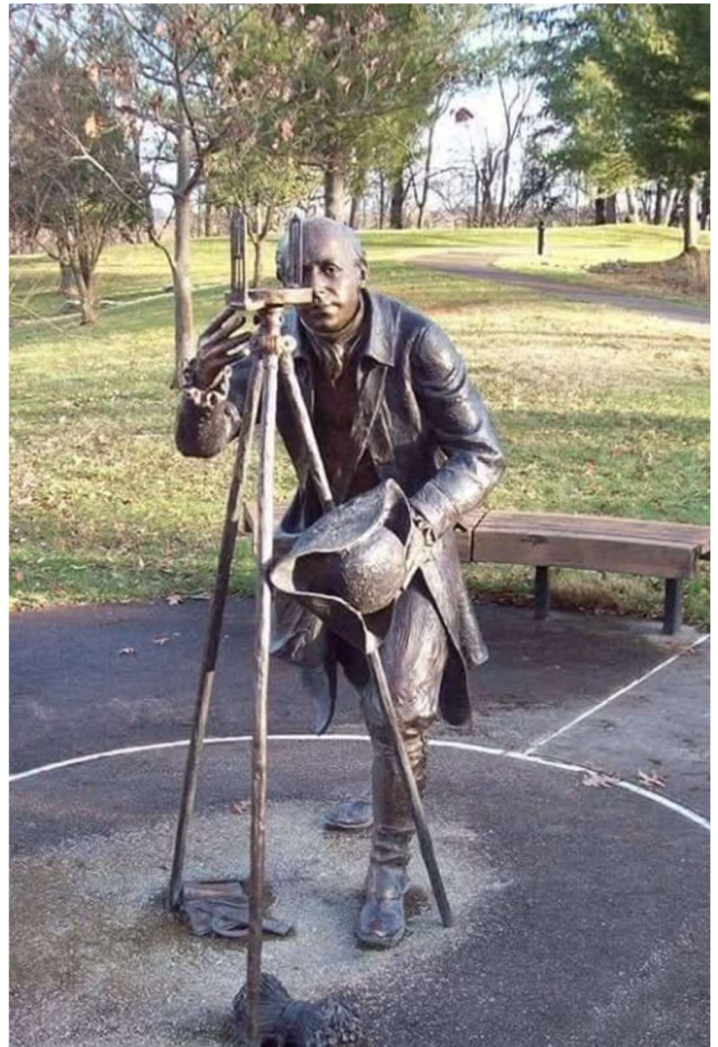
It was recognized by George Washington that the new nation needed a reliable roadway for farmers and traders to move their goods, and for settlers to move west. Most of the roads west were “rough” to say the least. In 1784, when Washington traveled to the west to get a better understanding of what the new nation was asking for, he met a young surveyor, Albert Gallatin, who had ideas about possible routes that would work.

Eighteen years later, as Thomas Jefferson's Treasury Secretary, ALBERT GALLATIN, was a primary advocate for THE NATIONAL ROAD. IN 1806, Congress authorized the funding for what would become the nation's first federally funded interstate highway. President Thomas Jefferson signed the Act into law. Construction began in the spring of 1811 and headed west from the town of Cumberland, in western Maryland. In its beginning, The National Road, was also called the Cumberland Road.

As you can imagine, construction of a wide road, with a strong, smooth foundation was not easy. The National Road construction slowly continued westward and eventually reached Vandalia, Illinois, in 1839. However, as railways then seemed a possibility... the funding for the National Road was not renewed.

By the mid 1800s, fewer and fewer used the National Road because railroad travel was much faster. But when the automobile arrived in the early 20th century, the route of the National Road became popular again. The first federal highway, The National Road, became the route for a portion of US Route 40. It is still possible to travel portions of the National Road today.

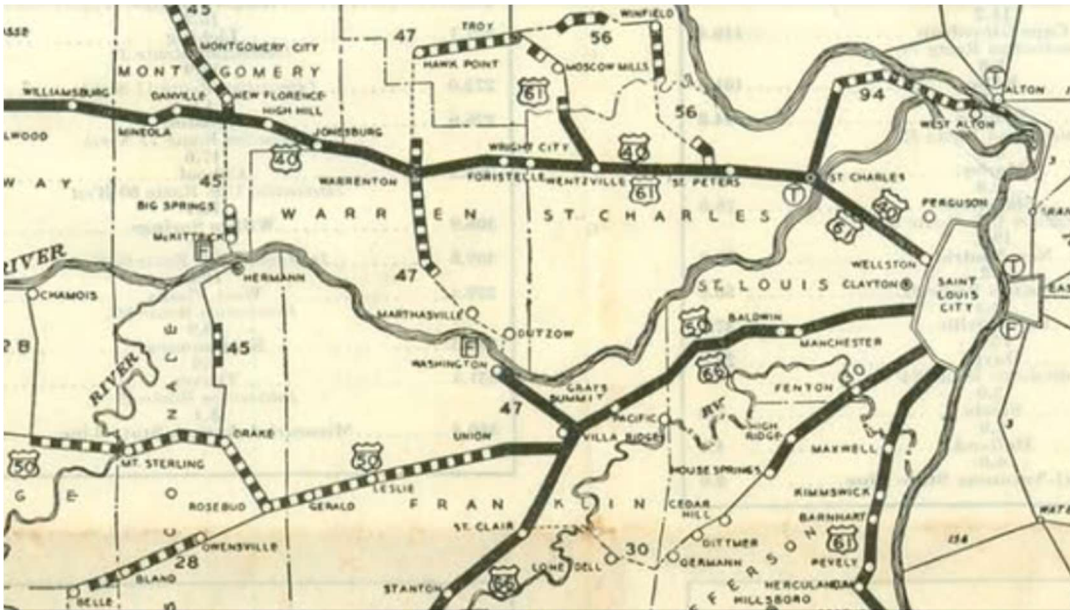
Pictured is a statue of Albert Gallatin located at “Friendship Hill” which was his home in Pennsylvania.



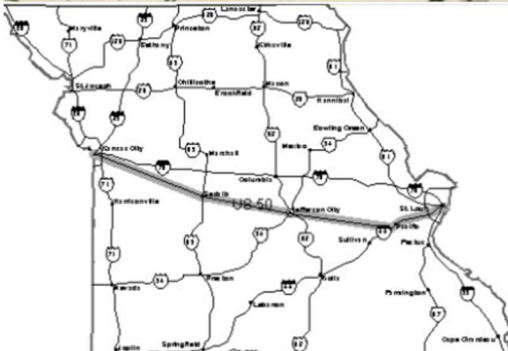
MISSOURI'S OLD STATE ROAD 12

January 25, 1835, state officials of Missouri began planning for the design of an improved road between St. Louis and Jefferson City. They could not have known its historical significance as a notable link and extension of the “old State Route 12” (which included most of what was then called the Manchester Road corridor west of St. Louis). Known for its early significance as a farm-to-market trail, it was known to also be the likely trail used by native Americans and stagecoach routes headed west. It would end up linking old to new as U.S. Highway 50 and a significant part of U.S. Route 66.

The legislature ordered the road laid out to link St. Louis with Jefferson City, by way of Union (Franklin County) and Mt. Sterling. The site of Mt. Sterling being significant as it would there require a bridge spanning the majestic Gasconade river. It was sometimes called “Jefferson Road,” or Bonhomme Road, and extended from what was already called Market Street, and following Manchester Road in St. Louis to Jefferson City.



With the creation of the U.S. Highway system in November of 1926, Missouri chose to renumber all state routes. This meant Route 12 would become Route 50. Moreover, Highway 50 already extended Manchester road and from St. Louis to near Union it also overlapped the famous Route 66 (now Interstate 44).



Highway 50 was a continental connector for 3,000 miles from Ocean City, Maryland to Sacramento, California. In Missouri still a critical link from St. Louis to Kansas City, via not only Jefferson City, but California, Tipton, Sedalia, Warrensburg and smaller towns in between.

First Map: 1928 Missouri State Map cropped to show Hwy 50 leaving St. Louis. Courtesy of the Missouri Department of Transportation- Missouri Highway Map Archive 1918-Present. <https://www.modot.org/missouri-highway-map-archive-1918...>

Map 2: Shows the route of Hwy 50 across the state of Missouri. Courtesy of <http://www.route50.com/missouri.htm>

Map 3: Shows the route of Hwy 50 across the United States from Maryland to San Francisco, CA. Courtesy of <http://www.route50.com/>

MMOCC SHIRTS:

Shirts available at future meetings and events. Contact Doug Stephens at 573-632-2895

Upcoming Events that MMOCC Plans to Attend:

A. February MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, February 26.
- HyVee-JC Community Room (upstairs). Room available at 5pm with meeting at 6pm. Grab your meal and eat together!
- MMOCC Member Tom Donnelly: “The Ford Legacy- Organizations, Museums, and Resources”
- Car Show Committee to be Established.

B. Bill Bicknell Engines in Rolla.

- MMOCC Member Bill Bicknell has invited us back to his shop in Rolla.
- 410 North Elm Street / Rolla.
- Saturday, February 28 (inclement weather backup March 7) leaving Gerbes off Eastland at 9am, arriving in Rolla about 10am.
- *Pizza Lunch brought in for \$5.* Bring your own beverage.
- Then a stop at the Mule Trading Post at 11160 Dillon Outer Road / Rolla 65101.



C. St. Patrick's Parade – Paddy Malones on West Main.

- Saturday, March 14 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, but it brings a lot of smiles!)

D. March MMOCC Meeting.

- Thursday, March 26.
- Annual Scholarship Auction. Bring donated items to auction off and cash to buy some bargains! (Baked goods have been a big hit in the past.) All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.
- Meal prior in California, Missouri.
- Auction at 7pm at Tom Winters' Kustum Signs shop at 507 E. Buchanan in California, Missouri.
 - Meal is at Robbie D's Bar & Grill (907 W. Buchanan St.) inside California Lanes (i.e. bowling center): arrive as early as 5pm. They are CASH ONLY, but there is an ATM inside (get extra cash for the auction while you're at it!).
 - Coming from Jefferson City on Hwy 50 you will take the 2nd California exit (i.e. Hwy 87) and turn right at the top of the exit ramp. Then turn left at the stop light onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately .6 miles where you'll find California Lanes on the left.

- You can enter through the main doors at the front of the building, but best to enter the doors on the east end of the building that go straight into the restaurant.
- They will have their All You Can Eat (AYCE) broasted chicken buffet that evening which comes with the salad bar, you can also order just the AYCE salad bar, or anything off their full menu.
- Auction is at Kustum Signs (507 E. Buchanan St.): arrive NLT 7pm
- Bring an item or items to auction and lots of cash or your checkbook to spend big!
- Bring a chair, but there is a small variety, in case you forget.
- If coming straight for Jefferson City on Hwy 50 (i.e. not joining us at Robbie D's) you will take the 1st California exit (i.e. California Drive) and turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Then turn left at the stop sign onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately 1 mile where you will find Kustum Signs on the left. Enter the lot at an angle to avoid dragging, as the entrances are pretty steep!
- If coming to the auction following the meal you will turn right onto Buchanan St. (aka Business 50) and go approximately .9 miles where you'll find Kustum Signs on the right. Enter the lot at an angle to avoid dragging as the entrances are pretty steep!
- Coordinated by Tom Winters (573-533-0419) if you get lost or need any additional information.

E. Holts Summit Pizza Hut Old Car Cruise In.

- First Saturday of each month from **April** to **October**. 4:30-8pm.

F. Missouri Moonshiners Street Rod Club Cruise In.

- Second Saturday of each month from **April** to **October**. 5-8pm.

G. Sonic Hot Summer Nights.

- Third Saturday of each month from **May** to **September** from 6-10
- Sonic in Versailles.

H. Capitol Cruise In (JC) East Capital at Madison.

- Last Saturday of each month from **March** to **September**. 5-9pm.

I. Monthly Capital Mall (JC) Cruise In.

- Last Saturday of each month from **April** to **September**. 3-7pm.
- Thriftway in Linn. Contact the Evens at 573-291-6209 if questions.

J. MMOCC Monthly Meetings.

- Fourth Thursday of Each Month at 6pm (except November and December).
- January, February, April, May, September, and October at the HyVee-JC Community Room (upstairs).
- Suggest a topic, present a topic, etc.

K. Nichols Career Center Car Show.

- Sunday, April 26 from 12-3pm.
- JCHS Adkins Stadium Parking Lot at 610 Union Street / JCMO.
- All proceeds benefit Nichols Career Center SkillsUSA Chapter.
- Lots of student cars and projects on display.

L. Sheriff's Barbeque Car Display.

- Old Car display at the annual Cole County Sheriff's Barbeque.
- Tuesday, June 2 serving from 4-7:00 pm. Arrive when you can. Leave when you want. Bring a chair. Contact Lyle at 573-291-7159 if questions.
- BBQ pork steak or chicken available.
- Old Car parking inside the Cole County Fairgrounds near the flagpole.

M. Cole County Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary.

- Saturday, June 20 with Classic Car Cruise in at 2pm.
- 13203 Railroad Avenue in downtown Russellville.



N. Hemmings Great Race Route 66 Lunch Stop Road Trip.

- Road trip! Sunday, June 21, 2026 12:00pm - 3:00pm.
- Carpooling from Schultes, leaving 10:00am.
- Waynesville Square at 301 Historic Route 66 / Waynesville, MO.

O. June MMOCC Meeting – BBQ at McClung Park.

- Thursday, June 25. McClung Park Indoor Pavilion (air conditioned). 931 McClung Park Drive / Jefferson City, MO.
- Arrive as early as 5. Meal at 5:30. Meeting at 6. Indoor BBQ. Bring a side to share and bring your own beverages. Pulled pork, plates, and utensils provided by the Club.
- Topic TBD.
- Contact Connie Schaefer with questions at 573-690-5954.

P. Lohman Cruise In.

- Sunday, June 28 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. Contact Lyle at 573-291-7159 with questions.
- Lions Club BBQ available at the Community Center from 10:30am until out.
- Fireworks at the Church at 9pm by Dennis and Laura Even.

Q. “Salute to America” Cruise In.

- West Capitol Avenue and north of the Capitol.
- Saturday, July 4. 3-6pm. <https://www.salutetoamerica.org/>
- Help requested to park cars. No judging duties.
- Contact Dennis Smith at 573-680-2505.

R. Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Cruise In Car Show.

- Sunday, August 23 11am-6pm.
- 540 N Mill Street / Eldon
- Sonny Evers. 573-338-0552.

S. Special Olymics Missouri (SOMO) Showdown Car Show and Cruise.

- Saturday, August 29. Gates open 7am. Judging at noon. Awards at 2pm.
- Cole County Fairgrounds.
- \$25 entry fee. Many classes. <https://allevents.in/jefferson-city/somo-showdown-car-show-and-cruise/200028530448959>

T. Cruisin’ to Folk – Fall Festival and Car Show.

- Sunday, September 7. 11am-6:30pm.
- Car show at Laura and Dennis Even’s house (173 Hwy EE) in conjunction with the Church’s Fall Festival.
- Contact the Evens at 573-291-6209 if questions.

U. Wheels for Meals Car Show Fundraiser.

- Saturday, September 12 at 8:30am.
- Russellville High School / 13600 Route C.

V. MMOCC Old Car Round Up and Show.

- 57th annual.



- Saturday, September 26, 2026.
- In conjunction with JC Oktoberfest.

W. No November Meeting.

X. December Meeting / Christmas Party.

- Thursday, December 17, 2026. Arrive as early at 5pm. Meal about 6pm.
- American Legion off Tanner Bridge.
- Meal provided by the Club.
- Bring a rob-your-neighbor gift for your gender valued around \$25. Be creative!

... and many more as the year progresses.

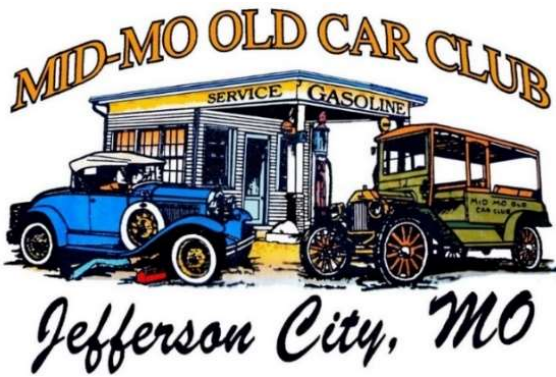
Plans in process:

- Route 66 Day Trip to include Hooker's Cut (see October 2025 MMOCC Newsletter) and the Route 66 Museum in Lebanon.
- Boonville Day Trip with the Studebaker Club to the Mitchell Antique Motorcar Museum.
- Evening tour of the Jefferson City Fire Department Museum with dinner at Daisy Delight.
- **Do you have an idea? Let's do it!**

In 1958, the very first McDonald's restaurant in Missouri opened at 9915 Highway 66. (Watson Road).

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Car Show

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