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From the President's Corner:

Hello, and thanks to those who attended the potluck at Kate Curry Park. We had good attendance at the potluck and more wonderful than all of us could possibly eat. Take homes were available to all.

As discussed, briefly, at the potluck, we will have a reading of the minutes and treasurer's report at the August meeting. There have been many good car shows so far this year and many more to come.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting to participate in the car shows and gatherings at Arby's, etc.

That is all for now. I hope to see you at our next meeting and the Idaho Falls, Library.

Bob Thompson



CLUB ACTIVITIES

August – TBD
September – TBD
October – TBD
November – Membership Drive
December – Christmas Party

MEETING TREATS

August – Ginger Rounds
September – Bill and Sandy Beery
October – Scott Kelly
November – Lewis and Carole
Rounds
December – Christmas Party

NATIONAL EVENTS
TBD

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EIVMCCA Meeting Minutes – 7/10/2025

The July meeting minutes will be shared at the August meeting, August 7, 2025, at the library.



Gremlins You Never Saw

By [Hemmings Contributor](#): Updated March 27, 2024 in [Classics](#)

Are you one of those people who used to heartily agree with all the pundits smugly predicting that “No AMC Gremlin is ever going to be a collectible car?” And are you surprised now to find yourself becoming interested in Gremlins?



Well, as the saying goes, you are not alone. In recent years, the hobby has focused a great deal of its attention on the independent car brands and, not surprisingly, AMC is fast becoming one of the more popular. But you’re probably wondering—why are so many people specifically interested in Gremlins? What’s the deal?

Really, the recent growth of interest in AMC products started to accelerate when the guys who love performance machines found themselves priced out of the muscle car market. As most people know, prices for Chevy, Ford and Mopar muscle machines have risen dramatically over the past ten years. In response, many enthusiasts began to look for bargains among the lesser-known brands.

Sure enough, prices for Javelins, AMXs and SC/360 Hornets shot up after buyers discovered they could get “independent muscle” at a fraction of the Big Three cost. Then someone remembered that during the 1970s Gremlin offered an optional V-8 engine as well as a sports appearance package—and bingo! Gremlins became collectible.

Like most collector cars, certain Gremlin models are more desirable than others. A neat Gremlin to own would be one with the Gremlin X sports appearance package because it gives you bucket seats, wider, slot-style wheels, side stripes, and a lot of other desirable equipment. Six-cylinder Gremlin models provide plenty of power for keeping up with modern traffic and can easily handle optional air conditioning and/or an automatic transmission. But for many collectors, the engine of choice is the optional 8, an AMC-built 304-cu.in. engine with a two-barrel carb.

Any V-8-powered Gremlin X would be a great little car to own, providing of course, you find a nice clean one or you're willing to undergo a restoration. For drivability and power, the 1972 appears to be the best choice. But, as always, it's best to learn as much as you can about Gremlins before you start searching for one.

For example, if your strategy is to hold out for a first-year Gremlin (that would be the 1970 model) with the X package and the V-8 engine, you'll be looking at a mighty long wait, because the X package didn't appear until 1971 and the V-8 wasn't available until 1972. The V-8 option remained in production through 1976.

For those collectors who like a challenge there are some really rare Gremlins, special models that are among the rarest of the breed. What we've assembled here are photos of some of the rarest-production Gremlins—models or packages that you've probably never seen or even known anything about. And to add a little fun to this exercise in "Gremlinology," we've included some photos of some one-off concept cars and design studies produced by the American Motors styling staff during the 1970s. Some of these have never been shown before, so we hope you enjoy them!

