



# On the Prowl

## Mid America Classic Cougars

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MACC Newsletter

2Q2019

### Mark your Calendars:

MACC Meeting March 24th at Phil Childers shop. We will pickup BBQ or something. Bring a beverage and a desert or something. We will chip in for the BBQ.

MACC Meeting April 28th at Kendall Spears house in Farmington AR. We will pickup BBQ or something. Bring a beverage and a desert or something. We will chip in for the main course

MACC Meeting May 19th at Dick Price's shop in Wichita, KS. We will probably do pizza. Bring a beverage and a desert or something. We will chip in for the BBQ.

### A Note from the President:

The Daryl Starbird show was a great success. We were honored that KTL Restorations from Danville, VA brought out three beautiful Cougars including the Lethal Cat owned by Chuck Donaldson. Kurt and Crystal Lawrence the owners of KTL were great to hang out with and we all learned so much about Cougars from them. We cannot thank them enough for making the long trip from Virginia. Our 28 cars in our corral took home 8 show awards. A big thank you also goes out to Chuck Donaldson for not only having the Lethal Cat at the show but bringing his Cougar 500 up for the show. It was quite a hit since it is 1 of 54 Cougar 500's built in 1968. We also must thank the Friends of MACC who brought some great cars to be in the show with the Cougars. Everyone had a great time and we are already planning for the 2020 show.

I want to encourage all MACC members to make sure and renew your club membership for 2019. At last count we had 60+ members and we want to keep everyone involved. We have a lot planned for 2019 and beyond. I encourage each of you to try and make a club meeting or two in 2019. As we did in 2018, we are going to have a monthly club meeting in our surrounding states. We plan to visit Kendall Spears in Arkansas in April and Dick Price's shop in May in Wichita. If any of you would like to host a club meeting please reach out to me or any MACC board members and we will set it up. Our next club meeting is March 24 at Phil Childer's shop in downtown Tulsa. We have a couple of big items to discuss at our March meeting so please try to attend. Car show season is starting up shortly and the club is going to attend a monthly car so if you know of any great cars shows we should consider please let us know.

It is time to get those CATS out of hibernation and shined up for 2019. See you soon.

Randy Christian  
MACC President

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## Is That Your Ride? Tony Augustine

At the age of 11 my sister bought a 1968 Cougar that ran so smooth. My dad noticed the cup of coffee that he'd sat on the breather wasn't even shaking. Of all the cool cars that we had, for obvious reasons the Cougar stood out in my mind. A green base model with like new interior. I remember the uptown console door and shifter and rides around town. There was something special about that car that stuck with me. Sadly that car was totaled but at least without serious injury.



When I worked at the Ford plant in KC a coworker offered an XR7 fixer upper which came along with "as most owners can relate" a vast number of valuable spare parts. That car started a long quest to find the best available pieces and became a very nice Xr7. In the early days of EBay I found a rust free

"green" rolling chassis in Morgan Hill California. My wife thought I'd lost it when I told her we were driving 26 hours to get it but that's what we did. Well, I turned it into a fun family vacation and my first trip through the Rocky mountains. I was so pumped about the trip that I drove 22 of the 23 hours straight to Las Vegas from Kansas City Mo. "never again" Within a year of starting this car I was faced with a



life threatening heart illness that required two open heart surgeries. After acquiring a fancy new aortic valve and a few other devices I got right back to the project at hand. In some ways it brought me to a faster recovery that like the car I would otherwise have been scrapped.

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## Is That Your Ride? (continued)

Fast forward to now and all in all 10 different 1st Generation Cougars have passed through my shop. I've taken on a hobby that ignited a passion to save these cars from the scrap yard demise. I've met many new friends along the way who share the same passion. Currently I have two I'm working on after I sold



the first one to a local friend. My new base model represents a Craigslist purchase and another California vacation to a town called DeSconso. This car was wrecked in the front and sat for over 10 years. The next one was a Greely Colorado trade of a very nice Harley that I decided to place shiney side down. "highly recommend not to!" By the way, hospital stays suck and broken bones take away from Cougar time ; )

For me the difficulties I've faced during the time I've invested becomes the bigger part of my life story. By God's grace the victories won turn into a great memory.

There is a certain amount of therapy in wrenching on cars and no better than a Mercury Cougar. One cat that after 50 years still turns heads and has a cool factor of 10.



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## MACC EVENTS

### MACC January Meeting

We had a great meeting at Albert G's in Tulsa. We had several members drive in from out of town for the meeting. We discussed the Starbird show and then went into a lengthy discussion about the 2019 MACC show in September.



### MACC at Darryl Starbird

The club had a great time talking to people. We gained 7 new members while we were at the show. KTL brought a few cars to add to MACC and they took home several awards. Next year we need to have 30 Cougars in the building.



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## Tech Section

### Small block 347 Stroker engine tips from Juston Woods

The 347 engine has a 3.400 crank stroke where a 302 has a 3.000 stroke which will deliver an extremely high amount of torque. The rods are different lengths as well. The 347 has a 5.400 rod length and the 302 has a 3.090 rod length. When test fitting the rods, you will have to make clearance for the rods in the cylinders shown in pictures. Notching the cylinders is a simple process that can be done with Dremel or a



straight die grinder. Mark your cylinders when rotating your rods for the desired amount of clearance. Should be around 3/8 to 1/4 inch halve moon notch. 347 motors also take their own special piston that are different from the 302. The pin bore of the piston is shifted for proper clearance of the valves.



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Harmonic balancer and flywheel both should be balanced at 28 oz. Once you pre-fit the rods for clearance you should take the short block to machine shop for proper balancing. One last tip I learned is when buying your parts make sure you use the

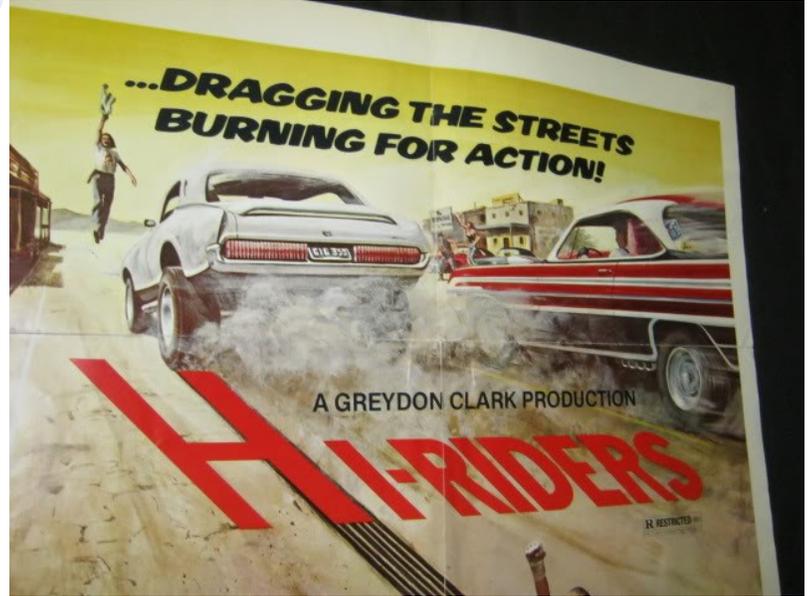
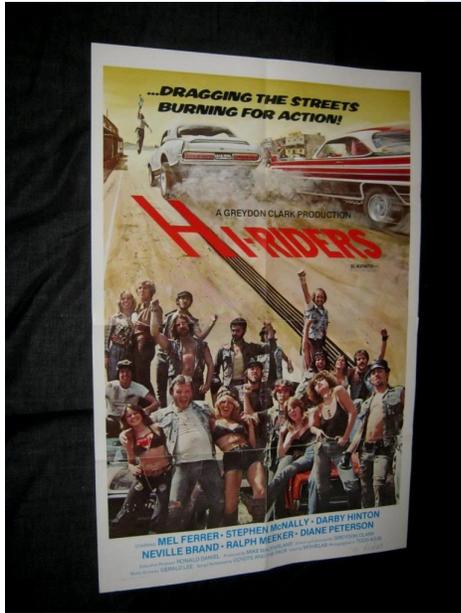
same manufacturer. Skat cranks and eagle rods do not match up. Skat cranks have larger rod journals than eagle, .020 larger.



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## Cougars in The Movies



Hi—Riders



Bad Times at the Casino  
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Lethal Weapon 2



'70s Japanese movie  
"Circuit no Ohkami"



Driving Miss Daisy



Cheech and Chong's  
"Next Movie"

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James Bond 007—On Her Majesty's Secret Service



Corvette Summer



From Dusk Till Dawn



Gloria, 1980



Miami Vice

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## News From Cougar Club of America

### Membership -- RATES (Since 7/1/16)

Annual membership in the Cougar Club of America is available in several flavors:

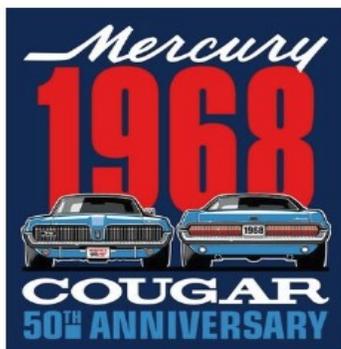
- FREE for members who submit a substantial article or make regular contributions to the newsletter.
- \$25 for members who receive the newsletter by email.
- \$35 for members who receive the newsletter by postal mail to a U.S. address.

To join or renew, point your internet browser to: <http://www.cougarclub.org/join.htm>

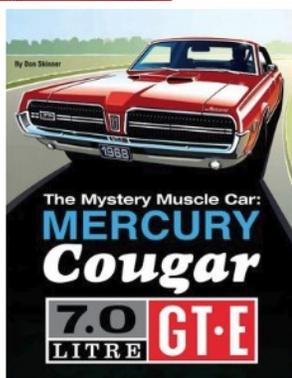
CCOA watches are still available and CCOA has added more shirt colors. Check it out at <http://www.cougarclub.org/store.htm>



## New CCOA Jackets for sale on line



Apparel



Books



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## Facebook Groups

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Lone Star Cougar Club

My Name is .... and I'm a Cougaraholic

Mercury Cougar Group 1967-68-69-70-71-72-73

Mercury Cougar Drivers

Mercury Cougar Restorations 67 68 Group

Mercury Cougar 1969 1970 69 70 cars & parts – buy and sell

Mercury Muscle Cars

Mercury Cougar 69 / 1969

## We are not alone: Cougar Clubs

Cougar Club of America-- [cougarclub.org](http://cougarclub.org)

Mid America Classic Cougars --Midwest [midamericaclassiccougars.com](http://midamericaclassiccougars.com)

Arizona Cougar Car – Arizona [clubs.hemmings.com/azcougarclub](http://clubs.hemmings.com/azcougarclub)

Cascade Cougar Car Club –Washington State [cascadecougarclub.com](http://cascadecougarclub.com)

Cats Classic Cougar Club --Michigan [www.catsccc.com](http://www.catsccc.com)

Colorado Cougar Club --Colorado  
[www.coloradocougarclub.com](http://www.coloradocougarclub.com)



Delmarva Cougar Club --Delaware <https://www.facebook.com/dcconline/>

Fordnutz Cougar Club -- Canada [fordnutz.org](http://fordnutz.org)

Lone Star Cougar Club --Texas [lonestarcougarclub.com](http://lonestarcougarclub.com)

Mercury Stray Cats Classic Automobile Club –CA  
<http://straycatscc.com/>

New England Cougar Club --Massachusetts [necougarclub.com](http://necougarclub.com)

Cougar Club of New Jersey and Pennsylvania NJ-Penn [www.ccnjpa.com](http://www.ccnjpa.com)

Northern California Cougar Club --California

Cougar Club of San Diego --California <http://cougarplace.tripod.com/>

Southern California Cougar Club --California [socialcougarclub.org](http://socialcougarclub.org)

Sunshine State Cougar Club --Florida

Tennessee Cougar Club --Tennessee

Utah Cougar Club --Utah <http://www.topcatscougarclub.com/>

Sierra Nevada Cougar Club --Nevada

New York Classic Cougar Club --New York <https://www.facebook.com/NY-Classic-Cougar-Club-518324595182936>

High Desert Cougar Club of Oregon—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/497126700667623/>

## International

CCO Germany -- Germany

M60 Cougars --Manchester GB

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## Cougar Parts Suppliers

- ◇ Cougar Club of America-- [www.cougarclub.org](http://www.cougarclub.org)
- ◇ John's Classic Cougars - [Johnsclassiccougars.com](http://Johnsclassiccougars.com)
- ◇ Critter Creek Cougar Restorations—[crittercreekcougar.com](http://crittercreekcougar.com)
- ◇ West Coast Classic Cougars - [www.westcoastclassiccougarinc.com](http://www.westcoastclassiccougarinc.com)
- ◇ Cougars Unlimited— [www.thuntek.net/cougars\\_unlimited](http://www.thuntek.net/cougars_unlimited)
- ◇ Cascade Classics— [www.cascadeclassics.com](http://www.cascadeclassics.com)
- ◇ KTL Restorations—[ktlrestorations.com](http://ktlrestorations.com)
- ◇ Auto Krafters - [www.autokrafters.com](http://www.autokrafters.com)
- ◇ Mustangs Unlimited—[www.mustangsunlimited.com](http://www.mustangsunlimited.com)
- ◇ National Parts Depot - [www.npdlink.com/1967-1973-cougar](http://www.npdlink.com/1967-1973-cougar)
- ◇ CJ Pony—[www.cjponyparts.com](http://www.cjponyparts.com)
- ◇ AMK—[www.amkproducts.com](http://www.amkproducts.com)
- ◇ Mansfield Restoration—[www.mansfieldmustang.com](http://www.mansfieldmustang.com)
- ◇ Mustang Market—[mustangmarket.net/Cougar/Cougar-Main.htm](http://mustangmarket.net/Cougar/Cougar-Main.htm)



# MID AMERICA CLASSIC *Cougars* Membership Form



Mid America Classic Cougars is a not for profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment of all aspects of 1967-1973 Mercury Cougars. We strive to foster an open atmosphere for cougar enthusiasts and owners to gather together on a regular basis. Whether you own a cougar, dream of owning one, or just want to get together to talk shop, come join us for a meeting!

### Membership Dues

Full Year: \$20      Half Year: \$10 (after July 1<sup>st</sup>)

Please print the information below in black or blue ink.

Date:

First Name		Last Name	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address		Phone Number	

How would you like to be contacted? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Cougar Club of America?

Membership #

Please tell us a little about your cougar(s).

If possible, please send a picture of your cougar(s) to [MidAmericaCougars@Gmail.com](mailto:MidAmericaCougars@Gmail.com)

Please mail your completed application and dues to:

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Registration is also available at

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