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MACC Newsletter

3Q2019

Mark your Calendars:

MACC Meeting June 15th at the Hero's and Hotrods car show. Bring a Cougar and a chair and hang out with the members.

MACC Meeting July TBD

Check webpage for update

MACC Meeting August TBD

Check webpage for update

MACC Meeting September 21st — We will meet at our car show on September.

A Note from the President:

Rain, Rain Go away. I hope all our club members came out safe and sound after the recent round of nasty weather and flooding. Hopefully we are in for a stretch of nice weather for the foreseeable future so we can get those CATS out and do a little cruising and attend a few car shows. There are a lot of car shows coming up and we are hopeful we can make several as a club. There can never be enough Cougars at a car show. Please watch the club Facebook page as we will post the shows we are hoping to attend. If you know of a car show that we can attend please let the one of the club officers know.

The club had a great time this past February attending the Starbird show and are planning to do it again in 2020. We had a great turnout from MACC members and our MACC friends. We had a total of 28 cars in our corral and we are hoping to increase that number in 2020. The club is looking for someone to step up and volunteer to help with the planning and recruiting of Cougars for the show. If you are interested please contact Charlie or Randy.

Last but not least lets not forget about our upcoming car show - Classics at the Drive Inn on September 21 at the Admiral Twin Drive Inn in Tulsa. Our show chairman - Dan Whisnant is working hard putting the show together and would welcome any help he can get. We need sponsors, door prizes, volunteers and most of all cars to attend the show. We have some great show cards that club members can pass out at car shows, businesses and friends that tell all about the show. If you would like some of the cards to pass out just let us know and we will get them to you. Make sure you have September 21 marked on your calendar and make plans to be at the show with your CAT.

Randy Christian
MACC President

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Is That Your Ride? Cecil and Doris Jones

from Spring Issue 2013

Original Members

The next story comes from Cecil and Doris Jones (#1015). They first learned about and joined the CCOA back in 1981. They tell me that the most important reason for them to join the CCOA was to meet other Cougar owners and hear of their experiences, as well as getting repair tips and sourcing parts. Many of you have probably met Cecil and Doris, as they have attended at least eight National shows, most with their XR-7G. Here's their story.

MY CAR! NO, IT'S MY CAR!

By: Cecil & Doris Jones (#1015)
Rogersville, Missouri

In 1975 after our middle daughter Teresa turned sixteen, the search for a car for her was on. She had been saving her money earned from feeding and selling calves for several years. An ad in the Springfield, MO newspaper led us to go look at a 1968 Cougar. The owner had purchased it new from a local dealership.



from Rod LaBahn (#189) and Club Founder Tom Jacobellis (#1)

When asked why the price was somewhat more than most Cougars, she indicated it seemed an XR7-G was a special model. Our daughter loved the dark aqua car and told her dad Cecil Jones that it was her choice. He said "Good, if you didn't buy it, I was going to." So she drove it to school and work for the next three years. Then in 1978 Teresa married and with her new husband Blev the Cougar was driven to Red Lodge, MT to live.

There the "G" got to stretch its legs often as they would drive it south to the Beartooth Pass. The mountains were no problem for its 302 engine. Wildlife were often spotted, usually deer, bear and moose on those jaunts.

The Cougar was driven back to Missouri in April, 1980. While here, Teresa decided to sell it back to her Dad as they had bought a Subaru and weren't driving the "G" as much. Cecil didn't know what a

fair price for the car would now be, so we sent an inquiry to Old Car Price Guide. The editor sent a card saying he could not find the XR-7G model in any of his information, but he would keep researching. A few weeks later the information

arrived. It was also printed in the Old Car Weekly soon after. Teresa was very pleased with the valuation.

In late 1981 Cecil saw an ad in the same newspaper about the formation of the CCOA. We immediately mailed a check dated December, 1981 for \$12.00 to join. Upon receiving the first newsletter, we mailed a request for the few back issues

we had missed. We still have every *At the Sign of the Cat* issue including the supplement.

We read about the CCOA District Meet being held in Blair, NE and decided to just drive up and see what a Cougar Show and Meet was all about. There we found a group of Cougars parked in the corner of a field of Mustangs. We met CCOA members Rod and Sandy LaBahn (#189) from LeMars, Iowa and they made us feel so very welcome. We also got to see our exact Lucas lights on a California Mustang. Rod gave us a lead on where to buy a lens nearby and very reasonable as one of ours had a slight crack in it. We also learned from CCOA info that the official color of our XR7-G was Madras Blue.

It was an exciting event for us as plans were underway for the 1983 CCOA Nationals to be held in Omaha, Nebraska. We drove the "G" to Omaha

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Is That Your Ride? (continued)

where it placed 1st in Special Interest. We met Virgil and Wilma Brown (#1315), St. Charles, MO, who had an Augusta Green XR7-G at home.



Cecil and Doris with their XR-7G at 1983 Omaha Cougar Nationals

In 1985 the LaBahns and Scott and Judy Plowman (#14), from Minnesota drove down and stayed overnight with us. Next day we all caravanned to the Memphis Nationals.

A letter arrived from Bud Morgan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in regard to interest for forming a regional Cougar Club. We arrived there in June, 1987 to find many Cougars lined up in front of his house, mostly from OK, Kansas and Missouri. It was decided to form the South Central Cougar Club with a goal of offering to host the CCOA 1988 Nationals in Tulsa. This was all accomplished; SCCC also hosted a District Meet there in June, 1990. We drove the "G" to St. Charles, MO for the 1990 Nationals, also attended Louisville, Kentucky in 2004 and Dallas Texas in 2005. At both those meets we visited with some former SCCC members who remembered us.

While at the Tulsa Nationals, freelance writer Tom Shaw took pictures and information on our XR7-

G. Tom became editor of Muscle Car Review sometime after that. Four years later a friend saw our car in Super Ford, March 1992 issue. Brett Trick's (#2123), Ken Wells' and ours were among the six Cougars featured in a "Gallery of Cougars" beside Tom's article titled "25 Years of Cougars" all in great color. So a favorite memory resulted in a great souvenir magazine for our family.

In Dallas we became acquainted with Chuck and Pat Logan (#5379), CCOA members from Albuquerque, New Mexico. They invited us to stay with them and attend the Balloon Festival that fall which we did. They also took us to see their other Cougars and beautiful cars.

In 1994 Wayne Wachter, (#5850) Baltimore, Maryland flew here and purchased the Caribbean Blue XR7-G that Cecil had bought in 1985. Later Wayne contacted us to also buy the Grecian Gold "G" to go with it as Randy Marble (#1316) had notified us that those two cars had followed each other down the assembly line #298 and #299.

We still keep in contact with the LaBahns, Wachters, Logans and Wilma Brown. *are deceased*



Cecil Jones (#1015) and Virgil Brown (#1315) with their G's at the CCOA Nationals in Memphis - 1985

At one time there were seven '67 or '68 Cougars here. In the mid 90's Cecil created a custom '67 convertible and painted it Madras Blue to match

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Is That Your Ride?

the XR7-G. We now have a '67 Lime Frost STD with a bench seat and the convertible.

Teresa had always referred to the "G" as "my car." To which Cecil would answer "No, it's my car." In 2011 we shipped the Cougar back to her. She was absolutely thrilled to have her first car back.

Each time we had shown the "G" and won an award, he would always call her and shout a big "Whoopeeee."

Last August our phone rang and Cecil heard a big "Whoopee" coming from her end. They had entered it in the "Cruisin Red Lodge" car show and won a favorite car trophy. Teresa Underwood (#9069) joined the CCOA in 2012. She and Blev (a former Ford mechanic for 25 plus years) were pleasantly surprised by the size and most enjoyable content of the ATSOTC.



Cecil with daughter, Teresa Underwood (#9069), "co" owners of the XR-7G -- and a lot of trophies lining the wall.



Cover Car Quiz....

So.... Have you figured it out? Perhaps you already knew the car and the answer. The 1970 XR-7 Convertible on the cover is none other than the first Cougar owned by Club founder Tom Jacobellis. Tom responded to our request for stories from Original Members, and included the photo of his first Cougar. He sent a lot more photos which we'll share in upcoming issues of *At the Sign of the Cat*. Here's another shot of Tom's Cougar after he restored it. Tom eventually sold the car and we hope its current owner appreciates the special provenance!



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MACC EVENTS

MACC April Meeting

We had a great meeting and great turnout at Kendall Spears house in Farmington Arkansas. We all had a great time and we got to hear Kendall start his NASCAR Tribute Cougar.



MACC May Meeting

Great meeting on May 19th at Charlie Brown's house. Most of discussion was about the September show and the new club merchandise. We are using Wes Hines at MarkingMasters to supply new club shirts, jacket's and hoodies. We will be taking a group order on June 15th to gain a discount on setup charges. We will take another order later in the year.



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MACC EVENTS

Classics at the Drive-In
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET
 Groovy Admiral Twin Drive-In
 Saturday September 21, 2019 TAKE 2
 Registration 7-10
 Participant Judging
 Trophies at 2pm
 Concessions Available

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Admiral Twin-7355 E Easton Street
 Tulsa, Oklahoma

MACC will be putting on it's second annual Classics at the Drive-In Car Show and Swap Meet. We need help from the members with the following;

1. Bring your cars to show :)
2. Reach out to local companies to see if they will give you door prizes. Last year we had 10+ wash buckets and tool sets and food gift cards. Anything we can give away to participants.
3. Help the day of the show at the MACC table selling our club merchandise.
4. Help with directing traffic into the show (done in shifts)
5. Checking in Swap Meet vendors.

Classics at the Drive-In
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

- First 100 MACC Dash Plaque
- All participants receive a MACC coaster
- Car/Truck/Bike registration \$25.00
- Swap Meet in West Parking Area
- Registration starts at 7:00am
- Participant Judging

Schedule of Events
 7:00-10:00 Registration
 10:00 Judging starts
 2:00 Awards
 -Best of Show
 (selected by
 Mid America Classic Cougar
 Show Officers)

50/50 raffle
 1/2 to Nieghbors in Need
 1/2 to Raffle Winner

neighbors
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CLASSIFICATION
69-70 Eliminator
G/GT/GTE Cougar
67-68 Cougar
69-70 Cougar
71-73 Cougar
74 and up Cougar
Prewar
Pre '70
'70 +
Corvette
64-73 Mustang
74-98 Mustang
99 to present Mustang
Motorcycle
Trucks/Jeep
Import

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Tech Section

Stay Cool !!!

Submitted by Dan Whisnant

To anyone installing a Hurricane or Vintage Air system, here are a few items that I ran across installing my Hurricane system from Old Air Products.

Installing the the engine components is pretty straight forward. The compressor mounts on the original A.C. mounting bracket. Condenser, dryer, and lines mount and run in the same configuration. The hot water valve is mounted inline on your heater hoses. I've included a picture to see how mine is installed. The hoses rest on a u shaped bracket mounted to the shock tower.

The under dash unit uses the same mounting holes but you'll need to drill a new drain. When mounting the unit, plane a small level on the bottom of the unit to make sure it will drain. I had to shim the bottom mounting bolt to allow mine to drain properly only after finding mold growing under my floor mat where it had been weeping into the floor.

After you have test fit the unit under the dash, cut your duct to the approximate length. There is plenty supplied, so cut it a bit long. Attach the duct on the unit with zip screws. The clips don't hold the duct to the unit well and sometimes a slight tug will pull the duct off the unit. If any of the ducts come loose, the unit will blow air out of every vent, regardless of your selection, (something to remember when trouble shooting later).



Please submit articles to midamericacougars@gmail.com - Please title "Article Submission....."

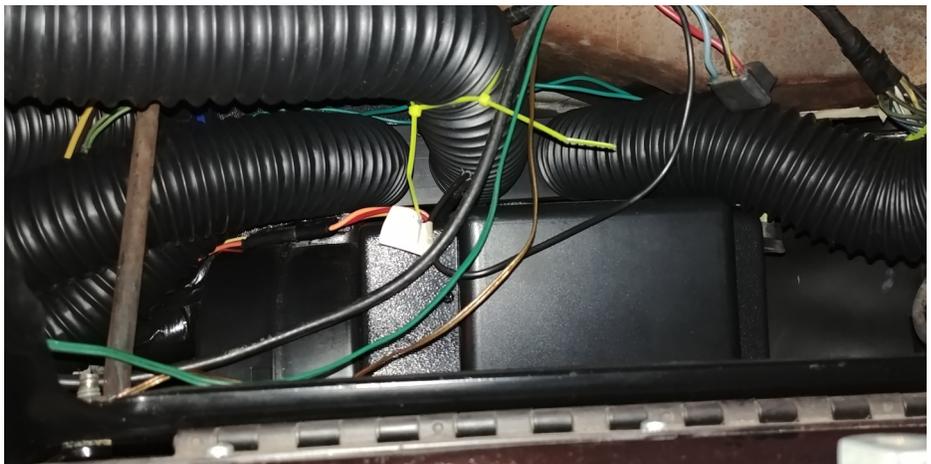
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Routing the duct work under the dash can be interesting. When running the duct to the drivers side, make sure you don't route it too high under the dash. My wiper arm was rubbing the duct and pulling it off the unit. I recommend turning on your wipers to check before closing everything up.

Some things to think about before buying.

Installing an after market system will require removing your outside vents mounted under the dash, both drivers and passengers. There is no outside air coming to the unit. It's all recycled. Not something I'm happy about.



The unit fan is noisier than the original but does move more air. A trade off.

Heat is only supplied to the passenger floorboard. The drivers feet can get cold. I made a diverter to direct some of the heat out of the unit to drivers floor.

We tried to combine the new components in the engine bay with old under the dash. It doesn't work. Once the R134 reaches the old evaporator, it loses its cold because the old evaporator tubes are much larger.

Overall, I'm happy with the change. There is much less drag on the engine with the new compressor and gas mileage is improved. Of course R134 freon is much cheaper and easier to come by than the R12. Our car is black and it keeps it comfortable, even on very hot days.

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FAST TIMES IN TULSA

For the 14th consecutive year, the Mid-America Shelby Meet invaded Oklahoma for three days of road racing, drag racing and Shelby showing.



Clay Hadden's Top Speedhouse Shelby won the Tulsa crowd with its A record blitz down the Tulsa International quarter-mile.



Older but no less competitive were competitors at the Mid-America drag. Yes, the new Ford performance cars hold their own against the former double-Shelbys and Mustangs from the past.



Although Shelbys and Mustangs dominate when performance Ford's like this hard-running Galiste, are welcomed participants at the Mid-America Shelby Meet.



For Jay Williams, Saturday's drag soiree premieres ended early when the clutch in his Crown Edition New Ford's Jay-lookin' undercarriage departed on its.

Gary Rivelly found the going tough in Hallett's right Turn 2. The fire barrier kept Gary's '68 Street Boss SST Mustang out of the turns and away from awakes. When his head threatened to be headed back to the truck.



All day Friday, Mustangs, Shelbys packed the parking grid for hot

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LONE STAR

Nationals



AMC owners were well represented by this trio of show entries. The two Hurst Scramblers and the AMC were among the best.



The winner in the Chrysler 1965 and up full size category was Bill Bendure's 1970 Chrysler 300.



Ron Harvey's 1969 Z/28 took top show honors among the Camaro entries.



This 1969 Mercury Cougar Eliminator earned Jay Williams first place in the show competition between 1968 and up full and midsize Ford products.

(Right) The entire pit area of the Tex-Plex was filled with musclecars displaying their glory to the world. Saturday was Show and Shine day, and the Texas faithful brought out some of the finest cars in the country.

1988 Muscledar Nationals Texas Motorplex Show Results

GENERAL MOTORS PRODUCTS

GM '68-'84 full size	Glen Balko	'68 Bonneville
'85+ Full Size	Dan Zoeller	'66 Biscayne
Cutlass/442	Kenneth Burke	'83 Hurst Olds
Tempest/GTO	Robert Moore	'71 GTO
Firebird	Jim Nash	'79 Trans Am
Chevelle	Tom Wright	'65 SS396
Corvair	Ron Harvey	'68 Z/38
Chevy Elanza	Randy White	'66 L-79
Corvette	Larry Ernst	'67 Corvette
Regal/Grand National	Pat & Chen Neal	'87 GAX
GS/Skylark	Jerry Berger	'70 GAX
El Camino	Dan Zoeller	'66 El Camino
GM Modified	Tom Sutton	'67 Chevrolet
GM Custom	Mike Charley	'75 Corvair

AMERICAN MOTORS PRODUCTS

AMC Original	Rodney Brumbaugh	'68 Hurst S/C
AMC Modified	Richard Lundy	'68 AMX

FORD PRODUCTS

'57-'67 Full Size	Alan Graber	'62 Galaxie
'68-'67 Mid Size	Connie Moore	'67 Fairlane
'68+ Full & Midsize	Jay Williams	'69 Eliminator
'64-'73 Mustang	Larry Moore	'69 Mach I
'74+ Mustang	Jeffrey Whiting	'66 Mustang
Shelby/Cobra	Jack Bell	'68 GT500
Ford Modified	Tommy Ingis	'70 Mustang
Ford Custom	Bill Reed	'64 Falcon

CHRYSLER PRODUCTS

'65+ Full Size	Bill Bendure	'70 Chrysler 300
Dodge B Body	Ron Dillinger	'69 Super Bee
Plymouth B Body	Jay Goodenough	'70 Superbird
Compact	Mark Wilson	'68 Formula S
E Body	Luanne McClain	'70 T/A
Major Modified	Dean & Marilyn Stahlbauer	'70 Cuda
Major Custom	Lou Anne Blankenship & Rodney Frazier	'68 Satellite



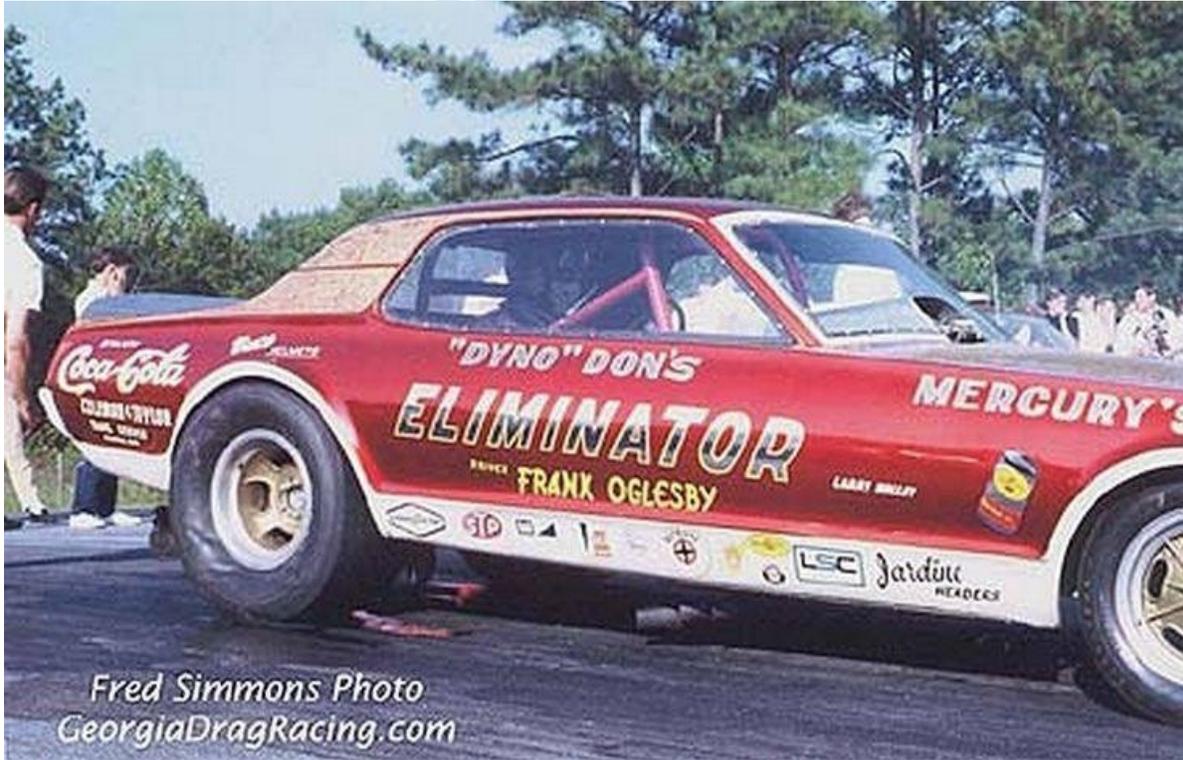
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Cougars at the Drag Strip

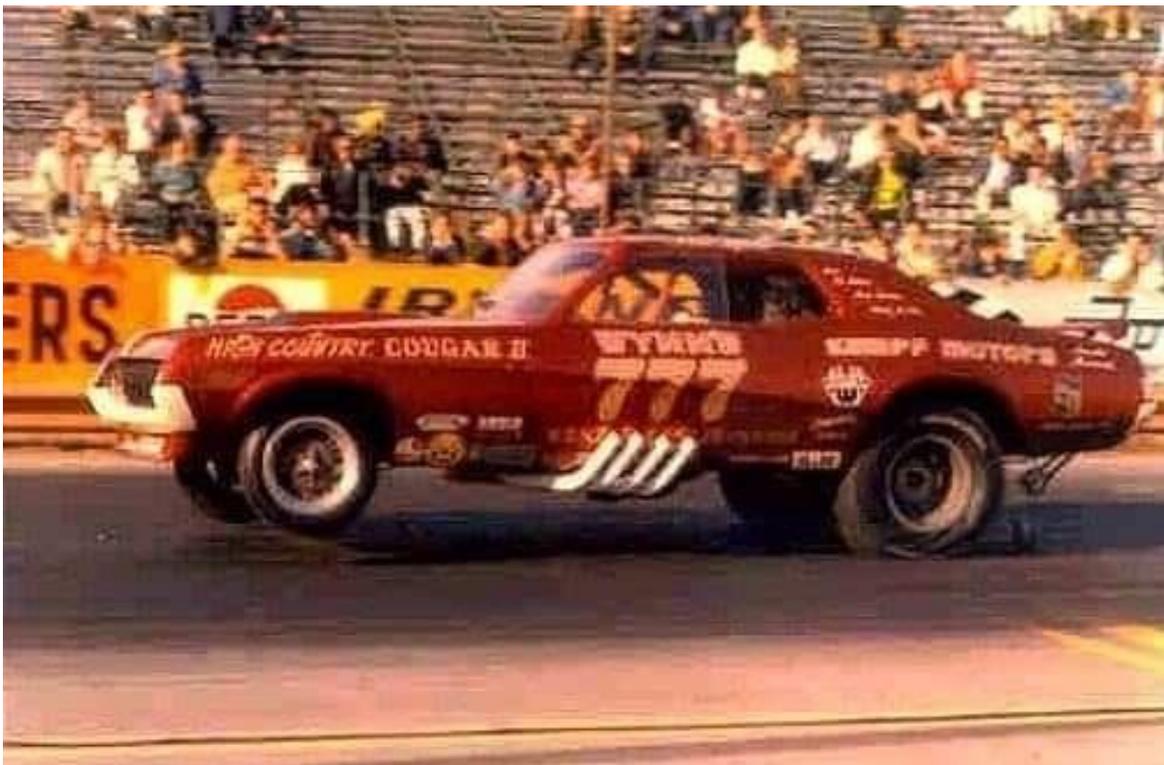


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Membership -- RATES (Since 7/1/16)

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

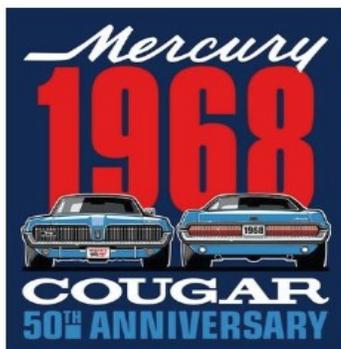
- FREE for members who submit a substantial article or make regular contributions to the newsletter.
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To join or renew, point your internet browser to: <http://www.cougarclub.org/join.htm>

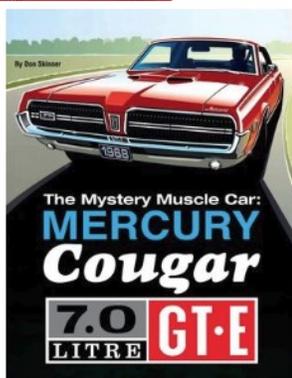
CCOA watches are still available and CCOA has added more shirt colors. Check it out at <http://www.cougarclub.org/store.htm>



New CCOA Jackets for sale on line



Apparel



Books



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www.coloradocougarclub.com



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- ◇ West Coast Classic Cougars - www.westcoastclassiccougarinc.com
- ◇ Cougars Unlimited— www.thuntek.net/cougars_unlimited
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- ◇ KTL Restorations—ktlrestorations.com
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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!

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