

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club Newsletter

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Member Information

Volunteers are still needed for our **2026 Annual Car Show on March 7, 2026**



Check out our **Buy, Sell or Swap** Section at the end of the newsletter !



Our Mission:

Ongoing financial support to K9s for Warriors

Upcoming Events



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Interested in a Poker Run?



Pharoahs Events

“Pharoahs Cruise-Ins” are on the **5th Saturday** of the month at **Trout Creek Memorial Park 6550 State Road 13, St Augustine FL**

The “Pharoahs Cruise-In” will be from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.**



The next Cruise-In will be on **Saturday May 30, 2026.**



Thanks for “Cruising-In” to the **Pit Stop !!**



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The General's Corner



The following write-up appeared in St. Johns Magazine's February Feature Article

Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL St. Johns Magazine Written by Sean Griswold



Have you ever seen that classic car in your neighbor's garage? They may be using it to raise funds for *K9s For Warriors*!

The **Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL** is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which utilizes a shared passion for cars, from the beloved classics to the legendary modern sports cars, to raise money for our charity of choice, **K9s For Warriors**. Since 2023, we have proudly raised ~\$13,000 through our various car shows and events to assist them in their goal to end Veteran suicide.

By fundraising to save lives at both ends of the leash, we honor the Veterans who founded the original Modesto, California chapter in 1948. Throughout Pharoahs' history, the club served as inspiration for George Lucas' iconic *American Graffiti* and has called many legendary hot rodders members.





The General's Corner



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In February of 2026, the Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL celebrates our 5-year anniversary. Founded in 2021 by Eric Stephenson, the chapter began as a group of car enthusiasts who met in a closed-down grocery store parking lot during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. What started off as 10 people, connected through online platform Nextdoor, has grown immensely. We are proud to have over 115 Pharoahs, comprised of members and their spouses.

We invite you to join us at our 3rd Annual Car Show at The Creek on Saturday, March 7th, 2026. This is our largest event of the year, featuring hundreds of cars and trucks, music and trivia, pet adoptions, food trucks, vendors, a 50/50 raffle, and more! Every dollar goes to K9s For Warriors. It is free for spectators, so be sure to bring the whole family!

Do you own a classic or modern enthusiast car? Come showcase your ride and help us fundraise!

Pre-registration is only \$25 and can be done by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer.

Day-of registration is \$30.

Additionally, we will be hosting a Cruise In from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina on the following dates in 2026:

- May 30th
- August 29th
- October 31st (Trunk or Treat)

Our Cruise Ins are free-to-attend events, both for car owner and spectators. We encourage you to attend!

The Pharoahs of St. Johns FL is proud to have a diverse selection of cars and members, of all ages and backgrounds. From 1923 T Bucket hot rods to a modified Toyota MR2, we have it all!

Want to get involved in the Pharoahs?

- Become a member today for only \$35
- Attend our events
- Make a tax-deductible donation
- Join us with your business as a vendor or sponsor





The General's Corner



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For more information:



Facebook Group – Scan QR code

Website: <https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/>

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Thanks,
Sean Griswold, General, VP Operations
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter



CAR SHOW
AT THE CREEK!

PHAROAHS
ST. JOHNS, FL

AT
Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina
6550 SE Rd. 13 N. St. Augustine, FL 32092

Sat. March 7th, 2026 10 AM - 2 PM

Registration
Pre-Registration \$25
Day-Of \$30
Opens 8 AM - 11 AM

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March 7, 2026 Car Show
Pre-Registration QR Code



Our Member "Generals" Highlight



Eric Brad Dan Sean

February 26, 2026, marks the five-year anniversary of the beginning of the **Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns**, and as part of our celebration, we thought we would focus on our "Founding Fathers", or as we call them, "**The Generals**".

Eric Stephenson - February 2021 to November 2022

It all started with Eric Stephenson, a lifelong Classic Car Enthusiast who bought, sold, and enjoyed countless hot rods. He always levitated toward a "Bad Ass Ride" similar to those in the movie, *American Graffiti*, including the iconic yellow Milner model A Hot Rod.

When Eric moved to Saint Johns, he had just sold his 1955 Chevy and bought a 1950 Mercury (see photo below). He tried to find a local car club and couldn't find anything close enough to join. Eric heard about the Pharoahs Car Club and with a little research called JoJo to find the closest one. After spending time with JoJo, he convinced Eric to open a Pharoahs chapter in Saint Johns.

Starting the Saint Johns Chapter was a blast. Eric helped create the Facebook page and found that the Nextdoor app reached so many people who had the same desires to meet up with others with similar experiences. Eric started the club with 17 members who joined and became true Pharoahs.



Our Member Highlight (continued)

Eric moved away from Florida for the West Coast sun but reminisces about the early days and truly misses all the member get togethers. He stays in touch with the membership, follows all of the changes in the club, and the car shows.

Eric planted the seeds for others to sow and is amazed to see how the club has grown in such a short time and now are holding Cruise Ins and Car Shows, not just going to them.

Eric turned the reins over to the next General, **Brad Lenox**.

Brad Lenox – November 2022 to January 2024

When *Eric Stephenson* left for California, club member, *Brad Lenox* stepped up and volunteered for the role of General. The first two goals Brad wanted to tackle as the club's new leader was to **1)** establish a non-profit corporation that could be used to raise money for a charity and **2)** identify a local charity to receive the funds raised by the club.

Brad tapped *Club Treasurer, Dan Barrett*, to set-up a non-profit corporation which he finalized in March of 2023. With the corporation formed, the next step was to review non-profit organizations in the area who would receive the donations. Brad proposed to the club, three options to be the recipient of the clubs fundraising efforts, with his recommendation for **K9's for Warriors**, a Florida based organization that matches disabled veterans with service dogs, the fellow members agreed and voted for **K9s for Warriors** as the sole recipient of the fundraising efforts of **Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Inc.**

As the new leader of the club, Brad focused on making the club a point of interest in the local community and pay it forward by contributing the club's fundraising revenues to our country's Veterans. With the support of the Clubs members, Brad set-up the first annual *Car Show on February 3, 2024*. The first Car Show was a success with over 140 registered cars and a contribution to **K9s for Warriors** of **\$4,000**.

At the end of 2023, Brad's work schedule and related extensive travel increased substantially and made it impossible for him to continue leading the club and its membership as the General. Brad spoke with the membership and advised he would not run for General in 2025, and recommended Treasurer, Dan Barrett, be nominated as General and at the election meeting, Dan was voted in as the new General for Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Inc.



Our Member Highlight (continued)

Dan Barrett – January 2024 to May 2025

With Dan's election to **General**, his first step was to finalize the operational side of the club with officers in specific roles. He also appointed the officers to the corporation, **Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Inc.** where Dan also held the title of **President**. Officers of the corporation include three Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. With all of the legal and operational structures in place, Dan turned his attention to growing the club and continuing to enhance its image as a strong supporter of the veteran community.

Building on the solid foundation that *Brad Lenox* built, Dan's focused on fundraising and continuing to grow the club's membership. Additionally, the partnership with **K9s for Warriors** grew and currently has an information and fundraising table at all of the *Pharoahs' Quarterly Cruise In "meet ups" and Annual Car Show*.

Dan also wanted to identify a physical location where the Pharoahs could host the quarterly cruise ins and annual car shows in a relaxed environment. Using his connections, he reached an agreement with the owners of Trout Creek Memorial Park to host all of shows. Next Dan wanted to set show dates that other clubs were not creating conflicts so Dan presented to the officers to have all of our cruise in dates would be on the Saturdays in months with a fifth Saturday. The officers agreed and the approach worked out well since most of the proposed dates fell on holiday weekends. The Annual Car Show would also be held in the first quarter of each year.

The second *Annual Car Show in 2025* was held on Saturday February 1, 2025. The car show drew over 150 registered attendees. Just like the first car show, the show was a success allowing the *Pharoahs* were able to donate to **K9s for Warriors, \$7,000** in May of 2025.

As with many successful organizations, the amount of work required to be successful is at times overwhelming. Dan fell victim of his own success, so right before our **May 31, 2025 Cruise In**, Dan informed the officers of the club that due to family responsibilities and some minor medical issues, he needed to step down as the club's *General*.

After the meeting, the officers approached Dan and asked if he would consider remaining as the President of corporation for all of the legal responsibilities, and allow another club member to step into the General role, on the operational side of the business. Dan agreed with the option since it would allow him to reduce the club's workload.

The search for a new General started immediately, and one member who has been with the club from the very beginning, Sean Griswold, stepped up for the role of General and Dan appointed him to finish out his term as General. Sean was the photographer for the club and **Director of the Next Generation** focus of the club. Sean was appointed as *General* in May of 2025, until elections for the club could be held at year-end.

Since the split role of President / General duties worked out very well during the probational period, the separate roles remained in place for 2026.



Our Member Highlight *(continued)*

Sean will have big shoes to fill after the great success of Pharoahs' previous Generals over the last five years, but the membership and former Generals believe he has the energy, focus and ideas to make the Pharoahs a successful for the next five years.



Sean Griswold – May 2025 to Current

Sean became interested in classic cars at a very young age accompanying his parents to local car get-togethers since age fourteen. Sean saw Eric's original Nextdoor app group message and became involved at the very early stages of the St Johns Pharoahs Car Club. Sean had a 1959 Edsel Ranger at the time and became known by many club members as **"Edsel"** and he wore that name with pride.

Before being appointed in 2025 by Dan Barrett to fill his position as *General* for the remainder of 2025, Sean was the club's Lieutenant / club photographer / Director of Next Generation membership.

One of Sean's early leadership roles was to put together the club's first dinner in January of 2025. In addition, he created our sponsorship program in beginning of 2025, and both of these initiatives continued throughout 2025 and now as the club's General, in 2026.

Nobody in the club is surprised that Sean is the youngest known General of any Pharoahs chapter since its founding in 1948, at the age of eighteen in the middle of May 2025 when appointed by Dan and his first task was spearhead the club's Cruise In on May 30th.

Sean not only was successful on his first task, the Cruise In ran smoothly with over 140 cars in attendance.



Our Member Highlight *(continued)*

After the first major event in the rearview mirror, Sean focused on three major initiatives for 2025:

- 1) Create an official vendor program and market it in the community which lead to additional revenue and entertainment with the most vendors ever in our recent January 31st Cruise In,
- 2) Rebuilt the Pharoahs website with focus on our events and current philosophy of the club, and
- 3) Hosted various member dinners and get-togethers to boost club moral and family feel to the club.

With the third annual car show in 2026, “Car Show at the Creek”, identified “Pharoahs Preferred” events with biweekly emails to the membership and friend of the club.

While Sean was signing up new members, he proposed to the officers of the club a reduction in the new member donation, from **\$65 to \$35** and a reduction of our annual club dues donations from **\$35 to \$25**. His proposal was that many car enthusiasts are members of multiple club and the reduced rates would increase membership. The club increased from 48 members in May 2025 to 80 members in February 2026 under Sean’s leadership.

Sean wanted to partner with other organizations and agreed with a local charity, **S.A.F.E.**, to host pet adoptions on site at our events.

With Sean’s market focused approach, strong community and member support, and former *General Dan Barrett’s* decision to secure *Trout Creek Memorial Park* as a consistent location for our shows, the number of sponsors grew to 12 during 2025 and 2026. At our *January 31, 2026, Cruise In*, we had **over 170 cars**, even though it was one of our coldest events so far.

With Sean’s formal election to General of the club in January 2026, Dan Barrett appointed Sean as the *Vice President of Operations* for the corporation.

With Sean’s youthful exuberance, and market focus, **Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Inc.** is positioned to continue its growth and build upon all of the success of the prior *Generals*.



2026 Schedule of Our Events

2026 PHAROAHS CAR SHOW & CRUISE IN SCHEDULE



9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH - CAR SHOW AT THE CREEK!

9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 30TH - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

**9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN &
TRUNK OR TREAT**

General Sean Griswold | general@pharoahs-stjohns.com | pharoahs-stjohns.com

**Trout Creek
Memorial Park &
Marina**

**6550 State Road 13
N, St. Augustine,
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Available Dates:	Rates
2026*	Cruise In's \$25 Vendor Fee
March 7th - Annual Car Show	Event Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Noon
May 30th - Cruise In	Set Up: 7:30 - 9:00 AM
August 29th - Cruise In	Annual Car Show \$40 Vendor Fee
October 31st - Cruise In	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
	Set Up: 8:00 - 10:00 AM
	Location
	Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina
	6550 St Rd 13 N, St. Augustine FL

To RSVP: Contact Sean Griswold
(915) 702 8988 or general@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Pharoahs Car Club St. Johns, Inc. Chapter



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K9 for Warriors Mission Statement

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AT BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH

Determined to end Veteran suicide, **K9s For Warriors** provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military Veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs being rescues themselves, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

K9s for Warriors website is: <https://k9sforwarriors.org>



Sponsors Needed

To increase our revenue stream for our charity commitments for 2026, we introduced a **Sponsorship Program** in April 2025. To reach as many potential sponsors as possible, we are asking our members to seek out businesses or individuals who have like-minded interests in supporting **K9 for Warriors**.

Please find attached the details surrounding the program and should you have any questions, please reach out to Sean for assistance in the program.

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Become a Sponsor Today!

The Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Florida is a 501c3 Non Profit Organization bringing car enthusiasts together for our charity of choice, K9s For Warriors. By sponsoring us, your business allows our club to host fundraising events for this cause. Assist us in our goal to help a U.S VETERAN & RESCUE DOG get a "NEW LEASH ON LIFE" while restoring the greatest cars back to the road. All sponsorships are 100% tax deductible donations.

<https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/sponsors/>

Contact Sean Griswold - Club General
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or Ray Pascuzzi - Treasurer
(443) 655-3887 or major@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Gold - Minimum Donation of \$350
- Includes Calendar Year of Prominant Listing on ALL Promotional Material & Website Sponsor Page, Announcements @ ALL Events, Merchandise Gift Basket, Free Booth Space @ Annual Show, & Official Certificate of Appreciation

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The Mechanic's Corner and More



Honoring 100 Years of Route 66

Join us in celebrating a Century of America's beloved Mother Road and its unforgettable legacy.

While America celebrates 250 years since its birth in 1776, another birthday of an American icon, Route 66, celebrates 100 years since it opened in 1926 and covers America's beauty from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica Pier in Southern California.

Many car enthusiasts and motorcyclists are familiar with scenic **Route 66** and the other beautiful rides like the **Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee**, the **Blue Ridge Parkway from Virginia to North Carolina**, the **Pacific Coast Highway in California**, the **Florida Keys** or the **Grand Circle in the America Southwest**, America each year pick their journeys and hit the road.

If you are looking for a Summer trip this year, celebrate the **100th anniversary of Route 66** and millions of others who will experience iconic landmarks, engaging memories, and community events that honor **America's Mother Road**. Celebrations across **eight states** in a heartfelt tribute culminating on **November 11th, 2026**.

The **Great American Road Trip** will take center stage in 2026 with the **Route 66 Centennial**, celebrating the world's most iconic highway. **Route 66**, constructed in 1926 and known as "**Main Street of America**" or "**Mother Road**," is a historic highway spanning eight states from Illinois to California covering **2,278 miles** and connecting **Chicago to Santa Monica Pier**. It became famous for westward migration during the Dust Bowl, embodying classic road trip culture with its homey diners, unique attractions and scenic stretches that still exist today. In fact, there are more than 250 buildings, bridges, road alignments, and other sites along Route 66 that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(A) Portions of this article can be found in the following publication:

<https://www.route66centennial.us>



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)



Numerous special events, festivals and – of course – road trips are planned throughout the year across the eight states it traverses to commemorate this historic milestone. Celebrations will range from car shows in Arizona and Illinois to special concerts and historic commemorations, with planning underway for a year-long tribute. It's Americana nostalgia at its finest.

The following themes are suited for all types of travelers:

For The Party People: *The Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel*

- Amazing riverwalk views from a rooftop bar, Raised, An Urban Rooftop Bar which features a seasonal, rotational beverage program.
- Beautiful indoor heated pool to relax after a long day of city exploring.
- Centrally located in the heart of downtown Chicago, close to all major Chicago attractions.
- Brand new Real-Time Reservations where guests can book guaranteed early check in or late check out ahead of time.
- Housed in Chicago's old Museum of Contemporary Art- best mix of retro, modern and affordable.
- Some of the most affordable rates in Chicago so you can enjoy the city without breaking the bank.
- Relax with a drink at the hotel bar, now featuring a brand-new holiday cocktail menu- perfect for entertaining those out-of-town guests looking for a bit of jolly.
- Beat the heat in the indoor pool, perfect for adding a bit of relaxation to your trip after exploring the busy city.



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- Housed in the former Medinah Athletic Club, a 1929 Art Deco landmark known for its gilded reliefs and storied past.
- Features a 14-story junior Olympic pool lined with Spanish Majolica tiles and crowned by a hand-carved terracotta Neptune fountain.
- Hosts weekly events including “Dive-In” movie nights at the pool, live jazz in the lobby rotunda with a Bathtub Gin Bar and boozy afternoon tea at Casa Chi, the onsite Nikkei Lounge concept.
- Located on Michigan Avenue, just steps from the eastern terminus of historic Route 66.

For The Resort Goer: *The Phoenician Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ*

- Retreat to this iconic, 200-acre resort nestled at the base of Camelback Mountain. Experience tranquility and opulence with impeccable service, multiple acclaimed dining venues (like J&G Steakhouse), and a breathtaking selection of pools—the ultimate reward after a long road trip.

(B) See the entire article at:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rogersands/2026/12/15america-will-celebrate-the-centennial-of-iconic-route-66-in-2026/>

As the song says, **See the USA in a Chevrolet**, or any classic car you may have, America the Beautiful.

EDITORIAL NOTE: While I was putting together this month’s “Mechanic’s Corner and More” article about Route 66, a friend and prior colleague of mine, **Pat Riley**, said he just completed the drive from Chicago to Santa Monica Pier. He just retired after many years as a CPA. I asked if would share his experience since a club member of ours recently mentioned at our club meeting that we should look at a road trip or Poker Run for the club.

Tammy Huber, you are on the clock for putting together our “**Road Trip**”.



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)

Pat, his wife Julie, and their 1969 Mercury Cougar's article and photos below.

The Mother Road - A Historic Trip Down Route 66

This year I had the opportunity to participate in the Drive Home VII sponsored by **America's Automotive Trust, The Detroit Auto Show, and the Route 66 Centennial Commission**. Since it was a Route 66 Celebration and the first official drive for the Centennial, my 1969 Mercury Cougar convertible was the perfect choice.

I purchased my first car when I was 15 years old in the fall of 1980. My uncle found a 1969 Mercury Cougar Convertible sitting in a field outside Spokane Washington. The top was trashed and the car was full of mount St Helens ash. It did not run. I bought it for \$150 and then got to work on it. That car taught me I couldn't paint, but that I could do suspension and engine work. In high school I repainted it, installed a new suspension and a new interior. I love that car and have many great memories of driving it. After college, I parked it but did not sell it. It was the perfect car for the drive.



The Starting Point – Navy Pier in Chicago, IL

In the late 1990's, I decided to get it running again. I shipped the car to Colorado, where the uncle who found it put a new paint job on it. My 351W was getting tired, so I had a new 351W built and with the assistance of some friends installed the new engine. Since then I'd enjoyed it for local drives around the greater Seattle area as a weekend car.



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)

While it was a great weekend car, it probably wasn't going to be up for an approximately 2,800-mile drive without some serious attention. In preparation of the journey I sent it to Mark Glennwood at 7 Lakes Motorsports in Arlington. He updated the mechanicals and modernized the steering. The top and the interior were updated by Northwest Crafted Interiors in Everett. Both 7 Lakes and Norwest Crafted were rock stars. They had a very tight turnaround and we managed to get the car delivered to the museum for shipping the day before the shipper showed up.

Route 66 was established in 1926 and ultimately stretched 2,448 miles (3,940 km) from Chicago to Los Angeles. Route 66 would become one of the United States' first continuous stretches of paved highway and served as a major path for those who migrated west. For our centennial run my Cougar was accompanied by a 1934 Buick Model 61 Club, a 1952 Chevrolet 3100 Deluxe, a 1960 Chrysler 300F, a 1965 Ford Country Squire, a 1967 Pontiac GTO, a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS, A 1991 Ford Mustang, and a 1992 Land Rover Discovery.

We left the Santa Monica Pier on January 3rd and arrived in Chicago on Monday January 12th. My wife, Julie went the first third of the journey with me then stayed on in New Mexico for a week with a friend. My best friend Rob, who helped me vacuum ash and work on the car in 1980, joined me in Tulsa and then went the rest of the way with me to Detroit where the cars were displayed at the Detroit Auto Show.

We did the drive in reverse and, surprisingly, our worst weather was the first day as we drove out of the LA area. The day after we delivered the cars to the Detroit Auto Show, it snowed six inches. I would rather be lucky than good.

It was an amazing trip. We were promoting the three sponsors, so we had several stops at iconic way points each day. Not only did we get to see great roads, but we had amazing visits to interesting places. The number of small towns that existed as stops on the road and seeing how they continue to reinvent themselves to stay relevant was inspiring. At Each town we pulled into the classic car community would come out and greet us and many would drive part of the way with us.

The drive through Oatman, AZ where burros walk through the town and are fed by tourists was slow and scenic. It is an old mining town that allowed travelers to bypass miles of dessert by braving the myriad of corners and steep ground of Sitgreaves pass. I enjoyed the winding climb and decent in the Cougar.

A number of the spots in the drive were referenced in the Disney movie "Cars". If you have kids, I bet you have seen it. We stopped at Coral Springs which most people would recognize from the movie. Galena, KS is where the truck that inspired the character Mater sits.



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)

In Kingman, AZ we were hosted by a local car club for dinner and had an amazing night telling stories and meeting new people. The morning we left, we enjoyed a “cars and coffee” that had a large number of very active local car enthusiasts who came out to share their cars and talk about ours. I was excited when someone brought out his 1968 Cougar. It is a work in process, but I told him all of our Cougars are works in process. It reminded me that Cougar owners are different. We seek out each other and love to see Cougars out and about.

The Threatt Station east of Luther Oklahoma was the first black owned gas station on Route 66. The founder's grandson told us stories about growing up on the property and how the station was so well known that it wasn't even in the “Green Book”.

The old Chain of Rocks Bridge outside of St. Louis, which is now a pedestrian bridge, was opened up for us to drive across and a photo shoot. It was a part of the original route 66. It is rarely open for cars, so it was a special treat.

Overall, I ended up driving a 1969 car almost 3,000 miles in ten days without a mechanical issue. I had the top down on almost three quarters of the days and probably drove one third of the trip with the breeze in my hair. I spent some quality time with Julie and then with my best friend who wrenched on the Cougar with me when I originally purchased it. I think you could spend a month on this drive and still not see everything, but what an amazing experience. If you have the time and inclination, I highly recommend taking your own journey down this historic highway. You may find yourself in a place you did not expect.

We had a videographer with us and his videos by day can be seen at:
<https://www.americasautomotivetrust.org/thedrivehome>. My car is featured in the 8th video.



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)



On the Open Road with the Top Down



Checking out a Roadside Spot



In front of the Roy Rogers Museum



On the Chain of Rocks – Jake Welk

The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)



Roy's Café



Kingman AZ Museum and Gift Shop



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)



**The End of the Trip at Santa Monica Pier in Los Angeles,
Now onto the Next Adventure...**

Thanks Pat and Julie !!!



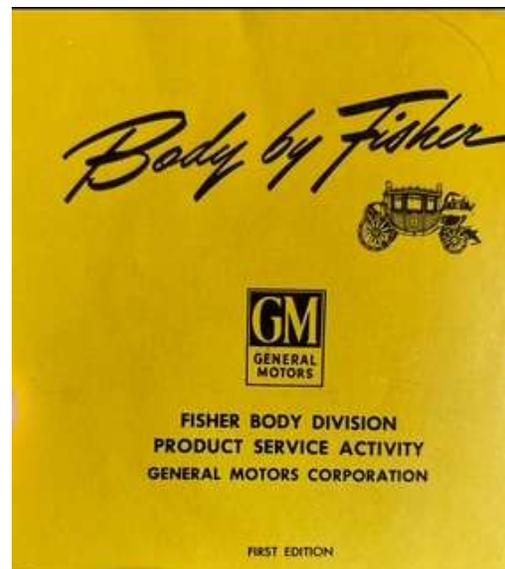
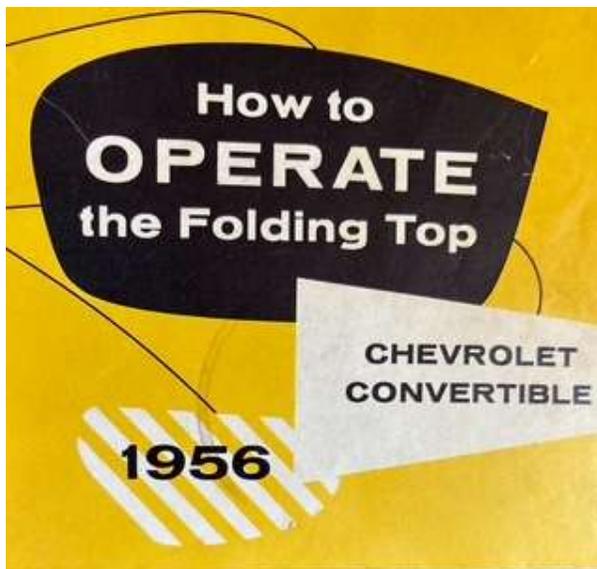
Buy, Sell or Swap # 1

For Sale

A hands-on Product Service Activity Manual from Fisher Body Division of General Motors, covering a 1956 Chevrolet convertible top. The manual is in pristine condition.

A great addition to a car enthusiasts library or “Man Cave” or “She Shed”.

Sale price: \$45



If you are interested, contact Steve Burton at 904-955-1121 for more information.

Buy, Sell or Swap #2

Mopar Parts For Sale

- Direct Connection Valve Covers for Mopar Big Block: \$80.00
- OEM 3.91 Gears... Sure Grip cone style Posi-traction setup, 8 ¾ Shim Type - 489 case: \$1,000.00
-

If interested, please contact Dan Barrett at dano@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Both pickup and local delivery only, **no shipping.**



Buy, Sell or Swap #3

For Sale

Diamond Plate 5x8 Aluminum Trailer

- True show piece,
- New lights,
- New tires,
- Aluminum wheels with spare,
- Three ramps,
- Diamond plate fenders,
- Tongue jack,
- Stainless steel tiedowns,
- Torsion (Henchel) axle, (no springs), and
- Bearing Buddies

Perfect condition, \$4,900.

Includes storage box(polished Diamond plate) and its set up with wheel chocks for two-wheel motorcycle or three-wheel motorcycle.

Contact Steve Burton at 904-955-1121 for more information.



Buy, Sell or Swap #4

For Sale



A 1963 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight Convertible. It is a true rarity, being one of 1,427 ever made. In 1963, this was the Top-of-the-Line Oldsmobile full-size C Body luxury car. This is a perfect candidate for a weekend cruiser or restoration!

Details:

- All original paint, interior, and top
- Chrome in great shape
- Interior in great shape
- Needs new convertible top
- Power windows, top, all work!
- Straight body with No rust
- Power steering and brakes Powerplant:
- 394 CI Skyrocket V8 (~330 horsepower)
- 3 Speed Roto-Hydramatic Automatic Transmission
- Will need rings (weak compression on cylinder 2)
- Interior: - Leather seats - Perfect condition dash & glass



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Recent Repairs:

- Replaced muffler
- New fuel pump, lines, & filters
- Rebuilt carburetor
- Cleaned fuel tank
- New battery
- New tires
- Coolant flush
- New wiring harness & circuit breaker

Comes with original parade cover, a dozen hubcaps, windshield wiper motor, and assorted extra parts.

Only \$16,000 or trade

For more details, contact Sean Griswold at
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