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Hello Everyone!

Hope everyone is doing well. Had a little bit of rough weather for a while, At least now it's looking brighter. Since the weather is going to get better, we are planning to do our first drive to **Ellinwood, Kansas, to tour the tunnels on March 7, 2024.**

Everyone who would like to go, please contact either

Dan Johnson 641-1589 or Lew 990-2533.

Thanks so much and look forward to seeing you.

Have a pleasant new month!

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**Saturday LIAR'S CLUB 6 PM at
BRAUM'S, Seneca & Douglas**



IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR



SCCA AWARD RESULTS

Sharon and Hank Brillhart recently attended their **SCCA Awards Banquet**: Hank and I went to the **Wichita Region SCCA Banquet**, Saturday, January 20th. We had a great time visiting with everyone and received really nice trophies for this last year. Hank received a **First Place Trophy** for driving his **1999 Miata** and **recognized for his participation** for this last year. I received a **First Place Trophy** for driving my **2003 MR2**, and was **recognized for my participation** in doing club duties for last year. I also received a **Trophy and Apron** for making **cookies for every event** this last year, which was a total surprise. We plan to do



this at least another year; we enjoy everyone in the **SCCA Community** and do think it helps us keep up our driving skills on the road.

We have another banquet in February for Salina. Can't wait to see everyone there!! Hope everyone is enjoying the winter weather, and praying for little less cold.

Maybe we will see you this summer out at the track!

Submitted by Sharon Brillhart

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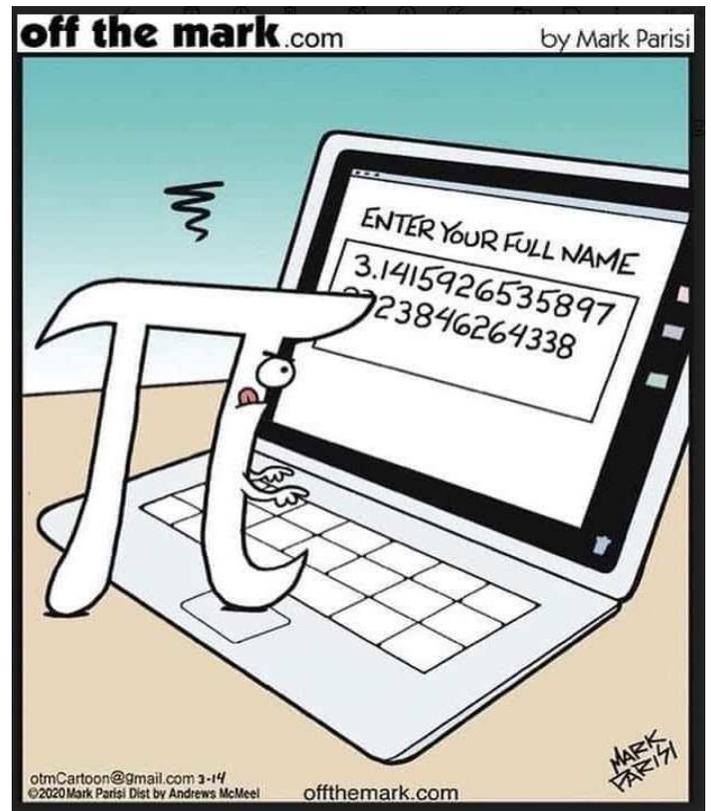
please note that the club is making a partial return to the \$24 yearly amount charged for dues.

YEAR 2024, BCCW Dues -\$10/yr.

The costs of paper are negligible, but the costs of the HP Inks have increased. Your editor is still free. Remittance of your \$10 is always welcome at the mailing address of

Tammy Vandruff, 700 South Madison, Wichita, Ks 67211. Dues accompanied by suggestions for event / trip / social ideas are always encouraged!
Thanks, Your Editor

Do you hate passwords like I do?



Rod MacLean has been playing the Big Swap Game with his Austin Healy 3000!

First, out with an old & much heavier cast iron transmission shown at right. I ventured a guess that it weighed almost as much as the empty body. Rod admitted that it's a beast,



Newer, lighter, Toyota JAPAN domestic Market (JDM) below has arrived and is shown with old, longer lever.



Below, the new JDM is fitted to new bell and the new shift lever shown installed.



Below right, Old shift fixture is in Rod's glove with new shorter & reoriented fixture now installed on the shifting rod.



The new fixture is on the rod, below right, shows that it allows for more comfortable shifting positions, considerably well forward of original shift fixture envelope, allowing the driver to have easier operation of the gearshift knob.



Do a check fit on the new gearshift fixture and lever and check the fit of universal.

Below, pull apart to install the seal with some of stronger **Hondabond HT**



Yes, this group of loose parts can be a puzzle on the floor and work well only when close together in the case.



Seal is in; case goes back on and bolted down with very specific bolts with specific torques.



New speedo gears are carefully meshed and compressed into place.



If speedo and gearing works well together, it's time to install the shifting tower.



The 5-speed transmission is ready for final bits before bolting on the mount and installing into car.

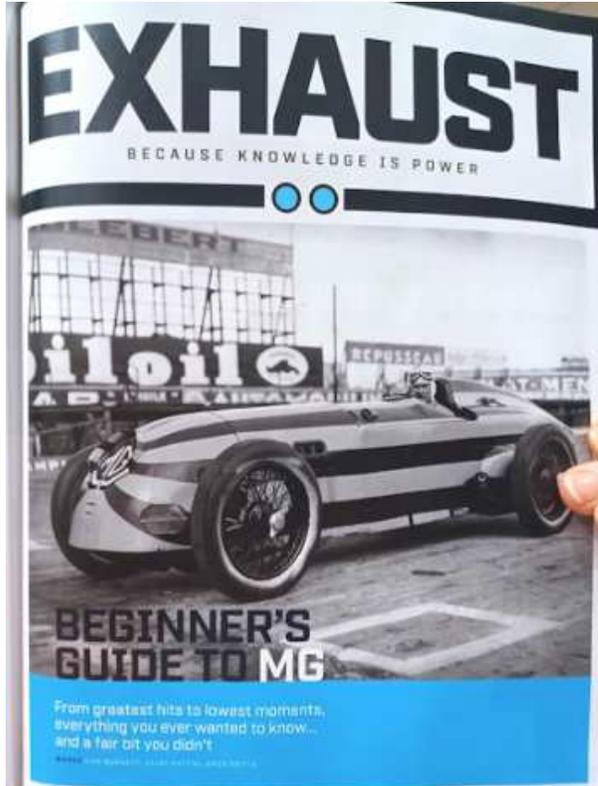


While two are gluing, one should hold the shift rod in place to avoid deliberately loose & wobbly parts from falling onto the floor.



MORE TO COME!

RIC WOHLFORD, your favorite **Website source and Supporter** for years of the British Car Club of Wichita, Ks, sent in these shots of magazines that are not embarrassed to advertise British Iron. Thanks Ric!



MG's greatest hits



01
MG M-Type Midget

The launch of the M-Type in 1929 really did save MG. As sales of its big saloon were faltering, this small lightweight sports car - based on the 1928 Morris Minor - came along and set the tone for the future of British roadsters.



02
MG TA

MG's T-Type range was kickstarted by the TA in 1936. Another open-topped two-seat sports car, the TA was fitted with a 1.3-litre four-cylinder making it heavily 60bhp. Probably plianly given it used a steel body on a wooden frame.



03
MG Metro 484

The ultimate MG? The 484 six for the cylinder count. It for rally and four for the driven wheels) was built by Williams GP Engineering for the ill-fated Group B rally regs. In competition spec, the mid-mounted V6 produced over 400bhp.



04
MG XPower SV

MG's attempt to take on the superior elite resulted in the XPower SV - a V8-engined, 200-hp Britisher that used the technology from a second-gen Ford Focus. The limited SV 4 was sold in 2004 and had its Ford engine tuned by Rover to make 285bhp.



05
MG MGA

An exceedingly sweet 1000 sports car, the MGA was produced between 1955 and 1962. It was a runaway success commercially, with over 300,000 examples sold. Interestingly, fewer than 6,000 remained in the UK, with most built for export markets.



06
MG GT V8

In 1973, the MG GT V8 arrived with that glorious coupe-shooting broke body, a 187bhp version of the aluminium Rover V8 and an innovative tongue-in-cheek of a name. Sadly it was only in production until 1976.



07
MG MGB

The only modern MG on this list, but it's not the last far grand reveal. The 4 is an extremely well-built and electric hatch that's also a real fun to drive. It's also interesting to look at, as it's the only MG to have a modern rear wheel drive rather than the 4-wheel drive.



08
MG ZT

The ZT was MG's take on the Rover V8, a rear-wheel-drive sports car with a 170bhp engine. It's also interesting to look at, as it's the only MG to have a modern rear wheel drive rather than the 4-wheel drive.



09
MG F

The first new MG sports car since the MG B, the F was designed under Rover's British Aerospace ownership but didn't actually get on sale until after Rover was at the helm. Initially powered by a 1.8-litre V4 engine, you could have the F100 with 118 or 143bhp.



Joe Henning sent in these shots from the Charity Car Show at Century II. At least a couple MGB GTs were at the show.

If you are working on a project, be sure to take some photos for your scrapbook and send it in to the Wing & Bonnett! Thanks Joe!



**HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING...
REALLY!**

**REVIEW: Jerry Rig Everything : The Aptera
ARTICLE:**

<http://go.microsoft.com/flank/p/?Linkid=255141>

3-Wheel Solar-Powered Aptera Autocycle, weight of about 2,100 pounds, top speed 110mph & 0-60 of 4 seconds – With electric motors in each of 3 wheels, it has a range of 1,000 miles without plugging in to recharge. (Continuous sunlight and you'd never have to stop to charge?) Exterior covered with solar panels allowing continual charging for an extra 40 miles per day or tail receptacle for connection to a regular 110 outlet for 150 mile range overnight or use any DC fast charging network including that of Tesla. Price is estimated \$25K. Parts have QR Codes for replacement.



Harry Price, regular contributor, offers this with his usual acerbic wit at the end:

1966 GT40 MkII



Published Jan 2024 autoevolution, by Ciprian Florea

Not many GT40s have crossed the auction block in recent years. But those that did changed hands for seven- or even eight-figure sums.

The 1966 GT40 MkII that finished third at Le Mans came in 2018 with a **\$9.79-million** price tag. A **1965 roadster prototype** found a new home for **\$7.65 million** in 2019, while a **1967 MkIII** netted a cool **\$5 million**. Come January 2024, a road-legal version of the 1966 MkI just became the fourth-most expensive GT40 ever sold.

Part of the first batch of homologation cars built to make the GT40 eligible for racing; **this MkI is one of only 31 units made. All were completed at the Ford Advanced Vehicles factory in Slough, Buckinghamshire, England.**

Despite their road-legal status, the MkI road cars looked almost identical to their race-winning counterparts. Key differences included an upholstered interior, a softer suspension setup, a quieter exhaust system, and a spare tire under the front hood.

The road car also employed a 289-cubic-inch (4.7-liter) V8 engine. However, the mill was detuned compared to the race-spec version. While the latter hit the track with nearly 400 horsepower, the street version had 306 horses on tap.

Fed to the rear wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox, it enabled the GT40 to hit 60 mph (97 kph) from a standing start in 5.3 seconds. The MkI was quicker than the contemporary Lamborghini Miura despite generating less oomph.

The Metallic Dark Blue example you see here was delivered new to an Italian customer in November 1966. The car was then owned by Umberto Magioli, a Ferrari works driver and winner of the Targa Florio and the 12 Hours of Sebring. The GT40 spent about 20 years in Italy before finding a new owner in Germany. It was parked in the Nurburgring Museum for several years before it found its way to a new owner, who kept it for about three decades.

It's also a low-mileage gem with only 13,442 miles (21,633 km) on the odometer. And, according to Mecum, it was never publicly displayed for 30 years.

It sold for \$6.93 million, including buyer's premium, making it the most expensive car sold at Kissimmee 2024 as of January 13.

...As Harry says, "In other words, it's an English Ford."

... here's a little different car:

For Sale: A Famous Movie Star Of A Car That You Couldn't Drive Yet, Even If You Bought It....

1989 Lamborghini

Countach by J.A. Ackley, Classic Motorsports



There are many memorable scenes featuring cars in modern cinema, but few can rival the appearance of the **1989 25th Anniversary Edition Lamborghini Countach** in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, a movie directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Margot Robbie, and Matthew McConaughey. In the film, DiCaprio (playing Jordan Belfort) has to get himself into the car and drive a mile or so to his house to stop a phone call. Unfortunately he's has taken Lemmons 714, the holy grail of Quaaludes. This renders his body only partially functional and results in a hilariously incoherent call on the car phone, followed by what can only be described as a pin balling drive across town resulting in severe damage to the vehicle.

It's believed that this version of the Countach was the fastest, with a 0 to 60

mph time of 4.7 seconds and a top speed of 183 mph. Power was provided by an upgraded 5.2 liter Lamborghini V12 which was mated to a 5-speed manual transmission sending power to the rear wheels.

Two examples of the 25th Anniversary Countach were used in the film; the car you see in this article was the hero car and was on screen for 3 minutes and 11 seconds, it also sustained the damage from the Quaalude-fuelled drive across town. The other car was on screen for approximately 16 seconds in two shots and didn't sustain any notable damage.

The halo car is now being offered for sale by Bonhams as part of their *On the Grid* auction in Abu Dhabi, which is scheduled for the 25th of November. The car has a price guide of **\$1,500,000 – \$2,000,000 USD**, if that value range is attained it may very well be the highest price paid for a non-operational Lamborghini Countach in history.

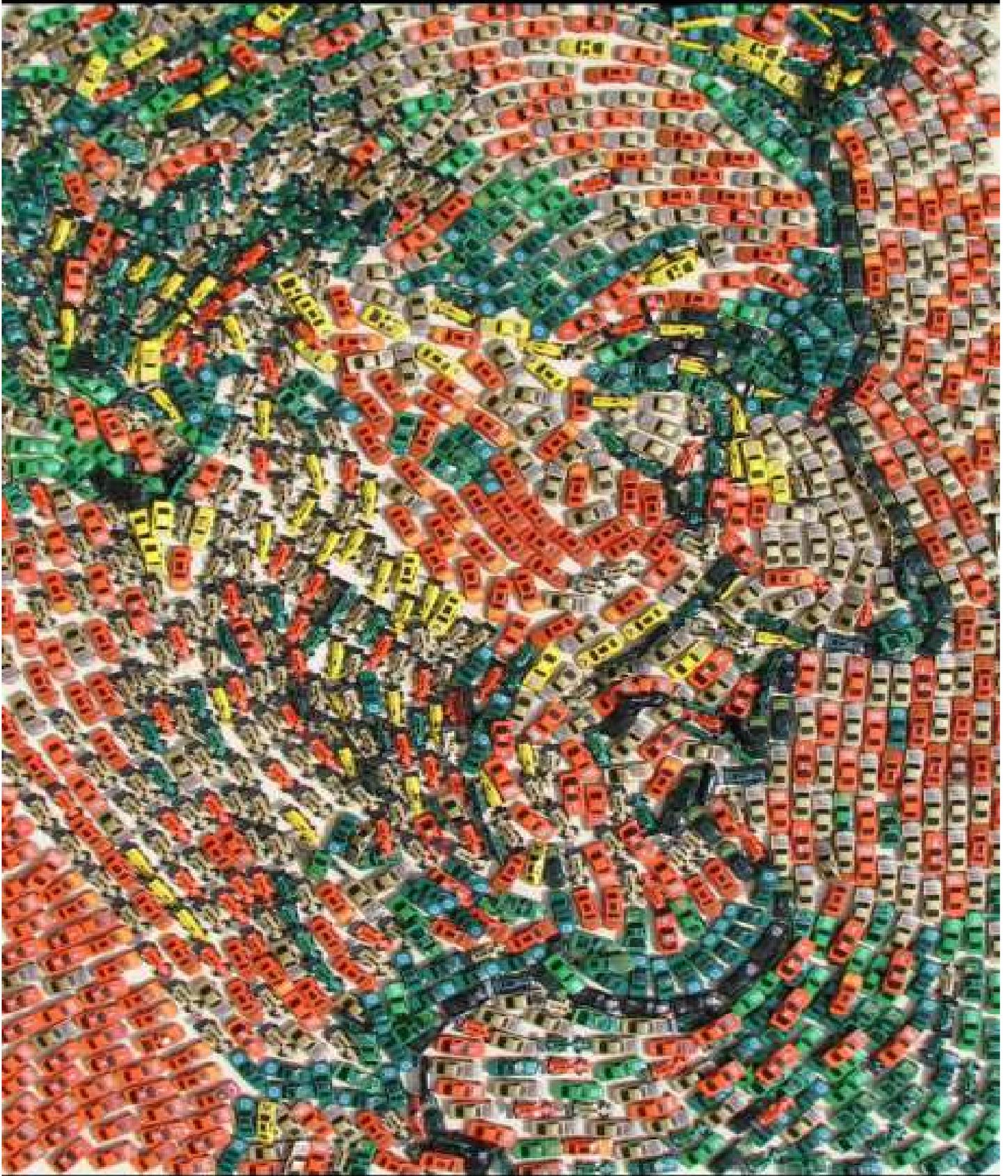
It will then be up to the new owner what they want to do with the car, it will likely be placed on display in a collection in its exact current condition, but there's a small chance it'll be bought by someone who wants to restore it back to original, drivable condition – though this would likely anger the movie buffs.

The vehicle also comes with a director's chair and scene clapboard, both signed by the trio of Scorsese, DiCaprio, and Robbie, two original crew hoodies, and two DVDs of the film.

***Anybody up for a rebuilder?
(Used Only Once In A Film.)***

***Both Full articles: Go to Classic Sports
(0e32c785aa03c0e6cb578e7c6.606536.list-id.mcsv.net)***

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was born February 12, 1809



President's Day is February 19, 2024

SAFETY PAGE

Ahhh... the good old days, when your brakes slowed your car about as quickly as it would accelerate. The city sported the very newest technology in traffic signals for safety! Your editor



has lost the photo taken of some of early downtown Wichita street corners that sported large, colored glass marbles set into the cement to make the corners more visible for turning cars.

(By the way, when did you last look at your brake pads, tire tread, PSI, & brake fluid?)

With all the body shops filled with wrecks, it's the perfect time to remind you all to **SLOW DOWN**. The upcoming Spring and Summer driving weather will be here shortly, and you don't want to put off a

fun trip because your favorite shiny toy...isn't. In the interest of preserving my own bank account & license, your editor has taken The Pledge to carefully drive speed limit.

Below is a useful visual aide from 2018, but it still serves as a good lesson today for how the world can turn you upside down and into much smaller pieces after making a calculated risk at a high speed and probably doing all of it in the wrong lane..

Especially lately, in Wichita, I've been passed by Mr. or Mrs. Unsafe at almost warp speed and weave randomly through traffic at rates that would fighten the average Boston driver! Keep your eyes & your car on the road.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!



FUSES?

Just because you can do this doesn't mean it's a bright idea.



NOTES FROM THE EDGE

From Terry Palmer terpalmer3@gmail.com -
Hi Lew, it's been a while. I had back surgery over a year ago. I sold my TR6 and would like to clear out some parts both new and used. I also have a **J-type overdrive transmission** that I was going to put in my TR6, it's out of a 75 TR6. I'm asking \$2,000 for the trans but cannot ship. I have other parts. Thanks.
316-644-2014 terpalmer3@gmail.com



Gearbox cover, fiberglass. \$45. Came with some parts cars I bought long ago. Looks like it has been installed once and promptly pulled. One mounting tab needs repaired, otherwise in very good condition.

Fits TR4,4a,250 & 6. New phenolic unit from The Roadster Factory is \$110 + shipping. Pick up is best, as shipping will be a killer on something this big. Will ship, but don't recommend it. 31six 77six 00six5. **Other TR3 & 4 parts available, inquire.**

HARRY PRICE

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Do NOT forget Valentine's Day



COMPLAINT:

People are walking around completely absorbed in their phone screens.

This photo captures that nicely....





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The British Car Club of Wichita, Ks

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 Madison, Wichita, Ks 67211

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STREET & NUMBER _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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Membership Dues: **\$10** for the full year...
 NEW memberships prorated per months remaining in year. All renewals at full amount.

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SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 2024

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- 4.Car Make
- 5.Car Model
- 6.Car Club Affiliation