

AN AMERICAN MOTORS HOME LIBRARY
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For years I've collected AMC-related books and have accumulated a substantial library. As an aid to others in the hobby who may share an interest in books, I've compiled a list of AMC-related books, both in print and out. AMC hobbyists interested in reading more about their cars and the companies that built them will find useful information in these books.

The books listed as 'Out Of Print' are generally no longer available through regular stores or catalogs, but can be found at flea markets, AMC swap meets, and through my used book service. The books listed as "In Print" are generally available at the time of this writing, although several have been on the market for a while and may be nearly sold out. Most of these books can be purchased at The Olde Milford Press- www.oldemilfordpress.com

BOOKS OUT OF PRINT:

AMAZING AMC MUSCLE 1968-1974- by Edrie Marquez, is a softbound history of AMC performance cars and racing cars. Well illustrated. ISBN 0-87938-300-3

AMC BUYERS GUIDE- by Larry Mitchell, A softbound, illustrated guide for the collector that gives an overview of the complete AMC car line. ISBN 0-87938-891-9

AMX & JAVELIN 1968-1974 Muscle Portfolio-- By RM Clarke. This softbound book is part of the Brooklands series, which means it is a collection of magazine articles on AMX and Javelin from around the world. ISBN 1 85520 2484

AMERICAN MOTORS FAMILY ALBUM by John A Conde- Wonderful softbound photo history books. Nine separate editions were published in all. The first four editions were published as the Nash Family Album and appeared in 1951, 1952, 1954 and

1956. Three more editions were produced as the Rambler Family Album and are dated September 1961, February 1962 and November 1963. The first AMC Family Album appeared in 1969, and the second (and last) in 1976. Any of the Family Albums are a worthwhile addition to your collection.

AMERICAN MOTORS MUSCLE CARS 1966-1970 compiled by RM Clarke. Another book in the Brooklands series, like the others this is a collection of reprinted magazine articles. ISBN 0 907 073 581

AMERICAN MOTORS, THE LAST INDEPENDENT- my first AMC book, this is a hardbound corporate history of AMC 1954-1987, illustrated with 300 photos. Hard to find, used copies command a fairly high price when available. ISBN 0-87341-240-0

AMX -A SOURCE BOOK by Scott Campbell. A softbound collection of AMX advertisements, reprints from sales catalog, specifications and factory photos of AMX prototypes makes this a worthwhile addition to your AMC library. ISBN 0-934780-08-0

JAVELIN: A SOURCE BOOK by Scott Campbell similar to above but features Javelin.

BEIJING JEEP by Jim Mann - published 1989, is an interesting look at AMC's joint venture Jeep business in China. Good reading, but not for everyone. ISBN 0-671-62027-4
Two editions were produced, the first a hardbound and later a softbound edition.

HEMMINGS BOOK OF HUDSONS- A collections of articles reprinted from past issues of Special Interest Autos. Softbound, 120 pages.

THE HISTORY OF HUDSON the author of this fine book, the

late Don Butler, was a stylist for Hudson, Nash and AMC during the 1950's. The book is a collection of photos of every Hudson model produced, and includes some interesting historical text as well. A large, excellent reference for anyone interested in Hudson. ISBN 0-87938-696-7

HUDSON : THE STORY OF THE HUDSON MOTOR CAR 1909-1957 This obscure but interesting softbound booklet traces the history of Hudson through its advertisements. No text, just reprinted ads, but a lot of fun. ISBN 0-913490-11-3

HUDSON 1946-1957 THE CLASSIC POSTWAR YEARS by Richard Langworth- This is a reprint of an early work under a very similar title. The book is a combination of good writing and fine vintage photographs and is enjoyable reading. ISBN 0-87938-729-7

HEMMINGS BOOK OF POSTWAR AMERICAN INDEPENDENTS- A collections of articles reprinted from past issues of Special Interest Autos. Softbound, 120 pages.

THE LEGEND OF THE LUCKY LEE LOTT HELL DRIVERS by Lucky Lee Lott, is an interesting autobiography of the famed stunt car driver. There's an AMC connection because Lott used Nash cars for his daredevil stunts. ISBN 0 87938-858-7

MISTER JAVELIN-GUY HADSALL JR. AT AMERICAN MOTORS by Guy Hadsall Jr. Autobiography of a man who enjoyed a successful career at AMC, including naming AMC's Javelin. Edited by AMC historian Pat Foster. Softbound, 96 pg. 80 photos including Javelin, Rambler, Nash & AMX.

NASH & NASH-HEALEY by RM. Clarke- A collection of vintage articles from Motor Trend, Road & Track, Car Life & others. Read all the great things road testers had to say about Nash.

Softbound, 92 pages.

NASH METROPOLITAN 1954-1961. From Brooklands Books. A collection of magazine articles on the Met, this book was later reissued in an expanded version.

HEMMINGS BOOK OF NASHES- A collections of articles reprinted from past issues of Special Interest Autos. Softbound, 120 pages.

OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS 1902-1963 RAMBLER AND ITS PREDECESSORS by John A Conde. 44 pg softbound booklet that lists model numbers, body styles, shipping weight, prices and similar information. Very useful reference.

OFF-ROAD JEEPS- CIVILIAN & MILITARY 1944-1971- Includes 19 pages of articles on the AMC Mighty Mite military vehicle, plus articles on M38's, and the M151 Mutt. A great collection of articles reprinted from various magazines. Softbound, 100 pg.

PERFORMANCE AMERICAN STYLE - This softbound 48-page booklet was offered by American Motors in the 1970's. The first few pages offer some historical information about AMC, but the booklet focuses on detailed instructions for AMC and Jeep vehicles for competition. COPYRIGHT 1972 Reprinted copies were made in recent years.

RAMBLER CANADA- Promoted as a history of AMC in Canada, this is really only a collection of individual articles about people who worked for American Motors Canada. Softbound.

STANDARD CATALOG OF AMERICAN MOTORS - edited by John Gunnell. Contains product information for all AMC related cars and trucks- Nash, Hudson, Rambler and etc. It provides detailed figures on model names and numbers, production by model for

most years, plus plenty of other information too. Includes reprints of AMC-related magazine articles that appeared in Old Cars Weekly. ISBN 0-87341-232-X

THE STANDARD CATALOG OF INDEPENDENTS-Comprehensive catalog of all the major independent car companies- Cord, Auburn, AMC, Nash, Checker, Hudson, Kaiser, Frazer, Packard, Studebaker, Stutz, Duesenburg, Willys-Overland, Pierce-Arrow & Rambler. Includes prices, specifications & production. Invaluable reference. 400 pg/ 8 pg of color.

THE STORY OF JEEP- By Patrick R Foster- **Winner of the Antique Automobile Club of America's prestigious Thomas McKean Memorial Cup** for best book of automotive history. The full story of Jeep & the companies that owned it. Softbound, 256 pg., 250 photos plus a 16 pg. color section. This book has been replaced by a new edition.

THE CARS THAT HUDSON BUILT by John A Conde- pub 1980. This book is probably the finest Hudson book ever published. A hardbound photo history done in the style of his American Motors family Album. ISBN # 0-960548-0-X

THE COMPACT CHRONICLES by Francis Swygert, privately published, spiral bound book that includes, according to one reviewer " a perfunctory history and biographical sketches of some of the players at N-K and AMC ... " Copyright 1992

BOOKS IN PRINT

AMC CARS 1954-1987- ILLUSTRATED HISTORY- by Pat Foster, the world's foremost AMC historian! Loaded with info, well-written text and hundreds of photo- many never before published. 160 pgs, softbound.

AMC PERFORMANCE CARS 1951-1983 PHOTO ARCHIVE- By Patrick Foster. A new book recently released in the Photo Archive

series, this tracks all the high performance models of Nash, Hudson and AMC beginning with 1951.

RAMBLER 1950-1969 Photo Archive by Patrick Foster- This book covers the modern Rambler from 1950 to 1969, the final year of production. A pictorial history, it includes many previously unpublished photos. Softbound, 126 pages, over 125 photos.

AMC RAMBLER LIMITED EDITION EXTRA by RM. Clarke- A collection of vintage articles from Motor Trend, Road & Track, Car Life & others. Softbound, 136 pages.

AMX & JAVELIN 1968-1974--by RM Clarke. This is a collection of magazine articles on AMX and Javelin from around the world. This new edition features color photography.

AMX Photo Archive- From Concept to Reality- Covers the AMX story from development to production. This pictorial history includes many previously unpublished photos. Softbound, 126 pages

JAVELIN PHOTO ARCHIVE- FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY- Covers the Javelin's fabulous story from its development to production. A pictorial history, this neat book includes many previously unpublished photos. Softbound, 126 pages

HUDSON 1934-1957 PHOTO ARCHIVE- Softbound, a photo history of Hudson cars in the Iconografix series. 128 pg. approx 120 photos-

FUN AT WORK- HUDSON STYLE- by Harry F Kraus, Sr. This brand new book is a delightful collection of stories and reminiscences of a former Hudson employee. Filled with factual recollections by a man who was there when it all happened, this is a long-overdue addition to Hudson lore. Softbound, 108 pages and many photos of Hudson cars and

employees, this is a book real Hudson men will love.

HUDSON PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO by RM. Clarke- A collection of vintage articles from Motor Trend, Road & Track, Car Life & others. Softbound, 128 pages.

ROY D CHAPIN- The Man Behind the Hudson Motor Car Company- Reprint of an earlier work commissioned by the Chapin family, this is a must-have book for students of Hudson and AMC history.

THE END OF THE LINE- LOST JOBS, NEW LIVES IN POSTINDUSTRIAL AMERICA. By Kathryn Marie Dudley is a scholarly look at the sociological consequences of the closing of AMC's Kenosha auto plant. The book offers very little information on AMC cars, but is something a hard-core AMC history buff might appreciate. ISBN 0-226-16908-1

THE METROPOLITAN STORY by Patrick R Foster, is my own contribution to the history of AMC's smallest, cutest marque, and is the second book in my three book AMC series. Hardbound, with over 200 vintage photos plus a full color section.

THE NASH STYLING SKETCHBOOK by Patrick R Foster, is the first title in my planned

'History of American Motors Styling' trilogy. The Sketchbook contains dozens of photos of Nash styling prototypes, mock-ups, clay styling studies, as well as drawings and sketches of dream cars, Nash sports cars, and other 'Nashes that Never Were'. All illustrations are vintage originals from the Nash Styling Studio. Many have never before been published.

NASH 1936-1957 PHOTO ARCHIVE- Iconografix Photo Archive series. Includes 1930-50's Nash senior models including Ambassador, 600, Statesman etc, Metropolitan, Nash-Healey and Rambler.

NASH LIMITED EDITION EXTRA by RM. Clarke- A collection of vintage articles from Motor Trend, Road & Track, Car Life & others. Softbound, 128 pages.

NASH-AUSTIN METROPOLITAN GOLD PORTFOLIO 1954-1962 This is an expanded version of the earlier RM Clarke book in the Brooklands series, and is a collection of magazine articles on the Metropolitan. Interesting view of how magazines perceived the Metropolitan over the years. ISBN 1 85520 306 5

FROM KENOSHA TO THE WORLD- Rambler, Jeffery, and Nash Truck Story- covers various truck models produced by Nash and its predecessors. Softbound.

THE STANDARD CATALOG OF JEEP 1940-2003- By Pat Foster- An invaluable reference for Jeep enthusiasts, also contains much info on AMC's part in Jeep history. Thousands of specifications, product facts, production figures etc. plus the full history of Jeep. Softbound, 256 pg., 300+ color and b&w photos.

THE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE- by Mark Donohue. Racing legend Donohue tells what it was like to race Cobras, McLaren's, Corvettes, Lola's, Porsche's & the mighty AMC Javelin & Matador. Softbound, 352 pgs, b&w + color photography.

THE STORY OF JEEP-2nd Edition By Patrick R Foster- **Winner of the Antique Automobile Club of America's prestigious Thomas McKean Memorial Cup** for best book of automotive history. The full story of Jeep & the companies that owned it. Softbound, 288 pg., over 300 color and B&W photos. The best Jeep history ever.

OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS 1902-1957 RAMBLER AND ITS PREDECESSORS

revised for the Nash Club by Bob Aaron . A revised version of

John Conde's earlier work, this 21 page booklet has been condensed to cover only Nash, Rambler Jeffrey and related vehicles from 1902-1957 (the original went up to 1963).

OTHER AMC-RELATED BOOKS

THE STORY OF GEORGE ROMNEY by Tom Mahoney copyright 1960. This wonderful book, a biography of AMC Chairman George Romney, is long out of print but worth searching for. Out of Print

GEORGE ROMNEY- MORMON IN POLITICS- by Clark R Mollenhoff- Another Romney biography, this one takes the story up to 1968 and Romney's bid for the presidential nomination. Includes details of his youth and his years at AMC. Hardbound, Out of Print

ROMNEY'S WAY- A MAN AND AN IDEA- by T George Harris- A later biography of Romney, this one deals less with his auto career and more with his political views. Of all the books written about him, Romney liked this one best. Was printed in soft and hardbound editions. Out of Print.

There you have it-61 AMC-related books, counting each of the American Motors Family Albums separately. Have I missed any titles? Well, if I did, not many. If you know of others, please write me so that I can include that in any future updates of the list.