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#### General Information

The club is a not-for-profit Kansas corporation, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Chevelles and El Caminos. Ownership of a Chevelle or associated vehicle is not required. Club newsletters are mailed to members which include minutes of meetings, upcoming events, and technical articles and also found on club's website.

Business meetings are convened on the last Thursday of each month, with the possible exceptions of November and December, for the purpose of discussing and planning future club events. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., at Superior Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas unless otherwise noted in the newsletter or on the club's website Members may advertise vehicles/ parts for sale, trade, or wanted in the newsletter for no charge. Call the editor at 913/782-8776 or e-mail at igragg5@comcast.net to place an ad in the newsletter.

## Agenda

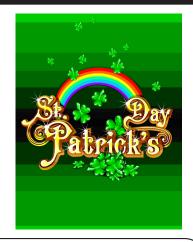
- 1 Call to Order
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Reports/Discussion
  - A. 2009 MAACES Survey/2010 Show
  - B. 2010 Election Process
  - C. Upcoming Events
- 4. Report of Treasurer
- 5. Additional Items
- 6. Car Talk
- 7. Comments/Suggestions
- 8. Adjournment

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 25: Monthly meeting Superior Chevrolet

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day Mar 20: First Day of Spring

Mar 25: Monthly Meeting Superior Chevrolet



### **Board Information**

Chairman: Rocky Hill, 913/915-1231(rockyhill@sbcglobal.net)

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### Items for Sale/Trade/Wanted

**Goodmark parts.** Available from Dan Yuran. Call Dan Yuran at 913/268-8640.

BBC Cylinder Heads. # '290 L78/LS5 Closed Chamber Rectangular Port Heads - 7/69 & 4/70 casting dates, Completely re-done, Magnafluxed, 3 angle valve job, Hardened Seats installed, Surfaced, Valve Guides machined for L88 .560 lift cam & PC Valve seals installed, ready to install - \$900; # '781 Open Chamber Oval Port Core Heads - \$300! # '049 454 Open Chamber Oval Port Heads - Cleaned, Bead Blasted, & Magnafluxed, - \$400. Contact Frank Riley at (913) 638-7596.

Hubcaps. 14", five total. \$25.00. Contact John W. Gragg at 913/782-8776 or at jgragg5@ comcast.net



Covers, Wire Wheel. 14", five total. \$100.00 Contact John W. Gragg at 913/782-8776 or at jgragg5@ comcast.net



Manifold. Intake, crate 454 factory aluminum high-rise square port - \$50.00. Call John W. Gragg at 913/782-8776 or e-mail at jgragg5@comcast.net





Welcome to the near end of Winter – I certainly hope Old Man Winter is aware that he is now unwelcome in these here parts!! The members at the last meeting began conversing about the 2010 Mid-America ACES Regionals which will again be hosted in the cooler September climate. A few details will be found in this publication. The results of the recent membership survey are also published

in this edition. As in the past, the editors are looking for articles, pictures, stories, updates on vehicles for this newsletter. Please send them by e-mail or by the people housed in the Post Office.

The next meeting is at Superior Chevrolet at 7:00 p.m. on February 25. Pizza will be available for a donation of \$5.00 per person. - Editors









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## February 25, 2010 Meeting

Generally members attending the monthly meeting close the meeting and meet to talk and eat at a nearby restaurant. However, for the February meeting, the meeting and eating will be combined. Pizza will be available for a \$5.00 per person donation – there is no obligation to donate or to eat; just adding a different dimension to the meeting. As noted in the Editor's Notes the meeting is on February 25, 2010 in the Conference Room at Superior Chevrolet at 7:00 p.m. See you then.

# January 28, 2010 Meeting

There were a number of members which attended the January meeting at Superior Chevrolet. Items discussed were: recent club survey pertaining to 2009 Mid-America ACES Regional



and other general items; upcoming 2010 show, other club events, and a potential tour of the Liberty Memorial on February 21, 2010. Some scenes of the evening -



## **Recipe Corner**

#### **Grape Nut Peanut Butter Bars**

3/4 c. reduced fat peanut butter

1 c. light corn syrup

1 c. sugar

4 c. Post Grape Nuts cereal

Microwave peanut butter, corn syrup, and sugar in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH for 2 minutes or just until the mixture comes to boil, stirring after each minute. Add cereal, mix well.

PRESS cereal mixture firmly onto bottom of 13 x 9 inch pan sprayed with cooking spray. Cool completely.

CUT cereal mixture into bars (30 bars) and wrap individually in plastic wrap. Store in tightly covered container at room temperature.

Nutritional Information per bar: 140 calories, 2.5 g total fat; 0.5 saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 120 mg sodium, 30 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 14 g sugar, 3 g protein.

I also made these with the Karo Lite corn syrup and substituted Splenda for the sugar and the bars were quite good.

There was interest in providing a recipe in the monthly newsletter – send a recipe or two for the newsletter. I know we have a number of GOOD cooks in the club – please share!

## 2010 Mid-America ACES Regional























Soon to be back by popular demand will be the 2010 Mid-America ACES Regionals, September 24-25, 2010 at the Great Mall of the Great Plains, Olathe. The fees will remain the same or slightly lower (for T-shirts). Fliers will be completed in March ready for distribution at spring and summer car shows and cruises. As in year's past, your volunteer hours will be greatly appreciated and as noted in the recent survey many members want to volunteer, but are not sure how to go about that. It is as simple as an e-mail, phone call, or pull on a members shirt and say "Hey, how can I help?" IT REALLY IS THAT SIMPLE. If you want to volunteer for a job, just say so. Those working the show in the past could use a break and would be very willing to help train or give pointers and let you use your creative talents to make the efforts and event better.

## 2009 Regional and Club Survey

Last fall a survey was conducted asking questions about the 2009 Mid-America ACES Regional and a couple general questions. The results are tabulated and shared with the officers of the club. The results

will be used to enhance the objectives of the club. The results are printed to share with the members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers. Contact information is found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

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1. Did you or a family member volunteer with help with the car show? answered question 21

Yes - 66.7%

No -33.3%

2. Were the September 2009 days favorable for you? answered question 21

Yes - 90.5%

No - 9.5%

3. Are you in suport of continued hosting of future ACES Mid-America Regionals by this club? answered question 20 skipped question 1

Yes - 90.0%

No - 10%

- 4. If you do not volunteer for the show, what is the main reason which keeps you from volunteering to work in advance for the show or during the show? answered question 10 skipped question 11
- 1. I'm only 17, and school frequently limits my free time. Fri, Dec 4, 2009 4:53 PM
- 2. I already have other commitments that prevent me from volunteering. Sun, Nov 22, 2009 6:04 AM
- 3. I was out of town, on vacation. Sat, Nov 21, 2009 8:09 PM
- 4. I am a new member. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:12 PM
- 5. Rick Byfield's car on the show shirt. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 7:01 PM
- 6. NP Wed, Nov 18, 2009 6:49 PM
- 7. At this point, I do not know if I would be free to volunteer. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:52 AM
- 8. too many thing on my calendar. just hasn't worked out the last several years. Wed. Nov 18, 2009 9:48 AM
- 9. I will always volunteer to help with the show. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:46 AM
- 10. My wife has brain cancer, which unables me to have the time to be away. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:08 AM

5. If you volunteered, do you feel your efforts during the show were appreciated by other members? (Please add comments if desired) answered question 21

Yes -66.7%14

No 0.0%0

Did not volunteer - 33.3%7

- 1. I feel the efforts are valued, but others do not volunteer; or if they do it is at a time that is not convenient to "train" how to do actions.
- 2. I was not really assigned to anything specific. I think the club tends to rely on the same individuals year after year. I do think other members would step up if asked or assigned duties by the show chairman or president. Members tend to be more active if they feel they are contributing to the club.
- 3. So I've been told anyway.
- 4. I think it's taken for granted that the same people are going to do all the work every year.
- 6. What was your purpose or intent when becoming a member of the Mid-America Chevelle Club? answered question 20
- 1.I didn't want to join another formal club, my spouse was interested. Sun, Jan 3, 2010 1:24 PM
- 2. Fellowship, fun, and meeting new friends that have similar interests to my own. Fri, Dec 11, 2009 1:47 PM
- 3.To meet other owners, to see what it's like to be in a club of this nature, and to learn as much as I can about care for and restoration of my El Camino. Also, I'm very proud of my car, so I don't mind showing off a bit.Fri, Dec 4, 2009 4:56 PM ....Continued on Page 7

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#### 2009 Survey...Continued from Page 6

- 4.To interact with other Chevelle owners; mainly to learn about how they have restored and how they maintain their cars. Also, I just like cars and have a Chevelle.Sun, Nov 22, 2009 6:05 AM.
- 5. Meeting people in the area who have a chevelle. They are the best people to talk to to know who is the best, in the area, to fix on chevelles. Sat, Nov 21, 2009 8:11 PM
- 6.My intent was to join others with similar passion for Chevelles that I had. The biggest reason though was to learn from other members more knowlegeable than myself. Thu, Nov 19, 2009 10:06 PM
- 7.1. Gain shared knowledge from other members.
- 2. Participate in car related events
- 3. Socialize

I'm a failrly new member and have a good time at our events. Thu, Nov 19, 2009 2:08 PM

- 8. Enjoyment of membership, other common interest of club members, extented family Wed, Nov 18, 2009 10:25 PM
- 9.Learn more about Chevelle's because I hope to purchase one soon.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:12 PM
- 10.To meet other people with a similar interest in Chevelles, to learn more about these cars, and to get the opportunity to see more of them.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 8:21 PM
- 11.to become socially involved with people with a similar interestWed, Nov 18, 2009 8:00 PM
- 12. To focus on coupes and convertibles, and mainly to scoff at station wagons. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 7:02 PM
- 13.To meet people with the same interest(s)Wed, Nov 18, 2009 6:51 PM
- 14. Meeting and having fun with people that have a love for there chevelle as mush as I do. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 6:18 PM 15. just bought a 1966 chevelle conv and at this time, it is still being restored. This car was close to what I had in high
- school except the one in school was a SS with a 4-speed.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:54 AM.

  16.to enjoy my Chevelle with other like minded people. to be able to go on trips and have fun.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:49 AM 17. Friendship and fellowship with like minded people that share the same hobbies that I do.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:48 AM 18. Was looking for a social outlet. a place to hang out with other like minded people. was looking for a club that has

regular fun get togethers. a club that liked to help each other work on their cars.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:30 AM 19.Meet friends with like interest.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:08 AM

20.To be around other people who enjoy Chevelle's, and to learn more about my car , and to grow interest in our club. Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:08 AM

7. Are your expectations of the club realized? answered question 21

Yes - 66.7%14 No - 9.5%2 Other (please specify) - 23.8%5

1.As far a clubs go, this is fairly much the same as at work and other social clubs. A few do the work because others do not, then they are criticized by those who do not volunteer to do anything.....Sun, Jan 3, 2010 1:25 PM

2.Somewhat, but I do feel that events held by the club and subsidized with club funds, should only be open to current members and their family only! (ie the Christmas Party)Fri, Dec 11, 2009 1:49 PM

3.Yes and No. I do enjoy the club activites and visiting with other members. It does appear to me that it is difficult for new members to become a part of the "inner circle" of long time club members. There does not appear to be much desire to recruit or retain club members. I think there needs to be more effort in recruiting and encouraging new club members to keep them interested and feel like they are part of the club. For example, if there is work going on a club members car it would be nice for all club members to be notified from time to time rather than just a select few. A member willing to host a shop day for all would be nice, so that new members could learn from the veterans. Thu, Nov 19, 2009 10:40 PM

4.for the most part. it would be nice to have a few more events within the club.Wed, Nov 18, 2009 9:50 AM

5.Other than the three social functions, Picknic, hayride, Christmas, the clubs main focus seems to be on the car show. I really dont think anyone joins a club just to be part of a car show.

Other clubs seem to have meetings at peoples houses, have get togethers, work on other members cars, cook burgers, have fun in general. I dont see that with the Mid America Chevelle Club, I dont have any regrets about joining, I have met and made some really good friends, But hindsite is always 20-20 and if I had it all to do over again, I probably would have joined a different type of car club







