

MACC March 2011 NEWSLETTER



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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 which include minutes of meetings, upcoming events, and technical articles are also found on club's website and are forwarded to members. 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 (Mike Stites) at 913/485-7368 or email at

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(2010-2011 term)

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Monthly Meeting Agenda

Monthly meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Superior Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Reports/Discussion
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - b. Report of Treasurer
 - c. Additional Items
 - d. Car Talk
 - e. Comments/Suggestions
 - f. Adjournment
 - g. Dine out



February 2011 Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were seven (7) present, attendance was low due to snow storm.

The meeting minutes of January 27, 2011 were approved.

The members were informed the Great Mall of the Great Plains accepted the insurance coverage quotes by Haggerty. The club's insurance will be changed to Haggerty for the year's events liability coverage.

Chair Verstraete reported letters for former members would be sent in March. The members present were reminded of the March 19 tour of Steamboat Arabia. It was noted the club will pay for the entry fee to the museum. The meal at Garozzo's following the tour will be paid by the individuals. 2011 car cruises were briefly discussed.

Vice-Chair Ed Smoot discussed website renovation. He indicated the need for member volunteers to help design and maintain the site. More details and information will be forthcoming.

Due to the snow storm, Superior Chevrolet staff requested an early dismissal. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.; several cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza following adjournment.

An addendum to the minutes: Treasurer Eugene Hallouer was unable to attend. He reported via e-mail the club membership includes 52 memberships.

March Events

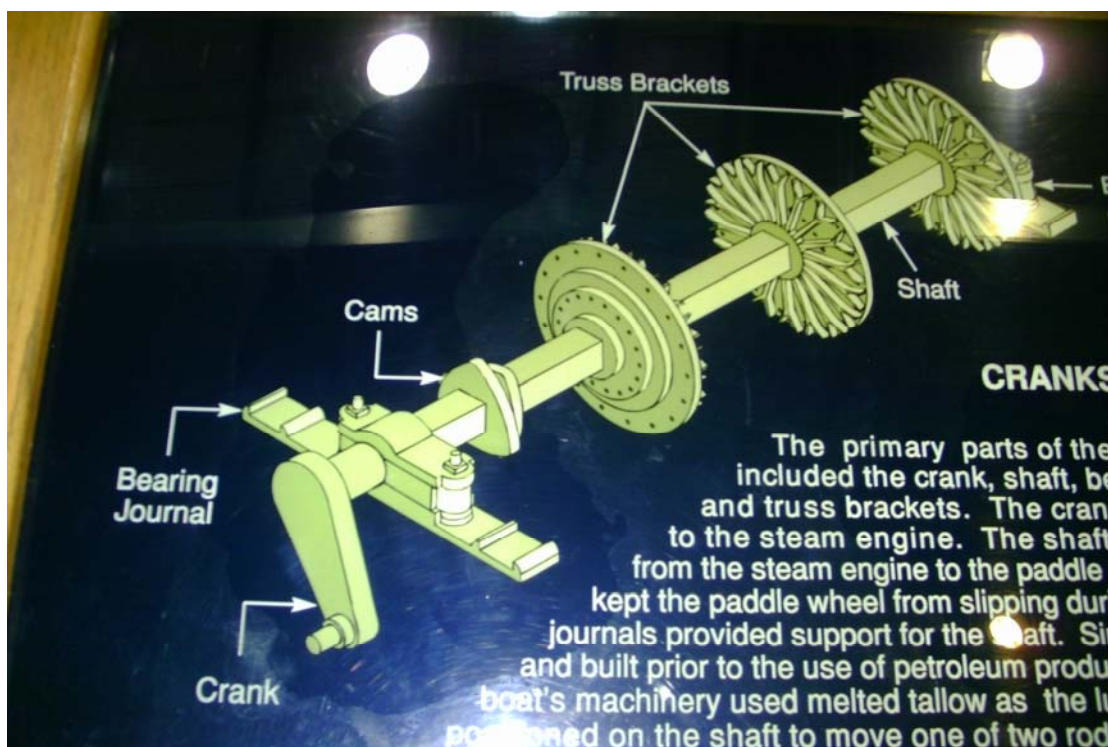
March 19th - Steamboat Arabia Museum tour and dinner at Garozzo's.

The MACC traveled to the City Market to tour the Steamboat Arabia Museum. The Arabia was a dual side wheeler that sank near Parkville on the Missouri River during the fall of 1856. The Arabia was carrying 200 tons of supplies and personal goods headed up river to the frontier. After hitting a tree snag the ship sunk in a matter of minutes with no loss of life except for one mule. In 1988 a private entrepreneur searched for and found the Arabia using a combination of historic news accounts, location of the Missouri River's historic channel, ground penetrating radar to locate the ships boilers, and drilling to determine the exact outline of the ship where she lay deep beneath a soy bean field. The museum houses a significant amount of the ships cargo – dishes, boots, shoes, hats, hardware, tools, guns, perfume (perfume was uni-sex during the day), house wares, and of course, alcohol.

For car guys the engine technology was pretty cool stuff. Many of the familiar terms we use with the engine vernacular of today were used with the large steam engine powering the Arabia (cam, journal, bearing, piston, valve,). I did not catch the estimated



horsepower rating, however, based on the amount of wood consumed in a 24 hour period (if I heard correctly 20 some cords) the horsepower output would have been impressive. The Smithers method can be used to estimate the energy contained in one cord of wood which results in an estimated equivalence of 150 gallons of diesel. Assuming 20 cords were burnt in a 24 hour period this works out to approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel. That is a lot of gitty up.



The truss brackets (diagram above) held the spindles for the paddle wheel. Lubrication for this assembly pre-dated petroleum products so lube was provided with animal tallow.



The crank in the above diagram was attached to a counterweight on the steam piston assembly.

Left: We're talking about a major piece of machinery.



Left: The Arabia had two of these babies to propel her up the river. One on each side at about midship.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 30th – Old 56 Car Show @ Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner

May 14th – Cruise to Happy Days Dream Cars in Warrensburg (I'm sure a stop for food will be involved)

June 9-11 – Chevell-Abration, Goodlettsville, TN

July 8-9 – Midwest Chevella Regional, Springfield, MO

September 2 – Wellsville Car Show

10th Annual ACES-Mid-America Regional Car Show

September 23 & 24, 2011 Olathe, KS



VP's Corner

It seems to me that when I was a younger man, the cold weather didn't seem to bother me so much. I really used to dig snow days and shoveling the drive. Donuts in the snow with the old Chevy in the church parking lot? You betcha. These Kansas winters seem to be getting more harsh, but maybe it's just me. Since I've spent so much time indoors this year in front of the tube, I've noticed a trend. It's a trend that's been a long time in the making. It's something that could be viewed as good or bad, depending on how you look at it.

Chevelles in the movies, and Chevelles on TV.

There have been a string of movies out recently that feature our ride of choice. They are mostly "B" rate movies in my opinion, but feature films nonetheless. "Faster", the shoot-em-up featuring Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson features a Chevelle as his main vehicle of choice. Oddly enough, it's a '72 with a '70 front clip, or vice versa. Minor differences that the general movie going public wouldn't catch. "Drive Angry", with car guy Nicholas Cage. Back from the dead to save his daughter's life, he uses a nice (red) '70 to exact his revenge. Lesser known movies that feature America's Musclegar are: "The Other Guys" ('70), "The Mexican" (El Camino), "Death Race" (Grey/ Black '70 at the end), and who could forget the gold race car in "Talladega Nights"?

In TV, Chevelles have been showing up in cameos on various shows for years. From "The Rockford Files" to "Overhaulin'" and "Pimp My Ride", to the most recent FX offering, "Lights Out". Retired boxer on his way back to the ring, Lights Leary's daily driver is a blue '71. He crashed the car in the 3rd episode, and I haven't seen it since.

Which brings me to my last point: How many cars are being sacrificed for TV and Movies? I can only imagine that if they are using these cars for action scenes, that they have several in reserve for the many crashes and retakes that they need to get the perfect shot. I remember how outraged the Charger guys were when they saw the footage of the many crashes it took to make "The Dukes of Hazard", and have to say I have my concerns as well.

On the flip side, it does raise awareness of the cars that we all know and love, and may bring some new car nuts over to our side. This may also diminish the number of barn finds and granny-fresh sleepers that we have available to us, and make your next project harder to find or priced out of reach.

Good or bad- you decide!

See ya on the road!

Ed



President's Column

Hello MACC Members,

Since winter has drug on for so long it has at least given me time to keep working on my Chevelle every weekend. I finished the rear suspension in January, and have been working on the front suspension ever since. After getting all of the easy stuff out of the way it was time to take out the springs. This is quite dangerous if you don't know what you are doing, so I asked Mike Stites to help. Mike just got done working on his front end of his 70. Knowing some tricks of the trade always helps. He was able to get the springs out quite easily. Next step was taking out the control arms so I could clean them up and get them ready for paint. After disassembling the front end and inspecting the rest of the undercarriage I found more rust on bumpers, bumpers brackets, and the frame. The steering box was leaking fluid too, so I decided I might as well address this with a quick steering box from Ground Up. This was just like the rear end suspension that I finished. Once you open up a can of worms you can't put the lid on it again. I keep telling myself it is a labor of love. There was a lot of rust repair needed and one thing led to two others. I kept taking parts off, the deeper I went the bigger the pile got. So after about a month of scraping and removing rust it was time to paint all my parts. I had to have my bushing pressed in at a machine shop, but everything else I was able to do myself.

Before I started assembling, I laid everything out on an old bed sheet on the basement floor to make sure I had everything I needed. At that point, I just hoped I could remember where everything went and how it went back together. Before I started Mike suggested that I buy some new grade 8 bolts for the suspension. Several trips to Westlake and \$50.00 later, I was ready to get started. Mike came back over and helped with the brakes, springs, and front end rebuild kit. About 3-4 hours later, we had the hard stuff done and the rest was up to me to finish. I am proud to say that there are no parts leftover. I had to install a new power steering pump and after that I was ready to start the old Chevelle up. At that time all I could think about was what the salesman said to me, "It is going to drive like a new Camaro." With that in mind, I backed it out of the driveway and went around the neighborhood, but instead of driving like a new Camaro it drove like an old skateboard. It didn't know where it wanted to go. So the next stop was to the front end alignment shop. The alignment guy was really nice. I told him what I did and how the car drove down the road. He just laughed and said it sounds expensive. Bad sign. I picked it up the next day and felt a little bit lighter in the wallet. The car drives great. No more swaying around corners, handles great too. I am thinking money well spent. The quick steering box makes a lot of difference too. A few more adjustments to the undercarriage, and some touch-ups and it is ready to go to the body shop for some rust repair on the rear deck lid.





Club news: At the last meeting the weather was bad, so we had a small turnout. Just eight brave souls. One of the items on the agenda was updating our website. Ed is working on this and could use some help. We need someone with some type of website experience to help him. Two weeks ago Kent Scott and I sent letters out to old members who have dropped out of the club. We asked them to come to a meeting again to see how everything is run and hear about upcoming events that we have planned. So far, we have two new members, John and Kathy Howard from Lenexa, Kansas. Other news, we have changed our liability insurance to Hagerty Insurance. This should save the club over \$500.00 this year.

Roger

Project Cars

If you have a project you're working on and don't mind or would like to share the progress with the club please contact me and I can either pay you a visit and get some photos or send me some photos and a description and I'll place the information in the newsletter.



Mike

Dan and Janice Yuran's 1970 Daytona Yellow SS convertible.

Dan has several project cars he is working on and hopes to have this yellow rag top on the road this summer. Dan plans to restore the car to original condition – knowing Dan probably a little better than the day it rolled off the assembly line in Baltimore. It's a 396 / 350 horse car with a four speed and 3.73 gears. In keeping with most of Dan's cars there won't be any after market air conditioning – roll the window down, open the fresh air vents, and listen to the big block.



New Members / Renewals

Returning members John & Kathy Howard

1969 300 Post Sedan SS396, Butternut yellow with a Black Vinyl top. The Howard's have owned their car 28 years.





Mid America Chevelle Club

Website: <http://.macc.chevelles.net>

Invites You to Become a Member

- Active local Chapter for Chevelle, El Camino, & Sprint Enthusiasts!
- Membership \$ 25 a year per family.
- Monthly meetings @ Superior Chevrolet 7:00 pm.
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New or Renewal _____ Member# _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone _____

email _____

Your Chevelle(s): Include model, color, how long have you owned the car, etc. (it does not need to be a finished car or you can just have an interest in Chevelles):



Your Interests (Choose as many as you like):

☐ Cruising ☐ Car Shows ☐ Tech Info ☐ Tours ☐ Parties ☐
Other (explain)

Comments:



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MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
ADVERTISING SCHEDULE

Level 1: “**Bronze**” Business card sized ad in our monthly newsletter and on our club web site under advertiser/sponsor. \$ 50.00

Level 2: “**Silver**” Business card ads in our monthly newsletter and link to your web site, on our web page. \$150.00 Sponsorship. (This sponsorship works best for out of town vendors that would want to advertise with our club and direct club members to their website.

Level 3: “**Gold**” Sponsor of the car show. We will put your company name and web contact, and phone numbers on all show fliers. We will have the Show DJ announce your company name and your company’s line of products at the car show. Gold Level entitles you to 1 vendors spot at the show. If you provide product literature, we will include your literature/catalog in our show participant show information bags etc. and your Business cards ad will be included in our monthly newsletter \$250.00 Sponsorship (each additional vendor space \$25.00)

Level 4: “**Platinum**” Sponsor of the club. We will put your logo and email and link to your web site on our web page. Have their logo on everything we do. Run a newsletter article on your business. Plus level 2 and 4. Entitles you to 3 vendor show spaces total instead of 1. \$400.00 (each additional vendor space \$25.00)

Vendor space normal day of show price: \$50.00/space. (Each vendor space consists of one parking space aprox size: 10’ x 20’.)

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Please include your logo, art work, business card and any information you want to put in the ad.



Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel

Blue Generation polo shirts with left chest embroidery

Sizes small-extra large	men's BG-7203	\$22.50
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women's BG-6203	\$22.50
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Add \$2.00 for 2XL Add \$ 3.00 for 3XL

Blue Generation twill short sleeve shirt with left chest embroidery

Sizes small-extra large	men's BG-7217s	\$29.00
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women's BG-6217s	\$29.00
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Add \$2.00 for 2XL Add \$3.00 for 3 XL

Colors: yellow, white, tan, royal blue, red, burgundy, black, lt.blue, navy, hunter green

Hanes Beefy T 6.1oz T shirt with left chest embroidery

Sizes small-extra large \$12.00

Add \$2.00 for 2XL Add \$3.00 for 3XL

Colors: White, Navy, Red

AWS jacket (no hood) with left chest embroidery

Sizes small-extra large \$ 40.00

Add \$ 2.00 for 2XL Add \$3.00 for 3 XL

Colors: black, red, navy, royal, silver, white, lt. maroon

Portsmouth Hooded Jacket #9720 with left chest embroidery

Sizes: small-extra large \$40.00

Add \$ 2.00 for 2XL Add \$3.00 for 3 XL

Colors: royal, blue, black, maroon, forest, red, navy

Hats – Club logo on front

One size fits all	\$11.00
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Add \$3.00 for name added to back of the hat

Colors: black, red, blue, white



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Item Description	Item #	Size	Quantity	Color	Price S-XL	Price 2XL	Price 3XL	Total
Men's Blue Generation Polo Shirt	BG-7203				\$22.50	\$24.50	\$25.50	
Women's Blue Generation Polo Shirt	BG-6203				\$22.50	\$24.50	\$25.50	
Men's Blue Generation short sleeve twill shirt	BG-7217				\$29.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	
Women's Blue Generation short sleeve twill shirt	BG-6217				\$29.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	
Hanes T-Shirt					\$12.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	
AWS Jacket (no hood)	861				\$40.00	\$42.00	\$43.00	
Portsmouth Hooded Jacket	9720				\$40.00	\$42.00	\$43.00	
Hat					\$11.00			
Hat with name added					\$14.00			
Total								

- All apparel must be paid for at the time of order
- Shipping is available-call for shipping costs
- All orders must be in by the first of the month for orders to be ready by the next meeting.
- All checks made out to: **Mid America Chevelle Club**
- If ordering by mail, send to:
Roger Verstraete (913-207-3374)
20711 West 67th Street
Shawnee, KS 66218

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