

Mid America Chevelle Club

June 2011 Newsletter



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Cover: Roger Verstraete at the wheel of his '70 SS on the autocross course at Chevell-A-Bration with co-pilot Ed Smoot.



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 Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net

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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



May 2011 Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete at Superior Chevrolet. There were 27 members in attendance; no introductions were made.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Debra Gragg reported she mailed out 465 targeted post cards with information regarding the September car show. She also indicated 103 e-mail messages were sent, as well. Members also spoke about promotion of the show.

Danny McKarnin provided information regarding the club's annual picnic at Iola, Kansas. He stated the August 27 event would also host a tour of the Iola power plant and a few stops to thank last year's sponsors. He reported he is still researching resources for a new club banner.

Roger Verstraete reported there are club shirts and hats available.

Ron Brightwell informed the attendees he recently attended a car show which awarded plaques with the individual's car's picture and questioned if this is something worth investigating. Several indicated there is a lot of labor and coordination to complete and there was not a consensus to explore.

Rocky Hill indicated he is looking at some award changes which could include a Lucite stand up trophy. He also reported the t-shirts will be tone-on-tone black with images in off-shades of black/gray/blue.

Roger Verstraete suggested Dean Call choose the club choice award. Dean will be approached with this suggestion. Roger also noted he will be checking with Superior Chevrolet for any assistance or promotion they would desire to provide.

Eugene Hallouer provided the treasurer's report which was accepted and informed the members present there are currently 40 paid memberships.

Shari Hill informed the members of an upcoming cruise to a winery in St. Joseph, MO on June 26 which would include a picnic at the winery and a visit to the Patee House Museum. More information will be provided via newsletter and e-mails.

Roger Verstraete indicated the upcoming garage tour would be held rain or shine, starting with breakfast at the Old 56 Diner in Olathe, then to the Byfields, Graggs, and Yuran's shop. He stated there will be lunch at the Yuran's with the club furnishing bratwursts, burgers, and chips and asked members to bring side dishes, chairs, and drinks.



The 2011 Chevell-A-Bration in Goodlettsville, TN was discussed, which included events and caravans. Also talked about was the Chevelle Regionals in Springfield, MO in July. More information about the Springfield show is forthcoming.

Members were reminded of the car show in Chillicothe, MO on July 16. Other regional shows were briefly mentioned.

Being no further pressing business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza followed.

Submitted by:
Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

June Events

May 28th – Garage Tour

MACC members started the day out with breakfast at the Old 56 Diner in Olathe. From there we traveled over to Rick and Kelly Byfield's garage just outside of Edgerton to check out progress on the latest project in the Byfield stable. Rick is in the process of restoring a '71 Chevelle with a transplanted LS power plant (see pictures in the November '10newsletter). Next, the group caravanned to John and Debra Gragg's garage to check out progress on the Gragg's 1972 Chevelle (which also has an LS transplant, see February '11 Newsletter) and check out all the cool service station and related car memorabilia. Finally, we headed out to Bonner Springs to check out the myriad of Chevelles at Dan and Janice Yuran's shop. While we were checking out the Yuran spread we cooked burgers and brats.



June 9-11 – Chevell-A-bration, Goodlettsville, TN

See the VP and President's columns. We all had a good time at the show. Five cars from the club and eleven members attended. No major mechanical issues during the trip. Ed Smoot had a minor tire rub issue with the new wheel and tire set-up he purchased at the show (see pictures below) and the blower motor on Rick Byfield's wagon gave up as



soon as he got off the interstate near Goodlettsville. With a little parking lot wrenching and a gaggle of supervision he had the offending part extracted and replaced by the following morning. We all had a great time watching Roger sling his car through the autocross on Friday night. I anticipate a higher level of club participation at next year's autocross.



Above: Roger with co-pilot Ed on the autocross.

Right: Ed found a shady spot to swap out the new wheel / tire set up. Brad's '68 Camino benefits in the deal – he gets Dad's old wheels and tires.



Above: The show field was packed with all sorts of Chevelles and El Caminos.

Left: Some of the crew. Several of us met up in Oak Grove prior to heading east on I-70 Thursday morning.

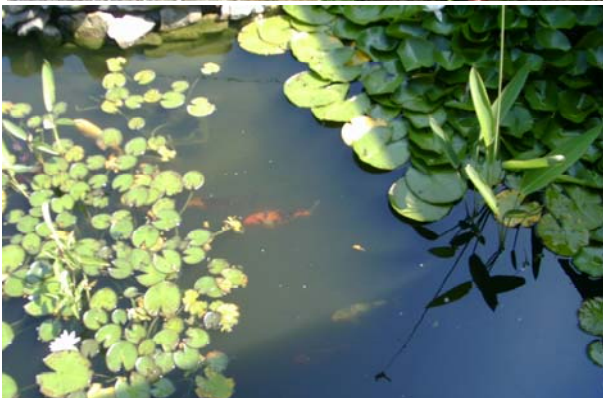


June 26th – Jowler Creek Winery and Patee House

On Sunday MACC members met up in Shawnee and traveled north to Jowler Creek Winery, followed by a tour of the Patee House Museum in St. Joseph with a cool down lap at Dick and Lana Gibson's place. While at the Jowler Creek winery we sampled several vintages and made a few purchases and then had a picnic lunch. Next we made the short trip to St. Joseph where we toured the Patee House Museum. The Patee House Museum specializes in Civil War era memorabilia. The building itself has had several uses. It once housed the Union Provost Marshall during the Civil War, was the first hotel west of the Mississippi to be equipped with indoor plumbing, and was a shirt factory for a period of time. We followed up the tour with a visit to the Gibson's for snacks and refreshments (many thanks to the Gibson's for hosting the crew). We got to check out their other hot rod – a '67 Nova and the water garden.



Left: The parking lot at Jowler Creek Winery was much better looking with Chevelle muscle. The winery had a great set-up for our picnic lunch.
Below and below left: The Gibson's water garden and Koi pond.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

September 2nd – Wellsville Car Show

10th Annual ACES-Mid-America Regional Car Show **September 23 & 24, 2011 Olathe, KS**

Vice President's Column

I can hardly believe that June is just about gone! Seems like just yesterday, we were uncovering our rides and getting them ready for the season, and now we've got 4th of July parades to attend! June is always one of my favorite months- mostly moderate temps, beautiful nights to cruise, and of course, Chevell-a-bration!

We had a great turnout from the Mid America Chapter this year, and it was a blast. We kicked off our long weekend of Chevelle-ness by meeting up as a group in Oak Grove, Mo and caravanning to Tennessee. No issues to speak of on the trip down, unless you count the one burning hot bumper-to-bumper road construction stop, and the wallet-draining fuel stops! We all cruised right along, and made it into Goodlettsville in the early evening. Some of our group continued on to the drag strip to watch the all-Chevelle drag night, while others were ready to call it an evening after a long day on the road.

The next day was a warm one on the show field, and was followed by the always entertaining autocross that evening. We had an expert driver try his hand at the course from our neck of the woods- an Italian Stallion in a red '70 with the last name Ver-strat-ay! Some light hearted ribbing was to follow, after our hero was dusted by a FEMALE on the course in a beater-looking wagon.

The next day was just as warm on the field with 200 or so Chevells from all corners of the country represented. The temps kept the lookie-loos to a minimum, but it was nice to see a few things that you normally wouldn't run into otherwise. There was a really sweet Beaumont SD-396 that caught my eye. You just don't see those every day!

All too soon, it was time for the awards ceremony, followed by a Jumbalaya feed in the hotel parking lot. Man, those Cajuns can cook! We all turned in at a reasonable hour, and departed the following morning for home. Despite a little tire trouble in St. Louis, the trip home was enjoyable, with cooler temps and great company in the caravan.

If your schedule permits, CB'12 is a can't miss. What a great group of folks from all corners of the country. Friends old and new that share a common hobby, fun activities, great food and Chevells as far as the eye can see... What's not to love?

Hope to see you all soon! Ed



President's Column

Hi MACC Members,

Now that we are cool in the AC and the rainy spring is over with, we all should be enjoying the summer car show and cruise season. On Memorial Day weekend, we had our first garage tour and by all accounts it was a huge success. We started with breakfast in Olathe, and then we went to Rick Byfield's house to see his car that he is currently working on. Then it was off to John Gragg's garage to see his collection of cars, and his '72 he is working on. The last stop was out at Dan Yuran's garage to see his collection of Chevelles and have lunch. If you didn't get a chance to make the tour this year we will try to do this again in the future. I want to thank the garage tour hosts for their hospitality, and for letting us look at their cars.

For myself and eleven other members, we just got back from Chevell-A-Bration in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. We had five cars on the show field; two came down on trailers and three were driven. The weather was hot, but I think everyone still had a great time. Chuck Hanson and Mid South Chevelle Club put on a great show this year. Attendance was down, but it did not dampen the spirits of the ones that were there. This was my second time I went to Chevell-A-Bration, and the first time I took my car. Some of us didn't get there until Thursday evening so we missed the drag races. That gave us a chance to clean up our cars and get them ready for the next day. We all got up early Friday and had our cars on the show field trying to beat the heat. That also gave us time to look around at all the nice Chevelles, and visit with the vendors. While visiting with this one particular vendor, we found out he knew everything there is to know about wheels and tires for Chevelles. He was quite the guy to talk to. Ed gave him the nickname "The Wheel Wizard." He did sell Ed a set of wheels and tires and had me really close to buying a set of 18" wheels and tires for my car, but I fought off the temptation and got out of there without spending any money. Friday night Detroit Speed put on the autocross race, and after seeing what they could do to a Chevelle suspension last year, I decided I needed to take advantage of the opportunity and take my car out on the track and see what it could do. The autocross was set up in the drag strip parking lot, and never being there before, I didn't know the way. I saw the Detroit speed car leave, so I pulled in right behind him and thought I would just follow him there. It was a good idea until I got on the winding road that leads you to the drag strip. It is like going down on a back road to the Lake of the Ozarks. I didn't realize the race started once we got on this road, and before you know it he was gone and I couldn't keep up. I drove right past the turn off, and four miles later I figured I missed it and went back and found the road to the drag strip.

Once I got there they inspected the cars and made everybody take everything out that was not tied down. Then we walked the track with the Detroit Speed guys; they give you some advice on how to maneuver around the track. I have to admit, it was a blast. The new suspension that I put in last winter really made a huge difference on how my car handles and corners. The first time through I went pretty easy and had a time of 45 seconds. Waiting in line for the second lap, there were two girls in front of me and they said it was their first time at the autocross. One was in a later model Chevelle and the other one was in a beat up 64 station wagon. I didn't pay much attention to them until I noticed both of them were beating my time each time out. I want to thank Rick Byfield



for reminding me of this, ALL NIGHT LONG. Not wanting to be out done by two girls, I just had to see if I could beat their times, and I have to admit there was no way. I found out later that one of those girl's brother owns Detroit Speed and he built the car for her. She also had a 500 HP motor in the car. That made me feel a little bit better. The other one was a freak of nature. I made five trips and my best time was 38 seconds. I thought that was fast until I saw the driver for Detroit Speed Chevelle run the course, and he was running it under 28 seconds. All in all, I had a great time and nothing broke on my car. Even getting beat by two girls was okay, for this time. No matter what, Rick, I beat your time all night long.

The next day was pretty much the same schedule, and at 2:00 awards started in the tent that they have set up. One of the biggest things that impressed me at the awards was how generous Chuck and the people that attended this event were. Chuck raises a lot of money for different charities and for people in need. One of the things Chuck brought up at the awards show was moving the date for Chevell-A-Bration to later in the year, like in October. The hot weather is taking its toll on the people that attend, and he is concerned it is hurting attendance. So, if you are an ACES member and want to give Chuck your opinion on this, you can email him and I'm sure he will appreciate any comments. After the awards show, we loaded up the cars, and went to the hotel parking lot where they call it ground zero. There is one Chevelle club that cooks up Jambalaya for everyone who wants to eat, for a small donation. A lot of war stories are shared and adult beverages are consumed in this area. Most of us turned in early to get ready for the long drive home the next day. I have to say, I really enjoyed being with all the members that went down this year and hope we can do this again next year. Memories and good times last forever.

I want to thank my wife and kids for insisting that I go. Janet and I had plans to leave on Wednesday, but Janet broke her foot and ankle the Sunday before we were set to leave. I was going to stay back with her while she got her cast on Friday, but my daughter, Amy, took care of her while I was gone and they insisted that I go. They knew how much I was looking forward to going this year. Also, I want to thank Rick for letting me use his trailer, and Mike for riding down with me and being the navigator.

Roger

New Members / Renewals

Rachael Adams from Ashland MO - 1970 Chevelle SS, Gobi Beige "Butter Cup".

Correction to last month's list:

Allen and Robin Call (Robin was omitted on May's list – sorry we want our Halloween party and smoked ribs).





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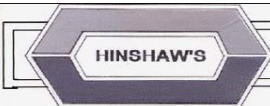
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