

Mid America Chevelle Club

August 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 Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net

Board Information

(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



July 2011 Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete at Superior Chevrolet. There were 25 members in attendance with no new members and one guest. Introductions were made. The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

It was reported fliers for the September car show are available. Roger Verstraete reported the mall is a go for the show. Frank Riley indicated he will check on McCarthy Chevrolet for sponsorship. The members were also informed the mall will open an area for the Club to use. In addition, members were told the Days Inn indicated interest in being the host hotel for the 2012 show.

The members were informed the Club won the club participation award at the Midwest Regionals at Springfield and subsequently, the \$100 award was donated to the Joplin, Missouri school supplies fund. It was also noted that the owner of the "Red Alert" was invited to attend the show with a complimentary pass.

Dean Call reported on the revised web site. He indicated he purchased the domain name "MidAmericaChevelles.com" and the site will be hosted by Dale McIntosh.

The focus shifted back to the September show. Sheila Brightwell reported the registrations are coming in. The following events are in process: 50/50 pot; staffed; T-shirts and awards – Rocky Hill; car parking – Rocky Hill; Trailer parking – Dan Yuran; barrels – Dean Call and Frank Riley; cruise – Mike Stites; Poker Run – Mike Stites, Rocky Hill, Danny McKarnin, and Eugene Hallouer; Friday cookout – Tom Meier, Roger Verstraete, and Ed Smoot; Servers – Janet Verstraete and Kent Scott. A new event for this year – a movie. Saturday food – Rocky Hill; ballot counting – Eugene; club award picks – Danny McKarnin, Dan Yuran, and Rick Byfield. Emcee duties will be performed by Rick Byfield. Car security coordinator – Danny McKarnin. Dave Wagner spoke about spoilers for Chevelles. It was decided to allow \$200.00 for door prizes – Eugene Hallouer and Dave Wagner will coordinate. Rocky Hill suggested for next year's show hiring the DJ that works the LongBranch shows – cost approximately \$450 - \$500.

Eugene Hallouer provided the treasurer's report and further indicated there are 43 active members.

Upcoming events were discussed: Royals Car Show – August 7; Topeka Cruise and Bobos – August 13; Annual Club picnic at Iola – August 27 (head count needed), points of interest of Iola will be explored, members are asked to bring covered dish, beverage, lawn chair. Jean McKarnin volunteered to take the wives to several stores if going on the "power tour" is not of interest. Wellsville Car Show – September 2; Good Guys – September 3 and 4; Merriam Turkey Show – September 10; Johnson County Old Settlers – September 10; Shawnee Car Show – September 11; "Ol Marais (Ottawa) Car Show – September 16, ACES Mid-America Regionals – September 23-24,

Being no further pressing business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza followed.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



August Events

Reminder: August 27th – Club Picnic in Iola, KS

August 13th Cruise to Topeka

Several MACC members took a leisurely cruise to Topeka on August 13th. We hit the back roads heading west out of Bonner Springs on US 24 to the capital city. We headed to Bobo's Drive Inn for a sandwich and the famous apple pie. From there we headed to a local Topeka cruise where we hung out with the locals before heading east.



Above: Dave & Robin Rayburn's '67 was looking good.

Right: Not that hot but shade was welcome.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Editor's note: * denotes "club event" / others can be added

***August 27th** – MACC Club Picnic Iola KS Danny has a tour of the power plant planned

September 2nd – Wellsville Car Show

September 2, 3, 4 – Good Guys

September 10th – Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam

September 11th – Shawnee Car Show

***September 17th and 18th** Ol Marais River Run in Ottawa – details to follow but for those interested we will meet for breakfast on Saturday then head to Ottawa.

10th Annual ACES-Mid-America Regional Car Show

September 23 & 24, 2011 Olathe, KS

***October 8th** – Rev It Up Car Show in Lawrence, KS benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters

***October 21-23** – Fall Color Tour at Lake of the Ozarks

***December 10th** – MACC Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. @ RCs in Martin City

Vice President's Column

With Ed Smoot - - - -

You know, they say that variety is the spice of life. Whether it is exploring new food choices, a wardrobe change, or a new vacation destination, I would tend to agree. I'm always on the hunt for something new and exciting. New cruise night? Cool. LS motor in an old Chevy? Right on. Hybrid technology in a '66 SS? Maybe not. I like to think of our car club as a great mix of a lot of different flavors, a few of which I have detailed below.

The Purists. These guys have the knowledge of everything that is Chevelle. Whether you would like to know which axle ratio was offered in any given year with a certain engine and trans combo, or what that chalk mark on the under side of the cowl means, they've got the answer. It's the kind of knowledge that studying and caring about the car that you love brings. Years of research and checking trim tags against build sheets. Hunting down engine numbers and frame stamps. I've learned so much from these guys, and I've barely scratched the surface. The ability to draw on the hard work they have put in is priceless.

The Resto-Mods. These cars look basically stock from the outside. They have most of the equipment that they were born with (the cars that is), but you've got to dig a little deeper. There is definitely something to be said for keeping with the clean lines that our favorite muscle car was built with, but who's to say that you can't improve on the creature comforts? Vintage air, upgraded suspensions, and overdrive trans swaps are commonly found in this bunch. Great cruisers that can be comfortably wheeled at today's highway speeds without shaking your teeth loose- who wouldn't love that? A lot of how-to's and good been-there, done-that advice comes from these guys, and I'm thankful for them.

The Radicals. The factory didn't give you a box to check for an SS wagon with a big block in '72? Always wanted an El Camino with two- fours or a convertible with a



blower? Want to shoehorn in some modern drive train equipment with computer controls and factory style fuel injection? Build it! These have all been built by club members. I can look at these rides and marvel at the time and patience it takes to fabricate, fit, and make these things go. Many of these things seem un-doable in the onset, but with enough time and patience, this group can make just about anything work. Craftsmen with iron wills, this bunch.

With our yearly Chevelle Gathering at the great mall nearly upon us, I can't wait to see how many new categories I can come up with. For me, it's always a blast to see some new sheet metal that I haven't seen before. It's nice to visit with old friends and make new ones, and talk about the work that we've done over the past year or so on our cars. Many have taken on new projects or are planning other upgrades, which some of us may be able to give some advice to. This event lends to bench-racing at its best. I sincerely hope that all of our membership can make it- with or without your cars. It's just a great time, and I don't want anyone to miss it!

Mark your calendars, if you haven't done so already, for September 23-24 at the Great Mall of the Great Plains in Olathe. You'll be glad you did!

See you there- *Ed*

President's Column

Hello MACC Members,

Camaro not a Chevelle? Have you ever wondered why GM picked a Camaro to re-enter the muscle car field five years ago instead of a Chevelle? For me, growing up I was a fan of the Chevelle more so than the Camaro. My first love was the Corvette, but I knew my dad wouldn't ever let me have one, and I couldn't ever afford one of these legendary vehicles either, so I shifted my interest to the Chevelle. I can remember my mom reading in the newspaper that Chevrolet was coming out with a new mid-size car called the Chevelle. I was 13 at the time, and I knew that was going to be the car I wanted. Sure enough, my grandparents and my uncle bought one in 1964. Then in 1966, my cousin Jerry bought a new Mailbu. By 1967 I was 16, and my dad let me buy a brand new 67 Malibu, it had a 283- 3 speed on the tree.



In 1966 Chevrolet came out with the Camaro to compete with the Mustang. The muscle car wars were on at that time. Everyone was building bigger motors and faster cars, but for me no one could compare with the styling of the Chevelle. The Camaro was turning big numbers in production and it was changing every year. There were RS, SS, Z28, and even plain Jane Camaros. They used every gimmick in the book to beat the Mustang. But the Chevelle sales were always strong year after year, and they would out produce and outperform the competition. Finally, GM



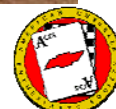
noticed how popular the Chevelle was in the muscle car wars, outperforming the Ford's, and Mopar's. So, in 1970 Chevrolet came out with the most popular Chevelle ever built. They knew this was the last year they could build a true muscle car because of government regulations and pressure from the insurance companies. They sold a ton of the SS396-350hp cars, and even built few with 396-375hp engine. Then in January they came out with the SS454's. 360hp was standard engine, but you could get the famous LS6. A 450hp engine was unheard of in those days, and this car was scary fast. To this day it is the most sought after Chevelle ever built. The innovations that GM put in this car had never been seen in a Chevelle before. From the hood stripes, to the cowl induction, the styling of the 1970 seemed to be timeless. Now I know some of you two head light guys might argue some of these points, but the facts don't lie about this year of Chevelle. Never again could you get a 450hp engine in a Chevelle. Even the 71's and 72's where riding the coattails of popularity of the 70. With smaller motors, less horsepower, and two less headlights, these Chevelles where still very popular. It was the last chance to be a part of the muscle car era.

What would have happened if GM would have picked the 70 Chevelle instead of the 69 Camaro to restyle? I guess we will never know, but I think it would have been a bigger hit myself. However, I am a bit prejudice to the 70 Chevelle, if you haven't figured that out by now.

So, where can you see some of the nicest Chevelles ever produced by Chevrolet? At the **10th Annual "ACES" Mid America Chevelle Regional Car Show** in Olathe, Kansas at the Great Mall of the Great Plains. September 23-24. Come by and let me know what you think.

The weather has cooled off somewhat and we have a lot of events planned coming up, so watch your email and I hope you can make some of these events. We always have a great time. If you have a friend or know someone with a Chevelle that is interested in the club please feel free to bring them along.

Roger



New Members / Renewals

- Jeff, Ginger and Jake Long (renewal)
- Ron Lemon (renewal)
- Kirby Demott (renewal)



Mid America Chevelle Club

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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: _____



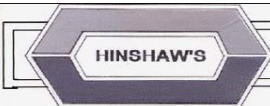
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Event Schedule

Friday, September 23	Registration	NOON – 5:00pm
	Car Parking	NOON – 5:00 pm
	Local Car Event/Cruise/Poker Run	5:30 pm – 7:00pm
	Car Chat in the Parking Area	All Evening
Saturday, September 24	Registration	8:00 am – NOON
	Car Parking	8:00 am – NOON
	Participant Judging	Ends at - 1:00 pm
	Awards Presentation	3:00 pm
	Barbeque dinner at Great Plains Mall	4:00 p.m.

Highlights: \$100.00 club participation and door prizes. Awards will be presented to the Top 3 in each class, and in addition awards will be presented to the best paint, best interior, and best engine. Registration is \$25.00 for first car, \$15.00 for each additional car. **The event will be participant judging only.** Meal tickets for Saturday evening are not included with basic registration. Meal tickets are available for \$8.00 per ticket. T-shirts are available for \$15.00; (3X & 4X are \$18.00). All Chevelles and El Caminos are welcome! For more information contact Rocky Hill at 913/915-1231 or Roger Verstraete at 913/207-3374 (Local Hotels: Leisure Inn 913-390-9500; Holiday Inn 913-829-4000; La Quinta 913/254-0111; Best Western 913/440-9762). **Use Exit 215 on I-35 South to The Mall.**

Registration Form

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Car Information: Year _____ Model _____

Year _____ Model _____

Registration _____ @ \$25.00 _____

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Meal Ticket _____ @ \$8.00 _____

Event T-Shirt Size S M L XL 2X _____ @ \$15.00 _____

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Swap Meet Space _____ @ \$50.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please take note of this year changes in pricing and times of events:

Meal tickets for Saturday evening are NOT included with each basic registration. Meal tickets are available for \$8.00 per ticket. T-shirts are NOT included with the registration.

“As a participant in the above car show, I do hereby hold harmless for liability on my behalf any of the organizers, sponsors, participants, land owners, officers, or incidental third parties of the Great Mall of the Great Plains, Mid-America Chevelle Club, or the American Chevelle Enthusiasts Society”.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above statement.

Signature _____

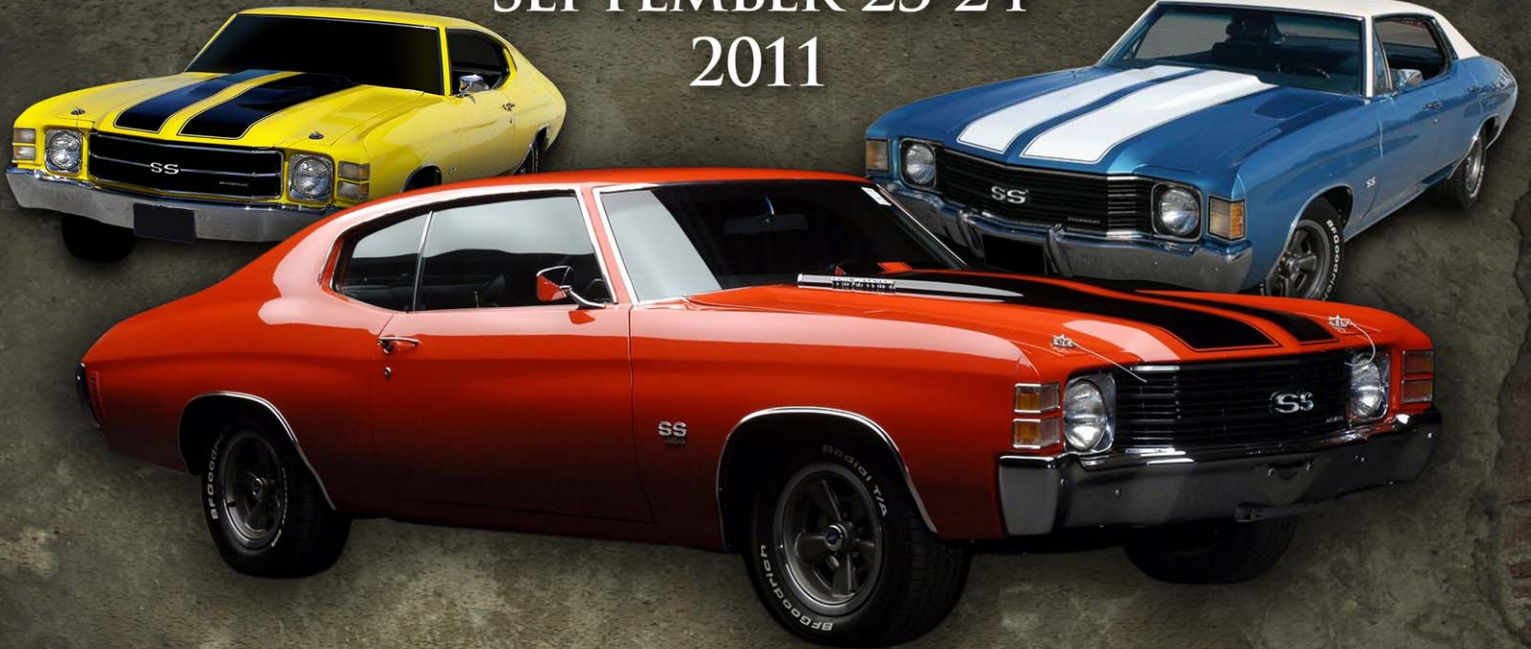
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