

# *Mid America Chevelle Club September 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](mailto: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



## **August 2011 Meeting Minutes**

August 25, 2011 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were 31 persons present; none being guests and no introductions were made.

The minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Roger Verstraete spoke about the show fliers, business cards, applications, and banners. The new banners were displayed, which were purchased from Vista Print. He also indicated the Great Mall of the Great Plains was contacted and all is progressing well. In addition, he noted the Regional Show award of \$100.00 was sent to the Joplin, Missouri school relief fund.

Sheila Brightwell reported she has received 31 applications for the show. The listing of volunteers and positions for show events were reviewed.

Dean Call noted the club's website will be switched over on October 1, 2011, adding the sites are running dual for the time being.

Dave Wagner spoke about the order with Randy's Spoilers and indicated there is still time to order (one week). He also added Hinshaw's Chevelles catalog is available and that orders will be brought to the show.

John Gragg reported on the events of the Northern Ohio Chevelle Regional. Danny McKarnin overviewed the events and timelines for the upcoming club picnic in Iola, KS.

Roger Verstraete reminded all to continue passing out fliers at upcoming shows. A request to donate funds to support the Wellsville Car Show was considered. There was no consensus to make a donation.

Members were updated in regards to several upcoming car shows in the region. Rocky Hill also spoke about a charity car show in Lawrence, KS on October 8 in the downtown area.

Eugene Hallouer provided the treasurer's report to include a breakdown of car show expenses/revenues thus far. He also reported there are 46 current members. Rocky Hill suggested using a different D.J. for next year's Mid-America Regionals – he indicated the local D.J. would match the compensation of the current D.J. There was no further discussion.

No further business was required; the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza followed.

Submitted by:  
Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



## **August / September Events**

### ***August 27<sup>th</sup> – Club Picnic in Iola, KS***

Club members met at the Great Mall for the drive down to Iola, Kansas where we met up with the Wichita Club. The McKarnin's do a great job and go to a lot of hard work to host the picnic. The setting in the Iola city park provides plenty of shade and a nice shelter house. We started out with a tour of the Russell Stover Candy outlet and stops at several of the local parts retailers that provide door prizes for the show. Then we visited the Iola power plant where Danny works and got to see the large diesel generators used to provide backup and peak electrical power for Iola. The ladies had the option of visiting a couple of the local boutiques. After all that we had worked up a pretty healthy appetite and we sat down for a picnic meal.



Left: Gathering up at the mall for the trip south to Iola.

Below left: Shot of the power plant diesel motor.

Below right: We like our get togethers with food.





**September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam



Left: Dan Yuran's '70 Daytona yellow car made its official car show debut at the Merriam show.

Right: Several MACC members having a good look under the hood of Dan's Fathom Blue '70. Maiden car show voyage for this car as well.



**September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** Ol Marais River Run in Ottawa

Several MACC members met in Wellsville for breakfast and then headed to Ottawa for the Ol Marias River Run. The day started out with a few sprinkles, however, no major rain developed and everyone had a great time.



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

### **10th Annual ACES-Mid-America Regional Car Show**

**September 23 & 24, 2011      Olathe, KS**

**\*October 8<sup>th</sup>** – 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 10<sup>th</sup>** – MACC Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. @ RCs in Martin City

## **Vice President's Column**

Well, it looks like another summer has just about gone by. The weather had changed sharply back and forth a couple of times, and is now leaning towards fall. This is one of my favorite times of the year for several reasons- the leaves are starting to turn, we still have car shows and cruises a-plenty, and the change in temps means that my non- a/c car is a whole lot bearable to drive.

Speaking of making the 'ol ride more driveable, I decided to get a jump on the winter project scene and do an upgrade on my '72 that I've wanted to do for a long time. I have long battled the standard carburetor in all its various forms. Quadrajets, Holleys, and even my latest Edelbrock, all seem to escape me in finding that perfect tune. If I could get it to idle right, I lost top end. Make some changes for top end power, and have to two-foot it at stop lights. All the while, paying for my novice approach at the gas pump. Well, no more, my friends- as I now am fuel injected!

I was a good student, and did all my research before buying. I looked at complete TBI setups with changing the intake manifold, swapping for a donor Chevy setup, and also at an all- inclusive Throttle Body setup. I opted for the latter, as it seemed to offer the most options, with ease of installation and use. Now, just to choose a brand. There were two major players in what I was looking for: the Holley Avenger EFI, and the FAST EFI system from Fuel Air Spark Technologies (F.A.S.T.- get it?). After carefully reading wiring schematics and looking at options, I chose the FAST system. I liked the looks of it, for one, but it also offered tuning options and a couple of extra outputs, for an A/C idle- up circuit, and a fan relay, which I will use later. Here's how it went!

At first, you open the box and get out what looks like miles of wiring, sensors, and the throttle body. Taken as a whole, it's easy to look at it and say "there's no way! This is going to take forever!". Broken down into smaller jobs, it really isn't that daunting. I started by laying out the bits and pieces, and categorizing the jobs into more manageable tasks.

1. Fuel system. EFI requires a much higher fuel pressure to operate, so you must install a new high pressure fuel pump. I chose to mount my fuel pump in the frame rail, with filters, as close to the fuel tank as possible, while using the factory pickup line . From the fuel pump, I ran the requisite high pressure line up to the throttle body area. I took off my Edelbrock carb, and bolted the throttle body in



- its place and connected my linkage, just like it was on the carb. I then ran the return line from the throttle body to the new fuel regulator that I mounted to the firewall, and ran a new return line back towards the fuel tank. My '72 fuel tank has 3 ports for the vents on the tank that tied into the factory evap system. I replumbed these lines, and used one of these ports for the fuel return into the tank. When I get around to replacing my fuel tank at a later date, I will set up a dedicated return in the fuel pickup area. Fuel system- done.
2. Sensors. I did have to drill a hole in my exhaust and weld in the bung for the O2 sensor. I placed the sensor in the collector area, just behind the flange so that I could remove the sensor pipe without removing the whole header. Following that, it was one temp sensor added into the coolant path, and that was that. The rest of the sensors are all built into the throttle body, so no additional modifications took place.
  3. Wiring. This is the part that scares most folks, but the part that I really enjoy. Really it was pretty easy, as all the ends of the cables were well marked and plugged into their prospective sensors. I did have to run a positive and a negative wire directly to the battery, and add an ignition-on feed to the computer. I mounted the computer in the cabin, under the dash, and wired up the fuel pump. Tie off and secure any loose wires, and done.
  4. Programming. Now I was ready for the fun part! Plug in the supplied controller, answer a few questions on the screen, hit the key, and...  
Vroom! Fired right up and settled into an idle at my specified 750rpm. Perform a couple of other calibrations on the handheld, adjust the fuel pressure, and drive. The system learns as you drive, so no need to carry a laptop and tweak on it yourself- no engineering or computer science degree required!

So far, I only have a few miles on it, but I am pleased. Only time will tell with fuel mileage and power gains, but with something a whole lot smarter than me controlling the air/ fuel mixture, it's gotta be better than what I had before. All in all, this was a fun project that should net me some gains in all departments. Stop by and check it out at the show- See you there!

*Ed*





## **President's Column**

Hello MACC Members,

What a great time of the year this is! Cool nights and nice warm afternoons. It comes just in time for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual ACES regional car show. Our show, as you probably know by now, is next weekend and by all accounts we should have another good turnout. MACC members have been working really hard this year in trying to improve the car show in any small way we can. We have given out over 1,200 car show flyers at all the big car shows and cruises this year, and have sent out over 450 post cards to the out of town Chevelle owners that have come to a car show in the past 10 years.

This year we are going to have a lot of the same events as last year and try a few new ones as well. Chuck Hanson with ACES will be there, along with a lot of out of town guests from around the country. Most of all, I hope to see all of the Mid America Chevelle Club members and their families there. We are trying to make this a family event for all members and their guests, not just the guys. Yes, there will be a lot of Chevelle talk, but most of all just a lot of friendly camaraderie with old friends. We are trying to make Friday night the big social event by doing the cookout after the cruise/poker run. This year we will have our first drive-in movie after the cookout, so bring your lawn chairs and coolers and come on out and have a burger and/or brat with us.

Saturday afternoon we will have the awards banquet and one of the awards is the Mid America Chevelle Club pick. This year I asked Dean Call, the founder of our club, to make this pick. It only seems fitting that Dean, who started the club back in 1987 in the basement of his house, should be the one to do this. Dean has been to more car shows, and has seen about every kind of Chevelle there is. Dean has seen a lot of members come and go, and every time I run across someone that has dropped out of the club, they want to know how Dean is doing. Dean told me this week that one of the biggest benefits of starting the club was meeting so many nice people that own Chevilles. So come on out and enjoy the weather and look around some of the finest Chevilles in the Mid West.

*Roger*



**New Members / Renewals**



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**President: Roger Verstraete (913) 207 3374;**

**Vice President: Ed Smoot (913) 636 2002;**

**Treasurer: Eugene Hallouer (913) 248 0288**

**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:**



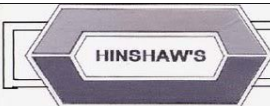
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Event Schedule

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.**

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Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Car Information: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Event T-Shirt Size 3X 4X \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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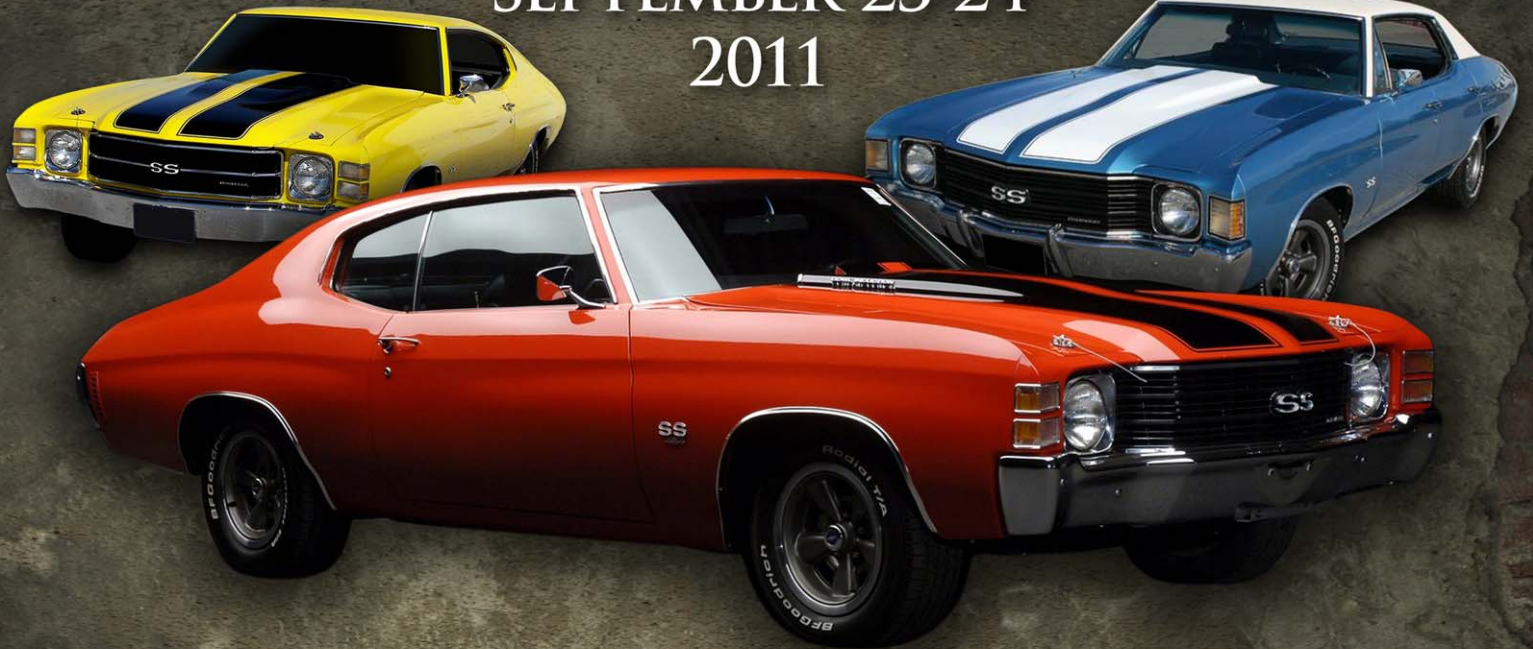




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