

Mid America Chevelle Club

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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. **JANUARY MEETING IS BEING HELD AT THE HILL RESIDENCE. SEE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DIRECTIONS.**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Reports/Discussion
- 4) Upcoming Events
- 5) Upcoming Events
- 6) Report of Treasurer
- 7) Additional Items
- 8) Car Talk
- 9) Comments/Suggestions
- 10) Adjournment
- 11) Dine out



October 2011 Meeting Minutes

Mid-America Chevelle Club

October 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Verstraete at 7:00 p.m. There were no guests in attendance.

Mr. Verstraete indicated 2011 was a good year with attendance at meetings and at events. He stated the need to continue working on increasing membership. He reported that after the first of the year a new position would be added entitled "recruiting officer." He also indicated the need for keeping and obtaining new sponsors. He informed the audience that MC Racing has deals on dynamometer testing on Saturday mornings for Chevelle Club members. He also suggested this be the location of a spring car/cruise event.

The members were informed of the upcoming Mecum Auction at Bartle Hall which would also be broadcast on HD cable channel.

Club events were discussed – Halloween Party, Holiday Dinner on December 10 at RC's; the January meeting at the Hill Residence, and February 11 at Tassos.

It was noted that in the winter months a car show committee would convene.

Additionally, members' car renovations were discussed.

Members were introduced to new members attending the meeting.

Treasurer Eugene Hallouer updated the members on the outcome of the ACES Mid-America Regional and updated membership of the general fund. He also reported the membership consists of 60 paid members.

Everyone was asked to inform Ed Smoot of the dishes they would be bringing for the Halloween Party on October 30.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Several members cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza following adjournment.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 27th – January Club Meeting at the Hill's (bring your own soup mug)

See copy of Rocky's email below for the particulars:

Our 2nd annual B.Y.O.S.M. (bring your own soup mug) will be January 26th at 7 p.m. at the Hill's house. This will be our January meeting. Our address is 8005 Beverly Dr. in Prairie Village. Our phone numbers are 913-915-1231 or 816-516-8792. We are located off of 83rd street between Nall and Lamar. All you need to do is come the meeting. The Hill's will be providing 3 different kinds of yummy soup to put in your bowl and dessert.

February 11th – Valentine's Dinner At Tasso's 6:30 p.m.

See copy of Rocky's email below for the particulars:

On February 11th at 6:30 p.m I have dinner reservations at Tasso's for about 20 people.

Tasso's is a great Greek restaurant located at 84th and Wornall. This is the Saturday night before Valentines Day. Bring your sweetie, eat wonderful Greek food, drink uzo, break plates, watch the belly dancer and have a great time. Or if your sweetie isn't into having fun leave them at home. Anyway, if you think you want to join in the festivities please send me an e-mail at rockyhil@sbcglobal.net and I will keep track of how many we have so I can let Tasso's know if we need a bigger table.

President's Column

Hello MACC Members,

As the New Year starts up, I am thinking about the club and the events that happened last year. It is hard to believe how many new people I met and how close of friendships I have made with many of our members.

As the year started the club was preparing for the year's events, meeting, and our ACES car show. Little did I know, having lunch with Ed and Mike one Saturday afternoon would have such an impact on our club. So many ideas came from that meeting, and most of them we were able to implement into last year's schedule.

As the winter meetings started you could feel the enthusiasm the club had and I could tell from that we were going to have a great year. Spring came and attendance grew at our meetings; some nights we had over 30 members there. One of the early events that was a huge success was the garage tours. Thanks goes out to Rick, John, and Dan for letting us tour their garages and see their cars.

As summer started and the weather warmed up, so did the club activities. Going to Chevell A Bration in June and the Springfield Chevelle Show in July was a big hit for me. It always seemed like Rocky and Shari had a new and interesting place to go to with our cars. Then there was always a cruise on Friday or Saturday night that you could go on as well. Our annual trip to Iola for the club picnic in late August was a great time. We met up with the Wichita Chevelle Club, and that was a real treat for us that went. None of this could have happened if it weren't for Danny, Jeanne and Jack McKarnin. Thanks for all your efforts and planning that went on for the picnic.



As the summer started to cool down, the local car shows heated up. My favorite local car shows, Shawnee and Merriam, were packed with cars and people. Late September brought on our ACES car show. One thing for sure was that all the hard work the members did paid off big time. I know I had a great time and everyone there seemed to as well. You could feel the energy on the show field, and the number of cars and people there was outstanding.

As fall was winding down, the fall color tour was, for some of us, the last chance to drive our Chevelles. I loved those short trips in my car and seeing new places down in the lake area. We met up with the St. Louis Chevelle Club and had a great time.

Last year our Halloween party was hosted by Ed and Inga in Springhill and was a huge success. The Chili, the band, and all the friendships meant a lot to all of our members and their families. Thanks Ed for all you do, for letting us use your RV at the show, and the GREAT party you hosted. Ed is a lot of fun to work with on club business, and is a great friend.

The last get together was the Christmas party at RC's restaurant in Martin City. We had right at 50 members and their families there. The dinner was great and everyone left with a nice gift.

One of the things I feel our club does really well is communicate with our members. It starts with our web site that is run by Dean. Debra is the recording secretary and keeps the minutes of the meetings. Mike handles the newsletter for the club and does an outstanding job. I just want to thank these three for their efforts and contributions to the club.

In closing, I want to thank everyone in the club that contributes to our success. Our club is growing and word is getting out about the club and its members. This would not happen if it weren't for all your efforts and dedication to Mid America Chevelle Club.

I HOPE EVERONE HAS A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Roger



Project Cars

Ron and Sheila Brightwell are in the home stretch with their 1969 SS El Camino. The El Camino is 1969 396 325hp 4-speed with a 12 bolt posi. The original 12 bolt was equipped with 3.55 gears. The Brightwell's wanted a cruiser and opted for a set of 3.08 gears. The running gear is all date coded. Paint is Cortez Silver with black vinyl top. The original interior includes black bucket seats, center console, tach and gauges, tilt column with a Rosewood wheel and air conditioning. Since they started with an original unmolested car the Brightwell's plan to keep things fairly original. Rear disc brakes were added for added for more whoa power and inherent safety.



Always a big milestone when the reworked body meets up with the fresh frame and running gear.

Everything is looking pretty mint!

No word on the unofficial unveiling date. Sometime this summer for sure.



Tech Article

By Roger Verstraete

DYNAMAT VERSUS PEEL SEAL

Back when our cars were built road noise and heat off the engine were of little concern to the GM engineers. They did install a piece of insulation on the inside of the firewall and roof area, but other than that very little was done to kill road noise and heat penetration. I guess they figured the carpet would take care of these problems. So now, what most guys do when restoring a car, or adding insulation to the interior, is to use a product such as Dynamat. This type of product advertises it will kill road noise, cut down on heat penetration from the engine compartment, and help your audio system sound better.

When I started taking out the interior of my car to do some upgrades I went up to Star Performance and bought a similar product called Hush Mat. I bought the biggest box they had which would cover 58 square feet, for \$240.00 a box which is about \$4.25 a square foot. After installing it I found out that I was only half way done and figured I needed another box to finish the job. So I did some research to see if I could find a cheaper product to use and found out that some guys are using Peel and Seal instead of Dynamat. Peel and Seal is a roof material used in valleys, and hips on roofs to keep water out of the building. It is close to the same thickness and has silver backing on it, and just looking at it you can't tell the difference from Dynamat. It is sold at roofing material supply houses. It comes in 36 inch wide rolls, and has 100 square feet per box. It cost \$95.00 a box (95 cents per square foot). You can also buy it at Lowe's in 6 inch wide rolls, 12.5 square feet per box for \$1.50 a square foot. Is it the same stuff as Dynamat? I'll let you be the judge of that, but for my money, I'm buying Peel Seal for less than a quarter of the price of Dynamat.

The one thing I will say about Dynamat it seems to have a sticker backing on it. I did use a heat gun on both materials to make sure they stuck to the surface better. The closest place I found to buy it at was in Merriam Kansas, at Shelter Roof Supply, 6000 Merriam Dr.



New Members / Renewals

New Members: *Please Welcome our Newest Members.....*

Stan & Lauralee Hearn – Emporia, KS

The Heard's have a 1969 Malibu convertible that has been in the family 31 years.

For Sale

For Sale: 1972 Chevelle Convertible



- 350/350 Turbo / 12 Bolt 2:73 Rear
- AC, PS, PB,& Tilt steering wheel
- Functional power top
- New full factory quarter panels, wheel houses & drop offs
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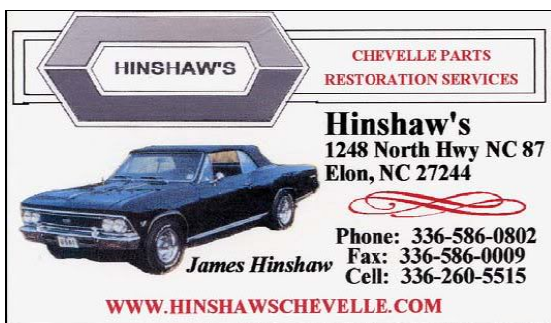
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