

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *March 2012 Newsletter*



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Cover: Members of the MACC met up with local car blogger Craig Hover for a comparison of the old and new. See March Events for the details.



## **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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**Note: Elections will be held during the April meeting. If anyone is interested in serving on the board please contact either Roger or Ed.**

## **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. **MARCH ALTERNATE MEETING LOCATION: OLD SHAWNEE PIZZA**

- 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



## **February 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Mid-America Chevelle Club

February 23, 2012

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Verstraete at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Verstraete introduced visitor Darren White, student at his school. Mr. White was welcomed. Members introduced themselves.

The minutes of January 26, 2012 were approved as published in the newsletter.

Mr. Verstraete informed the members of an upcoming club picnic, scheduled for May 20, 2012. He indicated the event would begin with a tour at Dan Yuran's shop near Bonner Springs, then on to the picnic at Blackfoot Park, Shelter House near 90<sup>th</sup> and Monticello, Lenexa. The shelter house is rented from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Mr. Verstraete indicated the desire to photograph member's car in the vicinity for the upcoming 2013 calendar. More details forthcoming.

The ACES Mid-America Regional, September 21-22, 2012 was briefly discussed. He indicated the Show Car Committee consists of: Roger Verstraete, Rocky Hill, Sheila Brightwell, Ed Smoot, and Mike Stites. It was noted after review of last year's show, that expansion of the Friday night event (continue to ask for donations) and elimination of the Saturday meal was favored. The DJ and music selections were briefly discussed. Member Dave Wagner brought a few door prizes for the event. Member Rick Byfield questioned increasing the awards; this is still under discussion. It was also suggested to procure "better" trophies for specialty awards.

Upcoming events were discussed: March 17 – Dinner at Hollywood Casino at 6:00 p.m. at the Marquee Café; March 31 – Gardner (Kansas) Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds; May 4-6 – Bagnall Dam Car Show; August 11 – "Rev It Up" in Lawrence, Kansas.

The report of the treasurer, Eugene Hallouer, was accepted. He reported there are 62 current members.

It was noted in August there will be a car show, hosted by an area Corvette Club, at the Great Mall of the Great Plains and requested if there was an interest in hosting a joint show in the future. No decision was made, but indication in the negative was noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Several members indicated they would be cruising to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

March 29<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting at Old Shawnee Pizza

April 14<sup>th</sup> MC Racing

April 15<sup>th</sup> Sea Life Aquarium and lunch @ Crown Center - meet 9:45 at the Aquarium (tickets \$13)

May 20<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic – details to follow



## **President's Column**

Hello MACC members,

At the January meeting we discussed having a second club picnic in the Kansas City area to go along with the club picnic we have in Iola, Kansas. Some of the reasons given were that some members can't make the one in August, they don't want to drive all the way to Iola, or it is too hot for them to travel so far. Therefore, this year we decided to have a spring picnic in combination with the garage tour and take some pictures for the 2013 Mid America Chevelle Club Calendar all at once.

The garage tour will start off at Dan Yuran's garage in Bonner Springs. Dan has been gracious enough to invite everyone over to look at his collection of cars, and his current projects that he is working on. After leaving Dan's garage we will head over to the Oak Shelter House at 9053 Monticello Road in the Lenexa, Kansas, and take some pictures for anyone that is interested in having their car in the 2013 calendar. There is a really nice lake that we are going to use as the background for the pictures. This is also the same location where we are going to have the club picnic. This is a brand new shelter house that will hold up to 200 people, with walking trails that go around the lake, play grounds for the kids, and a large cooking area for the chefs to prepare the food. The club will be supplying the meat and bread for the picnic. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish and their own drinks. We are planning this to be a family event for all, so please feel free to bring your children or grandchildren to this event. This is a very secluded area around the lake, and one of the nicest shelter houses and park areas I have ever seen. We have reserved the shelter house from 3 pm to 9 pm. There is no alcohol allowed at this shelter house. The garage tour will start around one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, May 20<sup>th</sup>. More details will come later when we get closer to date of the picnic.

On April 14, we are planning to go to MC Racing and tour their speed shop. There they will put your car on a Dyno machine to see how much horse power your engine is producing. The owner also will go over all the different things they offer for performance cars, and explain how they tune an engine using the Dyno machine. The cost will be around 50 dollars depending on how many cars show up. This is an opportunity for anyone wanting to see this done, or to just have your car checked out and see how much power your engine is producing.

June 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> is Chevell-a'bration. This could be the last year that Chuck puts this event on. I have included a post from "Team Chevelle" in this month's newsletter stating that Chuck is having trouble securing a commitment for future events at Moss Wright Park, where they have Chevell-a'Bratation. There are other factors too that play into his decision for this event to continue. Chuck has been the biggest supporter there is of our hobby, and has always supported Mid America Chevelle Club and its members. I hope all of you will give serious consideration to attending Chevell-a'Bratation this year. I know all of us have looked back and wished we would have done this or that in our lives, and this is a real opportunity to see some of the greatest Chevells in the country. The Mid South Chevelle Club helps Chuck put this event on, and they work really hard to put on the best Chevelle car show they can. Yes, it is hot and it is a long way to Goodlettsville, Tennessee. However, you will not be sorry you went and you will have a great time there. Ed said he will be handling all the details for anyone that wants to travel down together.

Well that is it for now on MACC upcoming events.  
I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

*Roger*



## **VP's Corner**

Happy March, MACC!

I hope everyone made it through the winter alright- although there wasn't much winter to survive this year. Spring is upon us, and with longer sunny days comes one of my favorite activities- Cruising! Whether it's an early-in-the-year Sonic cruise-in, or a comparison photo-op with the 2013 Chevy Malibu, there's always something happening. You don't have to twist my arm too hard to get me to climb into my car with weather like this. I do believe that the number of "thumbs up" I get while motoring around town increases each year, which affirms the belief that most of us already have: old iron is cool. You get to have conversations at the gas station, stoplights, restaurants, and just about any place you stop with all kinds of folks. Everything from "what year is that?" to "I had one just like that in high school"- I'm always glad to oblige with an answer or a wave. That's what cruisin' is about, in my book.

The Mid America Chevelle club had a lot of really fun activities last year, and this year is already shaping up to be a winner. With club outings to such exotic eateries such as Tassos Greek Restaurant and the new Hollywood Casino, work days on club member's cars, and all the great plans that the event coordinators have planned, 2012 surely will be a blast. Be sure, if you are able, to block out some time and come to some meetings. The monthly get-together that we have on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm (usually at Superior Chevrolet, moved temporarily to Old Shawnee Pizza) is one of the fun things that I look forward to each month. The meetings are open to everyone, and it helps give you a little insight as to how the club works. Plus, you'll be kept abreast of all the activities that we have planned for the upcoming months. It's a great way to keep in touch with old friends, and make some new ones as well. The bonus is that most of us go for pizza afterwards, which I rarely turn down!

Speaking of keeping up with club members and activities, if you are not currently using our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/328278119565/>) you are missing out. It's free and easy, and full of information. I was a Facebook holdout for quite a while, but I'm glad I jumped on the bandwagon. The banter between club members, impromptu meet-up postings, and general info on just about anything you can think of is purely entertaining. If you want to be kept "in the loop", this is the way to do it!

With cruising season just about here, it's time to finish all those last minute projects and tidy up that ride. Hope to see you all on the road- and soon!

Ed

## **Chuck Hansen's post from Team Chevelle re: Chevell-a'Bratton:**

Thanks for y'all's support, not just for the upcoming CB'12, but for all the years we've all enjoyed getting together at the greatest Chevelle show (and "family reunion") on earth! Like many have expressed here, there is a possibility that this could be the last Chevell-a'bratton. I certainly hope not. One thing is for certain, however...it'll be the final one at Moss-Wright Park.

I'm sure we're all familiar with the old saying "Familiarity breeds contempt." Well, this will be our 15th year @ M-W Park, and each one gets successively more difficult to pull off with more bureaucratic hoops to jump



through, increasing fees, more permits, an administrative staff that has grown over the years and now includes hinderers rather than facilitators, and a lack of appreciation for the economic impact we have on this small community. I could go on, but I think y'all get my drift.

Those of you who've discussed this situation with me know my frustrations over not being able to get a multi-year contract with a set year-to-year date. This inhibits long-term planning that has an impact on how we promote, market and sell the event. It also prevents many of y'all from making any real plans until I can announce a date for the event, and I can't do that because of a preference of scheduling that's given to a local softball tournament group. This same group has, after securing the date I seek (second weekend in June), canceled their tournament the last 3 out of 4 years because they couldn't get enough teams to fill the ladder. Consequently, we've been forced on most occasions, to take the dates they offer us. M-W Park is a busy one, with stuff going on virtually every weekend, so just finding an open date during the warm weather months can be quite problematic. So I have also been out beating the bushes to find another suitable location close to the middle Tennessee area to relocate the event.

There are a lot of other elements of promoting this event that also need addressing, but I can't go into all of them here, or this post would turn into a novella. Anyway, we're gonna give it another really good shot again this year, we're gonna have even more fun than ever before, and while it's my hopes that we can find a new home for Chevell-a'bration and overcome the challenges that are currently confronting us, right now, my focus remains on getting this one done and producing another high-quality, fun, family-oriented event that y'all have come to expect and deserve.

Please understand that this thread needs to remain on topic, and should NOT morph into a "Why don't you do this" discussion. I'm open to discussion, but if you have something to contribute, please do it on the ACES Hotline: 615.643.ACES (2237). I will not engage in, or respond to any of those kinds of comments that detract from this fun, informational thread. BTW Mark, I intended to thank you at the top of this post, but forgot... Old age, perhaps? Anyway, thanks again to Mark, and all who support ACES and Chevell-a'bration in any way shape or form. Y'all are the main ingredient that makes the event so special! Thanks too, TC, for the bandwidth and a place we can all come together to share the passion!

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Chuck

### **New Members / Renewals**

Please welcome our newest members: John & Phyllis Prouty from Raymore, MO. John and Phyllis have a red 72 SS that they have owned for 2 years.

**Dues Reminder: Renewals are due during April.**

### **March Events**

On March 17<sup>th</sup> the MACC met at Hollywood Casino for dinner and a little gaming.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> several members of the MACC met local car blogger Craig Hover for a photo shoot with the brand new 2013 Malibu Eco. The following link will take you to the article and pictures.

<http://www.hovermotorco.com/2012/03/2013-malibu-eco-test-drive-and-review.html>



## **Project Cars**

In lieu of a project car Roger put the following article together on wheels and tires:

### **Wheels and Tires**

Tires and wheels for our cars are all about personal preference. Some guys like the stock look while others like the bigger wheels and tires, like the 17 inch thru 20 inch. When you go to a bigger wheel and tires you need to know some facts, like will it fit under my car, and not hit the body, or rub on the suspension.

I did a little research on wheels and what size tires to run, and what the numbers on tires mean. I got all my information off the internet, and just a note here, I tried to get hold of the “Wheel Wizard” but could not find his number. Because if you ever met this guy, he knows everything there is to know about wheels and tires. And if you don’t believe me just ask him!

This link provides a really good article Car Craft did on the wheel / tire fitment issue.

[http://www.carcraft.com/techarticles/fitting\\_tires\\_wheels/index.html](http://www.carcraft.com/techarticles/fitting_tires_wheels/index.html)

Automobile tires are marked with a series of letters and numbers that provide information about tire structure and dimensions. Understanding this code is important when selecting tires for a particular vehicle or application. This link provides a good description of what these letters and numbers mean.

[http://www.ehow.com/facts\\_5801749\\_do-numbers-p205-55r16-mean\\_.html](http://www.ehow.com/facts_5801749_do-numbers-p205-55r16-mean_.html)

## **For Sale**

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