

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *April 2012 Newsletter*



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Cover: Members of the MACC at MC Racing for Dyno pulls.



## **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. **APRIL 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



## **March 2012 Meeting Minutes**

March 29, 2012

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete at Old Shawnee Pizza with 33 in attendance. Two new members were introduced: Dave Shelton, 1966 El Camino and John Roudebush – 1967 Chevelle. Current members introduced themselves.

The minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved.

It was reported as a decision of the Car Show Committee to leave the show at the Great Mall of the Great Plains, but to investigate a back-up location for sometime in the future. It was mentioned the location at I-35 and Johnson Drive could be a future location. It was also noted the plaque budget of \$600.00 and categories would remain the same. In addition, it was noted the car parking would include two (2) more rows and order of parking would change from last year and members would use of walkie-talkies for parking assistance. It was reported there would be no out-of-town flier mailings; adding e-mails to past participants would be used. It was noted fliers would be distributed to metro car shows. It was suggested the members wear matching car show t-shirts with lanyards. It was also noted the Poker Run prize money would remain the same. The members were also informed club member, Tally Hobbs, would be the D.J. for this year's show. In addition, the show would end at 3:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony following. The Friday night mixer/cook-out would remain, but no Saturday evening events. It was mentioned that the trailer parking would remain the same and noted the need for the RV to be staffed at all times. The members present agreed that cost overruns would be borne by the club. The members spoke briefly of the financial risks of the event.

The April club meeting will move back to Superior Chevrolet, if remodeling is completed. *(Editor's note: The April meeting will be held at Old Shawnee Pizza.)*

Members were reminded of the April elections – noting the same officers would be running – no others volunteered for positions.

Outings of the club were reviewed: April 15 – Aquarium at 9:45 a.m. , lunch at noon at Panera Bread; May 20 – club picnic at Lake Lenexa; April 14 – RC Racing, vehicle dynamometer testing.

Rick Byfield mentioned the Magic Dragon Car Show at Bagnall Dam, scheduled for May 4-5, 2012, indicating he and several others would be attending.

Eugene Hallouer, Treasurer, was on vacation – Chair Verstraete overviewed the financial report.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

April 26<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting at Old Shawnee Pizza

May 20<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic – see the President's column for details

June 7 – 9 Chevelle A' bration – see the VP's column for details



## **President's Column**

Hi MACC Members,

Next month on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> will be our club picnic here in the Kansas City area. We will start off the day by going to Dan Yuran's garage in Bonner Springs, Kansas. I know a lot of us have been there several times, but I can honestly say that every time I go out there I see something new and different about our cars. There are very few places like this that you can just walk around and look at a collection of cars, parts, engines, 12 bolt rear ends, transmission, interior parts, seats, consoles and who knows what else you can find there. For those of you who haven't been or don't know how to get there we will be meeting at Mission State Bank, 5201 Johnson Dr. Mission Kansas, at 12:30 and then leave to go to Dan's.

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. So, if you want to have your car in the 2013 calendar make sure you come to the picnic. My goal is to have between 24 to 36 pictures of members cars for the calendar. If we have that many we are going to make several different calendars for the members to choose from.

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 hamburgers, brats, and condiments 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. If you can't make it to all of the events, or just want to come to the picnic and eat that is fine too. We are planning on eating around five o'clock.

I will need a head count on how many people are coming and what type of side dish you are bring. Items needed are, salads, chips, beans, deserts or any family secret recipes that you might like to bring. I will be sending out an Evite to everyone in the club around May 1st to remind you about the picnic.

Because of construction that is going on at Superior Chevrolet we will be having our meeting at Old Shawnee Pizza at 61<sup>st</sup> and Nieman Road in Shawnee, Kansas. I have reserved a room from 6:30 on. Looking forward to seeing everyone at meeting and the club picnic.

*Roger*

## **VP's Corner**

It may just be me- but the older I get, the faster "Father Time" seems to run. No matter how hard I try, I just can't seem to slow him down. With the hustle and bustle of daily life, and the day to day things that all of us have to do, it's all too easy to let the days, weeks, months, and even years tick on by. I, just as much as anybody, have been guilty of not taking the time that I should and cherish the moments as they pass. Good times with family and friends are what these summer months are for, and I'm going to take advantage of every opportunity that I can to enjoy them!



One thing that I did recently that was an all-around blast was attend the MACC dyno-day at MC Racing. For anybody that loves to hear a throaty V-8 scream, this is a can't miss. The one misconception that I think was out there was that if you weren't interested in dyno-ing your car, that you couldn't come. This couldn't be further from the truth. Everyone is welcome at any MACC event- whether you bring your car or not. We did have a small crowd that did an adequate job of filling up MC's shop, though. There were bragging rights to be had, and a little friendly trash talking to go with it, but we were all there to support each other and really see how this whole deal works. I was impressed with how the guys at MC Racing ran the dyno runs, and the time they took to explain the printout that each car owner got, as well as offer friendly advice on how to better your numbers. By the end of the day, everyone that wanted to run got an opportunity to have their car strapped to the rollers, and nobody had to take their engine home in a box. Couple that with one of the best grease- burgers from the joint up the street for lunch, and this one was a winner all around!

Another outing that is coming up in June is Chevell-abration. This yearly event is held in Goodlettsville, TN- just outside of Nashville. This year it is going to be held in beautiful Moss-Wright Park again, on June 7-9. For those of you that have not attended this event in the past, my feeling is that it's something that you should experience at least once. I've been going for that last few years, and it's one of those events that I really look forward to. Chevells, El Caminos, and even Beaumonts all converge on this scenic park setting for 3 days of everything Chevella. Activities abound, with cruises through the countryside, an evening of old-school drag racing , an ever-popular afternoon of autocross, and evenings filled with "bench racing" in the hotel parking lots with friends from all over the country- and beyond! Chevell-abration even draws enthusiasts from outside of the US, with some of the international attendees even bringing their cars. There is also plenty to do during the day at the park, with a large vendor area housing big names like Detroit Speed, and Ausley's Chevella parts. The jury's still out on whether or not "The Wheel Wizard" will be there or not. There is also a swap-meet area there, with vendors selling everything from new and used parts, to rarely seen and hard to find items- ranging from wheels, consoles, seats, even entire cars! The main attraction at Chevell-abration , though, is the cars. It's not often that you find such a wide range of stock, modified, and custom Chevells in one place. I really enjoy walking around and looking at all the different varieties of cars that are there. Most everyone is happy to answer any questions you may have, or give you an anecdote or a bit of history on their car. It's really the combination of America's favorite muscle car and their owners that make this event so special.

I will be organizing a caravan for any MACC member that is interested in going this year. We plan to leave Wednesday, June the 6th, and return on Sunday, June the 10th. Talk to anyone that made the caravan last year, and they'll tell ya- it really is a great time! Word has it that this will likely be the last time that this event is held at Moss-Wright Park in Goodlettsville, TN. So don't let Father Time catch you napping, and get your registration sent in today. Any questions can be directed to me at: [edsdoot@azmobiler.com](mailto:edsdoot@azmobiler.com), or you can leave me a message at 913.636.2002.

Hope to see you all real soon!

Ed



## **New Members / Renewals**

Please welcome our newest members:

Steve Williams & Elizabeth Supica  
1967 Chevelle SS Bolaro Red

John & Emily Roudebush  
1967 Chevelle Black/Orange

Multiple renewals this month.

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

## **April Events**

MC Racing Dyno Day

Several club members got together on April 14<sup>th</sup> for a little fun to see just how much rear wheel horse power the old hot rods were making. Several of us learned from the air / fuel mixture information we were set up too rich or too lean. Well worth the \$40 to find out if you had a condition that could be very detrimental to the power plant. The old dog (the '66 not Jim) barked the loudest (400 hp at the rear wheels with an estimated 470 hp at the crank). The only car the MC Racing crew had to break out the traction compound for so the tires wouldn't roast on the dyno drums. Mr. Yuran left the lean burning supercharged big block at the shop for some fine tuning. We'll get his numbers posted along with several others that plan to dyno their cars at a later date. Send me your numbers and I'll add the data to the table.

| Owner           | Car   | Cu In   | RWHP | RWTQ | Est'd Net @ Crank    | Notes |
|-----------------|-------|---------|------|------|----------------------|-------|
|                 |       |         |      |      | (82% Auto/85% Stick) |       |
| Danny McKarnin  | 67 SS | 496     | 369  | 490  | 434.12               |       |
| Mike Stites     | 70 SS | 461     | 357  | 375  | 435.37               |       |
| Ed Smoot        | 72 SS | 350     | 258  | 331  | 303.53               |       |
| Cale Hoover     | 67 SS | 468     | 212  | 341  | 249.41               | rich  |
| Mike Murchison  | 70 SS | 402     | 249  | 338  | 292.94               |       |
| John Roudebush  | 67 SS | 350     | 254  | 306  | 298.82               |       |
| Rick Byfield    | 71 SS | 6.0 LQ9 | 379  | 355  | 462.20               |       |
| Seth Farrar     | 72 SS | 383     | 244  | 281  | 297.56               | lean  |
| Dan Yuran       | 72 SS | SC 502  | 317  | 551  | 372.94               | lean  |
| Jim Hockensmith | 66 SS | 454     | 400  | 457  | 470.59               |       |





Above: Danny's '67 was first out of the gate with an impressive 370 hp at the rear wheels and 490 ft lbs of torque.

Above right: The cars were strapped down at the front and rear. The line to the tail pipe is collecting air / fuel data. The print out graphed the hp / torque and the air fuel mixture.

Right: The crew at MC Racing treated us great, were happy to explain what they were doing and provide tuning tips.





|                          | HP<br>REAR WHEEL | TORQUE | EST                |                   |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| DANNY - 67 BBC - 496cu   | 369/490          | -      | 434 @ CRANK        | 400-8%<br>300-15% |
| Mike - 70 BB 460         | 357/375          | -      | 435 @ CRANK        |                   |
| ED - '72 350 350         | 258/331          | -      | 304 @ CRANK        |                   |
| CALE - 67 BBC 468cu      | 212/341          | -      | 246 @ CRANK (Rich) |                   |
| Mike M 70 BBC 396/402    | 249/338          | -      | 290 @ CRANK        |                   |
| John R 67 502 350        | 254/306          | -      | 297 @ CRANK        |                   |
| Rick 71 LS 364           | 379/355          | -      | 462 @ CRANK        |                   |
| Seth 72 50 383           | 244/281          | -      | 297 @ CRANK (LEAN) |                   |
| Don 72 BBC 502sc         | 317/515          | -      | 372 @ CRANK (LEAN) |                   |
| John 06 <u>Dodge</u> 6.0 | DNQ              | -      |                    |                   |
| JIM HOOKSMITH 454        | 400/457          | -      | 471 @ CRANK        |                   |

## Project Cars

The Gragg's LS powered Chevelle is nearing completion. We should be seeing the results of all the hard work late this month or early next. Below: Initial start-up and leak check.



If you have a project you would like to share with the club send photos and notes or give me a call (Newsletter Editor – Mike Stites) and I can get some shots and information for the Newsletter.

## **For Sale**

**Items for 1970-72** – 1972 Engine Wiring Harness, \$150.00; 1972 Headlight Wiring Harness, \$150.00; Complete Set Window Fuzzies, \$95.00; Bucket Seats, \$125.00; Complete set of factory Bucket Seat Brackets, \$50.00; Dash Vents, \$50.00; Stainless Steel Front Brake Hose, \$25.00 pair; Rust-free Passenger Door, \$50.00; New, still in the box Car Cover – NOAH, \$150.00. Please contact John W. Gragg, 913/782-8776 or e-mail [jgragg5@comcast.net](mailto:jgragg5@comcast.net) if interested or with questions.

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