

Mid America Chevelle Club

May 2012 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. **MAY ALTERNATE MEETING LOCATION: Rocky & Shari Hill's home – 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



April 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roger Verstraete at Old Shawnee Pizza at 7:05 p.m. Guest of member Tom Meier, John Colley, was introduced. Mr. Colley stated he has a 1965 Super Sport. All the members introduced themselves following. There were 34 persons in attendance.

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

Motion by Rocky Hill, seconded by Shari Hill, to retain the current board for the 2012-2013 membership year.

Chair Verstraete indicated there would be no discussion of the car show, adding it was adequately covered at the previous meeting.

The upcoming club picnic, scheduled for May 20, was discussed. The schedule which includes a tour of member Dan Yuran's garage, picnic, pictures, food provided and requested, and notice of e-vites was provided and discussed.

The 2012 Chevell-A-Bration was briefly discussed. It was mentioned this would probably be the last event at Moss Wright Park at Goodlettsville, TN. A potential caravan leaving on Wednesday, June 6, was discussed. In addition, there was mention of a potential caravan for Thursday (the following day).

The Regionals in Springfield, Missouri scheduled for the latter part of June was briefly discussed.

It was suggested for the June meeting that members bring a guest.

It was announced the May meeting (May 31, 2012) would be located at the Rocky and Shari Hill home, which would include a cook-out. More information to come via communication outlets.

Upcoming tours/cruises were noted: May 12 at Bobo's in Topeka with a cruise at Fairlawn Shopping Center, Gardner Car Show for Saturday, April 28 at the Middle School, and the Belton Cruise for April 28.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Treasurer, Eugene Hallouer, announced the membership numbers at 57 as paid.

Members suggested another visit to MC Racing – possibly in October.

There being no further formal business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 31st – Monthly MACC meeting at Rocky and Shari Hill's home. Club will supply the burgers and brats. Please bring a side dish. Address: 8005 Beverly, Prairie Village, KS. Going north on Metcalf from I-435 go to 83rd Street and take a right (east). East on 83rd to Beverly Drive (2nd street past Lamar) and go left (north) to 8005 (on right). Give Rocky a call (913.915.1231) if you're off target.



June 1 – Holy Field Winery Copy of Rocky's recent email:

We thought we would try something a little different for a Friday night. There always seem to be a large amount of club members gathering on Friday evening at the Longbranch, and beings it appears the 91st location is on life support, so we thought a Friday night get together needed a face lift.

We thought a nice cruise to Holy Field Winery <http://holyfieldwinery.com/> in Basehor would be a fun.

Holy Field Winery is at 18807 w. 158th st (158th and State Ave) in Basehor, Ks and they have free music on Friday nights. Let's meet there; listen to good music .You can taste/enjoy their wine too. The music starts at 6:30 P.M. and goes until 9:30 P.M. Bring lawn chairs just incase they run out of seating. If you like, feel free to stop and pick up dinner on the way and bring it with you. Hope to see you there. You can check out the event schedule on their web site. June 1 (Fri) 6:30 - 9:30 pm: Summertime Music Event - David Basse Orchestra

June 7 – 9 Chevell A' Bration

August 24-25 – Mid America Chevelle Club and the Wichita Club Picnic in Iola, KS

August 24th – host Hotel Best Western Inn, 1315 N State Street, Iola Ks 66749 Phone 620-365-5161 Toll Free 800-780-7234 (room discount). Mixer and dinner at one of two on property restaurants followed by a driving tour of Iola and Allen County.

August 25th – picnic with catered BBQ meal (~cost \$8) plus a tour of a local car collector museum complete with a 1966 Chevelle.

President's Column

Hello MACC Members,

I think all of us have taken on a project that has caused us more time and money than we expected. That is what happened to me this winter when I started to work on a few upgrades to my car. I guess it really started last fall when I went to MC Racing and put my car on the dyno. I was disappointed with how much horse power my engine was making, so I decided to listen to their advice and do a few things to increase the power. I started off by installing a different carburetor that I rebuilt. After fixing a few leaks and making some adjustments to it, I could really feel the difference in power. Their next recommendation was to add an x-pipe to the exhaust system, but I thought I would wait on doing this until spring. I had some winter projects I needed to start on first.

Janet got me a new radio and speakers for Christmas. After the first of the year, I wanted to get started on that and install some sound deadener under the carpet too. One thing led to two others and the next thing I knew I was ordering a new dash, gauges, and wiring harness for my car. While I had it all torn apart, it seemed like a good time to fix the rear windows that had never worked since I owned the car. I was feeling pretty good about myself until I opened the box the wiring harness came in. I unraveled it and at that point I knew I had bit off more than I could chew. I made a lot of phone calls and after studying the wiring diagram for several hours and with a little trial and error I finally got it installed. One of the neat things about the new wiring harnesses is that you can order an updated fuse block that uses the new style fuses that are used in today's cars.



After installing the new dash and wiring, it was time to replace the 42 year old headliner and reinstall the interior. I have to admit that the new dash's and gauges that they make now really fit well and are better looking than the original, in my opinion.

Thinking I was almost done, all I needed to do now was take my car back down to MC Racing so they could install the x-pipe in my exhaust, and tune my car on the dyno. When they had it on the lift fixing the exhaust, I got a phone call from them and that never is a good sign. They wanted me to come down and look at the undercarriage of the car. They showed me it was leaking a lot of oil and transmission fluid. The front and rear seals on the transmission were leaking badly, along with the rear main seal on the engine that Chevrolet's are famous for. So, I had to reschedule because I needed to finish some odds and ends on the car and get it ready to take to the club picnic. Therefore, next week I will take it back and have all the leaks fixed and have it tuned.

After about 6 months of working on my car, I am hoping to be finished with this year's repairs and upgrades that I wanted to do. One of my kids asked me last week if I was about done with my car. I thought about it for a second and I said, "I don't think you are ever done working on these cars." This really seems to be true for me this year.

Roger

New Members / Renewals

Please welcome our newest members:

Our newest Member is Chad Elliot, Kay & Darrel's son.

Multiple renewals this month.

Dues Reminder: Renewals are due during April.

May Events

On Sunday May the 20th members of the MACC got together for the spring picnic (be sure to check out the details on the August picnic under upcoming events). We started out by meeting up at Dan Yuran's shop to check out the multiple projects in process and other cars waiting their turn. Dan always has several cool Chevelle projects and is always happy to explain the details of the project. Most of the cars are restored to their original condition, however, not everything is bone stock. Case in point - Dan's 72 SS convertible that he left with the MC Racing Crew for modifications to get the blower equipped car the necessary juice put down 505 horsepower to the rear wheels.

From Dan's shop we moved on to the picnic located at the Oak Shelter House in Black Hoof Park in Lenexa. The Club supplied the burgers, brats and dogs and everyone brought their favorite side dish. While we were at the park pictures of member cars were shot for a club calendar.





Above: We had a great view of Lake Lenexa from the shelter house.

Right: We had plenty of room for the MACC contingent and their families. There was some great playground equipment a short walk away for the kids and grandkids.



Left: Dave and Ted manned the grill. It was actually a bit warm for May. We'll take the heat rather than the rain.



Left: Some of the MACC contingent arriving at Dan's shop.

Below left: Everyone should have convertible and hard top 69 SS Chevelles. Dan has the rare aluminum headed L89 motor for the hard top.

Below right: Frame for a 70 LS6 car under construction.



Project Cars

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 – Muncie 4-speed reverse back drive for steering column lock, \$50.00; GM big block, factory crate engine aluminum manifold, \$50.00; Pair energy suspension motor mounts, black and chrome short/wide, \$75.00; 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; Rust-free Passenger Door, \$50.00; Please contact John W. Gragg, 913/782-8776 or e-mail jgragg5@comcast.net if interested or with questions.

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