

Mid America Chevelle Club

July 2012 Newsletter



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Cover: John & Emily Roudebush's 1967. Be sure to thank John for taking all the car pics at the club picnic for future use on a club calendar.



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. **JULY 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



June 2012 Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2012
Old Shawnee Pizza and Pub

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Roger Verstraete. Introductions were made by guest Delbert Rhudy, Good Guys, and new member Kevin Ray, owner of a 1965 SS since 1975. The remainder of the members present introduced themselves. There were 27 persons in attendance.

The minutes of May were approved.

Vice-Chair Ed Smoot reported on the ACES Chevell-A-Bratton show most commonly scheduled in early June. He noted it is unsure whether or not the event will continue next year, but added it probably will, but not at the park location. More details will be coming throughout the next months.

Mr. Verstraete overviewed the upcoming and on-going cruises/shows. He reported on the cruise held each Saturday at Independence; Bates BBQ in Mission – 2nd Saturday; Belton cruise – 4th Saturday; Liberty – last Saturday, and upcoming Paola, KS car show.

The Mid-West Regional, scheduled for June 29 and 30, Springfield, MO was briefly discussed. A caravan leaving at 8:30 a.m. was noted.

Those in attendance were informed that Superior Chevrolet is still remodeling and when the meetings are able to return to the site, it would be announced.

Rocky Hill noted there is a cruise to Holyfield Winery on July 6 from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. which includes jazz music.

Delbert Rhudy, Good Guys, solicited for participant workers for the Good Guys Show which would be located at the Kansas Speedway during the Labor Day weekend. Those working would receive passes to the show, but they also must be members of Good Guys.

Treasurer Eugene Hallouer gave the treasury report, which was accepted by members. It was also reported there are 56 paid memberships.

Member Kent Scott reported the car show fliers and club applications are on the club's website.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

August 24th – For those wishing to arrive early and spend the evening the host hotel is the 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.

September 21-22 - ACES Mid-America Chevelle Regional

President's Column

Summer is here and it is hot, as usual, in Kansas City. This morning I went out to mow my yard and I broke a sweat just starting the lawnmower. The heat has put a damper on club activities as well as going to some cruises and car shows. There was a group of members that went to the Springfield car show early this month, but several of us cancelled at the last minute because of the heat. From the reports, our members told me the attendance was down around 25% from last year. Unless you have air conditioning in your car it is hard traveling in ninety degree plus weather in our old cars. The long range forecast is to be hot and dry, hot and dry, which means not much action at the local cruise nights. Maybe if someone would have a car show under the lights at night, and start around 8pm they might have people there, just an idea.

One of the things I noticed in the last couple of years was how many new generation muscle cars there are at car shows and cruises. I have been a Corvette fan since I was a kid, and for the money it is the best sport car on the market. The new Camaro is another car I really like, and with all the hi-performance options and suspension packages it would be a neat car to drive. Even the new Mustang is a fantastic car and maybe the best muscle car on the market for the money. The biggest drawback besides the price of all these cars, in my opinion, is they all look alike to me. A 2006 Corvette looks just like a 2012 Corvette. At least back in the 60's and 70's they changed the body style of the cars every two to three years.

I have talked to some of the other car clubs in the area like the Corvette, Mustang, and Camaro car clubs. Most of their members have new generation muscle cars and not the old ones like our club members. I guess that is the biggest difference between our club and the other clubs in the area. Even with that said, a lot of us are upgrading our cars with modern technology such as LS engines, five speed transmissions, four wheel disc brakes, and new suspension systems. Besides making them handle and brake better, it is a whole lot safer than the way they were made in the 60's and 70's. So, as the revolution of the muscle car makes its presence felt, it is effecting how we build and restore our old muscle cars of the past.

General Motors does have a 2015 Chevelle concept car in their plans. From what I have read on the internet it will be based off the GTO platform and may have a LS 454 engine. Some reports say it will compete with the Dodge Challenger in size. So, who knows what the future will bring with Chevelle Clubs. They may just follow the trend and have their own version of the new generation of muscle cars included in their membership.

I have included a picture of a 2015 Chevelle and a YouTube video of one too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qykDArvgow>

Roger





Left: 2015 concept Chevelle

New Members / Renewals

Please welcome our newest members:

Donald & Barbara Hawley – the Hawley's have a yellow 1965 SS

June Events

June 29 -30 – Mid-West Chevelle Regional in Springfield, MO.

As Roger noted in the President's Column it was hot the last weekend in June and that kept attendance down.

Below: The gang improvised and moved the party indoors to beat the heat.

Below Right: The Brightwell's '69 drop top made the trip.



The MACC was well represented at the Springfield Midwest Chevelle Regional.

Ron & Sheila Brightwell – 2nd place '69

Rick Byfield – 2nd '71 modified

Steve Calder – 1st '68 – '72 El Camino

John & Debra Gragg – 1st place '71 modified

Jake Long – 1st place '73 and up

Frank Riley – 3rd place Daily Driver (1986 El Camino)

Dan Yuran – 1,000 point judging Gold

MACC also won the club participation award.

Right: Steve Calder's GMC Sprint.

Below Left: Frank Riley's 1986 El Camino

Below Right: Byfield having some fun on the road.



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 –; Edelbrock round stainless exhaust tips, \$50.00; '71-'72 sport steering wheels, 3 black – 1 red, \$25.00 each; **two (2) big block one (1) piece rear main flex plates (new), free**; new trunk seal, \$10.00; two (2) A/C spark plug telephones, \$50.00 each; 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; Complete set of factory Bucket Seat Brackets, \$50.00; Dash Vents, \$50.00; R-12 Freon 12 oz. cans, \$25.00 each; Snap On Coffee mugs, \$5.00 each; Whole house attic fan with louvers, \$50.00; Jim Beam Decanter's (spark plugs, Mr. Goodwrench and Delco batteries), \$40.00 each. Please contact John W. Gragg, 913/782-8776 or e-mail jgragg5@comcast.net if interested or with questions.

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