

Mid America Chevelle Club

August 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

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(2011-2012 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. **AUGUST ALTERNATE MEETING LOCATION: Zarda BBQ (southwest corner of 87th and Quivira - 11931 W. 87th St. Lenexa, KS)**

- 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



July 2012 Meeting Minutes

July minutes:

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm @ Old Shawnee Pizza

Discussed Springfield car show- it was hot, and MACC won \$100 club participation award.

St. Louis Chevelle club discussed briefly, as well as fall color tour dates.

Much discussion regarding our car show in September, volunteers requested.

Discussed car calendars and costs involved.

Final preparations and questions regarding picnic in Iola were covered.

Upcoming cruises/ shows were mentioned- Wellsville August 31st, Belton, Goodguys- fliers to be distributed by attending members.

Several members mentioned planning to attend the Royal's Cruising at the K.

Treasurers report was approved, stated that we currently have 60 paid members.

Welcomed new members John and Lynne Clark- they have a '71 Turquoise Convertible.

The new website for Aces was mentioned - "www.chevelle.net".

28 members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Car talk and general merriment ensued.

Submitted by Ed Smoot V.P.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

See the President's Column for a complete list of events. September is a busy month.

September 21-22 - ACES Mid-America Chevelle Regional

- 1) The Car Show Committee would like to request that YOU (Mr. / Mrs. / Ms MACC Member) pre-register. The more Club registrations we have up front will speed the check in process for our guests. Bring your check book or cash to the meeting.
- 2) We will meet at the Old 56 Family Restaurant at 8:00 on Friday September 21st for breakfast and then head over to the Mall to set up the show field. Old 56 Restaurant (912 S. Chestnut, Olathe, KS 66061) is one block west of the intersection of South Harrison and Old 56 Highway on the north side of the road. If you are coming south on I-35 take the Old 56 Highway exit and go west to Chestnut and hang a right. If you are at the Mall go North on 169 / S. Harrison to Old 56 Highway and hang a left one block to Chestnut and hang a right.



Vice-President's Column

Car show season is upon us, MACC! Thankfully the weather has let up and fall looks to have started a touch early. I'm not complaining- I sure was ready for a break from the heat. It's been so toasty this summer, I just haven't been able to motivate myself into completing my Chevelle related projects that I had slated for this season. Maybe if I would have sprung for A/C in the shop, I would have been a little more productive.

As for car shows and cruises, this time of year is hard to beat. I've really enjoyed the Sonic cruise nights, and the Independence cruise-ins. Lots of really nice folks, and I've even run into a few cars that I haven't seen before. The 5th annual MACC club picnic in Iola was this last weekend, and though I was unable to attend personally, heard from everyone that it was a great time. Mother Nature threw a little bit of a curveball in the form of a few showers, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those that made the journey south. With members in attendance from WACO (Wichita Area Chevelle Owners) and with the support of the nice folks of Iola, KS, if you haven't made it to this event in the past, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year! Another fun car show that I attended recently was the Cruise at the K- a car show at Kauffman Stadium coupled with a Royals game afterward. This is a participant judged show with a little over a hundred cars in attendance. The top 5 cars (as judged by their peers) get to cruise around the warning track inside the ballpark before the game. Even though the show field got almost over-run with Corvettes towards the end, our own John Prouty pulled in enough votes to lead the pack around the field in his good looking '72. Not a Corvette in sight! Congrats John- that was really cool.

Upcoming cruises and events are a'plenty, with The Ol' Marais River Run (Ottawa), Goodguys, and quite a few others just around the corner. The most important, in my opinion, is the one at the Great Mall at the end of September- The Mid America Regional! Hosted by our club. There is a lot of work that goes into the show to make it what it is. Thanks to the car show committee for all their hard work and planning to help make this a show to remember. We are always looking for help from anyone that is looking to get more involved in club functions. Whether you have been in the club for 10 years or 10 weeks, we'd love to have ya. We can always use night security folks at the show, and people that can help with the this-and-that that comes up during the show. We will have sign up sheets at the meeting on Thursday for anyone that is interested in helping. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Chevelle owners a little better, and every little bit makes a difference! Another thing that would really help a bunch is if EVERYONE from our club that is coming - which should be most everybody - took a few minutes and PRE-REGISTERED for our show. This helps with congestion at registration and helps us calculate the number of cars we need to plan for on show day.

I hope to see everyone at the show, and try to make it to the meeting this Thursday if you can. Any questions regarding sign-ups or where we could use help please see myself or Roger Verstraete. We'd really appreciate it!

See y'all soon

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President's Column

The weather has finally cooled off and it is time to start going to some car shows and cruises. A couple of weeks ago six club members went to the Royals car show and game, and John and Phyllis Prouty took first place. The top five picks got to drive around the field on the warning track before the game. That had to be a big treat for John and his family. The Royals car show was a lot of fun, and the Royals played a good game and they won four – two.

Last weekend we had our summer picnic in Iola Kansas, and Danny McKarnin treated all of us who went to a great time. Danny and his Mom and Dad make everyone feel as if they are family when they come down to Iola. Danny had a lot of events planned and we got to see some members from other Chevelle clubs too. I want to thank Danny, Jack, and Jeanne for being such great host and making everyone feel so welcome to Iola Kansas.

Here are some car shows that are coming up in the near future that a lot of members go to in September:

- **August 31 - KC Cruzers will have a car show in Wellsville Kansas from 6pm to 10pm. A lot of us have gone to this show in the past and it is a lot of fun.**
- **August 31-September 2 - Kansas City, KS: Goodguys 11th Mid-Western Natls. Kansas Speedway, 400 Speedway Blvd,**
- **September 8 - Merriam, KS: 12th Annual Turkey Creek Car & Motorcycle Show sponsored by the City of Merriam, True Auto Parts & Paint, Turkey Creek Cycles, Midwestern Mechanical Specialties, Suburban Rod & Custom Classics, Superior Chevrolet & Superior Toyota. 5740 Merriam Dr, 66203. Info: Dave Smothers 913-322-5550**
- **September 9 - Downtown Shawnee is the place to be. The 7th Annual Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck and Bike show is set for Sunday the 9th when Downtown will shut down from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and fill the streets with rare and exceptional vehicles. Over 250 vehicles will be lined up along Johnson Drive and Nieman.**
- **September 14, 15, 16 - 26TH Annual Ol'Maris River Run on in Ottawa Kansas**
- **September 21-22. Olathe, KS: 11th Annual ACES - Mid America Regional Chevelle Show. Great Mall of the Great Plain**

Our show, as you probably know by now is on September 21-22, and by all accounts we should have another good turnout. MACC members have been working really hard this year trying to improve the car show in any small way we can. We have given out over 1000 car show flyers at all the big car shows and cruises this year. This year we are going to have a lot of the same events as last year, and try a few new ones too. Chuck Hanson with ACES will be there, along with a lot of out of town guest from around the country. But most of all I hope to see all of the Mid America Chevelle Club members and their families. We are trying to make this a family event for all members, not just the guys. Yes - there will be a lot of Chevelle talk, but most of all just a lot of friendly comradely with old friends. We are trying to make Friday night the big social event by doing the cook out after the poker run/cruise. So bring your lawn chairs and coolers and come on out and have a burger and or a brat with us. Hope to see everyone there.

Roger



New Members / Renewals

Please welcome our newest members:

Jim & Sandi Morrison – The Morrison's have two 1971 SS 454 cars, one is a Mulsane Blue Hardtop and the other car is a Tuxedo Black Convertible

Jon & Lynn Clark – The Clark's have a 1971 Chevelle convertible.

August Events

August 18th – Cruise to Alma Kansas.

Several MACC members motored west down I-70 for the one hour and 15 minute drive to the beautiful Flint Hills town of Alma for their annual car show and cruise. This Car Show included a car cruise through the local Flint Hills with an Ice Cream stop before heading back to Alma.

August 19th – Cruise to the K Classic Car Show.

The MACC was well represented at the Cruise to the K with the Prouty's taking one of the top five picks.



Above: The MACC contingent loafing in the parking lot of the "K".

Above right: The Verstraete's grandson Cole in the driver's seat of the Blues Mobile.

Right: Line up of MACC Chevells. Eugene's 1967 got to come out and play since it was a Sunday event.



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

The McKarnin's hosted the Annual MACC Picnic in Iola, KS. This year the events started off with several folks from the MACC and the Wichita Club making the trip to Iola on Friday night with more folks from both clubs joining the fun on Saturday. Participants enjoyed a catered BBQ meal and a tour of a car collection in Iola.



Left: We're not in Texas, however, that is one big smoker.

Below left: This blue '72 drew a lot of attention. Originally an Iola resident the owner now lives in Louisburg. The car has an LS motor – hence all the attention. Bob and Rick are in the process of installing LS mills in their rides.

Below right: Steve Calder's GMC Sprint, Dan Yuran's Elko, and Rick Byfield's '71.





Above: The shelter house kept us dry. We had a little welcome rain move through the area.

Right: Danny set up a tour of a local car collection.



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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