

*Mid America Chevelle Club
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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

(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.

- 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



October 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at regular location and time by Vice-Chair Smoot. Introductions were not necessary.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Representatives from the Kanas City's Auto Museum were present to inform the members of the proposed museum. Following a brief video presentation, they noted there are 16 members on the Board of Directors. They stated the organization started 18 months prior and the project is now in the fundraising stage with a goal of \$2,000,000. The representatives also announced the business plan has been approved by the CPA of the National Association of Automotive Museums. They requested those members or if the club is interested, naming rights would be available for substantial donations. They also announced the newsletter would be delivered via e-mail and requested persons "like us" on Facebook© Several questions and answers followed. The representatives were thanked for attending and presenting the information.

Ted Farley overviewed the fall Color Tour.

Members spoke about the local cruises coordinated by Dick and Judy Rule.

Members were reminded if the upcoming Halloween Party and Chili Cook-Off.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. It was announced there are 65 current members.

Rick Byfield indicated information would be sent out to determine if there was interest in members meeting at MC Racing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza followed.

Respectfully submitted: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 31st – Monthly meeting at Rocky and Shari Hill's home.

The first meeting of the year will be held on the 31st of January.

This meeting is what we call (BYOSM), or, Bring Your Own Soup Mug!

We will supply the soup, you bring a soup mug, come to the meeting and enjoy!

We are located at 8005 Beverly Drive, Prairie Village ks 66208

if you need further information, feel free to call me at 913-915-1231 or Shari at 816-516-8792

This is a golden opportunity to start the new club year off with a hot bowl of soup and warm friendship amongst your fellow Chevelle Club members.

Should be a good evening, Hope to see you there!

Rocky

• **May 19th – Club Picnic**



President's Column

The holidays are over and I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Our family is always so busy during the holiday season with family and friends. After the first of the year I took some time off from work and just took it easy for a few days and just relaxed.

After the fall car show season was over, I thought I would just put my car cover on my car and watch some football. Well, we all know the Chief's season was a big flop again, so that kind of ruined that idea. Then an opportunity came up in early November to take our Chevelles down to M-C Racing again and put our cars on the dyno machine. It was nice to see how everyone's cars were performing and who has bragging rights for the most horsepower. John Gragg, for now, is the top dog in the club. I think Rick Byfield has some plans in the works to take him on again in his 66 that he is redoing. Maybe this spring Rick or someone else can upset John.

In late December I received a call from Paramount Pictures, they wanted some Chevelles to show up for the premiere showing of Tom Cruise's new movie, *Jack Reacher*. The movie has a red '70 Chevelle with a lot of car chases in it. Ten of us showed for the movie and we parked our cars out in front of the theater during the movie. After the show was over everyone had to walk by our cars and I think the people in the show were quite impressed with our cars. We all got free passes to the show and it was a very good movie, a must see for every Chevelle owner.

After that I took my car home and put the cover on again, thinking this time that I would not get it out of the garage again until spring. I have been tempted to take it for a spin due to all the nice weather we have had, but so far it has not moved. I am going to work on my house and do some painting this winter instead of working on my car.

Some club news, as many of you already know, is that Chuck Hanson has shut down ACES as of January 1st. You may be wondering how this affects the club. I really don't think it will have an affect on our club other than we will not get the national advertising about our car show thru ACES. We decided two years ago to concentrate on the Kansas City area instead of trying to get out of town Chevelle owners to come to our show. I think this is working and we can tell by the increase of cars at our show. We will still have the best Chevelle car show in the Mid West area, and our car show is growing each year. We intend to keep up the tradition of putting on the Mid America Chevelle Car Show. As far as the date, it is looking like it will be on September 27th and 28th. This will be discussed at the January meeting at Rocky and Shari's house. Normally the Good Guys car show is on Labor Day weekend, but this year they could not come to terms at the Speed Way so they canceled their car show. The next weekend is the Merriam and Shawnee car show, followed by the Ol'Maris River Run car show in Ottawa, KS on the third weekend of September.

The second annually MACC spring picnic is scheduled for May 19th from 3-9 p.m. The club will be providing the meat, bread, and condiments. If you could bring a side dish it would be greatly appreciated!

I hope to see you at the January meeting,

Rager



VP's Corner

As we ring in 2013, I hope that the new year finds all of MACC well and in good spirits. One of the things that tends to lift my spirit when the cold winds blow is a little R&R in the shop tinkering with my old Chevys. I'm sure many of you seek the same kind of therapy. It's the time of year when normally the weather usually doesn't lend itself to cruising or other outside activities (unless it is 70 degrees in January!).

With another trip to the Dyno at MC Racing looming, I got a jump on my winter projects early this year. My subject for this go 'round was the same yellow '72 El Camino that I drove to Chevellabration last year. Yeah, the same one that has the ability to burn a case of oil in a single trip. As opposed to delving into the deeper issues of non-seated rings and such, I decided to work on another issue that had been plaguing this ride: the carburetor.

I'm a sucker for the latest and greatest gadget, for sure. So when I started to see the full-page ads in the car magazines for the Street Demon Carburetor, I'm all in. Plus, those full page ads poked direct fun at the EZ EFI system that I installed on my Spiral Gray '72, so I put them to the test.

The Street Demon is touted as a "run ready" 625 CFM carb, offered in hand polished or tumble polished aluminum, with "goggle valve" secondaries and unique triple stack boosters. It seemed like a good fit for the small block in the 'Camino. When I opened the box, this carb does look quite a bit different than your standard unit. Gone are all the odd castings and extra ports and screws. It's a very sleek unit, and does look good.

Installation is very straight forward, as you would imagine. Clear cut directions with all the pieces needed to hook up any combination of linkages included. This install did clean up the vacuum lines, as well as the mish-mash of bracketry used to adapt my linkages to the old carb. After just a few tweaks and a turn of the key- Vroom! She fired right up. A quick test drive, and I'm ready for the dyno the next day.

Dyno day has arrived, and I wait my turn. I have no idea what kind of new found power will be there, but I've got my hopes up. The MCR guys strap the banana onto the rollers, and warm it up. The big moment is here.

Roll it up to third gear...get ready... nail it...and...LEAN! So lean, in fact, that they didn't feel safe doing a second pull. The horsepower numbers reflected it as well. Was it an installation issue? Maybe- who knows. I've clearly got some more tuning to do before I test it again.

So- is the Street Demon the holy grail of Carburetion? Possibly. I'll keep you posted!

Ed



New Members / Renewals

Please welcome our newest member:

Ed Mooney, 66 Chevelle SS 396, Marina Blue, Blue Interior. Owned since 2000

Winter Events

Chassis Dyno Testing at MC Racing

This event is always a lot of fun and you can find out if you have a potentially fatal (to the mill) air / fuel issue.



Above: Ron and Sheila Brightwell's '69 L78 being prepped. Editors note: A significant hp gain could be achieved by getting rid of the tiger tail.

Right: Steve Calder's Sprint. It sounded and looked great.





Above: The Gragg's '71 LS powered car on the dyno.

	HP	TQ	HP @ crank
Roger	270	321	310
Ron	292	352	336
John	434	416	499
Steve	238	292	298
Ed	227	277	284
Jim	343	396	429
Rick	373	338	466
JAKE L.	240	295	300
Jeff L.	276	364	

Rumor is Byfield is gunning for the top spot.



Left: Ed found out the El Camino was too lean. See his VP column for additional details.



Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held at Johnny Cascone's in Overland Park. Be sure to thank Rocky and Shari Hill for all the work they put in to this event. They make the reservations, collect the deposit money and purchase and wrap the gifts. Wrapping all that stuff has to be a major chore. The food was great and we all had a good time.



Jack Reacher Movie Advance Screening

The MACC was invited to the advance screening of the new Jack Reacher movie by a local movie rep. If you haven't seen the movie a red '70 SS gets a fair amount of screen time as Jack Reacher proceeds to pretty much shred the car. We parked our cars front and center at the Cinema and left them there for the duration of the show.



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

Frank Riley (913-638-7596) has the following items for sale:

- #1406 Edelbrock Performer Carb w/ electric choke, ran perfect a month ago. (Went back to original '67 Quadrajet.) \$150
- Square bore to Quadrajet Aluminum Carb Adapter w. Hardware \$10
- Holley Street Avenger Carbs, Nice, (3) \$250 ea.
- 1966 Big Block Intake Manifold, Nice \$100

John Gragg (913-782-8776) has the following items for sale:

	El Camino 1968-72 NOS quarter panels, left and right (price per pair)	\$1,600.00
	El Camino/Station Wagon 1971/72 NOS Right Fender	\$300.00
	Richmond Power - Trax no-slip traction system	\$200.00
	1971-72 LS3/5 5500RL Tachometer (Reproduction)	\$200.00
	1972 Headlight wiring harness	\$150.00
	1972 Engine wiring harness	\$150.00
	Complete set of window fuzzies	\$95.00
	El Camino die cast 1/24th scale, complete set of six (6)	\$90.00
	Pair energy suspension motor mounts, black and chrome short/wide	\$75.00
	GM off-set oil filter adapter, new with extra gaskets	\$60.00
	El Camino/Station Wagon 1968-72 tailgate trim	\$50.00
	Dash vents	\$50.00
	Complete set of factory bucket seat brackets	\$50.00
	AC spark plug telephones, two (2), price per each	\$50.00
	1970-72 Edelbrock round stainless exhaust tips	\$50.00
	Jim Beam decanters (spark plugs, Mr. Goodwrench and Delco batteries, price per each	\$40.00
	AC Delco Big Block Spark Plug Wires	\$40.00
	AC Delco 4-speed speedometer cable	\$40.00
	R-12 Freon, 12 oz cans, price per each	\$25.00
	Chevelle 1970-72 NOS left rear door skin	\$25.00
	Big Block Chrome valve covers (reproduction, used) 2 pairs, price per each	\$25.00
	Back Drive system 1968-72 (missing frame to transmission rod)	\$25.00
	1971-72 Sport steering wheels, 3 black, one red	\$25.00
	1970 Chevelle 1/16th scale, remote control car (fathom blue)	\$25.00
	1970 Chevelle 1/24th scale, remote control car (one fathom blue, one cranberry red), price per each	\$15.00
	New Trunk Seal	\$10.00
	Snap-On coffee mugs, price per each	\$5.00
	Big Block one (1) piece rear main flex plates (new)	\$0.00
	1969/1972 Steering Column automatic non-tilt	\$0.00



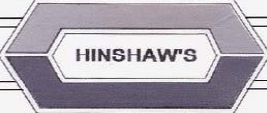
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