

Mid America Chevelle Club

May 2013 Newsletter



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Below: Which MACC member owns this car? First individual to correctly identify the owner at this Thursdays meeting to the Newsletter Editor gets a fabulous door prize. The owner is excluded from this competition.



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 Hendrick 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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Monthly Meeting Agenda

Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Reports/Discussion
- 4) Upcoming Events
- 5) Report of Treasurer
- 6) Additional Items
- 7) Adjournment



April 2013 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
APRIL 25, 2013
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. New member, Jackie and Arnold Harris, owner of 1968, was introduced. Other attending members introduced themselves. There were 32 persons present.

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

The upcoming fall car show was overviewed and a sketch of the parking lot was displayed and distributed.

Candidates for the Board were nominated, being the current members. After a vote, the Board members were retained. In addition, after a vote, member Kent Scott was elected to fill the vacant at-large position.

Ed Smoot spoke about the Wellsville Car Show attended by many of the club members. He noted a letter of thanks was sent by the Hustlers, coordinators of the event.

Members were reminded of the club picnic on May 19 at Lake Lenexa, with a scheduled tour of the Yuran garage. Members were encouraged to invite other interested parties.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and it was also reported there are 71 members.

Upcoming events were discussed: April 27 – Johnson County museum; December 7 Holiday Party at Paola; June 15 – Paola Car Show; Saturdays – Independence Car Cruise; June 29 – Edgerton Car Show. The Chair proposed a potential tour of Arrowhead Stadium. More information for all events pending will be forwarded to membership.

The members were informed there would be a contest in future newsletters and all were encouraged to look for the “contest directions.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Many members met at Old Shawnee Pizza following.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

Calendar of Upcoming Events

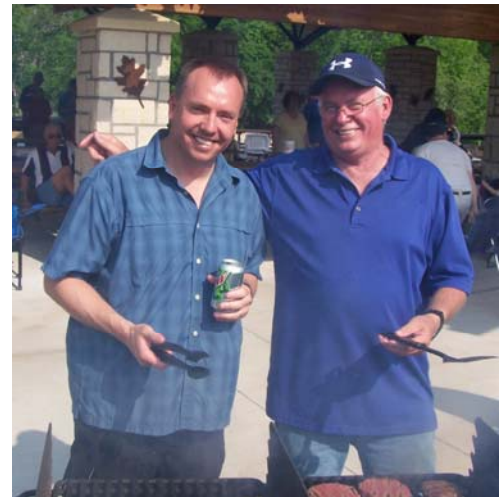
- **July 12th – MACC National Collector Car Day Cruise Night**
Friday July 12, 2013 - 6:00 pm Sonic Drive In - 9801 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS 66215
(Just South of Oak Park Mall)
- Every Friday Evening - Long Branch Cruise
- **September 27 and 28 – Mid America Chevelle Club Car Show**
Mid America Chevelle Regional Chevelle/El Camino show.
Westglen Shopping Center at I-435 and Midland Dr, Shawnee, Kansas.
<http://midamericachevelles.com/regional/index.html>



May Events

May 19th Club Picnic

The club held the annual picnic on the 19th. We started thing out with a tour of Dan Yuran's shop to catch up on the projects. Next we headed over to the shelter house and picnic. The rain held off until we all got home.



Clockwise from upper left:

- Some of the cars at Dan's shop that are ready for assembly.
- Big blocks at the ready
- Ed and Ted cooking show
- Cook apprentices

Vice President's Column

With Ed Smoot

Alright, I'll admit it. I have a problem. Not the kind of problem that can be cured by any twelve step program or an intervention, either. It's a condition I refer to as: Old Car-Itis. I just can't seem to help myself. Maybe it's the crowd I run with, but to me, there's nothing like an old car. Even though I make promises (to my wife) that "this one's the last one", I still seem to find a way to put myself in a position where I really have no choice but to bring another one home. Why am I confessing to such a serious issue? Read on.

My latest flare-up of the aforementioned condition started innocently enough. Meeting some friends for a garage tour and a BBQ by the lake- seems harmless, right? What I didn't expect was a rarely seen "for sale" sign at my buddy's garage. How could this be? This guy rarely sells anything! "It must be a sign", I tell myself. In casual conversation, I verify that the vehicle is indeed for sale. The asking price seems right, but how in the world will I explain this to my better half? I temporarily talk myself out of pursuing this venture further, and enjoy the rest of the day, grilling out and talking cars and such with friends.

Over the next couple of days, the thought of this car getting away from me and finding a new home far, far, away slowly eats at me until I have to make the call. My buddy casually mentions that the car is still for sale, and over the course of a ten minute phone call, the deal is struck. We both agree on a number that we can live with, and schedule a pick-up for the following day. I con another well-meaning friend into giving me a lift to retrieve my new prize, and within 24 hours, here I am back with this gotta-have automobile.

The test drive goes smoothly enough- car fires right up, drives nice, and stops well. It wasn't until my return from the maiden voyage that I notice the smoke coming out the dash vents and the puddle of antifreeze on the passenger floorboard. Such are the tell-tale signs of a leaky heater core. Undaunted, a quick re-routing of heater hoses and we are back in business. I steer the car south towards my shop in Paola, all the while trying to figure out how I am going to explain this deal when I get home. The trip back is uneventful, with several "thumbs up", smiles, and waves from onlookers to let me know that I made a smart purchase.

Now it's 5pm, and time to head home. I hit the driveway about thirty minutes later, and nobody is outside. I park in my usual spot, and head in for dinner. After the evening meal, I announce that I'm "gonna go work in the shop for a while". I spend the next hour or so fitting my new wheel and tire combination on this aircraft-carrier sized behemoth, then return and park the car back in my normal spot, still without being seen. Had I gotten away with it? Could I really be that sly? Not so fast. No sooner did I enter the house, did my wife ask: "what's out there that made all that noise?" You see, after being married to a car guy for 20+ years, one gets an ear for what different cars sound like. She knew that this new rumble wasn't from my Tahoe, her Challenger, or any of the El Caminos- the jig was up. I confessed to my latest crime, and ran through my pre-made checklist of why this was a smart buy: This one has room for our whole family! This one has A/C! This one has a really nice interior that won't turn your white pants black!

It took a couple of days, but I think the family is coming around to my way of thinking. All it took was a quick cruise to the store, where onlookers lined up to ask questions about "the family truckster" and take pictures of this rare ride, and I think I was pretty much forgiven. Don't bet on me getting away with this again anytime soon, though. It looks like I'll have to be content with our new summertime cruiser for a while: Our 1972 SS Concours Wagon.

Ed



President's Column

Hello MACC members,

On May First, one of our club members and dear friend, Harold Haskell, passed away. Harold was 61 years old. Harold's wife, Betty, had died about 7 years ago. Harold loved music and classic cars, and was a member of several car clubs in the area. He was our contact with Associated Car Clubs of Kansas City who put our club information on their website. I talked to Dean this weekend and he mentioned that Harold was a member of MACC for over 20 years. It was just at last month's meeting that Harold was telling us stories about the work he and Dan have been doing on Dan's Chevelles. It was also at last month's meeting that Harold had found a printer in Independence that could do our printing for our car show fliers for a better price. He saved us over \$300.00. Harold told me at last month's meeting that he was going down to the Mecum Car Auction that Friday to volunteer his time to push cars up onto the stage. After he was done he called Dan and told him how tired he was and his legs felt like rubber. That Saturday I was down at Mecum and that is when I bought Janet a new car, a 69 SS396. After I got home Harold called me and told me he had seen that car and he thought it was a good car and felt like I got a good deal.

After news of his passing, I had members contact me and tell me they had seen Harold Saturday night at the Independence car cruise-in, and that they had a nice conversation with him that evening. It seems to me that Harold spent a lot of time around our members the days before his untimely death. Maybe he was saying good bye. Harold, you will be truly missed. May your soul rest in peace.

Rager



In Memory

In memory of Harold Haskell



New Members / Renewals

Please welcome our newest members:

Jeffrey & Jessica Hopper, Overland Park KS 1968 2 door post, butternut yellow, owned 1 1/2 years

Project Cars





















See the MACC Facebook page or if you have a project you would like to share in the Newsletter let me know (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



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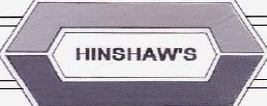
	Big Block Chrome valve covers (reproduction, used) 2 pairs, price per each	\$25.00
	Back Drive system 1968-72 (missing frame to transmission rod)	\$25.00
	1971-72 Sport steering wheels, 3 black, one red	\$25.00
	1970 Chevelle 1/24th scale, remote control car (one fathom blue, one cranberry red), price 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

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