

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *June 2013 Newsletter*





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Below: Which MACC member owns this car? First individual to correctly identify the owner at this Thursday's 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](mailto: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



## **May 2013 Meeting Minutes**

### **MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS May 30, 2013 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. Ross Roberts, owner of a 1970 model, was a visitor. He was welcomed as members present introduced themselves. Jackie and Arnold Harris, owner of 1968, was introduced. There were 27 persons present.

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

It was reported the May picnic was an enjoyable event, ending as the weather was turning to rain storms.

The members were informed that member, Tom Meier, was recovering from recent surgery in Lawrence, KS.

It was noted several members attended the Topeka Car Show fundraiser – adding the club had a good showing.

Upcoming events were reviewed: Fast Fridays – KC Trends at Roe and 135th; Parkville by the Farmers Market; Spring Hill Sonic; Long Branch; and Paola Car Show.

It was suggested scheduling a cruise to Fort Scott and tour the Fort later this year. Members were reminded of the picnic at Iola at the end of August. It was noted the Street Machine Nationals will be located in Illinois. Another suggestion for a club activity was a tour of the machine shop in Wellsville, with breakfast prior at Smoky's. All were advised to look at the Club's Facebook page for tours and trips.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted, noting 45 current members.

Gary Spark, vehicle appraiser/mediator and part of the Classic Auto Appraisers was present to make a brief presentation regarding auto appraisals. He spoke about his organization and certification standards. He talked about the NADA Members Advisory Board and also noted more documents/documentation for a vehicle will add to the overall value. He noted three types of coverage for insurance: agreed (best for owner); stated; and cash value (insurance company value). He informed the members for criteria for picking an appraiser: 1) impartiality; 2) clear qualifications; 3) packet of comparisons/comparables; and 4) photo documentation. The presentation was well received.

Candidates for the Board were nominated, being the current board 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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55. Many members met at Old Shawnee Pizza following.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- **July 4<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Creek Car Show / Parade** – details to follow.

- **July 12<sup>th</sup> – 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)

- **August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Iola Cruise in and Picnic**

Invite from Danny McKarnin:

Hello Chevellers. I wanted to get this invite out to as many of you as I could. This year in Iola, Ks, I am hosting the 6th annual Iola Chevelle cruise-in and picnic. The dates are August 30th and 31st. At Riverside Park on South State street. A few details are as follows; The food will be BBQ and all the trimmings prepared on sight by a portable licensed vender. The meals are for purchase. Great pulled pork, brisket, ribs and all the trimmings. Once again this is a free cruise-in get together with lots of shade and your cars will be parked off the road in a grassy area. The event starts on Friday evening Aug, 30th. I have a host motel in Iola that will give you discount rates. It is called Americas Best Value Inn. (Formally the Best Western). This is an old school vintage motor court type motel. You can park your cars right outside the door of your room. All Chevelle owners coming Friday night will get first chance at getting their rooms out front around the pool area. So bring the kids and grand kids. For reservations call 620-365-5161 and be sure to tell them you are coming for the picnic so you will get your discount rates. Also on the same property is a full menu restaurant and the Inn club. All motel guests have access to if you would like to go inside sit and relax. During the gathering Fri. night I will have a short cruise around the Iola area where you can get a picture of your car under the worlds largest (GAS KAN.) Then back to the motel to hang out and chit chat. On Saturday during the picnic Tanner Portor will host free tours of a local auto collector's museum right off the downtown Iola square. For the Ladies that might want to walk around the historic downtown square and look around some of the mom and pop stores please feel free to go. Club member Jeanne McKarnin (My Mother) will host this part of the get together. We also have a Russell Stover's plant with a candy store on sight if you would like some candy and it is open most of the day.( Discount coupons on the store can be picked up at the picnic) All of these events are options but available if you would like to go. This is a relaxed setting not a car show. Just a great get together of Chevelle owners. Stay at the park after eating if you want. Anyway hope to fill Iola with Chevelles, raw horsepower, and exhaust fumes, Thank you all. Danny McKarnin.

- 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>



## **June Events**

### **June 1<sup>st</sup> Parkville Cruise**



Several MACC members headed up to Parkville for their monthly cruise. Parkville has a really great park with covered pavilions near the river and the old downtown district. We had a bit of a rain shower so the pavilion came in handy. Of course, there was a trip for pizza involved. All around a really nice cool early summer evening

See the VP's column for coverage of the Tulsa Show!

## **Vice President's Column**

VPs corner- with Ed Smoot

This time of year for me is usually busy with preparations to go to Chevell-a-bration. Getting your hotel lined out, getting your car ready, and hashing out all the final details of the trip. I usually plan to take most of the week off, and make a mini-vacation out of the deal. With no Chevell-a-bration to attend this year, I felt a little like a car-show orphan. So, I did what any other half-crazed car dude would do- decided to jump on the caravan to a regional show in Oklahoma! With no hotel reservations, no pre-registry, and just an overnight bag, I lit out for Native America with a couple of buddies from the club on a toasty Friday afternoon.

The trip down was smooth and easy, though a tad bit warm. Rick and Kelly Byfield cruised by Paola that afternoon in their recently (re)finished '66, and we met up with Danny McKarnin in Iola with his '67. My a/c gave up about 30 minutes into the trip, but hey, I'm used to that. None of my cars before this one had working a/c anyhow! I simply cranked the windows down on the Wagon and hit the switch to roll down the back glass, and we cruised on. We rolled into Catoosa, OK just as a caravan of show-goers were turning into the dinner stop for the night. We wheeled in with the rest of the crowd, and met up with Ron and Sheila Brightwell in Sheila's orange '69 convertible- they left Ron's recently completed '69 el Camino on the show field for the night. The dinner stop was also a great personal museum to most-things Chevrolet. Ugly John's Route 66 Muscle Car Museum was sure a sight to behold. Packed full of ultra-rare muscle cars -such as a '65 Chevelle convertible that had NEVER had the top down, only had the trunk opened 11 times, had the original air in the tires, and only 4000 miles. There were many other similar cars in there, with super low miles and a level of originality that was unbelievable. If you ever venture down that way, look this one up and schedule a viewing- you won't be disappointed. No pictures are allowed, though- so leave your cameras in the car. The evening meal was a catered Mexican fiesta with all the trimmings. There was a great turnout, and everyone ate at their own pace and wandered around looking at all the cars in their roped-off, air conditioned environment.





After dinner, those that had the foresight to arrange hotel accommodations retreated back to their respective abodes, while Danny and I went to check out the show field. Put on by the OCOA (Oklahoma Chevelle Owner's Association) and held on the 4th floor of the parking garage at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, it was pretty easy to find. In a parking garage, you say? I know it sounds a little different- and it was- but really made pretty good sense. We had a roof over the whole show- so rain wouldn't be a factor. Another big plus was the SHADE. Nobody had to scurry looking for a tree to sit under- being in our concrete bunker, it was plenty shady over the whole show. There was plenty of parking, and a nice breeze rolling through, which made for a relaxing and laid back atmosphere. The casino provided security until around 3am for cars left on the show field, and the Oklahoma guys provided their own security as well. So what do a couple of car guys do when they roll into town with no reservations and all the neighboring hotels are full due a Sheryl Crow concert? Why, they sleep in their cars, of course. When Danny and I hatched this plan, everyone we told looked at us like our hair was on fire. But hey- we're used to working security at our own show, and who hasn't slept in their car at least once in their life? After checking out the Casino for a bit, we were bushed. Danny and I retreated back to the show field/ parking garage and met the security team. After answering a bevy of questions- (Chevelle related trivia, to make sure we were supposed to be there), we settled in for the night. Next time I will come just a little more prepared. I'll bring things like a pillow and maybe a bedroll- while the Wagon has ample room, my speaker boxes make for a pretty rough pillow. Danny parked his '67 at the other end of the lot and reported that the airflow at his end of the parking lot was much better. Of course I figured out that he was relocating at 3:30 in the morning- ever hear a big-block with headers fire up right next to your head inside a parking garage in the dead of night? It tends to get the blood pumping.



Registration for the show was only open from 8-9 the next morning, to allow them time to get all the cars judged. We were up by then, of course, and got all signed in. We spent the day talking cars and checking out a lot of rides that we hadn't seen before. All told there were right around 100 or so cars there. This show is different than ours in the respect that it is a point-based judged show. All entrants had an opportunity to bring your car up to the judging area when they called you, and a team of inspectors got to work scoring your ride. They were all really nice, and asked questions about your specific vehicle as they went along. They had you open the hood, trunk, all the doors, etc so they could give it a good once-over. Guys laying on cardboard mats looked underneath, and they made notes on their clipboards. Scores were tallied, and now we just wait for award time. At 3:59 :59 (4pm to the lay person) it was time for awards. We all migrated over to the registration area with our chairs in tow. A few announcements were made, and they even gave me an opportunity to take the mic for a minute and pimp our show to the crowd. MACC was well represented, taking home 4 awards in our respective classes.

After awards, it was pretty much standard fare- Everyone said their goodbyes, and it looked like a muscle-car themed fire drill as the participants left. Several people stood on different floors of the parking garage, marveling at all the "cool old cars" rolling out. A few of our folks were going to dinner, and Danny and I decided that after a long evening of not so-much sleep, we were ready to go. We wished our counterparts well, and turned tail for home. The trip home was nice, with the sun setting and it cooling off outside for the last leg of my journey. I had a great weekend, and even made it home in time to smoke a pork butt on Sunday. Now that's my kind of weekend!

Ed



### **President's Column**

Hi MACC Members,

As most of you know by now, I bought another Chevelle, a 1969 SS396. I was down at the Mecum auction in April looking at cars and this blue 69 just kept catching my eye. I looked at several Chevelles, but I always came back to this car. I look it over several times and really liked the color and it seemed to be a solid car. I had been looking for another car for awhile and thought this could be a real possibility. After thinking about it overnight, I decided to go back down Saturday and get a bidder's card and see what happened. I have never bought a car at any auction, let alone a Mecum auction. After looking the car over again, I had a price in mind of what I thought the car was worth to me, and I would not go over this amount if I was in the running for the car. If any of you have watched the Mecum auction there is a guy that goes out in the crowd and calls in the bids. His nickname is Chicken George. How he got this name I don't really know, but he is really entertaining out in the audience. So, I sat in the section he was working in, waiting for the Chevelle to come across the stage. I did talk to the owner before that about the Chevelle



and he really didn't know much about the car. The owner bought a collection of three Chevelles from someone that had a '70 he wanted, and the only way he would sell the '70 was if he bought all three Chevelles. I asked him what his reserve was on his car and after hearing the number I really thought this could happen. I had been watching other Chevelles that were sold during the week. They were bringing in good money and to be honest with you, I thought the car would go for more money than I was willing to pay. One of the things I have learned while watching the Mecum auctions is to not show your hand too early. So, when the car came up on stage I told myself to stay calm and don't get caught up in all the hype. The car started off at a low price like all cars do and went up in \$2,500 increments. When the car hit \$20,000 I jumped in and then it was only going up at \$1,000 increments. Before I knew it, the reserve was off just like the owner said he would do, and then the bidding slowed down and the next thing I remember the hammer fell and Chicken George was hollering at me, "Sold, Sold, Sold!" I believe this all took about 2 minutes, but it felt like 15 seconds to me. Some young girl came up to me and asked for my bidder's number, and I signed for it. All I had left to do was go to the office and write a check for the car. It was way too easy and for sure, and way too fast. I didn't have any time to rethink or change my mind. They gave me the keys and out the door I went with my new Chevelle.

One of the things that you worry about when you buy a car at the auction is that you really don't know much about the car and have no chance of driving it or even riding in it first. I guess in a way, you are really throwing the dice by buying a car there. After driving the car for about a mile, I decided that the noisy mufflers had to go. Maybe 40 years ago it would be OK, but not now. I guess my age is showing some, but I don't like loud cars anymore. After I got home, Mike Stites came over and we looked the car over and took it for a ride. We came to the conclusion that it was a good solid car that just needs some minor work done to finish it off. I felt better after looking the car over and felt like I got a fair deal. Yes, the car has some issues that need to be addressed before I feel comfortable driving it a long distance, but its nothing I can't do myself. Next month I'm going to take it in and have the doors aligned and have a white SS stripe put down the side. It is getting closer to where I want it to be and should have everything done by our car show.

I often ask myself if I would buy another car at the auction, and I can't really say for sure yet. I think it is better to find one, drive it and look it over with some friends that know Chevelles, but at the same time even then you don't really know what you are getting until you take it home and own it for awhile. In a way, this is something I always wanted to do and now I have done it. I guess the real answer will be in six months or so if I want to keep the car or sell it.

*Rager*





### **New Members / Renewals**

Please welcome our newest members:

**Dick & Mary Luman.** The Luman's own a 1979 El Camino (maroon with silver stripes). Owned since April 2013.

**Jerry & Darlene Blankenbaker.** The Blankenbaker's own a 1971 SS Coupe (lime green). Owned since new!!!

**Robert & Jan Huster.** The Huster's are in the process of purchasing a 1967 Malibu Sport Coupe (granada gold).

## 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:

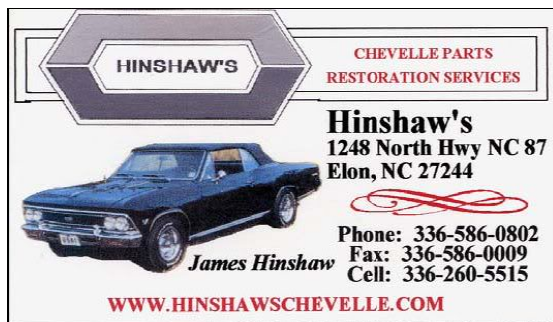
	El Camino 1968-72 NOS quarter panels, left and right (price per pair)	\$1,600.00
	El Camino/Station Wagon 1971/72 NOS Right Fender	\$300.00
	Richmond Power - Trax no-slip traction system	\$200.00
	1971-72 LS3/5 5500RL Tachometer (Reproduction)	\$200.00
	1972 Headlight wiring harness	\$150.00
	1972 Engine 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
	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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