

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *August 2013 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 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



## **July 2013 Meeting Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. Eric Goldman, black 1970SS, was a visitor. Members present introduced themselves. There were 29 persons present.

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

Tom Myers indicated he is feeling fine. Jamie Holley reports thus far no surgery, and as of yet everything is going fine, also noting surgery is scheduled for October. He also informed members he is working on the silver hardtop.

The members were informed that Bob Chamberlain, Rick Byfield, John Gragg, and Roger Verstraete went to the Good Guys show in Des Moines and handed out over 150 fliers.

It was reported that the new venue for the car show does not have tables available, so tables will be rented and a dumpster from Deffenbaugh will be rented. Pre-registration of cars and motel rooms was discussed. It was also noted several vendors have indicated setting up at the event.

Danny McKarnin spoke of two shows in Iola, the first for July 27 and the latter a picnic on August 30 and 21.

Events scheduled for the future: Royals "Cruising to the 'K'" - \$28.00 for car show and includes two tickets to the game. The top five cars in the show will drive around the infield; Royals will furnish security for the cars during the game. Leavenworth hosts a cruise on Friday evenings from 5 – 9 p.m. On various Saturdays there are cruises at Belton, Weston, Independence. Sundays cruise at Fritz's from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. In addition, August 17 there is a show at Turkey Creek and at Alma, KS.

The Treasurer's report was accepted which included his report of 55 members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by Debra S. Gragg, Secretary via Acting Secretary John W. Gragg



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- **August 30<sup>th</sup>** – Wellsville Car Show
- **August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Iola Cruise in and Picnic**  
Invite from Danny McKarnin (also see attached show flyer):  
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 21<sup>st</sup>** – Ol Marias Car Show / Cruise in Ottawa, KS. We will try to meet the morning of and caravan in so we can park together.
- **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>
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Color Tour. Details to follow. We will caravan to the Lake.
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Allen and Robin Call are hosting a get together at their place with the Hustlers (local Wellsville club). 4738 Wyoming Wellsville, KS Skeet and target shooting, Taco bar, hay rack ride and evening bon-fire. 2 PM - ?



## **August Events**

### *August 18<sup>th</sup> – Cruise to Alma, KS*



It was a great afternoon / evening for a cruise to Alma. Alma is about 30 minutes west of Topeka in the rolling Flint Hills. Temperatures were in the mid-70's. Who needs a.c.? The MACC was well represented and the folks that went got to see a lot of different cars.



### *August 25<sup>th</sup> – Cruise to the K – see the VP's column*

## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

The next few months are a busy time for our club. There are a ton of good car shows slated, not to mention all the good cruise that our out there too. The best place to check them out is on Hoover Motor Sports page. Craig will post them every week on the Mid America Chevelle Facebook page.

Danny McKarnin is hosting the 6th annual Chevelle Cruise-In and Picnic on August 30 31, in Iola Kansas. Danny has been hosting and this event for 6 years and each year it has grown. He has invited several Chevelle clubs in our area to participate in all festivities he has planned. Danny has scheduled events running from Friday night all the way thru Saturday night. Saturday night there will be a band playing by the pool of the host Motel. So if you want to go down and stay the night more information is on his flier that will be in this month newsletter. For those who want to go down Saturday morning we will be meeting at the Mall of the Great Plains. We will be leaving around 9a.m. and caravan down to Iola.

Our car show is coming up September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at our new location this year. We were unable to secure a date with the mall so we had to move it to the Westglen Shopping Center in Shawnee Kansas. We are hoping this location will work out for us in the future but only time will tell if it does. I always thought that someday we would have to move the location of the show, but never did I think we would lose it because they would not let us set a date nine months ahead of the show date. We are hoping for another large crowd for this year show, but like all car shows a lot just depends on the weather.

After doing some research on last year car show, about 40% of the cars that were there were from out of town, and about 30% were MACC members and the other 30% were from the Kansas City area. We have only received a few registrations in the mail this year so it is hard to feel which way it will go this year. We do have one preregistration from, Arizona, Colorado and Texas so far, and several from Iowa. We have passed out over 750 fliers all over the Mid-West area and hoping to reach new people that would like to come to our show. With that said I think it is real important that we reach out to the Kansas City market. I still can't believe the number of Chevelle owners in Kansas City area that still don't know about our show and club. To me this is the easiest way to grow our car show and increase our membership.

At this month meeting I will be going over of the details of this year show. If you want to help out in any small way please feel free to talk to me or Ed about that. We always want to include as many members as we can in the car show.

Next month meeting is the Thursday right before our car show. We might want to do something different for that meeting. This will be discussed at this month's meeting, and the membership will be informed thru the newsletter and on our Facebook page. So, please keep an eye out for that.

*Roger*





## **Vice President's Column**

With Ed Smoot

This month I've got a two- part column. The first part is a sad story of woe regarding me and my beloved Tahoe. The second is much more upbeat and is about a fun event that a few MACC members attended last weekend. So on to my sad, sad, story.

For the past 7 or 8 years, I've owned Chevrolet's bigger SUV, the Tahoe. I like the size of this "truck", and that, coupled with the four wheel drive, V8 power, and seating for 6 comfortably, makes this a great all-around vehicle for me. I can take the kids to school, tow trailers with it all day if needed, and then wash it off and take my better half out to dinner. My first Tahoe was an '02 with a 5.3ls engine. This truck proved almost indestructible for the time that I drove it, and I eventually had to put a transmission in it at 220,000 miles. Other than routine brake jobs and oil changes, that's all that truck ever needed. I have since passed that vehicle off to my oldest son, and he now drives it to college- going strong.

A couple of years ago, we decided I was due for a newer, nicer vehicle. My obvious choice was of course, the Tahoe again. I searched high and low to find the one that I wanted, and finally settled on a '07 LTZ with a 5.3 again. Boy, that LTZ package is nice- leather seats, 20" wheels, in-dash nav with a backup camera and loads of other goodies. The thing that I have always feared about these newer, nicer vehicles is that when all these great gizmos start to have issues, it looks like you need to be a rocket scientist to fix them. So far, all the high tech stuff has been holding up, but where I really felt let down was with the mechanical stuff. Right off it didn't seem that this newer version had as much pulling power as the old one, but that could be my imagination, too. One thing that I didn't imagine, however, was an audible "clicking" noise coming from the bell housing area. I crawled over, under, and around trying to find the source of the noise to no avail. I figured that eventually, whatever was making the noise would give up the ghost and I would finally put that clicking to rest. Well, it sure did present itself, and what it turned out to be wasn't good.

Turns out it was the flywheel! After searching for "Tahoe clicking noise" on youtube, I found out this is a fairly common problem with Chevrolet trucks with this power plant. Since this is a 4-wheel drive, to get at the flywheel, you remove: both drive shafts, the exhaust, the transfer case, the cross member, the transmission, and disconnect about 500 sensors along the way. All this to get to the 6 bolts that hold on the "flexplate", as it is called when coupled to an automatic. And around those 6 bolts that join it to the crank is where the problem lies. The center was broken out of the offending piece, and it flexing and banging around in there is what made the clicking noise. I imagine it wasn't far from coming out from under the truck in huge hunks on the highway. All this work adds up to the better part of a weekend, and shop guides show it to be a 10 hour or so job. At most rates around town, by doing it myself, I saved around a thousand bucks, but boy do I have the scrapes and bruises to show for it! And a word to the wise: If you are planning or doing an LS swap into your Chevelle from a Chevy truck- check the flywheel! That \$60 part is a lot easier to change on the stand. On a side-note, you might want to explore a GM replacement or upgrade- my \$60 parts store piece now makes a great ZING! sound every time I start the truck. Bonus!





On to the more fun stuff! Last weekend, several MACC members went to Cruisin' at the K. This is a car show/ Royals game combo that I've gone to for the past couple of years. It is open to all makes and models, but does require pre-registration and a photo sent in of your car prior. The car show is a participant judged show, with anyone holding a ticket to the game able to vote for their favorite car. They keep a running tab of the top vote getters, and the big prize for making the top ten is that you get to drive your car around the warning track inside the stadium, pre-game! It's pretty cool to see the cars go around the field and be announced and featured on the jumbotron. We had several members there- myself, Roger and Janet Verstraete, Eugene Hallouer, Gordon and Jackie Gilpin, John and Phyllis Prouty, and I could have sworn that I saw Cale Hoover towards the end of the show. Somehow, John Prouty has some kind of gift, because he took top honors for the second year in a row! Roger (actually Janet) also broke into the top ten and got to make the parade as well. Congrats to both of these members- it's well deserved. For those interested in coming next year, be sure to watch our website and facebook page for updates. I'd love to outnumber the corvettes next year!



Hope to see everyone in Iola at the picnic this weekend, and of course at the big show next month!

*Ed*

### **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

# 6th Annual Chevelle Cruise - In & Picnic Iola, Ks August 30th & 31st 2013

Friday Night  
Cruise Starts  
Around 7pm



Saturday

\*\*\* El Caminos Welcome \*\*\*

Guided Tours From 9am - 3pm At Local Auto  
Collectors Museum In Downtown Iola Square

10am There Will Be A Morning Women's Get To Together

Antique Mall Shopping In Downtown Iola Square

11am - 2pm Available For Purchase

BBQ Picnic With All The Trimmings Prepared On Sight

*Discount Coupons Will Be Handled Out At The Picnic For The Russell Slavers Plant*



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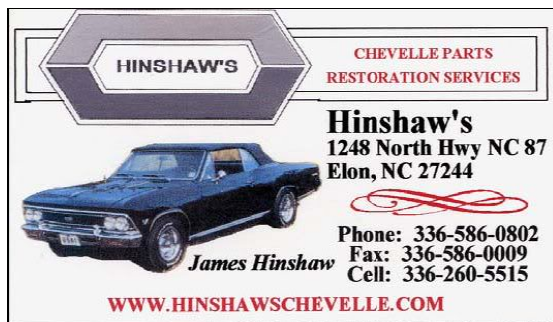


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