

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *October 2013 Newsletter*





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Name the movie that this car (its likeness) starred in. Be the first person to tell V.P. Ed Smoot and he might have a little something for ya.

## **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)

## **Board Information**

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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



## **September 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Due to the car show the September meeting was not held.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party at Ed & Inga Smoot's. The evite link in Ed's column provides details (address / phone #, ....)

December 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party at Casa Somerset Bed & Breakfast in Paola, KS. Event starts at 6 p.m.. Beer and liquor are not sold at this establishment. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverages. If you are interested in an over night stay there are a limited number of rooms.

<http://www.casasomerset.com/>

## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

This year is really coming to a quick end as far as car shows and cruises go. The last big event of the year that I really enjoyed going to was the Fall Color Tour. This is the fourth year I've gone, and I really look forward to going every year. In the last three years we visited some neat places that I would have never thought about going to. Like the prison in Jefferson City that is 160 years old and was still in operation up until about ten years ago, going down Route 66 and visiting some historic sites on the way, and getting to go into Fort Leonard Wood Military base and seeing all the historic artifacts about our Country and the base itself.

So, this year when we went down we didn't really know what we were going to do and like every year we were looking forward to a different kind of adventure to go on. Saturday morning comes around and we are all waiting for Greg Martin to come out and tell us where and what we are doing. Greg is the one who sets this all up, and he picks the places we are going to and where we are going to eat lunch. So this year he tells us we are going to a salvage yard full of 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's cars in Chamois, Missouri. I didn't know there was a Chamois, Missouri, but I found out where it was soon enough. It didn't sound too exciting to me at first, but I gave Greg the benefit of the doubt. We started off with a two hour cruise going down every back road there was in Missouri, full of small towns and a lot of hills and curved roads.

When we got there it was not what I was expecting at all. There was no real place to park your car, just the road leading up to this guy's house and barns. When we got out of our cars all we saw was old cars rusting away. Some were in out buildings, but most of these cars were all out in the open. As I was walking down the road, I came upon a small barn full of old cars. A John Deere mowing tractor and some junk had to be moved to get into the barn. Being a nosy person at heart and not wanting to ask if it was okay to go in, I moved the junk and Dan Yuran and I twisted our way into the barn only to find some hidden classic cars. We saw a headlight on a car that looked to be on a '56 Chevy. We went back to where it was and there were two '56 Chevys that were not restored sitting there in mint condition. By mint I mean no rust. They had about an inch of dust on them and you could not really figure out what color they were because it was kind of dark in there. We kept looking at those two cars and we looked inside and they seemed to have never been touched, they had the entire original interior in them. By that time, Dan was looking for his check book and couldn't wait to write a check to buy one, but like all good things they were not for sale.



As we left this small barn full of nice original cars only needing to be restored, we saw another barn people were attempting to walk through. Not to be out done, Dan and I got there and it was full of cars. In all I think about 30 to 35 cars. The first two that caught my eye were '58 Chevy Convertibles. Again, covered in about an inch of dust and dirt and just waiting there to be restored. This barn was just full of nice cars and trucks, as the other barn was. It was full of Road Runners, '59 El Caminos, Chevelles, and Impalas. Just about every kind of car you could think of, these guys had. In all, there must have been 50 cars in the two barns just waiting to be restored. I guess the most amazing thing about all these cars was that they didn't look like they had any rust on them. I am sure there was some that you could not see because it was kind of dark in the barns, and these cars were just covered in dust and dirt, but for the most part they didn't have a lot of rust showing.



As we walked out of the barn and down this gravel road we came upon one of three salvage yards. Again, full of 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's cars and trucks. These cars are basically just parts cars. That is one of the ways this guy makes a living. It might take him two to three hours to find a car with the part you want, but he probably has it there.

This experience was like stepping back in time seeing all these cars. Cars that I can remember seeing when I was a kid. These are the kind of cars that my dad and family members had. Trucks that my grandpa and I went to the City Market in to deliver our produce that we raised on our farm. Cars that my Uncle took me to baseball games in, and cars that took me to school everyday. This is a part of our American history, the automobile revolution. Everything on these cars was made in the United States. These cars are what turned our country around after World War II. This is where our soldiers came back from war and earned a living making these cars. In a way it was sad too, to see all these pieces of metal just rusting away, knowing they will never be anything again. Some day they will melt down to another piece of metal to make another car, if they still make cars out of metal by then.

When it was time to leave, we headed off to Westphalia, Missouri for some dinner. We have stopped there before, and they have the best fried chicken you have ever had! Again, not being disappointed we had the fried chicken with mashed potatoes and green beans. It was good! We left just enough room for some peach cobbler and ice cream. The only way it could have been better was to lie down and take a nap. We all got back in our cars and headed back to the hotel for some storytelling and swapping lies. I think all that attended really had a good time, I know Janet and I did.



All in all, I think this was my favorite Fall Color Tour, not because of what I saw but because of all the memories it brought back to me. I would like to thank Greg Martin for setting up the Fall Color Tour every year. I know it takes a lot of work and effort to do this. If you have never been able to go, make sure in the future you make one of these trips. It is kind of like Chevelle-A-Bration, you never know when it will end.

Also, I want to thank everyone that helped with the car show in any small way. The members are the ones that make this a huge success every year.

*Roger*



## **Vice President's Column**

Ahhh, fall. What a great time to reflect on all the fun times that we've had and all the things that we have accomplished over the past 10 months. We've had a lot of fun together this year at MACC. This year there were picnics, cruise nights, parades, side trips, events with the KC Royals, and of course the fall color tour. Several members attended Chevelle shows out-of-state, and experienced the hospitality of other car clubs in other areas. This year, some of us started on epic car builds, while others completed theirs. Whether it's an engine swap, suspension upgrade, or body and paint, I've always enjoyed keeping up with everyone's projects, and how they are progressing. Our membership has grown substantially over the last year, and I've made many new friends, and unfortunately said goodbye to a couple as well.

As we wind down our car show and cruise season, we still have some fun times left. Just last weekend, a handful of MACC members took Allen Call and the Hustler's Car Club up on an invite to spend the day at Allen's house. We enjoyed Robin's awesome never-ending taco bar, a huge bonfire, plenty of car talk, and my personal favorite - shooting sports. There was plenty of target practice and skeet shooting to be had during the daylight hours, and as the sun went down, a pretty good sized group of us ended up in Allen's shop bench racing for a few hours. Thanks go out to Allen, Robin, and the Hustler's club for having us out.



Coming up this weekend (10-26-13), my wife and I are hosting the 3rd Annual MACC Fall Party/ Chili Cook-Off. Festivities will include: a live band, more tasty chili than your innards can stand, a toasty bonfire, fabulous prizes to the chili cook-off winners (participant judged, not a 1000 point judging), and much more. All MACC members are invited, so load up your favorite chairs, your trusty cooler full of your favorite beverages, and come on! Everyone should have received an E-Vite from my wife by now, but if you haven't, either call me at 913.592.2216 or visit the E-Vite at :

<http://www.evite.com/event/0185V6H74ASWVMVDUEPDHKSUIS7JVA?gid=0185FHDTEMJG64DA AEPDHK3ETCHWQU>. The party kicks off at 6pm, and we look forward to seeing you!

The last big party of the season is the MACC Holiday Party. This year is sure to be another great time, as Rocky and Shari Hill have planned another humm-dinger. Details about this event coming soon to an e-mail near you!

Remember that the meeting this month has been moved up a week to THIS THURSDAY 10-24 due to Halloween being the last Thursday this month. Hope to see you all there as well as around the fire on Saturday!

*Ed*





## **September / October Events**

September 27 – 28: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MACC Car Show

Well the good thing about moving the show to October is the temperature is a lot more agreeable than hot – humid August. The down side is the chances for rain go up. Since moving the show to October we had a shower over night one year and some rain at the very end of a show. All in all a good trade off. However, this year, as you all know, it rained up until around 1 o'clock. Friday was a dang near a perfect day for a car show, cruise and a cook out. Even with the weather challenges we managed to host 100+ cars. In addition, the new venue was a hit with attendees.



Above: Registration desk was a busy place on Friday afternoon.

Below: Foreground - A rare color; Misty Turquoise and the Autumn Gold car is an ultra rare 1970 L89 (one of 18 built in any color).







Above: Lining up for the poker run.

Below: Event show field.



### October Events

October 11 – 12: Fall Color tour. See Roger's column

October 19: Taco Bar / Shoot / Bon Fire at Allen and Robin Call's place. See Ed's column.

## **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:

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|    | 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     |

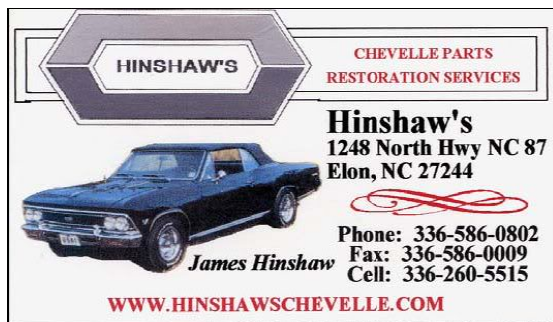




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