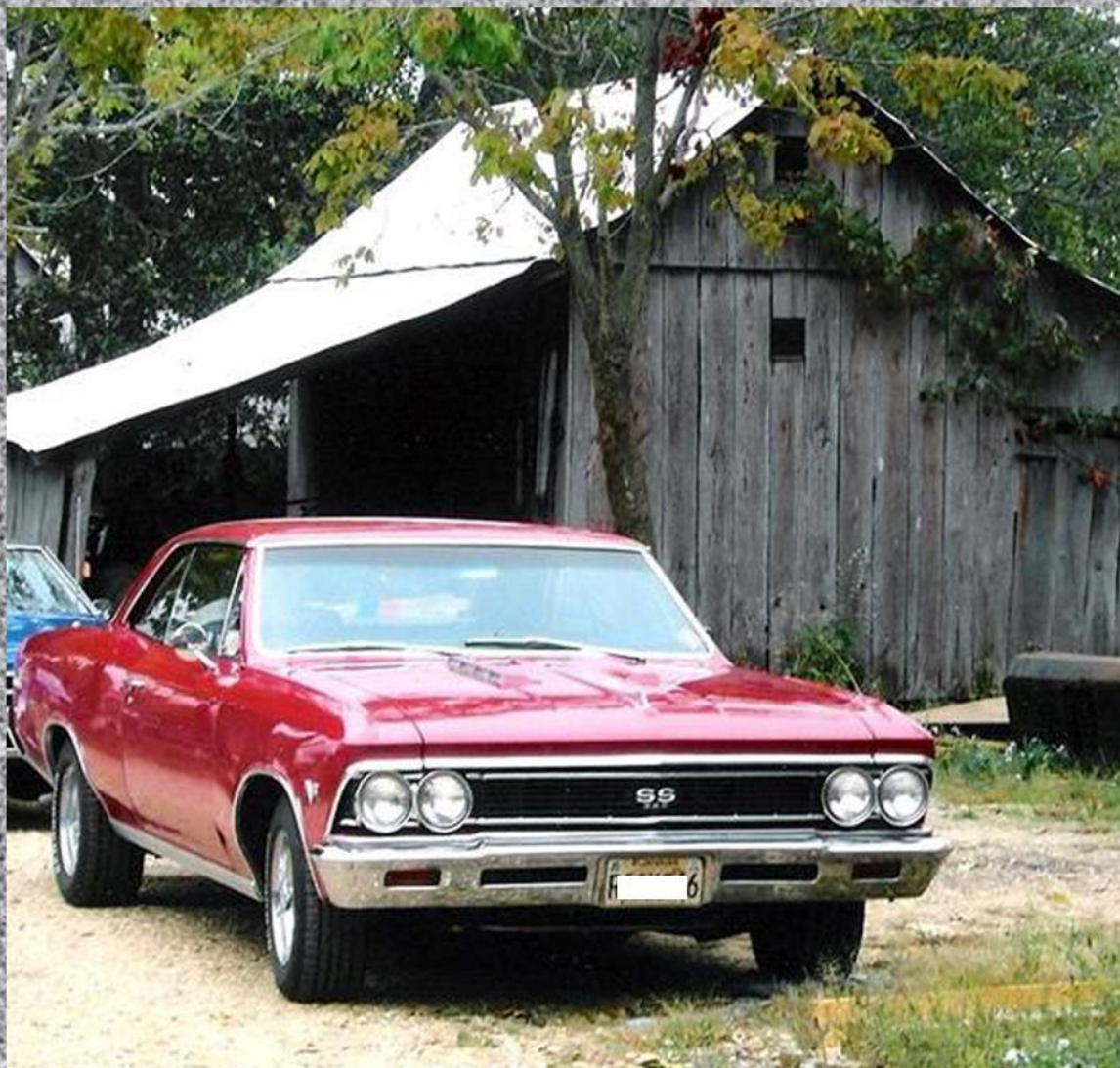


Mid America Chevelle Club

March 2014 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

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Board nominations are to be held during the March meeting with "elections" during the April meeting. If you are interested in serving please volunteer. Debra Gragg is passing the torch so we will definitely need to fill the Secretary position. Please join the board in thanking Debra for her service over multiple years as Secretary and previously as Newsletter Editor.

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

March Meeting Proposed Dues Increase

Annual dues of \$25 dollars are to be remitted no later than April. During the March business meeting the Club will be discussing the annual budget and considering a \$10 dollar dues increase. See Roger's March 18th email to the membership for additional details.



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MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
February 27, 2014
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were 16 members present.
No new members or visitors were present to introduce tonight.

Discussion of our work day at Ed Smoot's facility: all agreed that we had a successful day and appreciation was given to Ed for the use of his garage.

Old business:

Roger thanked the car club members for all their expressions of sympathy and flowers.

New business:

2014 election of officers will occur in April. If you want to run for a position, you can as all offices are open to all members. We'll make up a ballot in March. Express your interest and you will be placed on the ballot. We are currently looking for 2 at large members of our board of directors. We will need your information by the next meeting so the ballots can be prepared.

Debra Gragg wishes to resign her position as Secretary and Jackie Gilpin has volunteered to fill that position. We are grateful to Debra for her many years of service in that position.

We are looking to fill some positions on the car show committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, let Roger or Ed know as soon as possible.

The budget for last year's events and expenses was summarized by Roger. After much discussion, it was revealed that our new budget will be approved at our April meeting. The March newsletter will include a proposal regarding dues and this will be voted by the membership at our April meeting.

Mike suggested that we consider a charitable donation if we have a successful budget and have a successful car show.

Members discussed social activities and concluded that this years Christmas party was more fun because members brought a gift and had an exchange instead of the club providing gifts.

Car show committee is going to meet shortly, says Roger. West Glen wants us to come back, Sept 26-27, 2014. The cost was more for the West Glen venue but the same problems exist for the Olathe Mall that we had the previous year when we moved the show location.

Eugene gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted. We have 71 paid members.

Sugar Mound car show will be Memorial Day weekend, Sat., May 24th. Ed has fliers for us. There is also a barbeque festival at same event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Gilpin



March Events

Ed Smoot coordinated an outing to the Dickinson Palazzo 16 for a Pre- Screening of the new movie "NEED FOR SPEED". Cars were front and center at the theater.



Left – Ed and Inga Smoot’s ’72 long top. Right – Barry Krevitz’s ’69 hard top.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 24th – Sugar Mound Car Show

May 25th – Club Picnic

September 26th – 27th: Mid-America Chevelle Club Car Show

President’s Column

Hi MACC Members,

I know everyone is ready for this year’s car season to start. Like most of you, I have been working on my Chevelles, trying to get them ready for spring. My ‘69 is all done with everything I want to do to it. On my ‘70 I’m installing disc brakes on all four wheels along with new brake lines and a new brake booster. I thought this would also be a good time to detail the engine compartment, get it repainted and cleaned up. I went ahead and pulled the rear end out of the car. While I had it out, I decided to fix the front seal and have the housing sand blasted and repainted. So, that is where I’m at with my projects. I’m hoping to get done in the next 2-3 weeks.

For some club news, I sent out an email explaining our club finances to everyone, and the need to vote on increasing our dues or leaving them at current levels. This is really the club’s decision on what direction you want to go. An increase means we can keep up with the type of events we are enjoying now or if we leave them at current levels we will just have to adjust on how much the car club can help sponsoring these events.



The spring picnic will be held on Sunday, May 25th at Shawnee Mission Park in shelter house number 4 this year. The shelter house is right next to the marina with plenty of parking and things to do. You can go down to the beach or take a ride in the paddle boats on the lake. We had to move locations because the shelter house we have been using was already rented on the dates we wanted to have the picnic. More details will be coming soon and we will keep you informed on the time and schedule of the picnic.

Debra Gragg has informed the club she is resigning her position of recording security. Debra has held this position for many years along with many other positions, like newsletter editor, and one of the points of contacts for the car show. I would like to thank Debra for all of her dedication to the club over these years. Jackie Gilpin has volunteered to run for Debra's position, with help from her husband, Gordon.

As some of you may know, Rocky and Shari Hill are moving out of the area and this will be the last meeting they will attend. The Hills are moving to Billings, Missouri. Rocky is one of the past presidents of the club. Shari has been involved with the club for as many years as Rocky has. For the last three years Rocky has been on the car show committee and is one of the points of contacts for the show. Rocky has resigned his position on the car show committee, but still wants to be a point of contact for the show and be involved with the car show. Rocky and Shari have been planning the club events for the last four years and will be deeply missed. I hope everyone can come to the March meeting to wish Rocky and Shari the best in their new adventure in life. Thanks again for everything you guys have done for the club!

The car show committee has met and is working on the details of this year's show. The 2014 Mid America Chevelle Car Show will be held at the Westglen shopping center again on September 26th and 27th. At the April meeting we are hoping to go over any changes for this year's car show.

At this month's meeting we will be having nominations for any officer position in the club. If you are interested in running, please throw your hat in the ring and we will vote on this at the April meeting. I hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Roger

Vice President's Column

March can be a fun time of year here in the midwest. Some years it can be warm and sunny, with a hint of warmer temps to come. The past couple of years, it seems that winter just doesn't want to let go. When those of us that have kids in school are confronted with spring break, most sane people head south towards fun in the sun. Beaches, swimsuits, that kind of thing. This year my wife and oldest son went on a once-in-a-lifetime trip (to Italy- she should have her own column!), so that left Logan (my youngest) and I open to do what we wanted. I've never claimed to be a smart person, so when a buddy called and asked if Logan and I wanted to head for the Rockies and go skiing, I said "Of course- I haven't had near enough snow!"...and off we went.

We decided to take the RV on the guy's trip, and left about 4 am on a Sunday morning. Mother Nature must have something against me, because the whole trip out (and back, for that matter) the wind tossed us around I-70 like we had just rolled out of a drunken frat party. After a nice 12 hour white-knuckle drive across the plains and through the mountains, we finally made our destination, Tiger Run RV resort in Frisco, Colorado.

This particular RV resort is very nice, with a gated entry, paved sites with little garages, and a clubhouse with



game room, a heated pool, and all the amenities. We got all backed in, hooked up, and settled in for the night- after all, the next day was ski school, so I figured I would need the rest.

After taking an 18 year hiatus from skiing, boy was I glad that I had enrolled myself in ski school! Logan also took in a day of tutoring as well, but this sport seems to come almost naturally to those that have youth on their side. After we both got all of our gear on (man, a chore in itself!), I dropped young Mr. Smoot at his school entrance, and headed off to my certain humiliation and doom. Much to my surprise, after a few short runs with the instructor, the little bit I had picked up about skiing those 18 years ago started to come back a bit. We worked on turns and stops for a few hours, and re-acquainted ourselves with mounting, and more importantly- dis-mounting the ski lifts. By the end of the day, I was feeling like a pro. It was time to hit the REAL slopes.



Riding the lift up wasn't so bad, even though I've never been a great fan of heights. On and off the lift- no problem. Round the turn and look down my first "green" run- problem. It all seemed a little steeper than I remembered, but hey! I'm a pro now, right? With a small nudge from my ski poles, I was off. The funny thing about the way my brain works, is that at the first sign of distress, I seemingly forgot everything that I had learned, and went into full snow-plow mode. Skiing can be simplified into two basic food groups, French Fries and Pizza. When you have your skis straight (11),

that is French Fries, which equals FAST. Pizza is when you force your ski tips together and kick the backs out (/ \) which equals SLOW. Needless to say, I spent the rest of the trip down like a big 'ol slice of Pizza.

Thankfully, I made it down without incident, and spent the next few days working on my French Fry skills with my son and friends, happily bringing up the rear. No major incidents for anyone, and before we knew it, our week was up and it was time to depart this beautiful landscape and head for home.

Our trip home started uneventful enough- we stowed all of our gear and unhooked the RV early Friday morning and pointed the big bus towards Kansas. Our troubles didn't really start until we started up Loveland Pass- a nice 6% grade that is long, steep, and slow. We hammered down and were motoring right along when I noticed the temp gauge was climbing on the dash of the RV. Soon the "stop engine" and "low water" alarms were going off, so we eased off to the shoulder to investigate. Oddly enough, the radiator was about 5 gallons low (wow!), and there was a nice wet trail behind the RV and all over my truck that was hooked to the back.

With no real great place to work on anything, we kept refilling the radiator every few miles until we could get out of the mountains and find a truck stop. Once under the RV, our culprit was pretty obvious. With the motor running, we had a small geyser of water shooting out of the side of the block of our trusty Cummins.

Time to weigh the options: Do we unload and leave the RV 10 hours from home and trust it to a local diesel shop in Colorado? There was really no way that all of our stuff would fit in the Tahoe to get home. And after all- what is a shop going to do with a split block besides replaced the engine? Being the adventurous type, I bought every bottle of Bars Leak they had, topped off the radiator and my 90 gallon fresh water tank, and headed for home. If a new engine was in my future anyway, may as well get it as close to Kansas as we could, and wrecker it in from there if it finally gives up the ghost.



Well, we were able to plug the leak with the radiator stop-leak enough that we only had to refill the radiator every 75 miles or so. We had it down to a science, and had all the speed and determination of a Nascar pit crew by the time we got back. The temp gauge would start to climb, and without a word, I would hit the shoulder. While I rounded the front to get to the water hose, my buddy Bill would head to the back and get the radiator open. I would open the spigot, while he ran the hose- and so we went, the rest of the way home. I am happy to report that we made it back without incident, and the 'ol bus is parked in the driveway, waiting for me to come up with a viable solution for repair. Just what I needed- another project!

Hopefully all of you had a nice spring break, and before you know it, we will be cruising in the nice spring air- with radiators (hopefully) the last thing on our minds. Hope to see you all soon!

See ya on the road--

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

Let me (Newsletter Editor – Mike Stites) know if you have any items to list.

Ted Farley has the following items for sale:

- Right and Left rear quarters (Good Mark)
- Right and Left inner wheel fenders
- Four 70 SS wheels with good tires and a spare wheel with tire
- 750 vacuum Holley
- Extra Large Dale Earnhardt /Coca Cola Racing Jacket NASCAR worn once

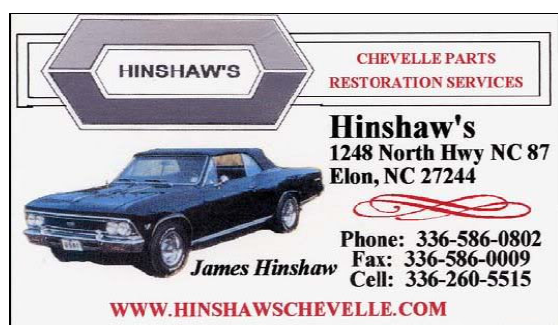
Frank Riley has the following items for sale:

- 1970 Chevelle SS Front & Rear Sway Bars \$75 for the pair, or \$45 ea. to separate. Contact: Frank Riley @ 913-638-7596

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