

Mid America Chevelle Club
April 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

Board Information

Chair:	Roger Verstraete	(913) 207-3374
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Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer	(913) 248-0288
At Large:	Kent Scott	

Board nominations are to be held during the March meeting with "elections" during the April meeting. If you are interested in serving please volunteer.

Newsletter Editor:	Mike Stites	(913) 485-7368
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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



March Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were 28 members present. Ed Bilson, visitor with a 1968 El Camino SS, was welcomed. All members present introduced themselves.

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

Chair Verstraete informed those present the Car Show Committee met and reviewed the budget. He indicated a new graphic designer was hired and the new fliers should be ready soon for distribution and placement on the Club's website. Those present were informed the Hampton has a block of rooms available for the event. Klassic Keyless will be a major sponsor of the event this year.

Nominations for positions were opened. Jackie and Gordon Gilpin announced their desire for the Secretary position; John Gragg indicated a desire for the open At-Large position. Others were encouraged to consider positions for the April election.

It was announced the Hills – Rocky and Shari, would be moving to Billings, Missouri. They were thanked for all their past work with the club and it was noted they would be missed. They indicated that although they are a few hours away, they would continue with membership and limited participation.

Debra Gragg, Secretary, was thanked for her work for the club as secretary, newsletter, and car show. She is taking time off from "official actions."

The proposed budget was distributed and discussed. There were questions regarding the spring picnic and its proposed budget. It was questioned how many participated last year. Governing Body members indicated there was no accurate count. It was noted the budget was presented to vote on the larger expenditures. Those present supported the proposed budget by a majority.

Increase of annual membership dues to \$35.00 was considered. There was much discussion regarding this matter and its tie-in to the annual car show.

A side discussion regarding the yearly shows commenced. It was agreed to complete the 2014 show, then investigate future years to determine whether or not to continue with the annual participation or to return back to the revolving show with other area clubs.

The discussion returned to the annual membership dues and ballots were distributed. The final outcome raised the dues to \$35.00.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Upcoming car events were discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Members cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza following adjournment.



Respectfully submitted: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary.

Thank You

I want to thank all the members for their support over the past many years while I served as the newsletter editor, secretary, and various functions at the club's car shows beginning with the first show in 1993. I look forward to the club's continued success. I also want to thank everyone for the card of support and gift card. That was a surprise and as such unexpected. I will continue to be around and participate, but not on a formal level. Once again, thanks - Debra

Debra S. Gragg

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 2 – 4 Lawrence Swap Meet

May 24th – Sugar Mound Car Show

May 25th – Club Picnic

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

President's Column

Hi MACC,

I know all of us are ready to take out our Chevelles for a spin, if you haven't done it already. A lot of you have done some upgrades on your suspension, or added some new wheels and tires, or just added some shiny parts to your ride. It is time to enjoy your car by taking it out to a local cruise or car show to show it off.

I've been working on my '70 installing a new brake system with new disc brakes, painted calipers front and rear, and new stainless steel brake lines. I also detailed under the hood. I took off a lot of parts on the front end of the engine and then painted the engine and fender wheels and firewall. I did add a chrome alternator and bracket too. You have to love aftermarket parts, they always almost fit. It seems you have to alter them in some way to make them work and fit right.

When I checked out the differential on my car I saw the rear pinion seal was leaking and I needed to pull the axles out to install the new disc brakes so I decided to go ahead and remove the differential and take it to my mechanic (John). I don't feel comfortable doing some tasks like this and I wanted it done right the first time. After I got the rear end to his shop he talked me into taking the housing down to have it sandblasted and cleaned up. I did that and took it home and painted it before taking it back to John for reassembling the rear end gears axles and new disc brakes. While reassembling, John ran into a problem with the axles and had to buy a new set of axles so the disc brakes would work on the rear end. As you can see, the "snowball" is starting to get bigger and bigger. I have to admit it was a good idea to sandblast and paint the rear end. It looks like new and the disc brakes just set everything off.

After reinstalling the rear end back into the car and hooking up the brake lines it was time to put the wheels and tires back on the car and see how everything looked. I had just one little problem, the wheels were hitting the calipers and would not go on. So, I called Right Stuff to see what was up with this because they said these brake kits would work on 15" wheels. The very first thing the guy asked me was what kind of wheels I was putting on the car? I told him I had one of the rarest Chevelles ever built it came with Buick GS wheels. That was my problem he said, Buick and Oldsmobile are built different than Chevy wheels. I should have used a 14" disc brake kit instead of a 15" kit. He did say there was an easy fix and that was to buy a set of 17" wheels





and tires and that would solve my problem. After wishing the guy on the phone a pleasant afternoon, I started thinking about my options that might be a little cheaper than a new set of wheels and tires. The word "wheel spacer" came into my mind and off to O'Reilly I went. A set of 7/16" wheel spacers would work, but that left very little thread to screw the lug nuts on. After making a few phone calls, Ed came up with a special lug nut from a guy we call the "Wheel Wizard" that we met at Chevell-A-Bration three years ago. So, I got on the internet and sure enough I found them, made by Cragar Wheels. Two days later I had them and I was back on track to finish my winter project on my Chevelle.

As you all know by now, whenever you start a project on your Chevelle, it just keeps growing and growing and costs more and more. I do think that when I'm done I will be glad I did all this work. It will make it a lot safer car to drive and when I do get my 17" wheels I can show off my new disc brakes.



On some club news, Mike has put the 2014 Mid America Chevelle Car show flyer in this month's newsletter. I have to admit, it looks great! We had to get a new graphic artist to design it and I think he hit it out of the park. We are going to use the same guy to design our car show T-shirts too. This is the 50th year of the Chevelle and that is going to be the theme of our car show this year.

With Rocky and Shari moving to Billings, Missouri we are looking for some help setting up some events for this year. Ron and Sheila Brightwell, and John and Phyllis Prouty have agreed to set up the Christmas party for this year. If you have an idea or would like to set up an event please contact me.

The spring picnic is coming up on Sunday, May 25th and this year it is at Shawnee Mission Park shelter house number 4 right by the marina. I'm working on having a short cruise before the picnic and will email you very shortly with all the details and times.

The Mecum auto auction is this weekend and like always I will be going down to watch, not to buy, just watch this year. If you have never been it is well worth the \$10.00 admission. I will be going down Friday to view the cars. Saturday I will be in Manhattan, Kansas at my grandson's baseball tournament. If you want to go down Friday just give me a call and we can meet up.

That is it for now, I hope to see you at this month's meeting for election of club officers and at the spring picnic on May 25th!

Roger

Vice President's Column

One of the things that my therapist harps on is "letting go". Some things are easier to let go than others. That guy that cut me off on my way to Quiktrip today? No problem- I let it go. That e-mail that I received from overseas promising me riches from a long lost relative if I just forward them my bank information? I let it go. There are a couple of things that I really don't like to let go of, however, and I recently had occasion to test myself on both counts.

Cars. Vehicles, really-- cars, trucks, motorcycles, or anything with an engine. I'm really a self proclaimed car hoarder of sorts. A few months ago I came to the realization that I really needed to thin out the 'ol automotive herd. The most obvious choice for me to send on to a new home was my banana yellow '72 el Camino. I slicked her up, swapped the wheels, and listed it on Craigslist. Winter came shortly thereafter, and the calls weren't coming in as quickly as they were at the start. I wasn't disheartened, though, and just kept relisting it as time allowed. A few weeks ago, I got a call about the car, and met a nice young guy at the house to look at it. Unfortunately, he beat me to the house that day, and the car wasn't exactly show-worthy.

I had parked it under a pine tree a few weeks before, and it was dusty and covered in pine droppings. I had planned to get home a little early and get it cleaned up to be shown, but obviously didn't make it. All this didn't really seem to make a difference, though- 'cause this guy was hooked. Once I fired it up and we went on a test drive, he couldn't get the smile off his face. 18 years old, and going against his girlfriend's advice to get a cheap import that got good gas mileage, he had decided that the el Camino was for him. He came back a couple days later and got his Dad's seal of approval. This time I was ready-- freshly washed and wiped down, engine bay cleaned, and the interior super spiffy- it showed much better than the last time. A deal was struck, and they wanted the factory SS wheels instead of the Coy 17's that I had on it. When they came back the next day, I had the wheels swapped and ready to go. Some quick paperwork, and I tossed him the keys. Although I was sad to see it go, I knew it was going to a good home when I watched this young fella and his girl climb in and motor away. I let it go.

One area where I just can't let go is friendships. As I'm sure most everyone knows by now, Rocky and Shari Hill recently moved away from KC to greener pastures (literally) in southern Missouri. The Hills have been an integral part of MACC over the years, serving in many different areas over their time here, and most recently were the Event Coordinators for the club. I'm glad to say that I was able to spend many an occasion with Rocky and Shari- swapping stories and hoisting back a few. I know that it will sadden me a bit to look across the meeting room on the last Thursday of every month and not see my friends sitting in that familiar spot. I know it's for the best, though, and wish the Hills all the best in their new surroundings. I'm hoping



that they still stay just as active in our club, though- just from a little farther away. One thing is for certain, though- those are a couple of friends that I ain't letting go!

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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