

Mid America Chevelle Club

May 2014 Newsletter



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Front Cover – 1970 Cortez Silver SS 396. Rick Byfield is in the process of turning out one of these beauties.



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
Co-Chair:	Ed Smoot
Secretary:	Gordon & Jackie Gilpin
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
At Large:	Kent Scott
At Large:	John Gragg

Newsletter Editor: Mike Stites

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



April Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
APRIL 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were 20 members present. No guests were present, no introductions made.

The minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved. The newsletter editor was thanked for the good newsletter.

The meeting then addressed the annual election. Nominees, Jackie and Gordon Gilpin for Secretary and John Gragg, At-Large Member, in addition to the current elected Board members were unanimously voted in for the 2014-2015 season. In addition, the dues in the amount of \$35.00 for annual membership were approved.

It was announced that members are working on the Holiday Party. It was also announced the spring picnic is scheduled for May 25, 2014 at Shawnee Mission Park. Details will be distributed via e-mail and the Club's website and Facebook page.

New member Chuck Ziegler with two 1970 El Caminos arrived and was introduced to all the attending members.

A brief discussion regarding the Kansas City Car Museum. In particular, the museum is hosting a "Car of the Month." The location is 15095 W. 116th Street. It was noted potentially Chevelles would be highlighted during the months of November/December. More discussion forthcoming.

Chair Verstraete questioned the viability of a club swap meet. There was some discussion but no final outcome.

The members were informed the Car Show flier was at the print shop and would be available for distribution soon. In addition, this year the t-shirts will be designed and produced locally. More details for the show were overviewed as well as samples of award plaques.

The Treasurers Report was accepted.

Upcoming car shows/cruises were mentioned: Belton – 4th Saturdays; Independence – 1st Saturday; May 1 – Pete and Jakes; Long Branch – Friday nights. Additional information regarding car events on the Club's website and Facebook page.

The program for May will be presented by an area automobile pin-stripe artist.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. followed by a cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Respectfully submitted: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

May Events

May 17th – Raymore South 71 Cruiser's Car Show

Club members made the trip to Raymore for the car show followed by a cookout at the Brightwell's. Ron fired up the smoker and with a lot help from Sheila they had everyone well fed. The weather was perfect.



May 25 – MACC Picnic – See the VP's column

President's Column

Roger took a much deserved break this month. Setting up the picnic was a lot of work – thanks from MACC to you and Janet for all your hard work. Janet also gets some of the credit for the picnic planning. Getting all the stuff there and buying all the food is more than a 30 minute job.

Vice President's Column

Well, spring has finally sprung, and boy, am I ready for the festivities to commence! And judging by the turnouts at the last couple of get togethers, I think everyone else is, too. Here's what's been going on:



May the 17th, Price Chopper in Raymore had a nice little car show in their side parking lot. Space filled up quickly, and those that got there after 10am had to park in overflow up on the hill. Thankfully, we had an inside man (Ron Brightwell) that saved us some spots, and the lot was pretty full when most of us got there at 9. Great door prizes, a nice awards ceremony (that netted MACC members a few plaques), and the best part of all---free ice cream! The show wrapped up at 2, and Ron and Sheila Brightwell were kind enough to host a very nice "after party" for club members. Smoked turkey, great side dishes, and cold drinks- made for a very enjoyable afternoon. A BIG Thanks to Ron and Sheila for hosting.

Most recently, we had our Spring Picnic. Held this year at Shawnee Mission Park shelter house #4, we had a great turnout once the ominous weather passed over. There had to be at least 50 people there. Wonderful views of the water, and a family friendly atmosphere, made this spot right by the Marina a great spot. We had a 3 man grill team that included Mike Stites, Gordon Gilpin, and Myself, and I believe that we got every body fed in a timely manner. There was even a rumor that someone had brought an "award winning" dessert or two. Just to be on the safe side, I tried them all. I can easily say that more than a few would have received blue ribbons in my book. It was really nice to sit outside on such a nice afternoon and chat with folks that I hadn't seen in a long while, as well as meet some great new people as well. Next year's picnic is already being planned, and you won't want to miss it!



Now, on to more serious matters. I have an update to a previously penned rambling:

Anyone ever heard of JB Weld? I've used this stuff for years on minor little things, but recently I had to try it on something a little more daunting. For those of you familiar with my RV woes and the sizeable crack in the big Cummins block, I think you know where I'm going with this. After watching hours of Youtube videos on cracked block repair- which are all unbelievably boring and poorly produced- I decided that this was really the most viable repair option for me. I spent an afternoon

disassembling the turbo and pulling the starter for access. Took my time, end drilled the crack, ground it out in a small "v" shape, and cleaning the area with Acetone. With most things of this nature, your success is all in the prep. I bought the industrial sized container of the famous two- part epoxy, so I would have plenty of

product to work my magic with. I mixed up a couple of healthy doses of the stuff, and coated the entire area pretty darn well. It says it cures in 24 hours, but to be safe, I gave it 48. After that, I reinstalled the starter and the turbo, and filled the radiator with the proper mix of antifreeze. After letting it warm up in the driveway a bit, I swapped the 13lb radiator cap with a 7 pounder, just to lessen the pressure a bit on the cooling system. I am happy to report that after a 30 minute test drive, with speeds in excess of 80 mph on an 80 degree day, it never got hot. Upon my return, I detected an ever-so-slight seep from the repair area. I believe with another treatment or two, I'll have it whipped. Overall, I believe this exercise is more success than fail, so I'll count it as a win. I'll keep ya posted if anything changes, or if I start my own "house brand" of pistons made out of this mystery salve.



Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Thursday, and at the next get together!

Catch ya on the flip-

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.

On the cover – Rick Byfield is working towards resurrecting a pretty solid 1970 SS. Plans are to cover in Cortez Silver and add a black vinyl top.

Rumored project – No details other than a code name for the project car “Unsafe at any Speed”. The wrench monkey wishes to remain anonymous. As things progress we’ll provide updates in 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



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