

# *Mid America Chevelle Club*

## *June 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](mailto:Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net)

## **Board Information**

<b>Chair:</b>	Roger Verstraete
<b>Co-Chair:</b>	Ed Smoot
<b>Secretary:</b>	Gordon & Jackie Gilpin
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eugene Hallouer
<b>At Large:</b>	Kent Scott
<b>At Large:</b>	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



## **May Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB  
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS  
May 29, 2014  
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Roger Verstraete. There were 19 members present. No visitors were present tonight and introductions were not necessary.

Motion seconded and passed to accept the agenda.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from last meeting.

Picnic was a success Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and several recommendations were discussed regarding the wonderful shelter #4 at Shawnee Mission Park.

New business:

Election of officers last month.

1000 Car fliers are here available to be distributed

Rick Byfield introduced our speaker, Mark Ripley of "Ol School Ripley's" Pin Striping. Mark has been pin striping for 40 years. He passed business cards to all members present. Rick learned to draw a straight line, but was not as good at it as was Ed Smoot.

Mark demonstrated mixing the paint and discussed the various designs and brushes that he uses. He suggested that we google "celtic designs" for practice examples. He noted that paint no longer has lead in it.

John & Phyllis Prouty are working on our Christmas Party to be held at R C's in Martin City on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer's report followed:

44 paid members as of today and we are getting registrations for the car show.

Roger discussed upcoming events, cruise nights and car shows.

Eugene shared upcoming events of Associated Car Clubs of Kansas City. We can join and have our show listed. There is a \$20 fee for membership. Eugene will send the money and our flier to join.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Gilpin

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Sugar Creek Parade. Meet at the Quick Trip at State Line and I-435 at 9:00 a.m. and leave around 9:15 a.m.. If you want to meet at the parade the tentative plan is to assemble at the Metcalf Bank on the northeast corner of 24 Hwy and Sterling.

September 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Mid-America Chevelle Club Car Show





## June Events

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: Mid-West Chevelle Regional's, Wichita, KS

Several folks from the MACC took the short drive down I-35 to Wichita for the Regional event. The weather really cooperated with moderate temperatures and no rain.



## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

I hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather we are having and being able to get their Chevelle out of the garage and take it for a spin. I just got back from Midwest Regional Chevelle car show in Wichita. For me, I really enjoyed driving my car on the open road for a couple of hours at a time. It can be hard to find the time to enjoy our cars with everyone's busy life styles we all have. I know at our house we have been busy doing things with the family. Two weeks ago we went up to watch my oldest grandson play ball in Omaha in a baseball tournament. Last week my daughter had her third child, Vivian Marie Van Zante weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces and both mom and baby are doing great. That makes eight grandkids we have, so you can imagine how busy we can be watching them from time to time and trying to keep up with their activities.

Janet and I have been living in our house for six years now and I always wanted to do some landscaping around it, so this spring I got started. Once I got started it just keep growing and growing. I guess my second hobby is gardening. I like working on my car, but no one will ever accuse me of being a mechanic. I never really worked on my Chevelle much until I joined the club. However, that cannot be said when it comes to raising flowers and plants. I was raised on a truck farm and Janet and I took over my dad's greenhouse business after he retired for eight years. Before that time my dad and I had an eight acre Christmas Tree Farm that we shared for 20 years. So, gardening is in my blood and once I got started this spring I really enjoyed working in the dirt. I first built a stone wall and planted some flowers behind it. Then I landscaped in front of my fence that we had installed this spring. After that I Planted two trees in the backyard and some flowers in front of the house. I thought I was done until I went over to my sister's house and got some more ideas. This next one is going to be a big project, so I got my grandson to help and we started building a big stone wall on the north side of my house. My grandson, Cole, is 13 and I thought it would be good for him to learn some landscaping, and that way he can do most of the heavy lifting and hauling for me. So, this week we will get back at it and see if I can get the wall done and haul in some good dirt to plant some bush and flowering plants. I always had an eye for landscaping, knowing what looks good in certain areas, and what plants will perform well in a particular place. So, with this being done soon this should take care of this spring's projects and then I can concentrate on the other side of the house this coming fall.

While working on all this, it kind of dawned on me how much time it took away from working on my two Chevelles, and how similar it was in the fact that once you start working on your car it just keeps growing and growing. But, for me it is not work, it is a labor of joy on both of my hobbies.

Hope to see you all soon, here is a list of upcoming events the club has planned for the near future.

Thursday night is our Club meeting at Hendricks Chevrolet.

On the fourth of July, Tally Hobbs has set this up again for all of us that want to go. Here is his email to me.  
Hi Roger,

I'll be happy to lead a caravan to Sugar Creek on the 4th for the parade. It starts at 11:00 am. I suggest we meet at the Quick Trip on State Line at 435 around 9:00 and leave around 9:15. That should give us enough time to get there and meet up with those who go solo. I assume we can get lined up in the driveway behind the Metcalf Bank on the northeast corner of 24 highway and Sterling Avenue. If folks need to MapQuest, the zip code is 64054. My kids will carry the club banner if you want to bring it. I suggest bringing lots of ice and drinking water... it got a little toasty waiting around last year. We're also bringing more candy to toss this year because we ran out after only a couple of blocks last time.

Then, there's HiBoy for lunch... woo hoo! <http://www.hiboydrivein.com/>

*Roger*





## **Vice President's Column**

### **The Great EZ-EFI Install- Round 2**

It's been said that after you've done something once, it surely will be easier the second time around. I found this to be true, when I (re)installed the EZ-EFI system from my '72 SS onto my '72 SS Muscle Wagon. For those of you that actually read my column, I covered the original install extensively in my September, 2011 ramblings: [http://midamericachevelles.com/news/2011/09\\_2011\\_news.pdf](http://midamericachevelles.com/news/2011/09_2011_news.pdf).

While the last time I did this particular job, I was in a bit of a rush- and just wanted to get the job done and get back on the road. This time, I did a little pre-planning. I laid out where everything should run ahead of time, and planned the routing of the harnesses and sensor carefully. My main objective was to hide most of the setup- keeping a mostly stock appearance if possible.

I also used this setup to try out a couple of things that ease the installation of EFI for the weekend installer. The first thing that I wanted to try was a new way to install the O<sub>2</sub> sensor into the exhaust. For those not familiar, this is a sensor that reads the spent gases in the exhaust pipe, communicating whether the engine is running rich or lean back to the computer. The main drawback to installing the sensor into the exhaust is that you have to weld a bung for it to thread into into the side of the pipe. Not everyone has a welder, so for many

that ordeal includes a trip to the muffler shop to have the fitting welded in. Hassle. Although I do have a welder, and welded my last bung in, I thought I would try the easy route to see how it worked. The kit that I used included a nice band clamp, gaskets, and hardware for installation.

Simply drill a hole in the spot you would like it, apply the gasket, and clamp it on. Worked very well, and leak free-Easy!



The next part I tried was even cooler than the last. A big EFI consideration is how to install the proper fuel system. They make hi-flow inline pumps that provide the needed pressure, and they also make really nice in-tank units also. Either way, it is also recommended that you install a good fuel return system with either setup, and an adjustable regulator, too. So, at the very least, you are installing fuel lines and fittings from the tank to the engine, and from the engine back to the tank. Hassle. While perusing a well-known national car magazine, I happened upon a blip of a write-up on an Edelbrock piece that solves this issue. I ordered it, and what I received was this: a really nice, self-contained hi pressure fuel system that you mount under the hood. Really pretty ingenious, it uses the original engine mounted fuel pump to fill a reservoir that houses an EFI friendly fuel pump and internal regulator that feeds your setup with a constant 49psi. I mapped out the location for the unit, plumbed it in, and bled the system. Easy.

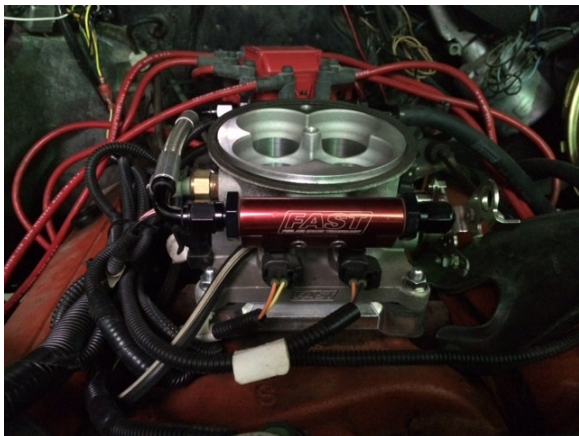


After installing the FAST EZ-EFI throttle body, I hooked up all the sensors, mounted the control unit, and hit the key. The car immediately fired up, and settled in at a smooth 800 rpm idle. After fine tuning a few settings with the provided handheld, I took it for a spin, and was again pleased with how FAST the system learns the engine setup, and how well it runs. I also took this opportunity to hook up a couple of features that I didn't take advantage of last time around- fan control and A/C idle-up. So now, when I kick the A/C on, the engine bumps up about 100rpm, and turns on the electric fan that I covertly installed inside the factory shroud.

My first real test drive was to meet up with a bunch of other MACC members for the Paola Heartland Car Show. The car ran great, and I cruised right on down the highway with the A/C on, tunes blaring, knowing that I now was getting much better fuel economy than before, and that I wouldn't have to tune on the 'ol carburetor ever again! While my install isn't completely hidden as planned, I am happy with the outcome overall. Some things really are better the 2nd time around!

Hope to see y'all soon-

Ed



## **New Members**

Edward (Tony) DeSpain. Tony has a 71 Chevelle, Tri color Black / Silver / Red metallic

## **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






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