

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

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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
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

Dues

Annual club dues (\$35) are to be submitted by April 30th. If you have not renewed your membership by this date there is a three month grace period. You can mail your dues to:

Mid America Chevell Club
c/o Eugene Hallouer
12318 W. 61st Street
Shawnee, KS 66216



June 2015 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
June 25, 2015
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Roger Verstraete. There were 24 members present. There was one visitor joining us tonight and introductions were made for Charles Mitchell.

Motion presented and passed to approve agenda and minutes from May 2015.

We welcome back into our fold, Past President Russ Peters, a new member tonight.

Old business:

Motion was presented regarding last months discussion and motion to delete the reference to Mike Stites tenure as Newsletter Editor, due to lack of vote on motion before the membership at that meeting. Motion was remade and passed by those present, with only one dissenting vote by. Therefore Mike's tenure in that office is for five years.

Many thanks to John and Phyllis Prouty on a well attended and much enjoyed club picnic earlier this month. Successful fishing and Skeet shooting were additional fun activities for the whole family.

Members also commented favorably about our garage tour; also well attended. Many thanks to Ed, Rick, Dan and Roger for donating time in their garages.

As discussed at the last meeting, the car show committee is considering having judges at our car show this year. Our members attending the regional car show in Springfield are to gather information and advice regarding such judging and the parameters to be used. They will report back to us at our July meeting.

New Business:

Steve and others presented upcoming events:

July 3rd – Good Guys show in Des Moines, IA

July 4th – Sugar Creek parade

July 18th – Topeka cruise

August 1st – Parkville cruise

August 8th – Independence night

August 15th – Hot Alma Nights, 15 minutes west of Topeka

August 16th – Cruise at the “K”

Eugene gave our financial report showing 57 paid members, and reminds us that dues are now due for this year. Eugene reminded us that a lot of members pay their dues at our September show.

Motion to plan our Christmas party at RC's Restaurant on 12/5/15, subject to availability. Motion seconded and passed.

Roger Verstraete's name was drawn in our lottery tonight, winning him \$65.00 from the pot. It will be renewed at \$25.00 next month. You have to be present to win.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Gilpin



Calendar of Upcoming Events

*Dates that are club outings

*August 1 -----Parkville, MO Cruise

*August 8-----Independence, MO cruise

*August 15-----Hot Alma Nights Alma, KS. Cruise of Flint Hills starts at 11 a.m.
We will have to see who wants to do this.

*September 12---Turkey Creek Show and Lindan at Merriam, KS
KCI Cruise Night

*September 19---Ol Marais River Run at Ottawa, KS

*September 25&26---MACC show

*October 17&18---Fall Color Tour Date not confirmed

*October 31---Smoot's Halloween bash!!

*December 5---MACC Holiday Party

Every Friday---Cruise at Long Branch 91st and Metcalf

Every Saturday---Cruise at Heartman Heritage Center Independence, MO

Other cruise night dates will be added

June / July Club Events

June 26&27---Midwest Regional Chevelle Show at Springfield, MO



The car cruise / poker run is always a lot of fun.



The Queen City Chevelle Club (Springfield, MO) always puts on a good show. MACC is in the rotation and will host the 2016 Regional. Rumor is the Heartland Club (Omaha, NE) is also going to get in on hosting the Regional. MACC took home the club participation award.

Left: MACC took home some of the "hardware". Congratulations

July 4-----Sugar Creek, MO 4th of July Parade



The 4th of July parade in Sugar Creek, MO is a club tradition. Reportedly, there were no issues with a lack of traction on the parade route this year. Following the parade, the club cruised over to the Independence Hi-Boy Drive-In for a bite to eat.

Left: The Hobbs' son and daughter team led the way with the MACC banner.

Below: Several of the MACC cars that made the trip.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far. Summer time is always a busy time for me and my family. We have 8 Birthdays in our family during the months of July and August. With all of that going on we have been busy traveling too. We went down to Austin, Texas in late June for a wedding, and last week I went to Dallas to watch my grandson play in a 13 U baseball tournament. It's been a real treat for us to watch my grandsons' play baseball this year. Our two youngest grandsons are five and they started playing coach pitch baseball this summer, and my oldest grandson, Cole, is playing for Dayton Moore with the Royals 13 year old traveling team. They have had a great summer so far winning almost every tournament they play in. So far, they have been to Elizabeth Town, Kentucky, Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas. This weekend they are going to Indianapolis, Indiana. So, as you can see we have been busy keeping up with all of the activities.

With all of that going on I have not had as much time to work on my '70 convertible as I would have liked. However, progress is being made a little at a time. Since my last article I have finished my front end, suspension, and installed the disc brakes and brake lines.



I also installed a quick ratio gear box, so the car will handle a lot better. I did this on my red '70 and what a difference it makes in handling. You can get them at NAPA or Ground Up. Believe me, it's worth the money, around \$250.00. I have also been cleaning up some small rust spots and painted the floorboard. After I get the car back from the painter, I'm going to install some sound deadener and I have found that stuff sticks to new paint a lot better than the old paint that was in there.

With the suspension and brakes done, it is time to work on the engine. I bought a 1970 date code LS5 engine from Dan when I got the car. The engine was rebuilt but needed all the accessories added on. I started by installing a new Edelbrock Aluminum Intake Manifold, then I installed the water, fuel, and power steering pumps. I am just trying to get everything I can on before I install the motor into the car. After I get finished the next step is to take the engine off the stand and install the flywheel, clutch, bell housing, and transmission. Then it's all ready to install in the car, I hope??? The car is scheduled to go into the paint shop sometime this fall. With that said, there should be no problem getting it ready.



Other club news is that at this month's meeting we will be giving an update on our car show, and we will be discussing some upcoming events for August. If you have not gotten around to paying your club dues you can go the website: www.midamericaschevelle.com and find the form or just come to this month's meeting and pay Eugene (club dues are \$35). For those of you who just want to send your check in to Eugene here is his address:

Eugene Hallouer
12318 W 61st ST
Shawnee, Kansas 66216

I have been contacted by the Heartland Chevelle Car Club about joining the Midwest Regional car show rotation in 2017. Since we are hosting it in 2016 they wanted to join in and start having it in Omaha. The big question for them is the time of year they can and want to have it. They can't host it in June because of the College World Series that is going on during the month of June. Hotel space is a real premium there at that time. August is a bad time because of the heat. So, that leaves September for them and they don't want to compete against our show during that time. We plan to discuss this at this month's meeting so we can give them an idea of where we are on this issue. I know this is a long way off, but it takes a good deal of time to plan and organize an event like this for the first time. We have been in talks about this since last summer for the 2016 Regional we are hosting.

That's all I have for now, I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting. The club pot for one lucky member is up to \$90.00. All you have to do is be at the meeting and get your name drawn to win.

Rager

Vice President's Column

I gotta admit- with all this heat, coupled with my busy schedule- I haven't got much car stuff done. My report this month, I had hoped, was to be full of the amazing amount of progress I'd made on my various projects- but it was not to be. I'll take a little detour this month, and give y'all a different kind of column.

I've never been what you would call "worldly". Born in Kansas, and lived in different parts of the state my whole life, I just haven't had many opportunities to travel the globe. An opportunity came my way, though, when my youngest son's Tae Kwon Do school arranged a trip to South Korea. When else would my family and I have a chance to travel abroad to a foreign land with a person tour guide? We figured we had better jump on this deal- so here's how it went.

We jumped a connector flight to Dallas on a Thursday morning, and boarded our 14 hour flight from there to Incheon airport in South Korea. I'd never been on an international flight before- let alone one that long.

Overall, it was a great experience, and Korean air made us as comfortable as possible. Two meals and 5 movies later, we were there! After that, it was a short (?) bus ride to where we would be staying for the next week- Taekwondowon. This is a beautiful complex specifically designed around- you guessed it- Tae Kwon Do. Nestled in the mountains, the complex was secluded and sprawling- what appeared to be approximately 100 acres devoted to the sport. The week was filled with seminars and training for Logan, and when competition time came, in his division he was put up against a young man from Brazil, and another from India. Logan took a Bronze in his division- not bad when you are competing against others from around the globe! We are sure proud of his accomplishments, and hope that he stays in the sport.



After our week at Taekwondowon, our family split from the group and struck out to do some sightseeing- Smoot style. We hopped a bus back to the outskirts of Seoul, where we checked into a Hanok (a traditional Korean house). We were really immersed in the culture at this point- taking off your shoes at the door, and sleeping behind paper doors on a 2 inch thick mat on the floor. While fun for a short period of time, after a couple of days we were ready for a real bed. While we were at the Hanok, we took in the sights, visiting local palaces and visiting all the local shops. Even with the language barrier, we were able to get around and communicate well enough to survive. After our short 2 days were up there, we caught a cab back into the heart of Seoul and checked into our hotel- real beds! The hotel was really nice, and right in the middle of the city. Within steps of our hotel was a non-stop marketplace- streets and streets full of vendors hawking everything from food to handbags, luggage, and souvenirs. Two things they seemed to be big on- skin care and coffee. I've never seen so many coffee shops in my life! They were sometimes right next door to one another, and at the very most, separated by a skin care/ lotion shop. We took a bus one day to the DMZ- the de-militarized zone that separates South Korea from the communist North Korea. They were full of rules and regulations for tourists- there was no peace treaty signed after the Korean War, just a cease-fire. A tourist was shot and killed there in 2009 after wandering into a restricted area, so they truly mean business. It was interesting to see and tour the tunnels that the North had dug into the South for a seemingly surprise attack. Had these tunnels not been found, the climate over there would surely be different. The South is all for a re-unification of the two halves, but the North doesn't want anything to do with it. A lot of history and culture to absorb in a short period of time.

Our take-away from the trip: South Koreans, by and large, were very nice. We enjoyed talking with the locals, and they enjoyed practicing their English on us. There is so much to do and see there, our 12 days in their country seemed short. The country was beautiful, and the cities were bustling. Industry has really come on there quickly in the last decade- with Korea being the birthplace of LG, Samsung, and Hyundai. Samsung makes everything there, from a/c units, to door locks, to cars. Hyundai builds not only the cars that we see here, but they build huge transport buses and are one of the biggest ship- builders in the world. We would sure love to return someday- there was so much that we didn't have time to see. There is a world championship there in 2017 for Tae Kwon Do- we'll have to get Logan practicing in case we get the call!

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting!

Ed



New Members

Please welcome:

Joe & Kimba Stierwalt – The Stierwalt's hail from Beatrice Nebraska. They have a '66 Artisian Turquoise SS396 car that was completed during 2010.

Project Cars

If you have a project you would like to share with the club email me Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net and I'll get the write-up in the newsletter. Roger also included links to a couple of resources he found useful. If you find a good tip or resource you would like to share please forward to me and I'll place the info in the newsletter.

Tips and Tricks,

Well since this is my first attempt to restore a Chevelle, there are a lot of things I don't know how to do, or have had very little experience in doing. So I've been doing some research on line and have found some video's that are very useful that I thought I would share with the club. Maybe you have always wanted to know how something works but have never seen it done. So here are two You Tube videos. The first one is how to install a Hurst linkage and how a Muncie transmission works. The second is how to install a clutch on a GM late model engine.

I hope you find them useful.

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