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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



July 2015 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
July 30, 2015
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Roger Verstraete. There were 30 members and 1 visitor present and as is appropriate for visitors, introductions were made.

Motion presented and passed to approve agenda and minutes from June 2015 meeting.

Old business:

Rick Byfield reported on the Springfield car show.

Apparently, Jack Blackwell won the Springfield 50/50 pot and donated it to the car show we will host this September.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the purchase of a trailer to be used for storage of our club show inventory items, the club voted to purchase a 10 X 12 foot trailer from John Prouty's brother for a price of \$535.00. Ed has offered to house the trailer on his property.

The Heartland Chevelle Club will host the regional car show in Omaha in 2017. We voted to not have a normal regional show in that year so as not to compete with the Omaha show. If we have a show, it will be smaller in size and may be to benefit a charity.

As to our upcoming car show, Roger talked with the shopping center and that location is a go for this year. Roger and Eugene walked the parking lot and used Roundup to kill weeds. Not a lot of gravel is present this year, but plenty of trash. Weed eaters and leaf pickup will require probably one day of work prior to the show.

Our show T-shirt design is completed.

New business:

Cruise to the K will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on August 16th which is a change in time of day due to ESPN TV coverage of the game. As a result, there will be no cruise around the infield this year. The show is sold out.

August 8th – Parkville show. Meet at Westglenn theater at 3:30 pm to convoy to Parkville.

August 15th – Hot Alma Nights, 15 minutes west of Topeka. Check email for details.

Eugene gave our financial report showing 62 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.

Ted Farley won the \$90.00 pot tonight. Next month the pot will be \$25.00. Be present for a chance 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

*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

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

*December 5---MACC Holiday Party

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

August Club Events

August 1 – Parkville Cruise



Above: Several folks from the MACC attended the Parkville Cruise. Right on the mighty MO and they have a really good pizza place - - of course that was a stop.

Right: Jake Long's Malibu showing up a new Camaro.





Left: The Shinker's have made the jump from the NorthStar Chevelle Club right in with the MACC.

August 15th - Hot Alma Nights

The gang met up and motored west down I-70 to Alma, KS. Alma is about 30 miles west of Topeka. The car show is entirely a benefit for local charities. No prizes or trophies. This year they had around 450 cars. The weather was great and cruising through the Flint Hills was pretty awesome.



August 16th - Cruise to the K

The MACC represented well with the Prouty's taking first place and the Brightwell's taking second place.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

It's hard to believe how fast this summer has gone by. It has been kind of a funny car season so far with all of the rain we had this spring and early summer. Then the heat and humidity came like most summers making it hard to go outside, let alone go to a car show. Now that the kids are back in school and it's starting to cool down some, the car shows and cruises will be in full force for the remainder of the season. Two of my favorite car shows are coming up in September. The Turkey Creek car show is in Merriam, Kansas on September 12th and the World of Wheels car show is the next day (September 13th) in Shawnee, Kansas. Both of these car shows are growing in popularity and you can expect an excess of 250 cars at both shows. I like the fact that both cities make this a big deal and close down their main streets to allow this to happen. I grew up and worked in these cities most of my life and it is neat to see how they embrace the classic and vintage cars. The next weekend is the biggest car show in the area in Ottawa, Kansas. Ol' Marais River Run generally has 2,000 cars at their three day car show. The dates are September 18, 19 and 20. Then the next weekend is the best Chevelle car show in the Midwest. Of course, I'm talking about our car show on September 25th and 26th at the Westglen shopping center. This will be our third year at this location and are hoping for a great turnout. It seems like we always have some rare Chevelles show up. Last year we had a 1969 one owner, unrestored Yenke show up. This is one of the rarest Chevelles ever built.

The schedule for this year's show is the same as in past years. We will have open registration from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. At 5:30 the Cruise and Poker Run will start. Jon Clark and Kent will be running this event this year. If you want to help in this event, please contact them on the day of the show. After the poker run/cruise we will be having our annual Friday night cookout. That will start at 6:30. We are asking members to bring a side dish to go along with the meat the club is providing. If you would like to help cook or help serve food you can contact Ed or me. The Friday night cookout is a way the club shows its appreciation for our out of town guests coming to our show. If you can't bring your car to the car show but want to come by for the Friday night cookout please feel free to do so. At this month's meeting, I will be going over all the details of this year's show. If you want to help out in any way please feel free to talk to me or Ed about that.

We always want to include as many members as we can in the car show and appreciate all the help we can get.

This is the club's biggest event of the year and we are asking all club members if possible to attend this year's car show. The more cars there the better it is for everyone involved. In our best year we had 150 Chevelles, El Caminos and Sprints there. It would be great to beat that record again. So with all these great car shows and cruises and many more that are around at this time of year we need to really make an effort to pass out our car show flyers. This is still the best way to get the word out about our club and car show. I still have a good supply of flyers and will have them on hand at this month's meeting.

Mike as included this year's car show flyer with registration on the back, and a picture of this year's T-shirt. These shirts won't last long, so to insure you get one in the size you want you need to send in your registration ASAP. We have ordered more than normal, but I have a feeling they will go fast. We have decided that we are not going to have a meeting in the month of September because that is the night we are going to clean-up the parking lot to get it ready for the Friday events. Steve will be sending an email out with the September schedule on it, so keep an eye out for this.

That's it for now, I hope to see you at this month's meeting and at the car show. The club drawing is back down to \$25.00 since Ted Farley won \$90.00 last month. All you have to do to win is show up to the meeting and get your name drawn. By the way, Ted you still owe me a beer.

Roger



Vice President's Column

Man, time flies when you're having fun! Seems like just yesterday I was making plans for what I was going to do this summer- and in the blink of an eye, it seems, it's September.

A few noteworthy events coming up:

Friday, August 28th: Wellsville Car Show!

Put on by my friend, Clayton Neel and the Hustler's club, this is always a fun one. Wellsville is a fun town, and they pull out all the stops for this one. You get to park along main street on the brick paved road, live music, door prizes, etc. I'm gonna miss this year due to a scheduling conflict, but MACC usually has a good presence- a great way to spend a Friday night. More info :<http://www.wellsvillecarshow.org/>

Saturday, September 19: Ol' Marais River Run- (Ottawa Car Show)!

One of the biggest in our area, with literally thousands of cars from every generation. It's near impossible to see everything that this one has to offer. If you've never been, be sure to put this one on your list. Saturday day, its show and shine in the park- a great time to hang out and see anything you've ever wanted to see with an engine. Saturday night, everyone departs the park and lines main street, with cruising up and down the strip. Street vendors, music, and the smell of race gas- life doesn't get much better. This show also goes on Sunday at the park if you didn't get it all in the first day. Again- MACC usually has a pretty sizeable group here as well. More info : www.olmarais.com

Saturday, October 3rd: Hustler's BBQ Invitational @ Allen & Robin Call's

I head up the MACC BBQ team, The Smokin' Caminos. If you would like a chance to re-name this year's team, volunteer! It's a great time, and extra help is always appreciated. It's a friendly competition between not-so-rival car clubs for bragging rights- after all, we've got a really tiny trophy to defend! Hang out with great folks, shoot some trap, and eat some damn good food- how can you lose? More info: Call me!



Well, those are the next few events that come to mind, though it seems that I may be overlooking something.

Oh Yeah! On September 25 and 26, The Mid-America Chevelle Club is having a damn fine show.

This one has to be my all-time favorite. The best group of car folks around and more Chevrolet muscle in one place than should be allowed by law. If you aren't currently involved in this one, you sure should be. Poker runs, Friday night cook outs, and spreading the love of all things Chevelle, Camino, Sprint, (and hopefully someday Beaumont) to your fellow man. Be there, or be square! More info:

<http://www.midamericachevelles.com/regional/index.html>

But seriously, hope to see everyone at this month's meeting, and surely at the show!

Until then, I'll see ya on the road!

Ed

New Members

Please welcome:

Mark Stewart – Mark lives in Shawnee and has a 1970 Astro Blue Chevelle

and

Richard Harris from Bella Vista, Arkansas

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.



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