

# MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

## MARCH 2016 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**

**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

If you are interested in serving on the Board nominations are slated for the March business meeting followed by elections at the April meeting.

The Newsletter Editor is ready for a sabbatical.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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 Chevelle Club  
c/o Eugene Hallouer  
12318 W. 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Shawnee, KS 66216

Reminder – Club dues are to be submitted 4/30.



## **February 2016 Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB  
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS  
February 25, 2016  
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by VP Ed Smoot. There were 31 members and no visitors present.

Motion presented and passed to approve agenda and minutes from January 2016 meeting.

Old business:

Steve Calder has done a remarkable job planning events for this year and our members really appreciate the efforts of him and his committee. He furnished a list of planned events for 2016 and it was given to the members in attendance.

World of Wheels was great. Our members had a great time and came away with plaques.

We had 22 members present at the Truman Library tour and it was enjoyed by all.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> we will tour the Armacost auto museum and last month the club voted to pay the entrance fee for those in attendance.

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon we will tour the Missouri Penitentiary in Jefferson City, MO. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and we need to RSVP early, not later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. An e-mail will be sent to members.

The car show committee has been meeting and working on details for the show. We all will meet at Roger's house on March 13<sup>th</sup> to stuff envelopes for mailing to attendees.

Eugene gave the financial report. We presently have 87 paid members, which is a new high for memberships.

New business: None

Curtis Fischer's name was drawn for the \$35.00 lottery. Curtis was not present, so next month the pot will be \$40.00. 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**

### **MID AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB FUNCTIONS 2016**

- \*April 9---Turner High School Tech Dept Car Show 2211 S 55<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, KS
- \*April 23---Stonehaus Winery Lees Summit, MO eat at Canoe Club Lake Lotawana
- \*May 14---Cruise night as guest club of the Mustang Club of Greater KC at Fireside BBQ  
10400 Martin Street (103<sup>rd</sup> Street and 69 HWY) Overland Park, KS. Need a count of cars for  
Parking.
- \*May 21---Missouri State Penitentiary Tour---Jefferson City, MO 12 noon tour, We will need a head count  
on this event as we must purchase tickets \$15 each, in advance. 35 spots for this tour time. Evite sent must  
know by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*June 5 -----MACC picnic at the Prouty's place Raymore, MO Sunday event
- \*June 11-----Paola Car Show at Paola, KS
- \*June 17-----Hot Rod Power Tour at Kansas Speedway
- Super Chevy Show Heartland Park Topeka, KS (rescheduled to October 22&23)
- \*July 16-----National Airline History Museum Downtown Airport Kansas City, MO  
North Kansas City cruise night---Chappell's Restaurant and Sports Museum
- \*August 20---Hot Alma Nights Alma, KS. Cruise of the Flint Hills starts at 11a.m.
- August 21---Kruise to the K. If a member wants to do this they MUST register on the Royals  
Website well before the game as they have a limited number of packages.
- \*August 21---C.A.R.B. Show LaBenite Park, Sugar Creek, MO
- \*September 10---Turkey Creek Show and Lindan at Merriam, KS  
KCI Cruise Night
- \*September 17---Ol Marais River Run at Ottawa, KS
- \*September 23,24---29<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Regional Show hosted by MACC
- \*October 14,15,16---Fall Color Tour, Lake of the Ozarks
- \*October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>---Super Chevy Show Heartland Park Topeka, KS
- \*October ---Smoot's Fall Party
- \*December 3---MACC Holiday Party



## **March Events**

### **Armacost Museum Tour**

The museum collection is centered around vintage Studebaker automobiles.



Left: The museum also houses an extensive collection of Skelly memorabilia. At least one individual in the club was lusting after a couple of items.

Below: 1931 Studebaker President Speedway – top speed is north of 90 mph. 1 of 100 produced during 1931. I'd park it my garage.



## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

I have some updates about the club this month that I need to share with all of you. All the planning we did this winter on the car show is in process. We have sent car show flyers to every one of the four participating Chevelle clubs. The Wichita Chevelle Club wanted some extra ones because they are involved in The Big Chill, a car show that is held in Wichita every winter. I have also been contacted by the Kansas City, Kansas Visitor Bureau about any help that they can provide in promoting the car show. We have also been in contact with the Legends/ Village West people about the upcoming events at the Legends. They are putting it on their website and letting the other business' at the Legends know what we are planning on doing and seeing if they want to be a part of the car show by sponsoring an award. Cabela's has put our car show on their upcoming events schedule. We are getting a lot of help from everyone in the area, which is really nice because we have never had this much cooperation at any of the other locations that we held the car show at. Eugene has checked with the city about permits and so forth and we did run into a situation that we didn't know about. In the state of Kansas we are not able to have beer at the car show without a special permit, and if we get this permit we would have to fence the area where the car show is held, unless the place you are having the car show at has a liquor license. Since Cabela's does not serve liquor we will not be able to have beer on site. We will be going over this topic at the meeting this month for discussion. This law just doesn't exist at the Legends, but statewide. Eugene said that the city said Kansas laws are outdated and change comes really slow in the state. Imagine that!!!

I have been in contact with the Heartland Chevelle Club about the upcoming Regional they are hosting in 2017. At first, they were going to have it at a local casino in their area. However, after committing to having it there they changed the rules and cost of having the car show there. They were going to charge them \$500.00 per day for use of the parking lot, and they had to guarantee that they would sell \$4,000.00 worth of food and guarantee to book a set amount of rooms to have it there. With these demands, as you can guess, they decided to change locations. That was the easy part, now they are looking for a different spot to have it at. They have narrowed it down to two locations, one at a shopping center and the other is at a Cabela's in the area.

This month we will be going over this year's budget like we did in March. For those of you that can't make all the meetings, we usually allow money for the spring picnic, the fall party at Ed's, and the Christmas party. If the club makes some money at the car show we usually use the extra money to help pay for all of the Christmas Party like we did last year.

Our election of officers will occur in April. All positions are open and members are encouraged to select a slot of interest to them and offer to run for that position. If you wish to run, please so state at this month's (March) meeting. If you hold an officer position and would like to take a break please contact me so I can tell everyone that position is open. These are the club officer's position.

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Event Coordinator and Newsletter Editor are voluntary positions.





Speaking of events, Steve Calder and his staff have put together two great events so far this year. I really enjoyed our visit to the Truman Library. There is so much history of Kansas City and our nation there. Just last week we went to the Armacost Car Museum in Grandview, MO. That Museum is a real hidden gem. There are so many nice cars from the 30's and 40's there. Down in the basement they did have some Corvettes that I always enjoy looking at. After we were done we went to Jack Stack BBQ in Martin City and had a great time visiting and having dinner. Our next club event is a car show at Turner High School Tech Dept Car Show in Turner, KS on April 9th. It's getting to be that time of year to where we can get the Chevelle's out of the garage and hopefully enjoy some nice weather. Steve has sent everyone an Evite on the Jefferson City Prison tour. This event is filling up fast and we only have 35 spots for this tour. That is all they will take at one time. So check your email and responded as soon as you can if you want to go to this. A lot more information is on the Evite about this event.

In January I was contact by a lady who was selling raffle tickets for a 1971 Chevelle that was restored by someone at their school. He was donating the car to their high school baseball team so they could raise some money for new batting cages. She sent me pictures and the car did not look too bad. It was missing a couple of headlights, but other than that it looked pretty good. Tickets were \$100.00 each, so the club made a motion to buy one and the motion passed. After discussing this, many members wanted to take a chance on winning it too. I talked to Janet about buying a ticket to help out the high school, I told her what Dan Yuran once told me, "You can NEVER have too many Chevelle's." With that thought fresh in her mind she said OK. I do have a three car garage and having only two Chevelles it would fit easily. I was also telling my cousin, Greg, who lives in Las Vegas about this and he decided he would take a chance at it too. So with this great feeling I had that my cousin Greg or myself was going to win, I got a call from the lady who contacted me about the winner of the two headlight Chevelle. I thought for sure she was going to tell me we won. Well, no we didn't win the car, but one of our club members, Tim Cunningham, did. If I couldn't win, I'm glad one of our club members could! Congrats Tim and enjoy!!! She told me that MACC members bought a total of 15 tickets. She wanted me to tell everyone thank you for our support. She really felt good that her son sold the winning ticket.





My convertible project is progressing nicely. Jim Huber, who is doing the paint and body work, is hard at it (see photos under Project Cars). He did run into some body repairs that I wasn't aware of, but that is typical of any restoration that you do on a 46 year old car. I must admit, Jim is doing an outstanding job on the body and now he is getting it primed and ready for some blue paint. I can't wait to get it back in my garage to work on, but I want Jim to take his time and do everything necessary to get it as perfect as he can. I have seen many of his cars he has painted for other club members and they always come out fantastic.

That is it for now, I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting. I do have some new club business cards to handout. We were about out and I wanted to update information and change the design.

*Roger*

### **Vice President's Column**

As our thoughts turn towards spring- with car cruises, shows, and automotive related events galore, I also like to think about some of the other things that occupy my time as the calendar clicks on by. I know that many of you have other hobbies as well. Here's a few of the things that fill my days- not just in the spring, but year 'round:

Morel Mushrooms! This ever- elusive fungi has had me tromping around the woods for years. Some years are better than others, but it's always fun to get out in the spring and hike through creeks, river beds, and dying timber. This is somewhat of a family affair for us- my wife is the master hunter of our clan. Not every couple's idea of a date night, but it's what we enjoy. For those that are not familiar with this culinary delight, Morels are a non-poisonous mushroom that looks like none other. They only pop for a very short time in the spring, and the conditions have to be just right. Couple that with the fact that it's near impossible to recreate or project when and where they will grow for certain, and it's all that more fulfilling when you find them! We like to batter and fry them in butter- it's the best! (although not recommended by most cardiologists).



Chickens! We have had "backyard" chickens for years now, and have enjoyed having them and the eggs that they produce. This year, since it is chick season, we went in with some friends and bought a bunch of meat birds- chickens raised for the sole purpose of being food. So, currently, I have 25 little cheeping yellow fuzz balls under a heat lamp in my garage. They showed up with about 100 of their brethren through the US Mail in an overnite shipping box with holes in it last week. After we divided up all the little beaks between all of our friends, we made the short drive home and set them up with their temporary housing.

Now, I have another job: Coop renovation. We currently have a fenced in area that we use as a coop for our other free-ranging hens from time to time, but it does not have a roof or cover on it. Recently, we have had a couple of young hawks swoop in and eat some smaller hens, so it looks like I will be trying my hand at roof building. These new little fuzz balls will need to be kept separate from the original chickens, as the different breeds live different lifestyles that don't mesh well together. While my egg- laying hens can free range and come home at night, these new birds only have an interest in eating, drinking, and sleeping. They will only be with us for about 8 weeks, so these minor concessions will be worth it for a freezer full of fresh fowl this summer.

So, as you can imagine, these two small examples of side hobbies are just a couple of many interests that we have that unfortunately limits my time in the garage. I enjoy all of these side projects, and sure, we are a little busy at times, but I wouldn't have it any other way. My automotive projects will get there- maybe just not on my originally projected timeline.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

See Ya! *Ed*

## **Project Cars**

If you have a project you would like to share with the club email me [Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net) and I'll get the write-up in the newsletter.

Here are some pictures of Roger and Janet's car.



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