

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 (Brian Findley) at 913/558-1453 or email at findley13703@gmail.com

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: Brian Findley

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

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



April 2016 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
April 28, 2016
MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Roger Verstraete. 37 member present.

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

Old business:

Roger gave an update on issues regarding our car show. Hampton Inn, Great Wolf Lodge and Best Western Speedway are the motels closest to our show grounds. Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que will cater our Friday dinner and is available for other meals as well. Since our last meeting, we stuffed and mailed 450 information packets regarding our show and we have received phone calls and inquiries as well. So far, we have 10 registrations, 5 for judging. We are aware that Bass Pro Shop is in process of buying Cabela's, but we don't believe this will affect our show in any way.

This month we must elect officers for the new year. Rick moved that the present officers retain their posts for another year. Officers are: Roger Verstraete, president; Ed Smoot, Vice President; Gordon & Jackie Gilpin, Secretary; and Eugene Hallouer, Treasurer; Members At Large, Kent Scott and John Gragg. Motion was passed and all officers agreed to retain their posts. In addition, Brian Findley has agreed to assist Mike Stites with the newsletter, and ultimately take over that volunteer post.

Robert Wiggins of Hendrick Chevrolet spoke to us this evening to show his support for our club and to suggest some ways we might support each others activities. Because our attendance has increased over the last few months, we may need to park in a different area of the parking lot and Hendrick will find a suitable location that would allow their customers parking access (the dealership is open for business during our meeting).

Steve Calder passed out a list of scheduled activities for 2016 and reminded us that on May 21st, we will convoy to Jefferson City to tour the prison facilities there. The April 9th Turner auto show was great, followed by the April 23rd cruise to the Stonehaus Winery in Lee's Summit and the Canoe Club restaurant at Lake Lotawana, then on to the Belton Auto Show.

Tony is helping line up a visit to the Boulevard Drive In on August 13th. Details to follow.

New business:

Eugene gave the treasurer's report. We have 89 members (a record high). Dues are due tonight.

John Prouty's name was drawn for the \$45.00 lottery and he was not present, so next month the pot will be \$50.00. 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

*May 21---Missouri State Penitentiary Tour---Jefferson City, MO 12 noon tour, 28 going. There are still 7 spots available on this tour. Let Steve Calder know if you want to attend or add to your party already going, 816-792-1543

*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 13---Boulevard Drive In 1051 Merriam Lane KC, KS 5 p.m. – 7 cookout, 7 to 7:30 park cars for movie, 7:30 gates open for public, movie starts 30 minutes after sunset.

*August 20---Hot Alma Nights Alma, KS. Cruise of the Flint Hills starts at 11 a.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---29th Annual Midwest Regional Show hosted by MACC

*October 14,15,16---Fall Color Tour, Lake of the Ozarks

*October 22 and 23rd---Super Chevy Show Heartland Park Topeka, KS

*October ---Smoot's Fall Party

*December 3---MACC Holiday Party

Other cruise night dates will be added



May Events

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May 14----Cruise night as guest club of the Mustang Club of Greater KC at Fireside BBQ
10400 Mastin Street (103rd Street and 69 HWY) Overland Park, KS

The event was attended by 17 cars and 29 people. Our very own Steve Calder was the sponsor award winner for his GMC Sprint. Congratulation Steve.



May 21----Missouri State Penitentiary Tour---Jefferson City, MO – 13 cars and 33 people made the trip to Jefferson City, MO to visit the abandon State Penitentiary. From there the group went to lunch at Prison Brews, great time was had by all.



President's Column

When I joined the Mid America Chevelle Club, never in my wildest dreams would I have believed some of the things I have attempted to do on my Chevelles. When I joined in 2009 and started seeing some of the guys work on their Chevelles it made me wonder why I couldn't do some of the same things. I was never mechanically inclined, and I will be the first to tell you I still am not very good at working on my cars. But with some help from my cousin, Jerry, I changed out my engine in my red hardtop and made it through it without too much trouble. I guess that started my love of working on my Chevelles. I have done a lot of different things since then, like changing out the suspension, and installing a new dash and rewiring it at the same time. Feeling more confident, I thought about restoring a Chevelle at some time in my life, but didn't really think it would happen. Then, back in March of Of 2015 Jeff Long called and said one of our members had decided he didn't want to restore a '70 convertible that he had bought from Dan Yuran, and Jeff wanted to know if I was interested in buying it from Jim Morrison. After thinking it over, we worked out the details, and then I was a proud owner of a 1970 convertible. It didn't look like much when I first got it, and when my kids saw the car they just shook their heads. I could hear them say, "The old man has gone nuts!"



I knew it would take a ton of work and since I was retired I had the time, but I was still not sure I had the talent to do this. One of the key deciding factors in buying the car was seeing if I could get Jim Huber to do the paint and body work on it. He said yes, but it would take 9 to 10 months before he could get to it. That worked out for me because that gave me time to install the engine, transmission, the new suspension, and disc brakes that I wanted. I had about everything done by the first of the year and in late January I got the call from Jim that he was ready for my car.



Jim got started on the car in early February and I went out there about twice a week to see the progress he was making. I have to admit that working on 50 year old cars is really difficult. Then throw in having to use after market sheet metal that just “kind of” fits, this makes it more difficult to do. Jim has had a lot of experience working on Chevelles, he has painted several for John Gragg and numerous ones for Dan Yuran. Seeing the final results just amazed me how talented he was, and that is why I had to have him do mine. One of the things Jim wants to do is strip the car down to bare metal to see what is under the paint. You just never know what is under there and after doing this he found some needed repairs that we didn’t know about. One of the things was the trunk pans. On each side there were some holes that needed repair. So, instead of repairing them Jim just replaced both side panels to make it right.



After all the body work was done it was time for primer and a lot of sanding to get ready for the Fathom blue paint.



After all the sanding and primer was done it was time to fit all the pieces on the car for alignment and fit up. We got both front fenders on and installed the hood and checked all the gaps to make it as close as you can to perfect for a 46 year old car. This took a lot of time and effort and more than anything patience. There were many of times I would look at the gaps and say looks good to me, but Jim would point out there was about a 1/16" difference from the top to the bottom and he would keep adjusting until he was satisfied. After fit up it was time to take it all apart again to start painting each piece separately.





Here is a picture of the trunk after Jim worked his magic on it.



Here are some pictures of the car being assembled.

Like any restoration there are some problems along the way with fit up and alignment. Jim did assemble the car before painting, but there was an issue with an aftermarket fender having a twist in it that had to be worked with to fit like it needed to. These things happen along the way, but they do have a way of working their way out. Fit up is so important when reassembling a car. I have learned so much watching Jim do this. So many cars I have seen look good from a distance, but up close tells a different story on how good the restoration really was.



At this point the car is almost done with assembly. We still had the convertible top frame to put on and since this car had power windows when it was new, I wanted to install them back to original again. I did buy a new power window kit because I didn't trust the old stuff and this is something I NEVER EVER want to do again. We must have adjusted each window 25 to 40 times to fit. Being a convertible just adds to the frustration and fit up. At times we had to adjust the top frame to make the window fit. I'm sure this is easier on a hardtop, but what a challenge on a convertible!



I must admit, when I started this project never in my wildest dreams did I think this car would turn out so nice. Jim had worked on so many of Dan's cars in the past and he couldn't believe he never restored this car. It had its challenges like any restoration, but it was one of the most solid cars he said he ever worked on.

At this point, the only thing left to do was to catch a nice day and take her home. And stop by the dreaded Highway Patrol and get it inspected. I really feel sorry for anyone that is working for the State of Kansas right now because of all the stuff going on in Topeka, but these people working at the inspection center really needed an attitude adjustment.



After getting the car unloaded and tucked away in the garage, I had some time to really look it over well and just stand back and admire the car. Just remembering where I started to where it is now is hard to believe. I'm really feeling the pressure to finish it as fast as I can, but I'm not going to do that. I'm going to take my time and try to make everything I do look as good as the paint and body work does.



That is it for now on the convertible, I will keep everyone updated on the progress as I go along. This upcoming meeting we have a lot to go over with upcoming events like the MACC picnic on June 5th and the rest of the events Steve and his staff have planned. Don Burdolski will be there to talk about Hagerty Insurance, and you can get a quote from him if you choose to. I sent an email out last week with all the information on this. I hope to see you this Thursday!

Roger

Project Cars

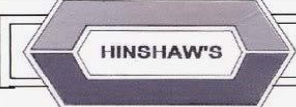
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Here is a list of club apparel that is available for club members. This will be available at this month club meeting. We sell all of our club apparel at cost to club members.

Flexfit hats. Sizes (S-Med), (Large - XL) Colors, black, tan, white, red, navy. \$12.00



Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



All weather hooded wind breaker. Sizes come in Large, XL, 2XL Navy



Mid America Chevelle Club Members Parts for Sale



If you have any car parts you would like to sell email your list of parts to findley13703@gmail.com

Brian Findley – 913-558-1453

14 inch spare wheel and tire - \$25

Stainless steel fuel line for 396/350, still in the package - \$20