

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JULY 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 (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.



June 2016 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
June 30, 2016 MINUTES

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Roger Verstraete. 26 members and 1 visitor present.

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

Old business:

MACC picnic was a huge success, everyone had a great time. Thanks John & Phyllis for your hospitality.

Don Burdolski with Hagerty Insurance spoke on the various aspects of auto insurance in general and classic car insurance specifically. Best place to start with classic car insurance is by obtaining an appraisal. John Prouty won the Hagerty drawing and since he was not present, the prize will be given to him next month.

Roger gave us updates on the car show. Midwest Mechanical will be a show sponsor this year.

Steve talked about all the activities we have scheduled for the rest of this year. He provided a handout listing dates, locations, and pertinent information. The T-Bones are having a car show on July 24th and he will email the details in the coming weeks. The KC Royals Cruise to the K will be on August 21st. Send in your reservations early, because they have limited space. The Raymore show will be on July 4th and the Wichita show at Lake Shawnee will be held on August 21st. Tony reminded us that the Boulevard Drive In outing will be on August 13th with a cookout at 5:00 pm and the movie at around 9:30 pm.

New business:

Eugene was not available tonight, so we'll have a treasurer's report next month.

Jon Clark had business cards printed advertising our car show and he is asking for volunteers to help distribute them to local O'Reilly stores, grocery stores, other retailers that have bulletin boards, etc. Flyers have already been mailed to the area O'Reilly stores for their windows.

Kent Scott won the \$55.00 drawing tonight, so the drawing next month will start with \$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

MID AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB FUNCTIONS 2016

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 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---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

Bass Pro has Cruise night every Friday night at the North end of the building. The food at “Uncle Buck’s Restaurant” is good, plus live music.



July Events

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July 16-----National Airline History Museum Downtown Airport Kansas City, MO
North Kansas City cruise night—Chappell's Restaurant and Sports Museum

President's Column

Hi MACC,

Hope everyone is having a good summer and able to deal with the heat. We have been able to get a few club events in despite the hot weather. Last Saturday, we were able to visit the Airline Museum at the downtown airport. The weather did cooperate and gave us some mild temperatures as we went through some old TWA airplanes. We also heard about some of the history of the Downtown Airport. After touring the Museum, like always we found a great place to eat lunch at Chappell's Restaurant in North Kansas City.

Our next club event is going to be on August 13 at the Boulevard Drive In, 1501 Merriam Lane, Kansas City, KS. Either Steve or Tony will have more information on this and they will send you an email with all the details about this event.

The car show committee is finishing up on all the details for this year's Chevelle Regional Car Show. We have the T-shirt design completed and we are still in the process of choosing the color. We have also been in contact with Cabela's and everything seems to be a go for this year's show. We are having Famous Dave's BBQ catering the dinner after the cruise on Friday night. Since this is a Chevelle Regional which involves four other Chevelle clubs, the format of the show is different than in past years. This will be a full two day car show instead of a day and a half. This year we will be assigning parking places for each car and will be parking by the year of your car. We will still be keeping a lot of our usual traditions that we have been doing over the years. But I think the biggest change is going to be the foot traffic that will happen because it's being held at the Legends shopping center and in Cabela's parking lot. Cabela's is also having some other outdoor events planned at the same time. We are hoping to see a lot of new Chevelle's that we have not seen in past years. We have been advertising in areas of the country that we haven't done in the past hoping to generate some new attendees for this year's Regional. This year we decided to do something we haven't done in the past and that is to give everyone a Lanyard to wear with their name on it. Shane Fosburg, our graphic artist who designed our car show flyer and T-shirts came up with this design for the lanyard. Here is the front and back of the lanyard.





We have a new club sponsor. Midwestern Mechanical, at 5654 Merriam Drive, Merriam, Kansas-- 913 236-4135. I have known John for over 30 years and he specializes in automotive maintenance. He works on all types of cars like most shops do, but does a lot of work on vintage cars. He does a lot of high performance upgrades and suspension and exhaust systems. John has a small shop with just himself and one other mechanic working there. It is nice dealing with the owner directly instead of a big dealer's service department. If you have any questions about your Chevelle or are interested in having some work done on your cars, I highly recommend them.

On a sad note, this month we have had two club members that lost their fathers. Eugene's dad, Mr. John Hallouer died at the age of 90. He passed away June 30th at Santa Marta Retirement Community. And Joedy Terrill's father, Mr. Raymond Terrill died at the age of 87. He passed away July 15 at the Missouri Veterans home in Cameron, Mo. Our deepest sympathies go out to both families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The giveaway pot for showing up to the meeting was won last month by Kent Scott, \$55.00. So we will start over this month at \$25.00. John Prouty won the Hagerty prize that Don Burdolshi with Accurate Insurance gave away. Also, would like to thank Don for coming to the last two meetings and going over the insurance needs for classic cars and explaining the difference between appraised value and agreed value of your Chevelle. If you need a quote from him or just want to check prices on insurance for your Chevelle, please give him the opportunity to give you a quote. His phone number is 913-268-4244.





Here is a picture of John and Phyllis Prouty's new project that he just bought last week. John is in the process of deciding what the car needs and what kind of options he wants to put on his "new" 66 Convertible.



Here is a picture of Rick and Kelly Byfield's new project, a 1972 two door Suburban. He has assured Ed that the Beaumont will get done before he starts on this project.

Well that's all I have for this month, hope to see you at this month's meeting.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

ROADKILL TV AND HOW IT CHANGED MY LIFE : THE TRUE STORY OF ED SMOOT AND THE INTERNET.

Ok, maybe that's a touch over the top. A few years ago, while stumbling around the internet, I happened across a just- starting web TV show called Roadkill. Not sure how I ended up there, must have grown tired of watching real- life repo men and cat videos on YouTube. Roadkill had cars, tools, and appeared to be shot originally with a cell phone- I was hooked.

Anyhow, this program features a couple of guys that work at Hot Rod Magazine (Mike Finnegan and David Freiburger) , and their half-baked ideas on car building. Their idea of a good time is to fly across the country, buy a beater out of someone's back yard, spend a couple of days getting it running, and attempt to drive it home. Of course, it never really works out. They are always days behind because everything takes longer than it should. They always have the wrong parts. The engines overheat, the brakes fail, tires blow, and they almost always run out of gas. If you are a car person, and work on your own stuff, there is so much on this show that the regular guy can relate to. I swear sometimes, it's like looking in a grime-filled mirror or deja-vu.

Even if you don't dig every mundane mechanical thing they do like me, there are a couple of project vehicles they have that are pretty cool. The one that will interest this readership the most is Mike Finnegan's wife's '69 el Camino. Handed down through the family to her, this car starts off as a plain Jane, mostly stock cruiser that runs on 7 cylinders and has one primed fender. In episode 4, they hatch the grand idea to drive the car to a Summit Racing store and change the 7 cylinder engine for a new crate motor in the parking lot. Sounds easy, right? Pulling a small block Chevy and putting another small block in the same hole should be a snap...on paper. Of course, they run into everything that we all run into when doing such things, plus, it snows. If you would like to see for yourself, the link to episode 4 (there are 50+ now) is here:

Extreme Elco Engine Swap! - Roadkill Episode 4

[Extreme Elco Engine Swap! - Roadkill Episode 4](#)



Now, as much as I like to blather on, there is actually a point to all of this. When the Hot Rod Power Tour came rolling into KC last month, I had one goal- to meet the guys. They had traveled along the Tour route driving one of their more road-worthy projects, and Hot Rod had shipped some of the others out to be at the final stop. Of course, as life goes, I got stuck working late, missed most all of the Power Tour festivities, and showed up at Kansas Speedway just as they were shutting everything down. I stopped anyways, and milled around with the dying crowd and looked at the cars that Roadkill had built. Just before I left, I went to look at the pickup truck that they had driven on the

tour, and shoot a couple of pics. When I got over there, much to my surprise, there they were! No press, no lines, just a couple of guys hanging out with a few fans at the end of a long, hot day, having a beer and shooting the breeze. Super nice to their fans, and just all-around good dudes. I hung out for a bit, talked shop for a few, snapped a couple of pics, then hit the road. Mission complete!

I've now watched all of the Roadkill episodes, all of the spin-offs (roadkill Garage, Hot Rod Garage, Engine Masters), and tracked the guys down on tour. What this does for me is gives me proof that I'm not really insane. That there are others out there like me, that love the challenge of keeping your junk running, sometimes taking the road less traveled, and rising to the challenge of "MacGyvering" your 40 year old ride back together to get home. In the words of David Freiburger- "So much WIN!"

See y'all at the meeting-
Ed





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Project Cars - Kent Scott

CHEVELLE - THE INCURABLE INFLECTION

During the last meeting, somehow, I was given the task of coming up with the article for this month's newsletter.

Giving it some thought, I decided to write about how and when I became inflicted with the Chevelle Disease.

There are certain events that occur during your lifetime that will remain etched in your memory. You know the ones... KU winning the National Championship, The Royals winning the World Series, Mizzou winning ANYTHING, Byfield **NOT** doing a tire roasting burnout when leaving a club event!

For me, this is one of those events

My love for the Chevelle first occurred at the age of 14. Giving away my age, it was the summer of '72 to be exact. One hot day I was riding along with my dad to pick up some parts at the local Case dealer. After picking up the parts, we were leaving town when I spotted **THE CAR!** It was sitting on the local Chevrolet Dealers Used Lot.

Now, at 14 and being a farm kid, a learners' permit was available very soon! I quickly lobbied for stopping to take a look. Too my surprise, my dad pulled over. I'm sure I was out of the truck, across the street, and twice around the car before the pickup had come to a complete stop. It was the perfect



Chevelle! A 1970 SS 396!! It was Forest Green with Whites Stripes and Cowl Induction. This was THE ONE!

I do not recall exactly what occurred once my dad, arriving a distant third behind myself and the salesman, made it to the car. I remember the salesman focusing in on my dad and going into his best car salesman ...”Well what can we do to put you in this car today”? pitch. The line I do remember was delivered calmly by my dad. “What size engine does it have”? I think I knew right at that moment the probability of a 14 year old kid with a farm permit getting a Chevelle was finished. Reality sank in as soon as the hood was raised to reveal the big block resting between the fenders. I’m sure there was some additional pleasantries between the salesman and my father, I just wasn’t focused on them at that point! My final memory of that event was watching hood close and walking away.

I am convinced this was the moment I was first infected by the Chevelle Disease.

A few months later I sadly remember seeing that same forest green SS with the hood buckled and steam coming from the radiator after it T-boned a 1970 Mach One .. with the 428 Cobra Jet! Fortunately I remember both cars being repaired and returned to the road. Now years later I often wonder what happened to both of those cars?

It took another almost 20 years before I would buy my first and likely only Chevelle.

That’s another story, for another day!!!



THE CAR.... responsible for my Chevelle Infliction

New Members

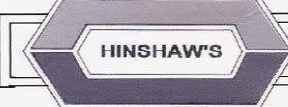
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Here is a list of club apparel that is available for club members. This will be available at this month club meeting. We sell all of our club apparel at cost to club members.

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



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www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

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<http://www.legendsshopping.com/plan-a-visit/hotels-transportation>

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Event Schedule

Friday September 23

Registration 9 am - 5 pm
Poker Cruise 5:30 pm - 7pm
Friday evening barbecue
catered by Famous Dave's 7pm - 10 pm

Saturday September 24

Registration 8 am - noon
1,000 point judging starts at 9 am
Participant judging 8 am - 1 pm (stock & modified)
Awards Presentation 3:30 pm

Highlights

- ☛ \$100.00 Club Participation Prize
- ☛ Door Prizes
- ☛ Top 3 Awards in Every Class
- ☛ 1,000 Point Judging by trained members of the Antique Automobile Club of America KC Regional Chapter
(1,000 Point Judging is limited to the first 25 people who register for it prior to September 1st.)
- ☛ Awards for Best Paint, Best Engine & Best in Show
- ☛ Souvenir show T-Shirts available
- ☛ Poker Cruise prizes & catered dinner Friday evening

Registration Form

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E-mail _____ Club Affiliation _____

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Car #2 Information: Year _____ Model _____

Friday/Saturday Registration (2 days, including Poker Cruise) _____ car(s) @ \$30.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday only Registration (1 day) _____ car(s) @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

1,000 point judging for STOCK and MODIFIED including plaque(s) _____ car(s) @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Friday evening dinner from Famous Dave's Barbecue _____ person(s) @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Souvenir T Shirts: Indicate quantities & sizes ➡ _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL @ \$18.00 each = \$ _____

_____ 2X _____ 3X _____ 4X @ \$20.00 each = \$ _____

Mail check payable to "Mid-America Chevelle Club" to MACC, 20711 W 67th, Shawnee KS 66218 Total Enclosed \$ _____

For more information contact Jon (816-516-9952) or Roger (913-207-3374)

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