

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

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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.



2017 Meeting Minutes

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

February 10-12 --- World of Wheels -- 9 members signed up

February 18 ----Tour of Boulevard Brewing Company arrive by 10a.m. for 10:30 tours--No charge for tour. Eat at Jack Stack BBQ Freight House after tour.

March 4 ----Steamboat Arabia Museum 2p.m. tour. Dinner after tour TBD

March 24-25 ---- Mecum Auction

April 8 ----- Warmsprings Ranch, Booneville, MO, Budweiser Clydesdale's Breeding Operation 2p.m. Tour. Tickets are \$14 and limited. We have 42 tickets

April 29 ---- KC Showdown Car Show at Stonegate Motor Plaza, Stillwell, KS

May 7 ----- Cruise the Burg, Louisburg, KS 11a.m. Sunday Event

May 13 ----- Guest Club at the Mustang Club of Greater KC. cruise night, 10400 Mastin, Overland Park, KS

June 3 ----- Club Picnic--Prouty's Place Raymore, MO

June 10 ----- Paola Car show Paola, KS

June 24 ----- Tour Holladay Distillery(McCormick Distillery) and Cruise Night, Weston, MO

July 8 ---- Topeka Cruise Night Fairlawn Plaza

July 22 --- Boulevard Drive In, Merriam, KS

August 19 ----- Alma Car Show, Alma, KS

August 20 ----- Kruise to the K

August 25 ----- Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS

September 9 ----- Merriam Car Show

September 10 ----- Shawnee Car Show

September 16 ----- Old Marais River Run Show, Ottawa, KS

September 21 ----- Museum of American Speed(Speedway Motors) Lincoln, NE Strategic Air Command Museum, Ashland, Ne on the way to MW Regional

September 22,23 ---- 30th Annual Midwest Regional Chevelle Show, LaVista, NE(Omaha)

October 20-22 ---- Fall Color Tour Osage Beach, MO

October 28 ----- Fall Party

November *****

December ----- Christmas Party 2nd



***Other cruises and functions may be added through the year. If you have an idea let one of the officers or Steve Calder know.

President's Column

MACC,

I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year, and I hope everyone is doing well. As we get ready for 2017 car season, some of us are working on our cars getting them ready for summer driving. It's been a while since I gave you an update on my '70 convertible restoration, and I thought this would be a good time to share with you some updates and pictures. It's been

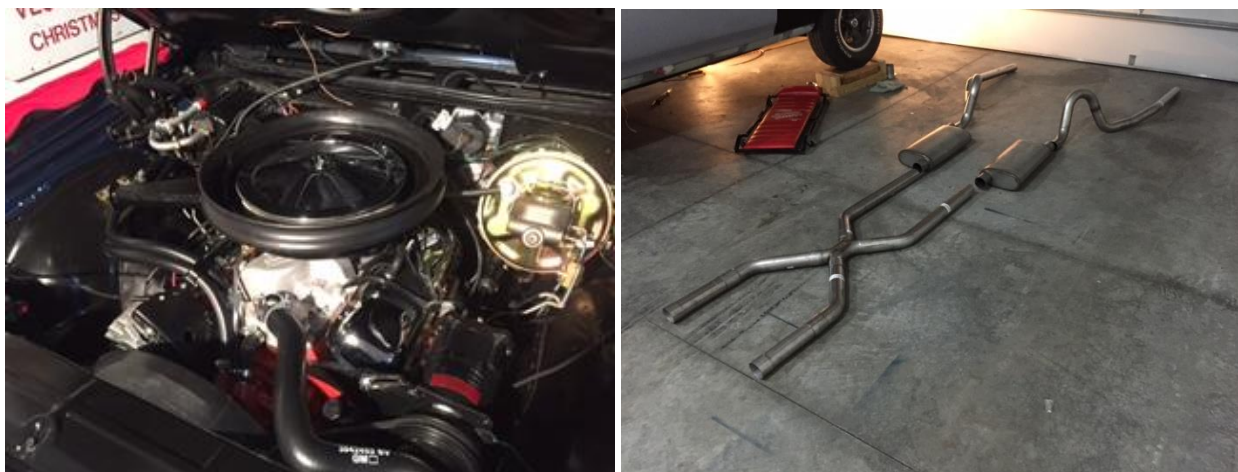


almost 2 years since I got the car and I am proud to say it is almost done. I just got my car back from having the convertible top put on and I still have a few odds and ends to finish, but I would say it's 98% done. The last time I wrote about the car I had just got it back from the paint shop and was getting ready to install the wiring and interior.

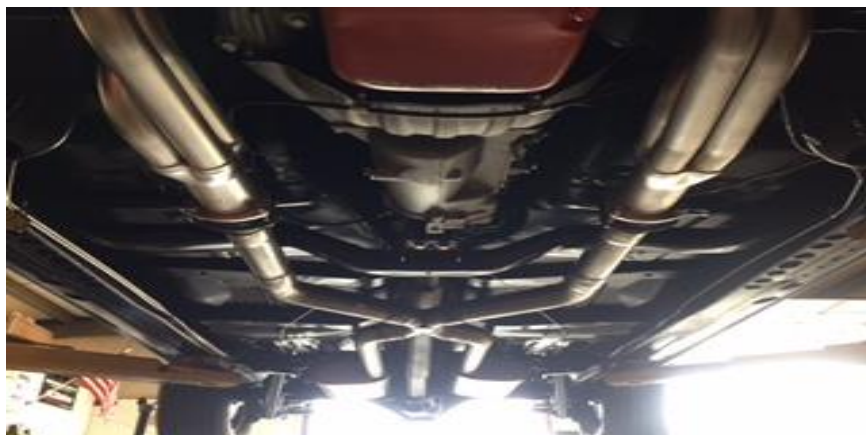
I used all new wiring harness on the car except for the main rear harness. It seemed to be in good condition and since it was a factory power window car and convertible I thought it would be best to use it if possible. The first thing I did was put down some Hush Mat sound deadener on the floor and then run the wiring harnesses. The power window kit I used came with a new harness, so all I had to do was route it and tape it down in place. After that, the new dash and dash harness was installed. Then it was just a matter of hocking up all the new connection and making sure everything had power. That sounds easy, but it wasn't considering all the options this car has on it. This really took some time and patience. There was the power top motor, power windows, factory A/C, new radio and speakers, and all the new power leads for the engine upgrades. After all this was done I installed the carpet and then the door panels and seats



Now it was time for the exhaust system to be installed. I used a high performance exhaust from PYPES. Here is an engine compartment picture also.



The exhaust system came with all the new clamps and hangers, so I raised the car up and put it on blocks and tried to install it lying on my back. I wasn't having much luck, so I decided to have the car towed down to Midwestern Mechanical and have John Freeman install the exhaust system and while he was at it have him tig weld all the joints together instead of all the lamps. Everything was going great, exhaust was installed and the wiring was done.



So, it was a perfect time to start the engine and see what happened. To my surprise, it started right up and within a few minutes of adjusting the timing, values, and carburetor it was ready for a test drive. I only had one small problem, after starting the engine and making all the adjustments there was a puddle of oil under the car. I turned the motor off and put it back on the lift. The rear main seal and the oil pan gasket were leaking badly. Up to this point in time, everything had gone pretty smooth without too many issues. This was a big issue though. Not feeling like taking it home and pulling the motor myself and not really feeling too confident about not messing up a fresh paint job, it was time to let a professional take over. So John uninstalled the exhaust system he just put in and then proceeded to pull the engine. A few days later it was ready to take out and see what she could do. A few adjustments here and there and it was ready for the road.

Next thing on the list was picking out the wheels and tires. With all the options out there this was a difficult decision for me. I had a certain look I wanted, but decided on these aftermarket SS wheels. I put some 17x8 chrome and aluminum alloy wheels that I found at Ground Up. These were a new design that I have never seen before and I just liked the chrome look they



had. So, I ordered them and when they came in I open the box and I was really was pleased. After that I took them down to the tire shop and had them just mount two tires on the wheels so I could check clearances to make sure everything would fit. About an hour went by and I got a call from the tire shop and he side I had two different kinds of wheels. One was chrome the other was black chrome. You can see in the picture the difference. I like them both but went the chrome ones. So, I sent three wheels back that were wrong and got the correct wheels I wanted. What happened was at the warehouse the boxes were marked wrong and that's how three of the four were the wrong type of wheels. The tire size I went with



was 255/50' 17". Here are a couple of pictures of the car with the new wheels and tires. With this being the first car I have restored, I have learned so much about restoring a Chevelle. I really didn't know what to expect when I started, but I knew I had a lot of recourses to fall back on if I need to. With Jim Huber doing the body and paint I had a really good shot of having a nice car. Don, who installed the convertible top, did an outstanding job too. He found a fabric that matched the color of the white stripes, so it's not a GM color top. After installing the top it really makes the car pop in appearance. With the help of Jeff Long giving me advice along the way on what I needed next, and what I needed to buy really helped me keep on track with this project. Also, with the help of John Freeman on a lot of the mechanical work, the car has turned out to be nicer than I had thought it would. I have to admit, I really had a blast learning on what to and not do on this build. I just wish I would have started earlier in life so I could have enjoyed doing this for a longer time. It really makes me appreciate Dan Yuran and his ability to build all the cars he has done over the years. When I started restoring this car my goal was to make it as nice as the cars he has done over the years. I think I have come close, but I will let everyone be their own judge on this. Here are a few pictures of the finished project, and a picture of both of our cars.





My convertible will be in the World of Wheels car show on February 10th-12th, along with eight other club members. I hope everyone can come down and look us up and see all the amazing Chevelles and the other great cars that are there.

Steve has included a list of upcoming events for this year, so look at that list and make some plans to come to as many as you can. We always have a good time, and we are looking for some new members to join our group.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Will be back next month.

New Members


None to add for January.

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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 - \$20

Stainless steel fuel line for 396/350, still in the package - \$15

Engine wiring harness for 1966, HEI with factory AC - \$100 – still in the original packaging.

Frank Riley – 913-638-7596

Frank has 3 cars for sale – Should you be interest, please contact Frank at the number provided or at taz66215@yahoo.com

1970 Chevelle SS - 402, Turbo 400, 3:73 Posi



1967 Malibu 2 DR Hardtop - 350 4bbl, 700R4



1967 Chevy II Nova 2 DR Hardtop - 305 4bbl, Turbo 350



Tom Meier from Lawrence, KS at 785-979-9920 have the following items for sale.

1967 El Camino (It is a driver, not a show car) – 327, turbo 350, 3:73 10 Bolt Posi, Power disc front.

1- 283, 3pd on the column

2- Parts El Camino