

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

APRIL 2017 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.



2017 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
March 30, 2017 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by MACC President, Roger Verstraete.
Present were 36 members and 3 guests.
Followed by self-introduction of members to guests/new club members.
Hagerty Insurance representative Nicole presented information regarding classic car insurance.
Some of her points of discussion were:
Agreed Value is good, stated value can be misleading.
A Cherished Salvage addendum to your policy should be included.

No Old Business to discuss.

New Business:
Budget detail was discussed and voted into the budget for 2017:
Picnic cost will be \$300
Halloween Party cost \$500
Christmas Party; cost \$1,000

2017 Dues are due on April 30, 2017.

Eugene gave the treasurer's report. We currently have 90 paid members.

Rick Nuckolls won our drawing for \$35.00, however he was not present, therefore next months drawing will be for \$40.00. Be here to win!

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Pizza and beverages were enjoyed at Old Shawnee Pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Gilpin



April events attended by MACC

April 8 ----- Warmsprings Ranch, Booneville, MO, Budweiser Clydesdale's Breeding Operation 2p.m. Tour. Approximately 42 people attended the event. A great time had by all.





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

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

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

May 12-13--Loafers Car Club Show in Hannibal, Missouri Friday travel, Saturday Show

May 20 – Leawood Police Department – Town Center Plaza

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

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

June 10-16--Hot Rod Power Tour departs from Kansas City



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 12----Guest Club at the Mustang Club of Greater KC Cruise night 10400 Mastin, Overland Park, 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
on the way to MW Regional

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

October 20,21,22----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,

When Ed and I became officers of the club in 2010, we both decided we would try to write an article for the newsletter every month. Over the years we both missed a month here and there, but for most part we have really tried to do our small part for the newsletter. Some months I write about club news or an article on my cars, or about our upcoming car show. This month I decided that since we have so many new members in the club they might want to know some history about our club and the sponsors that we have had in the past.

Since I have only been a member since 2009, I had to get a lot of information on when the club was started from Dean, Eugene, and Debra and John Gragg. Dean Call started the club in the mid 80's. When Dean started, they had their meetings in his basement or on his deck. Dean said that there were times when



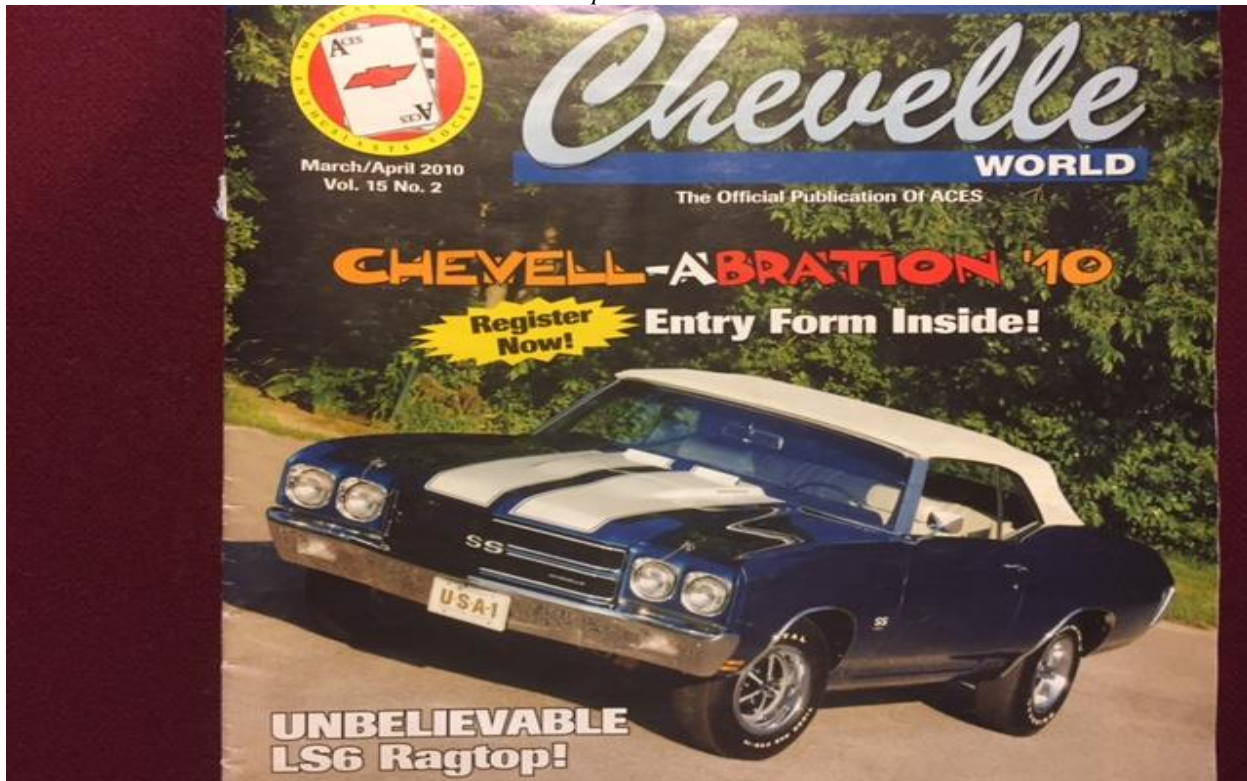
membership was low and there wasn't much interest in the club. There were no sponsors to help out with the expense and he thought about ending the club. But, Dean was talked out of doing this and kept the club going. As membership increased, the club had its first car show in 1987. The club also needed a bigger place to hold meetings and a club sponsor. With some help from Jeff Long, who was working at Superior Chevrolet at the time, Jeff was able to get Superior Chevrolet to sponsor the club and let us use their meeting room in 1992.

The car shows were held in many locations during the 90's. From Adams Mark Hotel by the Kauffman Stadium, to the Double Tree Hotel on College Blvd in Overland Park, KS, at Superior Chevrolet, and finally found a home at the Great Plains Mall in Olathe, KS. During this time, sponsorship was hard to find and at the first car show held at the Double Tree in the late 90's, John Gragg and Russ Peters had to put the down payment on their credit cards to cover the cost at the hotel. The club at that time had less than \$300.00. As they found out, the hotels charge for every little thing you can think of. Things did workout for the club that year and they broke even on the car show. Hotels are the most expensive place to have a car show and that is why since 2002 we decided not to have it at a hotel. During this time frame, the club joined the Midwest Chevelle Coalition Group that included Chevelle Clubs from Tulsa, Wichita, and Springfield. In 2006, they even went to Denver Colorado for a Regional.



Here a picture I took at the 2001 Midwest Regional at the Double Tree Hotel.

In 2001 Chuck Hanson from ACES became involved with the Chevelle Regional's. ACES (American Chevelle Enthusiasts Society) was started in 1996. Chevelle's were really becoming popular and with the help of Chuck they really took off. Chuck put out a magazine bi-monthly that was called *Chevelle World*. This magazine was dedicated entirely to Cheverly's and Chuck wrote tech articles. Chuck stepped into this at just the right time and held a national Cheverly Car Show called CHEVELL-ABRATATION. ACES was a huge success. Chuck's involvement with the Midwest Regional gave the club and the car show national recognition.



Hope you like all the nice 70's in these pictures.

With all this going on, Superior Chevrolet stepped in and became a car show sponsor, giving the club a \$2,500.00 sponsorship fee. For years, the Mid America Chevelle Club had struggled getting a major sponsor to help with expenses. With their car show sponsorship, the club could start doing some extra things at the show to make it a bigger hit than it already was.

As ACES grew and CHEVELL-ABRATION became a huge hit nationally, there were some years CHEVELL-ABRATION, which was held in Goodlettsville, TN, drew close to 500 Chevelles. Looking at some old issues of *Chevelle World*, there was a ton of sponsors involved with ACES car show. Times were good for Chuck and after being involved with the Midwest Regional, Chuck wanted them to start hosting the regional at one location and on a certain date each year instead of rotating around to different locations. As you can guess, this didn't go over with all four clubs involved. Mid America Chevelle Club decided to go with ACES and left the Midwest Regional Coalition in 2006.

It was about this time when the economy was starting to slow down some and Superior pulled their car show sponsorship. The club had enjoyed a steady stream of money coming in and the club finances had improved a great deal. It was also about this time that CHEVELL-ABRATION was starting to decline in numbers. As the recession hit in 2008-09 everyone was losing their sponsors and people started selling their Chevelle's. Chuck was able to keep ACES going until 2013. Membership was down a great deal and CHEVELL-ABRATION numbers had declined to under 300 cars. Chuck also was having some health issue so he tried selling ACES but could never find someone to take it over.

Without the Superior car show sponsorship and the loss of ACES, the Mid America Chevelle Club decided to go on with our annual car show. In 2011 we had our largest turnout of 154 Chevelle's. The weather was perfect and the foot traffic we had that weekend has never been matched until last year. We had a good thing going and didn't want to stop just because we lost the sponsors.

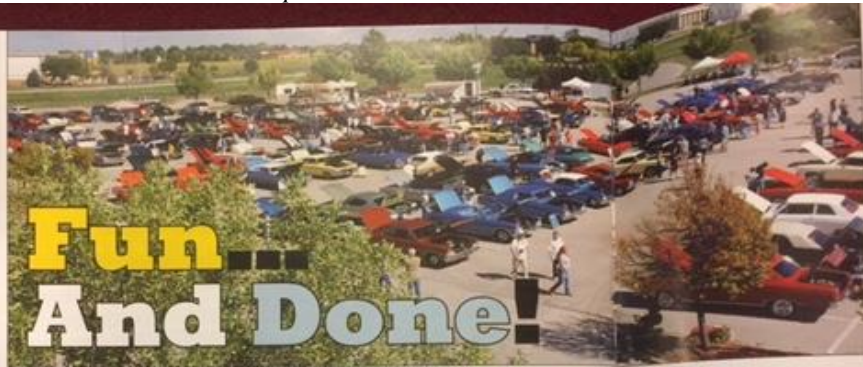
The ACES Year-Ending Mid-America Regional Was A Blast!

By Chuck Hanson

When it comes right down to it, the reason most of us are in the car hobby is for the fun of it. Friendships factor into it big-time, too. So it just stands to reason that any car event will be successful when you have friends getting together and having fun. And that's just what happened at this year's ACES Mid-America Regional, hosted by the Mid-America Chevelle Club (MACC).

This event has been going on for 10 years now, and a couple years back we made a decision to move it from the first week in August to the third weekend in September. Sure, we lost a little daylight as the sun sets earlier later in the year, but we also lost about a million degrees on the thermometer, and gained a lot less suffering for all the participants.

Moving the date was a great decision, and participants didn't hesitate telling us so. But even so, the car count languished. That is, until this year. By blanket-bombing



all the local cruises and other area events with show fliers for the event, the MACC jumped participation by almost half... and the fun-factor by at least a hundred percent. It was great to see the show field full of shiny Chevelles, and even more importantly, all the smiling faces that went along with them. Yeah, it seemed like things were finally catching on.

That fact was certainly reinforced by the number of "newbies" that praised the great time they had at the event, and vows

they made to return next year with their friends and their Chevelles.

Of course, it didn't hurt that we had perfect, Chamber of Commerce weather for the entire weekend, and plenty of activities for all the participants. Our favorite, though, was the Friday afternoon cruise/poker run that wound its way through some surprisingly scenic countryside around Olathe, Kansas, where the event was held at the Great Mall of the Great Plains. After the cruise, everyone returned

to the Mall parking lot where treated to a sumptuous feast the MACC crew. Winners of were announced the following once all the "hands" had been

When late Summer rolls, folks are looking for that on the year, and we'd like to see you consider the ACES Mid-America Regional for



Picture taken from the roof top of the Mall in Olathe 2011

In 2014 we were asked to rejoin the Midwest Regional group and we were the host of the 2016 Regional. Our club worked very hard to make this Regional a huge success and with the help of O'Rielys sponsorship of \$2,500.00, we could add events like the 1,000 point judging and give away nicer plaques and door prizes. This year's Regional is in Omaha, Nebraska on the 4th weekend of September (September 22nd and 23rd).

Over the years, membership has grown. As of this month, we have 90 current members. Every year we lose some, but we seem to always gain more than we lose. The same can be said for our club sponsors.

Right now Hendricks Chevrolet has taken over for Superior Chevrolet and we are very lucky that they have agreed to keep sponsoring our club and letting us use their meeting room. The only thing they ask is if you are in the market for a new or used Chevrolet that you give them a try. If you do go car shopping there, please make sure you tell them you are a member of the Mid America Chevelle Club.

Our other main sponsor is Midwestern Mechanical. John Freeman, the owner, has a long history of working on high performance cars and engines and has built several drag racing cars. John does general repair on all types of vehicles but really enjoys working on the old muscle cars like we have today. John is located in beautiful downtown Merriam right behind Merriam Hardware, at 5654 Merriam Drive. John's phone number is 913-236-4135

We also have some other sponsors like Quality Structures Inc. (QSI). Rob Pearce, the owner, specializes in metal building construction. Ed Smoot with AZ Mobile RV has used QSI several times to build his metal buildings for his business and has always been very pleased with their work. QSI's phone number is 800-374-6988.



Hagerty Insurance has been with the club for several years now. Don Burdolski with Mike Perz and Associates represents Hagerty in this area. If you ever need a quote on classic automobile insurance please give Don a call at 913-894-1009.

So as you can see the Mid America Chevelle Club has come a long way, and we are working hard to keep it going in the right direction. None of this could be possible if it wasn't for all the support from the membership, the work of the officers of the club, our newsletter editor, Dean, who takes care of the web site, our event planning committee and our sponsors. My main goal each year is to keep the club in a good financial position so that we can keep having club events for our members to enjoy. One of these events is our annual Christmas Party where the members can enjoy celebrating another successful year.

Well that is it for this month and again I want to thank everyone for their support of the club. I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting and the upcoming club events.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

The last month has been busy 'round here! As many of you know, several years ago, I decided that a couple hundred projects in the works wasn't quite enough, so I added a few more. One of those being a 1969 Beaumont clone made from a locally sourced 1969 307 Malibu. To complete this project, one could probably source most of what was needed from eBay or kijiji (Canadian Craigslist)-- but, of course, I went a different route. The parts to complete this car are true Canadian pieces- removed on foreign soil by myself, Ron Brightwell, my son Brad, and his friend Jacob Roemer. The details of these exploits have been covered across many columns and Canadian Police ticket books, so I won't bore you with the stories again here. Shortly after gathering all these parts and pieces, however, the shell went off to our good friend Rick Byfield's body shop for the big work over. The good news is...this month the car came home! Rick did a super job of fixing all of the body issues, and laying down a super slick paint job. When you see this thing in the sun, it's spectacular. Look for upcoming updates in future columns as the driveline, suspension, and pretty much everything else gets bolted back on the car.





Something else I did that was fun this month was take a class Road Course Racing. An organization called "The Track Guys" put on an event at Heartland Park Topeka to break in their



newly repaved road course. I signed up well in advance, went shopping for the proper helmet, signed all the waivers, and was early to the track on race day. I made sure that my car was prepped and passed tech, and removed anything that might fly out while on track. The day was spent with a portion in the classroom, learning about Turn-in, Apex, Turn Exit, as well as what all the different flags mean, as well as track etiquette. Where the day was the best, though, was when you were on-track. Each beginner (like me) had their own driving instructor that rode with them and guided them around the track. My instructor, Dave, lives in KC, and coincidentally brought the same car as I did to the track. I've gotta say that he did a great job, and was very level headed throughout the whole day. When you're riding shotgun with a novice driver going 120+mph on the straights and drifting through the turns with the tires screaming, I think you've gotta have nerves of steel. I had a great time running with that group and learned a lot. I hope to do many more of their events around the country-- I'm hooked!





One more thing--- at this month's meeting, we will be holding elections. I've said it many times, but if anyone has an interest in running for ANY office, we would be more than happy to throw your name in the hat. This club exists for one reason-- our members! Each and every one of you has a voice, and your thoughts and opinions count. We welcome fresh faces and fresh ideas, and I believe that is one reason that our organization is so great. So, if you have ever thought or considered running for a position, do it! It's rewarding and fun, and you can make a difference.

See you at the meeting!

Ed

New Members

When you have the opportunity, please take time to welcome the following new members to MACC.

Michael and Jody Franchett
10401 Overbrook
Edwardsville KS, 66111
Cell 913-634-0174
Member # 427 good to 4/30/2018
e-mail franchett96@att.net
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Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

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

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 - \$10,000



1967 Malibu 2 DR Hardtop - 350 4bbl, 700R4 - \$8,000



1967 Chevy II Nova 2 DR Hardtop - 305 4bbl, Turbo 350 - \$8,000



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

1970 1/18th scale Chevelles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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