

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



MACC June 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:	Debbie Gragg
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
At Large:	Stan Shinker
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
May 25, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 29 persons present.

Introductions were made of members and guests.

Chair Verstraete informed the members present that ten (10) Chevells attended the car show at Hannibal, MO, adding the weather was good and the show, hosted by the LOAFERS, on Mother's Day weekend was as great as the weather.

The members were reminded of the club picnic is scheduled for June 3 at the Proudys residence. The event would begin in the afternoon with the meal at 4:00 p.m. with club providing the meat and table accessories. All were encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Members can fish in the pond and/or participate in skeet shooting.

Members were requested to consider whether or not to assist a charity show in Overland Park.

Various car shows were announced and/or discussed including Lewisburg, with twelve Chevells a the VFW Park and the Leawood Police Car Show, with approximately 35 cars – five were Chevells. Future shows include: Brookville Assisted Living Show; Paola Square Car Show; Hot Rod Power Tour; Delmar Gardens, Weston Cruise Night and tour of Holladay Distillery, Stonebridge Garage Show, VFW Friday Night Cruise at Pegahs , 87th and Nolan. Fliers for the Annual Midwest Regionals, hosted at Omaha, were distributed.

It was announced the Regional scheduled for Tulsa will probably be cancelled; adding the Wichita club does not want to host due to major roadway construction. It was discussed that if Springfield and Wichita decline, then it could be hosted by MACC. The 2017 show in Omaha was again discussed, indicating a caravan would be leaving on the 21st day of September to tour the Lincoln Speedway Museum, then on to Omaha.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Mr. Hallouer announced there are 58 current members.

Kirby DeMott gave a progress report of his Heavy Chevy.

The drawing for \$50.00 was held; Dean Call not present – June meeting - \$55.00

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



June events attended by MACC

June 8-----Brookdale Assisted Living 1200 Lamar Ave OP, KS – Thanks to all who made it. It was a great day for folks who normally can't come to car shows. We had 7 members attend the event.



June 10-----Paola Car show Paola, KS – We had 5 members attend the event.



June 10-16--Hot Rod Power Tour departed from Kansas City – We had 4 member start off in Kansas City, two completed the 7 days to Bolling Green, KY



June 21 Delmar Gardens Assisted Living Center and Nursing Home--7 members brought out their cars. Thanks to all who made it. It was a great day for folks who normally can't come to care shows.



June 24-----Tour Holladay Distillery (McCormick Distillery) 5 member attended.



June 25-----Club Picnic--at John and Phyllis Prouty's 1400 N Kurzweil Rd, Raymore, MO
Great turnout.



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

July 8 ----Topeka Cruise Night Fairlawn Plaza---

12 noon--Lunch at Blind Tiger Brewery, 417 SW 37th Street (37th&Kansas) Topeka, KS

1:30-3:30-Tour Combat Air Museum 7016 SE Forbes Ave---Some areas are air conditioned,
\$6.00 admission-Museum of Kansas National Guard if we have time?

4:30-----Topeka Cruise Night, 21st and Fairlawn

July 16th (Sunday) --- Dick and Lana Gibsons 50th Anniversary St. Joe, MO 5-9p.m.

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----- Cruise to the K \$45 2 tickets to game plus car show

8a.m. show starts, 1:15 game time vrs Indians

royals.com/carshow Phone:816-504-4162 You must pre-register for
the show as it normally sells out.

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

Why a Chevelle?

Everyone has their reason for having the cars they drive. It may be their personal car, work vehicle, or just their family car. But looking back in time what influenced you to buy a Chevelle? For some of us older guys it might be because it was the first car we ever had, or you always wanted one, or a friend had one and you always loved riding in it. For the younger guys, it may be just wanting to get into the hobby of collecting classic cars, or they just want a true legend in the muscle car era. Everyone has their reason and here is mine.



For me it was my dad who liked Chevrolets cars. We had Ford trucks and tractors on the farm but his cars were always Chevys. First car I remember was Dad's 1955 four-door Bel Air. Then when I was about 11 or 12, Dad said he was going to buy a new Chevy Impala when the 1963 models came out. I was just starting to get interested in cars then and in the fall of 1962 the preview of the 63's were coming out on the TV show called Bonanza. The show aired on Sunday night and I can remember sitting on the couch just to see what the new cars were going to look like. The new Impala was the car I was waiting to see, but they had this new model of the Corvette that they previewed that night; it was called the Sting Ray. At that point of my young life Corvette's were all I could think about. I just had to have one when I was 16. All I talked about for a long time was the Corvette Sting Ray. I made model cars of it and read everything about them. Think I was about 14 when my dad was so tired of hearing about Corvettes he said to me. (THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL YOU ARE GOING TO GET A CORVETTE WHEN YOU TURN 16). Talk about letting a kid down easy on his dreams. So my Mom knew how disappointed I was and how stupid of an idea that a 16 year old kid was getting a Corvette, she said I read in the newspaper today that Chevrolet is coming out in 1964 with a new model called the Chevelle. It's a midsize car; you should look at one of these cars. Think she just wanted to get my mind off of buying a Corvette. As luck would have it, my grandparent's bought a 300 Deluxe Chevelle in 1964 from Dennis Chevrolet in Olathe Kansas. My uncle Charlie also bought an SS with bucket seats in 1964 too. I was hooked at that point on what I wanted when I turned 16. My cousin, Jerry, who was a year older than me bought a 1966 Malibu, Marina Blue with a black interior and a 283 engine. When I saw that car I decided that's what I had to have for sure. I was working on the family's truck farm and my dad would always plant some tomato plants for me to take care of and I would make the money off of them. That summer I was 16, I planted 200 Tomato plants to make some extra money to help buy a new car. In the summer of 1967, I got my first new car, a 1967 Malibu, Marina Blue with a blue interior. I saw a SS396, 4 speed Chevelle the same color in the dealer show room but knew better than to press for that one. I was walking on air that summer evening when dad took me down to Ed Roberts Chevrolet to pick up my car. Ed Roberts came out and said to me, (son the first clutch is on me, the second one is on you). Don't know why he would tell a 16 year old kid that but I took it in stride and hoped I didn't blow the clutch the first week. Loved that car, and almost waxed the paint off of it. I took Janet on our first date in that car.



But as I got older I had to have an SS396 car. After I got out of high school I got a job in the sheet metal trade and saved up enough money to buy a 1970 SS396. I told my dad I went down to Ed Roberts Chevrolet and order a new Chevelle. He asks me what engine you getting in that car. I told him just the stock one that comes in a Super Sport package, that's all. He didn't say much but at 19 I guess he figured if I could pay for it myself I could have what I wanted. I remember in February of 1970 Dad and I went down to pick up my Super Sport. It was setting out in front of the dealer show



room, right on Main Street. When my dad saw the car, he said to me you bought that red car with those blanky- blank stripes on it? What's wrong with you? I didn't care at that time what he thought, I was getting the Chevelle I worked for and paid for on my own and he wasn't going to ruin it for me. That was a great car and I did a lot of drag racing in it. I was always messing around with it trying to make it go faster. I owned that car for two and half years and like everyone who owns a Chevelle today I wished I would have never sold it and wondered what ever happened to it. Maybe it was wrecked beyond repair, maybe it's a show car somewhere, or just maybe it's in a barn waiting for someone like me to restore. I just wish I could find out.



Over the years I have owned 11 different Chevelle's. In the late 80's I was buying and selling them trying to make a buck or two. When Janet and I got out of the greenhouse business in 98 it was time to buy another one, and that is the Red 1970 hardtop I have now. When I first saw the car it brought back so many memories of a time in my live that I will always treasure.

Well I may have never owned a Corvette, but I still love them and maybe just maybe there will be one yet.



So that's my story and I'm sure everyone out there that owns a classic car has his or her reason for owning the car they have. If anyone in the club wants to share the story about why they own one please write a short article for the newsletter and send it to Brain. I'm sure everyone would love reading them.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

It's funny how personal tastes change as life goes on. You may grow up disliking liver and onions, but find yourself later in life thinking maybe that it isn't so bad. Such is the case with a lot of things-- as we age and mature- we may like something or see something differently than we did in our youth.

For me, it's not liver and onions- it's vinyl roofs on autos. Seems like I spent many a weekend day and night peeling and stripping the vinyl roof off of just about every car I ever had. Granted, most of my cars back then were real beaters, and the vinyl roof was probably the nicest part of most of them. But, I tore them off anyway- not because they were tattered or torn, but just because I didn't care for them. I suppose I felt that a primed or mismatched metal roof looked better than vinyl.

Boy, how times have changed! I can't believe I'm really typing this, but vinyl roofs have grown on me. So much so, in fact, that I had a vinyl roof put on my '69 Beaumont. The color scheme of the car is red and white, so naturally I went with a white roof. I ordered the correct kit from OPGI, along with the chrome trim and brightwork that goes with it. This is something that I personally have never done, and didn't feel that learning on this car was the best option. I enlisted James Janzen, who has done quite a bit of upholstery work for other members to make sure that this top was done right. It was clear right off that James knew what he was doing, and he went right to work. One thing that my roof kit was short on was pad, so James brought his own. He spent the better part of the day laying out the roof, trimming where needed, steaming out the wrinkles from shipping, and then finally gluing and finishing with the chrome trim. His attention to detail, and his carefulness around fresh paint were much appreciated. Hats off to James- he's earned my business for future upholstery work!



One other thing that I was a part of over the last month was a road trip to Hannibal, MO for a car show put on by our friends The Loafers. This great group of enthusiasts always make a great showing at our show, and am I glad we finally returned the favor! The show was held in historic

downtown Hannibal right on the Mississippi River. A group of MACC members lit out for Hannibal early Friday morning, and made a day of cruising our way out there. It was a beautiful day for a drive, and we were welcomed to a big pre-show/ party in the hotel parking lot when we got there. The Loafers even had a catered BBQ dinner that night, and the parking lot was packed! The next morning we headed over to the show bright and early, and parked all together right off the main drag. There was a lot to see with 400 +- cars at the show. One of my personal faves was a 1967 Camaro that had a dealer-installed Mod Top. Again, with my new-found love of the vinyl roof- this thing was mesmerizing. Designed by George Barris, the Mod Top was offered in several colors and patterns. Most of which resembled drapes or tablecloths of the era, but it sure is something that you don't see every day. Eugene and I spent a good 20 minutes talking to the owner about the oddity that he had. They had banner weather that day, and we wrapped up the show late in the afternoon and cruised on home. Even made it home right as the sun was setting on Mother's Day Eve! For anyone interested, this show should be on your yearly to-do-list.



See Ya at the Meeting!

Ed

New Members


No new members to report this month.

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



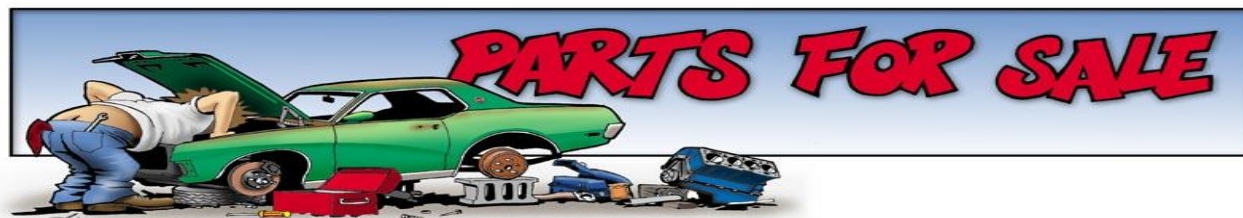
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



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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Dick Luman

I have a 1979 El Camino bench seat with all seat belts (\$200 obo), a 1979 dash complete and perfect except for a few holes on the radio housing (\$250 obo), and some miscellaneous trim pieces.

Please contact me at my cell number 913-481-6552, or at my email dluman@lumancpa.com.



