

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JULY 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
June 29, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 23 persons present.

Introductions were made of members and guests. Guest Gary Collin stated he has a 1967 black El Camino; Randy Cummin has a 1968 Super Sport.

Chair Verstraete overviewed the recent "car events." He reported those attending at Brookdale Assisting Living Car Cruise enjoyed the time and noted several of the residents attended and appreciated the cars. He reported the Paola Car Show was good with a great number of cars. John Gragg reported that Steve Calder, he and Debra Gragg, participated in the seven-day Hot Rod Power Tour, adding more than 2,000 miles to the odometers; Rick Byfield traveled the first day. Other events recently enjoyed was Delmar Garden of Overland Park; Holladay Distillery tour and Weston cruise; and the club picnic at the Prouty residence.

Mr. Verstraete overviewed upcoming events: July 8 cruise to Topeka to lunch at the Blind Tiger Brewery and tour the Combat Air Museum, and finishing the day at the Fairlawn Car Cruise. Other upcoming events include the 50th anniversary for the Gibsons, July 22 Boulevard Drive-In Movie, and August 20 Royals game car show – individuals will need to purchase tickets. He reminded everyone about the Chevelle Regional Car Show in the Omaha area; he indicated there will be a "pre-tour" on Thursday at the Speedway Motors Museum. John Gragg stated the Gragg car will have some modification at Keyless Classic on that evening and all are welcome to attend. He concluded with noting the annual December meeting will be located at the Hollywood Casino, with more information to come.

The report of Treasurer Eugene Hallouer was accepted; he also reported there are 61 current members.

The minutes, as published in the newsletter, were accepted.

Members briefly discussed barn finds, and noted treasure hunts for Chevells by a "freelancer" for Hot Rod magazine.

It was reported the 2018 Chevelle Regional will be hosted at Wichita – more information to come.

Mr. Verstraete also indicated work will soon begin for the MACC Car Show in 2018.

Members were also invited to the July 15 Carriage House Show at DeSoto.

Some technology issues/questions were asked and answered.

The drawing for \$55.00 was held. The name called was Don Hensley who was present. Next month's drawing will yield \$25.00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. followed by a cruise and food/drinks at Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



July events attended by MACC

July 8 ----Topeka Cruise Night Fairlawn Plaza---Lunch at Blind Tiger Brewery-Museum of Kansas National Guard-Topeka Cruise Night, 21st and Fairlawn



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

July 22nd ---Boulevard Drive In, Merriam, KS – Cancel due to weather - Will be rescheduled.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

August 12th ----Guest Club at the Mustang Club of Greater KC Cruise night 10400 Mastin, Overland Park, KS

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

August 20th ----- Cruise to the K \$45 2tickets 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 25th ----- Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS

September

September 9th ----- Merriam Car Show

September 10th ----- Shawnee Car Show

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

September 21st ----- Museum of American Speed(Speedway Motors) Lincoln, NE

on the way to MW Regional

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

October

October 20th ,21st ,22nd ---- Fall Color Tour Osage Beach, MO

October 28th ----- Fall Party

November

December

December 2nd -----Christmas Party

***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

Hi MACC,

With summer in full force and all the cruise nights going on, what a great time of year to enjoy your Chevelle. The club has had its share of events to go along with this great time of year too. Visiting the McCormick Distillery in Weston, Mo last month was a great time. I personally have never been to Weston and what a neat old town by the Missouri River. The cruise night was a big hit and it is always nice to see some different cars that are not from the KC area. The next day was our annual club picnic that was held at John and Phyllis Prouty's beautiful home. The weather turned out nice and everyone in attendance had a good time. Want to thank John and Phyllis for hosting the club picnic again. Then on July 8th, we went up to Topeka for lunch, visited the Air Museum, and then went to the Topeka Cruise night on Fairlawn Street. I personally couldn't make this but from all accounts the Air Museum was a big hit and they could not see everything in the time frame they had there. On Thursday, we have our monthly club meeting at Hendricks Chevrolet at 7pm. On Saturday, July 29th, we have been invited for lunch and a Chevelle cruise-in at the Twin Peaks Restaurant at 14805 W 119 Street in Olathe Ks from 11:30 to 2. There will be free appetizers and pictures with your car and waitress.

In the month of August we have the Hot Alma night's car show, the Cruise at the K car show, Royals game, and then later in the month the Wellsville car show.

Also wanted to let everyone know we have reserved the banquet room at Hollywood casino for this year Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2nd. This is the same location as last year. This is biggest event the club will put on for the year.

So, as you can see Steve and his event staff have a schedule for almost every month this year. We try to have a variety of club activities so that everyone in the club can pick and choose what they want



to attend. I know everyone has a busy schedule and cannot find the time to make everything we do, and that's fine, but we just want everyone to know we have tried to have something for every member to participate in. Also at this time, I know I'm speaking for everyone in the club that have participated in any events, how much we appreciate all the work Steve and the event planning committee have done, and for all their work and dedication to make every event run as smooth as possible.

So as many of you know by now, club dues are due on April 30 of every year. We have several members who have not renewed their membership for the year. We always give a 3 month grace period so everyone who has forgotten or just haven't made it to a meeting to pay their membership has a chance to do so. After 3 months we will take you off of our email list, figuring you have decided not to be a member any longer. I know clubs are not for everyone and we all understand this and hope each and everyone that was a member in 2016 renews. But I believe this organization is very unique in the sense that it's members are some of the nicest people I have ever met. The knowledge that the members in our club have about Chevelle's are second to none, and we have the best sources of Chevelle parts and vendors there are in the Kansas City area. Over this year, I have helped sell or lead several members to buy Chevelles. Every year the money we make over the year on our car show, or extra money we have left over goes back to the membership in a form of help to pay for the Christmas party. So as you can see, the \$35 it cost is the best bargain you can get for owning a Chevelle. So again for those who have not paid this year's dues yet I hope you reconsider about dropping your membership.

Well that's it for this month, and hope to see you at upcoming events that are planned.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

There seems to be a fine line we walk when building musclecars. You can several ways-- restore your car back to the way it was made when it was delivered, resto-mod it with some updates to improve drive ability and function, go full pro-street / pro-touring, or any variation in between. Where you stop and where you draw the line are key to making your ride a timeless piece to be appreciated for the ages. A couple of steps too far in any given direction, and you run the risk of dating your car or tying it to a certain era.

What I'm faced with this month is exactly this issue. While the vehicle in question isn't a Chevelle, it's still an A Body cousin- and the lessons learned still apply.

Just a few days ago, I was contacted by a guy that had a car that he wanted to trade me. Always in the hunt for a deal, I told him to send the info over. After some negotiations, what I ended up with is almost hard to believe or comprehend.

What this guy traded me is a 1968 Olds Cutlass 442. I've had some Olds Gold in the past, so I was interested from the beginning. Mind you, however, that this is not your father's Oldsmobile. This car was built in the 90's, is tubbed, has fat meaty tires on the back, shaved door handles, and some nice framework. Another big positive of this car is the drivetrain-- a fresh-ish 455 that's been massaged to push 500 plus horsepower at the wheels. This car fires up and sounds mean-- and gets on down the road in short order.

The rest of it is where I have hit a snag on what to do. This thing is, for lack of a better word, Salmon? colored. You may call it "Coral" or something else, but it's basically pink. Everywhere.



Pink grille. Pink bumpers. Pink window trim. Pink valve covers, and so on, and so forth. The unfortunate thing is that whoever did this car did it right-- frame off, engine out, so no metal part of this car could escape it's salmony future. On top of this, there is a super-dated side stripe that carries over into the engine compartment. Ugh.



The interior isn't much better-- covered in a red-like tweed everywhere, The seats, door panels, headliner, heck-even the guage pods in the dash---all tweed.



So, what do you do with something like this? Gut it and make it more contemporary or appealing? Wait around for that 90s swag to come back into style? Or embrace what it is, buy a matching tuxedo, and roll into every car show you can in style?



I'm really not sure what I'm going to do just yet, but there was too much good in this car to pass it up. Let me know what you think-- in the meantime, I've scheduled a tux fitting to get ready for the next car show.

See ya soon!

Ed

New Members

When you have a chance, reach out and welcome Randall Cummins to MACC. Randall has a Blue 68 SS and is looking forward to some of our future outings. Randall can be reached at rrc21520@gmail.com.




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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

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

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.

