

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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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
July 27, 2017
MINUTES

Did not receive in time for the new letter. Will be included in next month's newsletter.

August events attended by MACC

July 29th – Guest Car Club for lunch at Twin Peaks in Olathe, KS



August 12th ----Guest Club at the Mustang Club of Greater KC Cruise night – Brian Findley received the Sponsor Club Pic Award. One member must have had a tough day at the office.

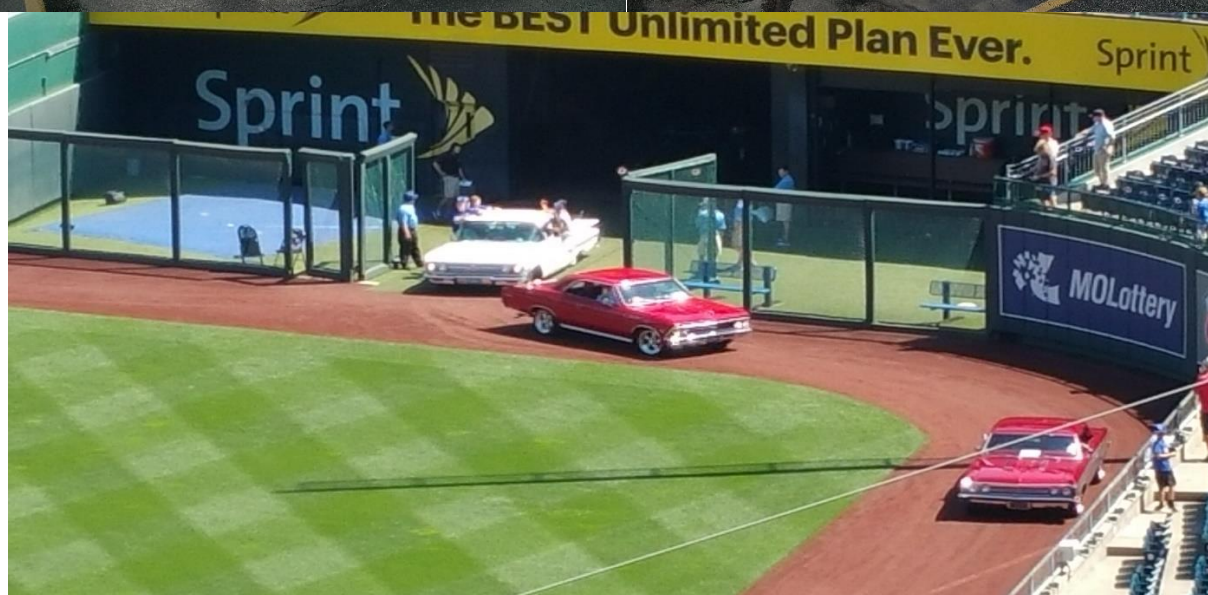


August 19th -----Alma Car Show, Alma, KS – Approximately 400 cars took over the town of Alma, Kansas





August 20th ----- Cruise to the K – Members Ron Moore and Brian Findley received enough votes during the car show to drive the warning track before the game.



August 25th ----- Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS – A great night in Wellsville, there were 225 cars.



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

September

September 9th ----- Merriam Car Show - 17th Annual Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show, Merriam Market Place, 57400 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS. Parking opens at 7:30 a.m. Show 10a.m. to 4:30. We will discuss parking at the August meeting.

September 16th ----- Old Marais River Run Show, Ottawa, KS Meet for breakfast at Old 56 Highway Family Restaurant at 7a.m. More info to follow.

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) – More to follow

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

Back Next Month

Vice-President's Column

In my never-ending quest to work on every other project besides what I should be working on, guess what? I started a new project.

This time, it's a long-overdue upgrade to an old favorite. Since the day I bought the wagon, it hasn't had heat. The heater core gave up during the test drive, I bypassed it, and it's been that way ever since. The A/C did work (sort of), but airflow was poor, and the temperature coming out of the vents was tepid at best. I just so happened to have a new in the box Vintage Air system that I purchased for another car, but never installed. First order of business-- start digging out boxes!



Getting out the kit was the first part of this job, and a not so easy one. The receipt was still stuck to the side of one of the boxes, and it showed that I bought this system in March of

2012! After 5 years of sitting, the kit had been pushed WAY back on the shelf at the back of the shop, under a stack of floorpans and miscellaneous parts. Thankfully, my curiosity hadn't got the best of me when the kit originally arrived, and everything was still factory sealed- minimizing the spider infestation.



After laying out and inventorying all of the parts, it was time to get down to business. I started under the hood--where step number one is to remove all of the original components. Off comes the grille, for access to the original condenser. After wrestling that out of it's home, off came the boat anchor of a compressor, with the associated brackets and original lines. With the easy stuff out of the way, it was time to get serious. Passenger front tire came off next, followed by the inner fender for access to the A/C box. The A/C box and wiring harness for it came off fairly easily. I was careful to take my time removing the unit without breaking any of the tabs or damaging any of the components- I have no plans to ever use that setup again, but someone doing a correct restoration may want it.



Now that there is a big square hole in the firewall where the big 'ol box was, it was time to focus my efforts on the cabin side of things. For more room to work, I removed the front seats and lowered the steering column. After removing the dash pad, I located all of the bolts holding the lower dash in place, and after disconnecting a few hundred wires, removed the dash as a unit. With clear and open access to the interior heater box, the rest of the original kit came off like a breeze. With everything stripped out of the car, now is a great time to clean up some stereo wiring, tidy things up, and loom / secure some items under the hood. I won't let the snowball grow too big on me here- with the only adds before re-installation of the dash being getting the tach operational and checking the fuel gauge.



Now, it's time to start modifying some of the original components to accept the new system, and that's where my journey ends for today. I did, however, mount the new control panel in the dash, and marveled at how smooth the knobs move, since they are all electronic and have no

cables or levers to align. Looks good in the dash, I think-- since the car is far from original, I'm willing to give up a little of the factory look for the promise of a working defroster along with a modern heat and A/C system.

I'll be sure to keep you posted on my progress-- the plan is to have it done and operational for our trip to Omaha for the regional in a few weeks. Considering it only took my about 5 hours to get to this point, and we have a 3 day weekend coming up, should be no problem. I know, I know - famous last words!

Wish me luck!

Ed

New Members

No new member in August.



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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.

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.

