

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

OCTOBER 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

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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

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
August 31, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 27 persons present, which included two guests.

Introductions were made of members and guests. Guest Ethan Butler stated he has a 1976 El Camino.

Kirby DeMott provided an update on his 1972 Heavy Chevy restoration. He indicated he is making a lot of progress, parts are painted, and added he still has a few more pieces to acquire and assemble.

Roger Verstraete overviewed the recent "Chevelle" magazine. He noted within the magazine, an article focused on a 1970 project car that was made with 1969-1972 parts. He noted the article stated these types of projects are usually crushed, but the noted car made it though.

Chair Verstraete informed the members that Brian Finley is working on certification credentials for providing vehicle appraisals.

There was also a discussion about "salvage titles" and "certificate of destruction" in regards to insurance claims. This was discussed due to recent flooding events.

Mr. Verstraete also informed those present that he has communicated with Nebraska officials in regards to the September regional, and indicated at this time there are 65 pre-registrations.

Chair Verstraete talked about upcoming "car events." Those noted were: American Royal BBQ w/ car show; City of Merriam/Turkey Creek Car Show; Old 'Marias Show in Ottawa, Regional in Nebraska with a Thursday departure, to include a museum tour on the way.

Lynn Clark informed the members there is car show for a charity event, hosted by the University of Kansas Medical Center on October 7, 2017 at Furniture Deals at 103rd and Metcalf, Overland Park.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Ethan Butler won an MACC hat; the monthly drawing had no winner.

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



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MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
September 28th, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 31 persons present.

September events were discussed, which include: American Royal Barbecue Car Show, hosted in Kansas City, Kansas; 'Ol Marais Car Show, hosted in Ottawa, Kansas; Turkey Creek Car Show, hosted in Shawnee, Kansas; and Chevelle Regional, hosted in La Vista, Nebraska. It was reported that the Ottawa Show had 2,123 cars in attendance and the Shawnee Show had 280 cars in attendance. It was also noted there were many Chevelles at those two events.

The Regional Show, hosted by the Heartland Chevelle Club, was a success as a great show by those attending. They noted the location was good, as was the food at the Friday night mixer. The final count of vehicles present was a total of 190, with a mixture of Chevelles, El Caminos, Sprints, Beaumonts, and Monte Carlos. The Club Participation Award was awarded the Mid-America Chevelle Club.

Briefly discussed were plans for the 2018 Mid-America Chevelle Club Show. Discussion included potential location and sponsorship contacts.

Upcoming events were announced. Those include the annual Fall Color Tour, Osage Beach, Lake of the Ozarks, for October 20-22; Fall Party on October 28, 2017 at John Freeman's home; Club Holiday Party on December 2, 2017, at Hollywood Casino (club pays for two seats, extras by members), and October 7 at Twin Peaks for lunch.

Rick Byfield talked about the Friday night car cruises at the shopping center at 151st and Mur-Len in Olathe, Kansas, until the weather is no longer "cruisable."

The World of Wheels annual show is scheduled for February 9 – 11, 2018. It was noted last year, eight cars from the Club were at the show.

The treasurer's report was accepted. The treasurer reported 71 current members.

The drawing for \$35.00 was held; member Jim Stack was the winner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. followed by a cruise and food/beverages at Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



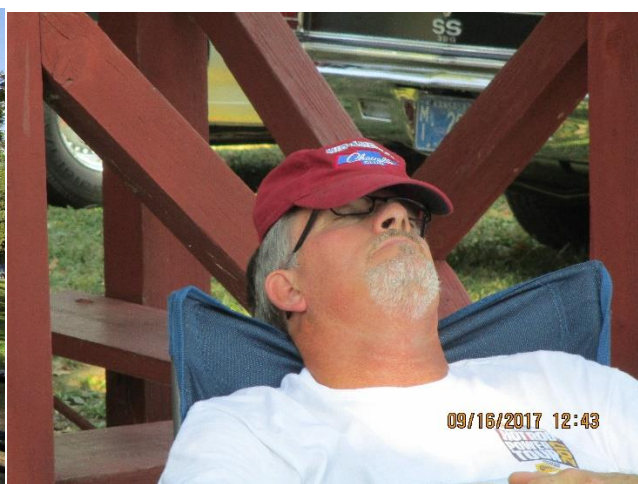
September/October events attended by MACC

September

September 9th ----- Merriam Car Show - 17th Annual Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show, Merriam Market Place, 57400 Merriam Drive, Merriam, KS. Club had a great showing.



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







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



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2017

October

October 28th ----- Fall Party at John Freeman's located in Spring Hill Kansas.

MACC Fall Party
Host: John Freeman
913-207-3374

When: Saturday, October 28 at 4:00 PM
Where: John Freeman's House
22481 West 239th Street Hillsdale, KS 66083

November

December

December 2nd ----- Christmas Party at Hollywood Casino.



***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,

As this year's car season comes to an end, we have had another great year of events and club participation. Starting back in February at the World of Wheels Car Show, there were eight club members showing their cars and all of us came home with awards.



We toured the Boulevard Brewing Company, Steamboat Arabia Museum and went to the Mecum auto auction in March. One of my favorite places this year was the April tour to Warm Springs Ranch in Booneville, Missouri where the Budweiser Clydesdales' horses are bred.



What beautiful horses these are. They are treated like Royalty.

In the month of May, we decided it was time to meet our good friends from the Loafers car club from Hannibal Missouri. This group of guys have been coming to our car show for years, and always bringing 7 to 10 Chevelles. So this year, we decided to go to their show that they put on each year. The car show is held in downtown Hannibal right next to the Mississippi river. They still have Steamboats that go up and down the river that you can go on a dinner cruise. This is one event we will be going back to again next year for sure. Here is a picture of Main Street packed with cars during the afternoon.



As we have done the last three years, we went to John and Phyllis Prouty's home for our annual club picnic in June. We had a great turn out where club members fished and were also able to do some skeet shooting. The following weekend, we made our annual trip to the Paola car show. This is always a great car show held in the downtown square of Paola.



Later in the month of June, we made our first trip to Weston, Missouri. There we visited the McCormick Distillery and then later that evening we went down to the cruise held on the main street in Weston. There I got to see one of the nicest 64 Corvettes I've ever seen. It had a 327, 4 speed, with factory A/C and knock off wheels with red line tires, white paint with red interior. It was just as nice as the day it was built.



As July and August came around we did a few car shows and cruises like we usually do. We cut back on the number of events because of the heat, but were able to attend the Mustang cruise night held on a Saturday evening. We were one of the guest car clubs that they invite each month. Brian Findley's car was their



favorite pick. In August we made our annual trip to Wellsville for their Friday night car show. This is always a great car show put on by the city with the help of some local residence like some of our own club members, Allen and Robin Call.

September is always a full month for events and this year was no exception. On Labor Day weekend we attended the American Royal BBQ contest held at the Kansas Speedway. The car show was put on by the Kansas City Automobile Museum as a fundraiser for their organization. There were 150 cars there and it was really hard to resist the BBQ while sitting there smelling all that great BBQ!



The next weekend was the Merriam car show. We had a big club turn out for this event. The weather was prefect and it is also the same weekend that LinDan Auto Repair has there open house. So there is always a ton a great cars and I have to say Chevelles were in full display at both locations. John Freeman, the owner of Midwestern Mechanical, one of our club members and club sponsors. He runs and is the host for this event. This year they had 270 quality cars in downtown Merriam. The car show held at the Farmers Market and spills out on to the Merriam Lane. The city of Merriam does a great job on this event and should be very happy on how the car show grows in attendance each year. Several of our club members won some top awards there.



The third weekend in September was the biggest car show in Kansas by far. It was the Ol'Maris River Run Car show held in Ottawa Kansas. Over 2,000 cars were there for the three day car show. MACC club was well represented with around 20 member's cars there. Several stayed for the Saturday night cruise that goes from 6 to 10. We did have some rain that afternoon for about 30 minutes, but glad to report that no member's cars melted from the rain.

As all of you know, we did not have our annual car show this year for the first time in 15 years. After hosting the 2016 Chevelle Regional last year, it was time for a break. Heartland Chevelle Club wanted to host the 2017 Regional in Omaha, Nebraska. I have to admit, it was really nice just to roam around and look at all the fantastic Chevelle's at the Regional instead of running a car show for a change. Heartland Chevelle club did a great job hosting and running this year's Regional. Connie and her staff worked really hard. It was their first time to host a regional car show and they should feel very proud of their efforts. Our club won the club participation award with 15 to 20 member's cars there. Several of our members won awards with Rick Byfield winning the best engine award and top 3 in modified class for his 1966.



Our club wanted to do something special for this year's regional, so we picked out our favorite '67, since it's the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Chevelle.



The winner of this award was Kenny Goeperich. Kenny bought this car after returning from the Vietnam War. The picture he is holding is a picture of him and his car when it was new. We were able to get almost everyone in for a group picture one night before we all went out to dinner.



There were some outstanding Chevelle's there, I counted eight 1970 convertibles alone. Total count for the regional was 190 Chevelle's. Here are some of my favorites.



The gold '70 is Thomas Rightler's award winning car. Thomas trailered his car all the way from New Jersey. The red '70 is Jon Eide's and he has been to our car show several times. His car is the nicest '70 convertible I have ever seen. It's just perfect.



The Gray car is a '67 Beaumont. I have never seen a '67 Beaumont until this show. The white '67 that Eugene is checking out was our second pick for our club award.



Here is Kent Scott making a final phone call before heading back to KC. This is the longest trip his red '70 has been on in the last 20 years. Check out those **new tires and wheels!!!!**

This year's Fall Party and Chili Cook-off is going to be at John Freeman's home again in Hillsdale, KS on Saturday October 28th. We invite everyone to join us for some good eats and a warm fire. You can come any time after 4:30 and we will plan on eating at 6pm. If you have a good chili recipe and would like to compete in the contest, please respond to the evite that we have sent you. First place will receive a \$50.00 gift card and second and third will be a \$25.00 gift card. If you don't want to compete in the cook-off, then you can bring a dessert or garnishes/sides that go with chili. Directions and other details are in the evite that was sent. If you have any questions on what to bring or need directions you can call me at 913-207-3374.

Our last event of the year will be our Christmas party on December 2nd at the Hollywood Casino. We have made arrangements with them to go through the buffet line, and they have a special room for us that will hold up to 110 guests. At the last meeting we agreed that the dinner will be free for two members of your family. More details will be coming out later. Like the last few years, we will be having a White Elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate in this please bring a gift. It can be a new, old, or a re-gift of your choosing, or even some nice Chevelle parts. Please no motors or transmissions, that might be a little much. This year, we are asking everyone to make your gift have a value of between \$15 to \$25. Make sure you save that date, this is a lot of fun and you don't want to miss it! I hope to see everyone at our last two events of the year.

We also have a meeting this Thursday night, October 26th at Hendrick's Chevrolet at 7pm. I will be going over some changes that we will be discussing about paying dues and car show payments on line. We will also be giving the location of the 2018 Mid America Chevelle Car Show location. Hope to see everyone there since this is the last meeting of a very successful year.

Vice-President's Column

Vintage Air wrap- up!

For those of you following along with my latest wrench- turning adventure, where we left of last installment was: Car disassembled, dash pulled, and likely never to be whole again. Have faith! I stuck with this one until the end, and actually completed a project. Gold star for me, and here's how it went.

Once the dash is out, all the modifications begin. The biggest change there has to do with the glove box. To make room for the new unit under the dash, you need to cut 2" off the back of the glove box. Not a big deal, and they supply a nice finish off plate for the back of it when done. Next up concerning the dash is to modify the existing vents to accept the new hoses- again with the supplied adapters. All went together well, and after tidying up some wiring behind the dash, it was ready to be re-installed.

The next step was to mount the new unit under the dash. It fits in there nicely, and they supply a nice block off plate for the huge hole in the firewall left by the original air box. All of the lines, both heater hose and A/C run through a round plate that is hidden behind the fender in the original location for the blower fan. This allows you to hide all of those supply lines if you are looking for the smooth firewall look. I ran the lines out and dropped them close to where they should go. After connecting the heater hoses, I assembled the A/C lines and oriented the ends how I wanted them. After marking the lines, I broke out a tool that was probably some of the smartest money that I've spent in a while. Instead of mocking up the A/C lines and pulling them off, taking them somewhere to be crimped, then wrestling them back into place, I decided that I should just buy the crimping tool. Bought this gem on Amazon for a fraction of what Vintage Air wanted, and man did it work sweet. It came with multiple sized dies for different sized lines, and made perfect crimps, which both function and look great. I don't have any idea how you would get those lines reinstalled through the access plate with the ends on, so thankfully, I didn't have to find out.





I mounted the compressor and related bracketry, as well as the condenser up front. After making the electrical connections and re-installing the dash, I was just about ready to roll- with the exception of the belts. This was a challenge that I didn't see coming! They can't tell you what belt you need, as most setups differ slightly. It seemed like a half dozen trips to the auto parts store and lots of fiddling and adjusting, but I finally got a pair of belts that fit just right and left me some adjustment. I properly tensioned the belts, vacuumed the system down, charged it up and voila! Ice cold air.



Got this all wrapped up just in time for a late summer cruise to La Vista, NE for the regionals, and I gave it a good test. The system performed flawlessly and worked like a champ. The only snag I ran into was installer error, I must not have torqued the long pivot bolt for the compressor well enough, as the nut was missing when I got to Nebraska and the bolt had worked almost all the way out. After searching out a suitable replacement nut (Thank you, Mr. Gragg) and reassembling the compressor mount, I was back in business with no further issues.

The long and the short of this project is this: I'm impressed. The kit was designed exactly for MY CAR, with no guesswork involved. That, coupled with some of the best instructions I've ever seen, and you've got a good product. Each section had it's own booklet, complete with pictures for those like me that need a little extra help. The install was not hard, but was time consuming, with install time in the 16-20 hour range. I don't mind it though, because to me time spent in the shop working on my old cars is rarely time wasted. I hope this answers a few questions for those of you

looking for a few more creature comforts in your ride, and if I can clarify or answer anything for you, hit me up anytime!

See you all soon-

Ed

New Members

No new member in August.




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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



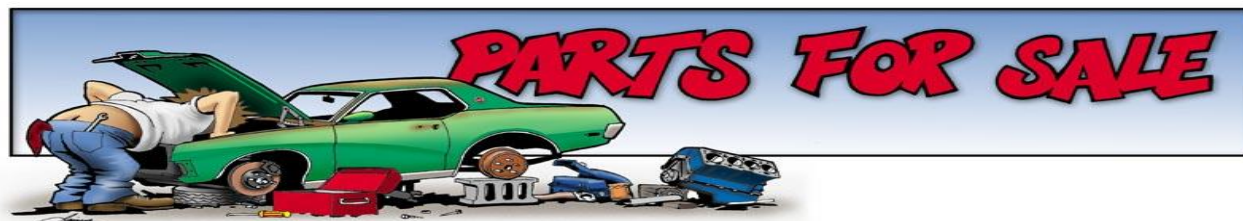
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



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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