

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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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.



2018 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
??????
MINUTES

No minutes yet for 2018.

December event attended by MACC

December ---- Thanks to all who helped plan MACC's 2017 Christmas party held at the Hollywood Casino. The event had approximately 70 members in attendance. A great time was had by all.





Happy Birthday Dean



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2018

February 9-11: World of Wheels Bartle Hall, KC, MO 8 cars

February---24: Moon Marble Co/ Wagners Classic Cars- Bonner Springs, KS

March -----10: Tour Ft Leavenworth, KS

April-----6: First Friday Cruise In to (members house)??

April-----14: Shatto Milk Farm tour Osburn, MO

May-----4: First Friday Cruise In to Roger and Janet Verstraete's Shawnee, KS

May-----6: Cruise the Burg Car Show, Louisburg, KS Sunday Event

May---11-12: Hannibal Car Show, Hannibal, MO Friday and Saturday

May -----12: Pete and Jakes Car Show, Peculiar, MO

June-----2: MACC picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty's, Raymore, MO

June-----9: Paola Car Show, Paola, KS

July-----6: First Friday Cruise in to John and Debra Gragg's, Olathe, KS

July---20-21: Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN

July-----28: The Great Car Show at WW1 Memorial

August----3: First Friday Cruise in to Russ and Vickie Peters Belton, MO

August----18: Hot Alma Nights Alma, KS

August----19: Cruise the K

August----24: Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS Friday Event

September 6,7,8: Midwest Chevelle Regional Wichita, KS

September ----8: Turkey Creek Car Show, Merriam, KS

September----15: Ol'Marais River Run Show Ottawa Car Show 15th

September---21,22 or 28,29 TBD: MACC Show Nebraska Furniture Lot, Kansas City, KS

October 19, 20,21: Fall Color Tour, Lake of the Ozarks

October -----27: MACC Fall Party

November

December-----1: MACC Christmas Party Hollywood Casino at the Speedway Kansas City, KS
6pm

Other Events and Cruise can be added through the year

Every Friday night is you are looking for something to do, you can cruise into Olathe, KS: Michael Day Friday night cruise. New location in 2018: 16150 W 135th. Applebee's offering 10% discount.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

Well I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you have all been well and not gotten the nasty flu that's going around. Well, like in years past, I usually take this time to do some work on my cars and this year is no exception. The blue convertible had a few issues that needed to be addressed. So I have been working hard to fine tune my car. First of all, last summer the car developed an oil leak and after some time it was determined that it had a stress crack in the oil pan. Bet you never heard of that one before. So the next step was to pull the motor and order a new oil pan. While I had the engine out of the car, I also did a few modifications to it like rebuilding the engine. Nothing major- just a new crankshaft, rebuilding the heads and a few other minor adjustments.

After reinstalling the engine and hooking everything back up, it was time to detail the engine compartment and do a little touch up painting. I also had an issue with the cowl induction air cleaner fitting properly. It was a little tall and when you closed the hood it, almost pushed the hood up in the middle. I took this time to modify the air cleaner by cutting it apart and dropping the outside edge of the air cleaner 1". That gave me clearance to close the hood without it pushing up on the center of the hood. The rubber seal still fit nice and snug against the underside of the hood and I must admit it came out prefect. One other issue I had was one of my hood hinges was sprung. I found a guy by the name of Willie Wilson who lives on the East coast that rebuilds these hinges and again they turned out perfect. I'm sure the hood closes better now than the day it was built. I would highly recommend him. So, after rebuilding the engine, remedying the cowl induction air cleaner and rebuilding the hood hinges, I'm hoping everything under the hood is fixed and will perform like it should.



I would love to tell you that it was all I had to do to my convertible this year, but it wasn't. I will admit since this is the first car I have ever built, I knew there would be some issues that would come up from time to time and that was expected. I really took my time and was lucky enough to have Jim Huber do the body work and paint. In my opinion, there is no one better in the KC area that can do what Jim does. The body and paint are very important because that's what people see. But it's the other stuff that's almost killing me.

For those who I talk to on a regular basis, you heard my story on my power windows. I had three of the original motors and regulators but was missing the driver door unit, and wiring harness and switches. So at the time, I decided it would be a good idea just to buy an aftermarket kit and just replace the old with the new. I sure didn't want any problem with them after I had the interior installed and replacing 47 year old parts at the time just made sense to me. Of all the things I did and the decision I made building this car I can honestly say it was the biggest mistake I made to buy an aftermarket power window kit. I know Rick Byfield and John Gragg had good luck with theirs, but the one I bought was the biggest piece of ##### out there. I replaced four motors and 2 gear assemblies. After all that, they still didn't work right. So, during the summer I replaced the front two with the original 47 year old stock ones and guess what? They worked fine. The back two I saved for this winter. After many, many hours I had them replaced and kind of adjusted to fit. The hardest part of installing power windows is the adjustment. There are about six different adjustments and a thousand different ways to get them to work probably. Jim Huber came over to help with the adjustment and after about five hours we were close. I truly believe if it was a hard top this would have been much easier to do. Since it's a convertible, it just adds a whole different dimension to this. Only time will tell if all the modifications I made to my car were worth the time and money. But like most of you know, owning a Chevelle that's close to 50 years old they're going to be some issues along the way.

On some club news. We are still working to tie down a date for this year's car show. Plans are to have it at the Nebraska Furniture parking lot on the fourth weekend in September. The issue is, the American Royal BBQ contest is moving their date and we don't want to have it the same weekend as the American Royal BBQ. Until they have set a date, we are on hold for now. Steve Calder and his event staff had their meeting setting up this year events. Look it over and make some plans to attend some club events this year. Steve had some new ideas and I think everyone will enjoy the events that are planned. Looking forward to another fun year and driving my two Chevelles.

Roger



Vice-President's Column

We started a tradition in our little family a couple of years ago- one where we like to get away if we can for a short vacation right around the Holidays. The kids are out of school, work slows down a touch, and the weather is usually more agreeable anywhere south of KC.

This year, we were able to put together a mini-vacation coupled with a little bit of work. Our youngest son's high school band was invited to play the halftime show at the Camping World bowl in Orlando, so we signed on to be chaperones (along with some other parents) for roughly 100 young people on the trip. My wife and I did opt out of the 24 hour bus ride with all the kiddos and flew down on our own. We met up with the group 2 days after Christmas and did our duty for the next few days keeping an eye on our group while they went to practice for the show, went to Universal Studios, saw the Blue Man Group, and went to the beach. It was a fun filled and hectic few days, but all went well and we sent them all (minus our son) back on the bus and started our own vacation.

One of the highlights of this trip was the day that we spent touring Daytona Speedway. If you ever make it down that way, it's a great tour, and here's what it entails!

We popped for the VIP tour, which puts you in an air-conditioned bus (or heated- which was great, as it was 50 degrees and windy that day) as opposed to an open tram. The tour starts off at the heritage center, where they have all kinds of racing memorabilia and a few of the early Daytona 500 winning cars on display. The next stop on the tour was the Speedway itself, where we got to ride around on the track and see the 33 degree banks that Daytona has. They let us out at the finish line, and we were able to climb an 18 degree bank, which was still pretty darn steep!

No trip would be complete without a photo op at Winner's Circle, and from there we got to check out the press area, where I pretended to field multiple questions about the MACC. Everyone on the tour was super impressed. We also got to go up and tour the VIP area and the press boxes, where you have an awesome view of the track. The tour concludes at the Daytona 500 museum, where they have a pretty impressive display of automobilia, and the current 500 winning car on display, just as it came off victory lane.

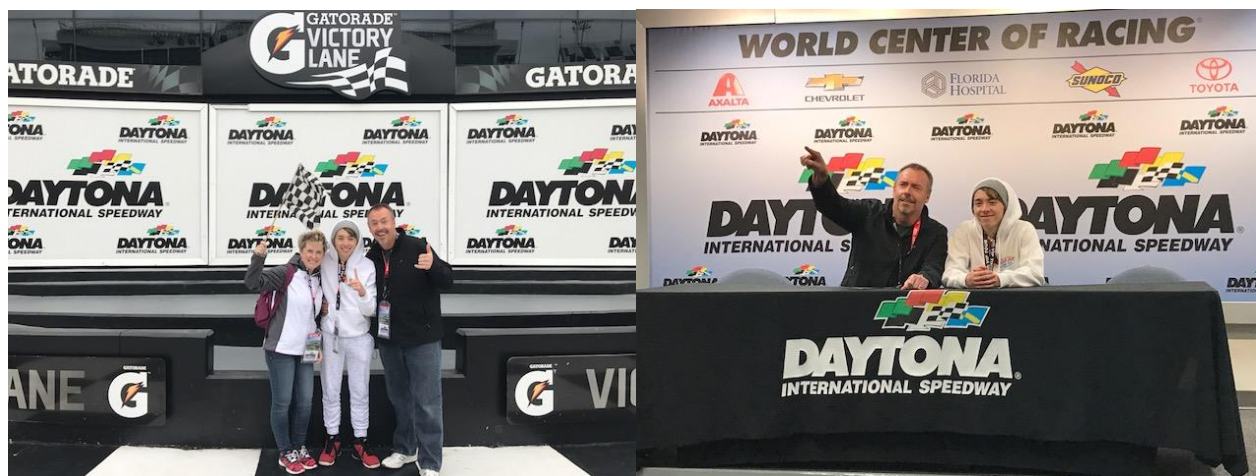


Figure 1: Winner's Circle - Fielding Questions about MACC

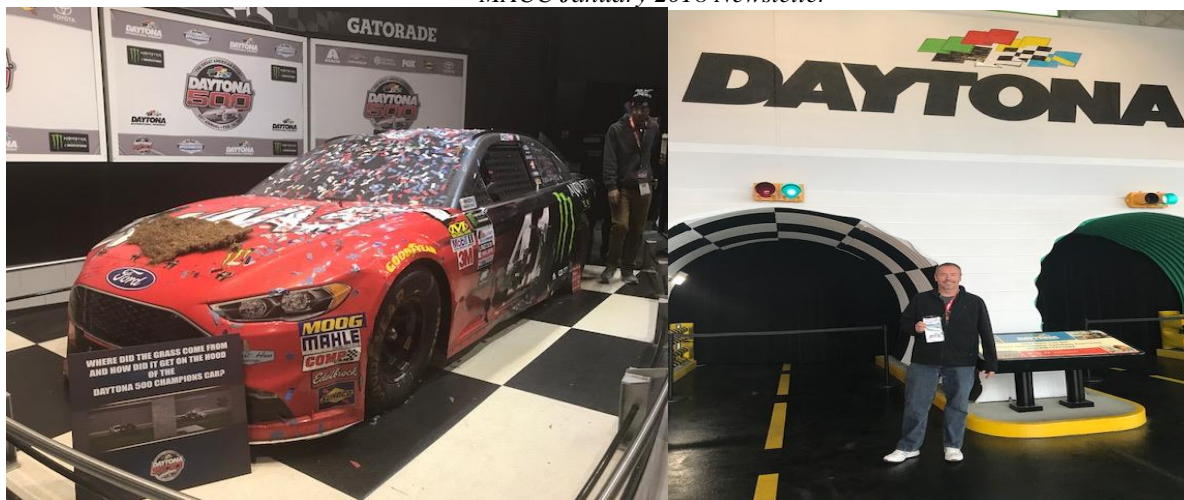


Figure 2: Current Daytona 500 winner's car - Kurt Busch!

Well worth a stop if you are ever in the area-- look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Ed

New Members

Ethan Butler

14915 S Quivira Rd

Olathe KS 66062

913-213-7097

e-mail ethanbutler1999@gmail.com

Member # 435 good to 4/30/2019

Black 1976 ElCamino with blue flames, purchased August 2017

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows

Found out about club thru the Web site

Kevin Welp

15109 West 131st

Olathe, Ks 66062

Cell 913-526-7875

Member #436 good to 4/30/2019

He did not provide an e-mail address. I have asked him for one and will update you if he will provide one to me.

1969 Malibu, Maroon with white vinyl top. White Interior, 350 automatic (350 turbo). Just purchased off craigslist from Albany NY.

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours

Found out about club: Club Members Randy, Roger and myself.


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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



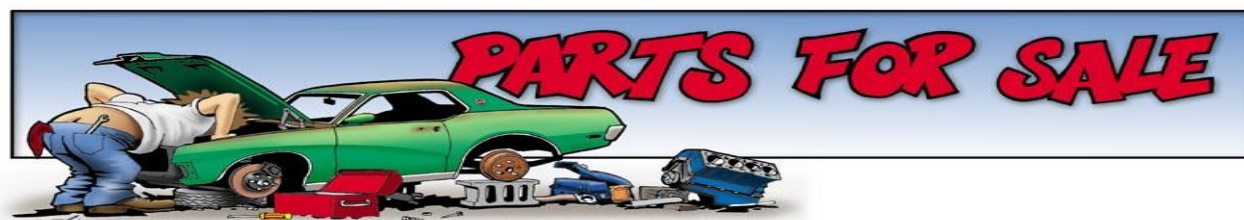
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



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.

Stainless fuel line for 396/350

Compact sub – RetroSound https://www.crutchfield.com/p_068SUB8100/RetroSound-SUB-8100.html - \$100

Front and Rear shock, KYB GR-2 – used 1 year -

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 Chevells and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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If you are looking for a project, this might be just for you.

1972 Chevelle – non SS car.

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The Chevelle was a one owner car with 68,000 miles it has a 454 4speed it is only a chevelle no SS. The motor and tranny are not original it has bucket seats all black interior, ps, pb, has had quarters and outer wheel wells replaced - painted factory Forrest green.

Contact: Steve at 785-566-8317 home or 785-418-1433 cell

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