

# 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](mailto:findley13703@gmail.com)

## **Board Information**

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Chair:</b>     | Roger Verstraete |
| <b>Co-Chair:</b>  | Ed Smoot         |
| <b>Secretary:</b> | Debbie Gragg     |
| <b>Treasurer:</b> | Eugene Hallouer  |
| <b>At Large:</b>  | Randy Cummings   |
| <b>At Large:</b>  | 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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Shawnee, KS 66216

Reminder – Club dues are to be submitted 4/30.



## **2018 Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB  
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS  
April 26, 2018  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 31 persons present. Guest Robert Lucero introduced himself and stated he has two El Caminos. Members introduced themselves.

Mr. Verstraete thanks all for the concerns of his health and welfare and indicated he is still fighting his ailment, and stated his father is sick. He indicated he appreciates all the calls and thoughts.

The members were informed that member Kirby DeMott's father recently passed away. Kirby thanked all for the thoughts and condolences.

It was reported that member, Mike Murchison, has had health issues this year and is making improvement.

The members were also informed that a friend of member Tony DeSpain, who was a World War II Veteran, passed away earlier in the week. Those present were informed that Tony helped him (and his wife) with errands and other assistance for about five years.

Election of club officers was considered. It was announced all positions are open including the vacant at-large position. It was noted that none of the positions currently staffed are not willing to continue. Randy Cummings announced his nomination for the vacant position. By vote of present membership, the standing board was re-elected and Mr. Cummings fills the vacant position.

The September car show was discussed. It was reported fliers are available and 250 post cards were mailed. It was noted there is no host hotel, due to lack of lower room rates. It was stated that individuals are getting better rates. The parking lot at Nebraska Furniture Mart (show location) can accommodate 250 spaces, as well as trailer parking.

Brian Findley overviewed the past events in the absence of Steve Calder. The Shatto Milk Company tour was well received. The Friday Cruise at Your Classic Ride had a good turn-out. The next event is scheduled for May 4 at the Verstraete's. Due to the club picnic at the Prouty residence, there will be no June First Friday Cruise. Updates to the First Friday Cruise will be announced.

The treasurer's report was accepted. It was announced there are 43 current members, adding memberships are due by the end of April.

The minutes as posted in the newsletter were approved.

It was reported Dale McIntosh sent a thank you note, and stated he is looking forward to the upcoming show.

The members were informed Barbara Call is having health issues due to her back.

During an earlier meeting, it was questioned about the ratio of membership attributed to Kansas and Missouri. Those attending were informed the following: Membership totals: 70% Kansas,



30% Missouri; Outside metropolitan area: 61% Kansas, 22% Missouri, 5.66% from Illinois, Utah, and Minnesota.

The drawing for \$25.00 was won by John Freeman.

There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Immediately following, many cruised and met at Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg  
Secretary

### **May events attended by MACC**

May-----4: Great turnout for the Crusin to Roger and Janet Verstraete's. Thank to Roger and Janet for hosting.





May-----6: Cruise the Burg Car Show American Legion Park





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



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

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2018**

June-----2: MACC picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty's 1400 N Kurzweil Road, Raymore, MO  
Arrive anytime after 12 noon and we will eat around 4 p.m. Club will provide the meat, buns condiments and eating utensils. Bring a side dish or dessert and your own drinks. Bring your lawn chairs.

RSVP to Roger Verstraete at 913-207-3374 cell or text

June-----9: Paola Car Show, Paola, KS. Meet at We B Smokin BBQ(they have a great breakfast) at 7:30 a.m. We will then head downtown to line up after breakfast.

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

July-----14: Guest Club of Mustang Club of Greater KC 10400 Mastin St. Overland Park, KS

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

July-----29: The Great Car Show at WW1 Memorial. You must preregister on line to go to this show. [www.thegreatcarshow.com](http://www.thegreatcarshow.com) Sunday show



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

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

August----26: Cruise the K , Sunday Event

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: MACC Show Nebraska Furniture Lot, Kansas City, KS

October 5-----:First Friday Cruise In to Randy Cummings Olathe, 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

## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

May has been a busy month for the club, as far as activities goes. The month started off with the first Friday night cruise at our house. The weather was great and the Mexican cuisine was a big hit too. Want to thank everyone that brought all the great side dishes and as usual we had plenty food. I don't think anyone left hungry. We had a large turn out with about 40 club members and bunch of nice Chevelles in my driveway. My neighbors got a big kick out all the classic cars in the neighborhood.







On May 7th we attended the Louisburg car show that was held at the American Legion Post. There were 10 club members there and Steve and I were in the top five of best of show.



Then on 12th of May, we went to Hannibal, Missouri for the Loafers Car Show. The car show was held in downtown Hannibal right next to the Mississippi River. This was the second year in a row that we attended the Loafers Car Show, and we had 10 cars entered. There were some really nice cars at this year's show and our club did very well when it came time for awards. Eugene, Rick, and Jody Terrill won first place in their class. John and I were tied for second in ours. Eugene won one of the specialty awards as well, getting the best engine award.





Here is Ed picking up Jodie Terrill's award, he was so excited.



The really good news of any road trip we take is that everyone makes it there safe and sound, and no major break downs. We did have a few bumps and bruises though. Steve's A/C compressor went out, Gordon had some smoke come out of his steering wheel, Jodie had some vapor lock issues going on and I had a fuel pump that was leaking oil out of the side vent hole. There was even one of



us who got stopped by the Hi-Way Patrol to see if he wanted to buy tickets to the Policeman's Ball. I think everyone had a great time and all these issues just add to the fun of going on a road trip.

On June 2nd, the annual club picnic will be held at John and Phyllis Prouty's home. You can arrive any time after noon and we will be eating around 4pm. The club will be providing the meat buns and condiments and eating utensils. All members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and your own drinks and lawn chairs. Please check your email from Steve on this event for all the details and directions. If you plan on attending, please text me with how many will be in your party so I can get an accurate count for food. My number is 913-207-3374.

Last week, I had a meeting with Robert Wieggers, the sales manager of Hendricks Chevrolet, about our club sponsorship. We have a good relationship with Hendricks and they appreciate that we use their services and give them a chance to price a new or used car when the time arises. The only thing they ask is when we have our monthly meeting that we do not park on the south and east side of the show room. They need to keep this area open for their customers. We can park in front of the body shop and around the corner of the body shop as needed. If there is not enough room please use the employees parking area just northeast of the main building. You can get to this parking area off of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Craig Street, just behind the used car parking lot.

Our club dues were due at the end of April and I know there are several who have not paid them yet. Club dues are \$35.00 for the year. I know some just wait until the next meeting to pay them or mail them in to Eugene. Or maybe you have just forgotten to send them in. If you would like, just mail your dues in to Eugene. Here is the address to do so.

Mid America Chevelle Club  
Eugene Hallouer  
12318 W 61st.  
Shawnee Kansas 66216

At last month's April meeting, John Freeman was the big winner of the drawing we have each month for people who attend. After each meeting we usually go down to Old Shawnee Pizza for dinner and a few adults beverages. As everyone was leaving they kept coming back to tell me that John had bought drinks and dinner for everyone. Everyone who attended was really appreciative and would like to thank John for his generosity. As everyone knows, John owns Mid Western Mechanical and works on a lot of member's cars and is one of our major sponsors of the club. Again, thank you John.

Well that about covers it for this month. I will be giving an update on this year's car show and club monthly business at the meeting on Thursday. May and June are usually well attended meetings. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Roger

## **Vice-President's Column**

The results of last month's elections are in! Thanks to your overwhelming support, it looks like I get to keep my office for another season. And, as such, you are now stuck with another column from me...see what you've done? This month, I'm covering the riveting topic of ride height and suspension!



One thing that I had noticed over the last couple of years, was that somehow, the front end of my wagon was on the rise. While most things tend to settle and head south as they age, my front end seemed to do the opposite! The only logical explanation that I could come up with is that the sheer length of the land yacht caused the front to head north when the rear went south. Regardless, I wasn't interested in raising the rear, so the front had to come down. Here's how I remedied the look of the perpetual launch.



The easiest and most direct path, it seemed, was to replace the front springs with lowering springs. A quick call to CPP yielded what I thought I was looking for...springs that have an advertised lowering rate of 1.5". I had already replaced the worn front suspension pieces a couple years ago, so replacing the springs was pretty straightforward. One thing I did find, however, was that the front shocks were blown, and proceeded to spew oil all the floor when removed. Thankfully, I had a set of Hotchkis front shocks laying around, so I put them to use. Got the springs and shocks back together in record time, took it on a test drive to seat everything in, came back and looked at the car's profile, and.....it looked exactly the same. Apparently, a 1.5" drop spring sits about the same as a 40 year old worn out front spring. Go figure.







As luck would have it, I also had a new set of CPP 2" drop spindles on hand. In my quest to bring the nose down, back apart came the front end. Now, in the instructions, they specifically talk about not using drop spindles with lowering springs, but what the hey. Plus, this also gave me an opportunity to repack and inspect the wheel bearings. With everything back together and on the ground, a short time later it was time for the test drive. Drove fine, stopped fine, so next it was off to alignment. On paper, the modifications add up to a whopping 3.5 inches of drop. It got me pretty close to where I wanted it to be, with only minor clearance issues at full compression. That will be a fight for another day.



In retrospect, I think next time, I will probably opt for coil overs and save all the repeated disassembly/reassembly time. Food for thought for the next build!

Hope to see everyone Thursday-

Ed

## **New Members**

Robert L. Lucero  
8012 Corona Ave  
Kansas City, Kansas 66112  
Cell 913-544-6751  
e-mail robutlee@gmail.com  
Member #440 good to 4/30/2019  
1971 ElCamino, White, Owned 7 years  
1983 ElCamino, Maroone, Owned 3 years  
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties





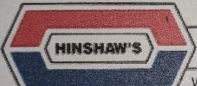
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**Roger Verstraete @ 913-207-3374**  
**or Jon Clark @ 816-516-9952.**  
**See back for registration details and event schedule, or visit website.**

### 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](mailto: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](https://www.crutchfield.com/p_068SUB8100/RetroSound-SUB-8100.html) - \$100

Frank Riley, Lenexa, KS 913-638-7596

Muncie Wide Ratio M-20 4 Speed Transmission \$600

Brand New Hurst Competition Plus 4 Speed Shifter \$300

70 Chevelle 4 Speed Transmission Crossmember \$100

(2) 1970 thru 1972 Chevelle Black Bucket Seat Cores w/ seat slides. \$350

For Sale: (4) Real Nice 15 x 7 Corvette Steel Rally Wheels: \$200

For Sale: (4) Nice Corvette Rally Derby Center Caps: \$100

For Sale: (2) Real Nice 15 x 8 Corvette Steel Rally Wheels: \$150

For Sale: (4) Real Nice 15 x 7 Corvette Steel Rally Wheels w/ good Dunlap Qualifier GT Tires: \$300

For Sale: (5) Stock 1970 YA date code 14" Steel SS Wheels: \$200.

For Sale: Rebuilt Never Fired February '70 Date Coded CRT 3963512 Casting 454 Short Block engine: \$1,500

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

I've got both my El Camino's for sale and wanted to see if you would share the links please.

I love them both but I need a better daily driver for going back and forth to school.

Ethan Butler - [ethanbutler1999@gmail.com](mailto:ethanbutler1999@gmail.com)

1976 El Camino with custom paint job

1984 El Camino SS Choo Choo Customs

Ethan Butler 913-213-7097

1970 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale Chevelles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771







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