

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JUNE 2018 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:	Randy Cummings
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
May 31, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 24 persons present. There being no visitors or new members, there were no introductions.

Mr. Verstraete thanked all those for attending and bringing food for the May First Friday at his home.

It was reported the car show at Louisburg, KS was a nice event. It was also noted the show at Hannibal was nice, despite the misty morning. Events/issues both enroute to the show and return were briefly mentioned.

The members were informed that members Eugene Hallouer and Roger Verstraete walked the lot at Nebraska Furniture Mart, location of the September show. It was reported staff of Nebraska Furniture Mart are very responsive and looking forward to the event. Tony DeSpain suggested the possibility of a live band at the event, price range \$400-\$500.00 The Show Committee will consider. In addition, those attending were informed the T-shirts are in process, and the fliers are ready. Mr. Verstraete reported the trailer is cleaned inside and out, and maintenance was performed.

The picnic at the Prouty residence was discussed, reporting the event will begin at noon, with food at 4:00 p.m and noting this year's event will be a barbecue.

Brian Findley reported on upcoming events: June 9, car show at Paola, with breakfast prior to the beginning at We-Be-Smokin. The members were informed of a weekly Friday car cruise at Family Leisure, Ridgeview and K-10, in Olathe. He noted the next First Friday Cruise will be July 6 at the Gragg residence in Olathe. The Mustang Club's July 14 cruise will have Chevells as special guests. Mr. Findley also reported the Street Machine nationals will be at St. Paul, MN on July 20-21.

Joedy Terrill indicated there is an All GM Car Show on June 10 with proceeds donated to Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics.

Ed Smoot informed the members of the upcoming "Show Me Rally" on August 9 – 12, which will be similar to "Cannonball Run."

The treasurer's report was accepted, and Mr. Hallouer reported there are 59 current paid memberships.

Drawings included: a sign' – "Member Only Parking," won by Brian Findley and \$25.00 won by Eugene Hallouer.

The members were informed of an article in the recent KC Homes (editor – Reneé DeMott) featuring Joedy Terrill's car.

Kirby DeMott reported on the status of his "Heavy Chevy" project. Tim Cunningham indicated his '69 project is coming along slowly John Gragg reported on the station wagon's progress.



There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Immediately following, many cruised and met at Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg
Secretary

June events attended by MACC

June-----2: MACC picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty's 1400 N Kurzweil Road, Raymore, MO



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



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2018

July-----6: First Friday Cruise In to John and Debra Gragg's, 19944 W 122nd Terr, Olathe, KS 5:30-9p.m. The Gragg's will have pulled pork sandwiches. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your own drinks. RSVP to jgragg5@comcast.net or text 816-804-4771. The Gragg's have one of the coolest garages out there so you don't want to miss this.

July-----14: Guest Club of Mustang Club of Greater KC Cruise Night 10400 Mastin St. Overland Park, KS, Meet at AMF College Lanes Bowling Alley, 10201 College Blvd, OP, KS at 3:30 and we will head out as a group at 3:45. Let's see a good turnout of Chevilles and Elcos.

July-----18: Brookdale Senior Care Facility, independent living, 6101 W 119th Street (between Nall and Lamar on 119th). 1-3p.m. Contact Brian Findley to confirm at findley13703@gmail.com or text to 913-558-1453.

July----20-21: Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN. Brian and Sandy Findley are attending.

July-----29: The Great Car Show at WW1 Memorial. You must preregister on line to go to this show. 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 registration is now open at
www.mlb.com/royals/tickets/specials/cruise-to-the-k

August----31: 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,

Back in the February newsletter I wrote about improving your brakes and suspension in your Chevelle. Safety should be top priority when restoring or updating your car. Now that you have improved the handling and ride of your Chevelle, the next think you might want to do is improve the performance of your engine. There are countless things to do to improve horse power. One of the most forgotten components in doing this is your exhaust system. All the upgrades you do under the hood will work better if you have a high performance exhaust system to go along with it.

Headers have been the most used performance upgrade since the 1960's. There always seems to be an issue with fit, clearance or exhaust leaks that come with using headers though. Every brand made says they fit the best with no issue. This is just not true. It's best to do the research and ask around what other people are using and make up your own mind on this.

The next thing you need to decide to do is either use an H pipe exhaust system or an X pipe system. Here is a picture and the benefits of an H pipe exhaust system.





An H-Pipe is also shaped like its namesake and relies on exhaust expansion to balance the cylinder banks. A small section of tubing in between the main pipes provides an area for gases to expand into during exhaust pulses. Only a small amount of exhaust flows from one stream to the other as both sides push back and forth in the center section. **H-Pipes feature is low restriction**, so gains in performance are noticed from low rpm and give the exhaust a deeper, muscle car-like tone.

Here is a picture and benefits of an X pipe system. This picture is the exhaust system I used on my convertible.



An X-Pipe is, you guessed it, shaped like an x, and allows the exhaust to flow down the path of least resistance. At lower revs, turbulence is formed as exhaust gases try to shuffle past a second column of gases coming from the other side. While always producing more power than

the restrictive factory system, the potential gains are not seen until higher rpms are reached. This is where an X-Pipe stands apart from the rest. Exhaust gas is pushed out harder as the engine spins faster. The X-Pipe merges this chaos into two uniform streams, allowing a smooth flow from engine to tailpipe. Both streams keep each other up to speed, which draws even more spent exhaust out the cylinders. X-Pipe provides a boost in horsepower and a higher tone akin to an exotic car.

Here is a picture of my X pipe system installed on my convertible



Here is the link address if you are interested in an X pipe system.

<https://www.ss396.com/chevelle/SGA10R30.html>. This system is stainless steel pipe and you can use muffler clamps for all the joints. I chose to have mine tig welded together. This way it gets rid of all the clamps around the X for a cleaner look and less chance of leaks this way. The only clamps you have are before and after the muffler.

Now if you just want to put on the stock exhaust system you have several choices to choose from too. You can go a local muffler shop and have them build you one for your car. Most Chevelle part restoration parts dealers like Ground Up or Parts Place will have a stock set you can buy. If you want a totally 100% stock exhaust system just like the one your car came with, the best exhaust kit system is from Gardner Exhaust. If you want the best be prepared to pay a premium for this system. Here is picture of what they include in their kit for a 1970 SS.



I installed this system on my red 70 hardtop. Easy installation for exhaust system standards goes, and fits **great**. If you are having the exhaust system installed consider buying a good quality system. It will save time, and cost less to install.

That can't be said for other after market system. Here is the link for this kit.

<https://www.gardnere exhaust.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/chevelle-1970-exhaust-system.jpg>

In 1969 Chevrolet offered a chambered exhaust kit for SS. This kit would fit 68 thru 70 for sure. Jeff Long has this system on his 69 convertible and it really has a nice deep tone to it.



HomeExhaust SystemsChevelle Exhaust Systems



The chambered systems came standard on your 396, 375, and 350 horsepower cars up until November 19th, of 1968 and then became an option until around April 20th of 1969 after which you could not get this option unless perhaps it was a Canadian car. As you can see, there is not much there to restrict the nose and this system is for those who would rather listen to the growl of the exhaust than the radio. Here is the link to this system.

<https://www.gardnerexhaust.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/69chevellechamberedkit.jpgs>

Last but not least, is the sound you are looking for. There are web sites around were you can listen to the tone of the exhaust system. Gardner Exhaust will have the stock mufflers that match the sound your car came with when it was new. My red '70 hardtop was very stock sounding when I installed it 7 years ago. But over time, the mufflers have burn out some. Now they make a real nice growl that I like. My Pypes system that's on my convertible is not loud at all. I picked the quietest set of mufflers they had for that kit. I'm sure over time they will become louder. One of the things you really have to watch out for is mufflers that have a drone sound to them. Personally, I don't care for Magnaflow or Flowmasters mufflers because of the droning sound they make.

As you can see, there are several options out there to choose from and it really comes down to what **you** like, the sound you are looking for and the performance you want. If you need some advice or need an opinion on what system to use, I suggest going down to Midwestern and talking to John. He has installed all these kinds of exhaust systems and he can help you pick out the best option for your car.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

VP's Corner.....with Ed Smoot

Happy June, MACC! We are smack dab into car season, for sure. There are so many things happening every weekend, there's never a shortage of car-related things to do. Lots of cruise-ins, car shows, and general get togethers, sometimes it's hard to choose what to do next! Here's what I've been up to over the last month:

MACC Club picnic: Hosted again this year by John and Phyllis Prouty, this event is always a blast. Fishing ponds, shooting sports, great food, and even better company always makes this one a winner. Brian Findley and I got suckered into a heated couple of games of horseshoes this year. The first game was a real trouncing, and Brian and I just about rallied back in the 2nd game to get back to even. Thank goodness our arms were getting tired, as I had a feeling that Mike Stites and John Prouty were going to make us play for money in round 3. Hats off to the Proutys for putting on such a fun event.





Paola Car Show: A pretty good-sized group of us met for breakfast again this year prior to heading over to the show at We B Smokin' in Paola. We drank coffee, talked cars, and ate way too much food, and were even joined by a mystery guest at our table for a bit! We tried to engage the gentleman that sauntered over and sat with us, but he eventually figured out that airplanes were more to his liking than cars, so he meandered over to another table of airplane dudes and ate with them instead. Right when we exited the restaurant, Mother Nature let loose, and gave our cars a good washing on the way over to the show. We got parked, set up shop, and enjoyed great weather the rest of the day. This show draws a little bit of everything-- if you didn't make it this year, be sure to consider it for next year.



Other than these fun activities, I managed to make it to a beach front wedding for a friend in Destin, Fl, tutor my youngest son on the finer points of brake jobs and u-joint installation, use my other son's el Camino to haul off a huge tree that fell in my yard, perform some Hemi upgrades on my wife's car, and even got to play with a couple of old tractors that I acquired.



Here's to a super fun and busy summer season-- and I hope if you are interested in cruising , showing, or hanging out and doing general car stuff, that you will join us!

I'd also like to give a shout out to one of our long time club members, and some-times newsletter helper, Mike Stites, Mike just had the distinguished honor last week of turning 60 years young. Congrats, Mike!, and here's to another 60 years of smokin' the tires.

See y'all soon!
Ed

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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



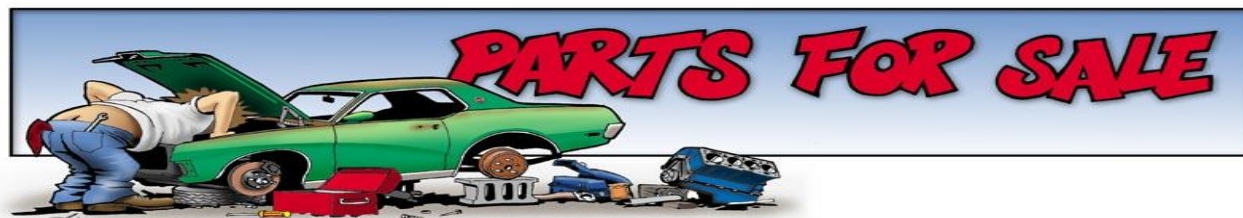
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



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

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

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

1976 El Camino with custom paint job

1984 El Camino SS Choo Choo Customs

Ethan Butler 913-213-7097

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





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