

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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| 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
September 27, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Treasurer Hallouer. There were 24 persons present. New member Joel Breyfogle was introduced. Mr. Breyfogle has a 1967 model. Introductions of other members were made.

The minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Mr. Calder spoke about the October 5, 2018 (First Friday) event to be hosted by Randy Cummings; noting this was the last for this year. He also announced the Fall Color Tour is scheduled for October 19 and 20, 2018. It was reported the fall event is scheduled for October 27, 2018 at John Freeman's residence, with various events scheduled from early afternoon, with the meal scheduled at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The Christmas Party was discussed. It was noted the event is again scheduled at Hollywood Casino, Kansas City, Kansas on December 1. It was announced for those wishing to participate in the gift exchange, bring gifts in open bags only; no wrapped items are allowed for security reasons.

It was noted the Midwest Regionals for 2019 is scheduled for June, 2019; hosted by the Queen City Chevelle Club, Springfield, MO.

The Twin Peaks lunch and cruise was discussed with the possibility of attendance there on the second Saturday of each month.

The members briefly talked about the Breast Cancer Awareness Month event at Hendrick's Chevrolet.

Highlights of the recent car show were noted, with further discussion to be had in the upcoming months of meetings.

The members present were informed of the Charity Car Show Benefit at Wamego, Kansas scheduled for October 6, 2018.

Lynn LeCount was the winner of the \$25.00 drawing.

There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Immediately following, members cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg
Secretary



October events attended by MACC

Another month of great events. Thanks to our hosts and to all who came to participate. These events would not happen without all of you.

October 5-----: First Friday Cruise In to Randy Cummins 21520 W 177 Ct. Olathe, KS



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







Calendar of Upcoming Events 2018

October -----27: MACC Fall Party at John Freeman's place 22481 W 239th Street Hillsdale, KS 66083.

John will be hosting the Mid America Chevelle Club along with some of his colleagues and friends and city officials from the City of Merriam. John will be providing bbq from Johnny's BBQ and pizza cooked on his outdoor pizza oven. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert, drinks and chairs.

Arrive anytime after 12 noon. Skeet shooting 12-3. Fishing 12-dark. Eat at 6p.m.

Question call John Freeman 913-236-4135 or Roger Verstraete 913-207-3374

Drive that Chevelle if the weather is good!

November ---- No events scheduled.

December-----1: MACC Christmas Party Hollywood Casino at the Speedway Kansas City, KS 6pm - Evite will be sent.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

With this year's car season coming to an end, we still have two club events left for the year. Our Fall Party on October 27th and our MACC Christmas Party which is on December 1st at the Hollywood Casino in Kansas City, Kansas. These are two of the three big events the club helps put on, so I hope everyone can attend.

This year's Fall Party is going to be at John Freeman's home at 22481 W 239th Street, Hillsdale, KS, 66083 on Saturday, October 27th. John will be hosting the Mid America Chevelle Club along with some of his colleagues and friends and officials from the City of Merriam, Kansas. We invite everyone to join us for some good eats and a warm fire. Johnny's BBQ will be providing the BBQ and John will be cooking pizza on his outdoor pizza oven. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and their drinks and chairs. Arrive anytime after 12 noon. Skeet shooting is from 12-3. Fishing is from 12-dark. We are planning on eating at 6pm. Setting by the camp fire is from 6pm to ??? Choose any time that you would like to come. If you have any questions, you can call John at 913-236-4135 or Roger at 913-207-3374. Steve Calder also sent an email on the party. Drive your Chevelle if the weather is nice.

Our last event of the year will be our Christmas party on December 1st 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. 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. This year, we are asking everyone to make your gift have a value of between \$15 to \$25. Make sure you save this date! This event is a lot of fun and you won't want to miss it! **The Casino has told us that there can be no liquor or wine brought in as gifts and all gifts need to be in party bags because security will be checking them at the door. This is Hollywood Casino's policy and there are no exceptions.** When we get closer to the Christmas Party, we will send an email out giving all the times and events going on for that night.

Our last club meeting of the year is this Thursday, October 25th at Hendrick's Chevrolet at 7pm. I will be going over all the results of the car show at that time. We do still have some car show t-shirts to sell. So if you missed your chance to get this year's t-shirt at the car show, you just need to come to the meeting Thursday night. From Small to Large are \$18.00 each, we are out of XL and 3XL, but still have some 2XL at \$20.00 each. By all accounts, the car show was a success again and I think everyone that came had a good time. We had 100 cars from all over the Midwest. We added 6 new members. Our club just keeps growing! We have 80 members as of this month. I want to thank everyone on the car show committee for all their hard work in planning and putting on this event. There is a lot of planning and coordinating that goes on before the car show can start. Also, I want to thank everyone that helped set up and get the parking lot and tent area ready before the show. We were ready one hour before the show was scheduled to open. This really helps because we always have people showing up early to enter their cars. I want to thank all the cooks that helped Ed prepare for the Friday night cookout and everyone that brought a dish. Without everyone's effort, this event could not have been the success it was. Again, Ed and Inga had one of their RV's there as the command center and a place to prepare the food for the cookout. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Smoot's for



letting us use their RV. It is hard to thank everyone, so all I can say is thanks to everyone for working the show and all your dedication to the club. The plans are for next year's car show to be at Nebraska Furniture Mart again.

Looking at all the events we had this year, I believe we had something for everyone in the club to attend. This year was the first year for the Friday night cruise-in to one of our member's house. I want to say a special thank you to everyone that hosted a Friday night cruise-in. This was a lot of fun and everyone in their neighborhoods got a special treat seeing all of our nice cars. As usual, Steve Calder and the event staff did a great job planning all these events and everything went like clockwork. Great job Steve!!

Well that's it for this year. Hope you can attend some if not all of our events for the rest of the year. If not, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

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

While some sane folks are winding down the car show season and planning their winter upgrades, I find myself doing a little bit of the same...with a small twist.

Instead of going full bore on a restoration project (which I also have in process), I've decided to keep moving forward on my '68 Chevelle that I plan on making my daily driver. This is a car that I can get bugs on, collect some rock chips, park in parking lots and not stress on it too much. I've written a little bit about my progress on this car in past columns- detailing the motor swap, garage paint job, and now I'm on to brakes and suspension.

As luck would have it, I happened to have a set of tubular upper and lower control arms set aside for another project gathering dust in the shop. These are the infamous e-bay no-name control arms that I've used a couple of times in the past. They appear to be put together well, with good welds and solid construction. The only real downfall to these (according to the internet) is the junk ball joints that are in these arms when you get them. All the keyboard warriors out there recommend changing the joints before you install them, and putting in Moog or similar name brand joints. That is exactly what I did, and there was a noticeable difference in the joints that I took out versus the joints I put in. With the money saved on the control arms, this part should really be a no-brainer.





Things were going along just great--- started on the passenger side, removing the tired old arms and coil spring. The new parts fit right in, and I even remarked to myself how smoothly things were going! On to the driver side- remove the old parts,and something just doesn't look right. There was a fat booger weld on the frame at the base of the spring pocket. Hmmmm- upon further inspection, not only had this frame been repaired (poorly) in the past, it was cracked again! Looking closely at the affected area, the crack had moved past the previous repair, and was stress cracked up the side and was working its way towards the top. Now, I know what most folks would do, especially if this frame was going under their 1000 point car. Remember, this is a driver, and metal is metal- this is totally fixable. Not sure what caused this originally, as it is in an area of very low stress, but it's time to take care of this once and for all. Now, I can weld, but I felt that something of this nature should be handled by someone that can WELD. I called my friend Pete at Bell Brothers in Paola, Ks., and had him come over, assess, and fix this troublesome spot for me. He did a great job, and felt good about the final result. I'll keep an eye on this area as time goes on, but don't expect any surprises.



The rest of the suspension went together with new tie rods, drag links, CPP lowering springs, and a new set of KYB shocks. Now on to the brakes! A few months ago, I bought a '72 Monte Carlo at auction for parts. This poor car was hit hard both front and back, and resembled a taco, as it had kind of folded itself up in the middle. The sum of its parts still had value, though- and this car is the gift that just keeps on giving. My '68 was a 4-wheel drum brake car, and thankfully the Monte had front discs. When I went out to get the parts off of the wrecked and rusting A-Body, I was pleasantly surprised to find that it had just had a brake job, with new rotors, calipers, pads, and hoses. Score! Simply unbolt the whole spindle assembly and pop it onto the '68. The master cylinder looks new-ish also, so I'll swap it over and see how it goes. I've also found it invaluable to have a parts car like the Monte around- for all the stuff that you would normally have to order or hunt for. Little brackets, hardware, and steering box bolts-- it's so much easier to walk over the hill and pull what you need as opposed to calling OPGI and waiting a week. I totally think everyone should have a donor car in their driveway! Be sure to check with your HOA first.



That's as far as I've made it to date on this ride, but I'll keep you posted as things move along- shouldn't be long now! (lol)

Hope to see you all soon-

Ed

New Members

Corey & Kim Dyess

7511 E. 99th Street

Kansas City, MO. 64134

Cell 307-761-1254

E-Mail corey@technologyelevatedco.com

Member# 444 Good to 4/30/2020

1969 Chevelle SS 396, Green/Black owned 35 years.

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Parties.

Found out about club on car show flyer

Byron & Darla Hurley

424 South Maple Street

Ottawa, Ks 66067

Cell: 913-526-8994

E-Mail bhurleyll@att.net

Member# 445 Good to 4/30/2020

1972 ElCamino, Silver, Bought it November 2017 and in process of restoring.

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties

Mike & Candy Shanley

1200 Ridge Tree Lane

Pleasant Hill, Mo 64080

Cell: 660-238-1667

mike.shanley@yahoo.com

Member# 446 Good to 4/30/2020

1969 Chevelle SS 396, Daytona Yellow, owned 1 month.



Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties
Found out about club thru a club member (Ron Parris)

John & Lynne Jamison

10816 W 128th Place
Overland Park, KS 66213
Home: 913-322-8902 Cell: 913-229-2749
E-Mail jwjamison@hotmail.com
Member# 447 Good to 4/30/2020
1970 Chevelle SS 396, 4 speed, Cortez Silver/Black Stripes. Purchased 10/16
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties
Found out about club on car show flyer

Heath & Jacqueline Harmon

24039 Augusta Ct.
Paola, KS 66071
Cell# 612-963-2821
e-mail heath.harmon@cornelius.com
Member# 448 good to 4/30/2020
1972 SS Chevelle. Owned several over the years. This one only about 6 months. Bought from family member, been in the family since 1984.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties
Found out about the club from a club member, friend and was involved with the club as a young kid and knows a handful of members now.
in case you did not know they were the couple running the 50/50 pot at the show for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Jeremy Olson

12804 King Street
Overland Park, KS 66213
Cell# 417-425-0618
e-mail lbjuice@aol.com
Member # 449 good to 4/30/2020
1970 L34 Chevelle, Black, owned 1 year
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties

Joel & Shelly Breyfogle

12810 NE 186 St.
Holt, MO 64048
Cell# 913-998-4210
e-mail joel.breyfogle@netapp.com
Member # 450 good to 4/30/2020
(3) 1967 Chevilles
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Parties.



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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



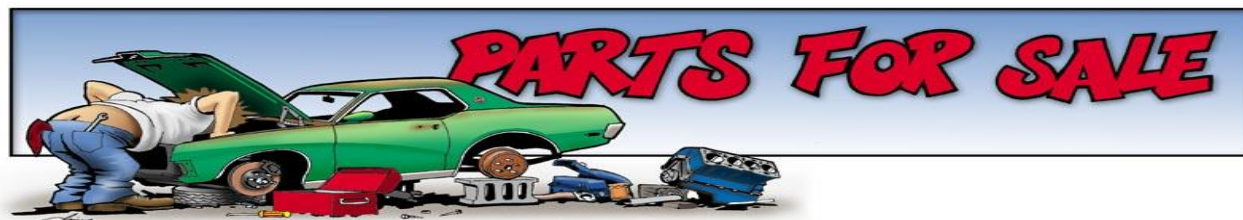
Hanes Beefy-t shirt. Sizes Large, XL, 2XL. Color Navy, Red, White \$12.00



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

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

1965-1967 BB Holley intake – Ron Brightwell - \$80.00



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



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