

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

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
October 25, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 24 persons present.

Jeff Long updated the membership of Jake's status resulting from a recent car accident. It was noted he is home and will begin therapy.

John Gragg was wished a happy birthday.

The minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.

Mr. Verstraete overviewed some items from the recent car show in regards to the meal, postcards, t-shirts, fliers, and the weather. Members were reminded that Nebraska Furniture Mart supported the portable lavatories, food trucks, and some awards. The goal for next year's event is to finalize details before World of Wheels in February, in order to distribute fliers at the event. All were thanked for their work at the show.

The Holiday Party, scheduled for December 1, 2018 was briefly discussed. It was noted this is the third year at Hollywood Casino. The cost for the event to members is \$10.00 per person, club will pick up the remainder. For those wanting to participate in the gift exchange, no wrapped gifts are allowed, place only in bags for inspection by Hollywood Casino staff, and no alcohol products. Happy hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with buffet beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The membership agreed to a \$250.00 donation to Wreaths Across America for the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Mr. Calder indicated next year's events will be finalized in January. Volunteers to help with the planning are encouraged to contact Mr. Calder. Known event: Midwest Regional, Springfield, Mo – June 28 – 29.

Randy Cummings was thanked for hosting the October First Friday event. This was the last event for 2018. Those present indicated enjoyment for this new activity, which ran from May through October.

The Breast Cancer Awareness Month activity at Hendrick Chevrolet was briefly discussed.

It was noted seven (7) members participated in the Fall Color tour. Those present which attended indicated it was a good event, and included a tour of the Missouri State Capitol, in Jefferson City. It was reported that next year's event will begin south of the Lake of the Ozarks, with a stay at Munger-Moss Motel in Lebanon, Mo.

John Freeman asked members to bring whatever food they desired and to have a good time at the Fall Celebration.

It was reported that Ted Farley is still recovering from his accident and will try to make it to the Christmas Party.

The treasurer's report was accepted, and Mr. Hallouer indicated there are 83 current memberships.



The drawing for a calendar was won by Joedy Terrill.

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

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg
Secretary

October events attended by MACC

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

John hosted another great Fall Party for MACC and friends. A great time was had by all.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2018

December-----1: MACC Christmas Party Hollywood Casino

Everyone should have received an email detailing the Christmas party. Just as a reminder Christmas party details are below.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2018
HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT KANSAS SPEEDWAY
777 Hollywood Casino Blvd
Kansas City, Kansas

6 p.m. cash bar
7 p.m. all you can eat buffet with dessert and beverage
\$10 per person pay at the door. Must be 21 or older.

White Elephant Gift Exchange after dinner. If you want to participate bring a gift with a value of \$15 to \$25. New, old, regift or some nice Chevelle parts. NO liquor or wine and bring in a gift bag as ALL packages will be inspected at security (Hollywood Casino rules NO exceptions).

NO RSVP needed. Questions text or call Roger at 913-207-3374.

In 2018 the events planning committee planned Friday events hosted by MACC members. The planning committee will be meeting soon, so if you would like to host an event, please contact Steve Calder or Brian Findley. The Friday events are held the 1st Friday of the month.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

Returning in 2019



Vice-President's Column

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

The Daily Driver Chevelle---- Part II

For those of you who actually read my column, you may remember a few installments over the last couple of months where I was working on my '68 Malibu. My plan is to get this car road worthy and drive it to work next spring- basically make it my "daily" for next year. It won't be perfect, but it will sure be a lot of fun. Well, the work continues as time allows, and in this month's installment, I tackle the fuel system.



The drivetrain in this car was harvested from my poor old crunched Monte Carlo that I bought at auction. It donated its 350/350 combo for this '68, and it ran well enough when removed. One main issue that I had with this car was that I couldn't quite get the carburetor dialed in. You had to pump it like crazy to get it to fire, and once it did start it was a full-time job to keep it running. As luck would have it, I had a couple of FiTech fuel injection systems laying around from other projects, so... off came the carb and fuel injection here we come!

I've detailed the install of these style systems a few times in past columns, so I won't bore you with it again here.

If you would like to look back at these installs, they are here:

http://midamericachevelles.com/news/2017/03_2017.pdf and here:

http://midamericachevelles.com/news/2014/06_2014_news.pdf.

The one thing that I will say about FiTech systems as opposed to the others on the market that I've found is that their "Fuel Command Center" is less than stellar. The overheating and loss of fuel pressure from their all-inclusive fuel system was one of the reasons that I ended up with this FiTech unit. It had been previously installed on another club member's '69 el Camino, and after it left him walking a couple of times, he yanked the whole system off and went back to a carb. I felt that the actual fuel injection unit itself was ok, but the fuel system was the problem. To test my theory, we sent back the FiTech fuel system, and I decided to go with a more tried and true system. For this, I went to Edelbrock, and ordered their universal fuel sump kit. I have used a similar system from them with no issues for years, so I decided to give their latest version of fuel supplying goodness a try.



The install of the fuel sump kit is very straight forward. Mount the unit, feed the low-pressure output line from the engine mounted fuel pump to the inlet, and make a high pressure line from the fuel sump to the throttle body. Piece of cake! Except after I got everything plumbed, I couldn't seem to get the engine mounted fuel pump to fill the new fuel center. Time to dig a little deeper.



After replacing all of the rubber fuel lines and vacuum testing the steel line in the frame, everything kept pointing at the fuel tank. I disconnected the line at the tank and tried to pull fuel through the pickup right at the tank with no luck. Yay! So now, out comes the tank to access the pickup/ sender assembly. After dropping the tank and spilling copious amounts of stale fuel all over the shop floor, I accessed the pickup assembly. Upon it's removal, I found that the sock/ filter that is supposed to be on the pickup was not present, nor could I find it inside the tank. Not sure what part of this exercise was actually the problem, but after 50 years of being in the car, I was done rolling the dice on old parts.



I ordered a new fuel tank, pickup assembly with fuel sender (and a return line provision for the fuel injection), and some foam cushioning material to go between the tank/ body and line the fuel tank straps. I

ordered an el-cheapo fuel tank, so I didn't know what kind of product I would receive. Much to my surprise, what showed up was a really nice, coated tank that fit like a glove. I installed the tank, sender/ pickup and threw 5 gallons of fuel into it to test the system....and voila! The pump moved fuel like it was supposed to, and I was able to finish testing and fire up the fuel injection. Everything worked just like it was supposed to, so fingers crossed it stays that way. A nice side bonus to this whole deal with the tank is that I now have a working fuel gauge again- something pretty rare in my old-car world.



I'll keep you all posted on my shenanigans as I go along finishing this car to be driven- can't wait to get this baby back on the road!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party.....

Ed

New Members



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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

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: (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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