

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

SS 396. Get with it.

If you'd rather watch TV than a tach, forget the SS 396. But if you've always wondered how the torque feels when the crowd hushes on a hot afternoon in Seville, SS 396 just might give you the message.

Buckle in. Set your shoulder belt. (You can order that, too.) You're behind an all-

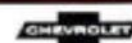
business instrument panel with no warning light for the dual master cylinder brake system. GM-developed energy absorbing steering column. Four-way liquid warning flasher and a raft of other safety features.

You're set. And, hi boss, around the 250 hp edition of the Turbo Jet 396 you ordered, along with full

instrumentation, the close-to-4-speed Powertrain. And some other necessities of life like a door tape system as good as the one at home. Maybe better.

So what's more to tell? You drive the SS 396, of your Chevrolet dealer's, then you say it. After you've caught your breath.

'67 Chevelle



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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 Cummins
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

REMINDER – CLUB DUES FOR 2019 ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2019

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.



2019 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
March 28, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 29 persons present.

Members were informed that recently fathers of Mike Stites and Jeff Long passed away.

Introductions by members were made.

Car projects were briefly reported.

The minutes as presented in the newsletter were approved.

The budget for the new year was discussed. Mr. Verstraete informed the members the budget was increased for the Christmas Party. Ms. Gragg suggested providing a donation to Noah's Bandage Project, which collects bandages and funds for children's cancer research.

April elections are upcoming – all positions are open to all members.

It was reported the car show is going forward. It was also noted that the 2020 Regional is scheduled for this area. Members are looking for a potential hotel site for this purpose.

Mr. Calder spoke about the Aeromotive, Inc. tour on March 23. He noted it was a good tour and the "small" business has a SEMA award for fuel systems. The company is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on August 1 and members are invited to attend.

First Friday event for April was briefly discussed. Mr. Verstraete stated that due to weather and family illness, the event may be cancelled. He stated he would advise members early if that should happen.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and it was reported the membership is currently at 91. Mr. Hallouer reported there are still T-shirts available from the 2018 show.

Technical questions/answers ensured.

Mr. Gilpin netted \$25.00 from the monthly drawing.

There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Immediately following, members cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by:

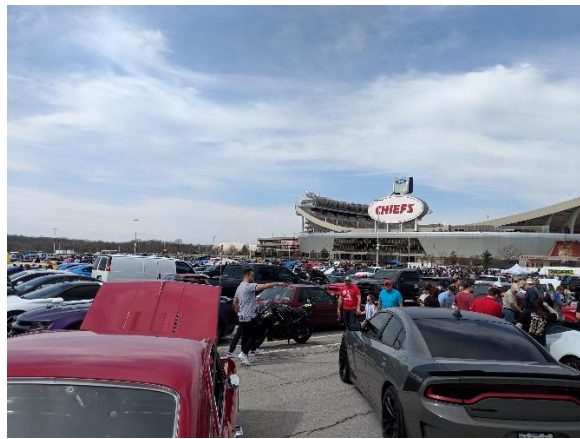
Debra S. Gragg
Secretary



April events attended by MACC

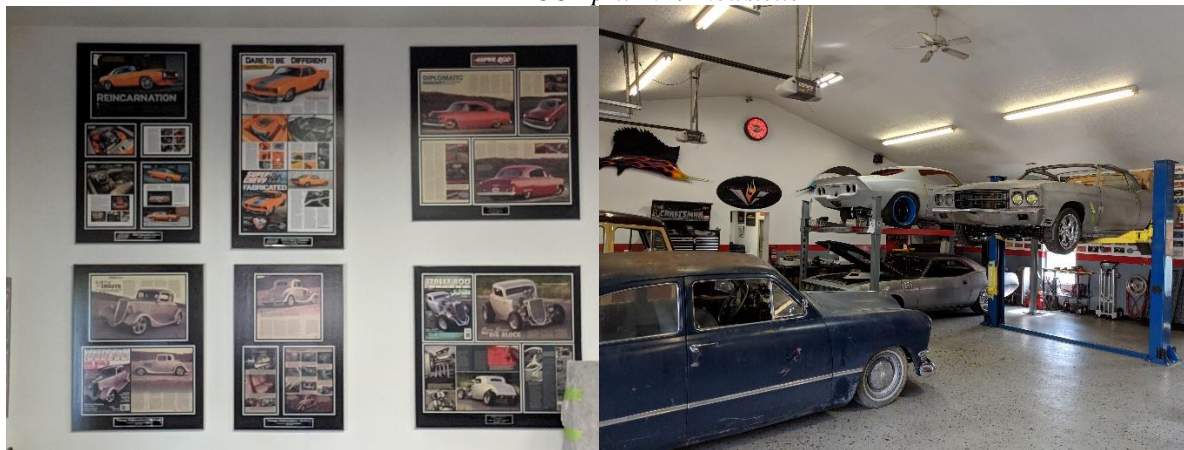
April 5----First Friday Cruise In—Cancelled

April 6----Street Car Takeover, Arrowhead Stadium, Attended by members Roger Verstrate, Brian Findley, and Leo Storoz. The event stated there were approximately 6000 that participated. Lot's of cars ranging for T-bucket to new Lamborghini.



April 13—Tour Vintage Fabrication 2419 N Old Atherton Rd, Independence, MO 10a.m. -12 noon. Bobby and Karen Schumacher gave us a great tour of their shop. Vintage Fabrication is a hot rod shop that specializes in sheet metal fabrication, chassis work, wiring, air ride and interior design and installation. They will do any job from a complete turn key car to custom make a bracket. vintagefabrication.com After the tour we had great BBQ at A Little BBQ Joint.





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

April 27—Twin Peaks Lunch, 14805 W 119h St., Olathe, KS

May 3---First Friday Cruise In—The Carriage House 29230 W 83rd St., Desoto, KS hosted by Jim Stack and Julie Daicoff. Gates open at 4:45. Jim and Julie are providing tacos and fixins. Bring a side dish or dessert and your beverage of choice. RSVP to jimstackjr@gmail.com or Julie's cell at 913-530-8927

May 5---Cruise the Burg, American Legion Park, 403 S. 9th, Louisburg, KS Sunday event. Arrive around 8a.m. for biscuits and gravy. \$15 at gate

May 10-11--Loafers Car Club Show in Hannibal, Missouri. Meet at the Rest Stop north of Kearney, MO on I35N mile marker 34 at 11:15 a.m. and depart at 11:25. Lunch at Boji Stone Restaurant 612 Washington St. Chillicothe, MO and then on to Hannibal. Back to KC after the show on Saturday. Please RSVP to Steve at 816-547-1206 call or text.

May 17—Shawnee Gardens Health Care and Rehab Center 6416 Long Ave
Shawnee, KS car show for residents. 1-3 p.m.

June 1 ---Club Picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty's Place Raymore, MO

June 7---First Friday Cruise In --John and Debra Gragg

June 8-----Paola Car show Paola, KS

June 15---Twin Peaks Lunch

June 28-29—Midwest Chevelle Regionals, Springfield, MO

July 5---First Friday Cruise In—Ed and Inga Smoot

July 13—Evel Knievel Museum/Historic Harley Davidson Museum, Topeka, KS

July 18-21—Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN

August 1---Aeromotive, Inc open house 7805 Barton St. Lenexa, Ks 4p.m.-8
Thursday.

August 2---First Friday Cruise In-Rick and Kelly Byfield

August 17---Alma, KS Car Show

August 24---Twin Peaks Lunch



August 30---Wellsville Car Show, Wellsville, KS

September 6-----First Friday Cruise In--- Russ and Vickie Peters

September 8-----Shawnee Car Show - Sunday Event

September 14---Merriam Car Show

September 14---KCI Cruise/Menards Chevy Show 12200 N Ambassador Dr
KC, MO 3p.m. -8p.m.

September 21---Ottawa Car Show

September 27-28---MACC Chevelle Show

October 4---First Friday Cruise In

October 10-12---National El Camino Owners Association 60th Anniversary Show
Arlington, TX---Sorry El Caminos/Sprints only

October 18-20---Fall Color Tour-Osage Beach, MO

October 26-----MACC Fall Party

November 22-24---Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals---Rosemont, IL (Chicago)

December 6-----MACC Christmas Party---Friday Event---Thompson Barn
Lenexa, KS

Other car shows and events can be added during the year. Let Steve Calder
or Roger Verstraete know.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

My passion for cars started at an early age. I was raised on a truck farm and started driving tractors and trucks at the age of 10-11 years old. At age 14 when I got my learning permit, my grandpa and I would deliver produce to the local grocery stores and the city market. When I turned 16, my dad said I could use the family's 1951 Chevy dump truck any time I wanted. I think my Dad was trying to be funny, but when I cleaned it up and started driving it on Sunday afternoons he decided it was time for me to get my own car. In July of 1967, my dad and I went down to Ed Roberts Chevrolet in Bonner Springs to pick up my new Malibu. I paid \$2,400 cash for that Chevelle with a 283, 3 on the tree car. I had saved up the money to pay cash for it at age 16. I can remember walking out of the show room floor with the keys in hand when Ed Roberts came up to us and introduced himself. He wanted to give me some advice about my first new car. He said to me, the first clutch was on him and the second clutch was on me. Luckily, that Malibu must have had a heavy duty clutch because it never went out.

After graduating high school and swearing I would never ever work on the farm again, I got into the Sheet Metal Apprentice program and never looked back. At age 19, it was time for an upgrade in Chevells. This time I went down to Ed Roberts Chevrolet and ordered a red 1970 SS 396 on my own. I was still living at home at the time and when I got back I told my parents that I ordered a new Chevelle. After watching me change this and that on my 67 my dad knew I was up to no good and asked me what engine does that SS car have? Being as honest as I could be, I told him I just got the stock one that comes on the Super Sport package. To my surprise that's all he said, but I think he knew better.



After many years of helping the city of Shawnee keep a fresh coat of rubber on the streets, I got married to Janet and decided it was time to start acting like an adult. I sold the 70. We bought a new Monte Carlo in 1972 that Janet drove, and I bought an old truck to drive. Well that old truck didn't last long and before I knew it there was another 70 setting in my drive way. It was even faster than my first SS.

In the late 80's and early 90's when the muscle car era started back up, the urge to own another Chevelle bit me again. This time I decided I try to make a buck or two and buy and sell some Chevelles. Since I had owned several when I was younger, I figured I knew what I was doing, and I thought it could be profitable too. Well after buying two 64's, one 65 and one 69 SS396, I determined I really didn't know as much as I thought. After buying and selling these four cars I think I broke even at best. Since I was 16, I have owned 11 Chevelles and one 1975 SS El Camino.

In 1998, I started looking for my next Chevelle. I found a red 70 SS396 just like the one I owned in 1970. Two days later it was setting in my garage and I was a proud owner of a Chevelle again. My plans were to keep this car and just enjoy it and go to some car shows and cruise. At one of the first car shows I went to I was next to a guy who had a red 66 SS 396 Chevelle and his name was Rocky Hill. He told me he belonged to the Mid America Chevelle Club. Not knowing there was a Chevelle Club in Kansas City, I was interested on what they did and where they had their meetings at. Rocky explained to me what the club did and that the next year the club was hosting a Chevelle Regional at the Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park and that I should make a point to come. So I took his advice and went to my first Chevelle Car show. I must admit, I had a blast seeing all the Chevelles from the past. Then the next year I also attend the Chevelle show at the Olathe Great Plains Mall. I hadn't joined the club at that time. I had a lot going on and then and I had some serious health issues. My Chevelle set for about 5 years without much attention. I was recovering from cancer and then after that Janet and I remodeled a house in Olathe. In 2008, Janet and I sold the house from hell and bought a new home in western Shawnee. Now with all my free time, it was time to start paying attention to my 70 again. This time I joined the Mid America Chevelle Club. I was never much of a mechanic and to be honest I'm still not very good but I figured it was time to at least try my hand at it. I needed to know more about how to work on my car, have a resource for information, where to get parts and how to make my car more reliable. When I went to my first meeting, I saw a familiar face, Rocky Hill. Rocky was the president of the club and he was the only one I knew of at the meeting. He kept talking to this Rick guy about this and that and when it was time for introductions; Rick asked me if my car was red. I thought that was kind of weird question to ask but I was new to the club and found out later he always asks every new members that question. Why I don't know, maybe he just wants to own a red 70 someday? Then another guy by the name of Dan would talk about the upcoming Chevelle car show. Later I found out that Dan had a metal building full of Chevelles and parts. Dan was a legend in the Chevelle world and the stories only grew every time someone started talking about him.

Over the years Dan Yuran had become one of my best friends. He has taught me more about working on Chevelles than anyone could have. I always admired his cars and was amazed how nice a rusty old piece of metal could be turned into a piece of art. Several years ago, I was able to get one of Dan's project cars from him. It was my goal to try making it as nice as if Dan himself had restored it. Dan's health has been a real issue for him and his family the last few years. I really miss going out to his metal building and seeing all his cars and hearing all the stories he use to tell us about ever car he owned and he owned a lot of Chevelles.



Then in 2010, I became president of the club and Ed Smoot became our VP. It was one of our goals for the club to be a resource for any member to help them in any small way we could so they could keep their cars on the road and give advice on restoring their Chevelle. Another goal was to promote the club in any way we could, get the word out that there is a Chevelle Club in the Kansas City area and that we host a Chevelle Car show every year. In doing this, we believed we could increase the club membership. In 2010 we had 44 paid members and this year we are up to 92. I like to believe what we are doing is working and I believe it is, but the real reason, in my opinion, is its membership. I see every month at our meetings how attendance is up and all the friendships being built amongst our members. The attendance at all the events that the club participates in is up over the years. We have a great group of people who just happen to own a Chevelle or in Steve Calder's case a GMC Sprint. So I hope all the current members will keep this in mind when it times to renew your membership. We want to keep promoting the club and help the next generation of Chevelle owners to be enthusiasts too.

This month's election of club officers and club dues are due at the end of the month. Dues are \$35.00 per year. Personally, I don't like to talk about money and dues but I feel it's my responsibility to the membership and also to keep everyone informed where the club's money is being spent. Our goal financially, is to break even each year and have a really nice Christmas Party at the end of the year. Our attendance at the Christmas Party over the last three years has been around 70 people. Any money made at the car show is put toward paying for this event. Dues money is used to pay the club insurance, overhead and events the club sponsors throughout the year.

Over the last month we have had two members, Jeff Long and Mike Stites both lose their fathers. I speak for everyone in the club in saying we are all sorry for their loss and our prayers go out to them and their families. Also, Eugene's wife, Anna, was in a really bad motorcycle accident last week. Anna broke her leg in several places and her ankle too. We are all hoping for a speedy recovery for her.

Well I hope to see everyone at this month's meeting and at our First Friday Night Cruise In on May 3rd at Jim and Julie Stacks garage at the Carriage House garages in DeSoto, Kansas. Check your email, because you don't want to miss our first cruise in of the year.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

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

Well, Spring has finally sprung, and believe it or not, I'm still (mostly) daily driving my Butternut '68. Now that the temps are a little more live-able I no longer have to scrape the frost from both the inside and outside of the windshield to leave for work. It's the simple pleasures in life, don't ya know.

Made a little more progress on making the "daily" a little more user friendly. I solved the glove box problem, so it stays shut now. I also permanently installed the window crank on the driver door, so the search for the window opening device every time I needed to use it is no more. One thing that sure has made life in an old car better is the addition of a decent cup holder. No longer do I have to cradle my morning coffee in my lap while I attempt to enter the highway, so in that



respect I believe that all man-kind (at least those in my close proximity) can benefit from that addition.

Things I haven't fixed are the wipers (that's what they make Rain-X for, right?) and some of the headlights among other things. One thing that has cropped up is that it started to feel like the rear end was moving around in ways that it shouldn't when I would corner or take off from a stop. After a quick inspection on the lift, I discovered that the original link bars and bushings that locate the rear end were SHOT. A quick jump on the internet, and I had a new beefier setup on the way. While I was at it, I ordered a rear sway bar from Summit Racing to match the front bar I got from them. In anticipation of writing this column and putting together some content related to the install, I put the car back on the lift and....only the sway bar has shown up so far. Looks like we'll have to wait until next month's column for the install...so stay tuned!



So, what do you do when your car plans go south? This time of year, you go Mushroom Hunting! My family and I love Morel Mushrooms, and the season for them is now. They are very elusive to find, and you have got to have a keen eye to spot them. I'm happy to say that even I have found a few this year- though they weren't really big enough individually to batter and eat. My little finds ended up in a steak sauce that my wife conjured up, while she is able to find the keepers that we'll turn into a meal later on. Even if you don't find many, it's still nice to get out and tromp around the woods, get a little exercise, and risk a bout of Lyme Disease from all the ticks you pluck off after a long day. My efforts usually produce more turtles and wildlife than anything else, but we still have a lot of fun with it.



Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Ed

New Members

Russ Bright
9916 Windsor Dr.
Lees Summit, MO 64086
816-405-9057
E-Mail russbright@sbcglobal.net
Member # 457 good to 4/30/2020
1969 Chevelle SS, Fathom Green, owned since 2000. His Father owned since 1983.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows

Zac & Beth Cooper
9703 W 92nd Street
Overland Park, Ks 66212
913-210-4572
E-Mail zjcooper7@gmail.com
Member # 456 good to 4/30/2020
1969 Malibu Chevelle SS, Hugger Orange. Owned 2 months.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info
Found out about club thru a friend
Comments: Are currently evaluating restoration options for the car.

Michael & Pamela Renner
10909 w 52nd Circle
Shawnee, Ks 66203
Phone: Michael 913-549-0920 Pamela 913-710-8123
E-Mail: pamastiksigas@gmail.com michaelrenner1960@gmail.com
Member#453 good to 4/30/2020
1970 Chevelle SS 454, Red / Black Stripes
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows
Found out about club thru club member.



Heath & Kea Hartsock
15960 NW 131st Ct
Platte City, MO 64079
Phone: 816-769-0061
E-Mail: sabota31us@yahoo.com
Member# 454 good to 4/30/2020
1968 Chevelle SS Clone
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info
Found out about club thru friend

Leo & Brenda Storoz
5200 Red Barn Lane
St Joseph, MO 64503
Phone: 816-294-0134
E-Mail: storoz_leo@hotmail.com (underscore between storoz & leo)
Member# 455 good to 4/30/2020
1970 Chevelle, Green Mist, Purchased in 1978
Interests: Car Shows, Tech Info
Found out about club on Internet & Show Flier



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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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