

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

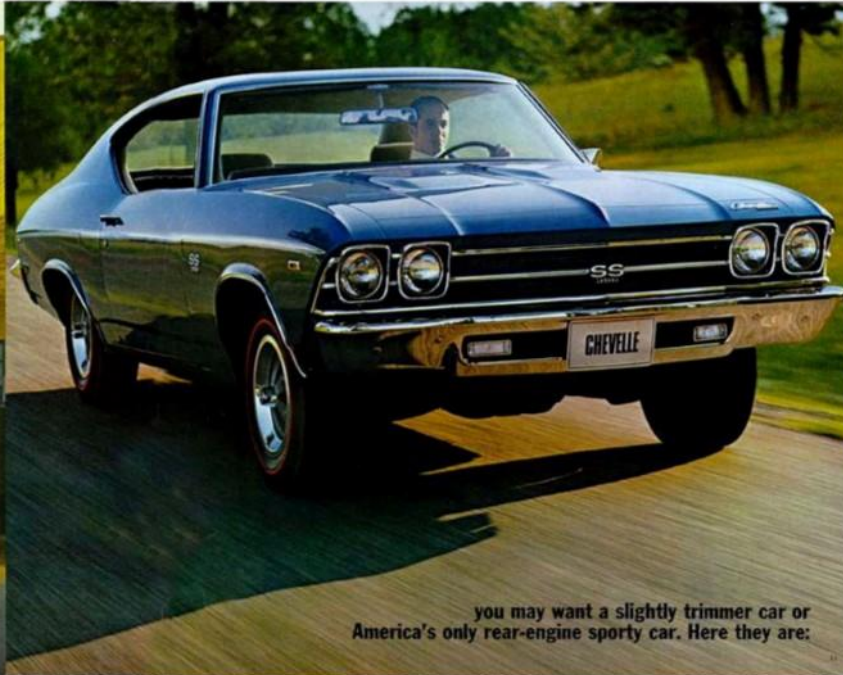
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General Information

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

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Secretary:	Debbie Gragg
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
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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 Chevell 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
May 30, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 28 persons present. There were no visitors or new members. Other introductions were made by members.

Members were informed the recent tornado missed the Holley's residence by a mile, and added that Dan Yuran's building suffered no damage.

It was noted that Tim's son had back surgery in New York and is now home, doing well. Anna Hallouer's surgery was two week prior and noted all is as expected, going slow – but well. Ted Farley is doing well with good reports.

The minutes of April meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The members were informed the recent car show at Louisburg was had, with lower attendance ratings; adding that Steve Calder was in the top ten winners. The Loafers Car Show caravan left on schedule, but the Byfield's vehicle suffered a broken valve spring at Chillicothe and they were unable to continue the trip. In all, the show was great – Friday was nice with barbeque. Saturday was rainy/misty most of the day. Several members attending garnered awards.

Those present spoke about the Saturday picnic, the June First Friday at the Gragg's, and the Paola Carshow on June 8.

Several upcoming items were noted: Cruise at Twin Peaks, June 15; Regional at Springfield, MO (times and location for caravan will be announced in e-mail and Facebook); All GM Show on June 30 at Dahmer Chevrolet. The Mustang Cruise Night with Chevells as feature is scheduled for July – more information to come. June 22 is the date for the Leawood Police Car Show benefitting Kansas Special Olympics.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. It was also announced the Club received a thank you letter from Noah's Bandage Project. It was also announced there are 70 current memberships.

Jamie Holley informed the members of his new engine backfiring and noted that after several phone calls, it was determined the spark plug wires were on wrong. Roger Verstrate reported his red Chevelle was breaking alternator belts, and after losing several belts, it was found the problem was the alternator fan and pulley.

Tim Cunningham won the monthly 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 via John W. Gragg
Secretary



June events attended by MACC

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

The Mid America Chevelle Club had a great turnout at this year's picnic. Thanks to John and Phyllis Prouty.



June 7----First Friday Cruise In --John and Debra Gragg 19944 W 122nd Terrace Olathe, KS –
Thanks to John and Debra for a great evening.





June 15 – Lunch at Twin Peaks – Olathe, KS

June 8-----Paola Car show Paola, KS – A good club showing.



June 22 ---- Leawood Police Department Car Show supporting the Special Olympics.



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

June 28-29—Midwest Chevelle Regionals Oasis Hotel & Convention Center
2546 N. Glenstone Ave Springfield, MO. John Prouty is departing on Thursday June 27 at 5p.m.
from the Pyro City Fireworks parking lot Hwy 7 exit off I49Harrisonville, MO Call or text John at
816-223-5364 if you want to travel with them. Several of us will be departing on Friday June 28th at
9a.m. from Pyro City Fireworks parking lot, 21501 E 275 St.(same as above). If you have not
registered you can do that at the show. More info queencitychevelles.com

July 5----First Friday Cruise In—Ed and Inga Smoot A-Z Mobile RV, Inc
32747 Lone Star Rd. Paola, KS 66071 6p.m. More info from Ed to follow.

July 13—Evel Knievel Museum/Historic Harley Davidson Museum,
2047 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS. Meet at Quick Trip 389 N 130th St
Bonner Springs, KS just north of I70 (Hwy73/130th) to depart at 11a.m.
Arrive museum 12:15 for lunch at Henry's BBQ at the museum. Tour
The Evel Knievel and Historic Harley Davidson museums until 4:30 then head
over to the Topeka Cruise Night at Fairlawn Plaza 21st and Fairlawn. Please
RSVP to Steve Calder 816-547-1206 call or text as I need numbers for lunch.

July 18-21—Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN Brian and Steve are
going to meet up with Stan Shinker.



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,

Any one that has owned a classic car knows they can be very challenging and frustrating at times. I guess that's just part of owning a 50 year old car. I have owned my red 70 hardtop for over 20 years now and there have been times that I have just had to walk away from it and come back the next day with a more positive attitude that I could fix or understand what was wrong. I have tackled some projects without much knowledge on the subject and was still able to fix or install an upgrade to my car and get by. So when I had the chance to restore my blue convertible I believed I had the skills to figure most problems out. If there were problems that I couldn't, there were always guys in the club that had run into the same problems I was having and with their advice and help I could get it figured out.

Over the last 9 months, I must admit I have run into some issue with both cars that are extremely frustrating. Last year going to the Ol' Maris River car show, I threw a fan belt and overheated the engine. No big deal I thought, the fan belt was bad and with a new fan belt the problem would be fixed. This spring on one of the few days it wasn't raining I took the hardtop out for a spin and again I lost the fan belt. This time I installed a new alternator bracket that was heavier than the chrome one I had on and again I thought the problem would be solved. No, wrong again, I threw the fan belt on a test drive. So this time I just kept looking at the alternator and the new belt that I



installed again before I noticed the fan blade on the alternator and two bent fan blades. This was causing the belt to come off. So I ordered a new fan blade and a deep groove pulley for the alternator. The cause of this problem was just cheap China reproduction parts. I was so lucky I didn't burn my engine up last fall. It would have been caused by those cheap aftermarket parts.

While I was fighting the fan belts, I noticed the Holly carburetor looked like it was leaking a little fuel and had stained the intake manifold. It looked like it was an easy fix to me. I just took off the carburetor and bought a Holly rebuild kit and just resealed it with new gaskets. Everything was going well on the reassembly until I tried to install the rear bowl on to the carburetor. I unassembled the Holly and sure enough the treads were stripped out in the base of carburetor. I made a run to Westlake Hardware to find a bolt that was a half of an inch longer than the stock Holly bolt with the same thread pattern. After about three tries to get the bolt just the right length so that it would not bottom out, I was able to get the carburetor sealed back up.

My latest issue was on my blue convertible. Driving down to the Paola Car show my fan clutch went out and bent the radiator fan and chewed up the fan shroud. I left the convertible at A to Z mobile R V and went to the car show without my car. After the car show Ed was nice enough to let me borrow his fan off of his wagon and I was able to get my car back home without overheating. That is the second time in the last 6 years I have had a fan clutch go out on me. Lesson learned, don't buy the cheap China fan clutch from Ground Up and buy a heavy duty fan clutch made for a Chevy truck.

When I restored my convertible, I made a point to replace any questionable parts with new ones and try to buy parts made in the USA. That's easier said than done. Most aftermarket parts (you guessed it) are made in China. The other sad part about aftermarket parts especially electrical components and trims pieces, they don't last and don't fit right either. I have driven just over 4,500 miles in my convertible and I can't tell you how many cheap China parts I have replaced already. Finding good original parts is extremely hard and very expensive too. I don't know what the answer is on these aftermarket parts other than to keep trying until you get one that works.

We have a lot of club activities going on over the next few months. This weekend is the Chevelle Regional in Springfield, Missouri. If you haven't sent your registration in or just decided to go at the last minute, I'm sure there are rooms available at the hotel. We also have our monthly meeting on Thursday and we will be going over all the details on events that are coming up in the month of July. Hope to see as many of you as I can this month.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

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

Sometimes things go your way, and sometimes you make it home on the back of the wrecker.

Things have been going pretty well with the daily driver '68. Been cruising it to work, running around town, and it's been going great for the most part. Little stuff here and there, no big deal. Went out to make a quick run around town a couple weeks ago, and the run started out just fine. Finished up with my errands and was on the home stretch when the car started cutting out. Limped into a QT parking lot close to home, and figured I would top off the fuel tank in case the gauge was off. 6 gallons of premium later, I'm spinning the starter 'till the cows come home without even a hint of fire.





I figured out the issue pretty quickly, but there was no fixing it on site without tools and parts. This is where it gets fun! I'm now a one-man car show at a busy gas station with lots of new friends that are just trying to help, and/or ask about my ride. "It sounds flooded" says guy on a Harley. "Have you checked the coil?" from dude in a mini van. "What year is that?" from across the parking lot somewhere. "Sure smells flooded!" from insistent Harley guy again. All while I'm on a 20 minute hold with Hagerty to see if I have tow insurance (I do.) Everything was happening kind of rapid-fire, and I think I got everyone's questions/ concerns answered to their satisfaction, all while verifying that Hagerty was, in fact, sending someone to drag me home. Tow truck guy showed up, was very professional, hooked me up and dropped me at home. Overall not a bad day, as I made it home in one piece with no damage. Fast forward a couple days and \$16 dollars and 20 minutes under the hood had my beater running again. It was just the 30+ year old fuel pump that gave up on that warm Saturday, which is what I figured when I couldn't see any fuel in the clear filter. The beauty of driving this old ride is that it really keeps me on my toes!



A couple of weeks after the big break-down of 2019, a group of us got together to attend the Paola Heartland Car Show on the Historic Paola Town Square. This is always a fun time, and the weather was toasty that day. We always kick this event off with breakfast at We-B-Smokin BBQ in Paola, and every year someone has to try their hand at the "short stack" of pancakes. This year was Rick Byfield's turn, and the pictures tell the tale. Another one bites the dust, as they say- maybe next year someone will successfully clear their plate and take the crown as the one and only "Finisher of Cakes". We celebrated Rick's performance by overheating another one of Roger's '70 Chevelles and abandoning it at my shop before the show even started....I'll let Roger tell the tale on that one.



One event that we have coming up is our "First Friday" July garage tour, hosted by yours truly. We really hope you can make it-- please drop me a line or let me know that you are coming so we can plan accordingly. The details:

What: First Friday cruise in hosted by The Smoots

When: July 5 at 6pm to ?

Where: A-Z Mobile RV, Inc. 32747 Lone Star Rd, Paola Ks USA 66071

Bring: We are supplying Fried Chicken for the meal, so sides, desserts, chairs and whatever beverages you would like would be appreciated. We will have water, soda, and assorted beers available as well.

RSVP: (e-mail) azmobilerv@yahoo.com or call/ text 913.636.2002.

Hope to see you all at the cruise in on July 5 and at the meeting!

Ed

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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

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

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.

Don Hosek needs the door side molding for my 1976 El Camino Classic. It is a narrow molding approximately 3/4" wide with a black rubber insert. It is just below the exterior door handle and runs the full length of the door. The attached photos show the molding with and without the insert. The 1/4" wide insert is attached with an adhesive to the molding. I need the insert more than I need the molding but will consider both.

Don Hosek

ph 515-975-7800

Case - 12 quarts of comp cams 10W-30 break in oil. Sell it for \$30. Contact Mike Johnson at 913-991-5541.

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



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



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