

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 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

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 and be sure to keep you email address up-to-date so you don't miss club communications.
Online credit card payment for dues is now available at
http://www.midamericachevelles.com/members/join_form.html



2020 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
January 30, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 36 persons present.

Mr. Verstraete discussed new business. It was reported the Car Show Committee met before Thanksgiving and noted that Lynn LeCount has drafted the Midwest Regional Car Show Flier. A change noted in this year will be having club participation voting for the special awards with the exception of Dean Call's pick and the Sponsor's pick. The cars will be judged per year, with no breakdown in classes and an additional 36 honorable mention awards. The show will be for two full days and a catered dinner. Additional items will be the same as for the 2016 show. Pre-registration will be required for the 1000 point judging.

Mr. Smoot detailed the on-line payments/credit card options which is in process. He noted there will be a \$2.00 transaction fee. He indicated this process can be used for various club events.

It was agreed that the 2019 Christmas Party was a success at the Thompson Barn. Next year's event will be on a Saturday at the same location.

Mr. Calder overviewed the upcoming 2020 events and mainly focused on the World of Wheels February car show.

Ms. Gragg informed the attendees of the MACC Ladies Page, which is a private Facebook page. It was created for communications/exchanges/events for the ladies.

Ms. Byfield informed the members of their tour in the third week of June in Kentucky. Members were invited along, if interested. The event is not limited to Chevilles. She indicated it would probably be five (5) days long and is anticipated to begin on June 21, 2020.

Mr. Clark suggested a Project Day at the A-Z facility outside Paola, KS.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted. He indicated there are 97 current memberships.

The October, 2019 minutes were accepted.

Mr. Cunningham suggested the club make a donation to the Alzheimers Association in honor of Dan Yuran. He will research and report.

Kelly Byfield won the drawing.

Mr. Verstraete reported that Neiman Road is finished with pavement; which makes travelling to Old Shawnee Pizza easier and safer.

There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Immediately following, members cruised to Old Shawnee Pizza.

Submitted by:
Debra S. Gragg
Secretary



Special Annoucement

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP AND DUES RENEWAL IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

In the past we have had some requests from current members that they would like to renew their annual dues by Credit / Debit card. After some discussion at the last club meeting it was decided to make online New Membership and Club Dues renewal available (a \$2.00 convenience fee will apply). You can now renew your dues by Credit / Debit card on the club website at www.MidAmericaChevelles.com or get with me at the Club Meetings. When you renew online you can also use the form to make any updates or changes to your Membership info. (if you don't know your membership number that's OK). Of course, you can still join or renew by Cash or Check as in the past but a third option is now available.

Eugene
Treasure

Events attended by MACC

February 21-23 ---World of Wheels Show Bartle Hall, KC MO



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020



March 21---Tour World War 1 Museum—Special Exhibit on Viet Nam War
Lunch after tour at Jack Stack BBQ Freight House
March 28---Twin Peaks Lunch

April 18---Tour Keimig Rod Shop 300 Main St Atchison, KS

May 1---First Friday Cruise In ---Your Classic Ride 2711 Warwick Trfy, KC MO
Jon/Lynn Clark

May 2---Kansas White Way(HWY 9) Car Run Atchinson, KS to Frankfort, KS
Depart Atchinson 8a.m. \$30 includes t-shirt.

May 8-9---Loafers Car Show, Hannibal, MO Friday/Saturday

May 15---Friday event---Tour Whiteman Air Force Base Knob Noster, MO
2nd Choice

June 5---First Friday Cruise In—Hosted by Steve and Lori Calder 9825
Clarksboro Dr E Liberty, MO

June 6---Olathe Police Foundation Benefit Show, Olathe South High School
1640 E 151st St Olathe, KS

June 13---Paola Heartland Show Paola, KS Show –

June 20---Club picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty 1400 Kurzweil Rd Raymore, MO Leaving June

June 21 or 22 tbd. Returning June 27-28, join Rick and Kelly Byfield on a trip to Kentucky. To see,
the Abraham Lincoln historic by way. And anything else we can. If interest, Rick Byfield at
<flywheel72@hotmail.com>

July 3 or 4—Goodguys Show Iowa State Fair Grounds Des Moines.
Travel up and back same day. Need to see what day.

July 10-----First Friday Cruise In OPEN

July 23-26---Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN—Brian Findley is
going. Contact Brian if you want to attend.

July 25-----Twin Peaks Lunch

August 7---First Friday Cruise In OPEN

August 8---Columbia Car Show Columbia, MO

August 15---Alma Car Show Alma, KS

August 28---Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS Friday

September 4---First Friday Cruise In OPEN

September 12---Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam, KS

September 13---Wheels and Dreams Car Show Shawnee, KS

September 19---Old Marais River Run Show Ottawa, KS

September 25-26---Midwest Chevelle Regionals Nebraska Furniture Mart Parking
lot KC, KS

October 16-17 ---Fall Color Tour—More info to follow.

October 24??---Fall Party

December 5---MACC Christmas Party—Thompsons Barn Lenexa

NOTE: Saturday Event



Any other cruise night, show or event can be added during the year.

Just let Steve Calder or any of the club officers know at sjc52@aol.com or 816-547-1206 cell or text.

MACC Ladies Column

MACC Ladies – Attention

A couple years ago, several of the ladies of the club suggested doing events together outside of car related functions. Well, we are finally coming close to accomplishing this action. A Facebook page (private) was created. Taking the list of those who signed up for this function, Lana Stites and Debra Gragg invited ladies with either Facebook accounts or e-mails in January, 2020.

We had 14 ladies respond, which is a great start! However, Lana and I are unable to determine if all those interested received the invitation via e-mail addresses. If you are interested in receiving an invitation to join the Facebook page, or can provide a good e-mail, please contact Lana Stites at Lstites80@gmail.com; or Debra Gragg at dgragg@gmail.com or text 816-223-2634 for the invite. This is open to ladies associated – spouses, mothers, daughters, nieces, girlfriends, etc.

Our first event is to solicit recommendations for quarterly events. It will be hosted at Charleston's Restaurant at Ward Parkway on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Come prepared with some ideas and look forward to fun things to come.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

During the winter time, I like to take on a project on one of my two Chevilles. Even after I was finished restoring my convertible, which took about two years and kept me busy most of the time, there were some bugs to work out that were challenging at times. Last year I decided to start paying some more attention to my red hard top. I did some things like putting wheels and tires on it and had a few repairs that needed to be done. There were some issues that required me to pull the dash, so I waited until this winter to attack them. I needed a new circuit board, the speedometer cable was broke and the dash lights were so dull you could not see the gages at night. Pulling the dash is not my favorite think to do put it had to be done. I figured while it was out it was a good time to add A/C. I have been thinking about doing this for about two years and this was the perfect time to tackle that project.

So I got online and ordered my Vintage Air unit and in three days it was here. Three big boxes showed up and right then I knew this was going to be a big project. I knew very little about installing A/C in a 50 year old car other than talking to Ed about it when he installed this system in his wagon. I was just hoping the directions were very clear. Well, I have to admit the directions were right on and it took you step by step on how to do it. First big think was taking out the dash and Eugene came over and helped me with that. This is a two man job to get it out and unhook all the wires and grounds.





As you can see it looks like a rat's nest after taking out the dash and exposing all the wiring. Next step is taking out the old heater box and controls and removing the blower fan and plenum on the engine side of the firewall. None of this is hard, it's just time consuming.

After reading the directions thoroughly, no where does it say it helps to have some body work experience. The last thing I thought I would have to do is take out the inner fender well so you can run the A/C lines and heater hose between the fenders. You also need this access to run these lines into the cabin of the car. Another thing they don't tell is you will lose your Astro ventilation because the fresh air vents are now used for the A/C vents and the floor vents are where the A/C lines come through at. This is what my 50 year old inner fender looked like.



The inner fender well must have been taken out when the car was painted over 25 years ago because it was missing about 5 bolts that held it in place. As you can see, it looks pretty rough. After a visit to the car wash and a can of brake cleaner, it was clean but in dire need of some paint. A coat of POR15 to address the rust and then about 3 coats of spray paint it looks way better and was ready to reinstall when needed. The bolts that were holding it into place on the

fender were mismatched and rusty. So I ordered new ones and this was one of the best decisions I made and made it a lot easier to reinstall with the correct bolts and nuts.



Here is a picture of the new air handling unit that fits under the dash. You also can see the A/C line stub into the cabin area. These lines have to be installed before installing this unit. This was just a test fit to make sure the unit would fit and to make sure all the holes needed were in the right place for mounting.



This is a picture of the new steel plate that mounts on the fire wall to cover the holes that are not needed, but also to give support to the fire wall to mount the new air handling unit in the cabin area. You can also see the inner fender well is out and the A/C and heater hose hanging in the engine bay.



This picture shows the inner fender well reinstalled and how the A/C and heater hose are hidden between the fenders. Like most projects when working on 50 year old cars, you always run into issues that you had not planned on. This project was just like that. I ran into some rust behind the inner fender on the core support and under some braces on the front end. I did a lot of painting and replacing of old rusty bolts that must have been original to the car. These are common issues that needed to be addressed. I always try to fix what I can when I run into these kinds of problems.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Happy February MACC!

VP column will return next month, with build updates on the '68 (among other things).

Hope you are all weathering the winter ok-- I'll unfortunately miss the meeting this month, but we'll back in KC soon with a fresh sunburn.

See you at the next function! Ed



New Members

James & LaNita Storms
811 S Chestnut Street
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Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

Here for a short time are some addition Club Show shirts, get yours while the supply last. In addition, be ready to order you very own plaque with your name and membership number.

2019 Show shirt sizes still available to purchase at the meeting:

- 3 Medium
- 1 Large
- 2 XLarge
- 1 2XL
- 1 3XL
- 1 Medium 2018 show shirt

Cost of the shirts are \$15 for M, L & XL, \$18 for 2XL & 3XL, and \$5 for last year's shirt.

If anyone is interested and have not already purchased a Club Membership Plaque the last time to purchase one will be at the October club meeting. Eugene will be the meeting to accept payment so Roger can turn in the order the following week. We plan to hand them out at the Christmas Party or arrangements can be made with Rogers to pick it up when they are ready.

Here is a list of club appeal that is available for club members. This well be available at this month club meeting. We sell all of our club appeal 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

Looking for the upper tailgate molding for a 1976 El Camino. This molding covers the pinch weld on the top of the tailgate. For sale: '73 - '77 El Camino NOS wheel opening moldings, complete set of four \$950.00; Reconditioned set of four also available \$750.00 Please call Don Hosek at 515-975-7800.

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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