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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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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
February 27, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 31 persons present. No new persons were present, no introductions made.

The meeting minutes of January 30, 2020 were considered and accepted as published in the newsletter.

Mr. Verstraete talked about the Word of Wheels car show, noting there were several members attending and awards received. It was reported that it was a good time with a good crowd present.

It was announced that Ron and Jackie Parriss' daughter has stage 4 cancer. Planned community fundraisers were announced. A donation from the club was considered and approved. More information is available by contacting Janet Verstraete.

Discussion led by Mr. Verstraete regarding Kansas Antique car tags was had. He indicated the state legislation made changes earlier on this date to provide actions to protect the vehicle in allowing use of the tag and various confusion with regulations.

Mr. Calder overviewed annual events and focused on the March 21, 2020 tour of the World War 1 Museum.

Mr. Stack informed those present that August 29, 2020 would be the last carshow for the Carriage House. The facility is nearing completion which provides less area for parking cars for these types of events.

Mr. Hallouer reported on the treasury, which was accepted. He also noted there are 99 current memberships. He overviewed the club's credit card services available on-line or by calling. Memberships can be renewed on line with credit card and a service fee.

Those present were informed that Gateway Classis Cars in Olathe would begin the Caffeine and Chrome event on the fourth Saturday of each month. It was reported the event would begin on March 28, 2020. (Secretary note after meeting – this date is cancelled due to COVID-19)

The monthly drawing was won by Lynn LeCount.

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



Special Annoucement

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP AND DUES RENEWAL IS NOW AVAILIABLE 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

No events attended in March – Tour of the WWI museum was cancelled.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020

All April events have been cancelled.

May events will be determined in April.

Whiteman AFB tour cancelled by the base.

May 1---First Friday Cruise In ---Moved to August 7th. See below.

May 2---Kansas White Way(HWY 9) Car Run Atchison, KS to Frankfort, KS
Depart Atchison 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
EVENT CANCELLED by Whiteman AFB

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

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

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 byway and anything else we can.
If interested contact 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 hosted by Rick and Kelly Byfield, 19410



Edgerton Rd, Edgerton, KS

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---Your Classic Ride 2711 Warwick Trfy, KC MO

Hosted by Jon/Lynn Clark

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,

I sincerely hope everyone is staying healthy during this crazy time our country is going through. All we can do is what the health officials tell us to do so we can get through this and hopefully this will end very soon. We have cancelled the March meeting and will continue to monitor what our health officials are saying. We will decide on upcoming events when we feel it's safe for group gatherings.

Vintage Air Part 2

Last month I was writing my article about my Vintage air system that I'm installing in my red 70. I left off showing you how far I had gotten and this month I want to continue showing the final assembly.



The Vintage Air System is very well designed and for the most part fits very well. Of all the aftermarket upgrades that I have installed I will say this is one of the easiest and the directions are very good. Like most projects, you will run into issues and this was almost expected at times. I ran into some rust and had to take off the front end to get access to be able to mount the condenser coil. These are really minor issues to fix, it just takes time. The only design issue that I ran into was the routing of the fan belt that runs the compressor. The directions show the belt going across four pulleys like in the picture above. The problem was when the belt came down from the water pump pulley to the crank shaft pulley the belt hit the water pump.

Found this out right before we went down to World of Wheels Car Show. At the car show I compared others GM cars with Vintage Air systems to see if they had the same issue. Most of the ones I looked at were very close and I even found one car that the belt was hitting the water pump just like mine. The solution we came up with was to not route across the water pump pulley and just go to the crankshaft pulley. This worked and I had all the clearance I needed. Problem solved.



This is a picture of the routing of A/C lines and heater hoses.



This is picture from the other side. As you can see it makes for a pretty clean installation.



This is a picture of the dash reinstalled and the flex hoses that supply the air to the dash grilles. There are two for the defrost boots and four for the vents in the dash. It does get kind of tight under the dash pad but they will fit with a little persuasion. While I had the dash out, I also put in a new circuit board in for the dash and LED lights. I also installed a

new speedometer cable. Removing the dash and reinstalling it is a two man job and with the help of Eugene it went pretty well.



The picture above shows my front grill that I repainted and then reinstalled. Like with the inter fender well, it was missing over half of the stock bolts and screws and it was a challenge to find enough bolts to reinstall correctly.

As you can see from the picture above I have a MSD 6AL ignition box mounted on the fire wall. When I installed my new dash and rewired my car in 2012 I put the ignition box under the dash because at that time I wanted to keep then engine bay somewhat stock in appearance. This had to change when installing the new air handler under the dash. Really wanted to get rid of the ignition box but when it was time to start the engine it would not fire. I believe I had a grounding issue, but after trying for several days I reinstalled the box on the firewall and my engine started right up.

After starting the engine, it was time to close the hood and take it for a spin to see if everything was working right. Problem was the hood would not close without hitting the passenger side fender. Not sure what I could have done but must had something to do when I reinstalled the inter fender well and the front grill. I must have changed some alignment so the hood would not close. I knew my hood hinges were in dire need of repair and there was so much play in them I decided to first remove the hood and have the hinges rebuilt so I know I'm starting off on the right foot when it comes time to tweaked the fender alignment.



Here is a picture of my 50 year old hinges. The rivets wore out and needed repair. I sent them off to my friend from Forest Virginia, Willie Wilson at Wilson Antique car parts. No it's not the Willie Wilson who played for the Royals. I did ask him that when I sent my hinges for my convertible to him about three years ago. I'm also going to have him replace the springs and have the hinges painted the stock color. When I get them back they will be better than new and with no play from side to side.

All in all, installing the Vintage Air System in itself was somewhat challenging but with a little bit of for thought and perseverance it is doable. The next step is to take it down to Midwestern Mechanical to get charged on a warm day.

This project kept me busy this winter and I believe, when all the bugs are worked out, I will have a better car and it will be more enjoyable to drive this summer.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Well, folks- the transformation has started!

I'm in the process of prepping the '68 for a run to Minneapolis this summer in the Show Me Rally. The plan is to set this car up for the various events that the Rally coordinators have planned for us. So far, events planned include the high speed run from KC to Minneapolis, a day at the drag strip, and possibly some road course work. While it's hard to set up one vehicle to be great at all things, we are looking to make this one decent at most of them. With an eye towards comfort and safety, I'm working currently on the interior.

The first step for me on this car was to make sure that when I get caught in rain or run it through a car wash, that most of the water stays outside. Currently, I believe more water gets inside this car than sheets off the outside. No biggie, right? Call my glass guy to have him pull my windshield and back glass, reseal, and reinstall. Took all of 20 minutes for him to pull the windshield and rear glass, snap my fender antenna off, and tell me to call him when I've fixed all of the rust. RUST? Yep, rust- go figure. The front glass and opening are good, but the rear is completely rotted out, so there was nothing to glue to. Thankfully, after searching the net for a few minutes, I turned up at Belden Speed and Engineering. They are



well versed in this problem, and make channel repair kits for all of our cars with great instructions and pictures. After a couple of quick e-mails, they shipped me out the required patch channels, some new trim clips, and channel/ glass adhesive prep. Their customer service and shipping times were great-- had everything that I needed in just a couple days. Currently trimming and installing those patches now-- more updates soon!



In preparation for the roll cage and new seat fitup, I pulled the original bench seats, carpet, and dash. Anyone guess what I found? If you guessed rat poop and general nastiness- you are right! Oh yeah- also more rust. Not as bad as it could be, but a pain anyways. Thankfully, I've got some floor pans on hand, so I'll do a little slice and dice and get it all sealed back up. As for the seats, I went somewhat unconventional. I wanted support and side bolstering, as well as a way to attach a 5 point harness if I chose to. Building somewhat on a budget, I chose to go with a set of universal buckets from Summit Racing. These are their "house" brand, and with brackets for the A body platform and sliding bases, they were in the \$500 range all-in. Cheap seats means "some assembly and fiddling required " to get them to fit and sit right. After having them in and out of the vehicle a couple dozen times and cutting and modifying the bases and the seat frames, I think I've got them sitting low enough to work for me. While these aren't exactly my first choice for style, they are comfortable enough and should do their job for this run.



Bear in mind, everything I am doing with this car in preparations for some Rally fun is done in such a way that if I want to change this car back to a weekend cruiser, it will be easy to do so. Seats are easily changed, and the car will not be hacked up for strictly track use. Quite the contrary-- fixing the floors, trunk, and window channels will sure come in handy if this car were to ever be fully restored. My hopes are that when this evolution is complete, the car will

be more sound and solid so that whatever route it goes in the future, it will be a good platform to build from.

Everyone stay safe, and I hope to see y'all soon!

Ed

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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.

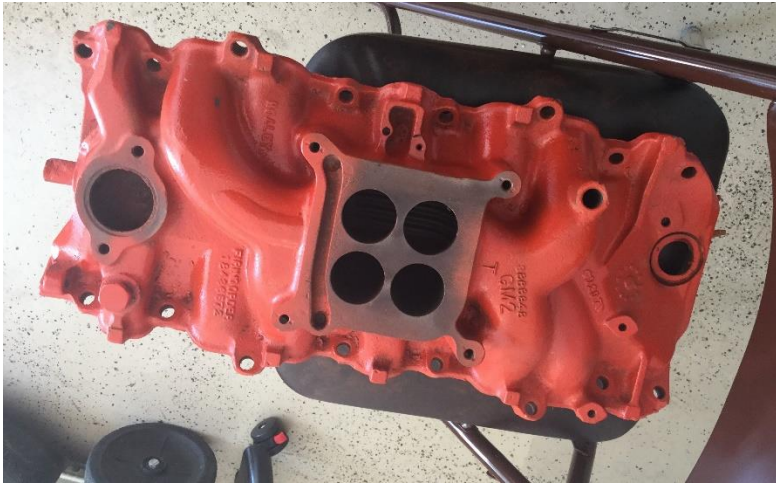
I love them both but I need a better daily driver for going back and forth to school.

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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