

# MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

## JUNE 2020 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](mailto:findley13703@gmail.com)

## **Board Information**

<b>Chair:</b>	Roger Verstraete
<b>Co-Chair:</b>	Ed Smoot
<b>Secretary:</b>	Debbie Gragg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eugene Hallouer
<b>At Large:</b>	Randy Cummins
<b>At Large:</b>	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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 61<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.midamericachevelles.com/members/join_form.html)



## **2020 Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB  
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS  
May 28, 2020  
MINUTES

The meeting, located at Antioch Park, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 21 persons present. No new persons were present, so no introductions were made.

The minutes of February, 2020 as printed in the monthly newsletter was accepted.

Mr. Verstraete overviewed the annual budget, which was accepted by those present.

Mr. Smoot noted the nominations and election for all positions would be scheduled for June. (Typically the election is held in April, but due to social restrictions was delayed.) He encouraged all to run for any position, as all are open.

Chair Verstraete reviewed new business. He first discussed the spring picnic, scheduled for June 20, at the John and Phyllis Prouty's residence. The meal will be a catered barbecue. Members were informed that no additional items were needed, but not discouraged. Members were requested to bring drinks and chairs. The event will take place after 1:00 p.m. and the meal is set for 4:00 p.m. Fishing and fun will be had.

Additionally, Mr. Verstraete noted the Mid America Regional Car Show is still on schedule with a final decision in July. At this time, the barbecue dinner is being considered between Blind Box or Famous Dave's.

The membership discussed other shows which have been cancelled, postponed or pending, including the Merriam Show (tentative), Street Machine Nationals in Minnesota, and Good Guys in Des Moines. This led into more discussion of the Regional Car Show. It was suggested that if unable to complete plaques in time, the winners could be received via mail. It was also questioned if T-shirts could be fast ordered.

Mr. Calder reported most of the events scheduled for this year have been cancelled. He noted the September First Friday cruise will be hosted at his residence.

Members were informed of the car cruise in honor/memory of Overland Park Police Officer Michael Mosher is scheduled for June 13. Those present were informed an e-mail with details would be distributed.

The Byfield's indicated due to the virus situation, the Kentucky cruise was cancelled.

Those present were informed that twenty members with Chevells participated in a cruise around I-435. Suggestions for any other cruises were sought.

Ms. Gragg indicated that due to the virus restrictions, no Ladies activities have transpired.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. He noted there are 59 current memberships.

April Bogart and her father, Slim Williams, thanked the members for the donation in honor of April's mother/Slim's wife passing in January, 2020.



There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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](http://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**

June 13—Mike Mosher Community Memorial Ride



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020**

June 27----Club picnic—John and Phyllis Prouty 1400 Kurzweil Rd Raymore, MO  
See email and facebook from Roger

July 3 or 4—Goodguys Show Iowa State Fair Grounds Des Moines. Travel up and back same day. I will not be able to go but if anyone is interested let me know. Steve Calder 816-547-1206

July 10-----First Friday Cruise In hosted by Rick and Kelly Byfield, 19410 Edgerton Rd, Edgerton, KS More info to come a week or so before,

July 17-19 ----Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN—Brian Findley is going. Contact Brian if you want to attend.

July 25-----Twin Peaks Lunch—TBD

There are several shows in July that we can discuss. If anyone knows of a good show or cruise let us know.

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 hosted by Steve and Lori Calder 9825 Clarksboro Dr E Liberty, MO

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

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

September 18-19—Loafers Car Show Hannibal, MO Friday/Saturday

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

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

September 27---Paola Car Show Paola, KS---Sunday

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](mailto:sjc52@aol.com) or 816-547-1206 cell or text.

## **MACC Ladies Column**

MACC Ladies – Attention

It has been a long time since February, 2020 – seems like years!!

This is another call for those wanting to join in some fun activities for the ladies associated with Mid-America Chevelle Club. If you are interested in receiving an invitation to join the Facebook page and provide a good e-mail, please contact Lana Stites at [Lstites80@gmail.com](mailto:Lstites80@gmail.com); or Debra





Gragg at dgragg@gmail.com or text 816-223-2634 for the invite. If you have requested an invitation, but not completed, the invitation may be lost in your e-mail box, so if you try again and also provide a good phone number, we can follow up on the request.

The actual FIRST meeting will be at the July 10 Cruise-in at the Byfield's. Come prepared with some ideas and look forward to fun things to come. If you are unable to attend, feel free to e-mail Lana or e-mail/text to Debra as listed previously.

I know it has been a while coming, but hopefully we can accomplish some activity this year. Things are already looking better. – Debra

## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

This month's club meeting is going to be held at the City of Merriam Market Place. 5740 Merriam Lane. This is outdoor and under cover so bring your own chair and we can have our meeting in as safe environment as possible. This is the same location were the Merriam car show is held. Meeting time is 7pm. Old Shawnee Pizza Shop is now open for anyone wanting to go there after the meeting.

This year's club summer picnic has been rescheduled to this coming Saturday, June 27th. If you have confirmed you were coming, I have you down. If this does not work for you, please let me know by text or a phone call. If you were unable to come on the June 20th date but this Saturday's date (June 27th) works better for your schedule, just let me know and I can add you to the list.

The club is providing BBQ and all sides and dessert. Just bring your own drinks and chairs. John and Phyllis Prouty have offered to host this year's picnic again at their beautiful home. They have two lakes to fish in with a dock and a covered sitting area to enjoy the view. Arrival time is from 1 pm on and we are planning on eating at 4 o'clock. We are doing this differently this year because of the covid19 virus and are trying to keep as safe an environment as possible. We are asking everyone to please be safe and mindful of others and try to keep a safe distance. Let's all try to take a break from this crazy world we are living through and have a good time and enjoy each other's company. I will need a headcount on how many members are coming so we can get the food count right. So if you could just text me your name and number of guests to my cell that would be great. My number is 913-207-3374.

*Roger*

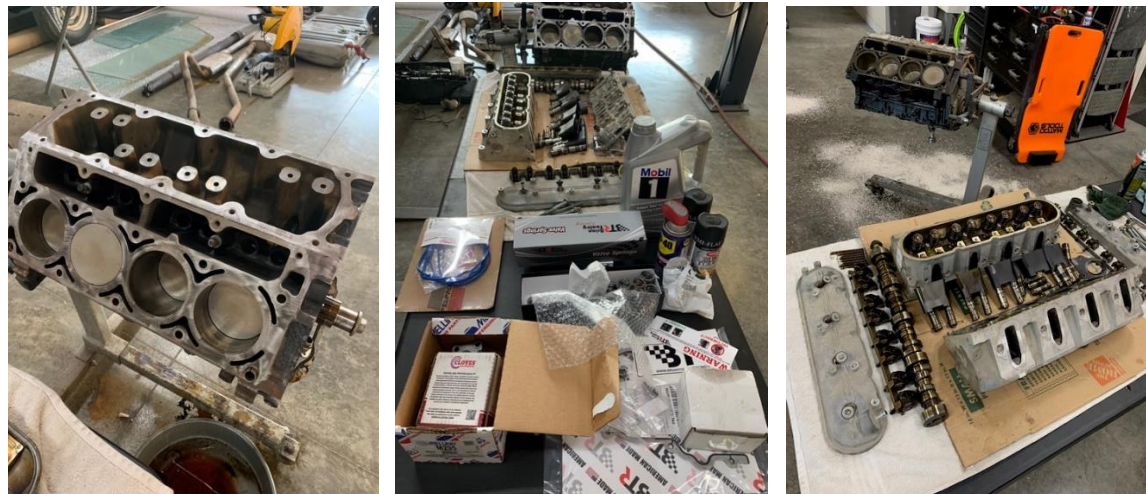
## **Vice-President's Column**

Man, does time ever fly! Work keeps progressing on my road race '68. As you read this, I've got 30 +/- days left, and man are we feeling the pressure! Blast off day is 7/30 with the Show Me Rally, and even if I need to run with goggles and no glass, I feel like we're gonna make it.

Gone is the Fitech fed 350 and 350 automatic, and the engine bay was prepped for a fresh LS swap. We are going to be running a 5.3 with a 4L60 in this car- so before we put it in, a few changes were in order. We replaced the tired stock camshaft with a grind that will give it a



little bit of a lope, and will work better with our power adders. Due to time constraints, we are currently running the truck intake- which comes with it's own set of problems. While the truck intake allows us to run our accessories that we already own, the intake and the Procharger that we are putting on no longer clear the hood. Engine and trans are all installed and mounted, and we are currently wiring it up and getting it to run hopefully soon.



We've just about got the roll cage done, and that helped figure out the seat placement, so that's dialed in as well. Some floor patching is underway currently and if time allows, we'll get some of the creature comforts done. Adding in the horse-shoe shifter, and putting in the True Slap shifter detent plate from DJPFabrication. Dan Janes is a first gen Monte Carlo guy, and has a great product that works in our shifters- be sure to check him out on FB. The one sticking point at this time is my new digital dash. Ordered months ago from Intellitronix, they have been slowed down due to Covid issues, but I'm quickly running out of time and patience. It sure would be nice to have gauges, but we may be running with a cell phone as our speedo.





Swapped in the 12 bolt out of another project-- which has a 3:31 posi and disc brakes, so that's gonna be cool. Wheels and tires will be in this week, so should have it back on the ground shortly thereafter. While it's on the rack, we've started the body work and prep for a color change for this run. The afore-mentioned hood issue will be resolved as well, as we will be making "speed holes" in an old stock hood of mine and holding it on with hood pins.

So.... the list has been made, and we are checking off items as quick as we can get them done. Roughly 30 items in 30 days- doable, right? I've got the "A" Team on it at work, so that sure helps my odds. Oh yeah- I also sold my house, and have to move most of our belongings to storage, Get and move into a new RV, and have that little detail wrapped up by 7/17. Am I crazy? Yes- we already knew the answer to that one. The question really becomes...can we do it? Will we make it on time?

The Jury's still out on that cliffhanger- stay tuned for next month's column to find out.

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](mailto: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](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





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