MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB JULY 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

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

<u>Dues</u>

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 June 25, 2020 MINUTES

The meeting, located at Merriam Marketplace, Merriam, KS, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. Bob Calvert, former member returned and was welcomed. Introductions were made. There were 28 persons present.

Old business consisting of the annual election was considered. After a motion to retain current officers was made, the membership voted in favor.

New business was discussed. It was noted the June picnic was cancelled due to inclement weather, adding June 27 would host the picnic at the Prouty residence.

The Regional Car Show was discussed, also noting that a number of car shows have been cancelled for this year. Mr. Verstraete indicated that Nebraska Furniture Mart had no problems with the show, but would not supply the port-a-potties. More discussion ensued retarding potential concerns of hosting – health issues, etc. It was discussed that a final decision could be made by July 31 or be addressed under Officers' decision.

The members were informed that Old Shawnee Pizza is open and ready for any members after tonight's meeting.

Mr. Caldwell reported on the events. He informed those present that 14 club memberships participated in the Mike Mosher car cruise, and indicated that with the full participation of other club/cars a sizeable amount of dollars were contributed to the family. He also spoke about the upcoming First Friday Cruise at the Byfield residence with fried chicken supplied by the club.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the treasury, which was accepted by the members. He also reported the membership is currently at 70.

The minutes, as published in the newsletter, were accepted.

Mr. Calvert thanked everyone for the great welcome back.

Members discussed on going car projects.

There being no further official business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg Secretary

Additional notes: The officers discussed and overviewed the potential cancelling of the Regional Car Show scheduled for late September. It was also noted that there were very few preregistrations. After several minutes of pros and cons, the unanimous decision was to cancel due to ongoing and unknown changes regarding the virus and financial concerns, as well as a number of other car show cancellations, that it was in the best interest of the health of members and guests to cancel this year's event.





Special Annoucement

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP AND DUES RENEWAL IS NOW AVALIABLE 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

June 27----Club picnic













July 10-----First Friday Cruise In hosted by Rick and Kelly Byfield









July 25----Twin Peaks Lunch













Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020

With the increase cases of COVID 19 we have decided to cancel the August and September First Friday Cruise In. Hopefully next year will be back to a more normal.

July 31----Friday Michael Day Top Ten Cars under the Stars Show \$5 entrance fee all proceeds go to the American Legion. 4p.m to 8:30 American Legion 410 Dennis Ave Olathe, KS

August 7---First Friday Cruise in---Your Classic Ride 2711 Warwick Trfy, KC MO Hosted by Jon/Lynn Clark CANCELED

August 15---Alma Car Show Alma, KS CANCELED

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

September 4----First Friday Cruise In hosted by Steve and Lori Calder

9825 Clarksboro Dr E Liberty, MO CANCELED

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

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

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

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

September 25-26---Midwest Chevelle Regionals Nebraska Furniture Mart Parking

lot KC, KS----CANCELED

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

October16-17 ---Fall Color Tour—More info to follow.

October 24??---Fall Party

December 5---MACC Christmas Party—Thompsons Barn Lenexa NOTE: Saturday Event

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

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More info coming soon.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

Hope everyone is doing well and is staying health. As many of you know we have cancelled this year's Midwest Chevelle Regional car show. At the June meeting we discussed the pros and cons of putting on the car show. The unknown of what things are going to be like in late September is just too hard to predict. Another factor was that we have only received six pre-registrations and





three were club members. Attendance at car shows is so hard to predict. The weather is always a huge factor and with covid 19 going on its just unknown what affect this would have had. Also, with the lack of car shows going on we might have had a large crowd at this year's regional and we would have had to plan on that too. After the meeting was over, the officers got together and decided it was not worth the risk to put on this year's show. Consideration of the health of our membership and guests was our top concern.

After the meeting, I emailed the other three clubs that are part of the Midwest Regional Chevelle Show and let them know our decision. I told them it was the feeling of club officers that the 2021 Midwest Regional should go on as scheduled and Heartland Chevelle Club should go ahead and host it like they planned. We would like to have the chance to host the Regional in 2022. Our reason for not wanting to host the regional in 2021 is that no one is certain the virus will be gone and all the planning and money that has to be spent early in the year would be lost again. This year we lost \$450.00 on flyers and the ad that we put in the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council Book advertising our show. After notifying the three other clubs, Greg Hanson, the president of Heartland Chevelle club said that they are unable to secure the hotel where they have their Regional because they have laid off all there planning staff and he wanted us to go ahead and host the 2021 Regional. I responded that we would not take up this topic until the January meeting. Maybe by then we will have a better idea what is happening with the virus. So for now the 2021 Regional is up in the air.

As for the rest of the club events that are scheduled, the Friday night cruise-ins for the rest of the year are being cancelled because of covid 19. Almost all car shows that our club attends have been cancelled too. We will keep you informed on any event that was on the list that is still on.

This month we will be having our club meeting at the City of Merriam Market Place, 5740 Merriam Ln. The city of Merriam is letting us use the Market Place as long as we follow the guidelines of staying 6 feet apart. As a last note, after our meetings we usually go to Old Shawnee Pizza to eat but they too have closed down there dining hall until further notice. I wish I had more positive news about having club events and such but it is what it is and there nothing we can do except try to stay healthy and hope 2021 is a better year.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

I'm Stoked!

The Show Me Rally is this week, and I can't wait. In a year with almost no car related stuff going on, the fact that this event is still on the books is amazing to me. The lead-up to this event has been a lot of work for me this year, but it will all be worth it in a couple short days. Here's what I've been up to!

As I alluded to in last month's column, I sold my house. Our realtor was awesome, and it took almost 48 hours from listing to sold, so then the race was on to get moved out and find a place to live. We were planning to move out onto the property where our house is going to be built, but felt like we needed more room than our current RV had to offer. After an extensive internet search, we found just what we were looking for- a 42' 5th wheel with everything we





were looking for, including 2 bathrooms (which was a must according to my better half). So, amidst moving and putting most everything we owned in storage, off to Cincinnati we went to pick up our new temporary home fresh out of production and onto the dealer's lot. While we were gone, disaster struck in Olathe- our 17 year old semi-rusty pool burst! Timing could not have been worse, but I wouldn't have wanted it to happen to the new owners either. We returned a day later with the new RV, parked it in the driveway, and added the pool rebuild to our long list of things that needed to be done in the next couple of weeks. The new owners really wanted that pool, and I can't say I blame them with this heat. Long story short, we got it all done, moved into the RV and are now living happily on our little plot of land in Miami County. I know what you're saying- "isn't this supposed to be a car column?"-- you bet.



Since you asked-- here's the car part!

While all of my moving craziness was going on, the guys at work and I hatched the crazy plan to build a new car for the Rally this year. Since Mr. Findley is going and bringing his car, I thought it would be a great year to build a Chevelle. Not just any Chevelle, but the Malibu from Talladega Nights. Our version has a 5.3 LS motor with a Procharger, 4L60E with a modified shifter, all heading that power to a 12 bolt rear. While we were wiring everything up and bolting everything in, of course there was a color change involved. The movie car used a Smokey Yunick color scheme, right down to the #13 on the doors. My guys really knocked it out of the park, modeling all of the details after a Matchbox Car I had on my desk for inspiration. As I write this, we are installing glass, finishing up the seat belts/ harnesses, mounting the bumpers and trim, and installing new carpet. An initial conservative tune netted us mid 500 hp numbers (at the crank) on the dyno, and we go back on Wednesday for final tune with bigger injectors to get those numbers up. We are looking for some streetable numbers that will get us there at highway speeds, as well as give us a fighting chance at the dragstrip and on the autocross course. I'm really pleased with how this car is coming out, and can't wait to rumble into the Rally kick-off party in full Ricky Bobby costume with my copilot Cal- I'm sure it will be a sight to behold!













You can follow Brian and I's adventure on Facebook at the Show Me Rally page or on my personal Facebook. I'll try to upload some content to the MACC page as well.

Wish us luck!

Ed

New Members

Ray and Diana Harper 5206 Round Prairie St Shawnee, KS 66226 Cell # 913-486-6758 e-mail rharper555@gmail.com Member # 469 good to 4/30/2022 1968 / Red / Malibu

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties, Other

Found the club on the internet (Is Facebook Member)





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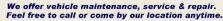
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Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

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
- 13XL
- 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\ \underline{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







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





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