

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
July 30, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting, located at Merriam Marketplace, Merriam, KS , was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 12 persons present. (There was inclement weather)

Those present were informed that Ed Smoot and Bryan Findley are participating in the Show Me Run and that they had arrived at their destination. It was also reported that Steve Calder is in Wyoming and Kent Scott is out west.

The minutes as submitted in the Newsletter were approved.

Roger Verstraete read a thankyou card from Debra and John Gragg for the for a plant sent at the loss of Debra's mother.

Eugene Hallouer spoke of a card from Ascend Hospice House for a donation sent at the loss of Mike Franchett's mother.

Mr. Verstraete indicated the status of the 2021 Regional Show in Nebraska is unknown. He added that both Wichita and Springfield clubs are receptive for the Regional Show hosted by this club in 2022.

It was reported that both the August and September First Friday Nights are cancelled.

It was noted that at this time, the Paola Car Show is still scheduled.

Mr. Verstraete noted the future status of the Holiday Party is unknown.

Mr. Hallouer provided the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. He reported there are currently 88 memberships. He also informed those present that show entries were refunded, the Waco Seed money was returned, as well as O'Reilley's contribution.

Mr. Verstaete suggested another club cruise with perhaps a Poker run with prizes.

John Gragg, representing those working on the cancelled Fall Color Tour, suggested a day cruise to Booneville, MO to tour a museum, have lunch, and return.

Mr. Verstraete indicated that Mr. Calder may be setting up a tour on the north side of the metro.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 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

July 31----Friday Michael Day Top Ten Cars under the Stars Show
American Legion 410 Dennis Ave Olathe, KS – 8 members in attendance.



Show Me Rally – July 30, 2020 – August 2, 2020 – St. Paul, MN

Pictures are in no particular order – They are a select that represents all that took place during the rally from the initial meet up on Thursday morning to drag racing, lunch at Larry's Lookout, cruising the country side, racing Go-Karts and running Auto Cross.





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. All shows for September that we had scheduled have been canceled.

September/October

We are currently working on 3 different countryside cruises. These would be driving cruises with several stops.

Dates and times to be announced later.

Brian Findley is looking for cars to do a car parade at Brookdale Senior Living (Sandy's place of employment) on a Friday afternoon late September or October. We will discuss the dates at the meeting. This would be a drive thru starting at 2p.m. More info will be sent once we have the date set.

October 24??---Fall Party????



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

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

MACC Ladies

More info coming soon.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

Will be back soon.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

General Ed Smoot craziness, and Show Me Rally Recap!

Let's pick up where we left off, 3 days prior to blast- off for the Show Me Rally to Minnesota. We were clicking right along, knocking out small details leading up to the kick-off party on Thursday 7/30. We got the call that our tuner could see the car one last time on Wednesday, give us one final tune for maximum HP, and we'd be ready to roll. Dropped the car off in the morning with our friends at Modified By KC, and waited anxiously for their call. Well, that call came, but it sure wasn't the one that we wanted. While on the dyno, they were mid-pull when...BANG! the driveshaft twisted in half, ripping my nice Magnaflow exhaust off with it. Now, we were in a pickle. Where, in KC, can you have a full custom driveshaft made that will handle 5-600 horsepower in just a matter of hours? After everyone including the several branches of the name brand driveshaft place here in town said "sorry, pal", I found the guy that will be my go-to for all things driveshaft now. North Manufacturing not only stopped what he was doing to help us, but also let us watch as he made our new shaft (that he says we can't break) from scratch. Super nice guy, and he's earned my business! Ran our new shaft back to MKC, they stayed late to finish our tune, we loaded up the car and headed home.





The next day (the first day of the rally), I met my exhaust guy at his shop in Paola - Muffler Mart-- at 5am. He came in early, hand built me an exhaust, and had me out of there in an hour so that I could finish loading and book it to the kickoff party at Worth Harley Davidson by 9. We made it, and it was sure nice to see a bunch of friendly faces. We rolled in in full Talladega Nights costume, and the whole package was a big hit. We were gunning for the "Most Creative Team" award, and although there was some stiff competition this year, we pulled it off! Team "Shake and Bake" graciously accepted our prize, enjoyed the kickoff festivities, and all headed north towards Minnesota and our first checkpoint. Fueled up at checkpoint 1, got our marching orders, and split up into groups depending on speed/ comfort level. We all took off in our respective groups as planned-- little did I know then that this was the last time we would see the anyone from the rally until we hit the hotel parking lot.



What we didn't know at the time is that when the driveshaft grenaded on the dyno, it had knocked the bushing out of the tailshaft of the trans that locates the slip yoke of the driveshaft and holds everything centered. Shortly after leaving checkpoint 1, the seal blew out of the rear of the trans. We pulled over amidst a cloud of smoke, and limped to a little parts store in Lamoni, Iowa, where they were nice enough to sell us ramps, tools we were missing, and run to another store an hour away to get us another seal. Of course, it rained heavily while repairing the seal, and for the rest of our trip north. We made it to the hotel parking lot, and promptly blew the hi side power steering line off while backing into our spot. We were ready to be done for the night, so we cracked a cold one (courtesy of Brian Findley- who made it there just fine hours earlier) , and decided to tackle our woes in the morning.



Day 2 started off with a power steering line repair, and , with the help of local car guy Stan Shinker, we found a trans shop that had the tail housing we needed. They were kind enough to meet us at their shop mid-day, and let us change the part in the street outside their shop. A few gallons of fluid running down the street later, and we had our new (to us) housing installed, and life was good. Back to the hotel for a quick shower, some lunch, and we met up with the group to head out for some afternoon go-kart fun. We headed out easily enough, and just as I was stepping down on it to get

onto the highway, our plastic O'Reilly power steering pulley decided it no longer wanted to be part of the accessory drive. Due to late afternoon traffic, we opted to call for a wrecker, and took the ride of shame to the closest O'Reilly auto to replace said pulley, pump, and put everything back together. The locals were quite enamored with the car, and stopped (repeatedly) to shoot the breeze and see what we were doing. We got 'er all buttoned up, and headed back to the hotel to prep for the next day.



Day 3 was great! No failures of any kind, and we met everyone at the dragstrip to watch our friends run. Stan met us there with his new '69 drop top, and he, Brian, our co-pilots and I hung out for a while- which was nice. Brian and I didn't run the strip-- after all, we were trying to make it home the next day. We headed from the strip to a really cool lunch spot called Larry's Lookout, where there were cold adult beverages, live music, food, an amazing view, and burnouts! It was mainly a biker hangout, but they all took notice when we left out of there and, one by one, left fresh rubber and clouds of smoke in front of the joint. Our car held together, and we did the club proud while everyone cheered us on. The following countryside cruise was great, and we all had a great time. Back to the hotel for some late-night shenanigans, and we all turned in (some later than others) to prep for closing ceremonies the next day.



Day 4 started with closing ceremonies, award presentations for scavenger hunt participants, drag strip warriors, and autocross carvers. We all hung around for one last photo op, then turned our attention South towards home. As luck would have it, that pesky plastic pulley let go again about 3 miles from where we spent that day in the rain at the beginning of the rally. I guess it was meant to be, that it wrapped up for us in the same manner it started- on the side of the road. We coasted into probably the nicest rest area I've ever seen, and Mr. Findley and Co were kind enough to run to yet another O'Reilly for us to grab that needed pulley, hang with us while we changed it, and motor on home along side us. It sure pays to have great friends!



What have I learned, if anything?

1. Maybe spend 37 days on the car next year, as opposed to just 30. Maybe work out a few bugs, who knows.
2. Make the hood lighter or put the hinges back on- that steel sucker gets heavy after a couple hundred removals.
3. Be ready to talk! When rolling in an iconic car like this, you can't stop for gas (or do anything really) without someone across the parking lot yelling "Ricky Bobby!". We had a lot of fun talking to really nice folks all along our route who really dug the car and wanted to talk about it. It was a blast!



NOW, all of those small issues have been sorted, and the car is pretty reliable, and is a hoot to drive. Would I do it all again, heck yeah! If any of this sounds like something that's up your alley, consider joining us next year! I know that Brian is hooked, and all of us on the trip were already planning for the next one, before this one was even over. We'd love to have you along if you're interested!

Hope to see you 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

Mike Stites – 913-485-7368

Transmission Cooler - \$30 -- 4.56 gear set - \$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 Chevilles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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