

# MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

## SEPTEMBER 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  
August 27, 2020  
MINUTES

The meeting, located at Merriam Marketplace, Merriam, KS , was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete. There were 23 persons present. New member, Ray Harper, owner of a 1968 was welcomed by all. Introductions were made.

The minutes as presented in the newsletter were approved.

Mr. Verstraete informed those present that the KC Auto Museum desires some cars for display. Please contact Gordon Gilpin if interested. It was also noted the museum will be moving to downtown Kansas City. Storage facilities within the new site will be available.

Members Ed Smoot and Brian Findley reported about their participation and overall experience with the recent Show Me Rally. They indicated it was a good event; adding there was also an Auto Cross event with this rally. Those present were informed this event has limited cars; if interested in future participation check it out on Facebook and/or its website.

Mr. Smoot reported that on Friday, August 28, a Grand Opening at Bert's Truck Stop, I-35 and Wellsville exit would be hosting a come and go car cruise beginning at 4:00 p.m. Everyone was encourage to attend.

Jim Stack informed all present of the Carriage House car and air show, scheduled for August 29 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Entry into the car show is \$10.00.

Mr. Calder addressed upcoming cruises. He mentioned Liberty Cruise Night around the Square for August 29. He also spoke about the club's cruise scheduled for September 12 going to Weston, Atchison and Leavenworth. Two more cruises will be planned for northern and southern areas on the Missouri side of the Metropolitan area during September weekends. More information will be forwarded via e-mail and Facebook.

Sandy Findley has requested members volunteer to bring out their cars for a drive through the nursing homes at 119th and Lamar. The event is scheduled for September 25 in the afternoon. Rain-out date is October 9.

John Gragg informed the audience of the upcoming Fall Covid Tour (name courtesy of Russ Peters) on October 17, 2020. The tour will consist of a one-day cruise – tour of the Mitchell Auto Museum in Boonville. A local Boonville restaurant has been booked for the group. The tour should conclude with the return to the Kansas City area by late afternoon.

Mr. Verstraete noted the holiday party is still on, but still checking on several factors. A decision by the September meeting will be made.

Treasurer Hallouer overviewed the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted. He indicated there are 87 current memberships.

The audience was informed that member, Kent Scott, is a new grandfather of two which were born within the same week.

Mr. Scott also inquired into fire extinguishers. The questions were addressed by Rick Byfield.



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A cruise to Hayward's Barbecue followed adjournment.

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**

September 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise – 12 cars participated. A potential new member joined in on a great Saturday night for driving.





September 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise - 20 cars participated. A potential new member joined in on another great Saturday night for driving.







## **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 25—Friday Event--Parade of Cars for Brookdale Senior Living Facility 119th and Lamar. Meeting for lunch at Chili's Bar and Grill 119th and Metcalf at 12:45 with plans on leaving for Brookdale at 1:45 p.m. For those who just want to join the parade, be in the parking lot at Chili's by 1:45. This will be a drive through only. If you are going to attend contact Brian Findley findley13703@gmail.com or text 913-558-1453

September 25---Friday Event--Top Ten Cars Under the Stars American Legion 410 East Dennis Olathe, KS starting at 4p.m. \$10 entry fee. All proceeds to the American Legion

September 26---MACC cruise in the Northland. Meet at LaBenite Park 3117 North Route 291 Sugar Creek, MO. This little park is right along the Missouri River and is the last turn off you can take before the Missouri River bridge on 291 northbound. Depart from the park at 11 a.m. heading to Wabash BBQ 646 Kansas City Ave Excelsior Springs, MO for lunch. From there we will be going through Kearney then up around Smithville Lake heading over to Platte City then back South. You



should have received an email about this. For those coming from the south meet and depart at 10a.m. from QuikTrip 435 and State Line. We will end at the Nebraska Furniture Mart Parking lot at around 3p.m.

Questions call Steve Calder 816-547-1206 cell or text. Sjc52@aol.com

October 10---MACC Cruise around Belton. Russ Peters will provide the info

October 17---Covid Color Tour—Meet at the 7Highway General Store/BP Station Highway 7 and U.S. 50 Highway with a depart time of 8a.m.  
This will be a day trip. More info to come. John Gragg and Russ Peters

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

## **MACC Ladies Column**

MACC Ladies

More info coming soon.

## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

It's late September and this is usually the weekend of our car show, but with all the Covid cancellations how things have changed. So we have turned our sights to having car cruises in different parts of the city for some safe events. This is a good way to keep social distancing, drive our Chevelles and have a little fun at the same time. Two weekends ago, we had our first cruise on the Northwest side of the I- 435 loop and last weekend we toured the Southwest side of the I-435 loop. Steve has plans this weekend for another cruise to the Northwest side of I-435. You should have gotten an email on this and where to meet up at. Then on October 10th, we have the last cruise to the Southwest side of I-435. You will get an email on this in the near future. On October 17th, the Covid Fall Color tour is planned and again when we get closer to the date you shall receive more details on this one too.

This Thursday at 7 pm is our September meeting. We have been having them outside since May and this month it will again be at the Merriam Market Place in downtown Merriam on 5740 Merriam Lane. We have some yearend topics to clear up and with the weather being nice everyone has been driving their Chevelles to the meetings. There is plenty of space for everyone to space out and be as safe as possible.

Brian Findley has asked any members that are free on Friday September 25th to join us at the Parade of Cars for the Brookdale Senior Living Facility at 119th and Lamar .You should have





received an email on this with all the details and the meet up location. These seniors have been basically locked in their rooms since March and maybe this will give them something to talk about and brighten their day just a little bit.

As you can see we have a lot going on and just want to get out and have some fun with our cars before winter and try our best to be safe at the same time. Hopefully, everyone can find one event to come to before this crazy year comes to an end.

Hope everyone is safe and healthy. Keep an eye out for our emails.

*Roger*

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

See you next Month!

Ed

### **New Members**



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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

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 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale Chevilles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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