

# MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

## FEBRUARY 2021 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**

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<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)



## **2021 Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB  
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS

### MINUTES

## **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**

Coming soon.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2021**

Please note that all of these events are subject to change as we progress through this year. Sure hope it is better than last year.

March 26-28---World of Wheels Show Bartle Hall Kansas City, MO  
5 members with 6 cars registered for the event.

Late April---Driving cruise-route and date will depend on the weather.

May 1--- Kansas White Way (Hwy 9) Car Run. Atchison, KS to Frankfort, KS  
Depart Atchison 8a.m. \$30 registration

May 7-8-Loafers Car Show. Hannibal, MO. Drive to Hannibal on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Show on the 8th.

May22---Driving Cruise

June 12----Paola Heartland Show Paola, KS

June 19----MACC picnic---Hosted by John and Phyllis Prouty 1400 Kurzweil Rd, Raymore, MO

June 26----Driving cruise

July 2 or 3---Good Guys Show Iowa State Fairgrounds Des Moines, Iowa - Drive up and back same day.

July 10-----Driving Cruise



July 22-25---Street Machine National St. Paul, Minnesota  
July 24-----Twin Peaks Lunch

August 5-8---Show Me Rally to Dallas, TX Limited spots.  
Contact Brian Findley or Ed Smoot for more info. Registrations open sometime in March.  
August 7---Car Show Columbia, MO  
August 14---Hot Alma Nights Show Alma, KS  
August 27---Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS

September 11---Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam, KS  
September 12---Wheels and Dreams Show Shawnee, KS  
September 18---Old Marais River Run Ottawa, KS  
September 24-25-Either Midwest Chevelle Regionals or MACC annual Car show. Nebraska  
Furniture Mart parking lot KC, KS

October 9-----Driving Cruise  
October 15-16-Fall Color Tour  
October 23-----Fall Party

December 4--- MACC Christmas Party-Thompsons Barn Lenexa, KS  
Saturday event

If and when the membership feels comfortable, we will start up the First Friday Cruisin to members houses.

If you have an idea for one of the driving cruise routes, please let me know.

Any other ideas for events are welcome.

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,

Over the last year I have been watching the classic car market pretty close just to see what this pandemic was going to do to classic car prices. At first, I believed people would be selling their cars if they had lost their job or started working less hours, etc. I figured the average price of a classic car would drop 10% to 20% in value and if you watched closely you might just find a bargain out there that you couldn't refuse. Last spring, I did see an uptick in cars on the market but they were being sold fairly fast. As the summer came, cars were being sold as fast as they hit the market and then prices starting climbing. I could not have been more wrong about what the classic car market was doing. Classic car dealers were having low



inventory and were paying over value just to keep some cars around to sell. If you watched any of the Mecum Auto Auction that was in Florida this January, you could see how prices were on the rise and most cars were being sold. If you have never been to a Mecum auction, there are really two prices on every car sold there. There's the hammer price, the price you see on the TV screen, and then there is the reality price which is the sale price plus 10% Mecum commission plus your state's sales taxes and other fees which are usually around 10%. So to make this an easy math question just take the sales price and add 20% to the sales price and that's what it will take to be able to drive your car on the street legally. As an example, a nice looking Chevelle going across the auction block sales for \$50,000, it will cost you a total of \$60,000 when it's all said and done.

When buying a car at Mecum there is another factor to consider that most people don't realize. You can see all the eye candy on these cars but you cannot drive them, hear them run and the chances of talking to the owner and getting the truth out of him is almost impossible. So if you plan on buying a car at Mecum you might as well figure on having some issues. Its buyer beware at Mecum.

With all this being said, how can Mecum sale so many cars? Some people just want a classic car and don't realize all the hidden cost. Some people have deep pockets and find the dream car and could care less. Or maybe they think it's a great investment or just catch it just right and the car is being sold for less than it's worth. For me, I think Mecum has some cars that just make the circuit at every auction just to drive up the prices. As an example in 2016, 17, 18, I saw the same 4 Mustang Twister's being sold at the Kansas City auction. There are also guys on the auction floor running up the bid on certain cars. This happened to me when I bought my blue '69 there. They jumped the bid a thousand dollars on me. I made them stop the bid and back the bid up to get it right.

Another place to find cars is at a dealership. They are all over the internet for easy access to find. Always in their description of the car, it's the best car on the market and a little old lady drove it to church and back or it's had the best frame off restoration known to man. The disadvantage to buying from a dealer or consignment shop is the 10% sales tax. The advantages at a dealer most will take trade-ins thus helping on the sales tax part. One of the best classic car dealers I found is Volo motors in Illinois. They seem to give an honest description on their videos about their cars and they sell a lot of top quality cars there. Gateway motors in Olathe is a consignment shop that I've heard good things about. You take your car there, tell them the price you want for your car and they add there 12% commission to your price and they do all the advertising and leg work in selling your car.

So if you are in the market for another car where is the best place to buy your dream car? The best place is from an individual who owns the car. You can ask questions, drive the car and have someone check it out if possible. Some people say they even might change the sales amount on the bill of sale so you don't have to pay so much sales tax. That's just a rumor I heard but might be true? This is the best way to buy but also the hardest way to find your dream car. My advice is telling your friends you are in the market for a certain year Chevelle. Just ask around and don't be in a hurry but when you find the car don't mess around because tomorrow it could be gone. Over the years I have helped connect buyers and sellers just because someone said something to me about wanting another car or wanting to sell theirs.

Over the last year, I have learned a lot about what year Chevelle is bringing the best money. The '70 Chevelle is still at the top of the list, but the 66's and 67's are right behind them. From 1964 thru 1968 the vin tag would tell you if it's a Malibu or a Super Sport. The Super Sport will bring 5 to 10 thousand more just because the vin tag has a 138 number. This is a huge factor in pricing for these years of Chevelles. After 1969, GM changed this so all sport coupes vin tags started with 136 numbers. They did this for insurance



reasons. All Chevelles after 1969 were considered Malibus and the Super Sport was an option not a model any more. Now move ahead 50 years, it makes it hard to distinguish what is really a SS or a Malibu. Most of us believe there more SS now then in the year they were built in. The only real way to tell them apart is if your car still has its build sheet. This proves it had the Super Sport option and does make your car more valuable. How much more? There is no way to figure that percentage. With all that said, not all cars had a build sheet when they left the factory. It just depends on the plant and if the guys on the line wanted to put that piece of paper in your car. Some buyers are really concerned about this because it proves what options the car had when it was built. To me it's just a piece a paper and it doesn't make it run better, drive better, or handle better. And let's be honest, it always comes down to price. No one wants to pay more than they have to. Price will dictate how nice and what year of Chevelle you can buy.

Well I hope this gives you a little insight into today's classic car market and don't be afraid to ask other club members their opinions too. They may be able to give you some good sound advice on your next purchase.

Well that's it for this month. Hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe and healthy.

*Roger*

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

Will be back next year.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ed

### **Member's Corner**

Dave and Lynn Wagner 1969 Chevelle wagon.

Dave Wagner and his Wife Lynn found this 1969 Chevelle on eBay. They had wanted a Chevelle wagon for a long time. Then Dave was looking on eBay and came across this Chevelle in Minneapolis. They were going up there anyway, so they looked at it, drove it, and after they heard the story about it, they just had to have it!

The story of the Corvette Chevelle:

Rick the original owner, lived in Kansas City in 1969. He special ordered this Chevelle new from a dealer in Kansas City. He loved Chevrolets, especially the Corvette! He wanted one bad but had a quandary at home, a wife and kids. His wife didn't want a 'Vette. She wanted a station wagon. That was more practical, she said. So no Corvette for Rick.

So he called the owner of the local Chevrolet dealership and talked to him about his dilemma. Together, they came up with a solution that would make everyone happy! Unbeknownst to his wife, he special ordered a 1969 Chevelle Wagon with a 350 V8 engine, a Muncie M20 4 speed transmission, and a 3.73 geared 12





bolt posi-trac rear end. He also secretly ordered a 350 HP, 10.25:1 compression, 4-bolt main, 350 Corvette crate engine.

As soon as the wagon arrived at the dealer, he had them yank out the stock 350 engine and install that screamin' Corvette engine. Now he had a wagon worthy of driving! Then he took it home and promptly installed headers and dual exhaust. Man, what a sleeper he had! And one of the rarest Chevelles on the planet! He drove it and even raced it a few times for nearly 10 years. After his family moved to Minneapolis in the late 70s, he sold it to Dale, the owner we bought it from. Dale used to take it to the local drag strip, where he told us that over the years he saw 2 or 3 Chevelle wagons with the 4 speed setup. Apparently, a few guys liked the station wagon because of its front to rear weight ratio. They felt they could get better traction with a wagon. But wagons with a factory setup like he had, he never saw another one. Most guys would pull out the stock 350 themselves and throw in a big block, or a different racing motor that they built. But Dale kept his Chevelle all original.

He also kept a record of all the maintenance he did on the wagon, including a new paint job and rebuilding the engine not long after he bought it. Dale used it to haul the family around too, for a few years. But then it was parked in the garage where it sat for several years. His kids were dropping their bikes against it, and chipping the paint, then came the day that the radial arm saw was knocked over and crashed into the passenger fender. That was enough for Dale, so in the mid-eighties he moved it to a local airport and parked it inside of an airplane hangar one of his buddies owned. We will, out of sight out of mind, right? So, this unusual wagon sat in the airplane hangar for more than 30 years. Dale would go and take it out on warm, sunny days in the summer. He would take it to car shows occasionally, and go start it up over the winter months, but for the most part it just sat. As a matter of fact, it had less than 2000 miles put on it in that 30+ year period! In 2019, with his wife facing some serious health issues, Dale decided to sell the Chevelle. I (Dave) saw it on eBay and called him about it. We talked about it for a couple of hours. I was fascinated by the story of it and wanted to see it. Dale wanted to be sure it was sold to someone that had a true appreciation for Chevelles. So, we drove to Minneapolis, looked at it, became friends with Dale and his wife and drove it home!

Our favorite part of owning this 1969 Chevelle, is driving it and telling the story of its creation. We get compliments on it everywhere we go, even though it's got "patina"!

In-store for this Chevelle's future is new sheet metal, rust repair, new paint, interior repair, engine refresh, front end rebuild with power disc brakes, and getting a vintage air system installed.







## **New Members**

Kyle & Cassie Anderson  
26708 Mason School Rd  
Blue Springs, MO 64064  
816-550-3212  
E-Mail a1979kyle@gmail.com  
Member # 475 good to 4/30/2022  
1969 Chevelle SS-Daytona Yellow/Black Vinyl Top,  
1967 ElCamino-Tahoe Turquoise,  
1977 ElCamino SS Black  
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows  
Found the club on the Internet



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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 will 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

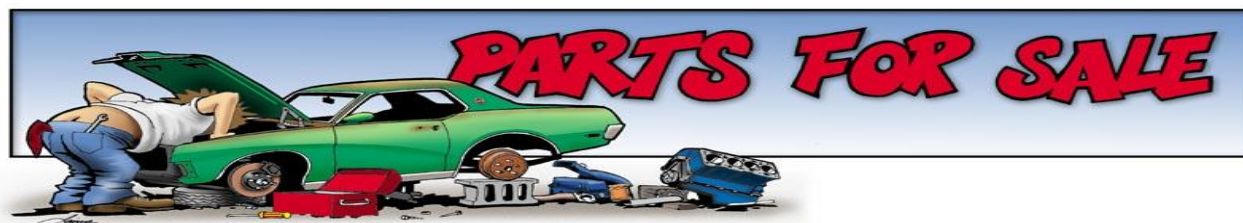




All weather hooded wind breaker. Sizes come in Large, XL, 2XL Navy



### 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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