

# MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

## MARCH 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 Depart Atchison at 8:00 a.m.

May 2---American Legion Post 250 Car Show Louisburg, KS  
American Legion Park 403 S 9th Street Sunday Event

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

May22---Driving Cruise

June 5-----Olathe Police Foundation Show-Olathe South High School

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 21---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 25 - MACC annual Car show. Nebraska Furniture Mart parking lot KC, KS

October 8---Tour Whiteman AFB Knobnoster, MO 32 spots for tour FULL

Friday event

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,

Just to keep everyone updated on the on club news. First of all, we would like to have a meeting this month at the Merriam Market Place in downtown Merriam but the weather forecast is kind of ify for Thursday. If the weather is nice enough to have it, I will post on our Facebook page to let



everyone know for sure. We will be having spring and summer meetings at the Merriam Market place until further notice. Hopefully, by fall we can go back to Superior Chevrolet and resume our normal schedule for meetings.

In January, club officers had our first Zoom meeting and we discussed our plans for the first quarter of the year. There is never much happening this time of year so we decided to cancel club events until April and then see how everything is looking as far as the virus goes. We are planning a cruise for mid April like we did last fall but again it will depend on the weather. Tentative plans are to meet up late on a Saturday afternoon and have about an hour and a half cruise. We will keep you posted on a date and route we have planned.

Also, during our first Zoom meeting, we discussed hosting the Midwest Regional Chevelle Car show. We decided to hold off making a decision on this until April 1st. After talking to all the club officers and some of the members on the car show committee this week we decided it was best not to host this year's Regional. But we were all in agreement that we wanted to have a smaller car show then what we usually do. So, this year we are going to have a one day Mid America Chevelle Car Show on Friday, September 25. Details will be worked out in the near future and I will share them with membership at the April meeting.

This year's World of Wheels car show will be held on March 26-28 at the Kansas City Convention Center. We have 6 club members that will be in attendance. If you go, make sure you look them up and say hi. The first outdoor car show that we are planning to attend is the Kansas White Way Car Run in Frankfort, Kansas on May 1st. More details on this cruise and car show will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

Well, that's it for this month. Everyone stay safe and healthy.

Roger

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

Happy 2021 everyone!

I hope this new year finds everyone healthy and in good spirits.

I'm getting back into car crafting and automotive related endeavors after a brief hiatus over the winter months, and what better way to get back into it than to get rolling on yet another product I've never installed or tested!

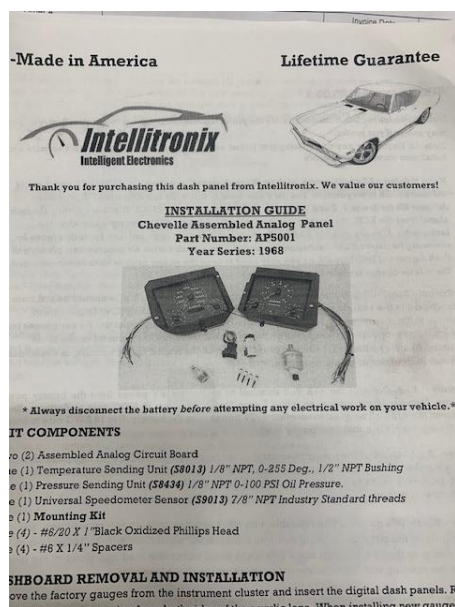
This go 'round, I'm getting back after the Ricky Bobby Chevelle. For those of you that haven't seen the car, the guys at work and I repainted and reworked my '68 Malibu for a 4 day race event last fall. While it was meant to be a temporary thing, I love the darned thing so much I'm just going to leave it this way, and continue to build on this platform. I went through the front and rear suspension, rear-end, brakes, and most importantly, the drivetrain. The car currently is running a hopped up 5.3 LS with a Procharger and is backed by a built 4L60 trans. We were able to work most of the bugs out of the build on that 4-day event, so now the powerplant and related drivetrain are rock solid, and she RIPS!



When we put the car together, time was getting a little tight towards the end. I installed the rollbar and deleted the back seat. I installed a pair of racing buckets from Summit Racing with the proper seat brackets and full safety harnesses. New carpet helped finish off what we were doing with the interior at the time, but there was one thing that I really needed that did not show up in time.



I had ordered a set of custom gauges from Intellitronix, and due to Covid related shortages, they just didn't get to me in time. They did eventually get here, but I was already back from the event, and the car was shoved into storage and life went on. I've had this box sitting on the shelf for months now, so it's high time I get into gear and get this wrapped up.



While my improvised dash was pretty nice--- an old license plate holding the race style push button start and a couple switches- the rats nest of wires that is usually hidden by a "real" dash cluster leaves a little to be desired. Of course, my original dash was broken, over sprayed and generally gross, so I jumped on SS396 and ordered up a fresh repop to hang the new gauge pods in. You do need to re-use some of the plastic pieces that actually hold the pods in place, so I disassembled the old dash and thoroughly cleaned/ de-loused the pieces I needed to use. The 53-year-old rodent droppings just had to go. You also have to re-use (or buy new) the clear plastic gauge covers, so I went over them with some plastic polish and they turned out like new. I'm in the process of fitting everything together now and can't wait to get them in



the car. I went with the brushed aluminum faces, and the colors are programmable on the numbers and such. It's gonna be so nice to have a nice set of needles in the factory location again.





I'll keep you posted on my progress-- the plan is to have it all back together for the run to Hannibal, MO in a few weeks.

Hope to see you all soon!

Ed

## **Member's Corner**

Maybe next month.

## **New Members**

Scott Stewart

6709 West 119th Street, Suite 453

Overland Park, KS 66209

Phone 913-219-5575

E-Mail [mrjayhawk@me.com](mailto:mrjayhawk@me.com)

Member # 476 good to 4/30/2022

1966 Chevelle Malibu, 327 / 4 speed. Marina Blue w/black Bucket Seat Interior. In need of total restoration.

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

Referred to club by Brad Lyne



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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.

1970 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale Chevvelles and El Caminos for sale, \$20.00 each. Contact John W. Gragg 816-804-4771



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