

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., which will be held at the 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



2021 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
MERRIAM, KS
June 24, 2021
MINUTES

The meeting, located at Merriam Marketplace, Merriam, KS, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Versatraete, with 25 persons present.

The minutes of the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, was discussed. It was noted the stipulations noted in the minutes referred to the Christmas party and donations, with the charities selected have no officers or others within the organization receiving more than \$100,000.00 annually. The minutes were accepted.

Mr. Verstraete talked about the actions at the May meeting and overviewed the 2019 party with expenditures and revenues for the event, adding the costs per couple was \$15.00 and individual at \$8.00. He noted there was a shortfall of \$900.00, so charity donations were impacted.

Mr. Verstraete then spoke about the 2021 estimate cost of the party. He noted that this year, Jack Stack BBQ would be charging \$18.50 per person, different from the pricing in the past year. He noted when all the associated costs of the event (security, rent, bartender, etc) that even with a charge of \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 per couple the event would still fall short of the projected costs. Mr. Smoot explained the rationale for the Christmas Party, noting that more people attending this event may lead some to attend more of the other yearly events. It was noted there are some decisions to make regarding this event: 1.) charge \$10.00 per person; 2.) use last year's funding and \$2500.00 for the event; or 3.) find another location and new coordinators.

Mr. Byfield said that he now understands and sees the reason for the change. Mr. Cummins stated that the club does make a contribution to charity or family member loss. Mr. Gragg noted these such differences has been the downfall of other Chevelle clubs, noting some of have shut down, others divided. Mr. Scott stated that he is in favor of some charity donation with a budgeted amount. Mr. Farley indicated he belongs to another club which is similar, and the members will pay more for the Christmas party. Mr. Gilpin indicated that if there is a shortfall, what is the worse that could happen, less funds are banked. Mr. Hallouer stated that the income is less controlled, as expenditures can be addressed. Mr. Stack spoke about the sponsorship covered part of the party. Mr. Cunningham indicated that as for charity, there may be a desire to solicit to make more funding, and not give up the Christmas Party.

More discussion ensued. A call for the question was made with a motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Gragg, to have the Christmas Party at Thompson's Barn for \$25.00 per person.

Mr. Scott stated that this cost may cut attendance. The motion was approved with 11 in favor, 8 against, and 2 abstaining.

Regarding new business, the insurance premium for the club was raised due to the show parameters for Nebraska Furniture Mart. It was noted the Car Show Committee will meet in July.

The upcoming car/cruise events was reviewed which included the Olathe Police Veterans Cruise, and Good Guys Show in Des Moines.

The Treasurer's report was accepted regarding income and expenditures. Those present were informed there are 81 current members.



Vehicle improvements, etc. was provided by members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza 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 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.

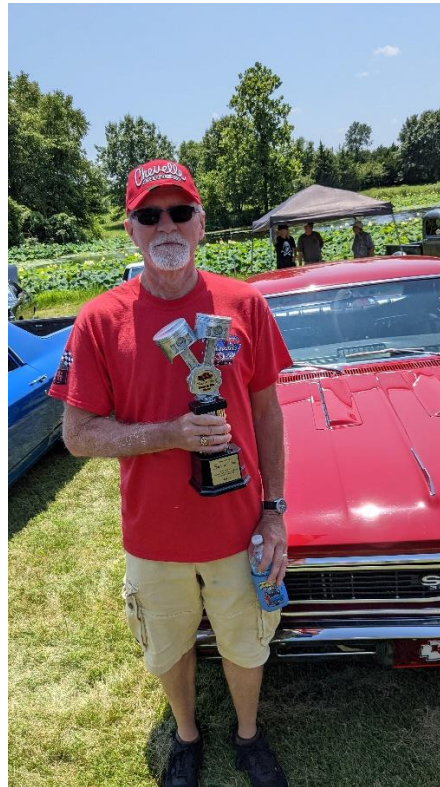
Eugene
Treasure

Events attended by MACC

July 24-----Twin Peaks Lunch 11 members, 6 members attended with their cars.



July 24 ----- Bonner Spring – Car Show at the Agricultural Hall of Fame. 7 Member attended. Roger Verstraete and Brian Findley received a Top 45 trophy.



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2021

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

Cruisin every Friday at the American Legion in Olathe located at 410 E Dennis Ave, Olathe, KS

July 31 ----- Prosperity Car Show 10955 Lowell Ave Overland Park, KS 10a.m. to 3p.m. \$20 donation. All proceeds go to Cars4Heroes.org -- \$20 donation

August 14 – Cruise in Merriam, Merriam, KS

August 21---Hot Alma Nights Show Alma, KS

August 27---Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS Friday event

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 – TBD - ???

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 or 816-547-1206 cell or text.

MACC Ladies Column

MACC Ladies

More info coming soon.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

Over the last two years, I decided I needed to do some upgrades to my red 70 hardtop that I've owned for the last 23 years. I have already done a lot of safety upgrades in the last 10 years like upgrading the suspension and adding four-wheel disc brakes. So, the first thing I did was get rid of the stock wheels and tires and change to 17" wheels with red line tires. Yes I know 70 Chevelle's never had red line tires when they were new, but I was tired of the stock look and wanted something different that nobody else had. Then the winter of 2020 I decided to upgrade the comfort level and add Vintage Air. By the way, it was the best money I have ever spent on any Chevelle I've owned. The next project I wanted to do was replace the tired 396 engine that was in it and replace it with a date coded correct LS5 454 engine and add a Tremec 5 speed transmission. I already had the engine, it's been setting in my garage since 2015. When I bought my convertible from Dan Yuran, he had two date coded correct 1970 LS5 454 engines. One was slated to go into my convertible that I bought from him and the other was supposed to go into a 70 convertible that was painted and ready for assembly. But Dan had a change of heart and decided to put a LS engine in that one instead. I bought the extra 454 engine with the thought of installing in my red hard top at a later date.

Last October Eugene came over and we took the 454 down to John at Midwestern Mechanical. I told him I was in no hurry, just start on it whenever he had time. The engine was rebuilt around 2009 but was never run tested so I wanted John to open the engine up and check it out to make sure everything was alright. I didn't want any surprises after installing the engine that been setting around for over 12 years. After John disassembled the 454 he felt this was a very good engine and any engine upgrades was money well spent. So we decided to upgrade the cam and put roller rocker arms on the heads. When doing this, you needed to get taller valve covers. I wanted to keep the stock look of the original valve covers. I was able to find a taller style of stock looking valve covers and it's really hard to tell the difference. As most engine upgrades go, one thing leads to another. I decided to get rid of the stock low rise intake and install an aluminum intake, water pump and a new MSD distributor and coil. There were a lot of the engine brackets, the alternator, power steering pump, exhaust manifolds and miscellaneous parts that were coming off the old engine before John could run test the new engine.





After pulling the old engine out of the car we were able to paint and reuse a lot of existing parts. As you can see everything looks brand new and the exhaust manifolds turned out great. I used POR15 high temp spray paint with a high gloss clear spray sealer on the manifolds. After that, the engine was ready to run test on the engine stand. Not to my surprise, it sounded great and I know now I have a engine that will last a very long time.

If you would like to see and hear the 454 on the run stand just check out the Mid America Chevelle Facebook page. I posted a video of it running on the engine stand.



Here is the old 1966 396 engine that was in my car.



Here is a picture of the new Tremec 5 speed that's going in. This is the newest version from Tremec, the TKX. This new design has a smaller footprint and upgraded shift kit, and shouldn't need any tunnel modifications to install. When you buy the TKX kit it comes with new clutch, transmission yoke, all the bolts needed and the break in oil. This engine and transmission combination should give me everything I'm looking for, performance, drive ability and a lower RPM at 70 MPH. Well, that it is all I have for this month's LS5 upgrade. Next month I will be able to show you more pictures of the finished project.

Just one big club announcement, this month's club meeting will be held at Hendrick's Chevrolet at 7pm. Want to thank the City of Merriam, Kansas for letting use the Merriam Market place for our meetings the last year or so.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Coming Soon
Ed

Member's Corner

Coming again soon

New Members

Cecil Payne
520 Kimberly Dr.
Ashland, MO 65010
Cell 573-356-2725
Member #485 good to 4/30/2023
1965 SS, L79, 4 speed, 12 bolt. Frame off restored, numbers correct, Black on Black



Interests: Car Shows & Tech Info

Found us on the Internet, Web Site.

Comments: This 65 Chevelle is the twin of my first Chevelle that I purchased new in May 1965. I had to sell it in 1967 after going into the service, This one was found in a Chevelle collectors farm field in the Ozarks and was then restored to factory coded original numbers correct.

He has also entered the car in the car show.



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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.

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

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

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.

For Sale: Kevin Sanders - 816-590-9406

1964 - 65 Malibu SS Console and shifter linkage for an automatic, has been painted blue. \$100

1965 Malibu SS Hubcaps, set of 4, fair condition \$75

1988 - 94 Steering Wheel, 4 spoke for Chevy Blazer, GMC Jimmy, S10, Silverado. Like new. Includes cancel cam & horn parts \$50

Looking For:

Original radio for a 1965 Chevelle, doesn't have to work. Call Kevin Sanders 816-590-9406

