## MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB AUGUST 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 <a href="mailto:findley13703@gmail.com">findley13703@gmail.com</a>

#### **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 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 <a href="http://www.midamericachevelles.com/members/join">http://www.midamericachevelles.com/members/join</a> form.html





## **2021 Meeting Minutes**

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB MERRIAM, KS July 29, 2021 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Versatraete, with 25 persons present. Being no visitors present, no introductions were made.

Mr. Verstraete stated this is the first meeting at Hendrick Chevrolet after 17 months. He informed those present he thanked the City of Merriam staff for the use of the Marketplace.

The minutes of the last meeting, as published in the newsletter, was accepted.

Mr. Verstraete stated the Car Show Committee meet on July 7, 2021 with the exceptions of Mr. Smoot and Mr. Gragg. Mr. Verstraete informed the members that he is stepping down from the Chair of the Car Show Committee, and summaries of the decisions would be shared. Mrs. Verstraete will be working the pre-registration, but will not be attending the show. The new chair for the Car Show Committee is Mr. Smoot. Others on the committee will be overseeing the various aspects of the show and will report at meeting leading up to the show.

The holiday event history, since 2014, was overviewed. Mr. Verstraete referred to the club's bylaws which indicated the social committee would consist of three volunteers and organize three events: spring/summer picnic, fall event, and Christmas Party. He indicated this committee needs three volunteers. Those interested should contact Mr. Verstraete.

Mr. Verstraete also spoke about the Event committee for club events. This committee is also in needs assistance. Mr. Findley suggested the services of Mr. Peters.

The membership present was informed of the Fall Color Tour. Mr. Gragg and Mr. Peters are working on short event. It was noted that due to the unknown outcome of the new Covid infection, the event will be shortened to a one-day event, similar to 2020. There will be more information when known.

It was noted that reports from committee representatives will be provided at each meeting,

Mr. Verstraete reviewed the by-laws for the Car Show Committee; Mr. Smoot provided a report of the recent meeting. The following are highlights: Chair is Ed Smoot; Eugene Hallouer is the registration coordinator; Kent Scott is the plaques/awards; Jon Clark/Lynn LeCount are the shirt and sale of same coordinators; and Steve Calder is organizer for the DJ. Mr. Smoot noted tables and chairs will be provided by the members, there will be no food trucks, Mike Stites will organize the votes from the participant judging and Steve Calder will be organizing the door prizes – adding there will be fewer, but better, door prizes. Ted Farley suggested a dry erase board to list the winners of the door prizes. It was also noted that one Johnny on the Spot with washing station would be available. Nebraska Furniture Mart will allow access to the parking lot after 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Mr. Calder overviewed the upcoming events. In addition, it was noted that due to changes in the Covid infections, the Whiteman tour may be cancelled.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the revenues/expenditures and indicated there are 87 paid memberships.

Mr. Hallouer also spoke about the purchase of a laptop computer to house the club's information,





as opposed to various members personal computers. It was noted the cost of the computer would not exceed \$500.00 for purchase, with software annual subscriptions at \$200.00.

Cans of glass cleaner was given to 12 members via lottery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

A cruise to Johnny's Tavern followed adjournment.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg Secretary

## **Special Annoucement**

#### MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP AND DUES RENEWAL IS NOW AVALIABLE 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 ----- Prosperity Car Show 10955 Lowell Ave Overland Park, KS 10a.m. to 3p.m. \$

















August 14 – Cruise in Merriam, Merriam, KS Members attend, no pic

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











## **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

August 27---Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS 4-10 p.m. Friday event Meet at Bert's Truck Plaza 1021 Poplar St Wellsville, KS to drive in together at 3p.m.

September 11—Turkey Creek Car Show 5701 Merriam Dr Merriam, KS Lot opens at 7:30 so be in line by 7a.m. to try to park together.

September 12---Wheels and Dreams Show 11501 West 57th St. Shawnee, KS 1-4p.m. Sunday

September 18---Old Marais River Run Forest Park, Ottawa, KS Meet at Old 56 Family Restaurant, 912 Chestnut St. Olathe, KS at 7a.m. for breakfast to depart at 8a.m.

September 25--- MACC annual Car Show. Nebraska Furniture Mart parking lot. KC, KS One day show

October 2---Driving Cruise

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

October 15-16-Fall Color Tour? TBD

October 23----Fall Party

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

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

Any other ideas for events are welcome.

Steve Calder -- MACC Events Coordinator -- sjc52@aol.com 816-547-1206 cell/text





## **MACC Ladies Column**

**MACC Ladies** 

More info coming soon.

## **President's Column**

#### Hi MACC.

Over the next 5 to 6 weeks, there will be a lot of car shows and cruises this time of year. Steve and the event staff have a list of events in this month's newsletter. These car shows have been popular with MACC and have been well attended by club members in the past. On September 25, we will be having our annual car show at Nebraska Furniture parking lot from 8am to 4pm. This year's show is only one day and we are changing up the car show format some. We did this because of Covid and because we were not sure how things would be in late September. Just check out the car show flyer that's in this month's newsletter for all the details about this year's car show.

At last month's meeting, I informed the members in attendance that I wanted to start up a Social Committee to help run club sponsored events. This committee will consist of 3 club members who are not currently club officers. The committee would be in charge of planning the spring picnic, the fall party and be in charge of the Christmas party. Each of these events have a budget to work with and the committee would be responsible for finding a location for these events and picking out what kind of food to have for each of these events. The Christmas party responsibility includes finding a location, keeping track of how many members will be attending and ordering the food of choice the committee decides on. The spring picnic and fall party are very easy events to plan out. The Christmas party does take more work to plan but with 3 club members working together and spreading out the work load it's not a huge job.

In 2016 through 2018, we held the Christmas party at Hollywood Casino and rented out the banquet room. We went through the Casino buffet. This was very easy because we didn't have to keep an accurate account on how many members were coming and we just charged a small amount of money collected at the door. In 2019, we were forced out of the Casino because they doubled the minimum amount per event. After looking around, we decided the club need a bigger venue to hold the Christmas party so we rented the Thompson Barn located in Lenexa, Kansas and had Jack Stack cater the food. We planned on doing the same thing in 2020 but the event was cancelled because of Covid. This year's Christmas Party will be held at the Thompson Barn again on December4th.

As you can see, this year's events are mostly planned out and just need 3 club members to take charge and run the last two club sponsored events. If you are interested, please feel free to call me at 913 207 3374 and I can explain in more detail what it will take to finish this year's events.

Over the last 10 years, Janet and I have helped run the Christmas parties along with the help of Steve Calder and Eugene. Both Janet and I have decided that we are no longer going to run or plan any more club events. We have been too involved in day to day responsibilities of running the club. We have other family activates that we are missing out on by being so involved in MACC. I have also resigned from the car show committee as chair and Ed Smoot was elected chair at the last committee meeting. I feel now it's time to get more club members involved in planning club actives. As far as myself, I feel my job going forward is to oversee all the committees and not chair any of them. I will continue on running the club like I have over the





last 12 years looking out for all club members best interest. Over the last 12 years, are club membership has over doubled. There are many reasons for this, but I really believe it's because we have a great group of members who like to do things with their cars, enjoy going to club events and enjoy everyone's company.

We have a great event staff of Steve Calder, Brian Finley and Russ Peters who take great pride in finding new places to go to and keeping some of the most popular events from previous years. I also believe we can have the same success by starting the Social Committee. So, if you have any interest in being involved please feel free and contact me.

This month's club meeting will be held at Hendrick's Chevrolet at 7pm and we are hoping to finish out the year there.

Well that's it for this month. Hope everyone stays healthy and Covid free.

Roger

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

For those of you that follow my shenanigans on Facebook, you'll already know where I've been recently. For everyone else, here's what I've been up to!

The first weekend in August every year is an event that I religiously attend called the Show Me Rally. Last year, I was luck enough to be joined on this adventure, by our faithful newsletter editor, Brian Findley. This year was no different in that respect- as I'm sure Brian would attest to, once you join the Rally Family, you'll be back every year. Membership tends to grow from year to year, as more and more people find out about the fun and craziness that is the Show Me Rally. More often than not, co-drivers that were passengers on the preceding year's run return as drivers the next year.

This year's event was extended to a full 5 days in celebration of the event's 5 year anniversary. Here's the breakdown of the full 5 days of our trip to Dallas:

#### Day 1:

Kick-off day! We start at a predetermined location, show up in the morning-- meet the other teams, grab some breakfast, and get ready for the road. This year the meet-up was at Stonegate Motor Plaza in Bucyrus, Ks. A great facility with customizeable garages, plenty of parking, and easy access to 69 hwy. I believe they are planning to have their own road course on site, as well as other car-related items- it should be awesome when complete. One of the first day events is the competition for "Most Creative Team"- and for this part, I'm all in. Coming into this year's rally, I had won this part the last two years- and was looking to make it a 3-peat. I keep my plans under wraps, and rolled into the party this year with none other than the General Lee! I had my 2016 Hellcat wrapped as a rusty, beat up General - as if you had found it in a barn 30 years after the show ended. Complete with my co-pilot and myself dressed as worn out Bo and Luke, we overcame some steep competition to come out on top. With our championship belt secured, it was time to blast off towards Dallas. There were multiple points of interest and many fuel stops along the way, but all 40-ish teams made it to the host hotel that evening in one piece.







#### Day 2:

Drag strip day! We were fortunate enough to secure I-30 Dragway for the day, and had the whole facility to ourselves. It was a great time and a very well run place- and anyone that wanted to run could run their vehicle as many times as they wanted. It is an 1/8 mile track, and it was steamy that day. Traction was an issue for a lot of the high HP cars, and I found trying to launch a big 'ol heavy car with 700 horsepower and a 6 speed manual was challenging. My reaction times and 1/8 mile times reflected that, but we all had a blast. There were several awards available that day-fastest domestic, fastest import, etc. I'll have you know that Mr. Findley pulled off the unimagineable and took home the fastest reaction time award with a jaw-dropping .005 reaction time! Needless to say, even the track personnel were shocked. Way to go, Brian!

After we ran back by the hotel for a quick freshen-up and a quick bite, we ran and met up with the other teams for some shoulder to shoulder go karting action. These carts at the Dallas Karting Complex are supposed to be the fastest in the state-- and they sure felt like it. We had a lot of fun, and headed back to the hotel for some much needed rest.



#### Day 3:

Autocross! If you have never partaken in an autocross event, be sure to put it on the 'ol bucket list. One big, open parking lot, and a dedicated track with cones and timing devices, and you've got yourself a day's worth of fun. It was a lot of fun to watch all of the cars run the course, and it's sure a little more challenging than it looks when you are driving. It's fairly easy to lose your





way on the course when it's all happening in real time. One of the rally go-ers even let me wheel his C8 'Vette around the course, and man does that thing handle. Awards for the quickest times were to be had- even though we weren't in the running for those, it was sure a blast. Once that portion of the event was over, it quickly devolved into a rolling burnout/ drift contest, which was equally entertaining to watch.



From there, we headed over to AT&T Stadium for a private guided tour of the home of the Dallas Cowboys. We of course mostly dressed in Chiefs Red while taking the tour, which was really rather impressive. We ended our tour on the field, where we all tossed the pigskin around and dreamed of hitting the big time.



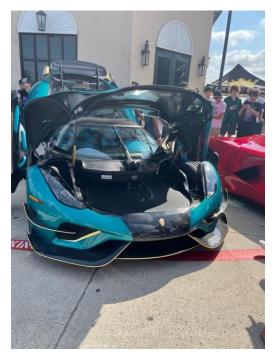




#### Day4:

Dallas Cantina and Coffee! Picture our local Cars and Coffee on steroids, filled with high end super and hyper-cars that you've never seen in your lifetime. The sheer amount of people was staggering-- when we pulled in it was like parting a sea of folks that just moved enough to let you roll by. We had our own designated parking area and spent the morning viewing all of the expendible income that the area had to offer. Quite impressive, if I do say so myself. After we departed the event, it was time for a country cruise to see the countryside, that ended up taking us to Gas Monkey Bar and Grill. We enjoyed some cool refreshments and general bar- fare appetizers and got to say that we had been there. We left there and in small groups went over to the real Gas Monkey Garage where the show is taped. Off to one side is a gift shop, where most all of us gave Richard Rawlings at least a little of our cash. I decided to get my money's worth when we departed, and left my (black) mark(s) on the parking lot. Of all places, I guess it's frowned upon to do a burnout when you leave, and I was kindly asked to not come back-- no problem! Totally worth it though-- I'll have to watch future episodes and see if I can decipher which marks are mine.









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#### Day 5:

Awards in the morning, closing ceremonies, and it's time to head home. We didn't quite make the trip home in as short a time as the trip down, but we all made it home in one piece, traveling in small groups of our friends headed towards the house.

In all, I would call this another epic success in the history of the Show Me Rally. The event gets a little bigger every year, more events are added, and what I really look forward to is the people. A lot of these folks I don't get to see but once a year, but we pick back up where we left off. If you've ever considered doing an event like this, my advice would be: Don't Wait! Tomorrow is never promised, so have fun when you can. If you are interested in this type of automotive merriment, check out <a href="https://www.showmerally.com/">https://www.showmerally.com/</a> and watch for the registration presale that usually comes right after the first of the year.

Hope to see you all soon!

Ed

## Member's Corner

Coming again soon

## **New Members**





## **MACC September Car Show Flyer**

# Mid-America Chevelle Club 33rd Annual Show

Sept. 25, 2021

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

At Nebraska Furniture Mart in the Village West Shopping Center at The Legends, Kansas City, KS

https://www.NFM.com / http://www.LegendsShopping.com





All 1964-87
Chevelles, El Caminos,
Beaumonts, Sprints
and Lagunas
are welcome!

Registration & Participant Judging open 8 am – 1 pm Awards Presentation for Top 25 at 4:00 pm Awards for Best Paint, Best Engine & Best in Show Awards for Best Paint, Best Engine & Best in Show

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Complete and mail form with \$25 check ("Mid-America Chevelle Club") to MACC, 20711 W. 67<sup>th</sup>, Shawnee KS 66218

For more information contact Roger (913.207.3374) or Jon (816.516.9952)

To the fullest extent permitted by law, participant shall indemnify and hold harmless Nebraska Furniture Mart and the Mid-America Chevelle Club from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from participant in this Event, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting there from, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of Participant.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above statement:







Date





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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

#### For Sale Frank Riley - (913) 638-7596

Set of (5) 1971/1972 15" Chevelle SS OEM Wheels with Beauty Rings: \$400 Set of (5) 1970 14" Chevelle SS OEM Wheels: \$300





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Set of (4) Completely Refinished 1970 14" Chevelle SS OEM Wheels:	\$400		
Set of Chevrolet Corvette Rally Wheels w/ Derby Covers & Tires:			
Set of Chevrolet OEM Rally dog dish "Motor Division" Center Caps:			
Set of new Repro Chevrolet Rally dog dish "Disc Brake" Center Caps:	\$100		
Pair of OEM 1967 Chevelle Headlight Bezels:	\$ 100		
Pair of OEM 1967 Chevelle Tail light Bezels:	\$ 75		
NIB 1967 Chevelle Repro Front Bumper:	\$175		
New 1967 Chevelle Repro Black Padded Dash Pad:	\$175		
Used Pair BBC Cast Iron Open Chamber Cylinder Heads (call for #'s):	\$400		
Pair of Chevrolet OEM BBC Orange Valve Covers:	\$ 75		
Used Amber 1970 El Camino Front Parking Light Lens (L or R):	\$ 15		
New Pair Repro 1967 Chevelle Front & Rear SS 396 Emblems:	\$100		
1970 -1972 2nd Gen Camaro OEM Grille:	\$100		
1970 - 1972 2nd Gen Camaro OEM Hood:	\$150		



