

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., 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 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



2022 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
October 28, 2022
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete, with 19 persons present.

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

Mr. Verstraete informed those present that the Car Show Committee has looked at five sites for next year's Regional even. It was noted that O'Reilley's is on board and will be sending their donation for this event. All were encouraged to look at other potential sites for this event.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. It was reported there are 100 current memberships.

Mr. Verstraete indicated that funds from the car show were sufficient that could be applied to the costs of the Holiday Party and lower each participants share. The motion made earlier this year by Mr. Gilpin was for \$25.00 per person. In noting the potential funding increase, Mr. Gilpin indicated he was supportive with this action. A motion to amend the fee from \$25.00 to \$15.00 was approved. It was also noted that the gift exchange, while voluntary, was still part of the event.

Financial support for local charities was discussed. John Gragg and John Freeman will look at local charities meeting the criteria, which was previously discussed. A report will be presented in the future.

Those participating in the October tour of Whiteman Air Force Museum discussed the trip.

Upcoming events were reported to those present.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 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



MACC Committees

MACC has several committees in place to help with planning all the activities that take place during the year. The committees and their members are listed below. Committees are always seeking help from the MACC membership. If you see a committee you would like to support, feel free to reach out to any of the committee members, letting them know.

Car show Committee:

Ed Smoot. Chairman
Eugene Hallouer
Mike Stites
Kent Scott
Steve Calder
John Gragg
Jon Clark

Car Show flyer, shirts designer:

Lynn Clark

Event staff:

Steve Calder chairman
Russ Peters
Brian Findley

Christmas party staff:

Tim Cunningham
Jeff Long

Charitable committee:

John & Debra Gragg
John Freeman

Mid America Chevelle club communications director Roger Verstraete. Self appointed LOL

Facebook administrators:

Roger Verstraete
Ed Smoot
Dean Call

Chevelle and mechanic advise committee:

John Freeman
Jeff Long

Chevelle Appraisal Committee:

Brian Findley
Roger Verstraete
Jeff Long



Newsletter editor:

Brian Findley

Events attended by MACC

Coming soon.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

March 18-20 ---World of Wheels, Bartle Hall Kansas City, MO - 7 members participating

April 1—First Friday Cruise in hosted by Ben Wornall at Carriage House Garage Desoto, KS

April 10—Rogers Sunday Cruise

April 30—Caffeine and Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars 1202 S Lone Elm RD
Olathe, KS –Featured Club 9a.m. to 12 noon. Gateway will donate \$10
per car up to \$200 to the club. Ten cars minimum needed.

May 1—Cruise the Burg Car Show Louisburg, KS

May 6-7 - Loafers Car Club Hannibal, MO

May 14 - Pete and Jake's Hot Rod Shop open house 9a.m. to 2p.m. 401 Legend Lane Peculiar, MO

May 21 - Twin Peaks Lunch

June 5—MACC Summer picnic---Shawnee Mission Park--Sunday

June 11-Paola Car Show Paola, KS

June25—Longview Lake Cruise—Russ and Vickie Peters

July 2 -----Good Guys Show Des Moines, IA

Car pool drive up and back on Saturday July 2

July 15-17-Street Machine National St. Paul, MN—contact Brian Findley

July 17-----The Great Car Show WW1 Memorial—Any interest?

August 3-7—Show Me Rally if interested contact Brian Findley or Ed Smoot

August 5—First Friday—Jon Clark/Lynn LeCount Hosting at Your Classic Ride 2711 Warwick Trfy,
Kansas City, MO

August 26—Wellsville Car Show, Wellsville, KS

September 2---First Friday Cruise In hosted by John and Phyllis Prouty

10—Turkey Creek Show, Merriam, KS

17—Ol' Marais Car Show, Ottawa, KS

23-24---Mid West Chevelle Regional NFM Kansas City, KS

October 7—First Friday Cruise In hosted by Brian and Sandy Findley

October 15—Fall Color Cruise

October 22—Fall Party



November 18-20 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Rosemont, IL
Car pool to Rosemont(Chicago). Need commitment to secure rooms(share rooms) Room cost from \$119 to \$159 per night(2) Ticket cost is \$30 attend only on Saturday Drive home on Sunday.
Contact Steve Calder

December 3---MACC Christmas Party, Thompson's Barn Lenexa, KS

**Every Friday night April-October Michael Day DJ Cruise Night at American Legion 410 E Dennis Avenue Olathe, KS
Other car show and cruise night can be added as the year goes on.

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,

It's been awhile since my last newsletter article and just wanted to keep membership up to date on plans for 2022. Actually, a lot of us have been very busy planning for this year's car season. First of all, the Mid America Chevelle Club will be hosting this year's Midwest Chevelle Regional on September 23rd & 24th at Nebraska Furniture Mart in Kansas City, Kansas. This will be a full two day car show starting on Friday morning and ending with awards late on Saturday afternoon. Our club was the host club for this same event in 2016 and it was a huge success. We had 165 cars from all over the Midwest and one participant came all the way from Miami, Florida and several others from Texas. This time around, we thought we would try to change it up some and have the car show at a hotel/convention center. Eugene and I worked on this for several months but we could never get the dates we needed or find the perfect place to hold this kind of event. So, in early January the car show committee decided NFM was the place to have the regional. In mid January, we held a zoom meeting where the committee worked out a lot of the details and got everyone involved doing specific jobs that needed to be planned out.

I know we have a lot of new members that have never been to a Chevelle Regional before. The Midwest Chevelle Regional is rotated around at 4 different Chevelle Club's locations. The Mid America Chevelle Club, Heartland Chevelle Club is out of Omaha, Nebraska, Queen City Chevelle club is out of Springfield, Missouri, Wichita Area Chevelle Owners is out of Wichita, Kansas. The Midwest Regional is a lot bigger car show and has more events than say our annual car show. First of all, you will have a choice of having your car judged in a stock class or a modified class with



awards going to the top 3 in each class and for each year. We will also have a 1,000 point judging class for those who want their car judged by professional judges. On Friday night, we will have a poker run/cruise that will go to Wyandotte County Lake and at the end of the cruise we will have a BBQ dinner at the club house for those who want to participate in this. The Regional is a two day car show but doesn't mean you have to be there on Friday. You can just come on Saturday if you choose. Saturday is the biggest day with all the judging and awards. This year we will be using some new judging hardware to make it easier for everyone to pick their favorite car for awards. We are expecting 150 to 175 Chevilles from around the Midwest area and the quality of cars for this type of car show is outstanding. If you have never attended a Chevelle Regional before, I highly recommend that you come out this year and participate in this year's car show and support the club. We have over 100 club members and it would be great to reach 200 Chevilles and set a record for most cars at a Chevelle Regional. The record was set in 2017 when the Heartland Chevelle club had 180 Chevilles. When the car show flyer is finished, Brian will have it in the upcoming newsletters and it will have all the details and start times.

The MACC event committee met in early February and has planned out this year's events. Good news is, we are back planning a full schedule of events for this year and the first one is March 18th thru the 20th at the World of Wheels Car Show. If you attend, please stop by our booth and say Hi. Another event that has been put on hold because of Covid that was a big success in the past was the first Friday night cruise-in to a member's house is now back on for this year. The event committee also has decided to have two cruises like we did last year and the first one being in April. This year's summer picnic location has been moved to Shawnee Mission Park on Sunday, June 5th and the shelter house we are using is right next to the Marina. These are just a few of the events planned for this year and there will be some added as the year goes on. The whole event list for this year is in this month's newsletter.

I know I speak for everyone on the event staff and the car show committee that we hope we can get as many members to come out to our events. They try to have a mixture of different type of events to keep everyone involved in the club.

And the last thing is, we are going to have this month's club meeting at Hendricks Chevrolet at 7pm on Thursday, February 24th. Everyone stay safe and looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Happy 2022, MACC! I hope that the new year finds all of you doing well.

As some of you may know, I have been in the process of building a new house and moving to Paola, Ks over the last year. As you can imagine, this has been a large undertaking for us, and is one of the main reasons I have been absent from a lot of the club get togethers and activities last season.

Well, we are getting closer to completion thankfully! I'm ready to get back to living in a house again, though being in an RV for almost a year and a half. We have made it to the finishing stages of our build, and hope to be moved in during the coming months.



We built a fairly non-traditional house, it's what some would call a "shouse" or "barndominium". Basically, it's a big metal building that we split in half inside-- 50% house, and 50% shop. Being the car guy that I am, my main focus was with the shop side of things, while my wife calls all the shots on the house side. This arrangement has been working well for us, and I'm happy to say that it's turning out just as we hoped.



On the shop side, we went with a white metal panel inside to help keep the space bright and easy to maintain. I upgraded the lights to high output LED units that I installed myself, just to make sure that they were set and wired the way that I wanted. My wife surprised me with a "Big Ass" Fan (that's really the brand name) to help keep air circulating out there. That sucker is 12' across and really moves some air. It weighs a ton, so when I installed it, there was much bracing to be had so that it would stay put and not sway around.



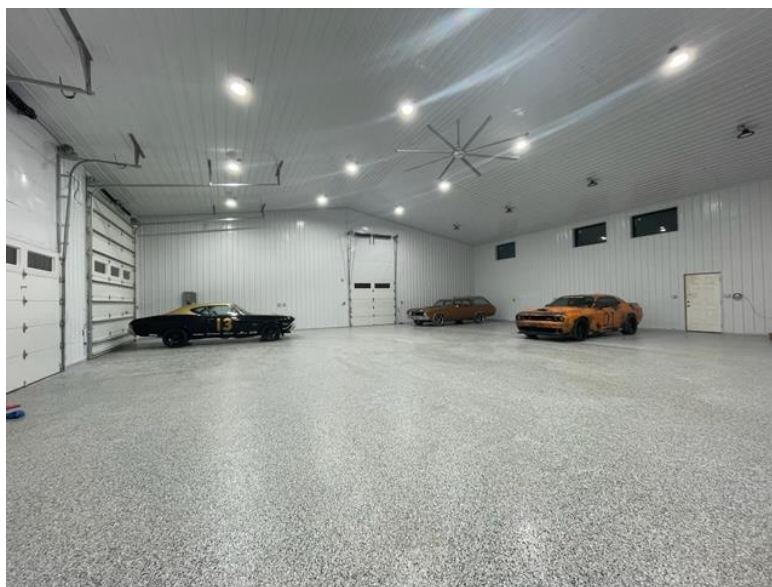
Our concrete finishers had a bad day when they poured the shop side of things, and we were left with some fairly significant finishing issues to overcome. We all decided that the best fix



for the situation at hand was to grind the surface flat and add an epoxy coating. While this was essentially a fix for a problem, I view it as a big upgrade to the finish and presentation of the shop. SealKC came out and did a great job, and gave me exactly what I was looking for.



The work continues, and what we have left at this point on the shop side is to basically clean all of the surfaces, paint and finish the wall that separates the shop from the house, and install all the lifts and equipment that will make this a nice and functional hobby shop for all of my automotive projects. I have started putting some cars in there just to free up some space at work and can't wait to get things completed and finally get back to some wrenching.



As this project draws to a close, I hope to be able to attend more functions, and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Take care-

Ed

Member's Corner

This is a spot for **any** member to share their stories about them and their car(s).

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,
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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

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



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.

Eastwood 220V 180A Mig Welder (w/ less than an hr welding time) obviously like new & welds great, will weld up to 5/16" to 3/8" steel & takes Lincoln consumables... \$400.
Contact Frank Riley @ (913) 638-7596

