MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB MARCH 2022 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

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

<u>Dues</u>

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 February 24, 2022 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete, with 20 persons present. New member, Check Doyse, was introduced and it was noted he has a 1967.

The minutes of October, 2021 were accepted.

Due to closing time for Hendrick Chevrolet, the meeting was recessed to allow members to transfer to another location.

The meeting was re-opened at 7:42 p.m. with 27 persons present at Johnny's Tavern in Shawnee, KS.

The focus of the meeting was to overview the Car Show Committee actions and comments. The members were informed that due to problems with motels regarding parking spaces and trailer parking, the show will once again be hosted for two (2) days at Nebraska Furniture Mart (NFM). Documents have been executed and distributed to officials from NFM. It was also announced this year, new judging and registration software will be used and is currently being tested. It was noted that the fliers will list QR codes, and also the software will aid participants to vote for the cars. Other items for the event, such as food, cruise and judging is moving forward. Judging for the 1,000 point vehicles will be limited to the first 25 cars.

Due to high venue charges, the Friday night meal will be located at the Wyandotte County Park for the ending of the cruise and beginning of the meal. The park does not allow the consumption of alcohol.

Upcoming events were highlighted by Mr. Calder, which are not limited to World of Wheels, First Friday get together, etc. Ben Warnell will host the April 1, 2022 event at the Carriage House, near DeSoto, KS and information will be e-mailed. Several members will be attending the Muscle Car and Chrome event in Chicago, just before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hallouer summarized the treasury and the report was accepted. He also noted the membership is at 100. In addition, he overviewed club sponsorships and indicated there are two tickets available for World of Wheels.

Thanks were sent out to Tim Cunningham for coordinating the Holiday Party in December, 2021.

Mr. Findley set up a Square account to provide an on-line store to aid in registration, meals, etc. He also overviewed the voting software which was tested by a few at the last show, which will be implemented for the 2022 show.

Mr. Byfield questioned what was trying to be accomplished. Mr. Findley noted this will be easier for club members and registrants.

The Car Show Committee is waiting for a few more sponsors be finalizing the flier.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.





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

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, fee 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

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











Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

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

April 8-9—Ararrt Shrine Swap Meet Independence Center 18801 E 39th Street, Independence MO \$5.00 admission----Info only

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 3-4—Lathrop MO Swap meet 2488 MO 33 Lathrop, MO --- Info only

June 4—Olathe Police Dept Show- More info to come

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

June 11-Paola Car Show Paola, KS

June 25—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.

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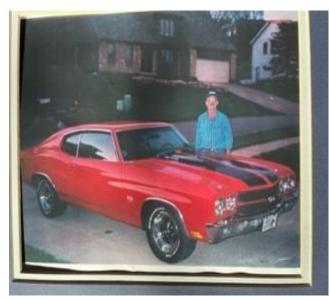
MACC Ladies Column

MACC Ladies

More info coming soon.

President's Column

Hi MACC,



Every Chevelle has a story and here is mine on my red 70 Hardtop. It was the summer of 1998 and Janet and I had been running Verstraete Gardens for 8 years and it was time to close the business down because my dad was going to sell the family farm for development. It was a prime real estate location at the corner of I-435 and Midland Drive in Shawnee, Kansas, Janet and I were tired of working 80 plus hours a week during the plant season also. I went back working full time as a project manager at a commercial HVAC company and later Janet went to work for Sprint. After closing down the business. I wanted another Chevelle to drive. In the late 80's I was buying and

selling Chevelles on the side trying to make a buck or two and I wanted to get back into owning another Chevelle. After going to church on Sunday, I would always read the classic car adds in the paper and this one Sunday morning I ran across an ad for a red 1970 SS396 Chevelle and it was only located 2 miles from where I was working at the time. I went to look at the car that day and when the owner pulled off the car cover I knew this was my car. The owner took me for a ride, but would not let me drive it. I really didn't care because he had me hooked when he pulled the cover off of the car. We made the deal and the next day I was a proud owner of a red 70 SS396. It was just like my first 70 that I bought when I was 19 years old less the vinyl roof.

I believe the car was restored in 1994 and I had seen it once parked at a house on State Ave in KCK in the mid 90's. The guy I bought my car from said he had bought it off a used car lot in KCK, so I figured this was the same car. He added some Buick GS wheels and white letter tires to it but other than that he really didn't do much else. When the car was restored it was set up for drag racing. It had a 396 solid lifter engine, 4 speed, traction bars and a 410 rear end gear. It was a blast to drive from stop light to stop light, but on the high way 65 was about the fast as you





wanted to go because the engine was turning at such high RPM's. The guy I bought the car from had found the build sheet behind the back seat but didn't have the original bill of sale. This Chevelle didn't have the original engine in it so the build sheet didn't really mean much to me at the time.

When I got the car, I did a few things to it like putting the correct seat covers and new door panels for the interior. Mostly, I just drove it some and went to a few car shows. After that, I did very little to the car. It set for several years because I came down with cancer and after that I had moved several times and remodeled my house that I affectionately call "the house from hell". That was in Olathe, Kansas. By 2008, I had enough of house remolding and we sold our house in Olathe and moved back to Western Shawnee were we live now. After moving into a new house, I realized I had nothing to do with my spare time so I joined the Mid America Chevelle Club and it was time to enjoy my SS again.

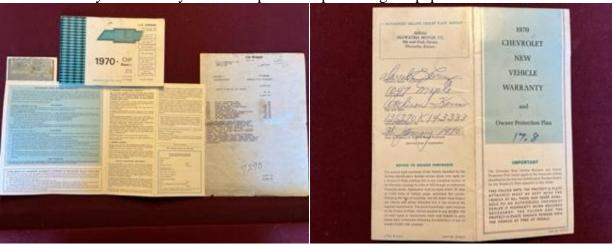
After joining the club, I saw other members working on their cars and figured I would try my luck at it too. I never considered myself as any type of mechanic and to this day I still don't. But with some help from club members, I learned a lot and started upgrading my Chevelle. I learned a lot from trial and error and always found the wrong way of doing it first. But eventually, I always got my projects finished.

I started going to all the club functions and was driving and enjoying my car a lot. I was always upgrading this and that and made the car more enjoyable to drive. One Saturday in July, a group of us went up to Topeka, Kansas to a big cruise that was held every month. Janet and I went around and were looking at all the different cars that were there. We headed back to my car and when I got close I saw someone under my car and another guy writing down the VIN number of my car. I asked the guy if he wanted to buy my car since he was so interested in it. The guy got up from under the car and told me he had bought the car in the mid 90's. I said are you sure of that, because I knew of the car back about that time. He told me my car was restored by a guy who lived in Topeka and he used to drag race it. He had seen the car for sale and he made the deal to buy it. He gave the owner \$500 down and would pick the car up the next day and give him the rest of the money. When he put the deposit down, the owner gave him some original paperwork and the original Protect-O-Plate. The next day, this guy goes to finish the transaction and pick up the red 70 SS. When the owner pulled out the title, he saw there was a lean on the car. Buyer said I'm not buying a car with a lean on the title. The owner of the Chevelle said it was an old lean and he owned the car free and clear. This is when the argument started and both sides decided to part ways and the buyer got his \$500 back. One would think this would be the





end of this story. But the buyer was so upset he kept the original paperwork and never



gave it back to him. After talking with this guy for some time we both realized this was the car he was going to buy. He knew the car very well and I could tell this was the car because he could see all the things, I had changed on it. He told me if the VIN on my car matched the VIN number on the Protect-O-Plate he would send me this paperwork in the mail. I offered to pay for this because I knew this would increase the value of my car. He said he didn't want anything for it because he knew he would run across my car again and wanted to pass it on to the owner, in this case me. About 10 days went by and sure enough, in the mail I get all this paperwork. I felt bad not giving him anything, so I look at the return address on the envelope and saw he was from Junction City, Kansas. I started thinking this through more thoroughly. It's a Saturday evening and I live in Shawnee Kansas and decided to go to a car cruise in Topeka Kansas and some guy sees my car and it's the car he tried to buy in the mid 1990's. This guy lives in Junction City, Kansas and just happens to see my car at a car cruise and it just happens to come across the car he tried to buy 15 to 18 years earlier. What are the odds of something like this happening? Yes this is a true story. I couldn't make something like this up if I tried.

The Protect-O-Plate gave me some great history of my car. The 70 was built in the Leads plant and delivered to Hiawatha Motor Company in Hiawatha, Kansas. It was sold on January 31, 1970 to some guy named Darrel who lived in Atchison, Kansas. Who knows what happened to the car after Darrel sold it and I guess it really doesn't matter, but it's just the craziest thing that ever happened to me. I would like to know the owner's history and I should try to look up his information.

Over the last 3 year, I have been working on my red 70 hardtop again and doing some more upgrades. Like new wheels and red line tires and Vintage Air A/C. Last winter, I had a dated 1970 LS5 454 engine that I had rebuilt and installed and at the same time I added a Tremec 5 speed transmission.







Well for now, I think I have everything finished that I wanted to do to my Chevelle. Well there is just one more item on my wish list and it's a new paint job.

I hope everyone enjoyed my story of my red 70 hardtop.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

For this month's column, I'd like to share a friend's car buying story, and see what everyone's thoughts on the subject might be.

I've got a buddy that is not "car savvy", but loves the looks and vibes of old cars. He, in particular, was looking for a '66 or '67 Chevelle. He's been looking for years but hadn't found what he was looking for until recently. Car had to be blue, convertible, and have a white interior. Over the years, he would send me pics of various cars that he had found, but none of them really checked all of his boxes-- until recently.

He found, online, what appeared to be a really nice restomod. Right color, right top, and a recent "restoration". Had the car inspected since it was out of state, and the inspector told him that all of the stuff he was most worried about was fine. Buddy completes the deal, and has the car shipped to his home. When the car arrives is when a few red flags go up.









Again, mind you, my friend is not mechanical at all. But when the car arrives, the battery is dead. The brake lights are stuck on (hence the battery). The turn signals don't work. The windows don't roll up or down. The ignition key comes out with the tumbler inside it. And the little stuff keeps going on and on. Now, we all know that the car market- just like everything at the moment- is hot, and values are up. Whether he overpaid for it is beside the point, because it was the setup that he wanted. All of these little things could be solved, but there's more. The car handles poorly, although it has all new CPP tubular suspension and coilover shocks. Everything is there, probably just needs aligned. The brakes (4 wheel CPP discs) yank hard to the right when you brake. Again, probably a hose or something easily remedied. He brought it out today and I had a chance to drive it and give it the 20 minute look-over. To me, it looks like it just wasn't finished well. The new cluster shows 500 miles, so the majority of this stuff will just need sorted and dialed, just like any other build. The paint and body work is very nice, top is great, and interior is nice as well. Would take me a weekend to get it driving and stopping better, but my buddy is going to have to pay someone to do all this stuff.

Here's where it becomes pretty shady. Although he bought this car through a reputable broker, he's having title issues. Took it to have it inspected in Kansas to get it registered, and he's probably lucky they didn't try and keep it (similar to the Corvette story in the news). The vin plate was removed to repaint the car, and is back on with regular rivets. The frame has been changed, and the numbers are different. The firewall was cut out and replaced with a smooth custom one, so no hidden vin there either. Story goes that previous owner (who passed away) was in Georgia, where they don't require/ check/ worry about anything over 25 years old- they say. Broker was in Tennessee, where maybe the rules are similar. There's nobody to ask, no documentation of any kind on the changed parts, pictures of the build, or anything.







What would you do? He loves the car, but without a title, it's an expensive paperweight. Broker will buy the car back- minus his deposit (sizeable). What a mess. I told him that my thoughts were that the broker should take the car back with no penalties, and he may need to get a lawyer. He's trying to find a way to keep it, because he's been looking so long, but what a hassle. This is basically a cautionary tale for all of us to be aware of. I'm sure stuff like this happens all the time, and can sure sour a person on the hobby.

I told my friend to keep me posted-- we'll see how it goes!

Ed

Member's Corner

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

New Members





Sponsors







Hagerty Insurance



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MidWest Regional Chevelle show flyer







35th MIDWEST REGIONAL CHEVELLE CAR SHOW

September 23 - 24, 2022

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

Hosted by the Mid America Chevelle Club

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

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

Friday September 2	23	Saturday Sep	tember 24	
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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





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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



