

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 Minsky's Pizza at 7198 Renner Road in Shawnee, Ks.

- 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
May 26, 2022
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete, with 28 persons present.

The Minutes, as published in the newsletter, were accepted.

The meeting began with new business items which concentrated on upcoming regional car shows. The annual picnic was discussed and noted the event would be located at Shawnee Mission Park Shelter House 4 and overviewed the menu.

Mr. Verstraete noted that Hendrick Chevrolet is still low with inventory, so would continue closing early. Those present agreed to remain at Minsky's Pizza for the meetings until Hendrick Chevrolet is able to house the meeting.

Mr. Calder discussed the upcoming events and talked about past events. He indicated that six members attended the Louisburg Show. Six members attended the Hannibal Car Show which was a very nice day. He informed those present that nine members attended the Pete and Jake's Show at Peculiar, MO. Mr. Calder indicated that other events/shows would be sent via e-mail and posted on the Facebook page.

Mr. Hallouer updated the members of the upcoming Regional Meeting in September. He stated that a few registrations have been made. Mr. Clark stated the Poker Run would be within the Wyandotte County Park at the meal time. Mr. Calder indicated that help would be needed in serving the food after delivery.

Mr. Hallouer present the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. He noted the club has 73 current members.

Mr. Prouty was thanked for hosting the club picnic event for the past five years.

Mr. Freeman informed those in attendance there is a cruise night at Turkey Creek, Merriam on August 13; more information forthcoming.

Mr. Calder requested members send any shows or potential events to him for adding to future announcements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg, Secretary



Special Annoucement

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP AND DUES RENEWAL IS NOW AVAILIABLE 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

June 4—Olathe Police Dept Show- I know there were members in attendance, not sure how many.

June 5—MACC Summer picnic---Shawnee Mission Park—Sunday – looked like at least 15 members (cars) were in attendance.





June 11-Paola Car Show Paola, KS – 17 members (Cars).





June 25—Longview Lake Cruise—Russ and Vickie Peters – 15 members (Cars).





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

July 15-----Friday cruise/car show/movie night. Meet at Gateway Classic Cars Olathe from 4p.m.-6p.m. Depart for Midway Drive In Paola, KS at 6:15 where they will be hosting a car show from 7 until show time. Movies are American Graffiti and Smokey and the Bandit. \$30 per car. More info and to get tickets on Facebook at UA & Chill Cruise-in Classic. I am trying to find out if you can pay at the drive in?

July 17-----The Great Car Show WW1 Memorial—www.thegreatcarshow.com
Sunday show

July 30-----Prosperity Car Show 10955 Lowell Ave, Overland Park, KS
www.prosperitycarshow.org

August 3-7—Show Me Rally - Brian Findley and Ed Smoot will be representing the club.
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,

One of the most asked questions out there during the summer months is, my Chevelle runs hot when temperatures gets over 90 degrees but its fine during the spring and fall, why? This is a common problem with any kind of car that's 50 plus years old. The problem is not your engine; it's your cooling system. You see a lot of solutions out there like, you need a bigger radiator, flush out your radiator, put an aluminum radiator in, put electric fans on, change your antifreeze, take out your thermostat or put a new one in. Some of these solutions are easy to do and some are very expensive to do. Some may work and just might fix the high temperatures your car is running during the summer months.

If you have tried some of these solutions and nothing seems to help, think back 50 to 60 years ago when these cars were built. Do you believe GM would sell a new car they knew would overheat during the summer months and burn up an engine that was under warranty? I think not. Almost all over heating issues are caused from lack of air flow across your radiator. Your cooling temperature is fine on the highway but in town it goes over 220, that's an airflow problem.

So, what's the solution you might ask? First, check your radiator and flush it out and put new antifreeze in and if it's really old, consider buying a new aluminum radiator. Second, if you are running a fan clutch, check it just by spinning the fan. If you can spin the fan freely, you need a new fan clutch. Only buy a heavy-duty fan clutch. You can do the research yourself to find the best one on the market. If you can only get it to spin a quarter to half a turn, its fine and you do not need to replace it. Third one is your fan blade. A lot of older cars just have a four blade fan. In the 60's when air conditioning was introduced, GM started using a 7 blade fan and larger radiators to help keep the engine cool on hot days. I suggest changing out a 4 blade fan to a 7 blade fan. These 7 blade fans have a higher pitch angle thus pulling more air across the radiator. I suggest buying a seven fan blade for a 1970 Chevelle and use it for all years of Chevelle's. The last thing is making sure you have a fan shroud covering your radiator. This will force air to go across your radiator thus cooling your antifreeze.

As many of you know I have two 70 big blocks Chevelle's, and I have used the methods above to keep my 454's cool during the summer months. I have stock A/C on my convertible, and Vintage Air on my hardtop. Neither one of my cars overheat in the summer months. I will admit in stop and go traffic the temperature will raise some but not to where they overheat.

Another popular method of cooling your engine today is installing electric fans. In certain cases, like when you have a serpentine belt system on your engine, fan blades will not work because of lack of room for the fan blade and fan clutch. Electric fans work well but it's kind of a hit or miss solution to get the right set up to work on your car. Electric fans are more costly and require more work and some wiring to do. Personally, I don't like hearing the fans run after you turn off your engine. The fan will run until the radiator temps cool down.



One last note about overheating engines. If your engine is not timed right, this will also cause your engine to overheat. Make sure your engine is tuned like it should be. It will run better, get better gas mileage, and run cooler.

Well, that's it for this month, hopefully some of these tips will keep your car and yourself cool this summer.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Hope these warm and muggy days and nights are treating everyone well! I've been away for a bit, working on finishing up a lot of loose ends with my house build- but we are close to completion now, and I am looking forward to getting back into the swing of things with the car scene.

It was great seeing those of you that made it to the breakfast stop prior to the Paola Heartland car show, and I sure missed hanging with you all at the show. Paola always puts on a great event, and it sounds like this year was no different. It looks like the events team has some great stuff lined up, and I can't wait to join in the fun.

The Car Show committee has been hard at work, and some welcome new additions to the team sure helped out a bunch. Everyone has really picked up where needed and they have all been doing a great job-- our show is gonna be gangbusters!

I'll have more to share in the coming months, with shop build out items, lift reviews, and hopefully some more car content coming soon. As with a lot of things these days, parts and shipping delays have really put a cramp in my style. I ordered a new 2 post lift for my home garage back in January, and it finally made it to me in May-- and they were even nice enough to pass along some inflated shipping charges, even though I had pre-paid months prior. Sign O' the times, I guess.



Keeping it short and sweet this month-- hope to see you all soon!

Ed



Member's Corner

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

New Members

Robert & Marsha Patzwald
514 N. 11th Street
Leavenworth KS, 66048
Home: 913-622-1271 Cell: 913-683-5355
E-Mail patzwald@sbcglobal.net
Member# 497
1964 ElCamino, Purchased in October. Color? to be determined
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties
Found the club on the Internet

Jim & Kathy Puskas
23744 W 126th Terrace
Olathe, KS 66061
Cell 913-206-5625
E-Mail puskasjim@gmail.com
Member #498 good to 4/30/24
70 Chevelle SS Conv. Daytona Yellow, owned for 2 years.
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties
Found out about club from another member.



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Purchase your meal tickets at <https://mid-america-chevelle-club.square.site/>.



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Event Schedule

Friday September 23

Registration 9 am - 4 pm
Poker Cruise 4:30 pm
Catered dinner 5:30 pm

Saturday September 24

Registration 8 am - noon
1,000 point judging starts at 9 am
Participant judging 8 am - 1 pm
Awards Presentation 3:30 pm

Highlights

- \$100.00 Club Participation Prize
- Door Prizes
- Top 3 Awards in Every Year
- 1,000 Point Judging by Professional Judges (limited to the first 25 cars registered for it prior to September 1st)
- Awards for Best Interior, Best Paint, Best Engine & Best in Show
- Souvenir T-Shirts available during the show
- Poker Cruise & available catered dinner Friday evening

Online registration after April 1 at <https://carshowpro.com/event/897> or QR code
or mail to MACC, 12318 W. 61st, Shawnee, KS 66216 this completed form
with a check payable to "Mid America Chevelle Club".



Registration Form

Name _____
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Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail _____

Car Information: Year _____ Model _____

Check one: Stock ☐ or Modified (four or more modifications from stock) ☐

Registration (2 days, including Poker Cruise) \$ 35

1,000 point judging \$40 (limited to the first 25 cars registered for it before September 1st) \$ _____

Friday evening catered dinner _____ person(s) @ \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

For more information contact _____ It's rain or shine, no refunds. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Jon (816.516.9952) or Roger (913.207.3374)

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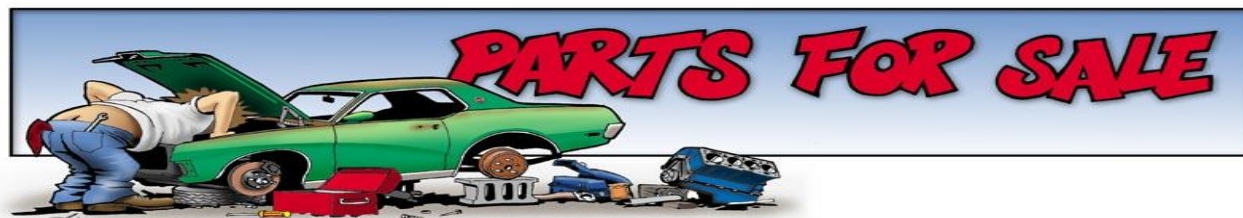
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Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

Will return soon.



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

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

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