

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB JULY 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 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
June 30, 2022
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Chair Roger Verstraete, with 24 persons present. New member, Carl Alvano, was introduced, and members present introduced themselves.

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

The meeting began with old business discussing last month's activities. It was reported that 48 persons were present at the picnic. It was also noted that 18 persons were present at the Paola breakfast and car show. The Peters were thanked for coordinating a Sunday cruise, adding it was a great event.

Mr. Hallouer reported the club membership is 83 total memberships, and all were requested to invite new members. Those present were informed that Hendrick's Chevrolet is still closing at 6:00 p.m. until inventory increases.

Mr. Calder spoke about a car cruise to the Midway Drive-In in rural Paola on July 15, 2022. He also spoke about the Kansas City Auto Museum on July 17, which will be located at the World War I Museum. The First Friday cruise, August 5, 2022, will be hosted by Jon Clark and Lynn LeCount.

Mr. Smoot noted the Car Show Committee, with Chair Mike Stites, is working hard and noted the shirts and awards are set. All members were encouraged to enter the show. Members were also encouraged to volunteer, adding all jobs are available. He noted show fliers are available and ready for distribution. He stated that Mr. Verstraete is working toward encouraging a local owner of a 1969 Yenko to attend the show.

Treasurer Hallouer was out of town attending the Good Guys Heartland Nationals in Des Moines, IA. He left a report noting the carshow meal and entries are going well, and indicated sponsors' funds have been arriving.

Members were reminded of the upcoming cruise in Merriam, KS on August 13, 2022

New member, Carl Alvano, won the drawing of \$25.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

Special Announcement

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

July 1st & 2nd Good Guys Show Des Moines, IA



July 15th -----Friday cruise/car show/movie night in Paola. Meet at Gateway Classic

July 15th & 16th – Street Machine National



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





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

July 30-----Prosperity Car Show 10955 Lowell Ave, Overland Park, KS

www.prosperitycarshow.org \$20 All proceeds support cars4heros

Register at www.prosperitycarshow.org

Meet for breakfast at 8a.m. at Big Biscuit 11148 Antioch Rd OP, KS and then go as a group to the show.

Need to know who will be attending as I have been told if we get our count to the Prosperity people

August 3-7—Show Me Rally Brian Findley and Ed Smoot

August 5—First Friday—Jon Clark/Lynn LeCount Hosting at Your Classic Ride 2711 Warwick Trfy, Kansas City, MO 6p.m.

They are laying light rail tracks along Main Street so you should arrive from the east via Gillham Road.

Doors open at 6p.m. Jon and Lynn are planning on serving Jack Stack BBQ pulled pork, brisket and turkey around 6:45p.m.

We ask members to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share plus their own beverages.

Your Classic Ride has available tables, chairs, frig and is air-conditioned.

Plenty of parking for your Chevelle!

August 13—Turkey Creek Cruise Night 6:30-8:30 Merriam Farmers Market

August 26—Wellsville Car Show, Wellsville, KS Friday

August 28—Belton Cruise Night 3-7pm Main Street Sunday close out Belton's Sesquicentennial weekend.

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

3---DeSoto Days Car Show 11-3 32905 W 84th St. DeSoto,KS



www.carshowpro.com to register No Fee.
10—Turkey Creek Show, Merriam, KS www.merriam.org
17—Ol' Marais Car Show, Ottawa, KS www.olmarais.com
23-24---Mid West Chevelle Regional NFM Kansas City, KS

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

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,

Last week the car show committee had their final meeting to discuss all the details of this year's Midwest Chevelle Regional. All the planning and decisions that were made over the year were discussed and the eight members of the committee went over each of their responsibilities. After the meeting was over, I have to admit this is the most thought out car show we have ever put on. The car show committee has done a great job planning out this year's events and I believe this will be our best car show. This year's car show will be a full two days starting at 9am Friday, September 23rd and ending after the awards on Saturday, September 24th. Some of the highlights of this year's show will feature a Friday evening cruise/poker run that will end at the James P. Davis Hall in Wyandotte County Lake Park. At the end of the cruise, we will be having a catered BBQ dinner from Jack Stack BBQ including drinks and desert for anyone who wants to attend. If you like to attend this event on Friday evening, it would be best to pre-register your car and buy tickets ahead of time. We will only have a limited amount of banquets tickets available the day of the show. The reason for this is it is hard to guess how many people will want to



attend the banquet and have enough food on hand for everyone. Again please pre-register if you are planning to attend the Friday banquet.

Saturday registration will kick off at 8am and go through noon. We will have a food truck to serve breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Saturday will also feature 1,000 point judging for anyone wanting their car judged, but you have to pre-register your car by September 1st, and we are limiting this to the first 25 cars. This year there will be two different categories to have your car in, stock and modified. We will have the top 3 for each class and for each year and this is participant judge. There also are sponsor awards, specialty awards and best of show awards. Awards presentation is at 3:30pm and we will have over 80 awards to give out.

To pre-register your car, you have three ways to do this. You can go online and go to our web site: midamericachevelles.com and download a flyer. On the flyer there is a QR code you can scan that you can register online. Or you can fill out the car show flyer and send a check in by mail. You can also register at the car show registration tent the day of the show. Brian also has included the car show flyer in this month's newsletter. I know not everyone can make both days of the car show. If you cannot come on Friday, you can still just come for the Saturday part. Saturday is the day all the judging takes place and all the awards are presented. Also, this year we will have two different ways to do the participant judging. Each dash plaque will have a QR code on it and you can just pick your favorite cars using the app on your phone. If you don't feel comfortable doing this, you can still get a voting ballot at the registration table and just write down your favorite cars on the ballot.

Souvenir T-shirts will be available at the registration table. Usually we would have the shirts listed on the car show flyer but because of supply shortages and not knowing how much the cost would be at that time it was impossible to have them listed on the flyer this year.

I want to thank everyone on the car show committee for all their hard work getting this Regional car show planned. This has been very difficult year trying to figure out where to have the car show at, working around supply shortages, Covid, and figuring out the newest technology to pre-register and use it for participant judging. But I know all their hard work is going to pay off and we should have a great Chevelle Regional. In 2016 the Mid America Chevelle Club hosted the Midwest Regional Chevelle car show and we had 165 Chevilles at this show. We are planning for more this year. You don't want to miss out participating in this year's Regional. This only happens every 4 years so please consider coming out and supporting MACC.

The last thing here is we are still having our monthly meetings at Minsky's Pizza on Renner Road at 7pm. Hendricks Chevrolet is still closing at 6 o'clock because of lack of inventory. I also have gotten some club T-shirts and a few hats in and will have them at this month meeting.

Everyone stay cool and safe,
Roger

Vice-President's Column

As most of you know, I've been working on outfitting and setting up my new auto "hobby" shop at home. While I have a couple "storage" 4-post lifts, I felt like I did need a "working" lift as well. I have purchased a couple different brand in the past, and most of my buying decisions had

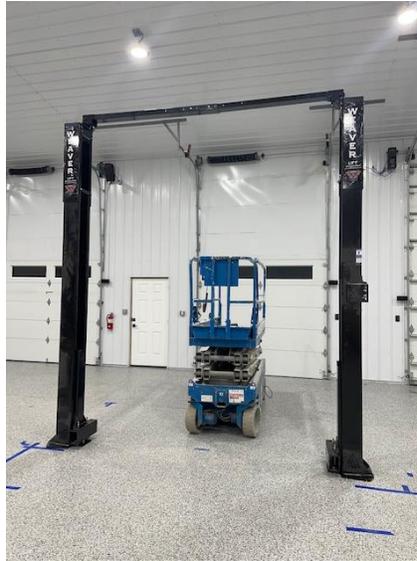


largely been based on cost. While cost is always a concern, I decided to add a layer of safety (something new for me, I know) to the equation. I also wanted to make sure that I got one with enough lifting capacity to raise just about anything that I may want to work on in the future.

After much research, I settled on a Weaver 10,000 lb certified lift. (<http://www.derekweaver.com>) The main difference between a certified and a non-certified lift, is that the certified models have to go through some additional testing and gain the approval of the ALI (American Lift Institute). This lift has a lot of the features that I was looking for, plus as a bonus, it was black and matches the rest of my lifts in the shop. There was an extended wait period for this lift and took almost 6 months to arrive. Once here, it arrived in good shape and was packaged well. Side note for anyone ordering one of these- they are big and heavy, and some truck carriers require you to have some way to unload, so be prepared for that. I had mine delivered to our RV shop, so we used our forklift to unload with no issues.



Once I got the lift home, it was a matter of unbolting the columns from the carrier, and laying all the pieces out roughly where they go prior to assembly. I did this solo with the help of my engine hoist, but would sure be easier with another set of hands. The directions are good and well written, and give you all the parameters to lay out placement. It is important to keep in mind distance to the door, walls, and any other obstructions to make sure that you don't have space limitations down the road. On my end, I had done quite a bit of pre-planning for this install. Since my shop has radiant floor heating, when I laid out the plumbing prior to concrete I had left a big area open with no tubing run through it specifically for this install. Just to be double-sure, once I had the lift columns set where I wanted, I did turn on the radiant flooring so that I could see exactly where the tubing was with my thermal imaging camera prior to anchoring anything to the floor. While it did make the shop even more toasty on a 100-degree day, the extra peace of mind it gave me before potentially drilling into a costly mistake was well worth it.



I then anchored the columns down, and started installing the column extensions, cables, and associated hydraulic lines. Got all of the arms installed, cables adjusted, lines bled, and power unit wired up. I did set up my power unit with a detachable cord, so that I could pull double-duty with a heavy extension cord and a 220v outlet for the lift and my welder-- worked out great!

Disclaimer: At one point in my life, I did install in-ground and above-ground lifts professionally. That being said, it has been many years since I did so- but it all came back pretty quickly. I'm happy to say that no mishaps were to be had, and everything went together well. I was kind of under the gun on this one, as I had big plans to do a brake job for a buddy in a couple of days, and wanted to try it on the new lift. I'm happy to say that everything worked as advertised, and I'm very happy with the product so far. As I get older, the thought of sitting cross legged on the floor or kneeling to do a brake job becomes less and less appealing. Sure was nice to stand upright and be able to walk around to grab the needed items without getting up and down off the floor. For anyone considering getting a lift-- if you've got the space and do any amount of your own work, I'd say go for it!





Hope to see you all at this month's meeting-- and if you have any lift questions or want to come by and check it out, hit me up!

Ed

Member's Corner

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

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September 23-24, 2022

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

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- Friday poker cruise
- Friday dinner available
- See back for details

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Register for the 1000 point judging at <https://mid-america-chevelle-club.square.site/>.

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



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September 23 - 24, 2022

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www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

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

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 _____

Phone (____) _____ Club Affiliation _____

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)

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I indemnify and hold harmless O'Reilly Auto Parts, 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 my participation 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 my negligent acts or omissions.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above statement. Signature _____ Date _____

Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

There are new hats and T-shirts available. See Roger at the meeting on Thursday if you are interested.



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

Headrest for sale – contact John Gragg at 816-804-4771

