

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



2023 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS

March 30, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Verstraete. New member Gary Ficklen, owner of a 1969, was present and spoke about the car and upgrades. Introductions were made by all members present.

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

Mr. Verstraete informed those present that Mr. Smoot was not present in order to prepare an RV for the Brightwells. He noted the Brightwell's had damage to their home while they were on vacation. He also noted that Mr. Stack, is currently in rehabilitation following surgery.

Mr. Verstraete also noted that he and Janet are hosting the May 5, 2023 First Friday at their home.

The annual budget was discussed, which remained mostly the same, with an increase of funding for the spring picnic, and with \$50.00 for the First Friday hosts for the 2023-24 year.

All were informed that all board members positions are up for election, adding that nominations would be accepted until the April meeting.

Mr. Gragg noted that the Car Club Committee will meet on April 26 to continue discussion of flier and other items for the one-day show in September.

Mr. Calder overviewed upcoming events and noted the World of Wheels Show was a great event.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the financial matters and indicated the current membership is 111.

The Call family in attendance, Dean, Allen, and Robyn, thanked the members for the flowers, donations and support at the loss of Barbara. Dean stated he received thank you notes from the Cancer and Heart Association for the donations.

The monthly drawing was held with Susan Farley winning \$25.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

FIRST FRIDAY CRUISE IN.

There is still ONE openings to host a First Friday Cruise in.
August 4th

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
John Gragg
Jon Clark
Tim Cunningham

Car Show flyer, shirts designer:

Lynn Clark

Event staff:

Steve Calder chairman
John Prouty
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:

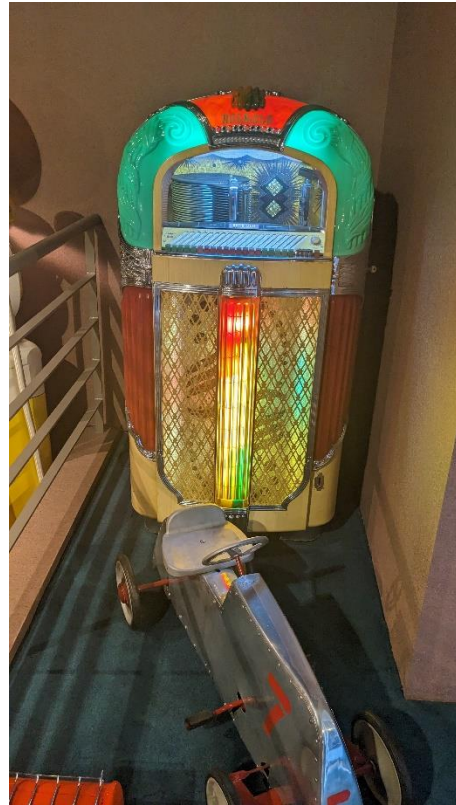
Brian Findley

Events attended by MACC

April 22---Tour of Armacost Auto Museum 4200 E 135th St Grandview, MO
17 members attended the event. Awesome group of cars and good food afterwards.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events 2023

April 29----MACC featured club at Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome
Cruise In 9a.m. to noon 1202 S Lone Elm Rd Olathe, KS Gateway
Gateway will donate \$10 for each Club car in attendance up to \$200.
Need a head count to reserve spots. So far we have 19 cars.
Lunch at Twin Peaks 14805 W 119th Olathe, KS

May 5----First Friday Cruise In-Roger and Janet Verstraete hosts
Roger sent email out last week. Need to RSVP to Roger at 913-207-3374

May 7----Cruise the Burg Car Show Louisburg, KS Sunday show
403 South 9th St. Plan to arrive around 7 a.m. to park on the
gravel and under the trees. Contact Keven Shields to let him
know you are attending so he can save spots-913-915-5980

May 12-13---Loafers Car Show Hannibal, MO
Drive to Hannibal Friday. Show Saturday, drive home after

May 20---Warm Springs Ranch (breeding farm for the Budweiser Clydesdales)
25270 Highway 98 Boonville, MO. 1:30p.m. tour booked \$15 each
40 people per tour. 19 tickets still available. Contact Steve Calder to
reserve your tickets. Last day to reserve tickets is May 10 so I can
return unused tickets for a refund.

June 4 ---MACC Picnic Longview Lake Shelter House #12 Jackson County KC, MO Sunday
June 10 – Olathe Police Foundation Car Show at College Church of the Nazarene on Mur-Len south
of 135th. Registration begins at 8:00. Show starts at 10:00 with participant judging awards
beginning at 1:00PM. \$20 registration, \$10 with student ID for High School, University or College.
Pre-registration available in April.

June 10—Paola Car Show

June 30-July 1--Midwest Chevelle Regionals Springfield, MO

July 7—First Friday Cruise In—John and Debra Gragg hosts

July 8—Merriam Cruise Night

July 21/23—Street Machine Nationals St. Paul, MN-contact Brian Findley if interested.

July 22—Tour of Tension Envelope plant 819 E 19th Street KC, MO

Lunch TBD then to That 70's Car Show Lake Contrary, St Joseph, MO 2pm
To 7pm

July 29—Prosperity Car Show Overland Park all proceeds go

To Cars 4 Heroes \$20 –The past two years they have given away
two cars at the show.

August 4-First Friday Cruise In—Host needed

August 25-Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS Friday show

September 1—First Friday -Brian and Sandy Findley hosts

September 9-10-Good Guys Show in Loveland, CO (Eugene and Anna are attending).

September 9---Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam, KS

September 16—Ol Marias River Run Car Show Ottawa, KS

September 23—MACC car show



October 6—First Friday - John and Phyllis Prouty hosts

October 21-Fall Party

December 2—MACC Christmas Party -- Thompsons Barn Lenexa (reserved)

Other cruises and tours or events will be added as the year progresses.

If you have an idea for a cruise/tour/show please contact any officer or Steve Calder

Get those Chevelles out and enjoy!

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,

Janet and I will be hosting the MACC First Friday event on May 5th. Since this is Cinco de Mayo, we will be having Tacos for dinner. We will supply the Taco meat and fixings. We are asking for everyone who comes to bring a side dish or dessert and your drinks and chairs. Our address is 20711 W 67st, Shawnee, Kansas 66218. If you are planning on attending, just text me at 913-207-3374 to let me know so I can have a head count for the food. Starting time is any time after 5pm and we plan on eating at 6pm. I know we have a ton of new members, or maybe you just haven't attended one of our First Friday events. This is a great place to meet everyone, have some great food and drinks, and share some stories about your Chevelle. Everyone in the club is welcome to our home and please drive your Chevelle, my neighbors will be thrilled to see them.

Hope to see you on May 5th
Roger and Janet

Vice-President's Column

Happy April, MACC!

As I write my last column for the newsletter as VP of the club, I can't help but be a little nostalgic. I've been reminiscing and looking back on old club business and marveling at how much the club has changed and grown over the last 13 years. Though the club, I've met some wonderful people over the years, and boy have we had some fun as well. All of the outings, trips, and car shows I'll never forget. The trips to Chevellabration- hanging out with like-minded folks from all over the



country, and all the late night parking lot shenanigans in Tennessee. That one time that I made a short-notice trip to Canada with Ron Brightwell to get some Canadian Beaumont parts and got a real Canadian ticket for cell phone usage in the first 5 minutes being across the border. All of the club picnics and Christmas Parties. And the MACC car shows! Working overnight security, hosting cookouts, and solving all of the world's problems at 2am while patrolling the lot to keep our out-of-town guests cars safe. All of these things (and many more) are some of my favorite memories.

The big thing about the Mid America Chevelle Club, though, is the comradery among the members. Our membership is comprised of some of the nicest and most genuine people that you will ever want to meet. I do believe that is why our club continues to grow and evolve - it's all about this group of people that I am proud to call my friends, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for our club. I'd like to give a special thanks to Roger Verstraete (some pronounce it in Italian- Ver-Stra-Tae) and Eugene Hallouer for being so easy to work with all these years. It has been a blast conferring with them, as well as of of the other board members that keep our club moving in the right direction.

So, as I pass the baton to the next person to take my seat as VP, I'd like to leave you with one more trip down memory lane. The following was my first column as VP, which was in the June 2010 newsletter. If you are ever looking for some light reading, the newsletters that we have archived over at midamericachevelles.com are gold! I do refer back to some of the old newsletters for inspiration and to fact-check myself, and often get lost reading up on old business and the fun that we have had over the years. It's funny how me in 2010 would write something that is just as relevant today.

Thanks so much for everything, MACC-- and I hope to see you all again very soon!

Ed

From Ed in 2010:

VP's Corner With Ed Smoot

Hello all, and welcome to the first installment of VP's Corner!

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Ed Smoot, and I've been a member of MACC for about a year and a half, give or take. I've always loved American Muscle and can appreciate most makes and models, but have always had a special fondness for Chevelles. I purchased my first Chevelle about 9 years ago as a basket case project. After hauling the carcass home and sorting through the boxes and crates full of miscellaneous parts, the real work began. After years of knuckle-busting and rust removal, I've got something that I can at least drive. And drive it, I do! I will be wheeling to Chevelle-A-Bratton this June for our 2nd annual trip with this car. Nine hours on the freeway at 75mph with no a/c in June- does life get any better?

I would like to use this column as a sounding board for the club-talking about what we're working on (automotive and otherwise), as well as tips, tricks and experiences from the road. Got a funny story or interesting anecdote about your car? Drop me a line! Got a concern about something and aren't sure who to talk to? Give me a call. Got chest pains from too much fast food? Call 911.



Seriously. I'll be happy to talk to anyone about anything- try me! Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve on the present board. I'm looking forward to helping in any way that I can, from meetings, outings, to the annual car show. We've got a great club with a great group of folks, and I'd love to see our membership keep growing. The best way to get in touch with me is via e-mail at azmobilerv@yahoo.com . You can also leave me a message at 913-636-2002.

See you on the road! Ed

New Members

More to come.

Member's Corner

This week we will use the Member's Corner for some addition tech tips

Hope you enjoy.

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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.

Contact Norman at 913-601-2784

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