

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

MAY 2023 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 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:	Brian Findley
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

April 28, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Verstraete. No visitors or new members, no introductions made.

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

Mr. Verstraete informed those present that old business was in regards to the last month's budget presentation.

Next item discussed was the 2023-2024 election. It was noted that Brian Findley was nominated for the Vice-President. The motion was made to retain the current board, with end of term of Vice President for Mr. Smoot, adding Mr. Findley. The motion was accepted. The vote of the members was affirmative. All were congratulated.

Mr. Verstraete then addressed the membership on the status of the Square Account. The discussion included the regulations for selling merchandise and memberships/show registration. He also spoke about other automobile clubs representatives and how each worked with similar methods.

Mr. Smoot indicated he was happy to serve the club on the board for the past 13 years. He noted he is not quitting the club, but addressing other matters in his life, adding that he is still remaining on the Car Show Committee. He was thanked for his service.

Mr. Smoot then addressed the Car Show Committee's meeting the prior evening. He indicated they discussed the shirt design, food vendor, open parking, and participant voting, netting awards for the Top 25, and specialty awards. He noted the on-line registration would be opening soon.

Mr. Calder overviewed the past events, and spoke about upcoming events, some of which include Gateway Caffeine, and May First Friday event. More information will be available via Facebook and website.

Mr. Hallouer informed those present that show fliers were available. He then reviewed the revenues and expenditures. It was noted the current membership is 80 with potential renewals of 34.

Roger read a thank you letter from the Call Family in regards to the recent passing of Barbara. The note also stated their appreciation of the members support for Barbara and Dean.

The drawing for \$25.00 was won by Herb Bouyack.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 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

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 29----MACC featured club at Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome – 27-member attend. Followed by lunch at Twin Peaks.



May 5----First Friday Cruise In-Roger and Janet Verstraete hosts 15 member attended the event.



May 7----Cruise the Burg Car Show Louisburg, KS 7 members in attended the event.





May 12-13---Loafers Car Show Hannibal, MO – 7 members attended the event. Anna Hallouer received 1st Place.





Pete and Jake's – Peculiar, MO – 6 members attended. 2 members, John Prouty and Ray Harper received Top Twenty awards.



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2023

June 4 ---Sunday MACC Picnic Longview Lake Shelter House #12 Jackson County KC, MO. Arrive around 2p.m. and we will eat at 5. The Club will provide Jack Stack BBQ, buns, plates and utensils. Each member is asked to bring a side dish or dessert, drinks and their chairs. Alcohol is allowed but no glass containers. Parking lot and restrooms are close. Please RSVP to Steve Calder 816-547-1206 cell/text sjc52@aol.com by May 31st so we order enough bbq

June 10—Paola Car Show Paola, Ks. Meet at Quik Trip 20825 W 199th Street Spring Hill at 7a.m. to depart at 7:15. Cruise on down to We B Smokin' 32580 Airport Rd Paola for a great breakfast. Contact Brian Findley if you are attending cell 913-558-1453. To pre-register go to paolacarshow.com

June 10---Olathe Police Foundation Car Show at College of the Nazarene 2020 East Sheridan Street(143rd) Olathe, KS Registration starts at 8a.m. Awards at 1. \$20
Olathepolicefoundation.com/car-event for more info or contact Randy Cummins 713-249-8117 cell/text

June 30-July 1--Midwest Chevelle Regionals Springfield, MO Meet at Sapp Brothers 27603 SW Outer road (I49 and Hwy 7) Harrisonville, MO at 9:15 to depart at 9:30 Gas/RR stop at BP Station 200 N Hwy13 Lowry City, MO Arrive Oasis Hotel 2546 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO noon. Here's who I know is registered so far: Hallouer, Calder, Findley, Verstraete, Stack, Prouty, Gragg, Peters, Cummins, Needham. Please let Steve know you are going at 816-547-1206.

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 12 – Ladies adventure to visit the Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas

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

September 30---Warm Springs Ranch (Clydesdale breeding farm) 25270 Highway 98 Boonville, MO 2p.m. tour booked \$15 each 40 people max Contact Steve Calder to reserve a ticket. Rescheduled from May 20

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
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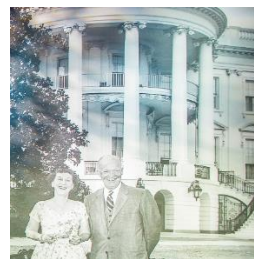
MACC Ladies Column



Saturday, August 12th

We invite the MACC ladies (but you gents are welcome, too!) to visit the Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas, have some lunch then tour Ike's boyhood home.

The current exhibitions include a look at how the suffrage movement impacted the 1952 Presidential campaign, a nostalgic look at the "paint by number" artwork dedicated to President Eisenhower, and an about-to-open showcase of the global gifts Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower received from Heads of State.



More details to follow!

President's Column

Hello MACC members,

At last month's meeting we held election of club officers. With Ed stepping down as VP, Brian Findley decided to run and was elected our new Vice President. I've known Brian ever since he joined the club and he always wanted to be involved and do whatever he could do to help out. The first thing Brian did was take over the newsletter from Mike Stites many years ago. Three years ago, I asked him if he wanted to be on the event planning committee and he said he would love to help out. Then last year the car show committed needed someone with his expertise with computers and again he said yes. Brian has been involved in the Christmas Party too by putting together the slide show that everyone watches during dinner. Brian has been a really big asset for MACC and I'm thrilled to be working with him this year.

Brian is going to step down as the newsletter editor and Kirby Demot will take it over. Kirby is one of the original members of the club and when I asked him if he was interested in taking over the newsletter, he was happy to do so. Kirby wanted to be more involved with the club and this is a perfect way for him to do that.

Ever since I have been involved with the club, we've had some great newsletter editors. Starting with Debra Gragg, then Mike Stites, and then Brian. I know Kirby will do a fantastic job too. I would like to welcome Brian to the VP position and Kirby as our new newsletter editor.

For me personally, one of the most fulfilling things about being president of the MACC is there is always someone wanting to step up and take on whatever is needed to keep things going in the right direction. If you would like to be more involved in the club, you can contact me or Brian and we can talk about what we need going forward. We have several members who don't have an official title that are in charge of an event or help plan events like Tim Cunningham who takes care of planning the Christmas party for example.

I know I said this last month, but it needs saying again. I want to thank Ed Smoot for 13 years as Vice President. Ed has been one of the best club ambassadors MACC has ever had and I'm sure he will continue to be someone we can all count on in the future to be a big part of the club. After reading his article in last month's newsletter, I thought I would look into my old computer and find an early article I wrote when I just became president. It's not one of the first ones, but I wrote it in August of 2011.

Now, on a note to General Motors: if you need someone to forecast the future, I'm available any time.

Why a Camaro not a Chevelle? Have you ever wondered why GM picked a Camaro to reenter the muscle car field 5 years ago instead of a Chevelle?

For me growing up, I was a fan of the Chevelle more so than the Camaro. My first love was the Corvette when I was growing up, but I knew my dad wouldn't ever let me have



one and I couldn't ever afford one of these legendary vehicles either. So, I shifted my interest to the Chevelle. I can remember my mom reading in the newspaper that Chevrolet was coming out with a new mid-size car called the Chevelle. I was 13 at the time and I knew that was going to be the car I wanted. Sure enough, my grandparents and my uncle bought one in 1964. Then in 1966, my cousin Jerry bought a new Malibu. In 1967, I was 16, and my dad let me buy a brand new 67 Malibu. It had a 283- 3 speed on the tree.

In 1966, Chevrolet came out with the Camaro to compete with the Mustang. The muscle car wars were on at that time. Everyone was building bigger motors and faster cars. But for me, no one could compare with the styling of the Chevelle. The Camaro was turning big numbers in production it was changing ever year. There were RS, SS, Z28, even plain Jane Camaro's. They used ever gimmick in the book to beat the Mustang. But the Chevelle sales where always strong year after year and they would out produce and out perform the competition. And finally, GM noticed how popular the Chevelle had been in the muscle car wars, outperforming the Ford's and Mopar's. So in 1970 Chevrolet came out with the most popular Chevelle ever built. They knew this was the last year they could build a true muscle car because of government regulations and pressure from the insurance companies. They sold a ton of the SS396-350hp cars and even built few with 396-375hp engine. Then in January, they came out with the SS454's. 360hp was standard engine but you could get the famous LS6. A 450hp engine was unheard of in those days and this car was scary fast. To this day, it is the most sought after Chevelle ever built. The innovations that GM put in this car have never been seen in a Chevelle before. From the hood stripes to the cowl induction, the styling of the 1970 seemed to be timeless. Now I know some of you 2 head light guys might argue some of these points, but the facts don't lie about this year of Chevelle. Never again could you get a 450hp engine in a Chevelle.

Even the 71's and 72's were riding the coat tails of popularity of the 70. With smaller motors, less horsepower, and 2 less headlights, these Chevells were still very popular. It was the last chance to be a part of the muscle car era. So, what would have happen if GM would have picked the 70 Chevelle instead of the 69 Camaro to restyle? I guess we will never know. But I think it would have been a bigger hit myself, but I'm prejudiced to the 70 Chevelle, if you haven't figured that out by now.

So where can you see some of the nicest Chevells ever produced by Chevrolet? At the 10 th Annual "ACES" Mid America Chevelle Regional Car Show in Olathe Kansas, at the Great Mall of the Great Plains Mall. September 23-24. Come by and let me know what you think.

The weather has cooled off somewhat and we have a lot of events planned coming up, so watch your email and hope you can make some of these events. We always have a great time. If you have a friend or know someone with a Chevelle that is interested in the club, please feel free to bring them along.

Roger

PS, the Camaro will stop production at the end of 2024.



Vice-President's Column

Hello MACC from your newly appointed Vice President.

First, I would like to Thank Ed Smoot for all of his years of service as Vice President. It will be some big shoes to fill, but I will give it my best shot.

We have such a great group of men and women that I am looking forward to working many of you as we continue to grow and bring value to the Chevelle community.

Let's get those Chevelles out and share them with the world.

See you on the road! Brian

New Members

Tim & Amy Drewry
6814 NW 104th Terr
Kansas City, MO 64154
Home Phone: 816-225-8507
Member # 518 good to 4/30/25
1967 Super Sport Chevelle, Royal Blue Metallic
Interests: Cruising & Car Shows

Eric & Sarah Riley
13120 W 100th Street
Lenexa, Ks 66215
Home Phone: 816-679-1346
Member# 519 good to 4/30/24
1970 Chevelle SS, Tuxedo Black/White Stripes
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech info

Member's Corner


Tell the story about how you came to love Chevelles or even share some experience with your projects/

All are welcome.



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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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