

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

JUNE 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 sent directly to members and can also be found on the club's website at <http://midamericachevelles.com>. 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. Contact the editor (Kirby Demott) at 913/269-4351 or khdemott@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:	Kirby Demott



Monthly Meeting Agenda

- 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

You can also renew your dues by Credit / Debit card on the club website at http://www.midamericachevelles.com/members/join_form.html. 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). Please note that a \$2.00 convenience fee will apply when using this option.

Lastly, you can of course still join or renew by Cash or Check by simply getting with Eugene at the monthly meeting.

2023 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
SUBSTITUTE LOCATION: MINSKY'S PIZZA
May 25, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Kirby Demott would be the next newsletter editor.



Members were informed that a flier for the upcoming September car show is available for distribution. It was also noted that T-shirts will be printed, selling for \$15 - \$17; and that hats will be forthcoming.

Events upcoming include the picnic on June 4th at Shelter House 12 at Longview Lake, hours from 10:00 to dark. All were encouraged to attend and bring items to share.

Mr. Calder overviewed past and upcoming events. Mr. Calder informed those present that the club was awarded \$200.00 for the cars attending the recent Gateway Classic Cars of Kansas City, adding that Tim Cunningham was awarded the best car in attendance. The Verstraetes were thanked for hosting the May First Friday event.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the Treasurer's Report which was accepted. He indicated there are 94 current memberships.

All members were encouraged to register for the September car show and to distribute fliers.

Sue Farley's name was drawn for the \$25.00 award.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg, Secretary

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

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

Events attended by MACC last month

June 4 - MACC Picnic Longview Lake, Jackson County, MO





June 10 – Paola Car Show, Paola, KS. Preceded by breakfast at We B Smokin’.



June 10 – Olathe Police Foundation Car Show, Olathe, KS



(Photo from 2022 event. Randy reports it was a little rainy at this year's event.)

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2023

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, Prouty, Gragg, Peters, Cummins, Needham, Doyle,

Cunningham, Shields, Long

Please let Steve know you are going at 816-547-1206.

July 7—First Friday Cruise In—John and Debra Gragg, 19944 W 122nd Terrace

Olathe, KS. Arrive any time after 4pm. Eat around 6pm. Pulled pork sandwiches and chips.

Each member is asked to bring a side dish or dessert, drinks and their chairs.

RSVP to 816-804-4771 by July 5th.

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, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Lunch TBD then to “That 70’s Car Show”, Lake Contrary, St Joseph, MO 2pm

To 7pm. RSVP for the event by July 17, 2023 to Steve Calder or John Prouty

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 5-Smokey Hill Air National Guard Range open house

8429 W Farrelly Rd Salina, KS. Depart at 6a.m. ends

at 3p.m. It is recommended that we drive our regular cars

More info about meet up and car pooling later. Need to see



what the interest is.

August 12—Ladies trip to Eisenhower Library Abilene, KS

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 10—Shawnee Car Show

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

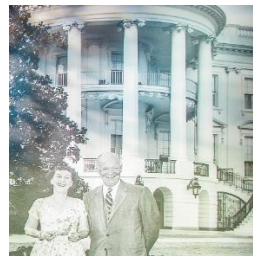


Saturday, August 12th

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

The President is taking a break this month from writing a column. Stay tuned!

Vice-President's Column

Buyer beware - Lipstick on a pig.

As many of you may or may not know, on December 20, 2022, I purchased a 1969 Malibu that someone had started to restore as a SS clone. The car caught the eye of myself and my wife as one that could be a fun project.



The car was located in Babylon, NY.

I spent hours talking to the owner, asking questions such as;

- Does the car run and drive?
- Are the floors, both in the cab and the trunk in good shape?
- 10 bolt or 12 bolt rear axle?
- Original interior, engine, transmission?
- Other than the paint, what additional work had been done to the car.

I received the following answers;

- Yes, the car runs and drives. He drove the car to the paint shop and in and out of storage.



- The floors have been patched.
- 10 bolt rear axle, appears to be the original
- Removed bench seat, and put in bucket seats.
- Added SS wheel trim, SS badging.
- He also added that the car is a column shift car, however it comes with a console and horseshoe shifter.

I received enough information during our conversations that I was really interested. It sounded like a project that I would enjoy finishing. So, I did a little digging and found a person who did car inspections from the same town where the car was located. I contacted the inspector, provided the individual with the same list of questions, relying on the fact they had done car inspections in the past and felt confident they could answer my questions after they inspected the car.

The inspector responded stating the car met all of my criteria and it would be a good purchase. Based on the report from the inspector, I negotiated a final price, made payment, and set up shipping.

The car arrived on December 22, 2022, at dusk, I knew I was in trouble when the car would start, but as soon as it was put into gear, it would die. We had to push the car out of the trailer onto the street. Once out of the trailer, I paid the transporter so he could get on down the road. I was able to get it running good enough to get it to the garage. Now the real story begins.

I first started to determine if the car would even run. Ran a compression check only to find two cylinders with zero compression. So how could a person sell a car as a runner/driver when the engine is basically dead. Even if it had been a good running engine, the gas tank was so rusty, it would not have been able to hold fuel, just adding to what was to come.

From there I started stripping the car only to find that it was in really bad shape (rusted). The seller stated the floors were patched, however, my definition of patched was much different than the seller's. I thought new floor pans, for the seller it was the use of aluminum tape covered with a skim of bondo and a thick black paint job to cover it all up. That was just the beginning. The pictures below shows the mount point just behind driver side where the floor and crossmember were completely gone due to rust.





I kept on working hoping to make the best of a bad situation until I got to where the A-pillars were all rusted away. At this point my list of replacement parts was frame, trunk pan with crossmembers, floor pan with crossmembers, A-pillars, a driver's door, radiator core support, engine, and transmission. It was much more than I had equipment to perform the needed repairs. This car was the best definition of putting "lipstick on a Pig" that I have ever seen. It was at this point I decided to cut my losses and prepare for a much better opportunity in the future.



In closing here are a few things that I walked away with in hopes of never experiencing again. I hope you find this helpful.

- Remember the "inspector", don't use an inspector find someone that will do a pre-purchase appraisal.
- Be specific with your questions so you will hopefully get answers that will help you make your decision on whether to purchase or not.
 - One example could be, instead of asking "if the car runs and drives", ask "would you get in the car with your family and take the car on a 100-mile road trip?"
 - Are the floors original or have they been replaced with complete replacement floor pans?

The best piece of advice I can give is to go look at the car yourself, I could have saved myself lots of time and money if I had flown to New York.

Thanks for reading.
See you all soon.
Brian

New Members

Eric Halberg
337 S Railroad St.
Greenview, IL 62642
Cell Phone: 217-416-9141
Member # 520 good to 4/30/25
1970 Super Sport Chevelle, Sunburst Metallic Orange
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Technical Information

Michael Megee
9637 Mohawk Dr.
Overland Park, KS 66206
Cell Phone: 314-705-2746
Member # 521 good to 4/30/25
1967 SS 396 Chevelle Convertible, Competition Orange w/Black Top
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Technical Information, Tours, Parties

Member's Corner

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

All are welcome.

Sponsors



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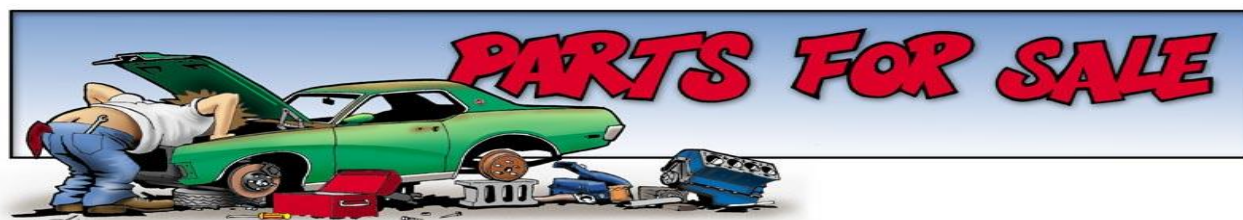
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Mid-America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale

Mid America Chevelle Club Apparel, and prior Car Show Shirts, can be purchased at Club Meetings. Limited sizes and colors are available.

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 khdemott@gmail.com



J.W. Gragg 816.804-4771
GM Mr. Goodwrench and AC Sparkplug
Jim Beam Decanters - \$30 each



J.W. Gragg 816.804-4771
1966 4-way Emergency Flasher - \$250



FREE-Light Blue Package Tray for a 66 or 67, Great condition already punched for rear speakers. E-mail me at locoman@everestkc.net if you want it and I will bring it to the next club meeting, or you can pick it up. I cannot use it and have no room to store it.



