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2023 CHEVELLE MIDWEST  
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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](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com).

### **Board Information**

<b>Chair:</b>	Roger Verstraete
<b>Co-Chair:</b>	Brian Findley
<b>Secretary:</b>	Debbie Gragg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eugene Hallouer
<b>At Large:</b>	Randy Cummins
<b>At Large:</b>	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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 61<sup>st</sup> 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](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  
June 29, 2023  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vide-President Findley. No visitors or new members, no introductions made.

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

The September car show was briefly discussed

It was announced there is an opening for the First Friday for August 4<sup>th</sup>, requesting a volunteer.



Mr. Calder overviewed the past events. He noted there were 17 Chevilles at the Longview Lake picnic with approximate 46 persons in attendance. He added there were eight cars at the Paola Car Show; lower attendance overall due to weather. He also spoke about the upcoming show in Springfield, MO with 14 cars registered from MACC. Those present were reminded of the July 7 First Friday at the Gragg's. All were reminded of the Tension Envelop Tour. All were invited to the August 5, 2023 event at the Smoky Hill Gun Range, with a 6:00 a.m. departure. The event is not Chevelle friendly, located southwest of Salina, KS.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the revenues and expenditures, spoke about availability of club shirts and hats. He also stated there are currently 101 memberships.

The drawing netted Brian Findley \$25.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 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 30 - July 1: 2023 Chevelle Midwest Regionals, Springfield MO

We had 23 members with 14 cars in attendance. MACC won the club participation award. Eleven members cars received top-three awards in their class.







### June 7: First Friday Cruise In – John and Debra Gragg's, Olathe, KS

This event was hosted in the shop of the Gragg residence. Due to potential weather concerns, there were not as many Chevelles present as there might have been otherwise, but had good attendance for the event. Members began arriving about 4:00 p.m. bringing items to go with the pulled pork sliders. Most camped out in the air conditioned shop, avoiding the hot outdoors. Food was great, conversations were great, and it appeared that everyone had a good time on this summer Friday evening.





July 8: Merriam Cruise Night, Merriam, KS



July 22: Tour of Tension Envelope Plant, KCMO

Ten members enjoyed a very interesting tour of the Tension Envelope Plant where they produce approximately 30 million envelopes a day. A big thank you goes out to Tim Hilton, Production Manager, for giving us the tour.







July 22: “That 70’s Car Show”, St. Joseph, MO

Five members of the club took their Chevelles to this show. MACC won the prize for the club having the most cars in attendance, which John Prouty proudly displayed.





## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2023**

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. Meet for breakfast at Big Biscuit 11148 Antioch Rd Overland Park at 8a.m. Let Steve Calder know if you are attending and we will block of spots plus set up a pop up shade. More info at [www.prosperitycarshow.org](http://www.prosperitycarshow.org)

August 4-First Friday Cruise In— Cancelled

August 5-Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range open house, 8429 W Farrelly Rd Salina, KS. Depart from Waffle House 4N 130th St. Bonner Springs, KS at 6a.m. “Visitors will see aerial gunnery demonstrations by US Air Force fighters, bombers and other aircraft.”

Contact Steve Calder 816-547-1206 or John Gragg 816-804-4771 if you are going so we can figure out car pooling. Food trucks on site or pack a lunch and bring your drinks. No cost for the open house.

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 Town Wheels and Dreams Car Show 11501 W 57 St. Shawnee, KS 11a.m.-4p.m.

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

September 23—MACC Car Show, Nebraska Furniture Mart Parking Lot

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 7—34th Annual Car Show Warrensburg, MO

October 21—Cars in the Park Car Show 7710 Renner Rd Shawnee, KS

Proceeds go to Special Olympics

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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816-547-1207 cell/text



## **MACC Ladies Column**



We invite you to Abilene, Kansas for lunch and a visit to the Eisenhower Presidential Library on Saturday, August 12th.

8:15 a.m. Anyone interested in carpooling should meet at in the Nebraska Furniture Mart parking lot where we hold our annual car show.

8:30 a.m. Depart NFM for Abilene

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Legacy Kansas: Munson's Prime & Brookville Hotel  
(<https://www.legacykansasabilene.com>)

12:45 p.m. Drive to Eisenhower Presidential Library

1:00 p.m. Visit the Library

3:30 p.m. Depart for KC (possible visit to Russell Stover Outlet?)

Please RSVP by August 1st to Lynn at [LeCountClark@gmail.com](mailto:LeCountClark@gmail.com).

The current exhibitions at the library 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.



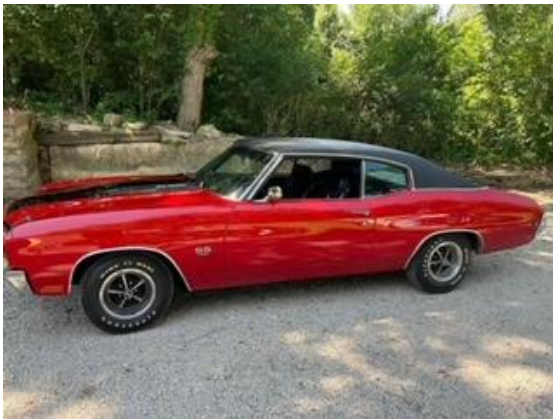


## **President's Column**

Hi MACC,

Have you ever wondered what your Chevelle is worth? Some of you might not really care because you have no intention of ever selling your Chevelle. You might have plans of keeping your car in your family and just pass it down to your children some day. Others might want to know the value just so they can upgrade or change body styles or maybe you would just like to have a convertible to drive on these nice warm summer nights. We have some members change cars like they change underwear. They have a different Chevelle every time you see them. So why worry what your Chevelle is worth? First of all, owning a classic car is different than owning an everyday driver. If you get into a wreck with your everyday driver, you take it to the repair shop, pay the deductible, and you drive off hoping they fixed everything. Having an accident in a classic car is completely different. First, finding a restoration shop that will deal with insurance and repair are extremely difficult, and if the frame is bent you might just have a car the insurance company will want to total out. Now the fight is on. If you have a certified appraisal of your car, it will help a lot. There will be less of a hassle on the value of your Chevelle.

Let's compare these two 1970 SS Chevelles.



The red 70 is a number matching SS396 car with 2 build sheets and has less than 40,000 miles. It's all original and has been restored and is in great shape. The Black Cherry 70 does not have a number matching drive train but has a period correct big block. It too has been restored and is in great shape. Both cars are equipped with about the same options. Mileage on the black Cherry car is unknown and has no documentation to go with the car. The Black Cherry car could be just a clone dressed up as an SS. No way for the average guy to tell. Let's say the restoration of both 70's is about the same too. Okay which Chevelle would you want, and which one is worth more money? Tough choice! Both are beautiful cars.

The red car because of documentation to some people makes it worth more. I'm not a certified appraiser but believe it's worth 10 to 20 thousand more because of all the paperwork. The Black Cherry car is just as nice but doesn't have documentation and it hurts the value somewhat. This is why you need to have certified appraiser appraise your car. Looking at both cars to an insurance agent, he would say they are worth the same amount of money. But, if you can prove your car has

documentation with a certified appraisal you should be covered and get more for your car in case of an accident.

Okay, we figured out which one is worth more money, but which one would you want? The old saying in the Chevelle world goes (there are two types of Chevelle owners. Ones who own a 70 and ones who want to own a 70.) Just kidding I like all years but since I own two 70's I tend to favor the 1970 model year. For me I'd rather have the Black Cherry car. I'm not a big matching number guy. It's too easy to cheat to make a Chevelle look like it's a number matching car. The Black Cherry 70 car looks really nice and would not have to worry about the value if the engine went out and had to be replaced. You can drive it like you want and not worry about hurting the value of the car. You could add performance and safety upgrades and it would only help the value of the car. Now the red 70 looks great too and should have all the original parts on it, but again if the engine goes out the value of the car drops a lot. It also comes down to personal preference on what type of Chevelle you like. There are completely stock, modified, or resto-mod Chevelles. There is a big market for so called number matching cars, but I believe that number drops some each year because people are realizing it's way too easy to cheat to make them appear they are a number matching vehicle. And let's face some facts here, what is the chance a Chevelle still has its original engine in it after 50 plus years. These cars were built to be abused and misused in the day. I know because that's what I did with both of my Chevelles when I was a teenager. My 70 SS had 25,000 miles on it when I sold it after I got married and I can guarantee you that 396 has been melted down many decades ago.

To me a piece of paper "build sheet" doesn't make it run, drive, or handle any different than a car without a build sheet. The only thing a build sheet proves is what options came on the car. Just one last fact about build sheets. Every plant seemed to put build sheets in different places inside the car. Some SS models didn't come with a build sheet they were discarded at the plant or a certain shift didn't want to put them in the cars. Does this not make them a SS car? I think not. I could go on and on about this topic but it's been beaten to death already.

In conclusion, I hope everyone will consider having their Chevelle appraised by a certified appraiser for their own protection.

Well that's for this month, hope to see membership at some of the different events that are coming up.

*Roger*

## **Vice-President's Column**

Hello MACC. Hope everyone is having a good summer.

I have a challenge to all members. As you all may or may not know, MACC will be holding their annual car show on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Nebraska Furniture Mart. In addition, MACC is 100 members strong.





Something else you may or may not know is that the profit made from the Car Show is used to help pay for one of our biggest events of the year our “Christmas Party”. The more we make, the less members who attend must pay.

So, my challenge to you is to see if we can get 50 club members registered to attend this year’s show so that we can make the Christmas party free to all members who want to attend. Grab you a friend who is a member and convince them to register for this year’s show, or anyone you know who owns a Chevelle.

Online registration is located at <https://carshowpro.com/events/view/1398> or you can use a registration form by printing it off from the website (<http://midamericachevelles.com/>) or pick one up at the July and August meeting.

In addition, the Car Show Committee will need help with getting things set up. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the committee members listed below to let them know, or by watching for a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

Mike Stites

Brian Findley

Kent Scott

John Gragg

Jon Clark

Tim Cunningham

Hope to see you soon.

Brian Findley

## **New Members**

Information is posted here about any new members who have joined since the prior newsletter.

## **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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## 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](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com)

Eric Riley has the following items he would like to sell. If interested give him a call at 816-679-1346

- 1986 Chevy El Camino 305/700R4, Clear coat coming off. Rebuilt title, needs tires.
- 14x7 1969/70 Chevelle Wheels 5/02 and 5/06 YA date codes. Restored.
- 1970 Chevelle Repo Grille
- 1967 Chevelle Repo SS Emblems (Grille & Rear, NIB)
- 1967 Chevelle Owners Manual (2 new, 1 used)
- 1967 Chevelle Hardtop Front & Rear Seat Covers (Blue, NIB, p/n 67AS14B & 67AS14C, PUI)
- 1967 Chevelle Speedo Bezel (Spray painted Silver)
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