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**IT'S ALMOST FOOTBALL SEASON,
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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
July 27, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Verstraete. Mr. Calder introduced his grandson, Landon, visiting from Wyoming.

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

The September car show was discussed. Mr. Stites overviewed and encouraged members to register in advance. This year's awards will be based upon the top 25 as voted by participants. The format for parking will be open. There will be a food truck, 100 tee shirts for sale, with limited ladies available. There will be a short cruise around Wyandotte County Park. Awards are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. In addition to the



participant judging awards, there will be some sponsor awards. Mr. Stites noted that set-up for the show will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday at Nebraska Furniture Mart.

Those present were informed the Thompson Barn is set for the Christmas Party.

Mr. Calder overviewed past events and informed of upcoming events. Those in the past mentioned were the Regionals at Springfield with 14 MACC cars. The 2024 Regionals will be hosted by the Wichita Area Chevelle Owners and will be located at Wichita State University. John and Debra Gragg were thanked for hosting the July 7, 2023 First Friday. He indicated that six cars attended the Merriam Cruise Night. In addition, those present were informed that 10 cars and various members attended the Tension Envelope tour. The Open House at the Smoky Hill Bombing range is scheduled for August 5.

Ms. LeCount spoke about the Ladies trip to the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, KS. She indicated there is an August 1, 2023 deadline to RSVP.

Mr. Calder informed the audience that the Wellsville, KS car show is scheduled for August 25. The Findley's will host the September 1, 2023 First Friday. Other events will be posted on the website and Facebook.

Mr. Stack announced his friend is selling car advertisement pages for \$2.00; contact Mr. Stack if interested.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the revenues and expenditures. He also added that the car show shirts will be selling for \$25.00 by cash only. The club membership is currently 102.

The monthly drawing was awarded to Kevin Shields.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 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

July 21-23: Street Machine Summer Nationals, Saint Paul, MN

Anna (and Eugene) Hallouer and Brian Findley drove to Saint Paul in their cars, and met up with Stan (and Tina) Shinker. Besides a rain shower moving through the first day, and a rather long line entering the fairgrounds, they reported having a really good time and great show.



July 22: Melvern Car Show, Melvern KS



A great small town car show attended by three members of the MACC. Kent took his 70 back to where he found it 33 years ago.

MACC August 23 Newsletter
July 29: Iola Car Show, Iola KS

Byron Hurley represented the MACC and took home a Top 20 award.



July 29: Prosperity Car Show, Overland Park KS

Five club members attended this event with their cars. After meeting at the Big Biscuit they proceeded to the show. There was around 70 cars total at the show, which was probably good considering a weather forecast that went from brutal heat to a likely chance of rain.



Randy Cummins had a tough day but was also very fortunate. He had just pulled on to the show field and was ready to back in when his ball joint nut let loose. Fortunate that he was not moving and not going 70 on I-435!!!



August 5: Smoky Hills Air National Guard Open House, Salina KS

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, at an early 6:15 a.m. twelve persons left Bonner Springs, enroute to the bombing range, located southwest of Salina, KS. The caravan continued west on I-70 with a short break before arriving at the entrance of the bombing range. Upon arrival, we continued to the site on approximately 6 miles of gravel, dusty roads and the weather was already beginning to heat up to the upper 90's. After exiting the vehicles, we started the walk to the observation area. There were numerous static displays to explore before and during the event, which were probably more exciting for kids. The announcer informed the audience that the A-10s and F-16s were cancelled due to weather conditions. Within the show, we were treated with Blackhawk helicopters, B-2s and C-130. During the demonstration, we witnessed an incursion exercise with about 26 airmen climbing out of two low hovering helicopters. The airmen complete with M-4 rifles began shooting at various targets, complete with smoke bombs.

Although it was hot, there were a lot of spectators, some great aerial displays, complete with flares. It was not as exciting as has been experienced in the past, but if able, we will return to the next (weather cooperating!!)

Upon our departure from the viewing location, enroute to the front gate, the Gragg's were escorted by two low flying Blackhawks on each side of our vehicle, which continued until they disappeared into the valley.



August 10: Foxwood Springs Retirement Facility, Raymore MO



John Prouty represented the MACC at this event for the residents with his beautiful '66.

August 12: Merriam Cruise-in, Merriam KS



Ten club members attended this event with their cars on a warm summer night.



August 19: Leavenworth Cruisers Car Show, Leavenworth KS



Randy Cummins and Ray Harper represented the MACC at this show on a very hot Saturday. There were over 190 cars in attendance. Randy had a much better day than he did a few weeks prior (see Prosperity show above) and brought home a Top 50 award for his '68.

August 25: Wellsville Car Show, Wellsville KS

Five MACC members took part in this fun show/cruise on another hot summer night. John Prouty took first place!



August 26: Tiblow Days Car Show, (Located at The Fuel House),
Bonner Springs KS

Ray Harper, Roger Verstraete and Chuck Doyle (aka "The Blue Crew") attended this show. It sprinkled throughout the show.





Byron Hurley had a very good month, getting a top 20 award at this charity show with his 72 El Camino.

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2023

- 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, 5701 Merriam Dr., Merriam, KS
Be in line by 7a.m. to park at 7:30 a.m. Please let Steve Calder know that you are attending so we can try to park together.
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
Meet for breakfast at Old 56 Family Restaurant, 912 Chestnut Olathe, KS at 7a.m. to depart at 8a.m.
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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MACC Ladies Column

Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters.

President's Column

Hi MACC,

Summertime is here and with fall coming we should see some cooler weather. This is my favorite time of the year for car shows and club events. We have a lot of events planned for the next month or so and just want to remind everyone what's coming up. We have over 100 club members and would like to see everyone over the next few months.

The first Friday cruise-in will be September 1st at Brian and Sandy Findley's house in Springhill, Ks. Brian has sent out an email about this and everyone in the club is welcome for some great food and drinks and usually car talk. For new members, these are very friendly events to get to know everyone in the club.

On September 2nd in DeSoto, Kansas, the Dean Weller Memorial Car Show will be held at 32905 W. 84th Street from 11 am to 4pm. I personally have not gone to this show but planning to check it out this year. This is not a club sponsored event.

If anyone is interested in going to the Good Guys car show in Loveland, Colorado on September 9th and 10th, you can contact Eugene because he is planning on going to this one.

September 9th is the Merriam Car Show held in downtown Merriam, Kansas at the Farmer Market. This is my favorite car show of the year. One of our main sponsors of the club, Midwestern Mechanical/John Freeman, helps the city run this car show. They always have 250 to 300 cars there and they give out a lot of awards. You don't want to miss this show and there will be an email coming out with more information on this car show.

September 10th is the Wheels and Dreams Car Show at old Shawnee Town 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas.

September 16th is the Ol' Maris River Run Car Show in Ottawa Kansas. This is the largest car show in the state and usually there are over 2,000 cars and trucks there. If you have never been, you need to go at least once to this car show. More information coming out soon.

September 23rd is the Mid America Chevelle Car Show at Nebraska Furniture Mart. This is our 36th year putting on this car show. This year, we are just doing a one-day show and doing a few things different then in the past. We are going to have open parking instead of parking by year and we will not be judging by year either. We will have a top 25 that will be participant judging. Then we will have sponsor picks and specialty awards. The car show flyer is in this month's newsletter with more



information on the car show. Our car show is considered one of the best Chevelle car shows in the country because of the quality of cars that are there. This is a perfect time to bring your Chevelle out to our car show so everyone can see your ride and to help keep the Mid America Chevelle Club as one of the top Chevelle clubs in the country. As a side note, any money the club makes on this year's car show is used to help with the cost of this year's Christmas Party. So, it's a win win for club members to attend.

On September 29th, is our monthly club meeting at Miniskys Pizza, 7198 Renner Road, Shawnee, Kansas. Meetings start at 7pm and everyone is welcome including visitors.

Well, those are the main events for September that many of our club members will likely attend. Make sure you look at our Facebook page for events members go to and please post some pictures so everyone can enjoy. Hope to see as many members as possible this month.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

To return next month!

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

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

- 71 & 72 Chevelle front turn/parking lamps
- 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.
- 1980's Malibu / ElCamino S10 center caps for 14" Rally Wheels p/n 14009835



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



Mid-America Chevelle Club 36th Annual Show

Sept. 23, 2023

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com



At **Nebraska Furniture Mart** in the Village West
Shopping Center at **The Legends, Kansas City, KS**
<https://www.NFM.com> / <http://www.LegendsShopping.com>






**All 1964-87
Chevelles, El Caminos,
Beaumonts, Sprints
and Lagunas
are welcome!**

Online registration is open!



<https://carshowpro.com/events/view/1398>



Registration & Participant Judging open 8 am – 1 pm  Award Ceremony for Top 25 at 3 pm
Awards for Best Paint, Engine, Interior & Best in Show  Souvenir T-shirts onsite (cash or check, please)  Lake Cruise

Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail _____ Phone (_____) _____
Car Year _____ Model _____ Color(s) _____

Complete and mail form with \$30 check ("Mid-America Chevelle Club") to MACC, 12318 W. 61st St., Shawnee, KS 66216
For more information contact **Roger (913.207.3374)** or **Jon (816.516.9952)**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, participant shall indemnify and hold harmless 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 participant 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 negligent acts or omissions of Participant.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above statement:

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