



*APRIL 2025*



# **1970 SS 396 UNDER RESTORATION**

**FUEL HOUSE FIRST FRIDAY  
ANOTHER DAM CAR SHOW  
MACC HISTORY FROM 1993**

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Attachment: 38<sup>th</sup> Midwest Regional Chevelle Car Show Flyer

### **General Information**

The club is a not-for-profit Kansas corporation, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Chevilles 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. **Please note that the meeting location will be at the Minsky's in Olathe on Ridgeview while the Shawnee location is being remodeled.** 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**

|                   |                  |
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| <b>Chair:</b>     | Roger Verstraete |
| <b>Co-Chair:</b>  | Brian Findley    |
| <b>Secretary:</b> | Randy Cummins    |
| <b>Treasurer:</b> | Eugene Hallouer  |
| <b>At Large:</b>  | John Gragg       |
| <b>At Large:</b>  | Open             |

**Newsletter Editor:** Kirby Demott

## **Monthly Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order  
Introductions  
Reports/Discussion  
Upcoming Events  
Report of Treasurer  
Additional Items  
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.

If anyone has any question about when their dues expire or have any trouble paying online contact Eugene at [locoman@everestkc.net](mailto:locoman@everestkc.net)

## **Meeting Minutes**

**MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB**  
**Location: MINSKY'S PIZZA 7198 RENNER RD, SHAWNEE KS 66217**  
**MARCH 27, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Verstraete and all were welcomed. There were no visitors or new members, so no introductions were made. There were 21 members in attendance.

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



Roger presented an overview of how budget amounts are determined and what they are used for. The 2025 budget was passed as presented.

Roger also noted that \$475 has been received in memorials for Russ Peters. These funds will be used for special awards at our shows for years to come.

Brian noted that registration for this year's Midwest Regional is live online including purchasing meal tickets. Paper registrations can be sent with a check to Eugene at any time. Volunteer judges are needed. There will be some coaching for the volunteers. This will NOT be a participant judged event.

The club has been requested to show our cars at Colonial Senior Living in Leawood on May 27. Time to be announced when finalized.

Shannon outlined recent and coming activities. He will be hosting the April 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at the Fuel House in Bonner Springs. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Since this is a retail establishment, we will not be allowed to bring in alcohol but there is a bar in the facility where drinks can be purchased. Additionally, Cars and Coffee at the Speedway will be April 5. Club members will meet at Nebraska Furniture Mart at 7:00 AM. MACC will be the featured club at Gateway Classic's Caffeine and Chrome on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The club will receive \$10 for each car up to a maximum of 20 cars. This is an easy way for the club to make \$200 so please plan to bring out your cars.

John Freeman noted that there will be cruises in Merriam including bands, etc. in August and September.

Eugene Hallouer was not able to attend. Brian and Roger provided an abbreviated Treasurer's report. We have 115 current members.

Jeff Long won the drawing.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Randy Cummins, 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:**

Brian Findley, Chairman



Ed Smoot  
Eugene Hallouer  
Mike Stites  
Kent Scott  
John Gragg  
Jon Clark  
Tim Cunningham

**Car Show Graphics Designer:**

Lynn Clark

**Events Committee:**

Shannon Pickworth chairman  
Roger Verstraete  
Steve Calder  
John Prouty  
Brian Findley  
Ray Harper

**Christmas Party Staff:**

Tim Cunningham  
Jeff Long

**Charitable Organization Committee:**

John & Debra Gragg  
John Freeman

**Facebook Administrators:**

Roger Verstraete  
Ed Smoot

**Chevelle Mechanical Advisory Committee:**

John Freeman  
Jeff Long

**Chevelle Appraisal Committee:**

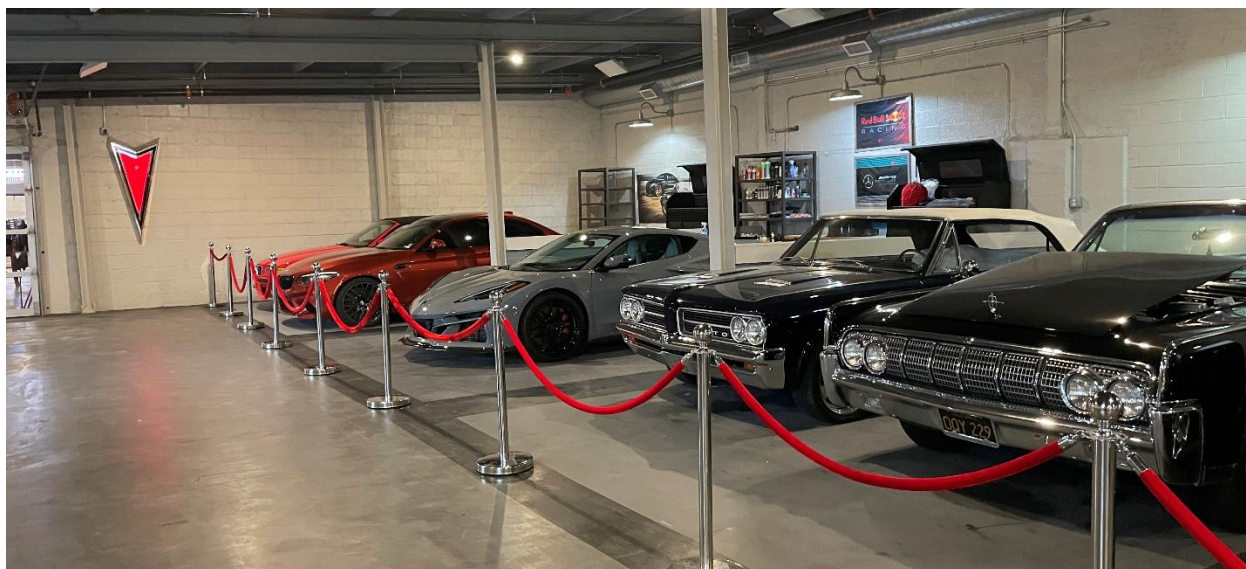
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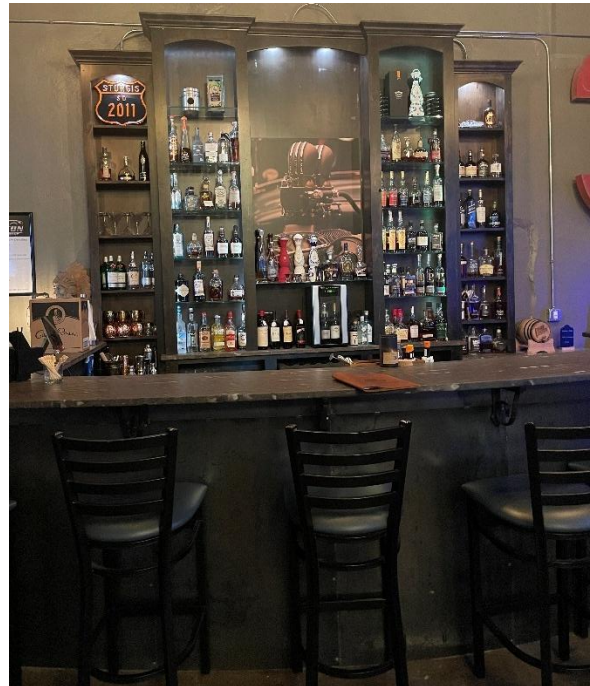
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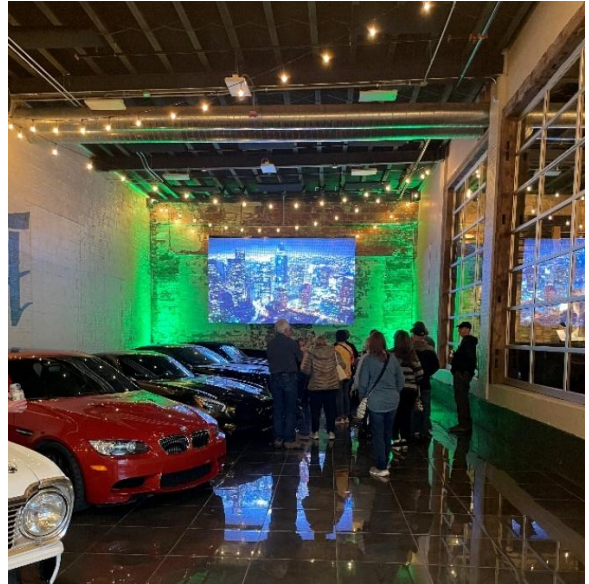
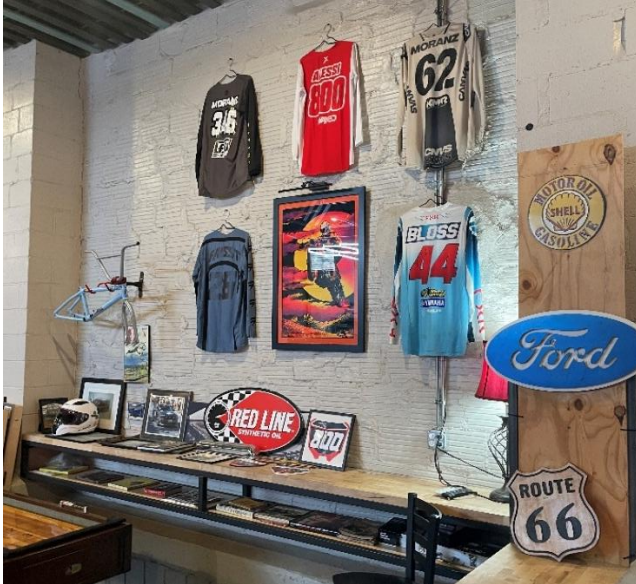
### **April 4: MACC First Friday, Fuel House, Bonner Springs, KS**

Shannon Pickworth, our Activity Committee Chairman, hosted the second First Friday event of the year at the Fuel House where he is a member. MACC members enjoyed getting tours of the Fuel House which included a tasty pizza dinner. Unbeknownst to many of us, the Fuel House is much more than a place to store your car. A public area includes an in-house brewery, pizza shop, bar, and ice cream parlor. Fuel House Members enjoy storage, wash, and work areas (including access to a lift) for their vehicles, a private bar, conference facilities, a gym, and many more amenities. A cool “speakeasy” that was previously only for members has now also been opened to the public. A highlight for many members on the tour was seeing Travis Kelce’s ’70 Chevelle, which was highly publicized when he took girlfriend Taylor Swift a ride in after a Chiefs football game early in their relationship.













### April 12: Another Dam Car Show, Kansas City, MO

MACC had a remarkable day, with all six of our entries receiving awards at this event, which showcased 138 cars. A total of 45 awards were presented, and MACC secured an impressive 13.3% of the awards. Excellent work!







## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2025**

Hello MACC members,

First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone who attended our April First Friday Cruise-In event. It was a pleasure hosting the event and showcasing the fantastic Fuel House location. If you missed out, don't worry! There are Cars and Coffee events starting in May, which will be held on the second Saturday of each month until October. Be sure to take advantage of these if you're interested.

I'm thrilled to announce that we have two members who have stepped up to host our First Friday Cruise-In events. Jason Buell will be hosting in June, and Brian Findley will take the lead in August. A big thank you to both Jason and Brian for helping fill up our event calendar. If you are interested in hosting, we have October still available. Please let me know if you want to host.

As we move to the end of April and into May, we have a packed month of shows and cruises lined up. One of the highlights is the Gateway Classic Car Caffeine and Chrome event, April 26th, where our club will once again be the host club. As a bonus, we receive \$10 per car, up to \$200. A special thanks to Steve and Brian for being there at 7am to save spots for our club.

We also have another great event to attend on April 26th. The Boulevard Drive-In is hosting their 75th Anniversary party. At 5pm, they will be hosting a Classic Car Cruise. To keep the party going, they will be showing 2 free movies from the past. Starting at 8:35, they will show the movie Grease and at 10:45 Raiders of the Lost Ark. Sounds like a great event for those that want to attend.



Additionally, our May First Friday Cruise-In will be hosted by Roger and Janet Verstraete. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying another fantastic event together.

For those attending the Loafers Car Show in Hannibal, please stay tuned for more information next week.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let's make these upcoming events memorable!

Shannon

| Date  | Event                                                               | Location                           | Host                                  | Entry Fee                                                                                              |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April |                                                                     |                                    |                                       |                                                                                                        |
| 26    | Caffeine and Chrome                                                 | Gateway Classics<br>Olathe, KS     | Featured Club                         | Need 20 cars to get the \$200 for the club                                                             |
| 26    | Boulevard Drive-in Theatre 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | 1051 Merriam Lane, Kansas City, KS | 5pm Classic Cars<br>FREE Cruise Night | No entry fee, Free movies<br>First one is at 8:35 The movie Grease and @ 10:45 Raiders of the Lost Ark |

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| May  |                          |                               |                            |                        |
| 2    | First Friday             |                               | Roger and Janet Verstraete |                        |
| 3    | Kansas Whiteway Car Run  | Atchison, KS to Frankfort, KS |                            |                        |
| 9-10 | Loafers Car Show         | Hannibal, MO                  |                            |                        |
| 10   | Pete and Jakes Car Show  | Peculiar, MO                  |                            |                        |
| 11   | Mothers Day              |                               |                            |                        |
| 16   | TOP Cars Under The Stars | Olathe Legion                 |                            | \$20 entry at the gate |
| 18   | Driving Cruise           |                               | Roger to host              |                        |

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| June |                    |                                 |             |  |
| 6    | First Friday       | TBD                             | Jason Buell |  |
| 8    | Sunday Club Picnic | Longview Lake<br>Jackson County |             |  |



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|    |                                                                         | Missouri Shelter House #12                     |                              |                                          |
| 14 | Paola Car Show                                                          | Paola, KS                                      |                              |                                          |
| 15 | Father's Day – Wine and Wheels at the new "Hometown Olathe Family Farm" | Winery @ 11000 S Woodland St. Olathe, KS 66061 | Preregister @ CarshowPro.com | \$20 until 6/14<br>\$30 day of the event |

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| July |               |                |  |  |
| 4-6  | Goodguys Show | Des Moines, IA |  |  |

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| August |                        |                 |               |  |
| 1      | First Friday           | TBD             | Brian Findley |  |
| 9      | Leavenworth Car Show   | Leavenworth, KS |               |  |
| 16     | Hot Alma Nights        | Alma, KS        |               |  |
| 16     | Midwest Show and Shine | KC, MO          |               |  |
| 23     | Majic Touch Car Show   | Louisburg, KS   |               |  |
| 29     | Wellsville Car Show    | Wellsville, KS  |               |  |

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| September     |                              |                                             |  |                  |
| 5 and 6       | Midwest Regionals            | NFM Kansas City, KS                         |  |                  |
| 13            | Turkey Creek Car Show        | Merriam, KS                                 |  |                  |
| 14            | Shawnee Car Show             | Shawnee, KS                                 |  |                  |
| 20            | Ol Marais River Run Car Show | Ottawa, KS                                  |  |                  |
| 27            | Rev It Up Car Show           | Lawrence, KS                                |  |                  |
| 27 *NEW EVENT | Behind the Walls             | State Penitentiary 115 E Kansas Ave Lansing |  | \$25 Fee per car |

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| October |                             |                 |             |  |
| 3       | First Friday                |                 | Host needed |  |
| 11      | Warrensburg Wheels Car Show | Warrensburg, MO |             |  |
| TBD     | Combat Air Museum Car Show  | Topeka, KS?     |             |  |

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| November |  |  |  |  |
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| 22&23 | Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals | Rosemont, IL |  |  |
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| December |                      |                             |  |  |
| 6        | MACC Christmas Party | Thompson Barn<br>Lenexa, KS |  |  |

We will add and update the events list each month as we go through the year.

If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Shannon or any of the committee members.

Event Planning Committee  
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Committee members include:  
Roger Verstraete  
Steve Calder  
Brian Findley  
Ray Harper  
John Prouty

## **President's Column**

Well folks, spring is in the air — the grass is green, the Chevelles are waking up from their winter naps, and it's time once again for our club officer elections. Don't everyone cheer at once!

As of now, none of our current officers have jumped ship, so it looks like they're all brave enough to run again (or too polite to say no — either way, we'll take it). But we do have one position that's been hanging out like a forgotten carburetor in the corner of the garage: Member-at-Large. This spot's been empty for two years now, and it's high time we give it some love. If you've been thinking, "Hey, I'd like to help out but not be in charge of everything," this is the perfect role for you. Throw your name in the hat at this month's meeting — no campaign signs or debates required.

Now for the fun part: May's First Friday event is coming in hot — Mexican food hot, to be exact! On Friday, May 2, Janet and I are opening up the homestead (aka garage-adjacent dining hall) at 20711 W. 67th St., Shawnee, KS 66218. The evening kicks off at 5:00 p.m. with social hour — that's code for "grab a drink and tell us what you've broken on your car lately." Dinner hits at 6:00 p.m., and since it's Cinco de Mayo weekend, we're going full fiesta mode with tacos. We'll handle the meat and all the fixings — you just bring a side dish that goes with tacos, or a dessert that goes with happiness.

Text me at 913-207-3374 if you're coming so we can make sure there's enough food to feed the crew (and maybe leftovers for the dog). Oh, and don't forget to bring your own chairs and drinks



— unless you're into standing and sipping from the hose, which we don't recommend but won't judge.

Looking forward to good food, great company, and maybe even some Chevelle talk if we can squeeze it in between bites.

See you there!

Roger Verstraete

President, Mid-America Chevelle Club

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

Hello MACC,

Hope you are having a good spring so far. As the weather gets warmer, the more opportunities we will have to get our cars out to enjoy.

I know it is 4 months away, but I want to remind everyone that we will need volunteers with this year's Regional Chevelle Show. One thing we are doing differently this year is having judges for selecting the top 3 winners of each category. Those categories will be:

- 1964-1965
- 1966-1967
- 1968-1969
- 1970
- 1971-1972
- 1973 – 1987
- El Camino, GMC Sprint, and wagons

Judges will also be selecting:

- Best Paint, Best Interior, Best engine, and Best of Show

We have an electronic rating system that will assist in the selection. We will need a total of 15 volunteers for judging. We will hold a class on judging and how to use the system. Judging can be done by using your cell phone or having a tablet that can get to the internet (we are considering having a hot spot for the judges to connect to, if needed).

In addition to needing judges, we will also need help with setup, parking, registration, and T-shirts sales. There will also be equipment needs. We will provide a list when we closer to September.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions, feel free to contact anyone on the car show committee or contact me directly.

See you soon.

Your VP

Brian Findley

913.558.1453



## **New Members**

*There have been no new members join since the last newsletter.*

## **Member's Corner**

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

### **Restoration of a 1970 Super Sport Owner: Kent Scott**

After owning his '70 SS 396 for over 30 years, starting last year, MACC member Kent Scott began the restoration process of his Arlington built Chevelle. As many of these projects go, it has had its ups and downs, along with a few surprises. A few things he has learned along with way include:

- One of his doors was not original to the car (green paint on the inside)
- Both quarter panels had previously been patched
- One hood hinge was for a '70 and the other for a '69
- It appears that the car was originally a bucket seat non-console car (it has had a console since he purchased it).

Here are a few photos taken of the body as it was being stripped, and where it is now. Kent plans to have the car painted its original color of code 58 Autumn Gold.







## MACC History

*Eugene has been chronicling the history of the Mid-America Chevelle Club. Below is a continuation of what he began in the February newsletter.*



There are not many records from the early days of the club. I have most (but not all) of the club newsletters. I looked through them to get this information. There is much more in them than what is here.

Eugene

### **1993 Club History, from the archives of the Mid-America Chevelle Club**

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 24 members attended, \$968.73 in Treasury. John and Debra Gragg volunteered to write the newsletter. Car Show date and location selected, June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park.

#### Car Show Committee & Chairs:

Car Show Coordinator: Russ Peters  
Judging: Debra Gragg  
P/A Entertainment: Bob Calvert  
Cruise: John Nettleton  
Mailings: Carl/Charlotte Chandler  
Parking: Anthony Linehart  
Photography: Joe Thompson  
Security: John Gribble  
Registration: Dean Call  
Trophy/Dash Plaques: John Gragg

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> How-to class at Russ Peters, 70 Chevelle Tach and Gauge Cluster Installation by Jeff Long.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Club meeting rescheduled to March 11<sup>th</sup> account of snowstorm.

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 24 members attended, \$1,060.00 in Treasury, Club Dues raised from \$12 to \$15 as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 27 members attended, \$1,332.60 in Treasury.

#### Officer nominations for April election:

President: Russ Peters  
Vice President: Rich Beemer/John Gragg  
Secretary: Kay Elliott/Debra Gragg  
Treasure: Dean Call/Eugene Hallouer

Barbra Call now selling club t-shirts

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Club meeting, 27 members attended, \$2006.20 in Treasury.

#### Election Results:

President: Russ Peters  
Vice President: John Gragg



Secretary: Debra Gragg

Treasure: Dean Call

May 15<sup>th</sup> Car Show meeting and Picnic at Bob Calvert's, 30 members attended.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 30 members attended, \$2,460.90 in Treasury.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Club meeting held in Doubletree Hotel parking lot.

June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 6th Annual Midwest Chevelle Regionals, 83 total entries from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Nebraska. (If interested I have the results)

July 29<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 19 people attended, \$2,031.17 in Treasury.

August 26<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 19 people attended, \$1,920.21 in Treasury. Made approximately \$400 on the car show. Motion calling for a \$5 per month drawing was approved to promote more participation.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Club Picnic and Cruise at Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #8.

September 12<sup>th</sup> Chevy Rally at Metcalf South Mall.

September 26<sup>th</sup> Club Cruise to Sonic at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Oak, 25 people attended.

September 30<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 18 people attended.

October 9<sup>th</sup> MACC Car Show at Superior Chevrolet., \$10 entry fee. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs served. (If interested I have the results)

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Halloween Party and Hay Ride at Russ Peters, 45 people attended.

October 28<sup>th</sup> Club meeting, 17 people attended.

No meeting in November

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Club meeting, 21 people attended. New Members Ted and Susan Farley joined the club.

December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Keegan's BBQ Martin City, \$5 per adult, kids free, and 50 people attended including Santa.

Congratulations to Kirby and Renee Demott, they became parents to a son on December 15<sup>th</sup>.



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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 Parts for Sale**

*If you have any car parts you would like to sell, email your list and photos to [khdemott@gmail.com](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com)*

John Gragg has the following items for sale. If you are interested in them, contact John at 816-804-4771.

Numerous cans of R12 for sale. \$25.00 per can.



Richmond 12 bolt 3.08 ring and pinion. \$150.00

