

JUNE 2025



PASSING ON THE PASSION

MACC Ladies Tea, First Friday Cruise-In, Summer Picnic,
Paola Heartland Car Show, and much more!

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Attachment: 38th 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 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. **For the remainder of 2025 the meeting location will be at Zarda's BBQ in Lenexa on 87th Street. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., however the meeting room is available at 6:00 p.m. if you would like to come early to eat dinner and mingle.** 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:	Randy Cummins
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
At Large:	John Gragg
At Large:	Mike Ashley

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 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.

If anyone has any question about when their dues expire or have any trouble paying online contact Eugene at locoman@everestkc.net

*****NOTICE*****

In order to clean up the club mailing list if you have not renewed your membership by July 31st your name will be removed from the list. If you have any questions about the status of your membership, send me an email at locoman@everestkc.net.

A Note from the Treasurer

Advance Purchase of 2025 Regional Show Shirts Available.

Fellow club members:

There will be a limited supply of shirts for sale at the show. To ensure you get your type and size, we are offering MACC members the opportunity to purchase this year's show shirts before the



show date. The price for each shirt, both Men's and Women's are **\$25.00** each and must be paid for in advance.

Below are the sizes available:

Men's: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X and 3X

Women's: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X

Payment will be upfront (cash or check). You can get with me at the club meeting, or you can send me a check to my home address below.

The last day that shirts can be pre-ordered is June 30th

I plan to start handing out the shirts at the July and August club meetings, and possibly some club events. My goal is to give out all the pre-ordered shirts before the day of the show.

To order by mail send Number, Type and Size of shirt(s) along with payment to:

Mid America Chevelle Club

12318 W 61st Street

Shawnee, Kansas 66216

I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity since there is no guarantee your type and size of shirt will be available on show day.

*****NOTE***** I have heard from a reliable source that the Women's shirt sizes run small.

Eugene

Here are what the shirts will look like.

Mens



Womens



Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB

Location: ZARDA'S BBQ 11931 W 87th Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215

May 22, 2025

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Verstraete and all were welcomed. There was one new member. Kyle Harbor, with his 70 El Camino was welcomed and introductions were made.

There were 33 members in attendance.

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

Roger noted that Janet had met with Marsha, who has provided hats and shirts previously. She has an injured arm and may not be able to assist this year. If she can't, Roger knows someone else who can.

Brian informed the group that the Car Show Committee is working on artwork to provide to Hastings for use on awards. Due to family issues, Kent has limited time this year but is trying to assist with the awards. The committee will take care of this if Kent is not available. Brian also recommended that members who are interested in purchasing shirts pre-order to assure sizing needed. Send a check and requested shirt sizes (Men's or Women's) to Eugene at 12318 W. 61st Street, Shawnee, KS 66216. The club is not ordering as many this year to control costs. Volunteer judges are needed. It was indicated that some have been assigned whether they might know it or



not! This will NOT be a participant judged event. As well, additional volunteers will be needed for the usual set-up, parking, registration and tear-down as always

Roger noted that Queen City (Springfield) will not be hosting the 2026 regional show. The hotel they previously used has been sold and has now become too expensive to consider. They have not been successful at finding another location. The Wichita club is also iffy. Resolution to this problem is yet to be determined. Also, 250 additional flyers have been ordered for our 2025 show. Since it will be held before some of the usual shows we attend, it is important that all members hand out flyers at whatever events are attended to help get the word out.

Shannon reviewed past and coming events. The 1st Friday Cruise In for June will be hosted by Jason Buell at his community club house. The annual Club picnic will be at Longview Lake – Shelter 12.

Eugene presented the Treasurer's report. We have 80 current members.

There was no drawing this month.

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

Jeff Long

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:

Brian Findley
Roger Verstraete
Jeff Long



Events attended recently by MACC

May 28: MACC Ladies Tea, Long Residence, Shawnee, KS

Ginger Long hosted a tea for several members of club female members. In typical English tea fashion, refreshments were served on fine China and large hats were in style. Sure wish there had been leftovers....just saying.





May 31: Caffeine and Chrome, Gateway Classic Cars, Olathe, KS



The MACC was once again the feature club of this event. Although the weather was a bit cool and breezy, over twenty MACC members participated. By doing so, the club was presented with a check for \$200. This was another great show of participation and enthusiasm for the club.





June 1: Cars Beyond the Boulevard, UMKC, Kansas City, MO

Ray Harper represented the MACC at this show with his beautiful custom '68 and took home third place. Ray attended the show with his grandson Levi Etson (see newsletter cover for additional photo).



June 6: MACC First Friday Cruise-In, Boulder Creek Neighborhood, Olathe, KS

Jason Buell and family hosted this first Friday event at their neighborhood club house. At least 14 members drove their Chevelles. Participants reported having a great time on a beautiful day. Many of the Buell's neighbors came out to enjoy the impromptu car show!









June 8: MACC Summer Picnic, Longview Lake, Lee's Summit, MO

The MACC held its annual picnic for the second time this year at Longview Lake. Great cars, commaraderie, friendship, conversation, not to mention food, were abundant. Despite cool temperatures and cloudy skies, no showers developed and everyone had a wonderful time.









June 13: Paola Heartland Car Show, KS

At least seven MACC members participated in this annual small town car show held on the square in historic downtown Paola. Several of the entrants met beforehand for a delicious breakfast at Café Latte located in Paola and owned by club members Heath and Jacque Harmon.







June 16: MACC Ladies Tour of Overland Park Arboretum, KS

Six of the MACC wives enjoyed a morning tour of the gardens and fauna at the OP Arboretum. Afterwards they dined at First Watch for lunch.





June 19: SilverCrest at College View Senior Living, Lenexa, KS

Nine members took their cars to this independent living center for the residents to enjoy, and sometimes even get photographed next to. The folks there always seem to really appreciate the cars and conversations with their owners.





June 21: Hamilton Days Car Show, KS

Byron Hurley took home probably the heaviest trophy ever made at the Hamilton Days Car Show by winning first place with his '72 El Camino!





June 21: Northland Wheels Roundup, Smithville, MO

With its fresh blue paint job gleaming, Chuck Doyle's '67 was selected as one of the top 10 in this cool local show on a hot Saturday.





June 21: Cruise In at Moodys, Spring Hill, KS

Several MACC members participated in this fun low-key event sponsored by Moodys Hardware.





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2025

Hello MCAA members,

Time to get ready for the dog days of summer! With the heat in mind, we have a few events lined up for July that you won't want to miss. A big thank you to Jason and Faith Buell for hosting last month's First Friday Cruise-In. The burgers and dogs were grilled to perfection, and we appreciate everyone who attended.

Due to the timing of Independence Day, we will not be having a First Friday Cruise-In for July. However, if anyone is interested in hosting a First Friday Cruise-In event, we still have an opening in August.

Here are the highlighted events for July:

- Good Guys Show in Des Moines: This event has had over 3200 cars in attendance in the past. The show kicks off on Friday, July 4th, and runs until Sunday. If you're planning to attend, please share your experiences with the group.
- July 12th: Start your morning at the Fuel House for Cars and Coffee, then head over to Merriam Marketplace in the evening for the Turkey Creek Cruise Night from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Cruise will be at 5740 Merriam Drive, 66203.
- July 27th: The Great Car Show will take place at the National WWI Museum and Memorial. The show is located at 2 Memorial Dr, Kansas City, MO, and runs from 10 AM to 3 PM. Registration is \$55 on the day of the event. More details can be found at <https://kansascityautomuseum.com/events/the-great-car-show-374-266/>.



We love seeing the photos you take at these events, so please post them on Facebook and send them to Kirby for the newsletter.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 402-452-6761.

Shannon

Date	Event	Location	Host	Entry Fee
July				
4-6	Goodguys Show	Des Moines, IA		
27 th	2025 The Great Car show	National WWI Museum and Memorial	2 Memorial Dr, Kansas City Mo 10am to 3pm	Early Bird Reg is \$45, after June 1 st reg is \$55

August				
1	First Friday		OPEN	
9	Leavenworth Car Show	Leavenworth, KS		
16	Hot Alma Nights	Alma, KS		
16	Midwest Show and Shine	KC, MO		
23	Magic Touch Car Show	Louisburg, KS		
29	Wellsville Car Show	Wellsville, KS		

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

October				
3	First Friday	TBD	John Prouty	



11	Warrensburg Wheels Car Show	Warrensburg, MO		
TBD	Combat Air Museum Car Show	Topeka, KS?		

November				
22&23	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals	Rosemont, IL		

December				
6	MACC Christmas Party	Thompson Barn 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
Shannon Pickworth-Coordinator
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A Note from our Events Planning Coordinator

Dear MACC members,

We all joined the MACC because we share a passion for classic cars, especially Chevelle's. Some of us are lucky enough to have our rides on the road, enjoying car shows, sipping coffee at Cars and Coffee, and participating in cruise-ins. But for those of you who are still working on a project or looking to buy your ride and haven't pulled the trigger yet, I have some exciting news for you.

MACC is thrilled to introduce our new Ride Share Program! I often see members on the sidelines, missing out on car shows because they don't have a car or are busy working on theirs. It took me 20 years to complete mine, and I wish I had connected with the group more during that time. The wealth of knowledge shared by our members could have been invaluable during my restoration journey. Additionally, many members have parts or know where to find them to help finish your ride.

We regularly announce the shows and events the club will be attending on a weekly basis. If you see an event you'd like to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out to someone who is going. Most of us are more than willing to let you join us. Once you've connected with someone attending and picked a meetup point, it's as easy as executing the three "H" program:



Hop in

Hold on

Have fun!

It's that simple! Don't live on the sidelines waiting for your car to be ready. Join us and be part of the fun!

Warm regards, Shannon

MACC Ladies Club

To all MACC Women,

The MACC Ladies hidden Facebook page was created in December 2019. We all know what happened shortly afterward, activities were halted. With renewed interest, we are back with more activities noted on the page. In order to obtain membership (if so desired), there are a couple ways to access. Membership sign-up sheets will be at First Fridays and at the club meetings. Potential members can send an e-mail to Debra Gragg at debragragg@gmail.com or text to 816-223-2634. Invites will be sent out with instructions. The next event is set for July 15, 2025 in Kansas City, KS Legends at Yard House at 11:00 a.m. with shopping to follow. Events will be created on various days of the week. Looking forward to adding more to our group and exciting activities.

President's Column

Hi MACC Members,

As many of you know, this year the Mid-America Chevelle Club (MACC) will proudly serve as the host club for the 38th Annual Midwest Chevelle Regional. With so many new faces joining our club recently, I thought this would be a great time to reflect on the history of the Midwest Chevelle Regional—how it began, how it evolved, and how our club became such a central part of it.

Now, I haven't been around for all 38 years, so for the early years, you'd have to talk to some of the original members. But I can share what I've seen since I first attended the Midwest Regional in 2004, which was held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

The Early 2000s and the Rise of ACES

In 2005, the show moved to the Great Plains Mall in Olathe, Kansas. Around that time, Chuck Hansen, the publisher of American Chevelle Enthusiast Society (known by everyone then as ACES), became involved. He was a strong supporter of the Midwest Regional and believed it should be held annually in Kansas City, due to its central location and consistent facilities.



This proposal didn't sit well with the other clubs involved, as the Midwest Chevelle Regional had traditionally rotated among several clubs:

- Queen City Chevelle Club (Springfield, MO)
- Wichita Chevelle Club
- Gateway Chevelle Club (St. Louis, MO)
- A now-defunct Chevelle club in Tulsa, OK

Due to this conflict, MACC stepped away from the rotating Midwest coalition and began hosting its own show independently. At the time, we were one of five official regional host clubs under the ACES banner. The others were:

- Peach State Chevelle Club (Southeast Region)
- Maryland Chevelle Club (Northeast Region)
- Northern Ohio Chevelle Club (North Region)
- Fun-Loving Chevelle & El Camino Club (Northwest Region)

Each region hosted a two-day show that included a cruise and banquet—criteria required by Chuck. He also published articles about each event in his bi-monthly ACES magazine.

The MACC Era

When I became club president, we were still part of ACES and hosting our event at the Great Plains Mall. Chuck also hosted an ACES National Chevelle Show in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, often under extreme heat. At its peak, ACES drew over 500 cars to this national event.

However, after the economic downturn in 2008–2009, attendance at ACES events declined sharply. By 2013, ACES was dissolved, due to both Chuck's health concerns and waning participation.

Even after ACES shut down, our club continued hosting annual shows, maintaining the two-day format. In 2012, we moved from the mall to West Glen Theaters in Shawnee, where we remained for three years. By that time, we were operating independently.

Return to the Midwest Regional

In 2016, we rejoined the Midwest Regional coalition and hosted the regional at Cabela's in Kansas City, Kansas. That year, we saw 165 cars - the largest turnout we've ever had. After the event, we decided to take 2017 off. That year, the Heartland Chevelle Club in Omaha hosted their first regional and had a massive turnout of 185 cars.

The rotation continued:

- 2018: Queen City Chevelle Club (Springfield)
- 2019: Wichita Chevelle Club
- 2020: MACC was scheduled to host, but the event was canceled due to COVID



- 2021: Also canceled
- Late 2021: MACC hosted a small year-end event as COVID eased
- 2022: MACC hosted the regional again with 125 cars at Nebraska Furniture Mart

Since then:

- 2023: Queen City hosted
- 2024: Wichita hosted
- 2025: It was supposed to be Heartland's turn again, but they couldn't secure a venue or support. So, we stepped up once more.

Looking Ahead – Challenges and Uncertainty

After 2022, MACC moved to a one-day show format for our club's annual event. We plan to keep this approach going forward. Two-day shows require three times the planning, cost, and risk - especially with unpredictable weather and fewer hotels willing to allow car shows in their lots.

This year, we faced that very issue. Our original venue (a hotel in Olathe) imposed large fees for parking lot use. So, we're back at Nebraska Furniture Mart, where we had success in 2022.

It's becoming clear that hosting the Midwest Regional is getting harder. Queen City has already bowed out of hosting 2026, again citing lack of participation and venue options. That leaves just us and Wichita to keep the regional going.

The future of the Midwest Chevelle Regional is uncertain. We're committed to our annual MACC show, but not to hosting the regional every year—it's just not feasible with the resources we have.

One silver lining: thanks to O'Reilly Auto Parts, who generously sponsor us with \$2,500, we're able to keep the regional alive—for now. Without them, this wouldn't be possible.

Final Thoughts

This year's 2025 Midwest Chevelle Regional might be the last for a while unless other clubs can step up. That said, we're proud of our history and the reputation we've built. Outside of the Northern Ohio Chevelle Club, we're one of the few clubs still capable of hosting a two-day Chevelle show on this scale.

Thank you to all our members—past and present—who've helped make these events possible. Let's make 2025 another memorable year.

See you at the show,
Roger Verstraete
President, Mid-America Chevelle Club



Vice-President's Column

Brian is taking a break this month. His column will be back in July.

New Members

Timothy Atwell
10138 W 50th Terrace
Merriam, KS 66203
e-mail: jfreemanmidwest@gmail.com
Member #545
1970 SS - Red
Phone No. 913-238-9329
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours, Parties

Member's Corner

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



Sponsors



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Design Build Maintain Enjoy



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

Moving and House Sale

Vickie Peters is having a moving sale at her home located at 20408 S Cottonwood Drive, Belton, MO. The sale is scheduled for Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Furniture and other household items are also for sale.

Vickie is also selling the house; it is listed with Keller Williams. The house is located in a rural area south of Belton. It is a quiet location with 3 acres, with an additional 30' x 40' garage and hard-top roads. More information about the property and house can be found on the Realtor's website, or on Zillow with the following link: [20408 S Cottonwood Dr, Belton, MO 64012 | MLS #2553268 | Zillow](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/20408-S-Cottonwood-Dr-Belton-MO-64012/2553268_zpid/)

Tom O'Connor, Keller-Williams

Cell: 816-739-2785

Email: toconnor@kw.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



I have the following gas tank for a 1972 Chevelle. It is free to anyone who can use it. Pickup only.
Email me at khdemott@gmail.com



38TH MIDWEST REGIONAL CHEVELLE CAR SHOW

1964-87 Chevelles, El Caminos, GMC Sprints, Beaumonts and Wagons

September 5-6, 2025

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com



- Awards to top cars by class, best paint, best interior & best engine
- Friday poker cruise
- Friday dinner available
- See back for details

Nebraska
Furniture Mart

Parking lot at the Legends in Kansas City, Kansas



Don Burdolski, CIC, CRIS, MBA, AAIC AG Advisor
Agent / Broker
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For more information call Roger 913.207.3374 or Jon 816.516.9952

38th MIDWEST REGIONAL CHEVELLE CAR SHOW

Sept. 5 - 6, 2025

All Chevelles, El Caminos, Beaumonts, Sprints and Wagons are welcome!

Hosted by the Mid America Chevelle Club

www.MidAmericaChevelles.com

At **Nebraska Furniture Mart** in the Village West Shopping Center at The Legends, Kansas City, KS

Hotels for your stay can be found [here](#).

Event Schedule

Friday September 5

Registration	9 am - 4 pm
Poker Cruise	4:30 pm
Friday evening cookout	5:30 pm

Saturday September 6

Registration	8 am - noon
1,000 point judging starts	9 am
Judging	8 am – 1 pm
Awards Presentation	3:30 pm

Highlights

- 🏆 \$100.00 Club Participation Prize
- 🏆 Door Prizes
- 🏆 Awards in Every Year
- 🏆 1,000 Point Judging by Professional Judges (*limited to the first 15 cars registered for it prior to September 1st*)
- 🏆 Awards for Best Interior, Best Paint, Best Engine & Best in Show
- 🏆 Souvenir T-Shirts available during the show – cash/check only
- 🏆 Poker Cruise & dinner Friday evening

Online registration opens April 1st at <https://carshowpro.com/event/2192>.

Or mail a check payable to "Mid America Chevelle Club" with this completed form to MACC, 12318 W. 61st, Shawnee, KS 66216

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____ Club Affiliation _____

1st Car Information: Year _____ Model _____

2nd Car Information: Year _____ Model _____

Registration (2 days, including Poker Cruise) \$40.00 per car = \$ _____

1,000 point judging (*limited to the first 15 cars registered for it before August 1st*) \$50.00 per car = \$ _____

Friday evening cookout _____ person(s) @ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

For more information contact _____ rain or shine, no refunds. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Jon (816.516.9952) or Roger (913.207.3374)

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I indemnify and hold harmless O'Reilly Auto Parts, 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 my participation 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 my negligent acts or omissions.

I have read, understand, and agree with the above statement. Signature _____ Date _____