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MACC Fall Party

and

photos from the October First Friday, Behind the Walls, GM and Corvette Show, Turner Days, Cars in the Park, and more.

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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. **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

Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
Location: ZARDA'S BBQ 11931 W 87th Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215,
September 25, 2025
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Verstraete, and all were welcomed. We had 2 visitors from Iowa, the ones who brought their Z-16's to our show. Introductions were made and welcomes were extended.

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



Roger reviewed the car show. The club made \$2,709 profit. He extended thanks to the car show committee for organizing the show, Brian and Eugene for the Car Show Pro entry & administration, and of course all members who helped. We had some outstanding cars that entered in the 1,000-point judging. Roger also noted that all specialty awards, except one, were awarded to non-members. Over 50% of members (61) participated with their cars. Roger also noted that O'Reilly tracks purchases credited to MACC and suggested that all members notify them when making purchases to let them know that we appreciate their sponsorship of our shows.

A decision will be made at the October meeting whether to host the regional show again next year. Subsequently, the Wichita club has stepped up and is planning to take on this task in 2026.

Eugene presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that we gained 1 new member at the show, and 4 past members have renewed, bringing our total membership to 116.

The meeting on October 30 will be our last meeting of this year. Hopefully many will attend, and we look forward to our Christmas party at the Thompson Barn.

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:

Open

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

September 20: Ol' Marias River Run, Ottawa, KS

Although the threat of rain likely contributed to slightly lower participation than in the past, the Ottawa show was still well attended. Several MACC members were there, with at least two showing their vehicles. Sadly, Darla Hurley fell and broke her arm while walking at the event. Get well soon Darla!



September 27: Behind the Walls, Lansing, KS

This was the first time this show had been held. It was located literally inside the stone walls of the historic Lansing prison. Activities included a tour of this state penal institution. Despite threats of some members not being allowed to leave for some past nefarious deeds, everyone attending was able to go home that afternoon.





September 28: All GM and Corvette Show, Independence, MO

This event is held at Cable Dahmer arena in Independence, home of the Mavericks, our local minor league hockey team. The MACC was well represented by Roger Verstraete, Shannon Pickworth, and Mike Ashley. All three members won awards for being in the Top 40.



October 3: MACC First Friday, Raymore, MO

Once again, John and Phyliss Prouty hosted a wonderful First Friday event at their lovely home. On the menu were multiple chili recipes, corresponding side dishes, and many delicious desserts. It was a beautiful evening to get the cars out. Ron Moore drove his beautiful '63 Super Sport Impala. Ron's dad bought this car when new, and it has been in the family ever since!







October 4: Octoberfest Car Show, Junction City, KS

Chuck Doyle revisited his hometown to attend this car show where his '67 won a well-deserved 1st Place Best in Show. Awesome job Chuck, that new paint job is paying off!



October 4: Overland Park Car Wash Cruise, KS

This cruise is dedicated to those who grew up in the area and often “cruised” the car wash that was previously located in downtown Overland Park. Back in the day, many street races were first discussed and organized there before the participants (and many other observers) headed often to roads south of town to settle these scores. This monthly event held during the summer is almost always attended by multiple MACC members.



October 4: Pattonsburg Car Show, MO

This was the 50th anniversary of this annual show. Over 300 cars attended, which was a record. The population of Pattonsburg is only 314, so the show literally takes over the town! Three MACC members attended including Mervin Bonham in his 1967 300 Deluxe, Anna Hallouer in her 1967 Malibu, and Jim Garnett this time showing his Mustang convertible. There were over 35 award classes for almost every type of vehicle there is, with two awards per class, plus a few specialty awards. Anna won 1st place in the Chevelle class!



October 4: Tonganoxie Car Show, KS

This show supports the Auto Tech program at Tonganoxie High School. There were 130 cars registered. Byron Hurley and Ray Harper represented the MACC. Ray's "Blue" won 3rd place in the 60-69 category.



October 5: Combat Air Museum, Topeka, KS

Ray Harper attended this cool event. Isn't this an awesome photo of Rays car with the Blue Angels jet in the background? That is a Grumman F11F Tiger, used by the Blue Angels from 1957 to 1968, and capable of reaching 727 MPH.



October 11: Turner Days, KS



Roger Verstrate, Jim Stack, Tim Atwell, Ken Turley, and Eugene Hallouer attended the Turner Days show this year. There were 20 different judged classes and approximately 200 vehicles entered. Jim's beautiful 1940 Ford coupe was selected as the best vehicle from the 40's in attendance.





October 18: Cars in the Park, Lenexa, KS



This is always a good fall show with a lot of participation. It is put on by the Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department and located in the Theater in the Park area of Shawnee Mission Park. Proceeds from the show benefit Special Olympics. Many MACC members participated with their vehicles, while others came just to browse the field of beautiful cars. Shannon Pickworth brought a new classic vehicle to his family, a '63 Super Sport. Like Ron Moore, Shannon and Cindy recently inherited their Impala from Cindy's father.









October 25: MACC Fall Party, Hillsdale, KS

Once again John Freeman hosted a fantastic fall party at his country home near Hillsdale. Despite some light rain, the party went on without a hitch. John's future shop provided a warm, spacious, and dry space to feast on the many delicious offerings. On the menu were ribs, burnt ends, Italian sausage and peppers, turkey, burritos, and chili. Not to mention the large variety of side dishes and desserts brought by the participants. John puts this event on for not only the MACC, but also for City of Merriam employees with whom he works with daily. John's business, Midwestern Mechanical Specialties, is in the heart of Merriam. Next time you see John, ask him what he got for his birthday...









Calendar of Upcoming Events 2025

Hello MACC Members,

Hope everyone is doing well. It's hard to believe we're coming to the end of the car show season! I'm grateful for the opportunity to share the club-focused events throughout the year. Even though we are closing in on the end of the year, we still have a few events to enjoy before the year wraps up.

Mark your calendars for November 22nd and 23rd for the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL. This indoor showcase brings together enthusiasts of muscle cars and Corvettes for two days of exciting displays and activities. Organized by a team of dedicated collectors, the event aims to provide a gathering space to celebrate these amazing vehicles and forge new connections. Doors open at 9:00 AM and close at 5:00 PM each day.

It's also time to start planning your “**White Elephant Gift**” for the **Christmas party** in December. Who knows who will end up with the infamous metal thong shoe in their gift package? The Christmas Party will be held at the Thompson Barn in Lenexa again on **December 6th**. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

I hope everyone has found the information I've provided this year useful. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting the event information together for the club. **Feedback** is always welcome, so if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to better serve the group, please don't hesitate to speak up.

Thank you, and I look forward to serving again next year.

Shannon

Date	Event	Location	Host	Entry Fee
November 22&23	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals	Rosemont, IL		
December 6	MACC Christmas Party	Thompson Barn Lenexa, KS		

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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. 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. 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 Mid-America Chevelle Club members,

As this year comes to an end, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been another successful year for our club. If you've been keeping up with our newsletters, you know our members have been very active participating in numerous car shows, cruises, road trips, and, of course, enjoying plenty of great food along the way!

This year we hosted six First Friday events at members' homes and clubhouses, and one memorable evening was held at The Fuel House in Bonner Springs. A big thank-you to everyone who opened their homes or organized these gatherings - it's your hospitality that keeps our club spirit strong.

We also made a change this year by moving our monthly meetings to a barbecue restaurant in Lenexa, Kansas, where we consistently have between 30 and 40 members in attendance. It's a great venue that combines business with some excellent barbecue!

Our biggest accomplishment of the year was hosting the Midwest Chevelle Regional, which brought in 140 cars from all over the Midwest. We were thrilled to welcome participants from as far away as Virginia, North Carolina, and Ontario, Canada - each traveling over 1,000 miles to attend! Among the highlights were two of the rarest Chevilles ever made - the 1965 Z16 Super Sports. The overall quality of cars was outstanding, especially in the 1967 class, where a beautifully restored 1967 El Camino took top honors. We presented 80 awards in total.

A special thank-you goes out to Brian, our Car Show Committee Chair, Eugene, our Treasurer, and all the Car Show Committee members who met five times to ensure every detail was handled and the event ran smoothly. Your hard work truly paid off.

We recently wrapped up our Fall Party, hosted by John Freeman - a longtime friend and one of our club's valued sponsors for nearly a decade. Thank you, John, for opening your home and bringing together our members, along with friends from the Merriam community, for another great evening.



Looking ahead, our final event of the year will be the Christmas Party on December 6th at the Thompson Barn in Lenexa, Kansas. This historic venue is a perfect setting for our holiday celebration. More details will be coming soon so mark your calendars - it's always one of the highlights of the year!

Thank you all for being part of the Mid-America Chevelle Club and helping make this year such a success. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Party.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Roger Verstraete
President, Mid-America Chevelle Club

Vice-President's Column

Dear MACC Members,

Thank you all for another wonderful year with the club. Our membership has once again contributed to a vibrant and fulfilling calendar of activities, making this year a memorable one. A special thank you goes out to Shannon Pickworth, who organized a fantastic lineup of events for us to enjoy. We are confident that Shannon will continue to plan exciting activities for 2026, so let's start getting our cars ready for another year on the road.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all the committees whose hard work and commitment made our Christmas party, summer picnic, and this year's regional Chevelle show possible. Your dedication and teamwork are essential to the success and spirit of our club.

As we approach the winter months, I'm sure many of you, like myself, have a list of maintenance and improvement tasks to tackle in preparation for the next car season. This year, my own to-do list includes:

- Steering wheel turn light switch replacement – 1971
- Vacuum brake booster maintenance – 1971
- Oil changes – 1966 and 1971
- Detailing both the interior and exterior – 1966 and 1971

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2026 as we continue our shared passion for classic cars. Wishing you all happy driving and a productive winter season!

Sincerely,

Brian
Vice President, MACC

New Members

There have been no new members join the MACC since last month.



Member's Corner

Do you have a story to tell about how you came to love Chevelles? We'd also enjoy hearing about your projects. Send them to khdemott@gmail.com to be included.

Tim Cunningham's '70 SS

For those of you who may not know it, Tim is currently building a 1970 Super Sport restomod. This is an original SS 396 car that he bought from the Yuran's. Previously red with white stripes, he is changing it up a bit with plans for a dark grey exterior, black stripes, and a red interior. Under the hood will be an LY6 engine with Edelbrock fuel injection, mated to an 700R4 automatic transmission. Other upgrades include enlarged disc brakes on all four corners with hydro-boost, and a 12-bolt posi-traction rearend with 3.08 gears. Tubular a-arms and large diameter sway bar suspension components will enhance a 2" drop. A vintage air system will keep the driver and passengers cool. Look for more updates in future newsletters as Tim moves forward on this project.





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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

I wanted to share a great opportunity with you all! I recently received a vehicle from my father-in-law's estate, which means I will be selling my 2019 Tahoe. I thought it would be a good idea to offer it to someone in the club who might be looking for a reliable and well-maintained vehicle.

Here are the specifics on the Tahoe:

- 2019 Tahoe
- 122,500 miles
- LT model
- 4WD with 5.3L engine
- Black exterior with black interior
- Leather seats with captain chairs in the second row
- Wheels and tires are from a 2024 Tahoe and have only 11,000 miles on them

The Tahoe is used and does have a few dings and scratches. Edmunds rates it as average due to the rebuilt title. It was rebuilt when I bought it after it was hit on the passenger side front.

I am willing to offer it to a club member for \$17,500. Edmunds list it at \$22,102 for Private Party sells. If you are interested or have any specific questions, please feel free to call me at 402-452-6761 or email me at spickworth@ymail.com.

See my photos below.

Best regards,

Shannon Pickworth



Your Edmunds Appraisal				
2019 Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4dr SUV 4WD (5.3L 8cyl 6A)				
	Rough	Average	Clean	Outstanding
Trade-In	\$18,424	\$19,255	\$19,894	\$20,278
Private Party	\$21,125	\$22,102	\$22,854	\$23,305
True Market Value®				
Trade-in				\$19,255
Private Party Sale				\$22,102
Dealer Retail				\$24,627
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Trade-in				
National Base Price				\$19,733
Optional Equipment				\$121
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Mileage Adjustment - 112000 miles				\$-677
Condition Adjustment - Average				\$0
Total				\$19,255



