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**GOODGUYS ROD & CUSTOM  
SHOW, DES MOINES, IA**

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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**

**Chair:** Roger Verstraete  
**Co-Chair:** Brian Findley  
**Secretary:** Randy Cummins  
**Treasurer:** Eugene Hallouer  
**At Large:** John Gragg  
**At Large:** 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  
June 27, 2024  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Verstraete and all were welcomed.

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

Roger noted we had 7 cars at the Hanibal show. Both Rick and John won awards. The show was full with 350 cars attending. As well, Russ Peters helped work Jakes show. He is about to start his radiation treatments. Roger then overviewed current cleaning and finishing products for the



paint on our cars. There is a shop on 87<sup>th</sup> Street across from Zarda's BBQ that sells the products. Roger also noted that Dean Call is having good and not so good days. He still wants to remain involved on his good days, so he will continue to help maintain the club membership roster and assist with the web site maintenance for as long as he wishes.

Brian Findley noted that plans for our club's show are progressing with no issues. A call-out for help with set-up will be coming. We will have Top 25 awards as well as the usual special awards. Shirts this year will be tan with a '64 Chevelle on the back. This year we will be having a one-day show. We will be hosting the Midwest Regional show in 2025.

Roger provided an abbreviated Treasurer's report in Eugene's absence. Member renewals continue to trickle in. Another request was made for our members to get registered for our September show.

Steve Calder reviewed the past month's activities. The Regional show in Wichita hosted 109 cars total. Our club received the Club Participation Award.

John Freeman noted that his Fall Party will be held at his farm again this year, on October 19<sup>th</sup> (John's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday). This year there will be at least 1 band (perhaps 2) providing live music as well as a large bonfire. All are welcome to attend.

Since Eugene was out of town, there was no drawing at the meeting.

There being no further 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:**

Steve Calder chairman

John Prouty

Russ Peters

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

Dean Call

**Chevelle Mechanical Advisory Committee:**

John Freeman

Jeff Long

**Chevelle Appraisal Committee:**

Brian Findley

Roger Verstraete

Jeff Long



## Events attended by MACC last month

### **July 5-7: Goodguys Rod & Custom Car Show, Des Moines, IA**

The Hallouers ('67 Chevelle), the Shinkers ('72 Chevelle), and Joedy and Ryan Terrill ('55 Sedan) all drove their cars to the Goodguys show in Des Moines. The Shinkers traveled to and from the event from the Minneapolis area with two friends with beautiful Chevelles from other clubs. They reported it to be a great event with approximately 3,000 vehicles participating.





### July 6: Cruise to Holt, Holt, MO

Steve Calder took his '72 Sprint, and Joel Breyfogle took his '67 Chevelle, to this fun weekly Friday night cruise. You can check it out here <https://www.facebook.com/CruisetoHolt/>.



### July 7: Independence Celebration Car Show, Gridley, KS

Byron Hurley participated in this cool small town car show with his '72 El Camino. He found another nice '71 El Camino there also in attendance.





### July 13: Fuel House Monthly Cruise, Bonner Springs, KS

This cruise seems to be more and more popular each month. You can check it out here <https://www.facebook.com/thefuelhouse>. Ray Harper, Jason Buell, and Jim Stack all participated with their Chevelles in July.



### July 13: Merriam Cruise-In, Merriam, KS

This annual cruise in downtown Merriam is always well attended. At least ten MACC members braved warm temperatures and drove their cars to it this year.



**July 19-21: Street Machine Nationals, St. Paul, MN**

The Street Machine Nationals are an annual trek for the Findleys, and a chance to meet up with the Shrinkers. This event is billed as the biggest muscle car party of the year with estimates of over 1,500 participants.



**July 19: Michael Day Cruise, Olathe, KS**

This is a weekly cruise held at the American Legion in Olathe. Participating from the MACC on this Friday evening were Roger Verstraete, Byron Hurley, and Jim Stack, otherwise affectionately known as “The Blue Crew”.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2024

We will be adding some shows and cruises, depending on the weather, for August. If anyone hears or knows of a good event let me know and we will get the info out.

July		
27	Belton Cruise Night	Main Street Belton, MO 2pm to 6pm
28 (Sunday)	All GM Show	Cable Dahmer Arena 19100 Valley View Parkway Independence, MO 8am to 3pm

August		
2	First Friday Cruise-In	Host needed
10	Dean Weller Cruise-In	33015 W 83 <sup>rd</sup> Street De Soto, KS Cruise-In Bring a canned good in exchange for a raffle ticket. 10a.m. to 3pm
10	Turkey Creek Cruise Night	Merriam Market Place 6:30 to 8:30 Merriam, KS
24	All American Cruise-In	8875 Rosehill Rd Lenexa, KS 6-9pm Need count so we can reserve parking.
30 (Friday)	Wellsville Car Show	Wellsville, KS

September		
6	First Friday Cruise-In	John and Phyllis Prouty
8	Shawnee Town Wheels and Dreams Car Show	Shawnee, KS
8	Speed the Light Show	9320 Elm Ave KC, MO 10 am to 2, \$20 To benefit youth programs
14	Turkey Creek Car Show	Merriam, KS
19	Brookdale Senior Living Cruise IN	2pm
19	Fall Party/Freemans Birthday	John Freemans Spring Hill, KS
21	Ol' Marias River Run	Ottawa, KS
28	MACC Chevelle Show	Olathe Conference Center at Embassy Suites, 10401 Ridgeview Road Olathe, KS

October		
4	First Friday Cruise-In	Host needed



5	Burg Fest Car Show	Warrensburg, MO
19	Cars in the Park	Shawnee Mission Park, Lenexa, KS

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

December		
14	MACC Christmas Party	Thompsons Barn Lenexa, KS

Every Friday	Michael Day Cruise-In	
Every Saturday	Noland Road Cruise Night	Independence, MO 5 p.m. until the cows come home

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## President's Column

Hi MACC,

In last month's article I wrote about washing and preparing your car finish for a fresh coat of paint protection. There is so much new stuff on the market today it's hard to figure out what's right for you. Most people will just stick with what they are familiar with. But if you want to try something different here is what I have been doing on my cars over the last few months.

The first thing I did was buy a small battery polisher that I found on Amazon. It came with 3 batteries and a bunch of polishing pads for around \$100.



I've never used a polisher before but after watching some YouTube videos it was very easy to use. This Saker polisher did what it said it would do and I'm very happy with it. I first used it on my red Chevelle and had great results. I bought a bottle of finishing compound instead of rubbing compound because the paint on my red car is over 30 years old and I didn't need to be too aggressive with cutting into the clear coat. After finishing and looking the car over in the sunlight I believe it's about the best it could be. Now it was time to use some wax on this car. I haven't used wax in a very long time, so I did a lot of research on what kind to use. You really can't go wrong with any brand of wax, it's just personal preference. I decided to use a brand very few people have heard of. It's called Liberty wax made by Fireball. Fireball products are used on high end cars finishes and they have a large selection of waxes, ceramic coatings and paint sealants to choose from. I must admit, this car wax was way different than any wax I have ever used in the past. It was like putting margarine on the paint. Very soft and a small amount went a long way.

Bet I could get 15 to 20 wax jobs out of one can of wax. It was very easy to remove too and left a very high gloss on my red 70 and the results were very satisfying.

Project #2 my wife's 2017 XT5 Cadillac. Late last fall I decided to put a product I had been using for many years called F11 Top Coat. F11 is very easy to use, and your car finish really shines when finished. If you believe the instructions, the more coats you put on the more it shines and has way more paint protection. Here is where I found out for myself that this is not true. The more I used F11 the more it would streak, and it does not last as long as they advertise. Last fall I went to their website and under tips and tricks, it said you need to let the first coat cure for 48 hours before putting on a second coat. So, I did just that, waited 2 days and applied another coat. Waited another 2 days then put on a 3rd coat on. I figured the paint protection would be good through the winter. On a nice day in February, I cleaned Janet's car up and found no signs of F11 on the car finish. That is when I decided to use a different kind of product on her car.

Having good luck with the results on my red 70, I just repeated the process of washing and prepping the paint and using my new polisher on the Cadillac. This time I used a ceramic coating on her car. The only difference in prep is that after polishing the car you must wipe it down with a product called "paint coating surface prep". It's an alcohol-based product that takes any existing polish off the car finish. Now it's ready to apply the ceramic coating. Applying ceramic is easy and takes less than hour. There is a 12 to 24 hour curing time. Just follow the directions on the bottle. Again, all the hard work paid off and Janet's car looks like new.

On both of these 2 cars I was using F11 and I had to make sure it was removed completely before changing products. The big advantage of ceramic coatings I found is that your car doesn't get as dirty and it's easier to wash than any of the other car finishes. When you drive in the rain the water just flies off your car.

Project #3 grapheme coating. Last fall I ceramic coated my GMC truck. My truck sits outside all year, and I wanted to put a good paint protection product on it and see how it performed over the winter months. Whenever I took it through a brushless car wash it came out clean every time and really shined. This spring I did some more research and decided that it was time to put another coat of ceramic coating on my truck. The good thing was I didn't have to do any prep, just a good washing and the finish was ready for a new coat. While doing this I ran across the latest new product called grapheme coatings. Grapheme is almost the same as ceramic, it just has more hydrophobic properties than ceramic and it can go right over a ceramic base with no issues. So, I used it as a topcoat on my truck and you can almost dry it off with a leaf blower. I used 303 brand and I will say this stuff is very toxic smelling, and you need to wear rubber gloves and wear a mask. You must use it in a ventilated area or outside in the shade. It also has a 12-to-24-hour cure time. I don't know if all brands smell like this 303 brand but it's not pleasant to use. Also, while rubbing it off your rag turns black. Guess that's the extra grapheme chemical coming off.

One last thing about ceramic coatings. Ceramic coating is not a new product, it's been around for 15 years. The reason you are hearing so much about it now is because previously only professional detailers had access to it, and only they knew all the steps to put it on. If all this seems way too much for you, but you still want a ceramic coating, you need to take your car or truck to a professional detail shop and let them do it. Several of our members have used a shop called The



Magic Touch auto detail specialists. I've seen the results of this shop's work, and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed. These cars have almost perfect paint on them when they leave.

Well, I hope my last 2 articles have given you some light on detailing car finishes and help you pick out what type of car finish you might like to have on your cars.

That's it for this month. Everyone stay cool and I hope to see you at upcoming club events.

*Roger*

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

Brian is attending the Street Machine Nationals in St. Paul, MN this weekend. His article will return next month.

## **New Members**

Michael and Angie Johnston  
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Boone, Iowa 50036  
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Member #533

1971 Chevelle SS – Cortez silver with black stripes and black vinyl top. Frame off restoration with LS3, coil overs, Tremec 6-speed.

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tours, Parties.

## **Member's Corner**

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





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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 of parts to [khdemott@gmail.com](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com)

Kirby Demott has the following parts for sale. Will not ship, but can deliver to MACC show in September. Contact at [khdemott@gmail.com](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com).

New 1970 Convertible 3/8" stainless steel fuel line from tank to fuel pump. \$50



1971-72 Hardtop stainless steel brake line from front combination valve to rear axle. \$30



New 1971-72 Hardtop stainless steel 4-piece vent line set. \$70



Four 15x7 five spoke wheels. Never installed since professionally painted. Stainless trim rings in fair condition. \$300

