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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIENDS
BOB, RUSS, AND DEAN

A LOOK BACK AT OUR CLUB

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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:** 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 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: MINSKY'S PIZZA 7198 RENNER RD, SHAWNEE KS 66217
January 30, 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. 21 members attended.

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

Roger reported that the Christmas Party went well and was enjoyed by all.



The car show committee is working on plans for this year's show. We will be going back to Nebraska Furniture Mart this year due to the high costs and insurance requirements for other locations investigated. Due to scheduling conflicts with Sporting KC and the Kansas Speedway, the date for this year's show will be the 1st weekend in September. A shelter house at Wyandotte County Lake has been reserved for dinner and the cruise will be around the park/lake again. We had a discussion regarding 1,000-point judging and the general consensus was that since this will be the regional show, we should go ahead with that.

Eugene Hallouer provided the Treasurer's report. We have 115 current members.

Shannon Pickworth (our new Events Coordinator) reviewed the events identified so far for the summer as outlined in the last newsletter. He noted that this is just preliminary and welcomed all to send him info about additional shows or activities that any members may be interested in.

It was noted that Russ Peters, after everything else, is now fighting infection at home. His wife, Vickie, has completed her Chemo treatments and is doing well.

Kevin Shields 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
Dean Call

Chevelle Mechanical Advisory Committee:

John Freeman
Jeff Long

Chevelle Appraisal Committee:

Brian Findley
Roger Verstraete
Jeff Long

A Note from our past Secretary

(This message was inadvertently not included in the January newsletter – Editor)

A great thank you to all club members for their recognition of my service to the club for the past 30 plus years. Thank you also for the gift card. I appreciate the break from duties of the Secretary for the past few months. I will continue to volunteer with activities for this organization in the future. May you all have good health and happiness in 2025. Thank you, again.

Debra S. Gragg



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2025

Dear MACC members,

I'm excited to inform you that the First Friday Cruise In of the season will be happening on Friday, March 7th, graciously hosted by Heath and Jacque Harmon. The event will be held at their business, Café Latte, located at [139 W Peoria St, Paola, KS 66071](#). This location offers excellent parking, a lovely front porch, and plenty of seating and tables inside to accommodate us all.

Heath and Jacque will be serving delicious Chili and Baked Potatoes. To complement this, we ask each member to bring along a dessert or side dish. This will ensure we have a variety of foods for everyone to enjoy. Heath and Jacque will also have soda, coffee and bottled water available for you to drink.

Please let Heath and Jacque know if you plan to attend so they can make sure there is plenty of food for everyone. You can arrive any time after 5 p.m., with plans to start eating around 6 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there for a wonderful evening of good food and great company!

Please email Heath and Jacque at harmonheath2@gmail.com

March 15 - Tour of Truman Library, 500 W US HWY 24 Independence, MO
Independence, MO. Meet at Library at 10 am to begin tour about 10:15. Each person or couple will buy their own ticket. They are giving us the group rate of \$8 per person. The tour will be at your own pace. Around 12 or 12:15 we will head over to A Little BBQ Joint, 1101 W US Hwy 24 Independence, MO for lunch. The Truman Library has been totally remodeled over the last couple of years.

March 22 - Weston Cruise Night, Main Street Weston, MO. Start time is 5pm. There are several eating places to choose from. If there is enough interest, we will come with a meet-up spot to then drive in as a group.

| Date | Event | Location | Host | Entry Fee |
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| March | | | | |
| 7 | First Friday | Café Latte 139 W Peoria St, Paola, KS 66071 | Heath and Jacque Harmon See details above | |
| 15 | Tour of Truman Library | 500 W 24 Hwy Independence, MO | See details above | \$8 per person |
| 22 | Cruise Night | Weston, MO | See details above | |



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| April | | | | |
| 4 | First Friday | | Host needed | |
| 5 | Cars and Coffee | Kansas Speedway | | |
| 12 | Another Dam Car Show | Riverfront Park Riverside, MO | | \$25 |
| 26 | Caffeine and Chrome | Gateway Classics Olathe, KS | Featured Club | |

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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 | | Host needed | |
| 8 | Sunday Club Picnic | Longview Lake Jackson County Missouri Shelter House #12 | | |
| 14 | Paola Car Show | Paola, KS | | |
| 15 | Fathers Day – Wine and Wheels | Stone Pillar Winery in Olathe, KS | They have moved. Will update when announced | |

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

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| August | | | | |
| 1 | First Friday | | Host needed | |
| 9 | Leavenworth Car Show | Leavenworth, KS | | |
| 16 | Hot Alma Nights | Alma, KS | | |



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

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| 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.

Shannon Pickworth-Coordinator
402-452-6761 cell/text
spickworth@gmail.com



President's Column

Hi MACC,

The last 4 months have been sad times for some of our club members and their families. On November 18th Bob Calvert passed away after years of fighting several health issues. Bob was one of the club's early members and served as a club officer for many years which included being the VP, and for a short time being the club president. Bob's love of cars led him to buying countless Chevells. On a drop of a dime, you would see Bob's Chevells up for sale. I guess you can say Bob was always a motivated seller because when he made the decision to sell, it was gone in no time and then he was on the hunt for his next car. I will give Bob credit; he could always find a nice Chevells that needed very little work. He always wanted completely stock cars and his last one, a yellow 1968 SS396, was just that. Bob was a good friend, and he will be missed by many who knew him.



On February 5th our long-time club member Russ Peters lost his long battle with cancer. Russ joined the MACC in the early years too and was club president for 13 years. Russ helped Dean grow the club and was a huge factor in shaping the MACC club into what it is today. As a teenager, Russ worked at an Amoco gas station which I'm sure planted the seeds for his love of cars and motorcycles.

Russ was also the founding member of the South 71 Cruisers Car Club along with being involved in many aspects of classic cars such as judging at car shows, setting up car cruises (like he did for our club), and being on our event staff that sets up events for the upcoming year.



Russ's love of Chevelle's led him to having a beautiful white 1970 SS454 to drive and having a huge collection of 70 Chevelle memorabilia at his home. Please keep Vickie and family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



A Celebration of Life for Russ will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, followed by a Dessert Reception and Memory Sharing Time from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at South Haven Baptist Church, 16800 Bel-Ray Blvd., Belton, Missouri. Guests are encouraged to drive their motorcycle or classic car.

On Saturday February 15th we received the sad news that Dean Call had passed away. Over the last few months, Dean had several hospital stays and just wasn't doing well. For all of us that knew Dean well this was a real gut punch. Dean was the one that started MACC back in the late 1980's. The first meetings were held in Dean and Barbara's basement. After the club started to take off Jeff Long used his connections where he worked at Superior Chevrolet and the meetings were moved there.

The first time I met Dean was when I joined the club back in 2009. After going to my first meeting, this older gentleman came up to me and thanked me for joining. It was Dean of course. I kept going to the monthly meetings and that's when I started to figure out who everyone was and their



connection with the club. Of course, Dean was there contributing in any way he could and was always willing to give advice when asked. About a year later, I was elected president and Ed Smoot was the VP and both of us could always count on Dean for advice and the history of the club. His experience was very helpful to Ed and me when we started to run the car show. At that time, we were one of four Chevelle clubs nationally affiliated with ACES, which hosted one of the national Chevelle Car Shows.

One of my favorite memories of Dean was the night he showed up in his 70 Chevelle convertible at our club meetings at Hendricks Chevrolet. He had just got it running but it was a long way from being complete, such as missing the front windshield and most of the interior. Dean had to wear safety eye goggles so he could see driving. Here are a couple of pictures from that night.



Our club Christmas parties are always a lot of fun. In 2017 Dean was going to turn 80 years old, and he was just afraid he wasn't going to live that long (I think smoking 2-packs of cigarettes a day was starting to catch up with him). I always told him he had a lot of life in front of him and he would still be around for a long time. So, at our Christmas party I called him up front and tried to make a big deal of him turning 80 on Christmas Day. Here is a picture of us that night.



Then, in 2022, it was the 35th anniversary of Dean and Barbra starting the club. We were at the Thompson Barn where we have been having our Christmas parties. Dean and Barbra were there like always, sitting in the back of the room. We had some special jackets made up and presented the coats to both of them that night. However, instead of having Dean do all the talking, I gave Barbara the microphone. She told everyone how she and Dean met and how long they had been married. She then told us about when Dean started the club and how the meetings were held in their basement. She would always make cookies to serve during the meetings. That was a special night for everyone in attendance and it will always be one of my best memories of Dean and Barbara together.



Services for Dean: Friday, Feb. 28th. Visitation at 10:00 AM with service to follow. Charter Funeral, 10250 Shawnee Mission Pkwy. Shawnee, Ks. 66203
Burial at Mt Washington Cemetery, 614 S. Brookside Dr. Independence, MO 64053

On a personal note, this was the hardest column I have ever had to write. I knew all three of these guys well and considered them good friends. Bob, Russ, and Dean were mainstays in starting the club and their dedication to MACC has shaped it into being the largest Chevelle club in the country. I know I speak for everyone in the club saying our deepest sympathy goes out to these three families who lost their loved ones.

Roger



Vice-President's Column

Brian's column will be back next month.

New Members

There have been no new members join the club since our last meeting.

Member's Corner

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

A Look Back: MACC Club History, 1987 Thru 1992

By Eugene Hallouer

There are not many records from the early days of the club. I have most (but not all) of the club newsletters which I looked through to get this information. Some of the dates listed I had to guess at. There is much more information than what is here, I have just scratched the surface. So here is a look at the very beginnings of the Mid-America Chevelle Club.

Jeff Long, along with Dean and I'm sure others, tried to start a Chevelle club around 1987 (that is just a guess on the date from what information I could gather). Dean had his 1969 SS and thought it would be nice to get together with other Chevelle enthusiasts, holding meetings in Dean's basement with Barbara serving refreshments. Unfortunately, the first attempt to start the club was not successful. Dean was going to give up, but after persuasion from Jeff tried again. While I don't know exactly when this was, the first meeting of the 2nd try was held on July 30th, 1991, also in Dean's basement. Fifteen people attended that first meeting. There were around 20-30 members at this time, I am guessing, as the first membership list I have is dated 11/17/1991 with 39 members. Looking at the membership numbers (highest number of 47) a lot of people had apparently already dropped out of the club before this list was made.

Below is a list of the original club members from November 1991 who are still current members:

- Dean & Barbara Call #1 (deceased)
- Darrell & Kay Elliott #17
- Eugene Hallouer #25
- Jeff Long #29
- Kirby Demott #31
- Dan Yuran #32 (deceased)
- John & Debra Gragg #35

Here are some of the significant events from the early days of the MACC:

August 1991: First club newsletter sent out. Dean was the editor.



Russ & Vickie Peters joined the club in February 1992. In March of 1992 Russ introduced the set of bylaws that officially took a bunch of guys that got together every month to talk about Chevelles into an official club. In April 1992 the bylaws were adopted, and elections were held. Membership Dues were \$12.00. Below are the official election results from that April 1992 election:

President: Russ Peters

Vice President: Rich Beemer

Secretary: Kay Elliott

Treasure: Dean Call

Board of Directors: Victor Hernandez, Jeff Long, Eugene Hallouer, John Gribble.

April 1992: Club t-shirts available to purchase

May 1992: \$574.89 in Treasury

June 12-13 1992: the 5th Midwest Chevelle Regional was held in Dallas Texas, hosted by the Lone Star Chevelle Club

July 30th 1992: First club meeting held at Superior Chevrolet (arranged by Jeff Long who worked there)

July 1992: \$648.52 in Treasury

August 1992: Bob Calvert #67 (deceased) became a member

August 30, 1992: First Club Picnic, Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #8

August 1992 \$676.52 in Treasury

September 26, 1992: First Chevelle Club Superior Chevrolet Car Show

September 1992: \$955.22 in Treasury

October 1992: \$1032.73 in Treasury

December 4, 1992: First Chevelle Club Christmas Party at Shawnee Civic Center (Potluck)

And that's how the Mid-America Chevelle Club came to be. I hoped everyone enjoyed this step back in time, more history later.

Eugene

Below is a photograph taken from the 1996 Midwest Chevelle Regionals that includes many of the original club members.





Pictured above in left to right fashion: Kirby Demott, Dean Call, Pete and Cindy Lee with daughter Tiffany, Bob and Elizabeth Calvert, John and Debra Gragg with son Jeremey, Eugene and Anna Hallouer, Carl Chandler, Dan Yuran and son Jeff, Vickie and Russ Peters, Ginger and Jeff Long, John Gribble and son Johnathan

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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

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



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

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Furniture Mart

Parking lot at the Legends in Kansas City, Kansas



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Tim Cunningham
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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 _____