



*JANUARY 2026*

Happy New Year!



2025 MACC HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS

2026 EVENTS UPDATE

NEWS ON THE 2026 MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE REGIONAL SHOW

A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARD

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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. Meetings are held at Zarda's BBQ in Lenexa on 87<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com).

### **Board Information**

<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>	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 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: ZARDA'S BBQ 11931 W 87<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215,  
October 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.

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

Roger noted the Christmas Party will be held on December 6 at the Thompson Barn. Social hour begins at 5:00 with dinner at 6:15. We must be out of the facility by 10:00. Because of our successful show this year, a vote was held to charge \$10 per person this year. A vote was also taken to reserve the Thompson Barn for next year's party. The members also agreed to continue to meet at Zarda's BBQ again next year.



The Wichita club has decided to host the Midwest Regional show again next year on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at Wichita State University (different parking lot). After a re-organization, O'Reilly has said they will no longer sponsor the Regional Show (\$2,500). A discussion was held about whether to continue to participate in "Regional" shows. The decision reached was to "let it ride" for now.

Members voted to donate \$500 to Wreaths Across America this year. Several members also pledged personal support which will bring the club overall donation to \$1,600.

Brian noted we need to elect a new President at the April meeting next spring. We also need to find a Treasurer candidate to replace Eugene in April, 2027. Eugene noted he would work with someone in the coming year to start the transitioning process. There is a lot involved in this position.

Eugene presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that we currently have 116 members.

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**

**November 22-23, 2025: Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN), Schamburg, IL**

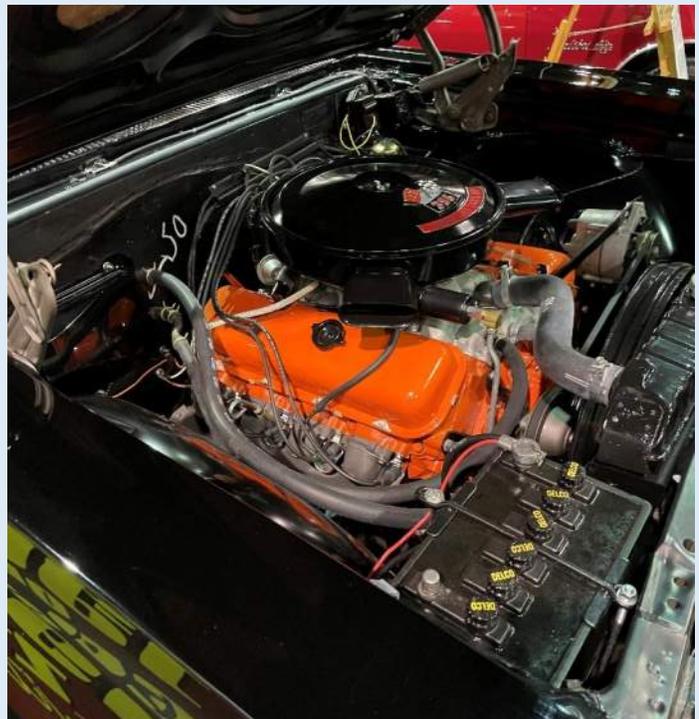
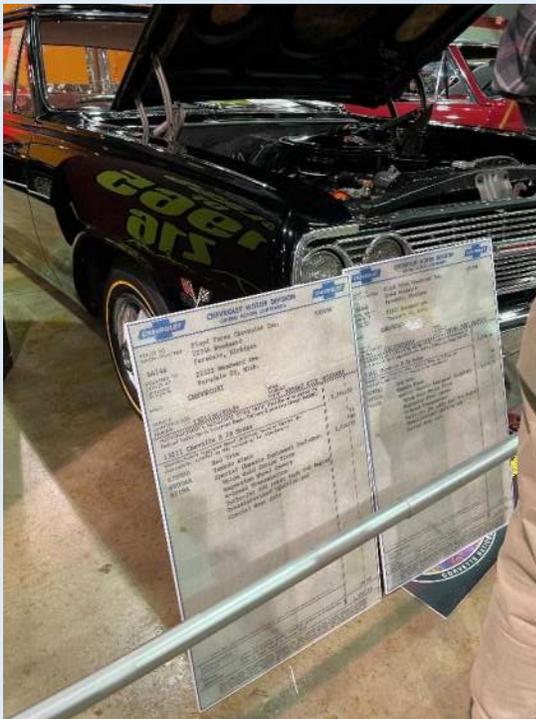
What has become an annual tradition, several MACC members traveled to MCACN near Chicago for this incredible show. If you have never been, you need to put it on your bucket list. One of the features this year was a display of 1965 model year muscle cars, celebrating their 60-year anniversary. Among this display were many L79 and other Chevelles, including eleven Z-16's, and one 1965 COPO 396 Chevelle 2-door sedan!













**December 6, 2025: MACC Holiday Party, Lenexa, KS**

The annual MACC Holiday Party was again held at the beautifully restored Thompson Barn. As usual, the white elephant gift exchange was a hit with many laughs and “prizes” taken home afterwards. Sixty-nine MACC members and their family members were in attendance.























### December: Wreaths Across America, Leavenworth National Cemetery

For the past several years the MACC has donated to Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America's mission is to: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Each year, on a selected day in December, they lay wreaths on veteran's graves in our national cemeteries. For 2025 the club donated \$500. In addition to that, individual club members generously donated \$1,350, bringing the total amount raised to \$1,850 which was able to purchase 109 wreaths!





## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2026**

Hello MACC members,

I hope you are all doing great! I am thrilled to announce that we're gearing up for a fantastic year of events. The events committee will be convening in the first week of February to finalize our 2026 event calendar. Following this meeting, we'll provide you with an updated list of events, so make sure to keep an eye out for next month's newsletter.



Like many of you, I'm eager to get the car out and attend some local gatherings. If you're up for braving the weather and bundling up, Gateway Classic Cars will host their first Caffeine and Chrome event on January 31st. This event kicks off at 9 am and runs until noon. It's a wonderful opportunity to check out their current inventory—perfect if you have space in your garage for another classic. I will keep you updated on Facebook with any changes to this event.

Additionally, mark your calendars for the World of Wheels event, happening from March 20th to 22nd. This event never fails to impress with an array of cool cars on display.

If you're interested in hosting a First Friday event this year, please let me know so we can secure your date on the calendar. The club will gladly contribute \$75 to help cover the cost of the main dish served.

Thank you all, and I look forward to enjoying many amazing events together this year.

Best 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. 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](mailto: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**

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy New Year. I hope 2026 is off to a great start for you and your families. As we kick off another year, I have several club updates and some important information to share.

Our club meetings will once again be held on the last Thursday of each month through October. Meetings will take place at Zarda's BBQ on 87th Street in Lenexa, Kansas, the same location we used last year. Meeting time is 7:00 PM, but we have access to the room starting at 6:00 PM, so feel free to come early, grab some dinner, and enjoy some social time before the meeting begins.

I have also reserved Thompson's Barn for our 2026 Christmas Party, which will be held on the first Saturday in December. The event committee will be meeting in early February to begin working on this year's event schedule. Be sure to watch for a tentative schedule in next month's newsletter.



The Mid-America Chevelle Car Show has a tentative date of October 3 this year. This date is later than we would normally prefer, but it was the only available option at Nebraska Furniture Mart. Sporting Kansas City has first right to use the parking lot, and with several early-season home games on Saturdays, availability was limited.

The Midwest Chevelle Regional will take place this year on June 5 and 6 at the Wichita State University campus parking lot. However, the future of the Midwest Regional is uncertain beyond this year. O'Reilly Auto Parts, which has been the main sponsor for many years, has notified the Wichita club that they will no longer be supporting the event going forward. The Wichita club received this information after planning had already begun, but they have decided to move forward this year with significant changes to the event format.

Friday night will consist of a cruise with a stop for dinner. Car show registration will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, with the show running through the afternoon and awards being presented later in the day.

Next year, the Springfield Chevelle Club was scheduled to host the Regional, but without O'Reilly's sponsorship, it will be extremely difficult for them to make the budget work. At this time, the long-term future of the Midwest Regional remains in question.

Finally, the Queen City Chevelle Club has experienced some leadership changes. One of the main individuals who has long helped run their car show has been dealing with cancer and ongoing health issues. We wish him the very best and keep him in our thoughts.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Mid-America Chevelle Club. I look forward to another great year of cars, events, and friendships.

Roger Verstraete  
President, Mid-America Chevelle Club

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

Hello MACC Members,

We hope you enjoyed a fantastic end to 2025, and we're thrilled to welcome you into an exciting new year with MACC! As we gear up for 2026, we invite both new and returning members to get involved and make this year the best yet.

Upcoming Meeting Details:

Mark your calendars for our first club meeting of the year on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. We'll gather at Zarda BBQ, Lenexa (87th Street). Arrive early to savor some delicious barbecue before the meeting kicks off - it's a great chance to catch up with friends and fuel up for a lively discussion!

Get Involved—Your Participation Makes MACC Shine!



Our club thrives thanks to the energy and commitment of our volunteers. Whether you've been with us for years or just joined, we encourage you to consider how you can help support our activities. Here's a quick overview of some recurring events and committee opportunities:

- **First Friday Events:** Host a social gathering at your home or shop! These popular potluck events are a wonderful way to connect with fellow members. The host provides the main course, and guests bring their favorite dishes to share. To help with expenses, hosts receive \$75 toward the main dish.
- **Annual Car Show:** Help us make our signature event a success by volunteering for registration, T-shirt sales, parking, or judging. It's a fun way to interact with car enthusiasts and showcase our club's passion.
- **Committee Roles:**
  - **Car Show Committee:** Plan and execute our annual car show, from logistics to awards.
  - **Events Committee:** Organize club gatherings, cruises, and special outings throughout the year.
  - **Summer Club Picnic Committee:** Coordinate a memorable summer picnic for the whole club.
  - **Christmas Party Committee:** Arrange our festive holiday celebration to close out the year.
  - **Event Coordinator:** Lead or assist with the planning and management of individual events.

**Volunteer Deadline:** If you're interested in hosting, joining a committee, or helping with any event, please reach out to Roger Verstraete or Brian Findley. We're happy to answer any questions and help you find the perfect fit!

We couldn't do it without our dedicated volunteers—your contributions make every event memorable! From the laughter at First Fridays to the excitement of the car show, your involvement creates lasting memories for our members. Let's continue to build on our successes and make 2026 another outstanding year for MACC.

So, keep working on those winter projects and get your Chevilles ready to roll. We can't wait to see them—and you—at our next meeting!

With appreciation and anticipation,

Brian Findley  
Vice President, MACC



## New Members

Bill Miloglav  
23355 Westminister Hwy  
Richmond, BC V6V1C3  
Cell No. 604-808-5267  
Member #549  
e-mail: baldozar@shaw.ca  
1966 Malibu SS Black, owned for 15 years  
Interests: Tech Info & Parts  
Bill is looking to make some Chevelle connections.



LaVerne and Pam Sanders  
1412 260<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hiawatha, KS 66434  
Phone No. 515-745-0305  
Member #550  
e-mail: Ldsanders2807@gmail.com  
Interests: Cruising, Tech Info, Tours  
LaVerne just purchased this 64 Chevelle SS. It is similar to his very first car.



Rondel and Denise Dye  
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Phone No. 913-724-2727  
Cell No. 816-985-7692  
Member #551  
Email: [gt50067428@msn.com](mailto:gt50067428@msn.com)  
1972 Chevelle SS 454 Convertible, red with black stripes, top, and interior  
Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info



## 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](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com) to be included.*

### Dave Jamis '70 LS6 454 SS

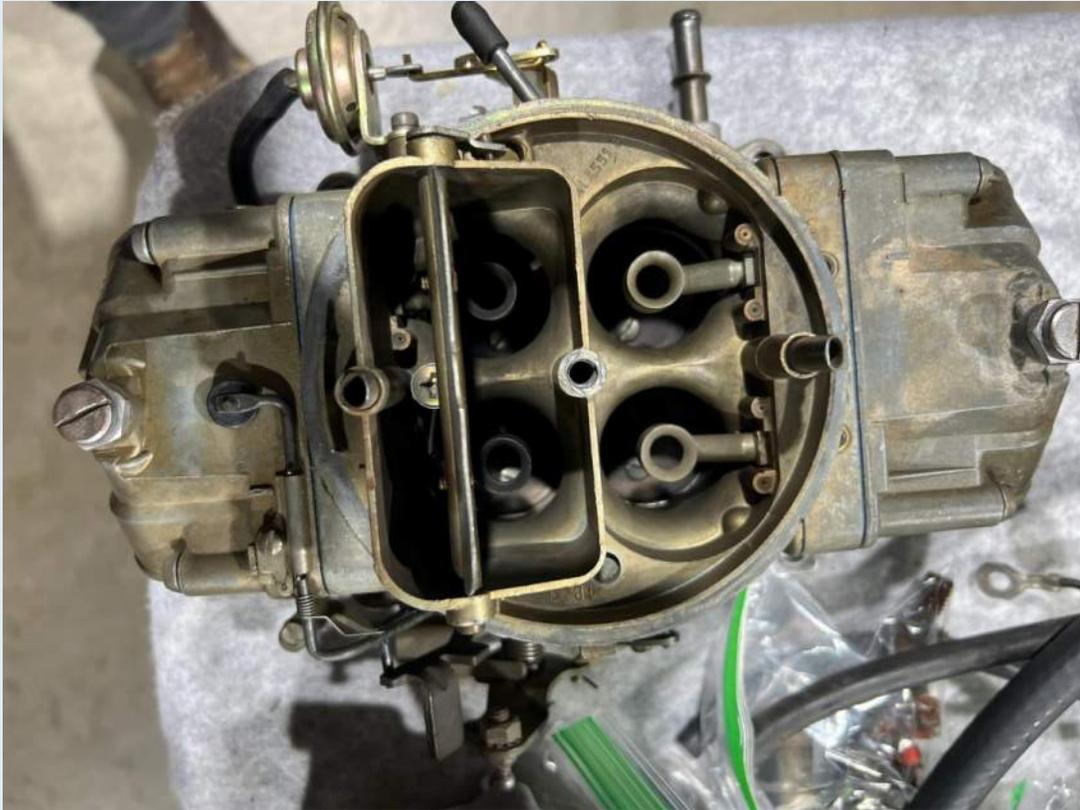
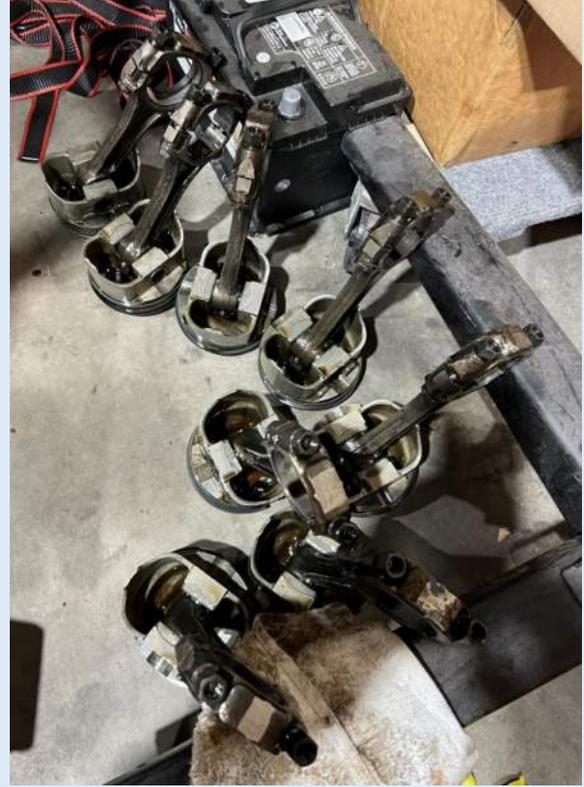
Dave decided this fall to pull the original LS6 engine out of his survivor 70 super sport to investigate the seemingly excessive smoke coming out the exhaust. Upon disassembly, it became clear that his choice was a very good decision. What he found was a broken valve spring on the #5 cylinder. A broken motor mount was also discovered. While apart he is also freshening it up with new....



Dave bought this car when he was 16 years old. This is the first time he has had the motor out.









**Sponsors**



## 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)

## A Christmas Card to the MACC

The MACC received this very special Christmas Card that we wanted to share with all the members. It is from Lou Jenkins. Her note reads:

*To Everyone In The Club,*

*I am "Lou" Vickie Peters mother – Want to thank "Everyone" that has been there for her and the boys. Russ was a great son-in-law – The Best. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.*

