

Mid America Chevelle Club January 2014 Newsletter



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Cover: First production year for the Chevelle was 50 years ago in 1964. You don't see very many ladies sporting a scarf these days, however a lot of things have changed. Well maybe not so much – see page 6.



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 also found on club's website and are forwarded to members. 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 Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas 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. Call the editor (Mike Stites) at 913/485-7368 or email at Michael.stites@sbcglobal.net

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Monthly Meeting Agenda

Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Hendrick Chevrolet, 8300 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, Kansas.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Reports/Discussion
- 4) Upcoming Events
- 5) Report of Treasurer
- 6) Additional Items
- 7) Adjournment



October 2013 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
October 24, 2013
MINUTES – Special Night

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Verstraete. There were 17 members present. Rocky Hill was announced the winner of the Newsletter contest.

The events for the upcoming fall Halloween party were discussed.

Those attending indicated the Fall Color Tour was another success. Thanks were mentioned to go to Greg Martin for executing the event. Highlights included the salvage yard tour and “fried chicken.”

The 2013 Chevelle Show was discussed. It was noted the Hampton Inn was pleased and requested their willingness to participate in future shows. Thanks was noted to all for assistance in this event. Special thanks were provided to Ed Smoot for use of his RV and golf cart; the Hills for the collection of door prizes; and to Janet Verstraete for registration. Discussion of a request to allow Monte Carlo's in the event was had. The decision was not to include at this time.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. It was reported there are 69 current members.

The 2013 Winter Holiday Party was discussed. It was noted there would be no door prized this year, but a White Elephant Gift Exchange was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by John Gragg, Acting Secretary

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 8th – Club Work Day: See the VP's column for details.



President's Column

Hi MACC,

I hope all of you had a great Holiday season and you are all doing well. Winter seems to last so long when the weather is bad, and you don't feel like getting out and doing anything. I guess when all else fails you can go out to the garage and work on your Chevelle. Even with that said it is hard to get in the mood when it's so cold outside. I just want to go for a drive in my car, but with all the salt on the roads I just can't make myself do it.

This winter, like most of you, I've got some projects that I'm working on with my two cars. The '69 is almost done with what I had needed to do to it. I replaced some brake lines, fuel lines, and added some suspension upgrades to the car. It should ride and handle a lot better than it did. It still has a windshield wiper issue that I have not been able to figure out yet, but I'm not planning on driving it in the rain so it is not on top of the to do list yet.

On my '70 I decided it needed disc brakes on all four wheels, and that the engine compartment needed detailing. So those are my next big projects coming up this winter. I went to the Right Stuff website and it is amazing what you can buy for your car as far as stainless steel brakes, fuel lines, and disc brake kits. I went with all new brakes with power coated calipers with drilled/slotted rotors, and new brake boosters with Stainless brake lines. I figured I'm only going to do this once so I wanted all new stuff to get the job done right. I know I have got a big job in front of me, considering I have never done anything like this before. That has never stopped me in the past, so I thought I would try something new again. At least now if one car is down, I have another one to drive.

One of the nicest things about being a MACC member is that if I run into trouble (like I always do) I can get some good advice or help if I need it. It is just a phone call away. That leads me to my next topic, our membership. I know a lot of you want to do some work on your car in the winter to do some upgrades or maintenance. You might be afraid to tackle it alone or just don't have the know-how to do your project. That is where our membership comes into play. If you need some advice, a helping hand, or need a good reference to get some work done please feel free to call me or any member in the club for some advice or help. In the past we have set up a Saturday club event to help you with your project. Another way, if you need some quick advice, is to go to our facebook page and post your question there. We have over 260 members on our page from all over the world willing to give you some advice. Sometimes you will get more than you want, but that's okay.

Our club meeting is coming up on January 30th. This year it will be held at Hendricks Chevrolet, and afterwards we will be going down to Old Shawnee Pizza for something to eat and drink and to catch up with everyone to see what they have been up to this winter. During the winter months I like to get as much of the club business done as possible so we don't have to address it during the summer. We will start planning for this year's activities on what we want to do and where to go.

That is it for now, I hope to see you at this month's meeting. If you have any ideas for the club or events you would like to see please feel free to come to the meeting and bring your idea up.

Roger



Vice President's Column

Well, we did it. If you are reading this, my friends, we lived to see the dawn of another year. 2014 is upon us, and man has it been a wintry one so far! I can't remember ever having a winter this cold, but it may just be my skin thinning with age. With the weather being what it is, I've been trying to find a way that we can all get together since conditions are not optimal for cruising. Believe it or not, I've got a plan.

Club Work Day. Here's the deal—Many of us are itching for something constructive (not destructive) to do. We have all had times that it would be nice to have an extra hand with something- whether it's a technical issue, wiring question, or something that takes an extra set of hands. Sometimes space or specialty tools are a concern as well. I believe we have all the bases covered, and we would love to have everyone that is interested come out. We have a lot of guys that have "been there and done that" in the club, so let's take advantage of their experience. Regardless of skill level, I'm sure that we could all pick up a few tips and tricks throughout the day. Even if you only have a couple of hours to spare, I encourage you to stop by. Here's the details:

When: February 8, 2014
Where: A-Z Mobile RV, Inc. (Ed's Shop)
Address: 32747 Lone Star Rd, Paola Ks 66071
Time: 8am to ?
Who's Invited? ALL MACC MEMBERS!
Charge: FREE!

Those are the details. My shop is located at the corner of 327th and Lone Star Rd. in Paola. Those of you that have visited the Midway Drive In movie theater or We-B-Smokin BBQ in Paola have driven right by it on the way. A map can be seen here: http://azmobilerv.com/contact_us

The shop will be closed to the public, and open to all MACC members that would like to come help, need a little help, or just want to hang out. Set up with 3 heated 20 x 60 service bays, we will also have air tools available, a torch and welder on site, and plenty of room to fit up to 10 cars. So far, we are planning to do bumpers and a grill on a 67, a little suspension upgrade on a '70, as well as a few other miscellaneous items. We still have room for more cars and repairs, so if you are interested in having your car in the bay being worked on, or would like to throw your hat in the ring to help out or attend, please drop me a line to RSVP at: eds_moot@azmobilerv.com to let me know. This should be a lot of fun, and we are looking forward to it. We will NOT be doing any paint/ body work! I will be sending an e-mail out closer to the date with a true itinerary. On a side note, A-Z Mobile RV, Inc and MACC DO NOT assume any liability for any issues or damage to vehicles or persons that attend this event.

One other thing to keep in mind is that we have the 2014 MACC Officer Elections coming up in April. We will have a few vacant positions to fill, and also welcome anyone that would like to run for any currently staffed position. Variety is the spice of life, they say, so shaking it up a bit from time to time can sure be a good thing. I can speak from experience and say that helping out in any of these positions is a rewarding experience, and is a great opportunity to get more involved in the club that we all know and love. More about that in the coming months, just wanted to put it out there so that everyone can have time to think about whether or not a position in the club is right for you!

We have many new and returning members in the club for 2014, so let's be sure to make everyone feel welcome! I hope to see as many folks as possible at this month's meeting. Let's all make 2014 a great year!

See ya on the road-- Ed



December Event

December 7th: Christmas Party at Casa Somerset Bed & Breakfast in Paola, KS.

MACC had a great time at the Christmas party. The Hill's did another outstanding job of booking the venue. Rocky did a pretty good "Black Santa" and the gift exchange was a hoot.



Above left – a lot of thought went into this top of the line gift.
Above right – waiting on dinner.

Below left – the MACC contingent
Below right – what else can you say? We all had a great time.



Project Cars

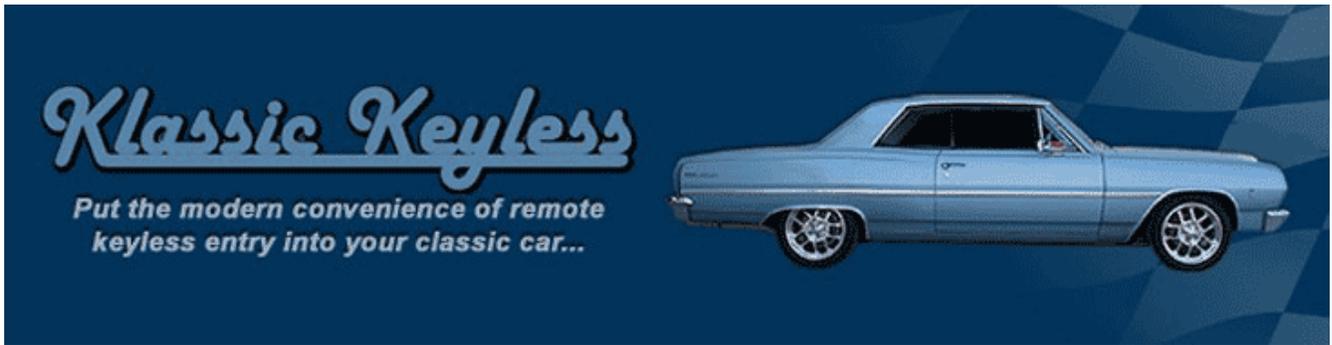
See the MACC Facebook page or if you have a project you would like to share in the Newsletter let me know (Newsletter Editor – Mike Stites) and I can get some shots and information for the Newsletter.

For Sale

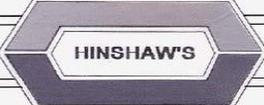
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