

Mid America Chevelle Club February 2014 Newsletter



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Cover: Be the first individual in attendance at the monthly meeting to tell VP Ed Smoot the names of the grease monkeys in the cover photo and you my friend will receive a fabulous door prize. The guys in the pic are not eligible to collect.



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

Board Information

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Board nominations are to be held during the March meeting with "elections" during the April meeting. If you are interested in serving please volunteer. Debra Gragg is passing the torch so we will definitely need to fill the Secretary position. Please join the board in thanking Debra for her service over multiple years as Secretary and previously as Newsletter Editor.

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



January 2014 Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
HENDRICK CHEVROLET, MERRIAM, KS
January 30, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Smoot. There were 20 members present. There were no guests and no introductions made.

The minutes, as published in the newsletter, were approved.

The past club events were discussed which include – Halloween Party and the Holiday Party. It was noted all that attended had good times.

Current projects were discussed. Ron Brightwell announced the convertible is for sale and the hard-top is working on a new paint job.

Upcoming events include a presentation from Klassic Keyless; ice cream cruise on August 9 and 10 in Nebraska; Hustlers fundraising in Ottawa for a member in The Outlaws club; Club work day on February 8 at Ed Smoots, with snow date arrangements, if necessary; World of Wheels on February 14 – 16. Fliers for classes at McPherson, KS at the Auto Restoration Institute were distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Eugene Hallouer indicated there are 71 paid memberships.

All were reminded of upcoming club elections in April, with nominations in March. All were encouraged to consider the various positions, which are open to all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

A cruise to Old Shawnee Pizza followed.

Submitted by: Debra S. Gragg, Secretary.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 18th – Club Picnic

September 26th – 27th: Mid-America Chevelle Club Car Show



President's Column

Hi MACC,

Would like to thank everyone in the club for the flowers for my Mom's funeral and the donations to Saint Joseph Catholic Church. It meant a lot to me and my family for your thoughts and concern during a difficult time.

Roger

Vice President's Column

You gotta have friends. When anyone branches out and joins a new group or organization, they are sure to broaden their "friend" pool, and that's a good thing! I can say that when I joined MACC, I didn't know quite what to expect. Would the members accept me (and my ride) for what we are? Can I live up to their expectations? Are there clicks that you have to break through? Thankfully, I quickly learned that I had nothing to worry about. What I found in this group was a great group of folks that come from all different backgrounds, that all share a common love for a specific make of car. We have doctors, accountants, mechanics, landscapers, plumbers, and just about any other walk of life in our ranks. When we are all together, however, we are just plainly car folks.

We had a get together just last weekend, where a number of us car folks convened to help one another. MACC hosted a really fun work day at my shop in Paola, Ks. Open to all MACC members, we had a great turnout of almost 20 guys. Our day started, as they often do, with a hearty breakfast. We met at 7am at We-B-Smokin BBQ in Paola. Having never had their breakfast selections before, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. What we received was really tasty fare, with portions that had to be seen to be believed. We all watched in amazement as platters overflowing with biscuits and gravy, eggs, and hash browns hit the table with a hearty thud. What really took the (pan) cake was their "short stack" that came out and was placed in front of Roger Verstraete. Easily 8" high, and 12" around, it was a sight to behold. Our fearless leader threw in the towel after only putting a slight dent in this monster- after all, we had work to do!

We threw open the shop doors at 8am sharp, and in rolled the American Muscle. Guys quickly grabbed floor jacks and stands, and started unboxing and unwrapping parts. Our two main focuses for the day were bumpers, grill, and trim on Robert Huster's clean '67, and a complete suspension overhaul on Kent Scott's '70 SS. We divided up into teams, with each person lending a hand where needed, and performing tasks that they were comfortable with. Before we knew it, we had two cars stripped down and ready to start being reassembled by just after lunch. The votes went in, and everyone decided that it had to be BBQ for lunch as well. Taking a short breather and enjoying smoked turkey, beef, and ham sandwiches with a hearty side of fries, everyone was itching to get back into the action. As the day progressed, club members came and went- and even if they only had a short amount of time to stop by, they would lend a hand where needed. By the end of the day, both projects were pretty well completed, with some minor bumper adjustments left on the '67, and the brakes needing bled on the '70. An amazing amount of work got done that day, due to the hard work and experience that our members lent to the tasks at hand. Several folks mentioned that they had learned a lot throughout the day, and a good time was had by all.



So keep this in mind for the next time that a workday comes up-- we have a great resource in our members, and we would love it if everyone came out. Plenty of great people that have "been there, done that", and are happy to help out when the need arises. Ahhh, yes- it's great to have friends!

See ya on the road--

Ed

February Event

Well we had to delay the original work date due to all this winter weather. However, we got things rescheduled for this last Saturday. Many thanks to Ed Smoot for opening his business shop to the club for the day. Kent Scott's 1970 was the recipient of new bushings, ball joints, springs and shocks fore and aft. We also installed new front and rear chrome bumpers plus moldings and a grill on Robert Huster's 1967. We started the day with Breakfast at a local Paola restaurant – check out the MACC Facebook page – the portions were on the large side.



Robert Huster, Gordon Gilpin and Roger Verstraete hanging a new bumper on Robert's '67 Malibu.



Ron Brightwell tackling removal of the differential.



L to R: John Gragg, Rick Byfield, and Robert Chamberlain taking care of bushing R & R.



L to R: Gordon Gilpin, Ted Farley, Roger Verstraete, and Robert Huster on the front bumper install.

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

Let me (Newsletter Editor – Mike Stites) know if you have any items to list.

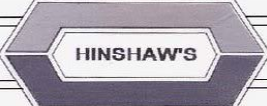
Ted Farley has the following items for sale:

- Right and Left rear quarters (Good Mark)
- Right and Left inner wheel fenders
- Four 70 SS wheels with good tires and a spare wheel with tire
- 750 vacuum Holley
- Extra Large Dale Earnhardt /Coca Cola Racing Jacket NASCAR worn once


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