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**SPRINGTIME CRUISES AND
CAR SHOWS!**

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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: Debbie Gragg
Treasurer: Eugene Hallouer
At Large: Randy Cummins
At Large: John Gragg
- 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.

Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
LOCATION: MINSKY'S PIZZA
March 28, 2024
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Verstraete and all were welcomed. He noted that Fred and Nicole Yates were attending their first meeting. Mr. Yates overviewed his vehicles and mechanical work. Other members introduced themselves. There were 39 persons present (with an additional two persons arriving later) for a total of 41.

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

Mr. Verstraete reviewed the club budget for 2023 – 2024 and overviewed the changes in the club budget for 2024 through 2025. With the changes, revenues and expenditures were overviewed. It was suggested to keep the annual picnic at Black Hoof Park, Lenexa, KS, and the Christmas Party



at the Thompson Barn, Lenexa, Ks. In addition, discussion was noted for other fixed items and costs. Mr. Verstraete indicated that perhaps in the next club year, the dues may be increased to help with potential increased activity costs. Mr. Calder suggested that costs for the meals, per person, be raised. More review and discussion of this matter to come. The proposed budget was approved.

Trent and Sandy Deadmon, entered the meeting as guests indicating a desire to join the club. Mr. Deadmon informed the attendees that he is restoring a 1969.

The April 2024 officer elections were discussed. All positions are open. The current Secretary, Debra Gragg, indicated she is willing to step back if anyone desires to act in the secretary capacity. Nominations and election will be presented at the April 25, 2024 club meeting.

Mr. Findley indicated the Car Show Committee recently met. He noted the show will be located at the Embassy Suites, Olathe. He also noted the host hotel supports the VFW participation for breakfast and lunch.

He also stated the hotel will provide discount cards for in-house restaurant services.

Mr. Findley displayed a lined windbreaker, which will be available for those desiring to purchase. The windbreakers will need to be ordered and paid in advance of production and distribution.

Mr. Calder spoke about activities from March which included a cruise to the Peter's residence near Belton, Mo. Russ and Vickie Peters that all for their efforts in the event. Mr. Calder informed the attendees of the Kansas Auto Museum/speedway event in April; he noted April 27 will feature Chevelles at the Caffeine and Chrome event at Olathe (Gateway Classic Cars of Kansas City). More items will be distributed via Facebook and e-mails.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the expenditures and revenues to date. He announced currently there are 112 with 36 memberships renewed.

Everyone was asked to keep the Peters family in thoughts and prayers during his treatments.

Kent Scott indicated his red 1970 model is undergoing restoration. He listed many items that will be addressed, changed, remodeled, etc. and announced it will return to its original color of autumn gold.

Bob Calvert stated that on the fourth Thursday of each month, a car show will be hosted by the Moonshiners Club in Weston, MO.

Jeff Long won the \$25.00 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debra S. Gragg, 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:

Ed Smoot. Chairman
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

March 31: Caffeine & Chrome sponsored by Gateway Classic Cars, Olathe, KS

A cool but beautiful spring day greeted those who showed up for this event. For many this was the first time to get their car out this spring. The number of cars was large with many latecomers having a difficult time finding a place to park. At least nine MACC members brought their Chevelles and El Caminos/Sprints.





April 6: Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Kansas City Auto Museum, Kansas Speedway

Over 970 cars and trucks attended this event, held for the first time at the Kansas Speedway. Eight members of the MACC were some of the very first to arrive and park. Several other members participated later in the morning.





April 13: Another Dam Car Show, E.H. Young Park Riverside, MO

The MACC was represented by five members at this show. All the work Chuck Doyle did to his awesome blue '67 over the winter paid off with it being judged Best Hot Rod at the show and Roger Verstraete's beautiful '70 convertible garnered a Top 30 trophy.





Calendar of Upcoming Events 2024

April 20—Muscle Cars KC 1101 NW Bush Drive Grain Valley, MO New location
Arrive at 10:30 to look at the new building and chat with owner Scott.
Lunch after at the Captain's Sports Lounge 301 SW Eagles Pkwy Grain Valley, MO

April 27—Featured club at Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome
1202 S Elm Road Olathe, KS 9-12 arrive at 8. Gateway will
Donate \$10 for each club car up to \$200. Brian and I will save spots
so please contact Steve Calder so we can have enough parking spots.
We had 27 cars last year so let's get 30 this year! Lunch after at
The Burger Shed at Embassy Suites 10411 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS



May 3--- First Friday Cruise In hosted by Randy Cummins 21520 W 177 CT Olathe

May 5---Cruise the Burg Car Show Louisburg, KS Sunday Show

May 10-11—Loafers Car Show Hannibal, MO drive on Friday Show on Saturday

May 11---Pete and Jakes Car Show Peculiar, MO proceeds benefit JDRF

May 24—Street Outlaws Drag Racing Flying H Drag Strip Odessa, MO

Tickets are \$30 presale and \$35 race day. Parking is \$20 so car pool

Tickets at <https://rb.gy/alw985>

May 31-June 1—37th Annual Midwest Chevelle Regional Car Show

Wichita State University Braeburn Square, 21st Street and

Oliver, Wichita Host hotel Hyatt Place at Wichita State University

4703 E 19th Street North Wichita, KS Special rate of \$139 plus tax

June 7—First Friday Cruise In—Brian and Sandy Findley

June 8—Paola Car Show

June 15—Tour Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, MO \$25 per ticket

As of April 11 I have 10 people going? Contact Steve Calder if you plan on attending.

June 23---MACC Summer Picnic Black Hoof Park-Oak Shelter Lenexa, KS Sunday

July 5-7---Goodguys Car Show Des Moines, IA

July 20—36th Annual Lions Club Show Simpson Park Chillicothe, MO

August 2—First Friday Cruise In Host needed

August 30—Wellsville Car Show Wellsville, KS

September 6-----First Friday Cruise In John and Phyllis Prouty

September 14---Turkey Creek Car Show Merriam, KS

September 15---Shawnee Town Wheels and Dreams Car Show

September 21—Ol' Marias River Run Ottawa, KS

September 28—MACC Chevelle Show Olathe Conference Center at Embassy

Suites 10401 Ridgeview Road Olathe, KS

October 4-----First Friday Cruise In Host needed

October 5-----Burg Fest Car Show Warrensburg, MO

October 19-----Cars in the Park Shawnee, 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 American Legion 410 E Dennis Olathe
5p.m. to 9p.m.

*Every Saturday—Noland Road Cruise Night Independence, MO 5p.m. to ?

Steve Calder Events Coordinator



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Ray Harper

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MACC Ladies Column

Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters.

President's Column

The Pres's column will return next month!

Vice-President's Column

Taking a lead from El Presidenta, the Veep is also taking a break from writing and will return next month.

New Members

Information from new members who have joined the MACC since the previous newsletter are typically featured here.

Member's Corner

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

Everyone always enjoys reading stories about other members' cars and what they have done to them. I have included the story of my convertible below. I'd really like to include an article like this each month, therefore send me your stories! There is no minimum or maximum length. I'll even help you write it if you'd like.

Kirby



1972 Chevelle Convertible
Owner: Kirby Demott

In 1977, while in high school, I began looking for my dream car; a 1971 or 72 Chevelle Super Sport convertible. After searching for several months, I found this car for sale in the local AutoTrader magazine.



Although it was a Malibu, it had many of the options typically found on a Super Sport including bucket seats, the round gauge package, and a four speed with a console. It was in very good shape, and I really liked the blue paint with the white interior. It was a one-owner car that was owned by a lawyer who had received it from his parents in 1972 as a graduation present. Since I was only 16, my father helped me get a loan to purchase it. Had we not owned a 1971 Malibu at that time, which had been a very good car, he probably would not have done so. In addition, since very few convertibles were being made at that time, he thought it would hold its value well.

I drove my car to high school and made a few changes to it during that time, which included adding mag wheels, air shocks, headers, and an aluminum intake with a Holly 4-barrel carburetor (weren't these things mandatory for every high school male to do to their car in those days?). I also added an original cowl induction hood and air cleaner.



After my high school days were over the car went into storage while I attended college and then moved around the country for a few years with my job. During those years I owned many different muscle cars that I used as daily drivers (including a 1971 Chevelle SS 454), but the convertible always remained my “keeper.” Finally, after getting married, moving back to Kansas City, and buying a house, I was able once again to have my car with me at home.

In the early 1990’s I attended a Mid-American Chevelle Regional event in Wichita. This was where I met Dean Call and Jeff Long. Attending the show, and meeting these guys, inspired me to begin a complete restoration of my car. Although it was still in decent shape, some rust had begun to appear in the corners of the fenders, the engine was starting to smoke (due primarily to unleaded gas), the top had shrunk, and the upholstery on the front seats was beginning to crack.



I had it repainted the original Mulsanne Blue but added the white stripes and SS badging. A new top was installed, and the engine was rebuilt. While apart, the engine was bored 30-over and a larger cam installed. I also sanded, painted, and detailed the underside of the car, as well as put in a 12-bolt positraction rearend along with the F41 suspension components. Along the way a lot of help and advice was provided from several members of the Mid American Chevelle Club. The restoration was finally completed in 1993. Other than the hood, all the sheetmetal on the car now is what came on it from the factory. The interior is also all original except for the recovered front seats.





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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

