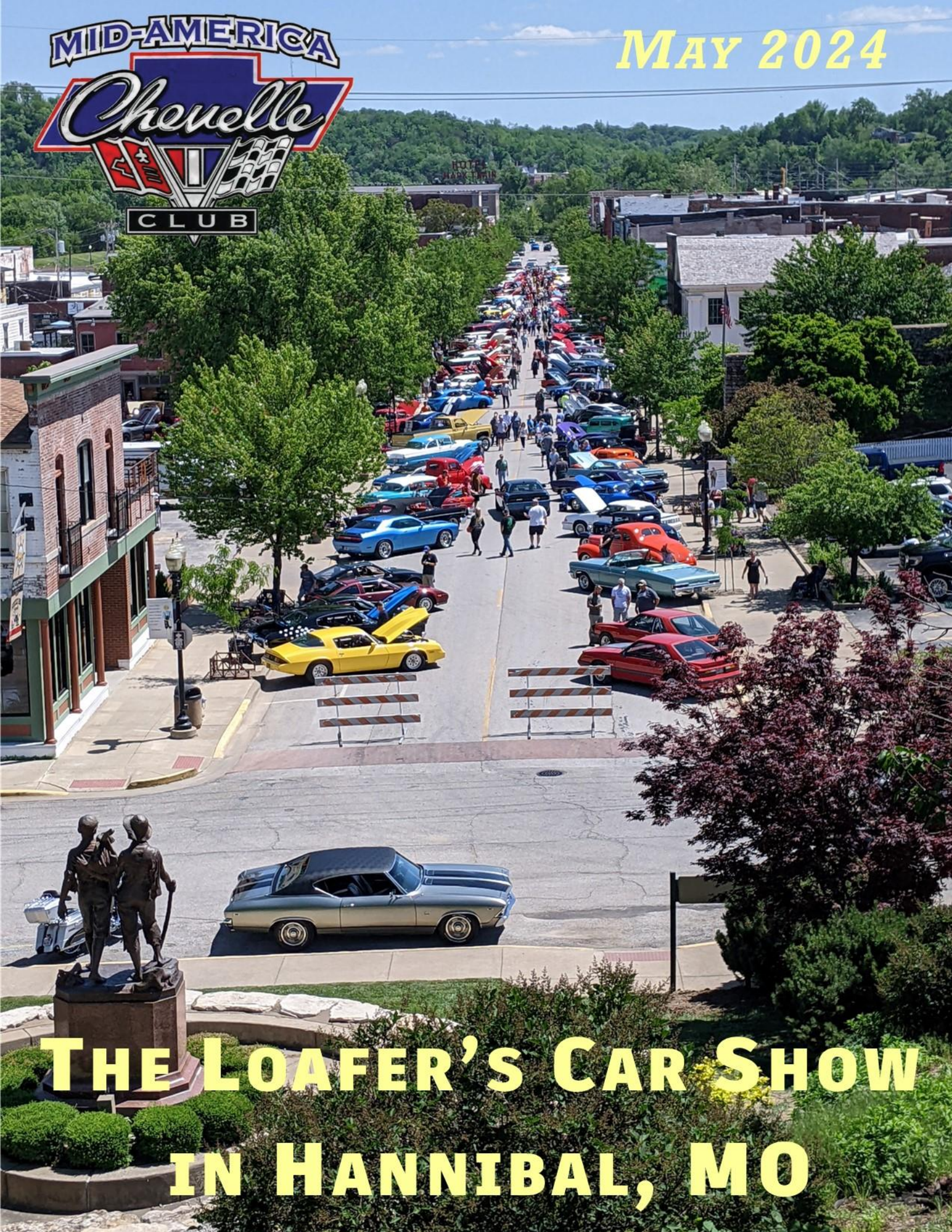




MAY 2024



THE LOAFER'S CAR SHOW  
IN HANNIBAL, MO

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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](mailto: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 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  
SUBSTITUTE LOCATION: MINSKY'S PIZZA  
April 25, 2024  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Verstraete and all were welcomed. Guests present were Ryan Halbur (with a 1972) and Charles Burk. Other members introduced themselves. There were 30 people present.

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



The 2024-2025 Elections were considered. It was noted that Secretary Debra Gragg indicated she would not run for the office. At-Large member Randall Cummins was nominated for the Secretary position. There were no nominations for the vacated At-Large position. A vote for the slate was announced and approved by the membership present. Those in office are: Roger Verstraete, President, Brian Findley, Vice-President, Randall Cummins, Secretary, Eugene Hallouer, Treasurer, John Gragg, At-Large member. The second At-Large member position will be open for nomination at a later date. Congratulations were provided for retiring and new board.

Mr. Verstraete informed the audience that the club's website was recently hacked at the server and is resolved. He also indicated the hats, as ordered, are ready.

Mr. Findley overviewed the September car show. He noted the hats and jackets are ordered. He also asked for a photo editor to help with creating the show t-shirts with club member photo, eliminating copy right concerns.

Mr. Calder overviewed recent and upcoming events. He noted the March Caffeine and Chrome cruise included nine members' cars. In addition, he informed those present that the upcoming April Caffeine and Chrome event will highlight Chevelles. The First Friday event will be hosted on May 3 by Randall Cummins. He also noted the Louisburg, KS Car Show will be on May 5. All were informed that extra security will be hired for the Regionals, hosted by the Wichita Area Chevelle Owners. The Regional will be located at Wichita State University. Mr. Verstraete spoke about the Fireball Ceramic Coating, in which samples were provided at a recent event he attended.

Mr. Hallouer overviewed the revenues and expenditures. He also added there are 113 current memberships, some will expire on May 1, 2024.

Ted Farley won the \$25.00 drawing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 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**

**May 3: MACC First Friday, Home of Randy Cummins, Olathe KS**

Randy once again hosted an excellent First Friday event at his home on a beautiful spring evening. Twenty-three members attended. To say “no one went home hungry” would be an understatement.



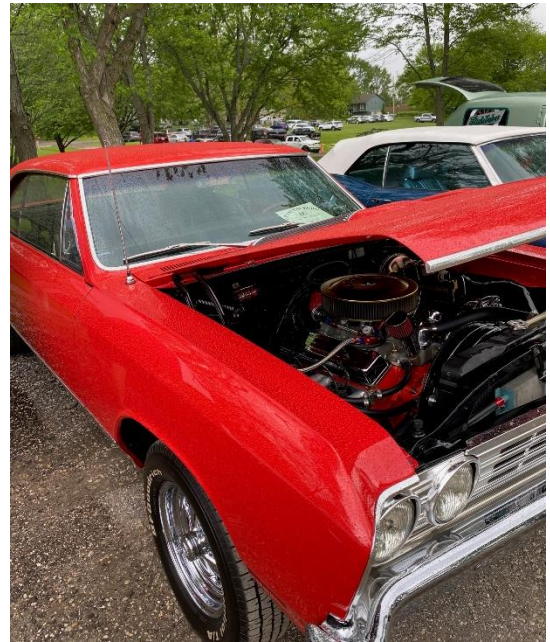
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### May 4: Louisburg Cruise the Burg American Legion Car Show, Louisburg KS

Proving once again that Chevelle owners are not pansies, seven MACC members braved the drizzle and cool temperatures to participate in this event. Five went home with plaques for finishing in the top 9 out of 70 cars. Not too bad!





### May 10-11: Loafer's Car Show, Hannibal, MO

Seven club members made the trek across Missouri to participate in the annual car show put on by the Loafer's Car Club. The Loafers always put on a great show in the historic river town of Hannibal. This year the weather was perfect, and Rick and John Prouty left with awards. The Loafer's had a record attendance of over 350 cars.









**May 11: Pete and Jakes Hot Rod Shop Car Show and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Peculiar, MO**

In conjunction with their annual open house and car show, this year Pete and Jake's were also celebrating 50 years of being in business. Ray Harper and Chuck Doyle both participated with their Chevelles, while Russ Peters again helped with the show. Over 290 cars were in the show field. Ray and Chuck both took home trophies for being voted in the Top 50.





**May 18: Wine & Shine Car Show, Stone Pillar Winery, Olathe, KS**

The Stone Pillar Winery has multiple car shows throughout the year, combining them with wine tasting, music, and other fun events. Sandy and Brian Findley took both of their Chevelles. It was the first time they had ever shown them together.



## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2024**

May 24 - Street Outlaws Drag Racing Flying H Drag Strip Odessa, MO. Tickets are \$30 presale and \$35 race day. Parking is \$20 so carpool. Tickets at [tickets.thefoat.com](https://tickets.thefoat.com)

May 31-June 1 - 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Chevelle Regional Car Show Wichita State University  
Braeburn Square, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Oliver, Wichita Host hotel Hyatt Place at Wichita  
State University 4703 E 19<sup>th</sup> Street North Wichita, KS Special rate of \$139 plus tax.

Friday May 31: Meet at Bert's Travel Plaza 1021 Poplar St Wellsville, KS to depart  
at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at Braum's Ice Cream Shop 2120 Industrial Rd Emporia, KS.  
There are two gas stations right there. Depart Emporia at 12:30. Arrive Hyatt Place  
WSU 4703 E 19<sup>th</sup> Wichita, KS at 1:45 p.m. Balance of Friday Regional Show,  
Saturday Regional Show with awards at 6p.m. followed by ending Mixer 7-9pm.  
Head home Sunday morning.

June 7 - First Friday Cruise-In - Brian and Sandy Findley's 21105 W 188<sup>th</sup> Terrace Spring Hill,  
KS. Taco Bar: The Findley's will provide the meat along with hard and soft tacos.  
Each member should bring a side dish or dessert (side dish could include taco sauce,  
shredded cheese, lettuce, etc.) drinks and your chairs. Arrive after 5 and eat around  
6 p.m. RSVP to Brian at 913-558-1453 by June 5.

June 8 - Paola Car Show: Meet at QT 199<sup>th</sup> and 169 hwy Spring Hill, KS to depart at 6:45a.m.  
for breakfast at We B Smokin' and then to show. Contact Brian at 913-558-1453 if  
you are attending so he has a count for breakfast.

June 15 - Tour Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, MO POSTPONED until later date  
TBD.

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

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

July 20 - 36<sup>th</sup> 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 ?

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## **President's Column**

Roger has a lot going on, so no column this month.



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

Hello MACC.

Not sure how many of you are a do-it-yourself kind of person. I know I am. One thing I have struggled with in the past is tuning my carburetor. My carburetor of choice is a Holly.

Upon changing to a Holly carburetor on my 71 Malibu, I knew the carburetor would need adjusting. To assist me with getting the most I could out of my adjustments, like many of you, I immediately went to google to find an instruction video on the needed adjustments. As a result, I thought I would share with you the video I found that worked well for me. Hope you find it helpful.

### Video

How to adjust Holley Idle Mixture Screws and Curb Idle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvLDtEb13Pk>

Talk to you all soon.

Brian Findley – VP MACC

## **New Members**

Ryan Halbur and Kelsey Stewart

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Member #530

1972 Chevelle, Golden Brown-Bought in July of 2023

Interests: Cruising, Car Shows, Tech Info, Tours

## **Member's Corner**

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

My Chevelle Journey  
Larry McMullen

My journey to owning a Chevelle began when I was in high school.

Not having much money, right before I turned 16 in 1970 I bought my first car. A clean, rust free 1957 Chevy. I paid a whopping \$400 for it! I drove it for about a year, but my dream was to have



a '67 Chevelle SS396. I convinced my Dad that I could sell it and started looking for a Chevelle. I had been saving money pumping gas after school and putting up hay in the summers. I found a buyer for the '57 and when taking the buyer to his house I got T-Boned by an old man that ran a stop sign. In today's world they would have repaired it, but in 1971 it was just an old car and would have cost more to fix it than it was worth, so it was totaled by the insurance company. It turned out ok, because I got the insurance money and kept the car and parted it out, so I made more money than I would have if I had just sold it.

Then I really started looking for a Chevelle. An SS still wasn't within my budget, but I did find a really clean one owner Nantucket Blue '67 Malibu 2-door hardtop with only about 23,000 miles on it. I think I paid \$2,000 for it. It had a 283 2-barrel carb, powerglide transmission, no power steering, no power brakes, and no A/C. But I thought it was great! My Dad would joke that I was going to wash and wax the paint off by how I kept it clean. I did continue saving my money and put a set of Cragar SS wheels on it with F70-14 tires and a set of gauges. Since it only had an AM radio, I installed a really cool 8-track tape player in it so I could listen to groups like Led Zeppelin, Jethro Tull & Black Sabbath. You get the drift on what music I liked! Of course, it had single exhaust and was really quiet so I splurged on a Cherry Bomb muffler so it would sound a "little better".

I drove it through high school and college. Then life started to happen. Got married and Dad convinced me that I needed to have a more economical car now that I was married and just starting out in the job market. So, I sold it to a young kid that immediately started tearing it up. I'm sure it probably ended up in a junk yard. (Dad later admitted that selling it was probably not a good idea.) The economical car I ended up with was a '66 VW Beetle!! Life continued to happen. Marriage (a couple), kids, etc. so my Chevelle dreams got put way back on the back burner. I continued to dream and scour the internet, looking at cars for sale.

Fast forward to December 2021. While sitting at my computer looking at cars online, my wife Chris came by and said; "What are you looking at? Oh, cars. As long as I've known you, you have been dreaming of getting one of those. Now that we are retired, why don't you get serious about finding one? Life's too short to not realize our dreams." Wow! I just got the green light to go shopping! I figured that I better act fast before the light turned red! She did add that I couldn't go "Stupid" and there was a budget. I was ok with that.

One of the main things that I was looking for was preferably one that was Marina Blue. My high school Malibu was Nantucket Blue, but I always liked the Marina Blue better. I looked at several cars, but they were either too expensive for me or they were overpriced for the condition that they were in. Finally, one Saturday morning I called on an Ad for a car in Omaha. It wasn't an SS but it checked every other box on my list. Plus, it was a convertible and I thought that would be cool. The next morning, I drove to Omaha. After driving the car and crawling underneath of it on a 0-degree day, I negotiated a price with the seller that we both could live with. He even trailered it from Omaha to my house. Soon after I went to the World of Wheels show and met Eugene and he convinced me to join MidAmerica Chevelle Club. I haven't regretted it for a second. I once read; "When you park your car and don't turn around and look at it as you walk away, you bought the wrong car." I look at it every time!





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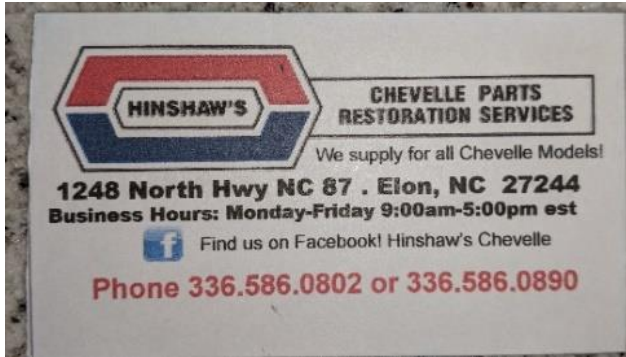
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### **Mid-America Chevelle Club Apparel for Sale**

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](mailto:khdemott@gmail.com)

