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**MACC HOLIDAY PARTY
PICS, 2025 EVENTS, AND
A CHEVELLE STORY**

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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:	Randy Cummins
Treasurer:	Eugene Hallouer
At Large:	John Gragg
At Large:	Open

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.

If anyone has any question about when their dues expire or have any trouble paying online contact Eugene at locoman@everestkc.net

Meeting Minutes

MID-AMERICA CHEVELLE CLUB
Location: MINSKY'S PIZZA 7198 RENNER RD, SHAWNEE KS 66217
October 30, 2024
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Verstraete and all were welcomed. We had a visitor, Jeremy (JT) with a Chevelle 454. Introductions were made and JT was welcomed. 24 members attended.

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



Brian Findley reviewed our show and noted that we will be hosting the Midwest Regional show again the last weekend in September, probably at the same location.

Eugene Hallouer provided the Treasurer's report. We have 113 current members.

A reminder to all that our annual Christmas Party will be on Dec 14 at the Thompson Barn. Jack Stack will be catering BBQ Pork and Brisket. Bring your own drinks (alcohol is allowed). Cost is \$20/person. John Freeman will be our emcee.

Club members again voted to donate \$350 to Wreaths Across America with wreaths placed at the Ft. Leavenworth Veterans Cemetery. The following members generously made personal donations bringing our total to \$1,911.

Corey Needham
Ted Farley
John & Debra Gragg
Tim Cunningham
John Freeman
Jay Guengerich
John Jamison
Kevin Shields
Michael Ashley

It was noted that Russ Peters, who has been undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer. now also has Stage 4 liver cancer. Russ' wife, Vicki also had a double mastectomy. Russ is being cared for at Brookdale Assisted Living – 12000 Lamar.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Best Holidays to all and we'll see you at the January meeting.

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
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:

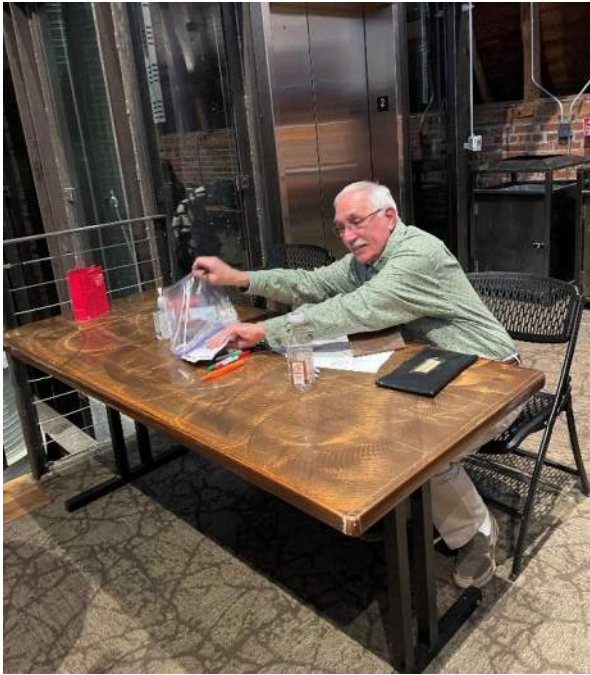
Brian Findley
Roger Verstraete
Jeff Long



Events attended recently by MACC

December 14: MACC Annual Christmas Party, Thompson Barn, Lenexa, KS

Our annual holiday party was held once again inside the Thompson Barn. A good time was had by all. The meal was catered by Jack Stack BBQ. As always, the white elephant gift exchange provided a lot of laughs and entertainment. John Freeman returned as the Master of Ceremonies.







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Calendar of Upcoming Events 2025

Date	Event	Location	Host	Entry Fee
March				
7	First Friday		Host needed	
15	Tour of Truman Library	Independence, MO		
22	Cruise Night	Weston, MO		
April				
4	First Friday		Host needed	
5	Cars and Coffee	Kansas Speedway		
12	Another Dam Car Show	Riverfront Park Riverside, MO		\$25
26	Caffeine and Chrome	Gateway Classics Olathe, KS	Featured Club	
May				
2	First Friday		Roger and Janet Verstraete	
3	Kansas Whiteway Car Run	Atchison, KS to Frankfort, KS		
9-10	Loafers Car Show	Hannibal, MO		
10	Pete and Jakes Car Show	Peculiar, MO		
11	Mothers Day			
16	TOP Cars Under The Stars	Olathe Legion		\$20 entry at the gate
18	Driving Cruise		Roger to host	
June				
6	First Friday		Host needed	
8	Sunday Club Picnic	Longview Lake Jackson County Missouri Shelter House #12		
14	Paola Car Show	Paola, KS		



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15	Fathers Day – Wine and Wheels	Stone Pillar Winery in Olathe, KS		
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July				
4-6	Goodguys Show	Des Moines, IA		

August				
1	First Friday		Host needed	
9	Leavenworth Car Show	Leavenworth, KS		
16	Hot Alma Nights	Alma, KS		
16	Midwest Show and Shine	KC, MO		
23	Majic Touch Car Show	Louisburg, KS		
29	Wellsville Car Show	Wellsville, KS		

September				
5 and 6	Midwest Regionals	NFM Kansas City, KS		
13	Turkey Creek Car Show	Merriam, KS		
14	Shawnee Car Show	Shawnee, KS		
20	Ol Marais River Run Car Show	Ottawa, KS		
27	Rev It Up Car Show	Lawrence, KS		

October				
3	First Friday		Host needed	
11	Warrensburg Wheels Car Show	Warrensburg, MO		
TBD	Combat Air Museum Car Show	Topeka, KS?		

November				
22&23	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals	Rosemont, IL		

December				
6	MACC Christmas Party	Thompson Barn Lenexa, KS		

We will add and update the events list each month as we go through the year.



If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Shannon or any of the committee members.

Event Planning Committee
Shannon Pickworth-Coordinator
402-452-6761 cell/text
spickworth@ymail.com

Committee members include:

Roger Verstraete
Steve Calder
Brian Findley
Ray Harper
John Prouty

President's Column

Hi MACC,

First off, I want to wish everyone in the club a happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

On to some club news. I know some of you attended our Mid America Chevelle car show that was held at the Embassy Suites in Olathe last fall. Our intentions were to have this year's Midwest Chevelle Regional show there, but after Brian discussed the cost associated with having the Regional at this hotel, we decided we could no longer use that location. So, we have been looking at different sites, but the same issue keeps coming up, the cost to use someone's parking lot for two days. As an example, the Argosy Casino wanted \$2,500 per day just to use an overflow parking lot. Another big issue is many owners of unused parking lots don't want the liability associated with a car show on their property. So earlier this month I contacted Nebraska Furniture Mart, and we were able to come to an agreement to use their parking lot like we have done in the past. However, we had to change from having our car show on the 4th weekend in September to the 1st weekend in September. The official dates are September 5th and 6th. After looking at this year's calendar, Labor Day falls on September 1st so we will miss this busy holiday weekend. The other good thing is that generally there are no big car shows to compete with for attendance that early in the month. The car show committee has a lot of details to work out to put on a 2-day Chevelle Regional and are planning to meet in February to do so.

The 2025 Midwest Chevelle Regional will feature the 1965 Chevelle because it's the 60th anniversary of that Chevelle model. In 1965, Chevrolet introduced a very limited production Malibu SS 396. It was Chevrolet's way to create a stir about the new 396 engine. The RPO code was Z16 thus the name Z16 Chevelles. There were only 201 of these cars built, with one being a convertible. They are considered extremely rare, so they are almost never seen in person. At our show last year, our club member Dave from Iowa brought down his beautiful red Z16 SS. Dave told me that there are only 68 that are on the Z16 registry. These 396s were rated at 375hp but later it was determined they were closer to 425hp engines. These are considered the rarest Chevelles



ever built. Each of these cars were built using a convertible frame due to them being boxed and considered stronger. Some of the other unique Z16 parts included an M20 Muncie 4-speed transmission, heavy duty rear end with 331:1 gear ratio, heavy duty suspension with boxed rear control arms, special 160 mph speedometer and a tachometer, simulated mag wheel covers on special 6" wide wheels, and gold stripe tires. With the Z16 package you only had the choice of 3 colors, Tuxedo Black, Regal Red, and Crocus Yellow. These specialized Chevelle's were built here at the Leeds plant in Kansas City in March and April of 1965. Out of the 200 cars built here, 175 were sold to the public and the other 25 were used as public relations for test driving. The press release for this limited Malibu was June 26, 1965. There is a report that later in the model year there was 1 convertible built, but the whereabouts as of today is still a mystery, thus a total of 201 being built. I believe since the super rare SS 396 1965 Chevelle's press release was in June of 1965, these cars were used to promote the 1966 SS396 Chevelle. This new Super Sport model was going to be a standard option going forward in the Chevrolet line. These are just some of the interesting facts about the 1965 Chevelle and we are really hoping to have several of these rare Chevilles at our car show this September. I will keep everyone informed because you don't want to miss out on seeing one in person.

Our next club meeting is January 30th at Minsky's Pizza in Shawnee, Kansas. All exits to Midland Dr. are open until early March when they start up again to replace the 2nd bridge on I-435. Hope to see you there.

Roger

Vice-President's Column

Hello MACC,

Can you believe that 2025 is already here and it will soon be time to get those Chevelle out and on the road.

The activities committee has already been busy working on providing a list of opportunities for us to come together to enjoy our cars and each other's company. I encourage each of you to pick at least two events that you would like to attend (of course you don't have to attend just two).

In addition to the events to attend, we still would like members to host a First Friday evening. This is where a member hosts the club's membership to an evening of good eats and friendship. Check the events calendar for an open Friday if you would like to host. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the activities committee (committee members can be found elsewhere in the newsletter).

This year we will be hosting the 38th Midwest Chevelle Regional at the Nebraska Furniture Mart parking lot September 5th and 6th. I encourage everyone to attend. In addition to attending the show, we can always use help during the show, all the way from setup to helping out-of-town guests. The proceeds from this show will help with the club's Christmas party (our largest event of the year). I know it is early, but it never hurts to plan ahead. Lol



If you have a project this winter, I hope it is going well. My garage is currently full and waiting for much better weather. I have a 200r4 transmission just waiting to be installed in our 1971 Malibu. Looking forward to getting it completed and on the road.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.
Brian

New Members

There have been no new members join the club since our last meeting.

Member's Corner

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

A Chevelle Story, by Joedy Terrill

My Chevelle story starts with the tale of two '55 Chevys. One that my parents bought new and was my family's only car until 1965, and the other owned by my youngest "Hot Rod" uncle. During my early elementary school years, we lived in Kahoka, MO, a small town in northeast Missouri that had a popular drag strip named Tri- State Dragway. I spent many days with my uncle riding and sliding around on gravel roads in his '55 Chevy equipped with a 283 Powerpack engine with a Corvette cam making it scream between shifts. He was also a regular participant at the local drag strip. Hence, I had a cool uncle with a race car. I was hooked, so it did not take long in my young formative years to fall into the Chevrolet car culture. Thus, I anxiously waited to come of age and have my own '55 Chevy that I could someday drive, add some hot rod modifications to make it fast and loud, and hopefully make a few passes down the drag strip.

After many years of faithful family service, our '55 Chevy was then used by my older sister. Luckily for me, the '55 was not the car that she wanted to be seen in, so I got to practice my mechanical skills on it until I obtained my driver's license. Being young and broke, I was only able to keep it running as-is with its original 265 V8. It would foul the plugs at least weekly, so I became very proficient at changing them (I would still challenge anyone to plug-changing contest!). I thought I was ready to go big with a rebuilt 327 engine and 4-speed for my dream car until my dad had one of those father/son talks. "Son, do not waste your money on that old car. You would be better off buying something newer." So, I sort of took his advice and I sort of didn't. I promptly bought my first Chevelle, a '66 Super Sport, 396/ 360 HP, Hurst shifted 4-speed for \$700. Several years later, I finally did get to restore our old family '55 Chevy and my dad approved of the results. To this day, I still have that '55.





The family '55 today

In high school I was a proud kid with a Super Sport Chevelle. Life was good and many great memories were made with my buddies working on our cars and cruising HiBoy's on Noland Road and Peter's Drive Inn on State Avenue. A few drag racing passes down KCIR were also made. After heavy persistence from a good friend, I sold my Chevelle to him. He immediately installed headers and an L88 cam, making it a great street performer in the KC Northland.



The high school cruiser (notice the family '55 in the background)





The last day of high school

Not to be my one and only Chevelle, years later during my young adulting life, a friend provided me a lead on a 1967 El Camino with a 396 and loaded with options. This car (or truck if you prefer) revived my Chevelle/ El Camino passion and would lead to many more projects over the years since. On a whim, a neighbor and I built a 1969 Chevelle Super Stock dirt track car that we ran for two years. This was certainly a bad decision for keeping Chevells alive for future generations. The weekly damage and work made me realize that I prefer making them pretty, rather than muddy and making junk parts. Please forgive me. Hopefully, some of my more recent projects have saved some Chevells and El Caminos, given them new life for others to enjoy, and made up for past deeds. I am looking forward to working on two more future project cars that are just waiting for my attention.





The '69 dirt track racer



Some post-race damage



A current ride

Chevilles have also become a family thing. I sold a '69 Chevelle SS to my brother Jeff for his first car, and we both had sons who first cars were project Chevilles that we built together with them. One of those was a '71 Chevelle that we purchased from my cousin, the son of my "Hot Rod" uncle.

It has also been great to be part of a Chevelle-owner's organization. Through the years of meeting local, regional, and national Chevelle club groups many new friendships and acquaintances have been acquired. What a great hobby we have to share with others like us.



Joedy and his brother Jeff are currently restoring their uncle's race car back to its glory days!



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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 and photos to khdemott@gmail.com

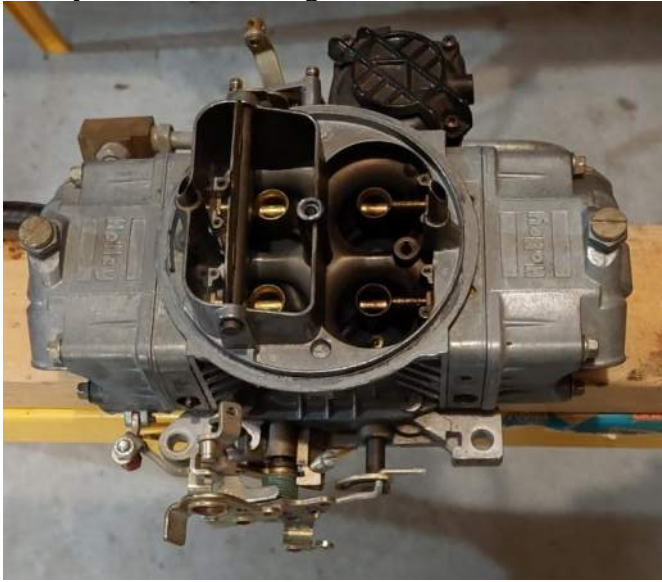
Dick Luman has the following parts he would like to sell. If you are interested in any of them you can contact him at 913-481-6552 or dluman@lumancpa.com

World Products Sportsman II cast iron cylinder heads for small block Chevrolet. The heads have been disassembled, cleaned, ported, polished, and are ready to go (except for springs to match your camshaft). Includes all roller rocker arms and locking adjuster nuts. All that is needed are springs to match your camshaft. \$1,400 OBO

SBC MSD HEI distributor, complete with plug wires and looms, and MSD ignition control box. \$400 or OBO



Holley 770 Street Avenger carburetor. \$300 OBO



SBC headers need refinishing. \$100 (These came off his 1979 El Camino with a 400 small block).



John Gragg has the following items for sale. If you are interested in them, contact John at 816-804-4771.

Numerous cans of R12 for sale. \$25.00 per can.



Richmond 12 bolt 3.08 ring and pinion. \$150.00

