

President's Message March 2005

Once again, I'd like to welcome all the new members to Long Island Chevelles. The club has been a great success thus far, and a special thanks to all its members for the hard work.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 16, 2005 at 7:30p.m. The meeting will be held at I-Hop on Sunrise Hwy in Massapequa Park. It's directly across from the Massapequa Park Train Station on the south side. The manager at I-Hop has set aside an area of the dining room for us. Members can enjoy a late dinner, snack, or dessert while we discuss our business. I know I'll be diving into some Chocolate Chip Pancakes and Ice Cream. A Special thanks to member Steve Walk for setting this location up for us. If there is fair weather that day, bring your car, we would love to see them and take some pics.

A.C.E.S.: Our request to be an A.C.E.S. Associate Club has been sent down to Tennessee and we are anxiously awaiting to hear back from Chuck Hansen. Those of you, who would like more information on ACES or to join ACES, visit their Website, listed on our 'links' page.

Colton Camaro Project: Thanks to all the members who donated to the Colton Camaro project. We've sent a check for \$75.00 to the charity. If any other members would like to donate just drop us a note or check the Colton Camaro link on the home page.

Events: The Garden City Easter Parade on March 27, 2005 will 'kick off' our 2005 season. It's a great way to spend Easter morning and wives, girlfriends, and children are always welcome. There are usually 400-600 cars many of which are not usually seen at area cruise nights. Cars begin to assemble at 10am. With or without your car it's a great morning. We'll also have lots of LIC flyers to hand out so we could use the help. I'll send out an e-mail reminder, as it gets closer with a time and location for us to meet that morning. Again, those who are considering attending any of the ACES events should make reservations now, as the local hotels tend to fill up fast.

Financing your Project: When considering ways to get some extra cash available for your project, share them with the membership. Most of us are probably in the 'same boat'. This month I looked into my phone bill. My carrier, AT&T charged me 27.99 for basic unlimited local service. Adding in taxes, options, fees, and long distance...I was paying a whopping 65.00 a month on average. One phone call away was Cablevision's Optimum Voice. I'm not a big fan of the Cablevision Monopoly, but I do love to save money. A switch to Optimum Voice phone service will save me \$600.00 annually. So with 2 phone calls and one week's time I now have a steady 50.00 a month to spend on my wagon project. Its something to look into, and depending on your current Cablevision package (if any) your individual savings may vary. The only drawback is, you currently have to change your number. I didn't care much but my wife was upset. Our old number belonged to her Great-Great-Grandmother, her Great-Grandmother, her Grandmother, and her father before it was ours. But what the hell....I got Chevelle Money.

Local Shops: We would also like to keep members informed of local business that we've had good experiences with. Shops for new or old cars are wanted, so send us an e-mail with any suggestions. Tri-Auto Motors has been an area service station for decades. It is a respectable shop and Lou; the owner is a fellow car guy and an excellent trained mechanic. You'll pay the 'going rate' at Tri-Auto but you won't get ripped off and they stand behind their work. Tri-Auto will work on most foreign and domestic cars including old classics. Tri-Auto Motors is located in New Hyde Park on Imperial Avenue.

Cars For Sale: This month I found two cars for sale that look interesting. So, if anyone is looking here they are:

1970 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE MALIBU, big block, 396, 500 miles, cowl hood, Corvette wheels, \$10,500. (860) 965-1498 (4x) . East Hartford

And

1970 Chevelle 396 4spd Fresh Tune up

Charcoal Gray Paint, Black Interior

Great Condition # matching motor engine goes with car \$13,000

Call for details 715-248-4726 Shawn

Located in Western Wisconsin near Cedar Lake Speedway.

I once again ask that members submit photos for the website. Competed and in-progress photos are great. Members may bring photos to the meeting for submission to the site. If any member has interest in writing tech articles please feel free to do so. Classifieds are now both open to members and the public, list your extra parts on the site and help clean up your garage.

Any members who have drawn up some ideas for a logo should bring them to the March Meeting as well. If you can't attend the meeting please mail in the drawings.

Keep Spreading The Word...

Long Island Chevelles the fastest growing club in the Tri-State Area.

Regards,

Rob Mirabile #001
