

President's Message January 2006

With the close of 2005 we recognize an outstanding first year for Long Island Chevelles. Our membership grew at a rate so rapid it surpassed all of our goals and expectations. I would like to thank the membership for their individual recruitment efforts. People continue to inquire about our club on a daily basis and as we are getting more established in the 'club' world our respect and membership will continue to grow.

Thanks in part to some national press through Team Chevelle, A.C.E.S, and Chevelle World Magazine we have been recognized in our first year as an ACES associate club. Such recognition, along with our own promotions has brought us some serious admiration among the who's-who of the muscle car world. This year I attended an event at a segment of the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour. Participants and Spectators at the event made mention and talked with me about Long Island Chevelles. Several people commented when they saw the Long Island Chevelles sticker on my Chevelle in the show field. Although they were from all corners of the country, they recognized the name and were familiar with our club through the website.

Our club website, originally intended to be a simple way to let members know what's happening in the club has also grown beyond our imagination. Vice President Art Capelle incredibly and on his own, learned how to put it all up on the screen. The site has become an informative resource for the Chevelle enthusiast and a great place to spend some time in the photo galleries, tech pages, or On The Road stories. Look for even more on the web as we have enlisted a LIC member to be the club Webmaster.

This first year has also given us the opportunity to organize and promote some small shows. With the assistance of the guys at the Stock Appearing Drags Association we held two successful show/drag events. These events have received national attention and seem to be a growing trend that we will look to stay involved in.

One of the most difficult undertakings for a new club was the finalizing of a logo. I'm happy with the final design and its been well received by the majority of members and public. After the logo we were able to successfully

complete a large shirt and jacket order. Special thanks to the clothing committee, Joe Dombal and Dom Magnone on their hard work and long hours getting the orders correct and on time. T-shirts and jackets are still available so contact [Joe](#) for more information.

This coming year we would like to mention several events for members of the club to participate in:

- June 8-10 2006, Chevell~abration, Nashville TN.
- July 7-9 2006, Can AM Regional, Niagara Falls, NY.
- July 29 and Nov 4, Stock Appearing Drags and Show, Englishtown NJ
- TBD, Bonac Cruisers Classic Club Car Show, Eastern LI
- TBD, Ground Up Show, Meridian Connecticut.
- April 16, 2006, Garden City Easter Parade

The out of state events have been great trips in the past. Members have brought their friends and families to these events and made mini-vacations out of them. The Cam AM event is a perfect 'long weekend' for the entire family.

The member dues for 2006 will be collected from 1/8 through 1/31. Each member will be sent an e-mail invoice with the amount they owe. I'll try to explain the dues structure here and will clarify at the next meeting. All members paid \$25 when they joined and were given a membership that expires Jan '06. This was done so that all members will expire at the same time. For 2006 members will pay a pro-rated amount based on when they joined in 2005. For example a member who joined in Jan '05 will owe \$25 in Jan '06, compared to a member who joined in June '05 will owe \$15 in Jan '06. Members who joined mid-year will receive a \$2 a month credit for the months in 2005 prior to them joining. This is being done for 2 reasons. First to align all dues to be paid during the same time period each year and Second, to make things fair to members who join late in the year. While we discuss dues I'd like to mention that our Treasurer Scott Fishkind has done an outstanding job keeping our finances straight under some adverse conditions. We did experience some growing pains in our accounting practices which Scott has worked out for us.

Anyone experiencing the winter blues? Has the cold weather stopped you from working on your car?? Is the sand and salt on the roads keeping your

classic in the garage instead of on the road??? Well maybe a solution for the gear driven motorhead-speed freak inside of you. Several members of Long Island Chevelles will be doing some off road ATV riding this winter and early spring. If anyone else is interested in doing some riding on quads or 3-wheelers, send the club an e-mail. Helmets, registration, and insurance are required to ride in NY, CT, and PA. Check the local [ATV message board](#) for more info. Teens and youth welcome as always. Next ride Jan 8.

January Meeting:

The January meeting will be held on Sunday January 8, 2006, at Member Steve Walk's Hobby Shop, The meeting will take place at 7:30 P.M. coffee and donuts will be served. Please e-mail the [club](#) and lets us know if you will be attending.

Directions: Steve's Garage: 74B Kean Street, West Babylon 11704

- **From the west:** Southern State **East** to exit 36N. (Straight Path toward Wyandanch). Make Slight right onto Straight Path CR-2 for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Make sharp left onto Edison Ave for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Turn right onto Kean Street.
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Or use [Mapquest](#) with the address above.

Happy New Year to all the members, family, and friends of Long Island Chevelles. We hope that 2006 will be as successful as the past year.

Keep Spreading The Word...

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

Regards,

Rob Mirabile #001