

## ***Long Island Chevelles Newsletter***

**November 2006**

### **Club News:**

The past month had many members out at club events. Our Sunday night Commerce Bank cruise has proven to be an outstanding way to end a weekend. Sadly, we do announce the end of the Commerce Cruise for this season. We'll be sure to bring it back in the early spring. During the month we also attended the rain-date of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Auto Show. The show yielded a smaller turnout than expected due to the rain-out and various other shows around the island on the rain date. However, we still did have a great time and got to see many beautiful classics with a scenic beachfront location. Club President Rob Mirabile took home a 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy with his 67 Malibu Convertible.

### **October Meeting Re-Cap:**

The October Meeting, held at Robert Moses State Park was a good location for us as it offered some of the 'east end' guys an opportunity to attend a meeting without too much travel.

Discussed at the meeting was:

- Places are needed for winter meetings with a central location. Sunday evenings have been our best turnout for meetings, specifically the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.
- Members are needed to plan a Holiday Dinner for January. Interested members should e-mail the club. 2 or 3 guys should have no trouble setting this up. Member Lou Scotto-Lavino has offered his assistance so far. We do need at least one other member to help him out.
- A fall jacket order will be submitted this week. If you want a jacket but have been slow getting us the order form and money it's not too late. E-mail [Art Capelle](#) right away to get in on this order.
- We do apologize for the delay in updating the website. Webmaster Duane Emery (in California) has had internet provider issues, and should be updating the site in the next few days.
- Drag day at Englishtown is 11/4 e-mail [Art Capelle](#) for details.
- Pick up some club clothing for your holiday gifts. Contact [Joe Dombal](#) for hats, shirts, and sweatshirts.
- New LongIslandChevelles.com stickers coming soon.
- Club E-Mail will be down for maintenance from November 5 to November 12, we apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Getting Ready for Winter**

Several of our members do drive their classics year round. For most of us, the onset of winter will begin a hibernation period for these cars. Shielding it from the harsh winter elements, road grime, and salt is of utmost concern. Below is an outline of steps you can take to help protect your classic and ensure you'll have an easy time when the weather breaks in the spring.

- Clean your ride inside and out. Leftover dirt from the cruising season can wreak havoc on your paint and interior over a winter. Don't forget the engine compartment and underside. If you wash it with a hose, when your done take it for a short but clean ride to 'blow' out any water left in body cavities.
- Empty your trunk and interior. Remove all items stored in the vehicle; this will help to prevent a spot for condensation and mold. Remove floor mats and store flat inside your house (basement or attic is best). Removal of the floor mats also relieves a location were condensation is likely to occur.
- Protect interior against rodents. There are commercially available products to deter mice and other animal pests. Many have reported success with Irish Spring Deodorant Soap. Cut up a bar or two into several chunks and place in trunk and passenger compartment. The aroma given off by the soap will deter such creatures from entering and will ensure a fresh smell in the spring. Some people also like to place a plastic bag over the tailpipes to deter rodents; if your problem is that bad you might want to give it a try...along with an exterminator.
- Convertible owners should park the vehicle with the top up and latched. Leaving the top down or unlatched can facilitate too much shrinking of the top over the winter. If you like to add a little extra tightening to the winter storage loosen the adjustment on your latches a turn or two max for winter storage. This will allow for some shrinking to occur but won't leave room for too much shrinking that can present latching problems come spring.
- Check and top off all fluids. If you're a racer and run straight water as coolant, be sure to add the correct amount of anti-freeze. Run it though the system with the heat on to ensure the anti-freeze gets into your heater core. If you use conventional oil it's a good idea to do an oil and filter change before storage, synthetic users can wait until spring. Many owners like to add 'Marvel Mystery Oil' to the crankcase and fuel tank to assist in battling condensation. It's been used for decades with great success.
- Stabilize Your Fuel. Gasoline, including specialty higher octane fuels deteriorate and varnish in short time. They can also have an adverse reaction to condensation that will occur during the winter in your fuel tank. The use of commercially available fuel stabilizer products is strongly recommended. Before storage add 25% of fresh fuel to your tank and include the directed amount of stabilizer. Drive for a few blocks to mix in the stabilizer and give it a chance to make it through the fuel lines up to the engine.
- It is also recommended that you park your car on a clean floor in your garage or storage area. This will allow you to determine the location of any leaks that may occur over the period of storage.
- If you'll be parking in a dry area that is resilient to temperature change, a lightweight dust cover is recommended. If the storage area allows for vast temperature fluctuations and moisture commonly occurs of the metal and glass surfaces a cover is not suggested as it will 'hold' onto the water. A tip to correct this condensation problem is to avoid opening the garage door on cool damp days when temps are just above freezing. If dampness presents a problem in an insulated garage the use of an electric dehumidifier is suggested.
- Lastly, don't forget your battery. Most classic owners have reported that removal of the battery is not necessary during winter storage. The use of a high quality battery maintainer or tender is all that's needed. They are available either in electric or solar format. Be sure to use one that will not allow overcharging of the battery.

### **More Web Stuff:**

Our videos are becoming increasingly popular both locally and worldwide. To date, our videos have been viewed over 25 thousand times. Use the following links to view the videos.

- [YouTube Videos](#)
- [Google Videos](#)

A common request over the 23 months Long Island Chevelles has been operating is an interactive on-line forum where members can post and respond to topics and questions. Last month we told you about North East Moto, an online forum that has given us our own private club area. Only a few members have registered so far. It's free and easy so please click on over to [North East Moto](#) and get registered. After registration you'll have to request permission to the Long Island Chevelles 'Area', to post and view topics. Please give it a try.

**LIC-TV Season Two:**

Cablevision Public Access Channel 20

Woodbury Feed Thursday 4:00 PM

Brookhaven/Hauppauge Feed Friday 12:30 AM

Now taping for our winter/spring episodes. If you're doing a project that would be interesting for LIC-TV let us know and we'll try to schedule taping.

**View Shows On-Line!!!** All the shows, when you want 'em.

If you want more LIC-TV you can now view our shows on-line. New episodes will be added each week that they air. We will also backfill with last season's episodes over the next few weeks.

Full Web-Cast Shows **HERE**

**Feature Car:**

To nominate your car as a Feature Car **send in a paragraph or two** telling us why you should be worthy of the Long Island Chevelles Feature. The history of your resto/mods should be included as well as personal info that makes your car special. Remember the feature car is about the person behind the car just as much as it's about the car itself. Don't forget to include some before, during, and after photos.

Keep Spreading The Word...

Long Island Chevelles *"Bringing the hobbyist back to the hobby"*