

President's Message September 2006

Club News:

A dry and sunny August kept most of the club cruising all month. Our own Commerce Bank Sunday evening cruise has become a great success. While still new we have had a few Sundays with nearly three-dozen cars. Its still hit or miss because such a new cruise can be somewhat unpredictable. Some nights only about a dozen showed but in the past month the numbers have been growing each week. Special thanks to the LI GTO Club for coming out and extremehp.com for plugging our cruises.

This month the club took part in several cruise-in events. We spent a Friday night in the Hamptons at the Meschutt Beach Cruise sponsored by The Beach Hut Restaurant. This cruise was right on the beach with a live band, outdoor bar, and restaurant. Many club members turned out for a great evening with their family and friends. We also attended the Town of Oyster Bay Friday night cruise at the Massapequa Park train station. Once again the theme was live music and a family atmosphere. This has turned out to be a great event and we hope that Oyster Bay will sponsor the event next summer as well. Another great cruise was Saturday nights at Cedar Beach, again sponsored by The Beach Hut restaurant. More live music, food, and a great beachfront location kept us going back week after week.

We've spent lots of time this month cruising from location to location. It's probably the most time put on our cars in a month in recent history. The members really seemed to enjoy getting to know one another. The only drawback has really been the amount of gas and money our carburetors have sucked down. Oh well.

All good things do come to an end, as did August. The last week more than made up for our dry weather with constant rain. The rain caused a postponement of our club photo shoot and the Sunday and Monday cruises. If it ever dries out we'll hit the road again. It was also nice to see many members who do not have a road worthy classic show up anyway. Remember you don't have to bring your classic to meet up with the club at any of its events; it's about the people.

Keeping in line with a month full of cruises, our July/August summer meeting was held at the Cedar Beach cruise. At the meeting we discussed the cruise-in schedule for the month, we recapped Chevell-abration, photo right (standing L to R) Unknown overall guy,



Wes Rankin, Gregg Martin, Denis Keifer, Jerry Bethke. (sitting L to R) Mike Suckow, Brad Rankin, Rob Mirabile, Steven Mirabile

The Northern Regional, a club favorite was attended by several club members. Our club turn out for this event is growing each year as many members really like the



location near Niagara Falls. Pictured left is the Long Island Chevelles executive board along with A.C.E.S. President Chuck Hansen. (photo L to R) Sctrtrary Dom Magnone, President Rob Mirabile, Honorary Member Chuck Hansen, Vice President Art Capelle, Treasurer Scott Fishkind, along with Robby

and Steven Mirabile. The Northern Regional is one of those events that includes the whole family. Several club members have made this event a family vacation over the years we have attended. Pictured below are the Capelle, Mirabile, and Locurto families who have been making this trip for several years.

Photo right (Back Row L to R) Michele Mirabile, Rob Mirabile, Amanda Mirabile, Rosemary Capelle, Matthew Capelle, Art Capelle (Front Row L to R) Steven Mirabile, Rebecca Locurto, Jessica Locurto, Robby Mirabile, Nicholas Capelle, Gregory Capelle.

Also discussed at the meeting was the great success of our Family Day and BBQ where over 30 people attended for a day



at the drags. We look forward to having another family day in the near future. The remainder of the meeting turned is to a session of bench racing...car guys just can't get enough.

Club Photo-Shoot:

The photo shoot set for August 27 was postponed due to the rain. We will attempt to reschedule for late September. The final commitments from the models were less than expected so we have added some alternatives to the shoot. We will take photos of the cars with the models that do make a commitment to us. We will also take photos of the cars alone, with their owners, and with whomever you might want. If you want a great high quality photo of your car with your dog, you, you're wife, your kids, your mistress, and your father in a clown costume???? Whatever you like we'll take the photos. Of course we will continue to try and secure models for the shoot. We plan to use a variety of all the photos taken to make a calendar, poster, or for promotional efforts.

GIRLS WANTED-AMATEUR MODELS WANTED:

Have a friend, acquaintance, or family member who might be interested? Let us know. Girls will be asked to pose with the cars and should be able to bring their own wardrobe. We'll supply club shirts for them for appropriate photos. This is a great opportunity for exposure on the website and TV show for an up and coming model. You never know who might see a fresh new face. E-mail the club for details.

ALL OVER THE WEB:

Over the past month we have been adding short videos to our 'You Tube' web channel. We have also begun adding LICTV shows to google video. As of this writing our videos have been viewed more than 6500 times world wide. If you haven't checked out the videos yet you can go to

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=LICTV> and <http://www.video.google.com> and search Long Island Chevelles. In the coming month there will be a menu and interface on our website that will take you directly to all our videos. At the request of the membership, Long Island Chevelles has partnered with North East Moto to bring us our own message forum. Categories include; general discussion, tech Q & A, and Feedback. Go to

<http://www.northeastmoto.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=188> to check out the message forums. There is a registration process, but it's easy and free, so sign up and post a message in the forum. If you really like message forums don't forget our web affiliate TeamChevelle.com for all things Chevelle.

More web you say? Thanks to member Ben Schneider, Long Island Chevelles now has a myspace page. Visit www.myspace.com/chevelle_club to see our page.

Web Site:

Members are reminded that you are encouraged to participate in the website by submitting Photos, Tech Articles, On-The-Road Stories, Event Reviews, and Recipes. Include photos of your car, in progress photos, project photos and even

photos from events you might have attended. If you do attend an event feel free to submit an article about the event along with photos you might have taken as well.

Long Island Chevelles TV:

LIC-TV on Cablevision Channel 20, Fridays at 12AM (Thursday Night at Mid-night) running episodes weekly through September.

Currently airing multiple episodes covering Chevella-bration 2006. Coming soon will be event coverage from the Northern Regional and Family Day.

LIC-TV ON-LINE:

View all our shows, whenever you want, right in front of your computer. LIC-TV will enter the next phase of its show. Within the next month you will find a menu on the website with all the current and past show titles. Click on the one you want and you can view it whenever you want. This will also allow people from outside our broadcast area to view LIC-TV, a first of its kind for a local club and something that had been requested by auto enthusiasts who follow Long Island Chevelles across the country.

Long Island Chevelles is actively seeking volunteers or interns for this TV Production Project. Volunteers will be involved in all aspects of producing a 1/2 hour weekly TV show. Applicants should have some casual experience in digital video editing. Applicants can be involved in the production, filming, and creative aspects of the show but must be available to edit the raw footage at a minimum. Volunteers may apply individually, as a small group, or as a class project. Volunteers involved in this project may be eligible for community service time. (Check local school guidelines). Interested applicants should contact Long Island Chevelles President Rob Mirabile at 917-379-0366.

Long Island Chevelles, project On-A-Budget:

Project On-A-Budget will get under way in October 2006. This project will have a monthly detailed feature on the club website, along with a tech segment on Long Island Chevelles TV. Designed to bring the hobbyist back to the hobby, Project On-A-Budget will demonstrate how a resto/mod Chevelle can be completed by the average do-it-yourselfer. The project will run for an estimated 12-15 months with articles, photos, and balance sheets showing how you can have a great Chevelle without the assistance of a Wall Street investor. Upon completion project On-A-Budget will be on display at events on the National, regional, and local levels.

Club Clothing:

Get a full description and pricing of club clothing at the 'Club Merchandise' page. New items have been added. As always, club merchandise is available at club meetings and events. If you have previously ordered a jacket it has arrived. E-mail the club for more info.

A fall jacket order will be taken. Look for an e-mail in the next few weeks regarding this order.

Feature Car:

Our first feature, Bob Kammerer's 66 El Camino is under way. The feature should be done soon. We will be looking for the next feature car to be announced in January 2007.

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. Don't forget to include some before, during, and after photos.

Members Helping Members:

Members Dom Magnone & Art Capelle have both had cars for sale on the club site for a few weeks. Well it seems that a back-garage negotiation took place last week and they will be swapping Chevelles. Not as easy as signing over registrations because the deal included a swap of the drive-trains between the two cars as well. To add a third monkey wrench into the scenario Arty is also swapping the drive-train from Dom's new car into yet a third Chevelle of his with the third Chevelle's drive-train getting a new cam and going into what was Dom's original car...confused yet?? Well we are, but these guys will probably need a helping hand or two. If you are interested in helping e-mail Arty and Dom for dates, times, and locations of the Chevelle swapping madness.

Keep Spreading The Word...

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