

August Newsletter

Meeting Re-Cap



Last month's meeting was held at R & R Seats in Plainview. Discussed at the meeting were past events like The Northern Gathering and The Northern Regional. We also discussed Drag Day and the Family BBQ; Read-on in the

newsletter for specific details. Following the meeting, most of the members hung around for some 'bench racing' and Ron, owner of R & R and Club Member provided a summary of what goes in to Auto Interiors. The remainder of the evening members tossed all sorts of interior questions at Ron. Many members also brought seats and interior parts for restoration. When shopping for interiors, upholstery, and convertible tops remember to support those who support us and give a call over to **R&R Seats** for all your Classic Car needs including late model work as well... Like us; not just Chevelles!

A Letter From A.C.E.S. President Chuck Hanson

Dear Rob, and Members of the Long Island Chevelles,

This letter is long past due, so I apologize for my tardiness. Let me begin by thanking every Member of the Long Island Chevelles for all y'all do to help the hobby and perpetuate the interest in the classic '64 - '72 Chevelles. Without the dedication and active involvement of yourselves, and the Long Island Chevelles club, the hobby could never enjoy the same level of success it does today. Keep it going!



On a more personal level, I also have a profound appreciation for the loving, caring, and giving side of the Long Island Chevelles and its Membership. After learning that LaRae and I lost our son Cameron nearly two years ago, the Long Island Chevelles was among the first of our ACES family to send a donation to Cam's memorial fund. It's a fund that is invested and will provide for the education of Cam's son, Christopher. And, as if that were not enough, y'all's love keeps on coming. While attending this year's Chevell~abration, Rob presented me with another check for the memorial fund, derived from the sale of the DVD's capturing the action at the '06 event. LaRae and I cannot thank y'all enough!

Having been involved in the production of videos, I know first-hand that they require an immense amount of time, not just to shoot, but also to edit, package and send out to customers. Y'all have definitely gone above and beyond! But beyond the contributions to the memorial fund, the DVD project also benefits other Chevelle enthusiasts who are not fortunate enough to attend Chevell~abration themselves. And that, friends, is huge in

terms of getting the word out about ACES and the brotherhood that shares the passion for Chevelles.

So I wanted to thank the Long Island Chevelles for all the good work y'all are doing, and to extend a personal invitation to Chevella-bration '08, so we can reciprocate with some real Southern hospitality. I know for a fact that Rob is really a redneck who happens to live on Long Island. And we love him for that unique blend of "New Yawk" abrasiveness he so proudly displays, coupled with a genteel Southern civility that seems to rub off more with each trip he makes below the Mason-Dixon Line. It's an odd combination that seems somewhat out of sorts at first, but Rob really makes it work...

Again, please accept my most sincere thanks for everything that y'all do for the hobby, for other Chevelle enthusiasts, and for ACES. Also, please know that LaRae and I love each and every one of you, and hope to meet y'all one day so we can shake your hands and give you the hugs you so deserve.

Warmest regards,
Chuck Hanson
President, ACES

Events

- Over the last month, members of Long Island Chevelles attended 2 out of town events. The Northern Gathering, held near Niagara Falls was quite impressive as always. This year's 5th Anniversary event topped 'em all. 3 club members made the trip and received a warm welcome from the host organization; The Can-Am Chevelle Club. This year's relaxed format made for a festival like atmosphere with lots of bench racing and cruising. Long Island Chevelles also debuted the current phase of [Project On-A-Budget](#), which got great reviews on the show field and in the cruises. Of course, all the action at the Northern Gathering will be covered in an upcoming episode of LIC-TV.



- Also attended, was the ACES Northern Regional. This year the event was moved to Hudson Ohio, just outside Cleveland. The show now in its 5th year was hosted by The Northern Ohio Chevelle Club. The folks at NOCC put on an unbelievable event loaded with everything you could ask for in a regional. The



show field was packed with nearly 200 Chevelles, a vendor area, manufacturer's midway, and kids' event area rounded out the giant parking lot in the host hotel. Cruises to the Summit Racing Facility and Retail Store and to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame made for some real tire burning fun. 6 members of Long Island Chevelles were in attendance along with 10 children. Club Members Rich Recupero took home top honors with his 70 Chevelle Convertible, Rob Mirabile was recognized for his 67 Malibu Driver with a gift basket full of gear-head goodies, and Rich Locurto with his daughter Becky won the 2 person creeper races. Stay tuned to LIC-TV for full event coverage.



Drag Day

- Long Island Chevelles day at the drags is Wednesday September 19. Interested members can contact [Art Capelle](#) for travel & ticket info. **There are only 3 open spots left and all participants must be paid in full by August 25.** Members with tech questions or track questions should contact member [Ray DeAngelis](#). The event will include a full day of timed 'Test & Tune' racing and a BBQ lunch. It's a perfect opportunity for beginners and experienced racers to practice in a stress free environment. It is also a great way to properly tune your ride for best performance. We'll also have the video and still cameras out for some special shots of member's cars. **Space is limited**, so click on over to the [members section](#) for details.



Family Day-BBQ

- Member Allan Caproruscio has set up our annual club **Family Day-BBQ**. The event will be held at either Belmont Lake State Park or at a private location in Plainview on August 25, 2007. We encourage all members to attend with their families.

Members should [e-mail the club](#) to RSVP for the event indicating the number of adults and children in their party. Family Day is free of charge to members and their family. Members attending will be asked to bring a side dish or desert to the event.



Allan is in need of some club members to get this off the ground. Volunteers are needed to organize the food, activities, kid's games, prizes, and other aspects to make this a memorable event, fun for the whole family. If you are able to help out in this important day please send an e-mail to Club President, [Rob Mirabile](#) with your contact info.

Cruise-Ins

- Our own Commerce Bank Sunday Cruise is back and we will be attending many of the major cruises this summer as a club. The cruises will be announced via e-mail with a 1-2 week lead-time. We encourage all members to take part in the cruises. Last year; members, wives, and children had a great time getting to know each other at these events. Many of the cruises offer food, entertainment, and recreation along with hundreds of beautiful classics. Keep an eye on your inbox for details.



Our calendar is filling fast so if you know of an event or cruise that you'd like to see the club attend please send an e-mail to info@LongIslandChevelles.com

Club Merchandise

- Member [Joe Dombal](#) has fully stocked the club store. Below you will find a list of items available for purchase. Joe will also be putting together a Jacket order for late August. If you're interested in ordering a jacket or other clothing; contact Joe for information.



Now Available: New Indigo Blue Club T-Shirts, Gray Club Sweatshirts, Baseball Caps, and Long Island Chevelles stickers available in the original 24-inch length and a new 'shorty' sticker.

- Member [Art Capelle](#) will be ordering club Polo/Golf Shirts. The special purchase embroidered shirts are a great way to showcase the club logo. Contact Art for information. These shirts must be pre-paid and are special order only and will not be stocked in the club store.
- Chevell~abration 2006 DVD has entered its final production run. The 3 ½ hour presentation covering the show will only be available for a limited time. Click on over to [Team Chevelle](#) for ordering information, reviews, and comments.

Presidents Message

Busy schedules, work, and family commitments often will keep members away from the action. All of us, myself included have run into these issues and club business can get pushed to the side from time to time. I have noticed an upswing in the amount of members attending meetings and getting involved in the club. That's a good thing and whether it's a renewed interest or you've just gotten caught up enough with your personal



life that you have time for the club... its great!!! One of the most fulfilling things I see heading up this club are the friendships that are forming amongst the members. Many members who without LIC would have been total strangers are now in contact with each other. Members send e-mails to other members to hit a cruise or show and even to give a hand with a project. The camaraderie between our members is something we should all be proud of, and its not just about nice cars, so get involved; even if your car isn't

done or if you're still looking to buy your classic...remember it's about the people.

East Coast Chevelle SPECIALS!!!!



All members are encouraged to visit Dave at [East Coast Chevelle](#). Specials for Long Island Chevelles members are running now. Look for special purchase items from East Coast in your e-mail inbox. From factory replacement to aftermarket add-ons you'll find what you need at East Coast.

August Meeting

The August meeting has not been set as of the publication of this newsletter. We are trying to complete the details for a BBQ-Party August Meeting. The meeting should be scheduled for the end of August and we'll announce it as soon as the details are in. Check our [Home Page](#) for date/time/location (when available) and look for an e-mail notification.



Keep Spreading The Word...

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