

November Newsletter

Meeting Re-Cap

Last month's meeting was held at Lido Beach with an informal cruise from several centralized island-wide locations. A brisk but beautiful Sunday morning brought out the members in record numbers for both the cruise and meeting. An incredible sight it was; as the 'top-down' convertibles prevailed in the late October sun.



Discussed at the meeting was Club Day at the Drags, The Auto Expo, The Holiday Party tentative for late January, and some event ideas for 2008 including a mystery cruise. With winter approaching, we'll get started on the 2008 event calendar and will try to plan all winter meetings around a 'Technical Seminar'. Check your inbox for special information regarding a Holiday Party and a party committee and please reply back when requested.

Here Comes 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. Don't forget to give her a few 'romps' as you'll want to get the stabilized fuel into the secondary side of the carburetor as well.
 - 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 on 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 recommended.
 - Tires??? The old-schoolers used to put a car up on stands for storage to avoid flat spots in those old bias ply tires. Conventional thought is that a long winters rest shouldn't affect the newer bias tires and radials. Getting them off the ground may not be necessary. It's up to your own judgment but at the least check the tire pressure and make sure each tire is inflated to the manufacturer's maximum cold pressure rating.
 - 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.

News and Events

- **Entertainment Committee:** Members interested in being part of the entertainment committee to plan a holiday party should e-mail info@longislandchevelles.com for details.
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- **Technical Workshops:** Anyone who would like to set up Technical workshops should contact [Art Capelle](#) for scheduling details.
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- **East Coast Chevelle:** A group purchase in partnership with East Coast Chevelle will be e-mailed to the membership. Details will be in the e-mail. This private venture with East Coast was discussed at several meetings and many members wanted to get involved. Please follow the directions in the e-mail for a great opportunity at a 'cool' winter project.

Member Spotlight: Scott Fishkind

To all my friends and family,

On June 22, 2007; I was fortunate enough to take a small road trip to Washington D.C. and Bethesda M.D. to visit our troops returning from the war. Organized through my local Fire Department and other departments in my area, and supporting the organization known as **The Wounded Warrior Project** (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>), this trip became possible.



There were several purposes to this trip such as supporting our troops returning home, bringing them essential everyday products, and donating a 46" TV for their recreational room, as well as iPods and other items for these wounded warriors. Beginning in the early Friday morning, we met up at the Stewart Manor Fire Department, where Bellerose F.D., Floral Park F.D., Garden City Park F.D., and Stewart Manor F.D., all had representing members take the trip that turned into a life changing experience.

The Floral Park Police Department was kind enough to give the motorcade an escort to the Belt Parkway, where the NYPD Highway Unit took over and escorted us through NY, and over the Bridges into NJ. From there on, the group traveled as a pack all the way to Washington D.C. This in itself was quite an experience, and I'm sure a bit annoying to the people sitting in traffic, as we all rolled by with lights and sirens; for an amazing purpose.

Donations were made from locals in the area to bring to the troops, children in the local schools wrote letters which we hand delivered, and many businesses were so kind to give discounts on items, which we purchased with donated money to bring to the troops as well. Items which are taken for granted by us on a daily basis are barely available for the ones who need it most, our American Troops returning home; still miles away from their families who can't afford to come visit them, and left with very little (literally).

All of the traveling vans were filled with boxes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, soap, socks, shorts, t-shirts, phone cards, just to name a few items. It is unthinkable to imagine that these troops are coming home to our hospitals where the bare essentials have to be bought or sent from their families. Of course the other alternative is to get involved and supply our troops with these items; which we so graciously did.

Back to our road rendezvous; we stopped at the last rest stop where only us, The New Yorkers, would change into our Class B uniforms in the middle of a parking lot somewhere in Maryland. Yes, we got some looks but more comments like, "you must be from New York." The final stretch to Walter Reed Medical Center, not knowing what to expect upon arrival, we took a driving tour of the facilities (by accident) then were properly directed to the Main Entrance where our journey began.



Half of the items were unloaded here as this was only our first stop, (later in the afternoon we went to the Navy Medical Center in Bethesda MD). We used anything we could get our hands on to roll these items through the hospital including wheelchairs, mail carts, and pushcarts.

Greeted by the Sgt. assigned to our visit, our journey through Walter Reed began. Without going into too many specific incidents, I will tell you that all of these troops have returned within the last month, and no words can describe their conditions. We hear about casualties, and troops returning home; BUT we do not hear about the incredible number of troops returning home with no arms, legs, partial organs, shot wounds to the head, etc. Meet these people face-to-face, or even get to know about it, and regardless of how you feel about the war or our situation with the war, supporting our troops is critical

to their survival. Many of the injuries are traumatic amputations, gunshot wounds, burns and blast injuries that will retire these brave warriors from military service. Yet, the appreciation of our visit was un-imaginable. We couldn't stop thanking them for their heroism and bravery during such a time, yet they reciprocated the same gratification of our heroism, visit and supplies. This trip has been a real eye-opener in many ways. After spending part of the day at Walter Reed, we ventured to the Navy Medical Center in Bethesda to visit our troops there as well. The balance of the donated items were hand delivered to the troops there, and each told their stories to us, welcomed us, and couldn't be happier that we came to show our support for them. As this was only a "brief" of our journey, close your eyes and think for a moment how lucky and fortunate we are. Think how you can help support our troops home and abroad. And lastly, yet most importantly act upon those thoughts. Get involved with whatever you can. I can't express enough the amount of support these young people need mentally, physically, and supportively (items, products to live). To get involved; Visit the Wounded Warrior Project's website mentioned above or send me an e-mail and I'll help to get you started. This is a decision you won't regret.

Sincerely,
Scott

Club Merchandise

- Member [Joe Dombal](#) has fully stocked the club store. If you're interested in getting any club clothing clothing; contact Joe for information.
- 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.
- **NOW AVAILABLE:** Long Island Chevelles Logo Decals!!!!

Presidents Message

On behalf of the members of The Long Island Chevelles Car Club, I would like to offer a big GET WELL SOON to Maryann Dombal wife of Sergeant at Arms Joe Dombal and also to Patricia Lezcano wife of member Ed Lezcano. Best wishes to you both and we sincerely wish to see you both back cruising with the club again. Our prayers are with you.



Congratulations to long-time friend of LIC, Joe Zimmerman on the purchase of his 69 Chevelle... Maybe now he'll actually get off his butt and join the club.

Sponsor Corner

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.

With winter projects getting started there no better place to get that interior done than [R&R Seats](#). Mild to Wild or even factory correct, Ron at R&R will stitch you up. Interiors to convertible tops, bikes to Beaumonts, they do it all with special pricing for club members.



November Meeting

The November Meeting will be held Thursday October 29, at 7:30 PM

The location is EAST COAST CHEVELLE in Deer Park.

For Directions and/or a map, visit our home page at LongIslandChevelles.com

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