

October Newsletter

Meeting Re-Cap

Last month's meeting was held at The Beach Hut's, Cedar Beach Cruise-In. Discussed at the meeting were The Family Day BBQ, Club Day at the Drags, and The Auto Expo planned for October. Also discussed were the holiday party and some event ideas for 2008 including a mystery cruise. Our meeting/cruise was cut short due to the sponsored cruise shutting down at dark. It looks like many of the nighttime cruises are closing up for the season. We'll be exploring some Sunday Morning Cruises for the fall meetings. When winter approaches 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.



Club Day at the Drags



Drag Day was held on September 19. Vice President, [Art Capelle](#) really went out of his way to make this an enjoyable day for all the members attending. 15 Club Cars took part in the action with many members going along as spectators. Perfect September weather prevailed and light traffic made for an easy trip, just over two hours to Atco. The Club provided coffee and bagels as members of the Atco staff answered any questions and instructed the racers on track procedures including water box,

burnout, and staging methods. Long Island Chevelles also provided a BBQ lunch and a big thanks to member Don Capelle (Art's Dad) for manning the grill and feeding us all. Special thanks to member John Keel and his girlfriend, for their assistance with the video and camera work, it's much appreciated.

Here are some notable member results:

Art Capelle ran his 1968 Chevelle Big Block with a best time of 13:33. This is the quickest time for his car. He hopes to get into the 12's next year.



Lou Scotto-Lavino let the hammer fly on his 1968 Chevelle 502 and consistently in the high 12's. Lou was sidelined in the afternoon with a noise in his engine and a grin on his face.

Mike Scotto-Lavino buzzed his import making at least 12 passes if not more before driving it home that afternoon. Mike needs to start looking for a Chevelle.

Larry Giambalvo was as happy as a teen passing his road test, as he flew down the track in his beautifully restored 68SS all day long.

Jack Valente pounded his 68 ragtop into the high 12's. His car has a great launch and also does so well at the top end he damaged his convertible frame enough to sideline him for the afternoon. Some spectators thought he was going to blow the top right off the car. He'll have to get some pointers from Club President Rob Mirabile on how to keep that ragtop secure at high speeds.



Tony Campo and his 1969 Chevelle experienced some set backs in the morning with a miss-firing ignition. A loose wire to the MSD box was the culprit. Once Tony made the repair his car easily ran in the high 12's. This is the happiest any of us have seen Tony at a race track...

Tony Sacco ran his 2005 Corvette like he stole it. From the look on his face we can tell Tony was having a great time.

Jim Lynch started the morning off with a near disaster on I95 when one of the straps on his tow dolly came undone and nearly lost his 1967 Chevelle Big Block. Once at the track, Jim didn't let the early morning events distract him. He ran that 67 down the track all day long.



Brian Eisenhauer called the night before the event to see if there was room for his stock small block 1968 Chevelle. Brian drives his original Chevelle to the drag races at Englishtown each year and made the trip in it down to Atco Raceway where he once again showed what his Chevelle could do. Brian is very dedicated, so after lunch he

headed back to his office where all his co-workers were wondering why he was smiling so much.

Drew Amitrano has one of the fastest Chevelles in our club. The car runs in the low 10's and has one nasty launch. Drew's wife Valerie made the trip down with their 4-year-old son so that she could make some 10-second passes before heading back home to attend her sons parent teacher conference (now that's a 'cool' mom).



On behalf of Vice President Art Capelle, Long Island Chevelles hopes that everyone attending Club Drag Day had a great time. We hope to plan another drag race event for the club in the spring.



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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- **Auto Expo at the Nassau Coliseum:** The Motor Trend Auto Expo 2008 aka The Long Island Auto Show will be held on October 18-21, 2007 at The Nassau Coliseum. Motor Trend has invited Long Island Chevelles to display an outdoor exhibit featuring the vehicles of Long Island Chevelles on Saturday October 20, 2007 from 11AM to 6PM. Interested members should reply back with a photo of your vehicle, full name, and phone contact ASAP. ALL VEHICLES WELCOME, NOT JUST CHEVELLES. Participants should be available to have vehicles ready for display set up by 10AM on 10/20 and will receive 'exhibitor' badges with free access to the show.



A Message From Members Steve & Donna Polimeni

Hello family & friends,

It's hard to believe that another year has past. We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer.

We are writing to let you know that the 8th annual LONG ISLAND WALK NOW FOR AUTISM is coming up on Sunday, October 14 at Jones Beach State Park. We will meet in parking field #5, in front of the playground entrance, as we have over the past years, at approximately 10:30am. The walk begins at 11am. Look for the "Thomas' Triumph" neon green caps!

Thanks so very much to those of you who walked with us last year and /or sponsored us as we walked! Last year's turnout was tremendous. With over 20,000 walkers in attendance, 2 million dollars was donated by Long Island in 2006, to autism research! That walk was noted to have raised the single highest walk donation in the world! WOW!!! We are very proud to say that our team, Thomas' Triumph, in 2006, raised \$1867!!!! Thank you for your support!!!

Just to bring everyone up to date...Thomas has entered 6th grade this fall. He is preparing to graduate from our district's grammar school in June & continue onto middle school. Our largest challenge this year, is to find the right fit, in hopefully, a local middle school program for his next 2 years of education. As he continues to excel in his academics skills, he enjoys watching movies, playing video games and playing outside on his swings. Classic cars continue to be a strong like! His participation in a weekly social skills group with his brothers & others friends, continues to work on his

more challenging skills. Thomas also plays soccer with the Levittown Soccer Stars on Sundays in the fall season.

...We are again asking for your support. You can help make a difference in the life of an autistic child by join us together as we walk or if you are unable to walk, please support our team. All donations will help our mission. Checks can be made out to Autism Speaks, and they are tax deductible. Please reach me either by email sdsmt@optonline.net or by phone 516-826-7576 so that I can get a walk sponsor sheet to you. Financial walk supporters also help make a difference. You can register ahead of time, online at www.autismwalk.org/longisland; select Join A Team, and select Thomas' Triumph or let me know and I will register you.

Raising awareness of what autism is and raising funds for research is extremely important to us and we appreciate your support! Today, a shocking 1 in 150 children are diagnosed with autism. Thomas' progress, along with so many other children's' is relying on this fundraiser to support the continuing research.

"Yes, together we can make a difference!"

Donna, Steve, Stephen, Michael & Thomas Polimeni

Club Merchandise

- Member [Joe Dombal](#) has fully stocked the club store. Joe will also be putting together a Jacket order for the fall. If you're interested in ordering a jacket or other 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!!!!
- 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.



Presidents Message



On behalf of the members of The Long Island Chevelles Car Club, I would like to offer a special thanks to Art and Don Capelle for their work in making sure each member who attended the Drag Day Event has a great time. Without Art's efforts in setting it all up and Don's efforts at the grill a day like this would not have been possible.

Just hours after Drag Day ended, I started receiving e-mails about the outstanding event.

I'd like to share one with the club:

Rob,

I could not start my day without telling you what a great day Drag Day was. Art did a SPECTACULAR job in organizing, coordinating and feeding us all. He did this at a sacrifice to himself. As of 12:00 PM he only had 2 runs in. He made sure everyone was staging properly and having a great time. I personally got to meet members from other parts of LI that I haven't met before. It reinforces the fact that the club consists of a great bunch of guys. Sorry you couldn't attend. Who do I make the check out to for next year? I'm in!

Thank you and a big thanks to Art Capelle!

Larry Giambalvo

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.



A Message From Member Steve Walk

As you may or may not know, I have just opened up an on line jewelry store. I sell jewelry direct from the manufacturer to the customer and I cut out the wholesaler.

That being said, I can save you up to 80% off retail prices for great stuff your wife, Mother, kids, girlfriend, will love. These deals are un heard of if you went into any store you will pay a lot more.

As a club discount I am offering any member or friends and family of a member an additional 10% off these very deep discounted prices!

On check out use code 907CV and get an additional 10% off the entire order not just the lowest item.

Happy shopping, and if you get your wife something shinny you will get something too, I'm sure! Or at least be able to get your self something shinny (for the car).

Click on the link below.

http://icjeweler.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=5_66

www.icjeweler.com

*Regards,
Steve Walk*

October Meeting

The October Meeting will be held Sunday October 21, at 9AM

The location is Lido Beach, located just west of Malibu Beach. Check our home page for details and an area map.

Any problems finding us call Rob or Art
917-379-0366, 516-849-9321

Central & Nassau Members near Home Depot, Jericho will meet up at 8:15 am in Staples Parking Lot leave lot 8:30am to Lido Beach

Members In Suffolk County meet up at Peter Pan Diner on Bayshore Rd and Sunrise Service Rd .8:15 am leave lot 8:30am to Lido Beach

Members not close to either please cruise straight in to Lido Beach.



Long Island Chevelles will serve bagels and coffee at meeting.

Keep Spreading The Word...

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