

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



If you will recall, at the end of my last message, I mentioned that you needed to get going on your winter projects because spring was coming. Well, IT'S ALMOST HERE!! Our snow around here is gone now, even back in the shady areas. This has been a very sunny weekend with crystal clear skies and temps in the 50's. (That IS warm for this area at this time!) So, how are you coming

along? Are you ready or nearly so, for the '09 cruising season? In my area, this won't start for another month or so due to the fact that the roads, while clear, are not clean. We need several real hard rains to wash all the winter debris away. Besides that, we probably will get at least one more snow storm which will require another round of salt / sand mix on the roads. Gotta love it!

Anyone who wants to get some miles on their car this year should have ample opportunities to do so. There are many local cruises and shows as well as some regional events. Don't forget our own Northern Chevelle Gathering to be held again this year on Grand Island July 10-12. Details are available on the club website. Get those reservations made at the hotel and get that registration form sent in. Let's get the car numbers back up where they used to be! It looks like the gas prices will be more "reasonable" (whatever THAT means) for this year so take advantage of that fact and "ride".



We are still looking for somebody(s) to take over the newsletter detail. Obviously, that hasn't happened just yet but it needs to. Perhaps folks are afraid of the time factor that might be involved. How about this idea....make it something that is done quarterly. We have tried monthly (or so) and that doesn't seem to have worked out too well. I guess I'm looking for some ideas from the membership. Remember, this club is a cyber-club and as such, there are no regular meetings or a regular meeting spot. The newsletter has to be the eyes and ears of this club. Surely there are those out there that have the ability and the inclination to put something together. It has often been said that sometimes there are those who would like to get involved but won't volunteer. However, they would if asked. So....I'm asking. Thanks!

I know this is old news but I don't want to let it go any longer. Back in September, there was a GM 100th anniversary show at the Tonawanda engine plant. Our club was well-represented by six different members: Dave Balcerzak, Steve Doyle, Bill and Henry Wertheim, Glenn Lever, and Randy Kirker. GM reps only picked the best of the best to be in that show with one car per year, for 100 years. What a testament to the quality of the cars in this club! Congratulations to everyone involved. There is no doubt that the CanAm Chevelles are some of the best in the country.

Hey, enough of this rambling...I've got to get polishing and cleaning on my Chevelle. You folks better do the same. Hope to see lots of you in July on Grand Island!



Duke Mitchell
President
CanAm Chevelle Club Ltd.

Feature Vehicle

Gary Couckuyt – Tillsonburg, Ontario

Member #269

1967 Pontiac Beaumont Sport Deluxe



My name is Gary Couckuyt, and I live in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. I own a 1967 Pontiac Beaumont Sport Deluxe. The car is a numbers matching vehicle and is one of 259 produced in Canada in 1967. The car was built in Oshawa, Ontario and sold at London Motor Products in 1967. The original owner purchased the car from London Motor Products and owned it for

approximately 16 years. At this point it was sold to his neighbor who kept

the car for 10 years. It was then sold back to the original owner, who put it in the garage until the year 2000. It was at this point that I purchased the car in September 2000. My reason for purchasing the car is that I love the body lines of the 1967 Chevelle/Beaumont. At the time of purchase I was uncertain what I was going to do with the car. I decided to get the VIN numbers



checked with GM Oshawa. I was surprised, and thrilled at the results. It is in fact a true numbers matching car. With the numbers matching and the

low production numbers my decision to restore the car properly was not a difficult one. So I started the process of totally restoring the car. The car has undergone total frame off restoration. Every piece of suspension etc. was taken off of the frame sandblasted, prepped, and painted. The frame was then reassembled with new bushings and the freshly painted components. The





body was done on a rotisserie and the decision was made to paint the bottom of the car. Normally the car would be chassis black, but I also decided to paint the engine compartment and trunk in the body colour. My reason for this, was the fact that it is much easier to keep the car clean. The car is painted the original colour, Antique Metallic Pewter. The car has the original 396

big block, 350 hp. with a turbo 400 trans. It has a 12 bolt posi with the original 308 gears. A new vinyl roof was applied, and new carpet and interior installed. The car originally had 14 in. rallys with red line tires. Today I have 15x7 on the front and 15x8 on the back Cragars with BF Goodrich T/A tires. The car was started in September, 2000 and completed in August, 2002, almost 2 years. The car has been to several indoor and outdoor shows as well as cruise nights and draws it fair share of attention. I really enjoy talking with people about the car and the conversation that arises when they realize how rare the car really is. I have also just recently finished a 1964 Chevelle 2 dr. hardtop. The car was originally a 6 cyl. car, and I have since done a pro-touring modification to the car. It has a 427 small block engine with a 4 sp. trans., dana 60 rear end with 373 gears. I can't really choose which of the 2 cars I like the best because I like all Chevilles/Beaumonts. I see another Chevelle on the horizon because after all I enjoy seeing these cars come back to life. I do hope this information helps you in your article and appreciate your interest in the car. Thanks Gary



Gary Couckuyt

For additional pictures see

http://www.leverfamilysite.com/Gary_Couckuyt_1967_Pontiac_Beaumont.htm

Grand Island Update



Requests to vendors have been sent out requesting their support for GI. In addition mailings have gone out to prior attendees. More will be going out. We are ahead of where we were last year in preregistrations. NPD is donating a new car cover for a GM A-body car. By the end of this month, I want to get another mailing out to additional vendors. Your help in attracting sponsors

for awards would be greatly appreciated. I will be updating the spreadsheet shortly and sending out the updated copy. Don't forget to send in your registration!

If anyone needs fliers to distribute at car shows or events, please get in touch with me and I will send you a package of them in the mail.

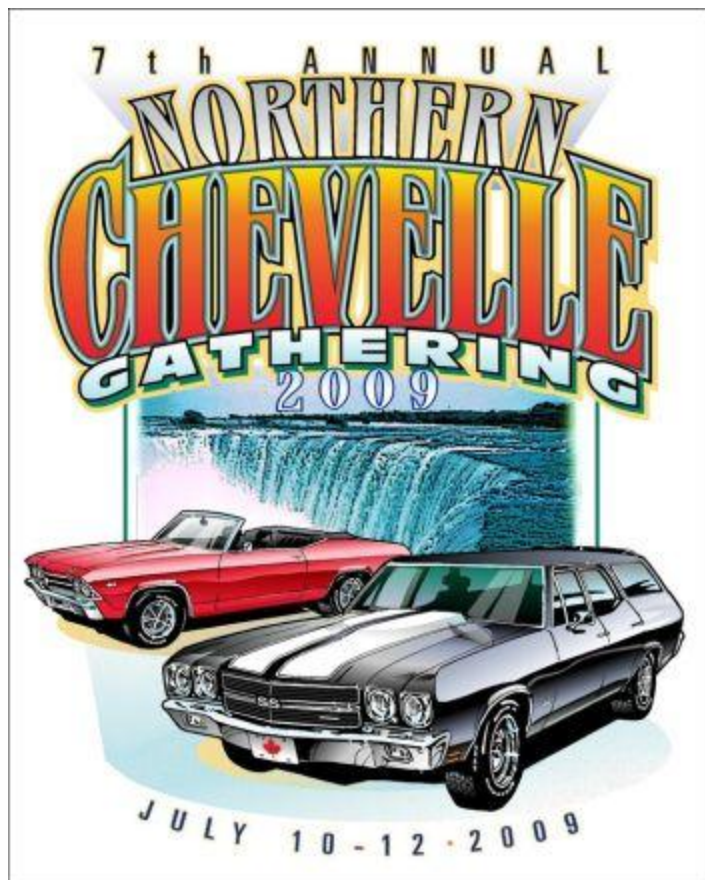
We currently have three on-site vendors signed up for the show. Big Tony's will be back. LT Classic Auto parts from two years ago will be back. Chevelle Specialties will be back again.

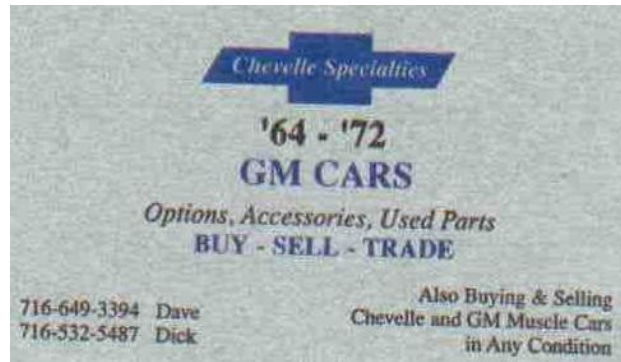
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MAY 2-3, 2009

38th ANNUAL SWAP MEET
Fairgrounds, Stirling, ON

Presented by AACA Ontario Region

<http://local.aaca.org/ontario/stirlingfleamarket.html>

MAY 31, 2009

THE BRIDGEBURG CAR SHOW
Courtwright St., Downtown Fort Erie, ON
905-871-4938

vlandry@bridgeburgria.ca

<http://fefdstation2.com/default.aspx>

JUNE 4-7, 2009

27th ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET
Burl's Creek Family Event Park, Barrie ON
705-487-3663

info@burlscreek.com

<http://www.burlscreek.com/>

JUNE 7, 2009

1000 ISLANDS CRUISE IN
Gananoque, ON

Presented by Gananoque Lions Club
Bryan Jones 613-382-3723

deepandsteep@sympatico.ca

<http://www.1000islandscruisein.com/>

JUNE 14, 2009

35th ANNIVERSARY CAR SHOW
Badgerow Park, Greece, NY

Presented by Street Machines of Rochester
Dick 585-663-0393

<http://streetmachinesofrochester.com/outdoor.htm>

JULY 10-12, 2009

7th ANNUAL NORTHERN CHEVELLE GATHERING
Presented by CanAm Chevelle Club
Niagara Falls, NY

For information go <http://www.angelfire.com/folk/canam/>

JULY 12, 2009

CRUISE & SHOP, MERRICKVILLE, ON
Bob Duncan 613-826-2449
bodots@xplornet.com
<http://merrickvillecarshow.com/>

JULY 17-19, 2009

SYRACUSE NATIONALS
State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
800-753-3978 or 315-668-9703
keith@rightcoastcars.com
<http://www.rightcoastcars.com/shows/syn/>

AUGUST 28-30, 2009

AUTOFEST 2009
Lakeview Park, Oshawa, ON
Gary 905-579-7051/723-7828
autofest2007@sympatico.ca
<http://www.autofestoshawa.com/>

SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2009

39th ANNUAL FALL FLEA MARKET
Burl's Creek Family Event Park, Barrie ON
705-487-3663
info@burlscreek.com
<http://www.burlscreek.com/>

WESTERN NEW YORK EVENTS

Here is a link to events by other Car Clubs in that specific area
<http://www.rodandpiston.com/>

CENTRAL NEW YORK EVENTS

Here is a link to events by other Car Clubs in that specific area
<http://www.cnycca.org/>

Here's another Website for a lot of New York events
<http://www.hubcapcafe.com/calendar/new-york.htm>

For a listing of OHIO area events
<http://www.bigalslist.com/>

Important Note

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you received this Newsletter by regular mail, that means we do not have a current email address for you. If you have an email address, or have changed your email address, please let us know. Thanks.

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<www.canamchevelles.com>

Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Work Phone: _____ - _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email address: _____

Vehicle Website address: _____
(if you have one)

Vehicle(s) particulars: 1) _____

Year	Make	Model
_____	_____	_____
Exterior Color		Interior Color
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Tranny		Rear-end
Special Features: _____		

2) _____

Year	Make	Model
_____	_____	_____
Exterior Color		Interior Color
_____ CI	_____ HP	_____
Tranny		Rear-end
Special Features: _____		

We will need a picture of your car(s). You can send one in with this application (we will return it) OR give us a URL link (_____) to a picture on the Internet OR send one in via email to <don48@personainternet.com> and include your name.

Dues are \$12 (CDN or U.S.) for one year membership.
Cheques/checks to be payable to CanAm Chevelle Club.

*SEND TO EITHER - Rod Barker, 15 Lavender Way, London, ON, N5X 3J2
- George Mitchell, 5744 Fifth Rd., North Rose, NY, 14516*

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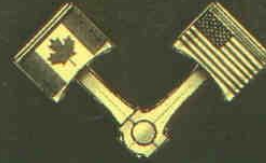
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SEVENTH ANNUAL

NORTHERN CHEVELLE GATHERING



CanAm Chevelle Club



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 64-83 Chevrolet Chevelle/Malibu
 64-88 Chevy/GMC - El Camino/Sprint
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Holiday Inn Grand Island
 100 Whitehaven Rd.
 Grand Island, NY, 14072
 716-773-1111

CONTACT INFO:
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Email Address _____

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