

## CanAm NEWSLETTER MARCH, 2010

I know for a lot of us that it is hard to think about driving our cars right now. Snow, ice, salt /sand residue, and other such things make it pretty hard to even visualize such a thing.....but.....spring is coming and with it comes the cruising season. Are you ready yet? I know for sure that I am not! I have a list of things, at least in my mind, that I would like to do concerning my car. Nothing too radical mind you, but nonetheless things that I want to do. There is no real "order" to the list; I could start anywhere. I just need to start...soon. Are you in the same situation? Have you started yet? I'm sure it would be interesting to compare notes on this topic. Better set aside a day or two (at least) in order to cover it.

### NORTHERN CHEVELLE GATHERING, NIAGARA FALLS, NY

By now, I hope everyone is aware that the information for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Chevelle Gathering is available on the club website. Believe it or not, I have already received a few registrations for the show. I want to see a lot more coming in the weeks to follow. I really want to get our car count back up where it belongs. We certainly have the numbers within the club membership and when you add in the large number of non-members that we get, it should be easy. But as usual, talk is cheap!

For the most part, the format will be like always. There will be the Friday night cruise to Paddock Chevrolet which is always popular and BIG! Bill Wertheim has assured me that he will try to get our group some "preferred parking" but as those who have gone before know, that can be a daunting task!

Saturday will be the "main event" so to speak. There will be our annual "island cruise" which has turned out to be incredibly popular. That will be followed by our "food fest" under the tent. Then, for the first time, we are planning on having our awards show right after the "feed"...under the tent. That's right folks, we want to get everything done Saturday night. This allows the "long haulers" more latitude for making their escape on Sunday. Hopefully, it will also convince more of the "locals" to show up and hang around for the festivities. Quite a few people have asked that we do this so this will be our first attempt. I know it can work with some cooperation from Mother Nature of course, so we will see.

As you might expect, this show does not happen by itself. It takes "people power" to make it go. Therefore, I am asking right now that you consider volunteering your services at the show. We need car parkers, desk workers, and who knows what else. Let's put it this way, if you want to help, we will find you a job! It doesn't have to be all day or anything like that (unless you want to!) Depending on the needs, it might be an hour or two and maybe a bit more. If we can get enough volunteers, the duty shifts will be short and that is what I really want (greedy fella, huh.) Thanks for wanting to help out. Many hands make light work, as always.

I am pleased to announce that we will again have LT Classic Auto Parts at our show. They carry a complete line of restoration parts of all types. They have been with us before and we look forward to having them on-site again this year. If you are working on your car and need some parts, don't hesitate to get in touch with Bill or Mike and let them know ahead of time and perhaps they can bring the items you need with them to the show. Hey, might save you some shipping costs and as you probably already know, those cost are not going down! If you need more information check out their website: [www.ltclassic.com](http://www.ltclassic.com)

Hopefully I will have some more news concerning vendors for the next newsletter. At this point, it is purely in the discussion stage but I certainly hope to move ahead with something solid. Stay tuned.

## **FALL SHOW AT TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO**

Plans are currently being made for another fall show in Tillsonburg, ON. It will again be on Labor Day weekend. More details will be forthcoming as soon as they are available. Last year's show was a resounding success and it looks like the same group of people is ready to try and out-do themselves for 2010! Check in at the club website for details as they become available. I will also put something in the newsletter as soon as I know about it. This show should certainly attract many of our Canadian members who can't make it to the July show on Grand Island. Shine up those rides gang, and get them to Tillsonburg! Nothing like a good cruise to a great destination...after all, isn't that why we have these cars?

That's it for this time. The snow is melting, it IS trying to warm up, and the birds are showing up in my yard in droves...spring is coming! Now let's see...what do I need to do to that car first?? Don't forget to get your registrations in for the show in July...today would be great!!

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