

## **CanAm Chevelle Club Newsletter - May/June, 2010**

Well gang, I think it is officially cruise season and if you haven't gotten your car out yet, why not? In my area, the number of "nice cars" on the road has really picked up in the last couple of weeks. I think everyone is now convinced that winter is gone for sure and that if we are going to ride a little we better get going and NOW!!

Things are moving forward for the Club Show on Grand Island in July. If you haven't registered yet, please do so ASAP and if you haven't even figured out whether or not you are coming, better plan on coming for sure! Registrations have been coming in pretty regularly in the last few weeks and I would say at this point that the "car count" is pretty normal for this point in time. A lot of the "regulars" are coming back but I'm also pleased to say that there are some new-comers as well. This show has always had great word-of-mouth advertising and that's always the best kind. The club goal from day one was to put on a show that people could come to and have a great time in addition to seeing some top-notch cars and I truly believe that we have achieved that goal every year. It is always great to hear comments like "...great show and great time." "...best time I ever had at a car show." "...the people were so great." and so on and so on. Believe me, that is the goal this year as well! Check the club website for show info. and details. Our block of rooms will be released on June 8 so don't wait too much longer to reserve one.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new sponsor on board this year. Perhaps you have heard of Legendary Interiors. They are now servicing the Chevelle side of the hobby with wonderful, high quality interior products...seat covers, door panels, and such. I have seen their products and to my eye, they are hands down the leader at this point in interiors for our cars. I had a chance to tour their new facility recently and to say I was impressed is an understatement! Everything is done in-house using the best materials available and the latest equipment. Everywhere you look, there are signs on the walls reminding the employees about quality and customer service. They emboss, sew, die-cut, whatever it takes. They will do custom applications as well. They are also getting into package trays and headliners. They also are interested in looking into making some interior stuff for you Beaumont owners and there will be a company rep at the show this year to look at your cars very carefully. If the demand is there, I think you might see some Beaumont stuff in the near future. If the Legendary rep should stop and talk to you, please take some time to answer his questions.

Don't forget that L&T Classics will also be at the show. They offer a large line of after-market parts and accessories. They also are getting into air conditioning systems as well. If you have some things that you need, get in touch with them and maybe they can deliver things to you at the show. Check out their website [www.ltclassic.com](http://www.ltclassic.com)

Have you ever started out on a road trip and had some sort of car trouble? If you answer “no” then you have never gone very far or you are VERY lucky! I think we have all experienced some sort of problem(s) while out on the road. I know when I travel, I try to first of all make sure the car is in the best shape possible before I leave the driveway. Most things are obvious: check the oil, check the tires and make sure they are inflated properly, fill the gas tank (duh!), but what else? How about the belts and hoses? How about a tune-up...especially on some of our “toy” vehicles? I usually pack some tools and a few spare parts if I’m going very far, even with my daily-driver type vehicles. Now I know that it’s hard to do much work on the newer cars....shoot it’s hard to even see the engine! I usually have some wrenches, a set of belts (or a serpentine if that’s what it takes), some extra coolant and oil, some light-weight gloves, and real important, a “real” socket and breaker bar to fit the lugnuts on the wheels! Now I realize that just because I carry all this stuff, that doesn’t make me immune to trouble (just ask my wife...no, better not) but you never know when it might at least get you to somewhere where there is more help. And lastly, I also belong to an auto club, with a towing rider. I haven’t needed it yet, but at least it’s there. I think you call that peace of mind. I call it less likely to get yelled at.

As those of you who are coming to the show in July get ready, please be sure to check everything out before-hand and maybe pack some extra “stuff” just in case. More importantly, drive safely!

Another reminder....check the club website for details on the September show in Tillsonburg, Ontario. Mike and the gang are getting things ready and promise bigger and better than ever. It sounds exciting and for many of you, it may be more “do-able” than a trip to Grand Island. Please support this CanAm show and the charity that is involved - Children’s Wish. Last year, the club was able to make a healthy donation to this worthy cause and everyone involved would like to do even more this year. Again, check the club website for details and information.

Have fun cruising and I hope to see many of you in July!

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