

# The Virginia Chevelle Times

VIRGINIA CHEVELLE  
ENTHUSIASTS ASSOCIATION



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- Bubba's Open House, 26 April
- Pay your DUES!!!



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT....

### *What I Did During My Winter "Vacation"*

*Rob Jennings, Arlington, VA*

Last year, on the drive back to Arlington after a great VCEA day at the Stephen's City cruise-in and car show, the inevitable "end of the season blues" were beginning to set in. The "See you next year!"; "Let's stay in touch." salutations and "Tips for bedding down your classic car" conversations among owners had generally become the norm with the looming onset of another wet and dreary Virginia winter.

Most Chevelle and classic car enthusiasts have a routine for their make-ready storage rituals; the battery tender hook up, or electrical disconnects, lubricants and strategically placed oily rags, right up to the level

of off ground jack stands and climate-controlled garages. As an apartment dweller living in a mostly commercial area with only an underground, numbered slice of cement for storage, the foremost question in my mind was what to do during the off-season while the folks with personal garages bedded down their weekend cruisers.

My parking spot's 'neighbor' cars are 'Vettes, Porches and other high-end automobiles, so the 24-hour security, cameras and electronic pass cards that go along with the expansive space make for a secure but limited driving area to exercise the car during the down months. *Cont. page 4.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

JOHN PARKER  
VCEA PRESIDENT

### ***The road goes on forever...***

Blank. Like a deer-in-the-headlights. That's the funny thing about "writer's block", it's never late and always on queue...like when you sit down to type out your first message as President of the Virginia Chevelle Enthusiasts Association. How's that for my first President's Message intro...just amazing!

First off, a big "thanks" to Pete Lohr for keeping the club pointed in the right direction as previous VCEA Prez. We all wish Pete and his family the best as they make the move to North Carolina. Not to worry, Pete's promised to keep his VCEA membership and "share" any good ideas he can pick up from the Carolina Chevelle Club!

I'm happy to report that the VCEA is healthy, active, and growing! As I thought about this it hit me: ***VCEA really represents Chevelle lovers in all corners of Virginia.*** We've got members near the beaches of the Peninsula, in the shadows of the Blue Ridge, along state borders, throughout the central region, and packed into the suburbs of Northern Virginia. Now that's coverage...and the very reason why VCEA is the Virginia Chevelle club!

We've got participation too. Jeff Dillon took the lead to research, fund, and order some great VCEA stickers (*get yours today!*); Bill Fink stepped up and made a significant donation to help fund a club banner; Rob Jennings helped negotiate a new sponsor (*thanks to Bubba's East Coast Rods and Customs*); Pete Rutledge initiated a club roster; members are passing along local show info (*send those pics!*); and we've got at least 4 members heading to Chevellabration in June. Awesome stuff...and if you're like me, you're probably surprised at how

much coverage and activity we have. Not bad at all.

All this great news begs a natural question: how do we keep it going? I'd like to share a few "goals" or focus areas I've been thinking about...share my thoughts and welcome your input.

### **2008 VCEA Goals**

#### **1) Take care of the club –**

First thing I did was establish contact with existing and potential sponsors; can't say enough about the folks that are willing to support the very hobby we're so passionate about...very grateful to all our sponsors, be sure and support 'em and let 'em know you belong to the VCEA. We need the sponsor support (\$60) and club dues in order to help the club run...member cards, shirts, stickers, ship shirts, send newsletters, and fund future items (awards, etc.).

#### **2) Grow the club –**

here's where each and every member can make the biggest splash, make sure you spread the word and let folks know we're here and we're growing. Growing the club will ultimately enrich the hobby and lay the foundation for future club events. Like...

#### **3) Explore a Virginia Chevelle Show –**

hey, if our neighbor states can do it why can't we? Yeah, probably a lot of work...but let's explore anyway.

And finally, like any club, the VCEA is still about people. We all love the cars and car events, but somehow the people enhance all that...like borrowing a trailer, bumping into a member at a metro station, or making plans for an out-of-town show.

### ***...and the party never ends.***

John H. Parker,  
VCEA President



***Spread the Word...tell a friend about VCEA!!***

***Sign up @ <http://www.chevelles.net/vcea>***

# CHEVELL-ABRATION 2008

## HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!

Chuck Hanson, ACES President

Special Guest Contributor to VCEA

Sly and the Family Stone made "Hot Fun in the Summertime" a huge hit during the summer of '69, and nearly 30 years later it's the theme for the largest Chevelle-only extravaganza on the planet! That's right, the ACES (American Chevelle Enthusiasts Society) Chevell-abration will be held once again on the verdant lawn of Moss-Wright Park the weekend of June 5-7, 2008 in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

This year's event will mark the 12<sup>th</sup> annual occurrence of this picnic of power, and like the others before it, you'll want to be sure to take part. As a Member of ACES your involvement is guaranteed in the World's Biggest Chevelle Bash! That's right, Chevell-abration is exclusively for active ACES Members and their guests.

***And this year, there'll be no excuses for not attending.***

Too far to travel? Nashville is located within 500 miles of 76% of the nation's population; a day's drive or less. Besides, getting there is half the fun! Grab some buddies

and bring 'em with!

Gas prices too high? Do the math... Are you gonna let another \$50 get in the way of the biggest blast of a lifetime?

Can't get the time off? Ever

### **Chevell-abration 2008**

June 5-7, 2008  
Goodlettsville, TN

Nearly 500 Chevelles, Malibus, and El Caminos

How to participate:  
Be an active ACES member,  
and  
Register by May 16, 2008

hear of calling in sick? Well, you'll be sick alright if you miss this assembly of extraordinary A-bodies.

Don't think your Chevelle is worthy? This event is all about fun and good times, not a nose-in-the-air attitude and a display of who has the fattest wallet.

Wife and kids don't want to go? They'll be sorry, since this event is geared towards families and friends, with plenty to see, say and do for everyone during the entire event.

Your Chevelle not finished? Come on anyway, and get the inspiration and motivation to finish up your project. Then you can bring it next year, and join in ALL the fun!

Since Chevell-abration is a fun-filled, family-oriented event, there'll be something for everyone there. In fact, youngsters will once again have their own play area while others will have the chance to participate in their own creeper races and pedal car drags. Plus, the popular Hot Wheels gravity track racing will be sure to keep them in the thick of competition.

So mark your calendars and bring your Chevelles to Nashville for a weekend of great fun, friends, and some real Southern hospitality! We'll be lookin' for y'all!

### THE VCEA CALENDAR...UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
April 23-27, 2008	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
April 25-27, 2008	Super Chevy Show Virginia	Petersburg, VA
April 26, 2008	Bubba's Open House* VCEA Meeting	Fairfax, VA
May 4, 2008	Apple Blossom Car Show	Winchester, VA
June 5-7, 2008	Chevell-abration	Goodlettsville, TN
June 28-29, 2008	Mid-Atlantic Chevelle Show	North East, MD

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Driving around in circles to keep the battery charged and the fluids flowing wasn't appealing to me in the least so bedding down my Chevelle for the winter just couldn't be done in the typical fashion. Under these circumstances, I decided I had to capitalize on the situation at hand.

more attention than silicone spray or wax would remedy. ***Winter would be the ideal time to make some changes to my classic*** that would not only preserve and add to the longevity of the venerable A-body, but add to the enjoyment and more importantly, the safety of my cruising – emphasis on the word

settling vibrato brought on by the now split motor mounts, flattened and dried out control arm bushings and a tail wag that would only suit a well-nourished sumo wrestler, the asphalt curves of the Virginia back roads were definitely less than the pleasurable experience they should be.



Fast forward to the present. By the time this article is posted on our website, the start of the season will be right around the corner. Between my lamentable drive back to the barn last year, some relatively crucial upgrades to the Chevelle's brakes and suspension were fitted out

We all know that no matter what a project involves or where it is done; it takes our Chevelle off the street, and more often than not, it usually causes us to miss one or more of the cruise-ins or major shows during the fair months of the year. Time sacrificed for necessary repairs, engine swap outs and other mechanical upgrades while the rest of your buddies are rolling on warm weekends plain sucks. Ergo, what better time to combine the off months of cruising and my Chevelle hobby than the winter?

All of us are privy to the notion that parts deterioration occurs in more areas than we'd like to think about. Even with the most tender care and attention to detail and only a few clicks over the original 46K on the odometer, there were a couple of items on my '72 that needed

'cruising'. For the record, my Chevelle is still equipped with the (both numbers matching) unremarkable 307 cubic inch power plant and it's even more unremarkable partner, a two-speed PowerGlide transmission. Both of them still sitting on the original factory suspension and mounts.

By now you're probably asking, "So, what the heck is this article all about?" Remember that bit about cruising and suspension? That's the deal. ***Despite the Chevelle's looks, the smooth performance and throaty sound rumbling of the FlowMaster exhausts, the '72 rides and handles just like a 35 year old car did back in the day.*** Drum brakes all the way around, the steering response of an old style powerboat coupled with the un-

during the winter months. By strategically dodging rain, some snow, wet and salty roads and the inevitability of a limited budget, I managed to stretch the pain over the course of the last seven months making the hassle and heartache of taking my Chevelle off the road for the upcoming 2008 season non-issue.

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Through the artful skills and accommodating manner of Tom and Bubba and their professional crew at Fairfax's 'Bubba's Rod and Custom' speed shop, an SSBC front disc conversion kit, a beefed up Hotchkiss front and rear sway bar package, new Hotchkiss lower

radials wrapped around some snazzy SS rims.

In a few weeks, VCEA members will start to make the journeys to and from the static, lined up/hoods-up events that are a major part of the hobby. This year, getting there in a solid handling and safer ride will make the previous winter's 'vacation' a worthwhile trip. In conclusion, I'd like to add my thanks to VCEA's new president, John Parker for his fresh attitude towards club and his encouraging me to write this article.



control arms (and their hi-tech bushings), upgraded shocks, and motor mounts have been matched up with a set of four BF Goodrich

vertible  
Arlington, VA

Rob Jennings  
'72 Chevelle Con-

## *At a glance...*

### *1972 Chevelle*

*"Fits more families,  
more budgets,  
more garages."*

*Only **4,853** Chevelle Convertibles were produced in 1972...all of which were V8s. While \$2782 was enough to get you into a basic 2 door coupe with a 6 cylinder, you'd have to cough-up **\$3329** to get your hands on the '72 Chevelle convertible. Add \$365.50 for Super Sport equipment, \$382 for AF/FM with tape...and only **\$286** for a 270 horse 454!*

## Order your VCEA Club T-shirt!!



**VCEA  
Stickers**  
Large \$4  
Small \$2

**Just In!!!**

**VCEA Stickers...perfect  
for rear truck windows!  
Features full color VCEA logo!**



## GET YOURS NOW!

Sizes are L, XL, and XXL

Price is \$10 for VCEA Members, \$12 for Non-Members (Add \$4 for shipping)  
Contact John Parker for more information!!

## Sponsor Spotlight...Thanks to all our VCEA Sponsors!!

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Specializing in 1964-1972 Chevelle  
Restoration Parts



East Coast Chevelle, based out of Deer Park, NY, has long been a supporter of the local car club and individual Chevelle enthusiast. Don't believe it? Just check out their website ([www.eastcoastchevelle.com](http://www.eastcoastchevelle.com)) and it's easy to see they're committed to bringing a wide range of products at reasonable prices to ensure your car stays on the road.

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*VCEA thanks East Coast Chevelle for their continued support.*



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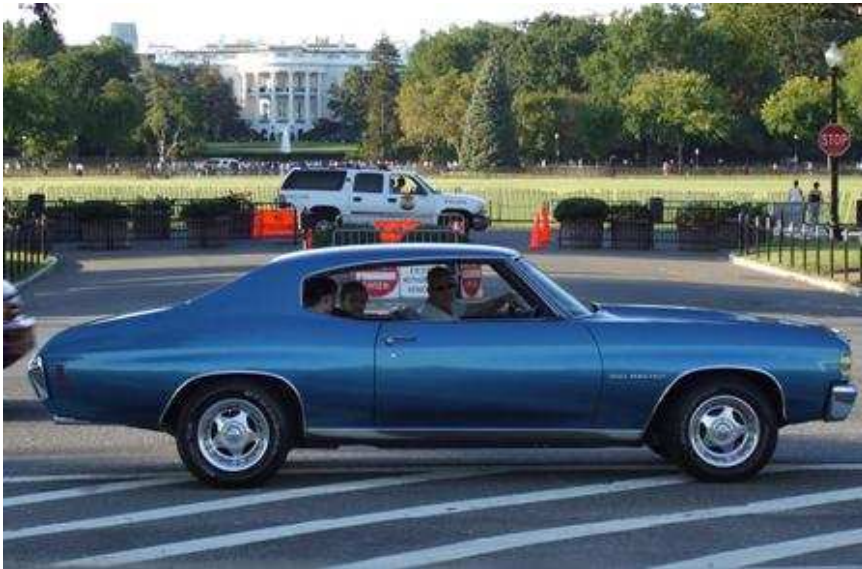
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### VCEA Member News

We're proud to welcome the newest members to VCEA...

**Bob McNeil**  
**67 Chevelle**  
**Bluemont, VA**

**John Boles**  
**69 Chevelle**  
**Manassas, VA**

**Mike Callahan**  
**71 Chevelle**  
**Roanoke, VA**

**Wayne Henderson**  
**65 Chevelle**  
**Gloucester, VA**

### VCEA Top Pic...

**Talk about sight-seeing, VCEA's Tom Kinman (Aquia Harbor, VA) took the family and decided to beat the DC traffic in style...with his '71 Chevelle in front of the White House!! Awesome stuff, be sure and share your pics!**

Application for membership in the

### AMERICAN CHEVELLE ENTHUSIASTS SOCIETY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ ( if applicable )

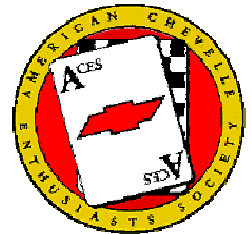
Year, Model, and description of your Chevelle(s)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$40 for regular membership (US only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$50 for Canadian membership (US funds only)

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Make checks or money orders payable to:  
**American Chevelle Enthusiasts Society**  
4636 Lebanon Pike, Suite 195  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chevrolet 1964-72 A-Bodies Owned (NOTE: You do NOT need to own one to join VCEA)

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special skill, talent, or area of interest (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees are \$10 yearly

Enclosed is my check made out to **John Parker** for \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this application I agree to follow the by-laws of VCEA

Mail Application & Check To:

John Parker,  
VCEA President  
8100 Willingboro Ct.  
Gainesville, VA 20155

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

