



Fiberglass Vieux

Greater New Orleans Corvette Club

Fools' Edition

VALENTINE CRUISE

By Kathy Culbertson
Who Dat Kat

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon of February 28th, Corvette Clubs from the southern region met at Catfish Charlie's in Hammond, to celebrate our annual Valentine Cruise. After so many days of freezing temperatures and rain, this day was a pleasant mix of bright sun, and warm temperatures.



Bill and Candy Folse

Malcolm and Barbara Graff, the President and First Lady of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, greeted the attendees at the door of Catfish Charlie's and handed the ladies a lovely chocolate rose adorned with a red ribbon.

The food and friendship were boundless and we had a good time visiting with each other as we waited for our food. The dining entrees included such delicious offerings as fried shrimp and other seafood, thin and full cut fried catfish, steaks, salads, hush puppies, and home made biscuits and strawberry jam. Harold Corkern, the owner, walked around and greeted us as we dined and, as always, he displayed great hospitality and concern for his guests' pleasant dining experience.

Following the wonderful meal, many of us gathered in the parking lot to chat and check out the Corvettes and new accessories added to embellish them.

I want to thank the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club for organizing this happy event each year. We appreciate your efforts and planning. We also want to thank Harold Corkern for allowing such a large group of Corvette enthusiasts to dine there every year for our annual cruise.

HAPPY SPRING!

PRESIDENT'S VIEUXS



Malcolm Graff

Our 2010 membership roster shows that GNOCC now has 127 members. Everyone should be very proud of belonging to such a very successful club. This is due to each and every one of you who plan and participate in the events throughout the year. It is truly amazing that a car like The Corvette can bring so many people together to share the same interest and have so much fun. It is an honor to be your club President.

Spring is arriving and hopefully bringing us nice weather to cruise. Check the calendar and your e-mails for all the upcoming events. We guarantee a good time.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent our News Letter Editor, Rhonda Barbe, articles for your monthly Fiberglass Vieuxs. If you have anything that may be interesting to share with the club please contact Rhonda.

Catch ya at the meeting,

Malcolm



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Minion: a subordinate official, deputy, or the like

King: one invested with supreme authority over a nation, country, tribe or maybe a Corvette Club

Duke: a member of the nobility, historically of highest rank below the Monarch

Clerk: a person who checked material costs, wages, and kept accounts

Scribe: skilled in taking dictation or copying documents

Master of Revels: position within the English, and later the British, royal household heading the "Office of the Revels" that originally had responsibilities for overseeing royal festivities, known as revels

Alderman: an elected official of the ward whose functions varied slightly from town to town, but generally they dealt with the settlement of minor offences

Diplomat: a representative of his house in dealings with other noble houses

Herald: an announcer and deliverer of news on behalf of a lord

Web Overlord: a person who has general authority over others, or in this case, over the web.

Constable: a person who took care (the governor or warden) of a castle in the absence of the owner. This was sometimes bestowed upon a great baron as an honor and some royal castles had hereditary constables

Peddler: an itinerant merchant of goods

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS WITH A BIG CORVETTE WAVE!!!

Ray and Nicole Gonzales



Ray and Nicole have a 2004 gray C5 Convertible.

Ray is a native New Orleanian and his wife, Nicole moved here from Baton Rouge.

Ray also owns a BMW motorcycle and belongs to the Fraternal Order of Police, The Blue Knights, with his father.

He works as a Property Damage Estimator/Consultant and keeps busy in his spare by teaching Tae Kwon Do.

They have two children, ages 10 and 7.

Tom Sage



Tom started off his first meeting the right way. He was the winner of some of the great door prizes at the March meeting.

He is the owner of a 1995 coupe.

Tom's other passions is Jaguars.

David Ezell



David recently had heart surgery and decided it is time to live out some of his dreams. He has always wanted a Corvette so he finally bought himself a 1981 red coupe.

Glen and Rita Landry



Glen has a 2004 C5 silver coupe, but it has been commandeered by Rita. She still lets him clean, polish and fill it with gas.

Besides the Corvette, they also have a 1976 Monte Carlo, and are presently building a 1966 GTO. Rita likes sewing, crafts and shopping.

They both enjoy meeting new people and traveling.

Rita is a hair stylist of 30 plus years, and Glen is a sales manager for a local company. They also own a travel agency.

They have a son and a daughter.



The logo for Rotolo's Pizzeria features the name "Rotolo's" in a large, stylized, yellow font with a red outline, and "Pizzeria" in a smaller, white font below it. The background is a red square with a white swoosh underneath the text.

MARCH 50/50 WINNERS



Ken and Veronica Gregoire were March's lucky winners of the 50/50 cash prize. Their half was \$130.00, not too shabby!

I advised Veronica to keep all the large bills and give all the small ones to Ken, but in retrospect that might not have been the best financial advice considering most of us pay with ones and fives. Oh well, I am sure they managed to work it out in the end. At least I hope so! The picture I took sure looks menacing!

Also, many of the new members won a lot of the great door prizes that John Pinero picked out.

A background image of several US dollar bills, including \$100 and \$20 bills, scattered across the page.

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Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Ken Gregoire

Spinach & Artichoke Dip

- 1 stick of butter*
- 1 medium red onion*
- 4 oz cream cheese*
- 8 oz sour cream*
- 2 10 oz pks. chopped frozen spinach, cooked & drained*
- 2/3 cup Parmesan cheese*
- 4 tablespoons of half & half cream*
- 1 14 oz can of artichoke hearts drainer/ chopped*
- 1 cup of colby/ jack cheese*

This dish goes together really quick once you get started, so have all of your ingredients measured ahead of time.

Saute onion and butter until onion has cooked.

Add cream cheese and blend.

Add sour cream, spinach, parmesan, Colby/Jack cheese and half & half cream. Blend well.

Add artichoke hearts and blend in season to taste with some Tonys. Serve with your favorite corn chips. Enjoy!

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D.O.T. CREATES LANES FOR SPORTS CARS

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters unveiled a new \$270 billion federal project Monday to build special lanes for sports cars. Numerous surveys have been done on the behavior of sports car drivers. They basically all come to the same conclusion. Drivers of sports cars, like Corvettes, are reckless and dangerous to the rest of the world!



"These new lanes are for the millions of sports car drivers who can't be bothered with speed limits, turn signal use, or not careening madly out into oncoming traffic," Peters said during the opening ceremony for the first sports car-driving route, a steeply banked, guardrail-lined on-ramp to I-395 outside Arlington, VA. "Whether hell-bent on putting themselves and everyone around them in danger or just out for a simple joyride, America's reckless will no longer be forced to putter along with careful, conscientious, considerate citizens." Peters then cut the ribbon on the inaugural lane by speeding through it in her brand new Corvette Grand Sport.

Peters said the Department of Transportation plans to construct some 1,400 of the new lanes over the next four years, all of which will feature a special bowl design to keep cars in the lane when drivers lose control. Padded concrete embankments and steel-rail barriers will line the lanes in urban areas.

All of the lanes will also feature jump ramps for those drivers who wish to take driving to the next level.

"We wanted to make these reckless-driving lanes as convenient as possible," said Harold Bovy, chief engineer on the project, who added that his team's main priority was containing sports car drivers while allowing emergency vehicles the easy and frequent access they will require. "So we made sure that once the sports car drivers are in these lanes, they can only leave them by designated funnel-shaped ramps or in the full-service hearses that will be stationed 24 hours a day at any number of convenient rest areas."

Amid mounting pressure from drivers, the DOT decided to start planning for the new lanes last fall. The department sought out input and suggestions from motorists who, according to Peters, "really know how to drive" or simply believed traffic laws to be for "suckers."

"We made sure to interview a broad spectrum of sports car drivers who thought the rules didn't apply to them" said Peters, who stressed that the DOT sent questionnaires exclusively to drivers who have had five or more accidents in as many years or have been issued at least three 100-mph-plus speeding tickets in the last six months, as well as members of the Corvette Club of America. "Their feedback was invaluable—so much so that we hired many to drive test sections of the highway. Several of those drivers will have sections of the new lanes named after them in memoriam."

While some have raised concerns that law-abiding citizens will be tempted to try the new lanes and get into life-threatening situations, DOT officials claim they will be self-enforcing, self-regulating, and, with proper drainage and fluid grooves, self-cleaning. Nevertheless, steps are being taken to prevent their use by non-reckless drivers.

Signs will be posted to warn regular drivers that they must drive 90 mph or more, and that their auto insurance is void in the special lanes. Additional wordless signs, intended for the reckless drivers themselves, will feature the icons. Many sports car manufacturers will be offering modules with auditory warnings since it is hard to see a sign of any sort when you are going that fast.

If you haven't already figured it out, April Fools! This story was slightly modified by your very own newsletter editor, but mostly borrowed from www.theonion.com. The Onion is known for their hilarious, but completely fake stories. If you don't already do so, visit their website and get your laughs for the day.

INSANE RAMBLINGS

Birds don't always have a bird's eye view. Random thoughts are never random. Smiling only gives everyone around you false hope. Fear is more complicated than fear itself! The universe is a figment of its own imagination. Clowns are just evil trolls dressed up.

LEGENDS CAR SHOW

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter

The Crescent City Corvette Club held its annual Legends Car Show on Saturday, March 6, 2010. The weather could not have been more perfect...sunny, dry and cool and the show was great. Boomtown Casino was the location of this wonderful event, with proceeds going to support the many medical works of Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Nearly 180 vehicles were on display and represented Auto Clubs from all of the southern region. Some of the local clubs in attendance were the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Northshore Corvette Club, Baton Rouge Corvette Club, the Thunderbird Club and many other clubs in the southern region. These attendees received numerous awards that were given out at the end of the show.



Mary Berkowitz and Tom Wooten

As we entered the Car Show, Felix Famularo handed out the classification papers to accompany each vehicle as Bill Folsie took pictures to insert in each participation plaque. Everyone seems to love the picture plaque as a memento of their vehicle on display. The goody bags were filled with such nice items as Café du Monde coffee, Café du Monde Beignet mix, a Café du Monde coffee mug, chips clips, pens, and a 2 for 1 buffet coupon to dine in the Casino. Thanks go to Joe and Denise Mesa for donating the wonderful Café du Monde items to the goody bags, too.

The Award Ceremony started around 3:00 p.m. and Felix Famularo was the emcee of the program, while Mary Berkowitz, the President of the Crescent City Corvette Club, handed out the beautiful acrylic plaques to the winners. Plaques were given in several different categories such as Custom, Shine and Show, Modified, etc. and the Corvettes were judged in a separate category. The award winners in the different categories were given plaques for such areas as Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, and Best of Show. There was also a beautiful, large picture plaque with a picture of Drew Brees holding up the Lombardi Trophy given to one lucky winner. The Greater New Orleans Corvette Club won the award for having the most members (34) in

attendance at the show. Malcolm Graff, the President of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, accepted the award and donated the cash back to the show's designated charity, Children's Hospital.

I want to thank the coordinators, officers, and Crescent City Corvette Club members who worked so hard to make this show such a success. The Registration process was organized and well-planned and went very smoothly. The awards were beautiful and the door prizes were very ample and nice. The Loup's provided nice jewelry, accessories, and car related items for sale and another vendor had an array of car products to sell to car enthusiasts. Children's Hospital is always grateful for the very generous donation presented at the Children's Network Telethon at Channel 6 in June each year. Margaret Orr, Norman Robinson, Camille Whitworth, and Heath Allen really enjoy talking to the members of the "Corvette Society" (as Margaret Orr refers to us), as we take pledges for the hospital that Sunday.

It was a wonderful event for a most worthy cause. See you next year!

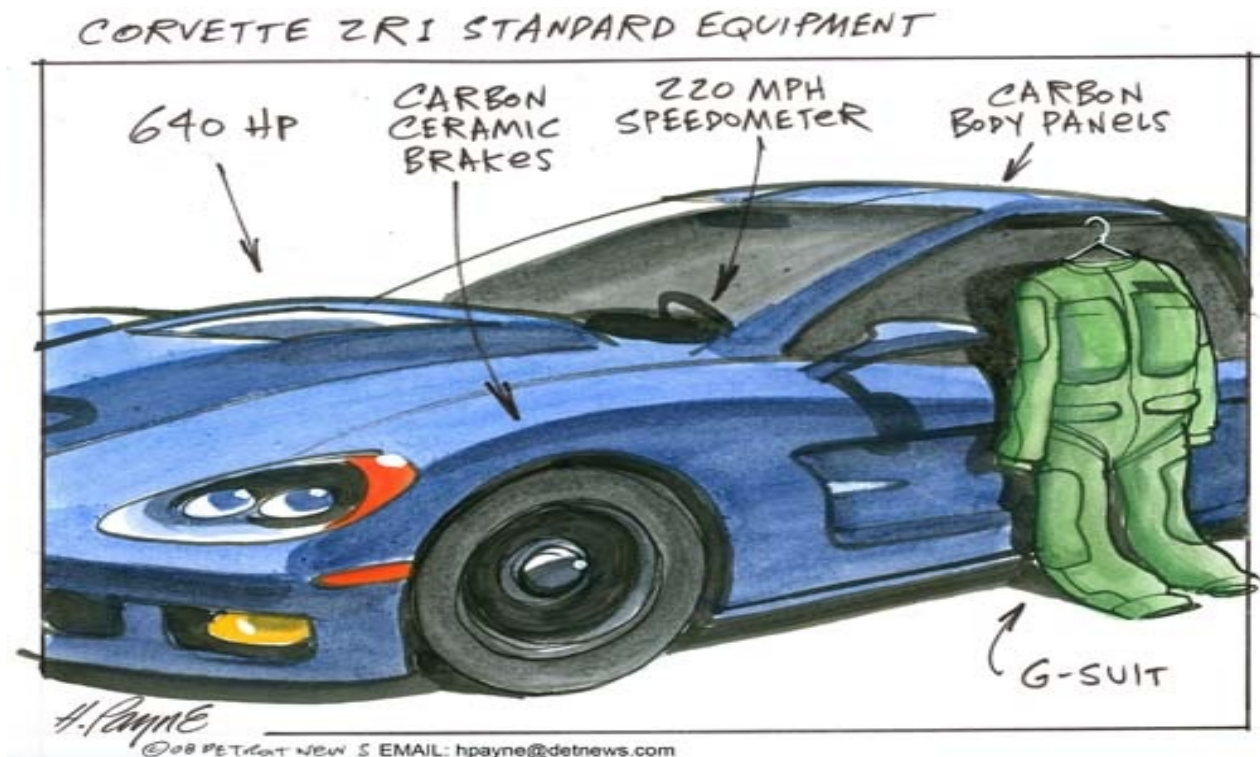
WE REMEMBER BUDDY COOK

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter

In March of 2007, one of our dear friends and the former Webmaster of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Buddy Cook, lost his battle to prostate cancer. Buddy will always be remembered for his quick wit, great sense of humor, numerous talents in the computer field, as a kind and generous friend, and a real Corvette enthusiast. Although it was a few years ago, it sometimes feels like yesterday when we lost our sweet, dear friend.

His compassionate personality and generous nature were some of his greatest assets. He brought humor to our Corvette meetings and to the many Corvette outings and trips that we all shared, too. He loved his Corvettes, and we pay tribute to his last two Corvettes with the "M T Pkts" stickers that we display on our Vettes. His last Cadillac license plate was called "Tapt Out." Buddy was never tapped out when it came to friends who loved him and cherished the time that they spent with him.

We miss you, Buddy. Enjoy your ride in Corvette Heaven!



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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Happy Easter! I hope everyone has enjoyed this April Fools' edition. I had a lot of fun putting it together for you.

Last month I heard a lot of wonderful things about the newsletter and it made me feel really good knowing that things are moving in the right direction.

In order for that level of content to continue I need your help. Last month taught me something, if it is interesting to one person, it will be interesting to others. Any scrap of Corvette related information that you think is interesting please pass along to me so others can read it. I am talking to **YOU**, not the person who sits across the room from you. This is me asking politely, don't make me hunt you down at a meeting!

Keep the stories, articles, tidbits, recipes and anything else you feel is newsworthy coming and I will do my best to see that it gets put in the newsletter.

Thanks again to Kathy Culbertson for all the articles you take so much time to write.

Also, a special thanks to Ken Gregoire for the recipe of the month, it sure sounds tasty!



HAPPY EASTER

April 2010						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24 NSCC, CCCC, GNOCC Crawfish Boil
25	26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	Notes: <i>NOTE: EVENTS IN BLUE ARE CLICKABLE LINKS THAT WILL BRING YOU TO A FULL DESCRIPTION.</i>

April 9th – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:30pm, be there for 6:30pm if you wish to dine.

April 15th - 17th – Central Arkansas Corvette Club's 12th Annual Corvette Weekend. The Austin is the host hotel, call 800-844-7275 or 501-623-6600 for reservations. Rooms are \$87 a night plus tax. Registration for show is \$75.00.

April 17th – Baton Rouge Corvette Club's annual "Labor of Love" is held at the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, Foundry St, Plaquemine, LA. All proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The Plaquemine Main Street Program co-hosts the event. After nine shows, we have sent a total of over \$175,000 to St. Jude Hospital. All kinds of cars, trucks, and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee is \$40.

April 24th – Greater New Orleans, North Shore and Crescent City Corvette Clubs presents the the 7th Annual Crawfish Boil. This event is open to all GNOCC, CCCC and NSCC paid members.

April 27th – Board meeting

May 2010						
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May 7th – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:30pm, be there for 6:30pm if you wish to dine.

May 25th – Board Meeting

May 30th – GNOCC Poker Run, details will be announced in the near future. What is a Poker Run?

The game begins with us gathering at a specific location at a specific time. There, each person who wants to play puts up a specified amount of money and receives a score sheet. Then, that person pulls a card from a large paper bag. The chosen card is stamped onto your score sheet. Once you've selected your card, you are given directions to the 2nd location to meet. We usually drive off together, but it's not mandatory. At the 2nd location, each player pulls another card from the paper bag. That card is also stamped on the score sheet and the location of the 3rd stop is handed to the player. This is done again for the 4th and final stop.

To better your chances of being one of the winners, every player is allowed to draw a second card at each stop. Basically, if you draw a card you really don't want stamped onto your score sheet, you put up \$1 for the chance to pick a better card. However, by doing so, the second card you select must be kept.

The final stop is a restaurant, where you turn in your score sheet for judging and order your dinner (at your own expense). Our judge will select the best hand, the 2nd best hand, and the 3rd best hand and cash prizes will be awarded.



GREATER NEW ORLEANS CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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