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GENERAL MOTORS INTRODUCES NEW INSTANT-WIN AIRBAGS

DETROIT—With third-quarter sales sluggish and its share of the domestic market down 11 percent, General Motors unveiled a new instant-win airbag contest Monday.

The new airbags, which award fabulous prizes upon violent, high-speed impact with another car or stationary object, will come standard in all of the company's 2011 cars.

"Auto accidents have never been so exciting," said GM vice-president of marketing Roger Jenkins, who expects the contest to boost 2011 sales significantly. "When you play the new GM Instant Win Airbag Game, your next fatal collision could mean a trip for two to National Corvette Museum or a year's worth of free Mobil gasoline."

Though it does not officially begin until May 1, 2011, the airbag promotion is already being tested in select cities, with feedback overwhelmingly positive.

"As soon as my car started to skid out of control, I thought to myself, 'Oh, boy, this could be it—I could be a big winner!'" said Cincinnati's Martin Frelks, who lost his wife but won \$50 Sunday when the Buick LeSabre they were driving hit an oil slick at 60 mph and slammed into an oncoming truck. "When the car stopped rolling down the embankment, I knew Ellen was dead, but all I could think about was getting the blood and glass out of my eyes so I could read that airbag!"

"It's really addictive," said Sacramento, CA, resident Marjorie Kamp, speaking from her hospital bed, where she is listed in critical condition with severe brain hemorrhaging and a punctured right lung. "I've already crashed four cars trying to win those tickets, but I still haven't won. I swear, I'm going to win those tickets—even if it kills me!"

Kamp said that as soon as she is well enough, she plans to buy a new Pontiac Bonneville and drive it into a tree.

GM officials are not surprised the airbag contest has been so well received. "In the past, nobody really liked car wrecks, and that's understandable. After all, they're scary and dangerous and, sometimes, even fatal," GM CEO Paul Offerman said. "But now, when you drive a new GM car or truck, your next serious crash could mean serious cash. Who wouldn't like that?"

Offerman added that in the event a motorist wins a prize but is killed, that prize will be awarded to the next of kin.

According to GM's official contest rules, odds of winning the grand prize, a brand-new 2011 Grand Sport Corvette, are 1 in 43,000,000. Statistical experts, however, say the real chances of winning are significantly worse. "If you factor in the odds of getting in a serious car accident in the first place—approximately 1 in 720,000—the actual odds of winning a prize each time you step in your car are more like 1 in 31 trillion."

Further, even if one is in an accident, there is no guarantee the airbag will inflate. "I was recently broadsided by a drunk driver in my new Chevy Cavalier," said Erie, PA, resident Jerry Polaner. "My car was totaled, and because it was the side of my car that got hit, my airbag didn't even inflate. But what really gets me is the fact that the drunk driver, who rammed my side with the front of his Buick Regal, won a \$100 Office Depot gift certificate. That's just wrong."

April Fool!!!

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President's Vieuxs



Malcolm Graff

Happy Spring everyone. The weather has been just gorgeous for getting your Vettes on the road. There will be lots of events to attend in the next few months. Just to give you a heads up we will be cruising to Boomtown Casino for CCCC Legends open car show on March 26th. The very next weekend April 1st we will join the Confederation of Corvette Clubs for The Spring Pilgrimage in Natchez, Ms .On Saturday April 9th we will head over to BRCC's annual Labor of Love St. Jude Car Show at the Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park. Also don't forget the Grand Bayou Charity Challenge April 1st – 3rd at No Problem Race Way for those who enjoy the racing world.

For those seafood lovers I know you are looking forward to the annual GNOCC, NSCC, and CCCC Crawfish Boil hosted by Rick and Colette Weaver at their home. Crawfish, veggies, potatoes, soft drinks, tea, and FUN FUN FUN provided. This is a MUST RSVP event, so as soon as you receive a notice please RSVP ASAP !!!

Once again we will experience the excitement of displaying our beautiful Corvettes at the 2011 N'awlins Air Show on Saturday May 7th and/or Sunday May 8th. Make sure to

sign up with Jim Richoux.

New Event !! Hank Williams has put together the GNOCC Ya'll Come All Corvette Cruise Night on Saturday May 21st at Gattuso's 435 Huey P Long Ave Gretna. Get ready for great food and a live band, it's going to be a good time.

Peter Rachel is working on our annual Poker Run for Sunday May 29th. Keep your eyes open for info coming out via e-mail.

Tom Wooten is putting together our trip to Bowling Green to visit the Corvette Museum on June 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. As soon as information becomes available we will send it to you. Be sure you register with Tom and make your Hotel reservations.

Wow, what a year and we are only half way through! No one should be bored. Just a little reminder that our April meeting will be moved to the second Friday, April 8th. The new meeting time is dine for 6:00 and meeting for 7:00 instead of 7:30.

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

Adam and Janene Allen



Adam and Janene own a Red 2006 Corvette z06. They have previously owned 1974, 84, and 86 Corvettes.

In their spare time they enjoy fishing, family vacations, horse riding, physical fitness, reading, gardening, and motorcycling.

Adam is a Senior System Engineer at Touro and also works part-time at Lowes as a service rep. Janene is a nurse.

The have four children, two boys and two girls.

Anthony and Elizabeth Goodgion

Anthony and Elizabeth have a 1964 Blue Corvette.

Their hobbies are hunting, fishing and flying.

Tommy and Deborah Laborde



Tommy and Deborah have a 2002 Yellow C5.

They look forward to making meeting new people and making new friends.

Mark and Rose Aucoin

Mark and Rose own a 2005 Red Coupe.

MARCH 50/50 WINNER



Richard Plauche was the lucky winner of the March 50/50. Thanks to the sales tactics of Patrica Touro and Rhonda Barbe, Richard went home with a jackpot of \$179.00, the highest amount we have had in a while!

Peter Rachel was responsible for the prizes for March. He had the obligatory "blue stuff" and some other great prizes like nano wax and other great car cleaning products.

RELAY FOR LIFE

By Barbara Graff



The weather could not have been any better on this beautiful Sunday morning in March when 6 Corvettes (four of which were RED) set out from Café DuMonde for a lovely drive to Thibodaux. We made a pit stop in Boutte to pick up yet 2 more RED vettes before we hit the winding roads along the Bayou. It felt so good to finally drive our Vette and enjoy the spring weather. We arrived at the Thibodaux Civic Center where the American Business Women's Association held their first "Relay for Life" Classic Car, Truck, & Bike Show. There were lots to eat, lots of vendors to shop, and lots of door prizes. Some of us brought home a Top 50 Award and the "Best Corvette" was given to Margaret Andras for her 2007 Lemans Blue Convertible. Congrats to all award winners and to Karl Schroeder for winning the 50/50 raffle of \$430. What a heart warming act of kindness for Karl to donate \$100 back to the charity. We certainly had a great day, great weather and great company. And RED definitely Ruled.

When we were taking our group picture a gentleman ran over with his plaque and politely jumped into our picture (far left). As we walked away laughing we noticed that he was a Mustang owner. OOPS!!! Wrong group!!!



A PATHETIC ATTEMPT AT RHYMING

By Rhonda Barbe

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, but he had no great fall. You see, Little Miss Muffet was frighted from her tuffet by a spider. This gave Humpty a great laugh and she knew she had to craft a wrath. She told all her friends of his great fall from the very large wall. Humpty thought this a bit rough so he tried to hire the Billy Goat Gruff. Humpty found Gruff was wasn't so tough and lived in land where he a plan to hang out with Peter Pan.

Peter Pan was found in Never Never Land because the real world had gotten out of hand. He was a young fella who had eyes for Cinderella. Instead, Cinderella, dressed in yella, was in love with Prince Charming who was so warming and had a cat named Puss N Boots who was always a hoot, but especially when he played the flute.

Little Red Riding Hood was always so good, but when she went into the woods it was always understood that she would get lost. Her best friend Hansel, who lived in a house with a large mantel, gave her some bread crumbs to mark her trail. Instead the crumbs were eaten by a boy no taller then a thumb! Tom Thumb was easily filled with small sums and he could see no reason why crumbs were laying in the slums of the woods.

If it wasn't for the Pied Piper, who was often very hyper, Little Red Riding Hood would still be lost. The Piped Piper agreed that for a cost, he could pipe a tune that was sure to make her as happy as a loon and lead her back to where she could see the moon. Of course, the Piper didn't do it for free because he needed to ship out to sea to flee the King's decree!



Roger Williams presents Ralph Adams with the official award for Master of Trivia

Cars 2 will feature Jeff Gordon and a Corvette C6.R as Jeff Gorvette

By Keith Cornett

Source: [Disney/Pixar](#) via [Autoblog](#)



NASCAR star and Corvette owner Jeff Gordon will be featured in the upcoming *Cars 2* animated movie from Pixar. Gordon will be voicing the character of a Corvette C6.R named Jeff Gorvette, one of greatest American race cars alive, according to the bio found on the official [Cars 2 website](#). *Cars 2* will hit theaters on June 24, 2011.

Jeff Gorvette's C6.R livery features the traditional Velocity Yellow base color with an American Stars and Stripes motif. He'll be wearing the #24 too as that's the number Jeff Gordon wears on Chevrolet Impala NASCAR.

Gordon (and Gorvette's) role in the movie is expected to be more than just a cameo appearance. We know he is in the Japanese World Grand Prix sequence but not sure where else he'll show up. We also know that when he is on screen, he'll be "turning hoods wherever he competes", as his

official bio states below:

Jeff Gorvette is one of the greatest American race cars alive today. Donning the stars and stripes of his country's flag, the #24 Corvette C6.R has proven his ability to succeed on the big ovals and the road courses of the Grand Touring Sports circuits. Having moved from his hometown of Vallejo, California to Indiana to be closer to the racing world, Gorvette's ability to accelerate at such a young age has turned hoods wherever he competes. His championships and number of victories are unmatched, making him a respected competitor – and legitimate threat – at the World Grand Prix.

Here is Jeff Gorvette on the turntable:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNwFzmOZRGU&feature=player_embedded

Here is the first trailer from *Cars 2* where you can see Jeff Gorvette in the opening race sequence.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=oFTfAduCOo

Some are making hay out of the fact that Gordon comes from the world of NASCAR and has nothing to do with the Corvette C6.R. We think Gordon is fine for the part. As one of the most dominate racers in the sport, he successfully represents Chevrolet (albeit in an Impala) and he personally owns several Corvettes including a 2009 Cyber Gray Corvette ZR1 so his onscreen role as a Corvette C6.R is okay with us.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

I hope everyone enjoyed the April Fools/Fairy Tale/Nursery Rhyme version of the newsletter this month. It was a lot of fun to do, but I never thought rhyming could be so difficult.

A special thanks goes to Barbara Graff for the Relay to Life article and to Jim Richoux for the fuel jokes that will be used throughout the next few months.

Please note that after this month the newsletter will be semi-monthly. As always, Malcolm will send everyone an email when it is up on the website.

April 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>NATCHEZ SPRING PILGRIMAGE</u> <u>GRAND BAYOU CHARITY CHALLENGE</u>	2 <u>NATCHEZ SPRING PILGRIMAGE</u> <u>GRAND BAYOU CHARITY CHALLENGE</u>
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <u>DINNER BELL CRUISE</u>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <u>GNOCC, NSCC, CCCC CRAWFISH BOIL</u>

April 1st through 3rd - Natchez Spring Pilgrimage. We will depart New Orleans the afternoon of Friday, April 1st. Block of rooms saved at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Vidalia, LA. Rates from \$89.00 – \$99.00. Stay at this hotel Friday and Saturday, so make your reservations for two nights. Call the hotel directly (318) 336-1655 for reservations. Tell them you are with the Confederation of LA Corvettes to get the block rate.

April 1st through 3rd – Grand Bayou Charity Challenge. Go to <http://www.grandbayoucharitychallenge.org> for full details.

April 8th – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, be there for 6:00pm if you wish to dine.

April 9th – BRCC St. Jude Car Show. Caravan leaving Cafe DuMonde (4700 Veterans Blvd. Metairie) at 7:30 am. Come early for coffee and beignets. Please let me know if you will be cruising with us. I will also be making plans to dine at The Grapevine on our way back home. Please RSVP macnbarb@bellsouth.net

April 17th – Cruise to Dinner Bell Cruise Restaurant in McComb, Miss.

April 30th – GNOCC, NSCC, CCCC Crawfish Boil at Rick and Caulette Weavers house from 1pm until dusk. Seafood, fun and soft drink will be provided. **RSVP by April 27th** to weaver_3@bellsouth.net or cweaver@associatedtime.com or call : Weaver home at 985-781-3639; Collette's cell 504-416-5768; Rick's cell 985-960-2787; Ralph's cell 504-494-6936.
This outing is open to ALL GNOCC, CCCC, NSCC Paid Members

May 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	7 2011 N'AWLINS AIR SHOW YALL COME CORVETTE DISPLAY
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Y'ALL COME WEST BANK CRUISE NIGHT AT GATTUSO'S
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29 GNOCC ANNUAL Y'ALL COME POKER RUN	30	31				

May 6th – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, be there for 6:00pm if you wish to dine.

May 7th-8th – 2011 N'Awlins Air Show. Meet at McDonald's on Manhattan in Harvey at 6:30AM and drive in as a group. **Your car is required to stay until the show has ended**, but you may leave it there and then return in the afternoon to pick your car up if you so choose. **RSVP with Jim Richoux at jimmyrichoux@cox.net. Please indicate if you will be attending on Saturday or Sunday.**

May 21st - Y'all Come West Bank Cruise Night at Gattuso's on the West Bank. Details to come.

May 29th – Y'all Come Poker Run. Details to come.



THE CRUISE NIGHT MONTHLY TOWN

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Colors: Red, Black, White
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Shirt Type: Ladies Tank Top
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
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Order #: L.A.T. 3589 women



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Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
Colors: Black shirt/Red trim or
Red shirt/Black trim
Order #: Giland 32000



Harrington Visor
Size: One size
Colors: Red, White,
Black
Order #: M850



Harrington Nascar Twill Cap
Size: One size
Colors: Black, Red, White
Order #: M860



Shirt Type: Men's Polo Shirt
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2 XL
Colors: White shirt/Red and
Black trim
Order # Gilan 37000



Shirt Type: Men's Denim
Harriton Long Sleeve
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL,
3XL, 4XL
Colors: Blue
Order #: M550



Shirt Type: Denim Harriton
Short Sleeve
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL,
2 XL, 3XL,4XL
Color: Blue
Order #: M550S



Shirt Type: Women's Denim
Harriton Long Sleeve
Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
Color: Blue
Order #: M550W