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Greater New Orleans Corvette Club

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LEGENDS CAR SHOW

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter



On a beautiful, warm spring day, the Crescent City Corvette Club held its annual Legends open car show on the grounds of the Boomtown Casino on the West Bank of New Orleans. The open car show had so many different types and models of cars, trucks, and bikes, and it was filled with well over 100 vehicles.

The registration process was smooth and well organized, and the goodie bags were nice and generous. They also contained a two for one buffet coupon for the tasty buffet at the Boomtown Casino.

That afternoon, many awards were presented by the President of the Crescent City Corvette Club to great vehicles in such categories as Best Engine, Best Paint, Best

Interior, etc. Among the many awards given out was an award given to the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club for having the Best Club Participation. They brought 33 members to this wonderful car show. There were also some other nice awards given to 3 members of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club for the Valve Cover races. First Place went to Karl Schroeder, Second Place went to Malcolm Graff, and Third Place went to John Pinero. Congratulations to these deserving members of the GNOCC!

The proceeds of the car show will be given to Children's Hospital at the Miracle Network Telethon in June, on Channel 6, in New Orleans. We always have a good time chatting with Margaret Orr, Norman Robinson, and Melanie Hebert when working the telethon, and when giving the huge donation to Children's Hospital that day.

I want to congratulate and thank the members and staff of the Crescent City Corvette Club for organizing this worthwhile and entertaining open car show each year. The day is entertaining and fun, and gives the car and truck enthusiasts a chance to visit with each other, and to display their cherished vehicles to the visitors and other car owners.

See you next year!

BRIDGESTONE
Firestone

President's Vieuxs



Malcolm Graff

As President, I would like to share my views of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club. When I first joined this club I thought it was just an ordinary club to belong to. I soon found out that it is much more than just a car club. It is a club consisting of a group of people who have grown to be like a close knit family who share the same compassion and love for our Corvettes and each other. I do not think there is a better group of people anywhere else in the world.

In the past 8 years it has been an honor to have served as your President or Vice President. I am very lucky to have Board Members and Chairpersons who have been committed to making our club what it is today.

The members of our Board are still planning more fun and exciting events for the remainder of this year. Keep a look out for those e-mails and check the website and news letter. You all are what makes this club a success!!!

Catch ya at the meeting,
Malcolm



APRIL 50/50 WINNER



What a coincidence this was! I was in charge of the 50/50 for April and when it came time to pick the winning ticket for the pile of cash someone yelled at me to give the bucket to someone else to pull the ticket. Apparently Marty Bordelon wasn't doing a good enough job of picking tickets. I handed the bucket to Lyle Melancon and asked him to pick a ticket. In a strange twist of events he picked his own ticket and won \$125.00 What were the chances of that happening???

Congratulations Lyle and Isabel!



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

Jon and Eileen McManis



John and Eileen own a 1998 Coupe, 350 cubic inches - 345 hp -10.1.1 ratio and the color is *RED!*

Jon was born in Buffalo, NY and lived all over the country, but if he had to call one place home it would be Baytown, Texas.

Eileen was born in Milwaukee, WI and moved to Florida in 1980. Both her and Jon have lived in New Orleans since 1992.

Jon retired from the U.S. Coast Guard and is now a Loss Prevention Manager for LeBeouf Bros. Towing in Houma. Eileen is a retired Real Estate Agent.

In her spare time, Eileen enjoys gardening, walking, swimming and reading. She also loves the beach and being outdoors.

Jon's hobbies are baseball cards, stamps, radios, clocks, and anything old. He loves to tinker with things.

Wendel and Roberta Fink



Wendell and Roberta are both from New Orleans (Lakeview).

They like fishing, hunting and enjoying the company of their 3 kids and 9 grand kids.

Wendell is a retired plumber and commercial fisherman. Roberta is in banking.

They bought their 1984 Black Coupe in bad shape and started restoring it. It has been a work in progress but it's coming along!

Russell and Debbie Belsome

Russell and Debbie have a 1994 and 1976 Red Coupe.

Craig and Judy Gifford

Craig and Judy drive a 2009 Black Coupe.

Rod and Kim Markovits



Rod and Kim have lived in the New Orleans area for the last 8 years. They moved here from Seattle, WA area when their jobs transferred them. They actually like our hot southern weather!

They both like to travel by RV around the U.S. seeing the nations landmarks. Rod likes anything Vette related with focus on the complete rebuild of his 61 Vette to top NCRS standards. Kim enjoys quilting and shopping!

Rod works for Intralox, LLC in Harahan as manager of the technical products and solutions group, which is responsible for R&D and international sales development of new products. Kim is employed by the St. Tammany school district as transportation driver and is building a successful Tupperware business.

They have two daughters. One works for Oschner and recently got engaged to her fireman fiancée. Their other daughter is a junior this fall at LSU and is majoring in international trade and finance.

Rod grew up watching Route 66 and loved the look of the 61 Vette. They own a 1961 Jewell Blue Convertible used in the 1st reunion of Route 66 with Martin Miler and George Maharis. They also have a 2011 Velocity Yellow Grand Sport Coupe which is going to be a tribute to American Le Mans series race car.

Thomas and Jeinnie Longo

Thomas and Jeinnie own a 2009 Black Convertible.

Joseph and Sedonia Sacarro



Joe grew up around West Metairie. Sedonia grew up in Lafitte and moved to the big city when she married Joe 39 years ago.

They enjoy going to the wellness center and exercising. Joe loves to walk, Sedonia likes Aquatic exercises.

Joe used to collect coins and baseball cards, but these days they both like to travel, and usually take a yearly cruise somewhere.

Joe's dream was to own a Corvette and Sedonia made his dream come true for his birthday in February. Sedonia asked him what he wanted for his birthday and he replied, "a Corvette." She went on to ask him what color and of course he said "RED!" In February they bought a 2011 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe and have been enjoying it ever since. Joe is in the process of chroming some of the motor and dressing the car up with Corvette emblems items.

Bobby and Liz Andrews



Bobby and Liz have a 2000 Red Coupe.

Henry and Theresa Repak



Henry is from the New Orleans 7th ward and Theresa grew up in Westwego.

One of Henry's favorite hobbies is collecting music of all kinds. They also like amateur radio, airplanes, classic cars, and watching old movies.

Theresa has been an educator since 1969 and has been very active in her profession.

Theresa has a grown son who is married and living in Prescott, Arizona.

They own a 2004 Convertible Commemorative Edition, Lemans Blue, with a Shale Top and leather interior, It has an LS1 engine, a MN6 6-speed manual transmission, and corsa performance exhaust.

POLICE ARTIST SKETCH OF ROBBERY SUSPECT



CONFEDERATION OF CORVETTE CLUB OF LOUISIANA SPRING PILGRIMAGE MARGARITAS, TAMALES, AND MENU AIRPLANES

By Pat Krystek



What do tamales and “knock you naked margaritas” have in common? That's right....corvette people on a cruise. Fat Mama's in Natchez was the first serious stop on the Spring Pilgrimage Tour.

From Fat Mama's we headed to the Comfort Inn where the river view from the rooms was breathtaking. Kudos to Felix for picking this motel.

Surprise!!! Then it was off for dinner at Lil Dago's Italian Restaurant. It was open just for us that night. Oh so filling and delicious tells the story. Another fine pick I must say.

On Saturday, our first stop was at Dunleith. Ralph Adams and Richard Buckheister were our photographers. Felix directed a few drivers at a time in front of Dunleith for a photo op. The home and grounds were quite impressive. One particular couch and chairs were worth way more than the mansion itself. We are talking millions of dollars. ChaChing! And Ralph treated us to his piano playing.

The next destination was Frogmore Cotton Plantation. We sang and played tambourines in the church. The guest singer sang spirituals that told about the plight of slaves. A visit to the slave cabins really brought home the conditions of the time. African slaves have influenced our culture a myriad of ways. They brought us different foods like okra, gumbo, and yams. Their beautiful music was shared with us. We also had a chance to pick cotton. Not such a hard thing to do in April before the summer sun has a chance to bake one to a crisp. The women and children of the time would pull the seeds out of the cotton in the evenings. Not an easy task.

Then it was time to eat again. The Cock of the Walk was the chosen site. Mighty tasty food was served.

Two more antebellum homes were visited after lunch. The first was The Burn. Ladies in hoop skirts presented most of the information on particular rooms in the house and living conditions at that time. It was truly a beautiful home.

The last home on the agenda was Richmond. Through the years two major additions have been built in totally different architectural styles. Two sisters related to the original owners live in the house now. This home has not had air conditioning or heating added to it. We got the true feel of the old South. One better not complain about the heat of summer. We have electricity, air conditioning and running water.

What would a cruise be without the Orange Slush Social? After a hard day of visiting homes, it was a welcome respite. Picture us sitting outside by the river at tables with umbrellas and discussing the good times we had that day.

What? Time to eat again? It was off to Jughead's. If you missed this, then you missed the menus being folded into airplanes and sailed around the room. Do corvette people know how to have a good time or what? The best part was seeing the smiles on everyone's faces.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, Felix led many of us along the Natchez Trace. No matter how many times you drive it, the beauty of the Trace is still overwhelming. The first stop was the Emerald Mound. On our walk we discovered the charming old cemetery and a magnificent plant called the Endless Summer Hydrangea. You must find one of these for your yard.

Windsor Ruins was our next awesome site. It was an almost eerie sight. In the middle of nowhere stood giant columns of a bygone mansion that had burned down. The ironwork and ornate columns were all that was left.

The last place on The Trace was the Grand Gulf Military Monument and Museum. The museum itself held artifacts from the Civil War. Outside were buildings that housed a jail, blacksmith shop, and carriage house. A Civil War ambulance wagon and a couple of horse drawn ornate hearses were on display. Also, a house, church, cemetery, and watchtower were on the grounds. Lots of walking up and down hills helped us wear off a few calories.

Calories? Did someone mention calories? Our final stop was the Cracker Barrel in Brookhaven. Good food and good conversations about the trip was enjoyed.

I love these cruises for several reasons. Of course, I have fun. I get to share the activities with great companions. On top of that, I learn new things. What could be better than that?

GRAND BAYOU CHARITY CHALLENGE

By Bob Decker

Yesterday, I ventured to the Grand Bayou Charity Challenge. Patty and Mike Poupart were perfect host. They invited me to attend the driver's meeting. I was able to meet many of the drivers and talk cars and discuss their racing experiences. For lunch I had a wonderful bowl of red beans and rice prepared by Chef John Folse. I was also able to take a fast lap with one of the drivers in a Porsche 911 Carrera S. That was fun. The fact that he had put his Porsche in the wall earlier in the day after hitting a patch of sand on the track made it a little more exciting. I do plan to attend next year. I always love the sounds and sites of a car race.

CRAWFISH BOIL

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter



On Saturday, April 30, the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Crescent City Corvette Club, and Northshore Corvette Club held their annual Crawfish Boil at the lovely home of Rick and Collette Weaver in Slidell. Their home was beautiful and the kitchen held countless desserts, while the crawfish and other delicious foods were being prepared in their water view backyard.

The food items were plentiful and delicious. They included boiled crawfish, corn, sausage, mushrooms, hot potatoes, and green peppers. The food was seasoned to perfection and able to satisfy the large, happy crowd of Corvette members.

After eating, many of us went to see our "own" Corvette show in front of Rick and Collette's home. Our cars provided a great show to the neighbors and visitors in the subdivision.

I want to thank Rick and Collette for allowing us to use their beautiful home and yard for the Crawfish Boil every year. We appreciate their hospitality and beautiful waterfront view. Thanks guys!!



MAY 50/50 WINNER

Bob Himes was the lucky jackpot winner of the May 50/50. He walked off with a huge smile on his face and \$123.00 more in his pocket.

Congratulations Bob, try not spend it all on gas for Corvette trips.

NAWLINS AIR SHOW - VETTES AND JETS

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter

On a warm, sunny Saturday of May 7, 2011, 33 Corvettes from our local community put on a beautiful display at the Nawlins Air Show in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. The array of small aircraft, military planes, and jets was really awesome. There were several excellent vendors and they told me that the Navy Seal pins appeared to be a "hot" selling item, after our victory over Osama Bin Laden. Our beautiful Corvettes were on display near the front entrance gate and were a true focal point of interest. The visitors enjoyed seeing the show cars and visiting with their proud owners.

The highlight of this year's Air Show was a great presentation put on by the Blue Angels.

There was a slight problem with Blue Angel # 5, so the back-up jet, # 7, revved up and flew with the fantastic precision flying team. The show was spectacular, as always, with the daring maneuvers and formations of awe. The Blue Angels never cease to amaze me with their perfection and skill.

I want to thank Jim Richoux and Malcolm Graff for organizing this wonderful and patriotic event. It makes you so proud to be an American when you see the capability of our wonderful military, and their bravery and fortitude. All of the military personnel at Alvin Callendar Field were polite and helpful, and were serving us and their country in such a respectful manner. Thank you, military personnel, for serving our country to help freedom stay strong and sure.

We look forward to many more wonderful and exciting Air Shows in our region. See you next year!



GNOCC MEMBERS IN MILITARY DISPLAY AT THE CORVETTE MUSEUM

Two of our very own club members, Bob Decker and Dan Gallineau, have the honor of being displayed in the new Military Display at the National Corvette Museum.

The military themed display has photos and stories. The three panels have been installed in the Nostalgia area of the museum, right by our 1953 Corvette Barber Shop display.

They anticipate the panels to be up for about two years.

If you haven't already done so, check out the panels online here:

<http://corvettemuseum.com/exhibits/military.shtml>

To view a bigger version of each photo, click on the photo. This will allow you to read each caption. The actual panels are 46" long each and 16" high.



ZEPHYR'S GAME

By Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter



Just like our All American sports car, the Corvette, the all American sport, baseball, held our attention on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The weather was totally perfect for the 6:00 starting time; it was sunny, cool, and breezy with low humidity. The New Orleans Zephyr's played the Tacoma Rainiers in a very exciting and fast paced game.

Twenty-two members of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club attended this really fun event.

Our seats were located above home plate and afforded us a wonderful view of the game, and also a nice view of the other entertaining happenings throughout the evening. Barbara Graff and I were lucky enough to meet up with Boudreaux and Clotile as we walked in the breezeway and we got some nice pictures with these famous nutria mascots. They were accommodating and kind as we took several pictures with

them.

I want to thank Maria Credo for planning this really fun evening. Her planning and seating arrangements were perfect. We look forward to more Corvette Zephyr nights and other fun-filled Corvette events in the upcoming months. Enjoy the cool spring weather, too!

EDITOR'S MUSING

WOW! There are so many really wonderful articles in this newsletter! You guys are truly awesome.

Welcome to all of our new members! Is it just me, or is the club growing by leaps and bounds? Before we are going to need a bigger meeting place! I gladly welcome all of you and I look forward to getting to know you.

A special thanks to Kathy Culbertson for her superb writing skills, Bob Decker for his article on the Grand Bayou Challenge, Pat Krystek for the Pilgrimage article and to Ken Gregoire for stepping in and taking pictures in my absence at the last meeting.



June 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <u>TRIP TO CORVETTE MUSEUM IN BOWLING GREEN, KY</u>	4
5 <u>BACK TO THE BEACH BIKE AND CAR SHOW</u>	6	7	8	9	10 <u>GNOCC GENERAL MEETING</u>	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 BOARD MEETING	22	23	24	25 <u>ALL COME NSCC SCAVENGER HUNT</u>
26 <u>GNOCC ANNUAL BOWLING EVENT</u>	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

June 3rd – Trip to Bowling Green. I am sure you know the details of this one already if you are planning on making the trip.

June 5th – Back to the Beach. Meet the Pontchartrain Center for 7:00 am. Anthony Trapani will lead the group to the staging area to park. Pre-register your car to make it easier for you to enter as part of the group. **Please RSVP to macnbarb@bellsouth.net so we know how many are coming.**

June 10th – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, be there for 6:00pm if you wish to dine.

June 21st – Board Meeting

June 25th – All Come NSCC Scavenger Hunt. Start at Cafe du Monde, Mandeville, LA, at 10AM. You will receive your scavenger lists at the starting point. End at Petunia's Cafe, Hwy 59, Mandeville, LA, You must be there **No Later than 3PM!** Enjoy the home cooking at Petunia's. Winners will be announced at 4PM. See website for the flyer and registration form.

June 26th – GNOCC Annual Bowling Event

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July 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <u>GNOCC GENERAL MEETING</u>	9 <u>TRIP TO MOBILE GREYHOUND TRACK</u>
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July 8th - General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, be there for 6:00pm if you wish to dine.

July 9th - Trip to Mobil Greyhound Track. Details to coming soon to an inbox near you!

July 17th - Cruise to Busted Wrench/The Shed. Details to come. <http://www.bustedwrenchgarage.com/>

July 26th - Board Meeting