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Greater New Orleans Corvette Club

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## **VALENTINE CRUISE**

By Kathy Culbertson  
Corvette Reporter



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon of February 13th, 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. 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 tasty chocolate covered pretzel, 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 always displays 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

Hey GNOCC members, 2011 has really started rolling. The weather was just beautiful for our annual Valentine Cruise to Catfish Charlie's. We filled the entire restaurant with Corvette enthusiast and the parking lot with lots of gorgeous Corvettes. Members from the Northshore, Crescent City, Baton Rouge, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Clubs joined us for the splendid evening. It is always great to see all of our friends from the various clubs. Mr Harold, Mrs Pauline and their staff did a wonderful job serving us and they look forward to seeing us each year. It was a pleasant addition to have Barry and Jason from Ross Downing Chevrolet join us for dinner. We are very fortunate to have such a great car dealership as Ross Downing for our sponsor. For all your future sales and service I know you will choose Ross Dowling Chevrolet.

We have several up-coming events. Crescent City Legends Car Show on Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup>, Baton Rouge Labor of Love on Sat. April 9<sup>th</sup>, and some new and exciting cruise nights around town. Also our joint Crawfish Boil with NSCC, CCCC, and GNOCC will be Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes and ears open because this is a **MUST RSVP** event.

I don't want to get too far into the calendar. May and June are full of fun filled events. One last note before I drive off, the March general membership meeting has been moved to Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> due to Mardi Gras.

Have a happy and safe Mardi Gras.

Catch ya at the meeting. Let's keep cruising.

Malcolm



### FEBRUARY 50/50 WINNER

Joe Long hit the jackpot at the February meeting! He walked away with a huge smile on his face and an extra \$159.00 in his pocket.

Congratulations Joe! Pass that good luck to me at the next meeting.

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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**Anthony Trapani Jr**  
**Howard Walker III**  
**Roger Williams**  
**Thomas Wooten**


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

### **Bernie and Maria Couevas**

Bernie and Maria own AEP Environmental, a manufacturer of oil skimmer products.

In their spare time they enjoy 4 wheeling, boating, jet skiing and spending time with their three children and two grandchildren.

They have a 2009 Victory Red Z06 Corvette with a 650hp Lingenfelter Package

### **Lawrence and Gwen Plaisance**

Both Gwen and Lawrence are life long residents of Lafitte.

Their hobbies include hunting, fishing and traveling.

Lawrence is a retired commercial fisherman and Gwen is an apartment manager on the Westbank.

They have two children ages 42 and 29 and two grandchildren ages 16 and 8 months.

Recently they purchased a yellow 2004 coupe.

### **Louis Odenwald and Patsy Swanson**

Louis and Patsy have a 2002 Gray Coup.

Their other passions are music, the Maison's, and Deutsch House.

### **Anthony and Melanie Pastorello**

Anthony and Melanie have a 2011 Yellow Grand Sport.

They also enjoy soccer, football and fast cars.

### **John and Lorie Vedros**

John and Lorie own a 2009 Cyber Gray Convertible.

### **Jerry Rachel**

Jerry was born and raised in the French Quarter then moved to Metairie at age 10.

He is retired from the Jefferson Parish Police Department and proudly says he survived his crazy kid days of motorcycles, race cars, most motor sports and flat track racing.

Back in the day, he had a 68 Rag Top 350 CI 350hp and a 1971 Hard Top 454 Big Block 425hp.

Peter Rachel, Jerry's son and long time member of GNOCC, has been after him to get another corvette. While he says his racing days are over, he will enjoy being an old man with a fast car.

### **Bob Hinyub**

Bob has a 2003 Black Convertible and also enjoys riding his Harley Davidson.

### **Bernard "Sonny" Day**

Sonny enjoys riding around in his 1995 Red Coupe.

### **John and Marilyn Bonomo**

John and Marilyn own a 1972 Gold Stingray and a 2007 yellow coupe.

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## C7 CORVETTE UPDATE IN MARCH 2011 CAR AND DRIVER

Source:

[Car and Driver Magazine](#) via [Corvette Forum](#)

Car and Driver magazine has the following update on the next-generation C7 Corvette:

*“The Corvette continues as front-engine, V-8 powered, but GM is reportedly working to reduce mass (or at least hold the line) to maintain C6 performance. Slightly longer than before, the C7 will have styling allegedly inspired by the split-window ‘63 Sting Ray. Interior quality, not a Corvette strength, is now a high priority, and GM has set Audi as the benchmark for materials and fits. Three versions will be offered: base, Z06 and ZR1 (base versions may be called Grand Sport). At launch, the V-8 portfolio will mirror today’s, ranging from 430 to 638 horsepower. Later, all three engines will undergo displacement reductions to improve fuel economy.”*

We find it interesting that C&D says the C7 will be launched with engines ranging in similar horsepower output to the current LS3, LS7 and LS9 and then will undergo a reduction to smaller displacements to improve fuel economy. Other sources including Motor Trend say the C7 Corvette will be one of the first GM models to feature the next-gen small block V8 that is currently under development. GM announced last year an investment of \$890 million to develop and manufacture the new V8 engines and at this time we see no reason why the new power plants will not be ready by 2013 when we expect the new Corvette.

Lastly, we are excited to hear that the Corvette’s interior is getting as much attention as the exterior design and engineering. Audi’s quality and workmanship is a worthy example to emulate.

Unfortunately, Corvette enthusiasts seem to be split on the return of the split-window for the C7 and the [thread on the forum](#) about this topic dissolves into vitriol and name calling before being locked. C’mon, people, where’s the civility?



## PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BY-LAWS

### Change is to Article 7 Section 3

The current wording is as follows; A. Vacancies in the Board of Directors will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors to complete the term.

This is the proposed change; A. Vacancies in the Board of Director, OFFICERS AND OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS, will be appointed by the President and approved by A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF The Boards of Directors AND OFFICERS.

Please contact Jim Richoux (jimmyrichoux@cox.net) if you have any questions as to the proposed changes.

## CORVETTE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING WILL BE HISTORIC FOR BOWLING GREEN

By Mark Leevan  
Borrowed from [examiner.com](http://examiner.com)

The National Corvette Homecoming's 30th, on July 14-16, 2011, is a big one and will be shared with the Corvette Assembly plant. This features a plant manager's seminar, a new Road Tour, golf tournament, GM new vehicle debut, and the most anticipated events, a 30 year Corvette display, one for every year since the Bowling Green Corvette plant's opening and the very first Homecoming!

The National Corvette Homcoming is now accepting applicants for Corvettes 1981-2011 to represent their year in this historic display. [Applicants are invited to check the website for details](#). The iconic Corvettes chosen will be either original or custom and in best condition of all applicants for that year.

This year the Corvette's "cousin", the Cadillac XLR's will join in the 30th Bowling Green Anniversary celebrations. Over 50 of these beautiful Cadillac two-seaters have already registered.

Early registrations are strong and space is filling up fast. Early registration invites gets an invitation to the "Touch of Class" Meet & Greet on Thursday evening to meet favorite celebrities and local dignitaries. Over 250 attended last year and this year is running ahead of that number. The "Touch of Class" is limited to 400.

50 vendors are already aboard.



### EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Wow! What a month for new members, we must be doing something right!

Now if only I could get some of you to submit content for the newsletter we would be in really good shape. Please don't force me to publish my story about how Jack and the Bean Stalk ends up in the land of Oz, because I will! Trust me, you REALLY don't want to read the one explaining how pigs really fly and why the cow jumps over the moon! For your own sake, don't force the twisted characters in my head to come out and play.

As always, special thanks to Kathy Culbertson for supplying us with the wonderful article of our trip to Catfish Charlie's.

I hope everyone has a happy safe Mardi Gras and St. Patricks Day!

March 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <b><u>GENERAL MEETING</u></b>	12 <b><u>CAJUN CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB OPEN CAR SHOW</u></b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>RELAY FOR LIFE CAR SHOW</b>	21	22 <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	23	24	25	26 <b><u>CRESCENT CITY CORVETTE CLUB'S LEGENDS OPEN CAR SHOW</u></b>
27	28	29	30	31		

March 11<sup>th</sup> – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:30pm, be there for 6:30pm if you wish to dine.

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Cajun Classic Chevy Club Open Car Show. Caravan will depart from Cafe du Monde (Vettes) at 7:30am. All are invited to caravan to the show.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life Car Show. Caravan leaving Cafe DuMonde 4700 Veterans Blvd Metairie at 8:00 am sharp. Meet up with the West Bank group along the street behind the Race Track Hwy 90 Boutte, La. We will depart here for 8:45 sharp. Please let me know if you will be caravanning [macnbarb@bellsouth.net](mailto:macnbarb@bellsouth.net) .

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Board Meeting

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Crescent City Corvette Clubs 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends Open Car Show. **East Bank** Caravan leaving Cafe DuMonde 4700 Veterans Blvd Metairie, at 8:00 am. sharp. Come early for coffee and beignets. **West Bank** can join the caravan at Texas Road House Restaurant, 1631 West Bank Expressway.

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

April 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> - Natchez Spring Pilgrimage. We will depart New Orleans the afternoon of Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Block of rooms has saved at the Comfort Inn & Suites I 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grand Bayou Charity Challenge. Go to <http://www.grandbayoucharitychallenge.org> for full details.

April 8<sup>th</sup> – General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:30pm, be there for 6:30pm if you wish to dine.

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:macnbarb@bellsouth.net)

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Bell Cruise

April 30<sup>th</sup> – GNOCC, NSCC, CCCC Crawfish Boil

## GNOCC Club Apparel Order Form

Shirts: \$25.00

Visors and hats: \$10.00

Shirts include GNOCC logo, your name and Ross Downing logo

Make checks payable to Monogram Express and Mail payment to: Dee Kaplan, PO Box 1152 Luling, La. 70070

All shirts are delivered at the monthly meeting. Processing time for orders is roughly one month from the time your order form and payment has been received.

Email Dee at [apparel@gnocc.com](mailto:apparel@gnocc.com) if you have any questions.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Shirt Type: Ladies Jerzees Johnny Collar  
 Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL  
 Colors: Red, Black, White  
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Shirt Type: Ladies Tank Top  
 Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL  
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 Red shirt/Black trim  
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 Size: One size  
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 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