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Greater New Orleans Corvette Club

September/October 2011

BUNCO SUNDAY

By Barbara Graff



Wow!! Another great Bunco event! Sunday August 28th we again packed the Italian Pie for some crazy fun. They say laughter is the best medicine, well we all got a great big dose. We had 60 players, some of which had never played before and really enjoyed learning. It is a great way to end a long hot summer. Maria gave out some really nice gift certificates to the winners. Good going Malcolm Graff for being the top player this year! The deserts were fabulous, thanks to all the members who brought their favorite recipes. The Italian Pie served some delicious pizza and Caesar salad. Thanks Dave for opening your restaurant on Sunday to accommodate us.

A great big ***thank you*** to Maria and Mark Credo for planning such a fun event!

President's Vieuxs



Malcolm Graff

As usual September was packed full of fun! Our sponsor Ross Downing Chevrolet held a Corvette display at their dealership on Saturday, September 10, 2011. The Greater New Orleans Corvette Club and The Baton Rouge Corvette Club had over 80 Corvettes of various models displayed. Darren Blanchard cooked some of the best jambalaya and Jason Walters really did a great job hosting this event. Everyone had a great time visiting and getting to know the wonderful people at Ross Downing Chevrolet.

The following weekend was spent on the beautiful beaches of Pensacola. GNOCC/NSCC brought 32 Corvettes to the "Vettes at the Beach" car show hosted by the Miracle Strip Corvette Club. Once again, many of us took home awards. The weather was great, company was enjoyable, and the show was really nice.

We have lots to look forward to for the remaining of the year. Check the calendar, read your e-mails and mark those dates so you will not miss out.

Nominations for 2012 Officers and Board Members are still open for the October meeting. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer yourself for a position please do so at this meeting. Nominations will close at the end of the October meeting and elections will take place at the November General Membership Meeting.

ExtraVETTEganza Our biggest GNOCC event of the year!!!

This meeting on Friday October 7th will be the last meeting before the Big Event! So for those of you that have not yet registered your car or have not turned in a Sponsorship Award, please do so at this meeting. I hope all of you are getting excited about the show. It seems to get bigger and better every year. Be sure to make the pre-show party Friday night Oct. 14th at the host hotel The Hampton Inn, Slidell 7pm till 9pm or so. Make reservations to stay the night and you will be 5 minutes away from the show on Saturday morning!

ExtraVETTEganza is not just a car show, it is a Corvette Social Event. So whether you have a show car, street car, or daily driver please come out and support your club and your charity Metro Center for Women and Children. This is your show! So come on out !

Catch ya at the meeting,
Malcolm



BASIC HANDGUN COURSE

By Ken Gregoire
GNOCC Vice President



On Saturday, August 20th a basic handgun course was taken by 34 GNOCC members along with 5 friends of the club. The day started out early with registration starting at 8:30a.m. and class began at 9:00a.m. By lunch time all 39 were fully involved in the aspects of gun safety, handling and areas of personal self defense along with how laws apply to carrying a concealed handgun. Wow That was a lot of information before lunch!

After lunch, the afternoon continued with more instructions until the first 13 went to the range to qualify. By the time the last shell casing hit the floor and the smoke cleared, all 13 passed the range portion of the class.

Sunday wrapped up with the remaining 26 qualifying at the range. All came away with a greater understanding of the responsibility of gun ownership, handling and self protection. We have some great marksman in our group!

A special thanks to John & Rachael Gauthier of "ON TARGET GUNS" for making this a great class. John told me this was one of the nicest groups he has ever instructed and the most enjoyable! To sum it up, GNOCC members tend to make all events enjoyable for all who participate in them. Well done everyone!

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**AUGUST 50/50 WINNER**

Meg Trapani was the lucky jackpot winner of the August 50/50. She walked away with \$164.00 and a huge smile.

There was a minor dispute over whether it was Meg's winnings or Frank's. In the end Frank knew this wasn't an argument he could win and just said "Yes Meg!"

Congratulations on your winnings. Whatever you do, don't give Frank one penny!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Frank Arnemann, Jr
Larry Barrios
Margaret Bentel
Marty Bordelon
Dianne Breaux
Margaret Breaux
Bill Folse**

**Stefanie Ford
Bryan Giror
Malcolm Graff
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Melody Horton
Paul Hunter
Dee Kaplan**

**Glenn Landry
Bill Noonan
Jon McManis
Rita Landry
Louis Lee
Joe Long
Kim Markovits
Henry Repak**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**Ralph Adams
Mike Bauer
Chanel Bayhi
Karlen Canfill
Lana Celino
Song Coleman
Clarence Deffner
Donna Deffner
David Ezell
Craig Gifford
Charlie Horton
Cindy Giblin
Patrick Giblin**

**Evan Hart
Bob Himes
Bob Huffman
Virginia Huffman
Bobby Lambert
Carla Langley
Hannah Langley
David Lofaso
Thomas Longo
Ron Melnyk
Joe Mesa
Melissa Migliore
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Lady Rouse
Cynthia Schroeder
Tom Songy
Lavina Tomlinson
Larry Tomlinson
Patricia Touro
Susan Weems
John Wehrer
Gary Wilkinson
Jane Wilkinson
Teresa Wiss**

**SEPTEMBER 50/50 WINNER**

Don Tusa won the 50/50 for September! Although the jackpot wasn't as big as some in the past, Don went home with \$140.00! Not too shabby!

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

Bill and Carol Hatchett



Bill and Carol are proud parents of a 4 year old. "Bullet" is a silver 2007 LS2 Coupe that has seen about 15K miles on the trail.

Bill is owner of Henry & Hatchett Inspection Services and Wind Mitigation Surveyors, LLC.

Carol is the Physician's Liaison at West Jefferson Medical Center and involved in numerous community events.

Both Bill and Carol have an interesting avocation. They are licensed pyro-technicians. Bill has been the lead technician on hundreds of events, including: Super Bowls, World Cup Soccer, Olympic events and even Presidential Conventions. Carol used to be the Saints "Queen of Fog"; she laid down that blanket of fog through which the Saints ran for their introductions before the game. Both are still involved in special effects and special events but no longer produce major aerial shows.

They have four children and eight grandchildren and 2 four-legged "children" – black labs named Lacey and Ranger.

Wayne Latour and Inga Denman

Wayne is originally from New Orleans and Inga is from Centralia, Washington (about 2 hours south of Seattle.)

Inga enjoys playing piano, while Wayne likes to read and watch sports.

Wayne has his own computer consulting company. Inga is in graduate school working towards her Masters in Speech Pathology and works part time as a tutor.

Wayne has two daughters from his first marriage.

They have a 2003 Spiral Grey Convertible that is Wayne's daily driver (approaching 80,000 miles.)

Daniel and Chanel Bayhi

Daniel and Chanel own a 2007 Monterey Red Metallic Tincoat Coupe.

Martin and Stephanie Schlesinger

Martin and Stephanie have a 2005 Yellow Coupe and a 1971 Red Coupe.

Clarence and Donna Deffner

Clarence and Donna grew up in "Old Jefferson" off of Jefferson Highway. They now live in Folsom, LA

They enjoy hunting, golf, and gardening.

Clarence retired from the security system business and Donna was an Office Manager of an environmental engineering company.

They have two grown sons. The eldest is an architect in Dallas and the younger is a salesman in Houston. They also have 5 grandsons.

They have a 2006 Corvette Coupe, Lemans Blue

Pat and Garnet Branch

Pat and Garnet are the editors of the Bayou State Corvette Club newsletter. Currently Pat is the VP of BSCC, and also chairs the BSCC show in October.

They are both originally from Bogalusa. They lived in Houston for five years, and in Baton Rouge for 20+ where Garnet taught at LSU.

Pat is retired and Garnet teaches English and Humanities at ULL.

They got sucked into the Corvette madness in 2007, buying a 93 Ruby Red, then an 04, then a 76 and now an 08. Currently, they plan to keep the 76 and 08 for a while.

Pat tells people, that before the first Corvette, he told Garnet "What do we need a Corvette for? I already have boats, 4 wheelers, and hunting/fishing stuff!" As we all know, Corvettes are a slippery slope with no going back!

Anders Gonzalez



Anders has a 1966 Grey Coup.

DEAR ABBY

BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Dear Abby,

I have never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

The usual signs; phone rings, but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with 'the girls' a lot recently, although when I ask their names she always says, just some friends from work, you don't know them.

I try to stay awake and watch for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway, I have never broached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just did not want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to finally check on her around midnight. I hid in the garage behind my dream car corvette, so I could get a good view of the whole street, when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls."

When she got out of the car she was buttoning up her blouse, which was open, and she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment, crouching behind my custom corvette, that I noticed a hairline crack in my carbon fiber rear spoiler.

Is this something I can fix myself, or should I take it back to the auto performance dealer where it was installed?

Signed...

Concerned Corvette Owner



ANNUAL "VETTES AT THE BEACH" PENSACOLA BEACH FLORIDA

By Barbara Graff



Ken Gregoire led a group of 20 Corvettes to the Annual Vettes at the Beach car show hosted by the Miracle Strip Corvette Club. Several more Vettes joined them in Pensacola on Friday. Malcolm and I, Paul and Joanna Trapani did not arrive until 9:00 pm Friday night just in time for a night cap at the hotel.

Saturday morning was delightful as the corvettes rolled on to the grounds under the big beach ball while some of us enjoyed the sandy white beaches. There were 180 or so Vettes from all over the South region and 34 from Arkansas who took home the Club Participation award. Many of our members won awards, Congratulations to Ralph Adams, Bobby Warner, Tom Wooten, Keith Triche, Paul Hager, and Larry Barrios. And our very own Blaine (Ralph and

Ann Adams grandson) won 3rd place as the official driver of Malcolm's valve cover car. I have never seen anyone so happy to receive a trophy, he did not put it down the rest of the day.

As usual Saturday night we all gathered around the pool for a nice visit and a couple of refreshments.

This is a really nice weekend get away. Looking forward to next year.

BRIDGESTONE
Firestone

EDITOR'S MUSING

I was beginning to think I would have to search the web for this month's content, but the next thing I knew the articles came pouring in!

A special thanks to Barbara Graff, and Ken Gregoire for taking the time to write articles. Also, I would like thank Ed Buckley for entertaining us with the Abby story. Every bit of content helps!

October 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 <u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u>	8 <u>MSGCCC - CORVETTE RENDEZVOUS</u>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <u>EXTRAVETTEGANZA 2011- ALL CORVETTE SHOW</u>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <u>GNOCC, CCCC & NSCC SEAFOOD FEAST</u>	31	Notes:				

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

October 8th – MSGCCC - Corvette Rendezvous at Preston Hood Chevrolet, I-10 exit 44, then 1/6 of a mile. <http://www.msgccc.com> . We will have a caravan leaving the Lowe's 5770 Read Blvd (East New Orleans at I-10) at 5:00 pm. We will make a quick stop at the Mississippi Welcome Center leaving there for 5:30 pm. Let me know if you will be joining in. macnbarb@bellsouth.net

October 15th – Greater New Orleans Corvette Clubs 20th Annual All Corvette Show. Show is from 10am - 3pm Registration from 8:30-10:00 at [Bayou Country General Store](#) 1101 East Howze Beach RD 70461 Slidell, LA. [Click HERE for directions](#) .

October 30th – GNOCC, CCCC & NSCC Seafood Feast. **YOU MUST RSVPOCTOBER 26th IN ORDER TO ATTEND!** RSVP postmaster@gnocc.com or Ralph Adams at 504-712-7160 (day) 985-645-8943 (nights).

November 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u>	5 <u>MSGCCC - VETTES BY THE SHORE</u>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <u>THIBODEAUXVILLE FALL FESTIVAL CAR SHOW</u>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <u>NORTHSHORE CORVETTE CLUB 1ST ANNUAL ALL- CORVETTE CAR SHOW</u>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

November 4th - General meeting at Italian Pie. Meeting starts at 7:00pm, be there for 6:00pm if you wish to dine.

November 5th - MSGCCC Vettes By the Shore. \$40 per car (\$50 day of the show.) Registration form is online. [Go to MSGCCC.COM](http://MSGCCC.COM) for further details.

November 12th - Thibodeauville Fall Festival Car Show. Registration begins at 8am, judging begins at noon, and awards are given out at 3pm. Interested parties are welcome to download a flyer-application by clicking [HERE](#).

November 19th - Northshore Corvette Club's 1st Annual All Corvette Show at Turan-Foley Chevrolet Cadillac Buick 11123 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS. 39503. Registration is 8:30 am - 10am. There will be classes for judged and display only Corvettes. Entry Fee: \$30 per Corvette. All entries prior to November 5th will receive a free show T-shirt with paid registration.

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