

NEXT MEETING MAY 18, 2008

# CROSSED FLAGS

The Official Newsletter of the  
Louisiana Chapter of the  
National Corvette Restorers Society



## WE'RE BUSY ALREADY!

Visit to historic San Francisco Plantation....

Chapter members turn out to support local club to benefit Children's Hospital...

All about our March Chapter Judging Meet...

and more...



## 2008 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Mike Leeds**  
Vice Chairman: **Jim Boudreaux**  
Secretary: **Gary Cox**  
Treasurer: **Ralph Adams**  
Judging Chairman: **John Maggiore**  
  
Webmaster: **James Youens**  
Crossed Flags Editor: **Bill Folsie**

## 2008 Meeting Calendar

Meetings are scheduled to take place on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday of each odd month

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2008**

- Meeting location will be announced at a later date

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

#### **May 18**

#### **July 20**

- 1:30 PM
- Location TBA

#### **September 21**

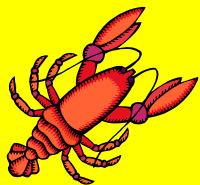
- 1:30 PM
- Location TBA

#### **November 16**

- 1:30 PM
- Location TBA
- Nominations for 2009 officers are opened

**When was Louisiana Chapter NCRS chartered???**

**(Get the Answer at the Crawfish Boil)**



# BOILED ALIVE- AGAIN!!!



## LA CHAPTER NCRS 5th ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL

SATURDAY  
MAY 10, 2008  
12:00 NOON 'TIL

HOSTED BY  
FENWICK & ROBERT  
BINDER

**RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TO [laorange@bellsouth.net](mailto:laorange@bellsouth.net) or:**

**Mike Leeds**  
(504) 737-7203 home  
(504) 250-7203 cell

**Ralph Adams**  
(504) 494-6936

**Corvette parking available!**  
**See our web site or page 7 for driving directions!**



## Chairman's Message

**By: Mike Leeds**

31462-LA-46

Spring is here and the calendar is exploding with activities. Since my last report, many of us have been showing and going.

### **Just to list a few...**

- We started out at the San Francisco Fest Plantation show on March 1. Talk about a beautiful location for a show. Over 100 hundred cars participated for all to enjoy. Several of our NCRS cars were included in the 25 Corvettes and all 6 generations that were represented.
- Barely a week later, the Crescent City Corvette Club's annual "Legends" car show took place. Despite the early and VERY Cold morning, the fellowship and judging kept us all warm. 145 beautiful cars participated, and included a very beautiful and impressive turnout of NCRS Corvettes (as well as numerous other beautiful vintage Corvettes). Legends is a well run and fun show that everyone should try to attend.

Next weekend our membership participated in several events, including our LA Chapter judging meet. Our chapter was well represented at all these events. The Spring "Mini Meet" was hosted by our Judging Chairman John Maggiore and his wife Dale. At the event, we judged 4 cars:

- 1964 convertible
- 1969 Big Block 435hp (with lots of racing history);
- 1967 Small Block (one of the few small block 1967)
- 1970 Big Block Convertible;
- Many display Corvettes participated, including Duntov, McLellan, Bowtie and Sportsman.

(A complete list of owners and their Corvettes is provided later in this publication)

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to John and Dale Maggiore for opening up their home and for all the hard work necessary to make this event happen. Thanks also to all the members that brought their Corvettes, as well as other members that contributed to the mini meet.

**Another mini meet is in the planning stages for later in the year. PLEASE sign up as soon as possible!**

These "mini meets" are the perfect way to get involved as they are set up and planned to help first time owners and first time judges get accustomed to the "judging" and "being judged" experiences.

Members sitting on the side lines miss a great opportunity to share and experience Corvette ownership at a higher level!



*More from Mike...*

Following the LA Chapter mini meet and a much needed break to catch up and spend Easter with our families, many of our Chapter members attended a Confederation trip planned by NCRS members Jodi LeJeune, Barbara Youens, and Janet Boudreaux.

The event was well planned and very enjoyable. Corvettes travelled from all points and met at our host hotel in Lafayette, LA. Participants received packages with a complete agenda, addresses, and a list of emergency numbers. The event included jaunts to beautiful and historic Jefferson Island for lunch and tours of the beautiful gardens and antebellum home, and Avery Island to tour the famous Tabasco plant. That evening we gathered for dinner, and then returned to the hotel for a Orange Slush party (ask Felix what this is all about).

Last, but not least, several of our members attended the Baton Rouge CC "Labor of Love" show to benefit St Jude's Children's Hospital. The show was held at the site of the historic Mississippi River Locks in Plaquemine, LA. An impressive variety of vehicles were on display, including a large contingency of NCRS and vintage Corvettes.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

- NCRS Chattanooga Regional (April 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>)
- LA NCRS Chapter annual Crawfish boil (May 10, 2008)
- (Hosted by our very own Fenwick and Robert Binder.) Additional information and directions can be found in this publication and/or the website. RSVP is a MUST so we can have plenty of food. The Chapter will supply all main dishes and drinks, and we welcome you to bring a side dish or your favorite desert!
- Many of us are planning to attend the National Convention in St. Louis, MO. if you are planning to go please let Mike Leeds know so we can share travel plans.

**There are plenty of actives going on. There is something out there for all interests!**

**GET OUT, GET INVOLVED, AND ENJOY THE UNIQUENESS OF YOUR CHAPTER AND THE CORVETTE COMMUNITY!**

Our Chapter is fortunate to have many experienced judges (including Master Judges) that are more than willing to help our members work towards their your goals. Whether your goal is to become a Master Judge, campaign your Corvette through the NCRS Judging tiers, or just learn more about your car, use the opportunities provided by the Chapter to share their experience.

**Mike Leeds, 2008 LA NCRS Chairman**

## March was a Busy Month Beginning with San Francisco Plantation

### *A Historic and Beautiful Backdrop is the Beginning of our Busy Year*

Our Louisiana Chapter NCRS group accompanied local Corvette Clubs to the San Francisco Plantation in Garyville, Louisiana on March 1, 2008.

An annual event held to promote the cultural importance of the community, the picturesque grounds of the beautiful and historic San Francisco plantation on the Mississippi River just above New Orleans was the backdrop.

In addition to the Corvette participants in the car show, our members were also treated to visiting with many other local car enthusiasts and their vintage, street cruiser, and muscle cars. The vintage/classic NCRS cars were of great interest to the patrons of the event. Many of our Sportsman members were also there to display their unique and beautiful Corvettes.

Tours of the historic plantation were available and of great interest to all that took the time to take a tour.



## “Jolly Good Showing” for the Kids

### *LA Chapter Adds Vintage Style to Local Corvette Club’s Show*

The Louisiana Chapter NCRS attended the “Legends” Car Show on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This event, hosted annually by the Crescent City Corvette Club, was held at Boomtown Casino in Harvey, Louisiana.

In addition to the NCRS entries, numerous other Corvette enthusiasts participated, as well as many beautiful cruising cars, hot rods, vintage musclecars and motorcycles. In all, over 140 entries turned out for the show to benefit New Orleans’ own Children’s Hospital.



## Chapter Judging Event Gets High Scores

In the early hours on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the peace and solitude of the tall pines was broken with the rumble of classic Corvettes as the LA Chapter converged for their March Chapter judging Meet in Hammond, LA.



All Corvette generations were represented. Duntov and McLellan cars were also on display. Four Corvettes were presented for Flight Judging:

1964 Roadster	Owner: <b>Wayne Thompson</b>	
	Award: <b>Third Flight</b>	
1967 Roadster	Owner: <b>Paul Dogali</b>	
	Award: <b>Top Flight</b>	
1969 Roadster	Owner: <b>Nick Gristina</b>	
	Award: <b>Third Flight</b>	
1970 Roadster	Owner: <b>Richard Reed</b>	
	Award: <b>Top Flight</b>	



Felix Famularo gets his long awaited Sportsman plaque



David Swindler receives his Sportsman ribbon

## National Conventions Are Cool: Our 2007 Boston Experience

**By: Bill Folse**  
NCRS #39518-139

On July 18, 2007, our group (Mike & Joan Leeds, Miguel Quiroga, Bill Folse) left New Orleans for Marlborough, Mass. to attend the NCRS National Convention.

Bill Folse's 1991 ZR1 and Tom Murphy's 1990 ZR1 were in tow.

The trip went through some of the most scenic parts of the Eastern USA, including the Appalachian and Adirondack Mountain ranges. The roads were full of sweeping turns and hills to climb. It was obvious that the Corvettes were very unhappy to be on the trailers for this trip. The Duramax (Babysitter) didn't even wince as she cruised through the beautiful countrysides.

We met up with the Zimmermans at their home in Hackensett, New Jersey. It was a challenging climb up the mountain to their home. It was very much like doing Tail of the Dragon, only with a pickup truck and a 24' car trailer. I kept saying to myself that this was meant to be done with a Corvette instead of a Silverado. The Zimmermans understood our point of view: They have a building full of Corvettes and a "Smokey and the Bandit" style Trans Am.

*Taking a break with the Zimmermans before we began our final leg of the trip into Marlboro, Mass where the National Convention was getting underway.*



After a good night's sleep and lunch at a cool local drive in restaurant, we all headed off to Marlborough. We were in the first groups to arrive, so we got to see a lot of cars coming in.



*Bob Zimmerman's colorful coordinated combo is ready and eager to get on the road for the journey*

Running the Interstate nearly right into the parking lot entrance, we ran caravan style all the way into Marlboro. Bob and Sharon's experience with the local routes was valuable and time saving. Having someone that's been there and done that is the only way to go!!

Upon arriving at the hotel, we were greeted by the parking committee who had an excellent plan for vehicle parking.

The parking lot turned out to be quite a vantage point as the multitudes of beautiful mid-years and straight axles started showing up. In between checking out these beautiful Corvettes we were occasionally thrilled when a huge rumble drew our attention to a trailer that shook like it was made of Jello. Eventually, we were pleasantly surprised/thrilled as a L88 or a "Heritage Series" Corvette emerged from the shivering trailer! (The Heritage Series and L88s would provide an awesome experience for us all later in the event).

Eventually, we all got around to getting registered. As we started to go through the registration process, we were off to take pictures. The New England Chapter also provided a neat backdrop that depicted the brick wall at the St. Louis Assembly Plant (and Psycho loved driving on the sidewalk).

*The Corvettes were photographed in front of a beautiful backdrop that depicts the St. Louis Assembly Plant!*



*The backdrop really put the event into perspective with its theme "The Year of the Fifty (Fitty) Seven"*

*Appropriately enough, the event was well attended by many proud owners of the 1957 model year Corvettes driven from as far as California!*



After our photo sessions, we were directed to our parking area outside and to the rear of the show hall. Several ZR1s were presented (including two from our chapter), as well as several other beautiful C4 Corvettes (including an immaculate Callaway Twin Turbo convertible).



*Mother Nature took her best shot with a Monday of haze and showers. We made the best of the weather and enjoyed the last cool day of the event outside.*

Continued on next page!

*The NCRS Road Tour arrives at the National Convention to officially open the event!*



Sunday, the NCRS Road Tour rumbled in with a police escort. The Sheriff's patrol car was a C4 with a light bar and all the markings of the law! Wonder what the average cruising speed of this road tour was?

General Membership Meeting: The National General Membership Meeting was held at the host hotel. The meeting was well attended, and included a good showing of Louisiana Chapter members. During the meeting, Sportsman plaques were awarded. Felix Famularo and Jim Boudreaux were among the recipients of these awards.

During the meeting, the Chapter Top Flight Awards were also awarded. In order to receive the Chapter Top Flight Award, our local membership was required to accomplish various benchmarks. We were all excited and proud that the **Louisiana Chapter** would receive a **Chapter Top Flight!** Mike Leeds accepted the award on behalf of our organization. This award was especially meaningful to Mike, and our sincere thanks goes out to all that contributed to reaching this goal!

-----

In addition to the Lobster bake (fun but not as laid back as a crawfish boil), one of our social activities was a trip into Boston to the "North End". The North End was like going to the French Quarter, but on a hill, with more restaurants and no Bourbon Street Strip Joints (at least I couldn't see them).

*During our trek through the North End we met up with our own LA Chapter buddies Tom, Mary Ann and Suzanne Murphy!*



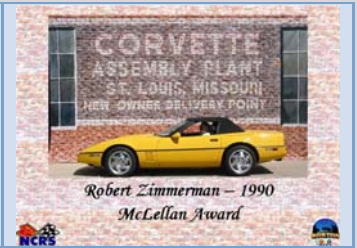
*By the way, for all of you that remember... that's right, Paul Revere, do you guys remember the church (One if by land, two if by sea, etc., etc., etc.)?*

*Well it's still here, right in the middle of the North End ... preserved, and open to the public!*

**How We Fared Out At The '07 National Convention**

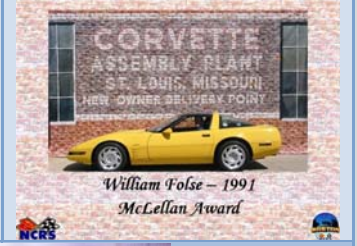
**Bob & Sharon Zimmerman  
Top Flight  
McLellan Award of Excellence**

**1990 C4 Convertible**



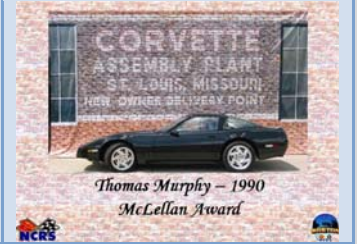
**Bill Folse  
Top Flight  
McLellan Award of Excellence**

**1991 ZR-1**



**Tom & Suzanne Murphy  
Top Flight  
McLellan Award of Excellence**

**1990 ZR-1**

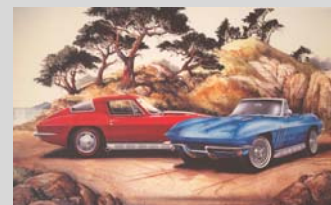


Congratulations to the candidate cars and the owners. In addition, thanks to Mike Leeds for his efforts and assistance in bringing these members together to attend the event.

And a special thanks to the Zimmermans for their hospitality and friendship. We look forward to being together in the near future once again!

**Meet us in St. Louis for 2008!!**

Bill Folse  
39518-139



## Order Your Chapter Shirts Here!

**Mike Leeds is presently taking orders for chapter shirts. Shirts cost \$55.00 each plus shipping. This cost includes your name and your car's name embroidered on the shirt.**

*(Completed order sheets should be forwarded to Mike Leeds with payment)*

Your Name		Year of Corvette			
Shipping Address		Body Style (Circle One)	Coupe	Convertible	Hardtop
Phone	Home:	Special Options (Circle)	LT1 ZR1	Other	
	Cell:		427 L88		
Email Address		VIN Number			
Name you want on this shirt		Exterior Color			
Circle Appropriate Info	S M L XL XXL	Men's Ladies	Interior Color		
Quantity Ordered		Your Corvette's nickname			



### *"Adding to the Fleet"*

(A Classic Example of the Zimmermans' Corvette Obsession)  
By Bob & Sharon Zimmerman

**I used to be embarrassed to answer the question often asked  
"How many Vettes do you have?"**

I'd kind-a mumble five quietly under my breath. Wow, you have five, and they're all C-4's ? Yep. "I have seven of them and they're all C-4's too". Somehow I'm not embarrassed anymore.



*Truth of the matter is*, I recently sold a custom '69 Chevy Big Block pick-up and the money began to burn a hole in my pocket. I had my eye on a low mileage '90 ZR-1 I found on the web at a dealer located just across the river in Pennsylvania. (O.K., he deals primarily in Corvettes, got to be worth a look.) Sharon and I drove 50 miles in our '86 pace car to see the car... *What a let-down*. An up close and personal checkout disclosed some serious acid rain and bird dropping damage on the paint and glass. In addition, Rusty streaks ran down the driver's side "A" pillar and screamed of a long-standing water leak. In short, this car, with only 15k on the odometer, had not led a sheltered life. Despite the low miles, the elements had taken their toll. I was disappointed to say the least and cussed its former owner under my breath for not properly caring for this Corvette!

My disappointment was short-lived!! - Sharon grabbed my arm and led me to another '90 close by, one that she had wanted to look at as much as I wanted to look at the "Z" car: A Turquoise L-98/6 Speed convertible with the CC2 auxiliary hardtop! Wow! 15k on the odometer, which was supported by the Carfax printouts Sharon had brought with her from home! Unlike the ZR-1, this car had been stored in a climate controlled facility its entire life. This was like opening a seventeen year old time capsule. The car drove like a new '90 Corvette. We were both impressed. Equally impressive was the presence of the original delivery system manuals and original keys with knock-outs. Save for the battery and oil filter it appears that everything on the car has been there since it left Bowling Green. The best part of the deal came when we negotiated the price. It turned out that the dealer wanted our '86 pace car as much as we wanted the turquoise '90. By the end of the day we all had what we wanted and I put money back in the bank and still have five C-4's.

*(This beautiful Corvette **Top Flighted** January '08 in Orlando – Ed.)*

## Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore



On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 21 Louisiana Chapter members attended the 2008 Spring meet at my shop in Hammond.

Members from as far away as Pensacola and Mobile were on hand! The weather was great, and the cars were even better.

After a judging school the membership converged on the four cars entered in *Flight Judging*. When all was over, the owners were more than pleased with the results.

**Top Flight** awards were presented to Paul Dogali, 1967 convertible, and Richard Reed, 1970 convertible. This was Richard's first judging meet, and to play it safe he drove his car 131 miles from Wiggins, Mississippi for mileage points. They were not needed, as his net score was high enough.

**Third Flight** awards were presented to Wayne Thompson, 1964 convertible and Nick Gristina, 1969 convertible. This was both Wayne's and Nick's first judging meet with these two cars. **Congratulations to the *Flight* award recipients!**



**Sportsman** ribbons were presented to Ralph Adams, Gary Cox, Felix Famularo, Bob Leeds, Michael Leeds, Alton Rivero, and David Swindler.

Felix was also presented with his *Sportsman* plaque for earning 20 Sportsman points over the past three years!

Gary's **Sportsman** entry was a 1967, "Bloomington Benchmark" coupe. That's what I like. These cars were made to drive!

In addition to the **Flight** and **Sportsman** cars, Keith Melebeck and Randy Hebert brought their **Bowtie** cars for their final display to qualify for their fifth *Star*. Keith displayed his 1967 convertible, and Randy displayed his 1982 Collector Edition. Both will be attending this year's National convention in St. Louis to receive their awards.

I would like to thank all members that attended this year's Spring Meet. Without your participation, the event would not have been the success that it was.

Additionally, I want to thank our two tabulators, Cheatta Dogali and Beth Melebeck for all their help.

See you in Pierre Part for our Annual Chapter crawfish boil.

John Maggiore



## Directions to Crawfish Boil

-----Original Message-----

From: [Fenwick11@aol.com](mailto:Fenwick11@aol.com)  
To: [Fenwick11@aol.com](mailto:Fenwick11@aol.com)  
Sent: Wed, 2 Apr 2008 10:29 am  
Subject: Directions to Binder's Camp

A MapQuest map has been sent to you by [Fenwick11@aol.com](mailto:Fenwick11@aol.com).

### From I-10

Use Exit 182; Go south on La 22 for .3 miles Turn left on La 70 and go 34 miles to La 1016-1

Go 2.66 miles to Lakeview street. Take left and go to fourth camp on the right

(camp is first one over the water)

### From Morgan City

Exit US 90 at LA 70 Exit; go North on La 70 for 17.5 miles to La 1016-1

Turn right on shell beach road Go 2.66 miles to Lakeview street Take left and go to fourth camp on the right

(camp is first one over the water)

Camp address (for GPS):

112 Lakeview St, Pierre Part, LA 70339-4237 US

-----  
To view your map, click on the link below or copy and paste it to your browser:

<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/2-3Cb1ehGn4p54mnywmop9>

\*\*\*\*\*

**ARTICLES APPRECIATED!!**

**WE KEEP A SMALL CACHE OF ARTICLES TO KEEP SOME VARIETY IN OUR NEWSLETTERS!**

**PLEASE SHARE ABOUT YOUR CORVETTE EXPERIENCE (ESPECIALLY IF RELATES TO A NCRS EVENT)**

Submit your articles in Microsoft Word to Bill Folsie at: [B3folsie@aol.com](mailto:B3folsie@aol.com)



**HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF YOUR CHAPTER?**

**HAVE A CORVETTE EXPERIENCE THAT WE CAN RELATE TO?**

**NEED A PART?**

**FOUND A PART?**

**LET US KNOW AND WE WILL HELP PASS THE WORD AROUND!**

**SEND YOUR MESSAGE IN MICROSOFT WORD TO [B3fols@comcast.net](mailto:B3fols@comcast.net)**

**DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

***NCRS Southeast Regional***  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Chattanooga, Tennessee

***NCRS National Convention***  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>  
 St Charles, Missouri

(Registration forms are in the *Driveline*)

***Registration for these events fills up quickly...room accommodations become difficult to arrange...please act early to get your spot!***



**Louisiana Chapter NCRS**

805 East F Street  
 Rayne, Louisiana 70578  
<http://www.ncrs-louisiana.com>



**NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORMS AND**  
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE**  
**ON THE WEB SITE AT:**  
**[ncrs-louisiana.com](http://ncrs-louisiana.com)**

