

CROSSED FLAGS

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



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NCRS' Tasty Crawvettes
*How we suck dem
heads and pinch dem
tails down South...*

LA Chapter members
doin' the beach thing

And more!...



2008 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Mike Leeds**
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Secretary: **Gary Cox**
Treasurer: **Ralph Adams**
Judging Chairman: **John Maggiore**
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2008 Meeting Calendar

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

**Next Meeting: Due to the conflict
with the National Convention, Our
July meeting is to be rescheduled**

Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

July

- National Convention – St. Charles, MO.
- LA Chapter meeting date & location TBA

September 21 – Fall Chapter Judging Meet

- 1:30 PM
- Location TBA

November 16

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

**THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS
UPON US! IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO
ATTEND BUT HAVE NOT MADE
PLANS, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!**

**JIM BOUDREAUX HAS BEEN SENDING AN
UPDATE ON CHAPTER MEMBERS
ATTENDING.**

**IF YOU NEED INFO, CONTACT JIM OR MIKE
LEEDS TO GET ON THE DISTRIBUTION
LIST.**

NCRS National Convention
July 20th through July 24th
St Charles, Missouri



Chairman's Message

By: Mike Leeds

The long days of summer are upon us with the heat and afternoon showers. I remember that my last report mentioned the Legends show starting with a **COLD** morning.

At the end of the spring, a group of our Louisiana members traveled to the Chattanooga Regional Judging Meet hosted by the Southeast Chapter. Bob Leeds also was successful in his second bid for Performance Verification. Good Job!

Our annual Crawfish Boil was held at Fenwick and Robert Binder's summer camp on Lake Verret in Pierre Part (near Morgan City). If you missed this event you missed a great time with tons of fabulous food! We started with the standard munchies and boiled and seasoned BBQ wings and ribs. Then we went on to the main course: SEVEN sacks of boiled crawfish! 7 sacks times 70 lbs equals LOTS of MUD BUGS!! To finish our "lite" lunch: cookies, cakes, and Fenwick's Home Made Banana Pudding !! Makes me hungry thinking about it!

A BIG Thank You to Fenwick for opening his home for all of us to enjoy. Also, thanks to all that helped prepare, cook and clean up! This is one of many events totally supported by your chapter (If you missed this you missed a fabulous time - please try to join us in the future - you will not regret it!).

By the time you read this many of us are doing final preparations for the National Convention. I believe that we will have a big group. If you are planning on attending please share your travel plans with me or Jim Boudreaux, so we can try to look out for each other on the road.

On a personal note I would like to thank all for the get well notes and emails as some of you know I had an emergency admission into the hospital for a bowel obstruction. I am slowly rejoining the world of the living; this is also the reason things are running a little late. Our next meeting set for July 20, 2008 will be postponed until August 3, 2008. A very large percentage of our membership will be attending the National Convention at that time. The meeting location will be communicated to everyone by email. One of the agenda items will be setting and planning a mini meet as we have had several requests to have cars judged locally!

If you are planning to attend the Florida regional in January: **Make your reservations ASAP!** You will need your LANCRS Chapter Membership Number and your national NCRS number! I will be sending an updated roster to the hotel so all can be verified. **Also, if you have not renewed your membership please do so ASAP!**

Mike Leeds
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Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

It's hard to believe it, but it's time once again for the NCRS National Convention!

This year's convention will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, a suburb on the northwest side of St. Louis. The dates are July 20th through July 24th. There are nine road tours this year starting from all parts of the country. Presently, more than 90 vehicles are registered for the tours. Unfortunately, by the time you read this, it will be too late to sign up for the Road Tour.

If you haven't registered for this year's National Convention, you will miss out on what I believe to be the best time you can have in an auto (with your clothes on). I will be joining the Texas Road Tour on Thursday evening in Hot Springs, Arkansas. If anyone will be on the tour, and wants to join me in route, please call or e-mail me, and we can hook up. Presently, Randy Hebert will be coming in from Florida driving his '82 Collector's Edition that he plans to present for his 5th Star, Bowtie Award. We will be leaving Hammond, LA. at 8:00 am sharp.

I know that we have a large number of members that will be attending the convention in pursuit of either a Duntov or McLellan Award. Good luck to all of you; I know that you will all do well.

Remember to drive safely.

It's not too early to be thinking about our annual Fall Chapter Meet. The date has not been set, but it will either be in September or October. If you have a car that you want to have judged, let me know so that I can start planning.

Lastly, I want to thank Fenwick and Robert Binder for hosting this year's crawfish boil at their camp in Pierre Part. A great time was had by all.

Again, good luck to everyone being judged at the National. I'll see you there.

John Maggiore



Partying With A Purpose

Labor of Love for the Kids at St. Jude's

After an early morning display of "Weather Gone Wild", our chapter ventured out with local Corvette clubs and car enthusiasts to participate in the 2008 "Labor of Love" car show.

Sponsored by the Baton Rouge Corvette Club, proceeds from the annual event are donated to the St. Jude Children's Hospital Foundation.

The event is held at the scenic and historic Mississippi River Lock Structure in Plaquemine, Louisiana, (just across the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge).



(pictured left to right) Mike Leeds, Felix Famularo, and Richard Buckheister were a few of our local Corvette community leaders to participate in the event.

A cool variety of cars were displayed, including many very impressive examples of NCRS Corvettes



Some, like "Lil Wayne", carry on a family tradition with his Dad's rare '54 Chevy Coupe. This event has special meaning to those of us that enjoy making friends like Lil Wayne!

Our very own Mike Leeds takes Best In Show in Corvette Class!

Gotta love this guy!



A wide spectrum of cars participated, such as this 427/4 speed Biscayne!

Remember these pavement pounders?

It took real skill and bravery to take this beast through the traps!



And there were the Rolls Royces that came out to mingle with the "Common" street machines

Cool for a tow vehicle!



This custom GM powered Packard made the Rolls Royces look like taxi cabs



And an Austin Healy packin' a LS1 and a 5 speed!!

Ain't nothin' sacred to you guys anymore???

Yep, one of these was there, too. It was a really cool car for being a Porsche...

With an attitude



The event concluded with an auction and, of course, the awards. It was a great event that we look forward to returning to next year!





Crawvettes!



LA. CHAPTER SPONSORED 2008 CRAWFISH BOIL



Dateline: Saturday, May 10th 2008

A light turnout of LA. Chapter members met up at Fenwick and Robert Binder's camp on Lake Verret in Pierre Part. It was the perfect day for the ride, and a perfect day for friends and food.

KUDOS to Fenwick and Robert for hosting our event. The camp was the perfect setting for the Crawvette ritual.

Thanks also to Ralph Adams, our very own Crawvette Oficionado, and his support staff (Mike, Ann, Elizabeth, Alton, Fenwick, Robert)



Fenwick's beautiful blue 1954 made an unmistakable landmark that also drew waves and headlight flashes from motorists passing by



The influence of a good woman gets Robert turning to the right!



Elizabeth Tumminello and Ann Adams wield their expertise in food preparation skills to get the ingredients ready to go.



**CRAWFISH BEWARE!
THESE DEADLY
PREDATORS CONSUME
THEIR WEIGHT IN
CRAWVETTES!**



Ralph Adams prepares the famous *Crawvette* Beauty Bath of secretly guarded ingredients



Alton Rivero consoles the chosen mudbugs as they await their fate



When Robert goes for a beer, make a run for it!



Everyone had a great time (except for the crawfish)



Ralph gave the ladies a break from the cooking!



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	Other
	Cell:			ZR1	
				L88	
Email Address			VIN Number		
Name you want on this shirt			Exterior Color		
Circle Appropriate Info	S M L XL XXL	Men's	Interior Color		
		Ladies			
Quantity Ordered			Your Corvette's nickname		



**SOME OF MANY CHAPTER MEMBERS
RECOGNIZED AT VETTES BY THE SHORE**



**HAPPY
JULY 4TH!**

**DON'T FORGET TO
EXPRESS YOUR THANKS
TO OUR VETERANS**

La. Chapter Members DOIN' DA BEACH (2008 Vettes By The Shore)



Mike Leeds – Also Best In Show!!



Alton Rivero – Very Cool!



Ken Centola – Always Smooth



David & Mary Beth Swindler – WOW!



What would we do without Felix to run the awards presentations??



We're gonna get this new guy soon!
Details to follow.....



**CHECK OUT OUR CRESCENT CITY CC BUDDIES AS THEY PRESENT THEIR \$5,000 DONATION TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!
"GIVING IT BACK" TO THE COMMUNITY!!**

**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**

PS!! SEND ME YOUR ARTICLES ON EVENTS YOU'VE PARTICIPATED IN!!

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!

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(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!



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Egrets like crawfish too!



Robert Binder



Jim Boudreaux



Mike Leeds, James Youens



**NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORMS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE ON THE WEB SITE AT:
ncrs-louisiana.com**

