

# CROSSED FLAGS

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



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## 2008 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Mike Leeds**

Vice Chairman: **Jim Boudreaux**

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Treasurer: **Ralph Adams**

Judging Chairman: **John Maggiore**

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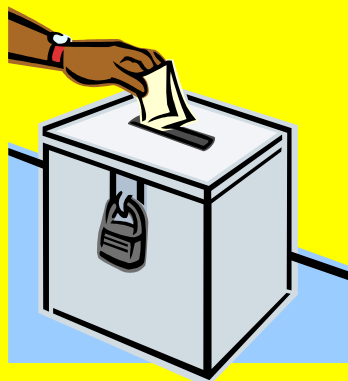
## 2008 Meeting Calendar

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

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

#### **November 16**

- 1:30 PM
- Location **Gary Cox's Shop**, 4232 Whitehaven, Baton Rouge, LA.  
(225) 389-2999 or (225) 892-8425
- Nominations for 2009 officers are opened



**2009 ELECTION OF OFFICERS IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING!**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 OFFICERS BEGINS IN NOVEMBER!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A 2009 OFFICER'S POST, OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE, PLEASE NOTIFY MIKE LEEDS**

## Happy Holidays!



## Chairman's Message

By: Mike Leeds



**Fall is finally here with warm days and cool nights, but the local car show scene has not cooled down yet!!**

On September 21, the Louisiana Chapter held its **Fall Mini Meet**. This year's meet was held at Mark Kindler's Shop (Delkin Motor Sports) in Lafayette.



Mark has recently expanded his shop so there was

plenty of room to judge all the beautiful Corvettes. We judged a '63, a '67 and a '70 Corvette. Also, several Sportsman cars were on display.

It was a fun filled day and, as always, an opportunity to learn about our Corvettes and get to know each other a little better. We plan to hold our next judging meet in the Spring 2009. Please plan on joining us as this is the best way to learn about our Corvettes and the NCRS judging process.

On September 27, 2008, many of our chapter members attended the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club's annual all Corvette ExtraVetteGanza. 160+ Vettes participated, and a special display was arranged for the vintage and NCRS Corvettes. What a sight to see! (Our own Bill Folse and Ralph Adams had major roles in this event!)



On a personal note, I decided to take a ride to the Mississippi Coast after the ExtraVetteGanza to check on my lot because the weather was so beautiful... on the way home a young girl who did not understand the rules of physics - two objects cannot occupy the same place at the same time - crossed the path of my '72! I hit her on the wheel, and needless to say, my '72 will not be on the road for quite a while. The good news at least no one was hurt.

Next was **"Cruising the Coast"** (a rolling car show of several thousand classic and custom cars and trucks). Participants cruise up and down the Mississippi Gulf Coast to various cruise in locations. Upon arrival, each participant has a card that is stamped and entered in a drawing on the last day of the event. All the cruise in locations had live bands and food vendors.

## I'm not done yet!!!

Next weekend was the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bayou State Corvette Club's All Corvette Show** in Lafayette, LA. Many of our members were there to represent our chapter. This was a beautiful day filled with many beautiful Corvettes.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> several of our chapter attended the **Thibodauxville Fall Festival** in... You guessed it!... Thibodaux, LA! This is a street festival that includes lots of vendors, tons of good food and an open car show featuring Corvettes (always a lot of fun since it is hosted by the **Cajun Corvette Club**).

The last show event I have on my list is the **Cypress Corvette Club** show in Morgan City coming up very soon on November 18. This is a new club - try to get out and support them!

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** will be the next **General Meeting of our Louisiana Chapter**. This is a very important meeting as it is an election meeting. All positions are open This is an opportunity for you to get involved in running YOUR chapter.

**2009 Nomination of Officers:** Our chapter nominations are open for all positions. Think about getting involved at a higher level as Chairman, Vice chairman, Treasurer or Secretary. You will be amazed at the friendships you will make and how many will step up to help.

**Remember, this is your Chapter - get involved - you will not regret it.**

*See you on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.*

**Mike Leeds**



## Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

On Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 16 Louisiana Chapter members attended the 2008 Fall Judging Meet at **Delkin Motorsports** in Lafayette, LA. Mark Kinler, Delkin's owner, was out of town. However, we were welcomed by several of his workers that offered their assistance and hospitality as the meet progressed.



Once I was able to round the membership up (everyone was busy eyeing the numerous restorations that were underway), judging school commenced with great enthusiasm.

Once completed, all began that task at hand, which was **Flight Judging**.

When all was over, **Top Flight** awards were presented to:

- Jon Rogers, 1963 coupe
- Keith Melebeck, 1967 convertible



A **Second Flight** award was presented to James Fox, 1970 coupe.

This was Jon's and James' first NCRS judging meet. Congratulations to the **Flight Award** recipients!

**Sportsman** ribbons were presented to:

- Jim Boudreaux
- Gary Cox
- Michael Leeds

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



Additionally, I want to thank our tabulator, Ann Adams. And finally, I want to thank Mark and his employees, for their support with this year's fall meet.

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By the time that you read this article, many of us will have returned from the Texas Regional Judging Meet in Waco, Texas. Hopefully everyone will have had a safe and successful meet.

It's hard to believe that the year is winding down, and 2009 is just around the corner.

And talk about how "*time flies* when you're having fun"! It seems like just yesterday when I was asked to be the LA. Chapter's Judging Chairman, when in fact, it was **nine years ago**. Over the years I have developed many friendships, and learned many lessons about the NCRS judging process. The adventure was rewarding.

But now it's time to pass the Judging Chairmen duties on to someone else. Effective at the end of this year, I will be resigning my position. With that said, if anyone is interested in taking on this rewarding job, contact me or any other board member to express your desire to serve. The pay is lousy, but the experience is priceless.

The next Chapter Membership Meeting set for November 16<sup>th</sup>, and is when nominations for officers will be made. Everyone should make every effort to attend.

***The future of our Chapter depends on it!***

See you at the November meeting.

John Maggiore  
Judging Chairman

John Maggiore received the 2008 *President's Award* at the National Convention



***Photos of the Fall Judging Meet provided by Mike Leeds....ed.***

# Motorama II

by James Youens



The **Motorama II** was sponsored by the National Corvette Museum to help GM celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

It began with a 7 day road tour of **55 Corvettes** representing each model year of production from 1953 thru 2008. The road tour terminated at General Motors' Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan where the road tour Corvettes were displayed along side of special cars like the new Corvette ZR1 and the E85 Pace Car.



The road tour started in Bowling Green, Kentucky with stops in Collinsville, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana, Battle Creek, Michigan and Detroit, Michigan. My Corvette was chosen to represent the 1973 model year in the group and was the only representative from Louisiana.



Roland Boudreaux agreed to be co-driver for the tour with me. Many of the cars on the tour are not driven frequently and had a variety of problems. One trailer provided by the museum was specifically taken to assist with the casualties along the way. As it turned out there were 3 trailers in total and sometimes all were utilized to get all of the cars to Detroit. The first casualty was the 1954. It developed electrical problems and did not get out of the NCM parking lot when it was time to leave. The first night it was fixed and on the road for the second day only to have the rod cap separate from the connecting rod and destroy the engine. The engine was replaced several days later and it made the display at the REN CEN in Detroit. Other problems included, 1965-shifter linkage problem, 1970-rocker arm stud came loose, 1958-engine fire & starter problems, 1961-electrical problem, 1967-bent valve, and a variety of minor problems that did not leave the cars on the side of the road.

Places of interest that we visited included **Griots Garage, Ray Skillman Classic Cars, Corvette Central, Studebaker Museum, Sloan Museum, GM Performance Build Center, GM Heritage Center, Henry Ford Museum and the Renaissance Center.**

My personal favorite place to visit was the Performance Build Center in Wixom, MI. At this facility the LS7 (Z06) and LS9 (ZR1) Corvette engines are assembled. Each engine is built from the block up by one person.

About 15 engine builders were assembling engines. They push the engine down the assembly line and install the parts at each station. After completion, they attach a plate with the engine builders name on it. Some of the Z06 owners in the tour were able to get their engine covers signed by the builder of their engine. Each builder completes about 2.5 engines per day.



The road tour itself was a challenge. Before leaving, the Corvettes were arranged around the circle drive in front of the Museum. They parked close together, and several cars were backed in perpendicular to the curb to lock all of the cars in. When given instructions to leave no one could get out. It took 15 minutes to get this straightened out and on our way (this was an indication of how organized the remainder of the trip was to be). I am very grateful for Roland bringing along his GPS unit, although it did lead us down some dead end gravel roads. The directions we were given by the NCM had the first exit number off the main highway from Bowling Green wrong (and it was downhill from there). Needless to say, there were plenty of "U" turns during the 7 days of driving. Because it is impossible to keep 55 cars together in a road tour we were separated into small groups. We typically traveled with the '68 thru '72 group and brought up the rear of this group because the 74 never caught us after we left the NCM parking lot.

In the end, we were treated like Royalty at the GM REN CEN in Detroit during our display. We were given special passes to the entire complex, fed breakfast and lunch and had a 30 minute visit by Bob Lutz, the Product manager at GM. I think he traveled with more security than the President. He signed autographs and posed for pictures with any member that wanted one. Some of the events that took place can be seen on the web site: gmnext.com.

All in all it was a "once in a lifetime experience" and quiet the adventure. I even got a 1973 Museum license plate out of the deal.

### La. Chapter NCRS Featured in Local Event

By: Bill Folsie #39518

On September 27th the La. Chapter NCRS participated in the annual "ExtraVetteGanza", an annual all-Corvette event hosted by the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club.



The event was well attended, and included over 160 Corvettes from as far away as Atlanta, GA. and Fort Worth, TX.

Fenwick Binder's Blue 1955 served as the centerpiece for the featured display of vintage Corvettes, which included Top Flight, Duntov and Bow Tie Corvettes.



A ZR-1 display was also provided, including Bill Folsie's Crossed Flags '91 ZR-1, as well as a '90 ZR-1 race car from Poupart Motorsports.



Numerous NCRS Corvettes from the southeastern USA also participated.

The event was held to benefit the METRO Foundation for Battered Women and Children.

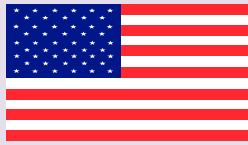


Many La. Chapter members such as Ralph Adams and Ken Centola played important roles in making this event a success!



### La. Chapter Participates in 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event for the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station

By: Bill Folsie #39518



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, La. Chapter NCRS members accompanied local Corvette enthusiasts to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, Louisiana.

The event started with a long to be remembered solo presentation of the National Anthem. A fly-by of F-14s by the Louisiana Air National Guard humbled our group and made the power of our Corvettes seem insignificant.

The crowd included military personnel and veterans, who enjoyed viewing the Corvettes and reminiscing of the times when these Corvettes were new.



Many of the participants were also veterans and they had an enjoyable experience visiting with the onlookers.



Corvettes displayed included all generations including a 2008 Indianapolis Pace Car.



The group has been invited by the NAS Belle Chasse to participate in the proposed 2009 Air Show in May 2009.



# CORVETTES IN CAJUN COUNTRY



On November 8, 2008, several members of the NCRS LA. Chapter made the short and scenic road trip to Thibodaux, Louisiana

to join our bayou country Corvette friends in the annual **Thibodauxville Fall Festival**.

It hasn't been too long since hurricanes Gustav and Ike came through our bayou country, so we were all glad to see our buddies up and running and having a good time for a change. The cool and sunny weather was perfect for a ride in our favorite Corvettes, and it was fun to get attention from the onlookers. We drove right along where the sugar cane is being harvested so the smell of the sugar mill was in the air...

**As soon as we got there... Bloody Marys just like on Bourbon Street!!**



**AND GOOD FOOD YA'LL!!**

As for our members from out of the area, the food is just something we can't describe. It's every bit as awesome as you see on TV up north. *We got spoiled...* Just the same, I'd like to see what a Cajun cook would do with a plate of Scrapple (if he didn't throw it at me!!). I'm not even sure we could catch a crawfish with that stuff!!



We don't know if the law enforcement folks just wanted to get us out of their parish without an incident, but we were even escorted by a sheriff's cruiser to the parish line. (We could-a put the hurt on that guy but you can't beat Motorola.)



There were several NCRS Corvettes from our chapter, as well as several other beautiful vintage Corvettes on hand. Many owners took this opportunity to get out on the road and drive for a change, so the view of these beauties going down the road was like you see in a magazine.



In addition to the Corvettes on display, a wide variety of vintage and other interesting cars were on display.



**AND WHAT WOULD A LOUISIANA CHAPTER EVENT BE LIKE WITHOUT AN LSU CORVETTE?**

*Thanks to the Cajun Corvette Club for a great time!*

## 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)*

<b>Your Name</b>			<b>Year of Corvette</b>		
<b>Shipping Address</b>			<b>Body Style (Circle One)</b>	<b>Coupe    Convertible Hardtop</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Home:</b>		<b>Special Options (Circle)</b>	<b>LT1</b>	<b>Other</b>
	<b>Cell:</b>			<b>ZR1</b>	
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<b>Name you want on this shirt</b>			<b>Exterior Color</b>		
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<b>Quantity Ordered</b>			<b>Your Corvette's nickname</b>		



If our chapter cooks Cajun Crawvettes, what do we do with Shrimp?

(not a test, ya'll)



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@com](mailto:B3fols@com)

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

This is what LA. Chapter members usually do in the winter during snow storms.

(We also babysit vettes from up north)

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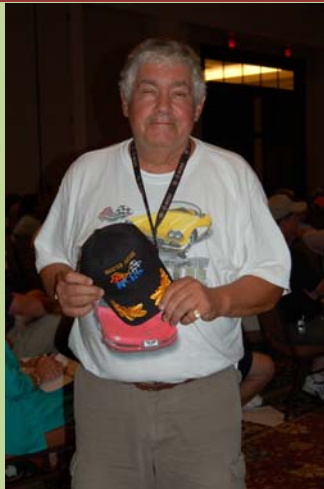
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Everybody wants to be in the picture with the Corvettes....



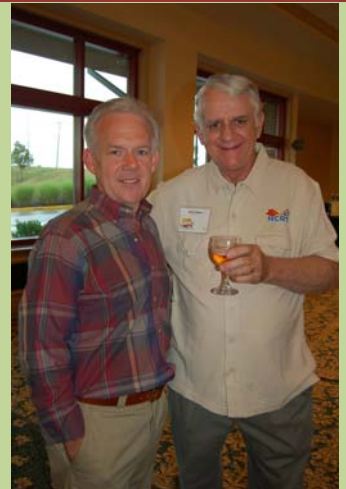
NCRS President's Award!



Jim Boudreaux



David & Brenda Lefaux



Larry Mulder, John O'Haire



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