

CROSSED FLAGS

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



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2009 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Jim Boudreaux**

Vice Chairman: **Mike Leeds**

Secretary: **Larry Mulder**

Treasurer: **Ralph Adams**

Judging Chairman: **Bill Folse**

Webmaster: **Jim Boudreaux**

Crossed Flags Editor: **Bill Folse**

2010 Meeting Calendar

Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

- **February 21, Gen. Membership Meeting and Judging Seminar, Location TBA (Baton Rouge or St. Rose LA)**
- **April 18, Spring Judging Meet, Slidell, LA. (Keith Dorr Automotive)**
- **May 15, Crawfish Boil – Silent Auction – Charity Fund Raiser, Hammond, LA. (John Maggiore)**
- **July 25, General Membership Meeting and Judging Seminar, Baton Rouge, LA. (Gary Cox)**
- **September 19, General Membership Meeting and Technical Seminar (also nominations opened for 2011 officers), St. Rose LA. (Alton Rivero)**
- **November 21, Corvette Caravan to Long Beach MS, Judging Seminar, Fall Judging Meet, General Membership Meeting (close nomination of officers for 2010), Long Beach MS (Darrell Suber)**

Get The Corvettes Out and Dust 'Em Off



Chairman's Message

By: Jim Boudreaux

Well, we have held another enjoyable Louisiana Chapter judging event that went very well thanks to the planning and execution of our members, but especially our hosts Gerald and Kim Avery. Well done all!! We had three great Corvettes (and owners), and three Top Flight awards! The judging seminar presenting the NCRS Matrix DVD's was great information and also put several of our members very close to their bid for their Black Master Judge hats.

We are ending 2009 on several high notes. We have completed requirements for a Top Flight Chapter Award and we are in line to get matching funds for our charity. We increased our membership and the judging events are attracting more and more members and guests. I think this year's activities have been both a lot of fun and rewarding to our members.

Looking forward to next year we have settled on a schedule for the entire year, a practice started past year, which presents opportunities for judging and a bid to attain another Top Flight Chapter award. The schedule will be posted on the Chapter web site. While all the current officers have signed up to remain in place for the upcoming year 2010, it would be great to have some new volunteers join us in planning and executing this coming years schedule. We could use some help in producing the newsletter and managing the membership data. We welcome all members' help in these or any other areas!!

IT'S RENEWAL TIME!!

It is now time to send in your Louisiana Chapter NCRS Dues for 2010! Please complete and return the enclosed membership application renewal form.

Please send in your 2010 dues and any contact info changes as soon as possible. We would like to have all renewals received by January 31, 2010.

To those of you who have already paid your 2010 dues, we thank you for renewing with us.

The Louisiana chapter plans on another great year with at least two judging events, a crawfish boil, judging schools and seminar events that will advance our members in their hunt for the Master Judge's hat. We plan to host some road tours. Many of us plan to join the NCRS National Convention Road tour ending up at Lowes Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

The past year has been very good for our organization. We hope to achieve a TOP Flight Chapter award again in 2010.

Please join us for a very eventful year.

Check out our website <http://www.ncrs-louisiana.com/> for copies of our newsletters and our schedule for 2010.

Here's wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jim Boudreaux
Chairman
Membership Chairman



Seen One of These Lately?



Judging Chairman's Message

By: Bill Folse

Every time I work on this message I have to wonder. This Judging Chairman thing can't be real. Whatever I did to wind up here is a mystery to me. It's fun but it's a bizarre thing.

Anyway, it's fun, it's intense, it's a learning experience and it's a ton of work all at the same time, or at least until I get the hang of it. Plus, I bought myself a red ZO6 mouse so it is really lots of fun. I wonder if this qualifies for Sportsman?

Since my first attempt to run a judging meet, I think I have learned how to save about 2 weeks of time to get the paperwork right.

I have to say that I am really happy to see everybody having FUN judging some very beautiful Corvettes. I think our chapter is coming close to finding the balance in the NCRS where it can be fun and it can be a great experience for the owners.

November 15, 2009: Chapter Judging Meet

Our November 15th meet at Gerald and Kim Avery's home went to another level. The location was perfect, the Corvettes were beautiful, the food was great!



I think we had more visitors than I have ever seen at a chapter event that wasn't giving away free seafood! It was impressive to see the local Corvette club members and the

children and grandchildren. It really was more than a Corvette thing!

Our Thanks to Gerald and Kim Avery for opening their place to us, we had a great time together!



Top Flight:

Jon Rogers (1963 coupe)
Gerald Avery (1973 coupe)
Randy Gibbs (1991 ZR-1)

Sportsman:

Kim Avery
Bill Ferenczy
Tony Salter
Genie Gibbs

Darrell Suber
Ken Walley
Mike Leeds



Genie Gibbs said this is her ZR-1, Randy!



Ralph and Alton At Their Best



YO! GOTTA EAT!

On another related note, I am happy to report that we are up to date with inputting our judging points in the NCRS Database. Remember, I am also tracking member activities in our database, so let me know if you participate in a qualifying event.

Bill Folse
Judging Chairman

November 15 Meeting Minutes

Fall Judging Meet and General Membership Meeting

The Judging Meet was held at Gerald and Kim Avery's Garage in Slidell. A General Membership Meeting and a Judging School followed the Flight Judging. It was a full day. Twenty-two Chapter members attended. Three cars were judged.

Top Flight Judging started at 8:00 AM. We had Jon Roger's 1963 Split Window Coupe, Gerald Avery's 1973 Coupe, and Randy Gibb's 1991 ZR-1. The Judging Meet was very well organized by Bill Folsie, and everyone got off to a good start. A sign in sheet was circulated for signatures.

Lunch was served around noon, and judging continued until 2:00 PM. I think just about all of the seventeen judges wound up with multiple judging assignments for the day. But in the end, everything got judged and tabulated. Ann Adams led the tabulating group. These ladies did an outstanding job.

Bill Folsie presented the Chapter Flight Awards, which were as follows:

Jon Rogers – *TOP FLIGHT*
 Gerald Avery – *TOP FLIGHT*
 Randy Gibbs – *TOP FLIGHT*

Congratulations to Jon, Gerald, and Randy for their achievements. The cars were beautiful. Their work and the preparation for the Flight Judging was very apparent.

Jim Boudreaux called the General Meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Jim reported that our current membership is now 88 members.

Ralph briefly reviewed the Chapter Treasury Report. Our current bank balance is \$13,249. Our balance at the beginning of the year was \$13,599. This is a slight decrease for the year (\$350), but includes the costs associated with three general meetings, two chapter judging meets, the May Crawfish Boil and Charity Auction, and various other chapter activities throughout the year.

The group discussed chapter dues, and agreed to keep them at the current \$20 per year. Jim will issue a note to everyone that dues for 2010 are due in January. Please renew early.

Jim then discussed Chapter Officers and appointments for next year (2010). Jim would like for someone to takeover Chapter Membership Chairman. He has had this job for 2-3 years, in addition to now being Chapter President. Bill Folsie also needs someone to take over as editor of the **CROSSED FLAGS** Newsletter. Being both the editor of the newsletter and the Chapter Judging Chairman are too much with his current day job responsibilities and his other Corvette Club responsibilities and commitments.

There were no nominations or volunteers from the group. After some additional discussion, it was agreed that the current officers and appointments would continue next year, **unless nominations or volunteers are received from other chapter members by December 31**. If this occurs, we can/will have an election for those positions. If there are no nominations, the current Board of Directors will remain for another year. Regardless, Jim will work on trying to get Bill additional help with the newsletter.

The meeting schedule for next year was discussed, and the proposed schedule is shown in the table at the end of the minutes.

Larry Mulder provided a brief update on the Chapter Award Program. At this point, we have **exceeded all of the requirements for a Chapter Top Flight Award for this year**. We have had more chapter activities, more member participation, and more cars judged this year than required for the Top Flight Award. In addition, we also made a significant financial contribution to the New Orleans Children's Hospital, with the promise of a dollar match from the NCRS National in first quarter of 2010. Everyone in the Chapter should be proud of this accomplishment!! The only activity remaining is to submit the 4QTR Report to the NCRS National and claim the credit. I plan to do this in December.

Jim and Bill thanked everyone for their participation in the Judging Meet. A special thank you was also given to Gerald and Kim Avery for their hospitality, and to Ann Adams and the other tabulators for their outstanding work.

The Chapter Business Meeting finished at approximately 4 PM.

After a short break, a dozen or so members stayed to watch the NCRS Judging Seminar DVD on OPERATIONS JUDGING. This judging school lasted about one hour. It was an excellent presentation and refresher course on the importance of OPERATIONS on obtaining a TOP FLIGHT AWARD. Those attending also received an additional judging point for the day.

Respectively submitted:

Larry Mulder
Louisiana Chapter Secretary
NCRS 20401 - 122



About a year ago we were checking these beauties out at the Mecum Auction in Orlando. Don't forget about the Winter Regional!

Corvettes Are Not Just Cars...Check This Out...

Hey Bill,

Here are two items that might be good for the newsletter. I am not offended if you don't use them.

Where did Ray come from?

Like most of us I wanted to know a little more about my 1970 Corvette (I call him Ray, STINGray). I had the original title, so I had the name and address of the original owner. Only problem was, the address was almost 40 years old! What are the odds that the original owner would still live at that address? What did I have to lose? I sent a letter introducing myself and asking if they had ever owned a 1970 blue Corvette. A month later I received an envelope in the mail from Aurora, Colorado. My first thought was, who do I know in Colorado? When I opened the envelope and realized who it was from the biggest smile ever came across my face! It was from Cindy Davis, wife of Paul Davis who was the original owner of Ray. She went on to tell me how her husband had purchased Ray in 1970 as he returned home from his last tour of duty in Viet Nam. He bought it from his friend Tom's dad who owned a Chevrolet Dealership in Denver, Colorado, Viner Chevrolet. She said it was his pride and joy. He would often comment about how few Corvettes were made in 1970 with a 454. He would drive all the subdivision kids around in it on special occasions.

Here is where my story takes a sad turn. Paul had returned from Viet Nam with a drinking problem and later developed cancer. After 25 years of marriage Cindy and Paul were divorced. In 2000 with failing health and in need of money to live on, Paul had to sell Ray. It was the last thing of value he owned. He had owned Ray for 30 years and it only had 58,000 miles. Cindy closed her letter by saying that having to sell that car was like the end for Paul. He died a year later.

She sent me two photos. In the photos are Paul, Ray, several kids and a big American flag. Written on back of the photo is July 4th, 1976, getting ready for the parade. Ray was special to me before, even more special now.



Ray the Stingray and Daddy Jim

My First Regional

I just returned from taking my 1970 Corvette to my first regional judging event in the Lonestar state of Texas. It was all I had been told it would be and more. The week before I almost backed out. My friend Richard Reed had just put the correct water pump, fuel pump, and TSC setup on my car. And he had made sure all my clamps were correct. I had done my part also. My car was cleaned and polished to the max. That's my part, cleaning, polishing and writing checks.

I pulled into my garage and **my key would not come out of the ignition!** I made some minor adjustments and the key came out, **but the gears were locked up!** Found a mechanic who would come to my house. He diagnosed the problem pretty quickly (interlock cable binding) and I decided to go ahead to Texas.

The nine hour drive was the farthest I had ever driven my car. Made it without any problems, 482 miles.

First day was mostly standing around waiting to get parked in the convention center. Did pass ops check, met a few people in the parking lot and got to see some cool cars.

Second day was neat as my car was judged. Everyone was real nice, real professional. Having my car judged twice at chapter level had really gotten me ready for the task. I expected to find at least one judge who would want to impress me with how much he knew. This was not the case. They were all very courteous, professional and respectful. I got to meet Vette owners from all over the country, novice to expert. Made some friendships that will probably last forever. Learned some interesting tidbits about my car. My son went with me and each evening we would go eat at a different restaurant and catch a movie. Good bonding time.

That was until the last evening when my son met Mike Leeds' niece. I kind of lost track of him for a while after that.

The awards banquet was a hoot too. Several of us from LA sat together and shared a good meal and a good time. I did get **Top Flight** at the Regional and "barely" needed my driving miles. I'm on to the Florida Regional in January. My goal is Top Flight without any driving miles!

And thanks to Mike Leeds I am hooked!

Jim Fox
48869-194

(Jim, we can tell Ray loves his new daddy; also, Mike's niece Krista is an NCRS judge, but don't expect special treatment...Ed.)

Pictures From Killeen, Texas (Texas Regional)

Provided courtesy of Mike Leeds



Darrell Suber receives his Regional Top Flight Award for his beautiful 1995 Indianapolis Pace Car

More to come on this Corvette...



Jim Bienvenu, Carl Hamilton, Mike Leeds Modeling their newly received Master judge caps.

(Pretty handsome bunch...from a distance)



Event attendees were given an opportunity to show respect the way it should be done!

Chapter Award Program Status

NCRS CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM

STATUS OF LOUISIANA CHAPTER AT YEAR'S END

I am very happy to report that we have met or exceeded all of the requirements for a **Chapter Top Flight Award** for this year!! Congratulations to everyone in the chapter who participated and who helped to make this happen. It was a team effort, and helps to provide the recognition our chapter deserves within NCRS.

When we first talked about this at our January Meeting in Hammond, I felt that we could accomplish the goal, but that it might be difficult in a few of the areas. But with everyone pulling together, we made it happen with room to spare.

We have currently met all of the eight REQUIRED ACTIVITIES, and have exceeded most of the VARIABLE ACTIVITIES minimum requirements and percentages by over fifty to one hundred percent. *We also contributed \$1160 to New Orleans Children's Hospital, with the promise of matching funds from the NCRS National in first quarter 2010!*

And we did it while having a lot of fun with friends and our Corvettes.

The award will be presented to our chapter at the 2010 NCRS National in Concord. Hopefully Jim or Bill will be there to accept the award for the chapter.

At the recent November 15 Judging Meet, everyone agreed to go for another TOP FLIGHT AWARD in 2010. We'll try to make this one even better. Stay tuned....and please offer suggestions for new or different activities, and volunteer to help where you can.

Thanks,

Larry Mulder
12/2009

(Thanks, Larry! So we have a month off and then back to work! Ed.)

209 NCRS Chapter Award Program

By Larry Mulder, #20401-122

The **NCRS Chapter Award Program** was developed to promote involvement and participation by members in their chapter events while encouraging the sharing of knowledge in the restoration and preservation of the Corvette. The program measures the performance of each chapter against standard award criteria similar to the principal used in NCRS judging. Each chapter is eligible to receive an award every year after submitting the required quarterly reports and fulfilling the required criteria

The Award Program is based on the calendar year January 1 to December 31. Recognition Certificates are issued in February, and the award is presented to the chapter at the National Convention



TOP FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT	THIRD FLIGHT
Complete all eight required activities and six or more variable activities	Complete seven required activities and five variable activities	Complete six required activities and four variable activities

Required Activities for the year	Variable Activities for the year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1R Host a Chapter Judging Meet • 2R Conduct a Chapter Technical Seminar • 3R Conduct a Chapter Judging School • 4R Conduct a Chapter Membership Meeting • 5R Conduct a Chapter Charitable Event (does not have to be Corvette related) • 6R Conduct a Chapter Road Tour • 7R Have a Chapter Social Event • 8R Maintain a Chapter Website linked to www.ncrs.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1V Judging Meet must include cars registered for Flight Judging from at least 5% of the chapter membership • 2V Six technical articles must be published in the Chapter Newsletter • 3V A total of 15% or more of the chapter members and/or family members must judge or tabulate at the Judging Meet(s). Each person can only be counted once during the year. • 4V At least 15% of Chapter members must drive their Corvette(s) to a Chapter Meeting or Chapter Event during the year. The Chapter Road Tour is not included. Each person can only be counted once during the year. • 5V Chapter Road Tour must include at least 5% of the members cars. • 6V At least 20% of the chapter members must attend one or more Chapter Meetings or Events. • 7V A charitable donation of \$100 or more is donated to a 501-3C qualified charity

Quarterly Reporting: Quarterly reports are due April 10, July 10, October 10, and January 10. Reports received after the deadline will result in all activities during that quarter being disallowed. Supporting documentation including Chapter Newsletters and Chapter Meeting Sign-in Sheets must accompany each quarterly report. The reports are to be sent to Marilyn Heitzman.

Our Chapter Score: The table below shows our progress toward achieving a **Chapter Award** for 2009.

An "XX" indicates that we have completed the requirement, and an "IP" indicates that work is planned or in progress to complete the requirement. **We will need to develop plans for those activities that are currently shown blank.**

Activity/Status	Status	Comments	Activity/Status	Status	Comments
1R	X	COMPLETED	1V	X	COMPLETED
2R	X	COMPLETED	2V	X	COMPLETED
3R	X	COMPLETED	3V	X	COMPLETED
4R	X	COMPLETED	4V	X	COMPLETED
5R	X	COMPLETED	5V	X	COMPLETED
6R	X	COMPLETED	6V	X	COMPLETED
7R	X	COMPLETED	7V	X	COMPLETED
8R	X	COMPLETED			



National Corvette Restorers Society

LOUISIANA CHAPTER Membership Application



Louisiana Chapter 2010 DUES: \$20.00*

JOIN OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN CORVETTES

LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS, A PART OF AND SANCTIONED BY NCRS NATIONAL, THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORVETTE CLUB!

Name:		Spouse:	
Address			
City, State, ZIP:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		FAX:	
E-Mail Address:			

NCRS National Membership Number (required):

Note: National NCRS Membership is required.
(If you do not know your number, enter "yes" but submit the number as soon as available to complete application)

CORVETTES YOU OWN

Year	Body Style & Special Options	Color	Engine & Transmission

NCRS LA CHAPTER APPLICATION DATE:

MAIL THIS FORM WITH DUES ENCLOSED TO:

LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS

C/O Jim Boudreaux
539 Evergreen Drive
Mandeville, LA 70448

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	
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		



UPCOMING EVENT

Florida Winter Regional

January 20th – 24th

Hosted By

Florida Chapter NCRS

Old Town Kissimmee (Orlando)

**Anyone planning to attend should
please contact Mike Leeds**



(from our image archives)

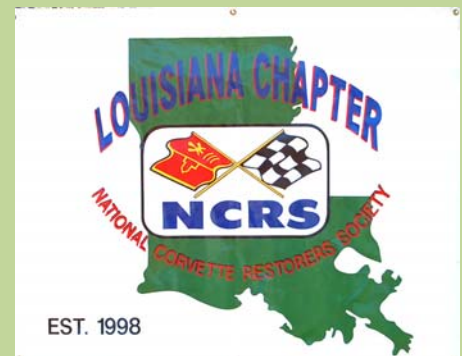
Cliché' of the Month

**"I found your email in
my junk mail folder"**



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Current Membership Roster

Adams	Ralph & Ann	LA	King	David & Teresa	TX
Avery	Gerald and Kim	LA	Lacy	William and Dian	MO
Barber	Mark & Natalie	LA	Landry	Lawrence T	LA
Berge	Chuck & Fredi	VA	Leeds	Bob & Jimmie	LA
Bernhardt	Jeff	OH	Leeds	Michael E	LA
Bienvenu	Jim & Gina	TX	LeFeaux	David & Brenda	LA
Binder	Robert J	LA	Legarde	Joe	LA
Binder	Fenwick & Candace	LA	Legendre	Kirk	LA
Borne	Terry and Wendy	LA	LeJeune	Thad & Jodie	LA
Bosselman	Gary and Rose Marie	IL	Lejsal	John & Gwen	TX
Boudreaux	Jim & Jacki	LA	Leonard	Gene and Andrea	AR
Boudreaux	Roland J & Janet	LA	Loughlin	Jim	NJ
Buckheister	Richard & Nancy	LA	Maggiore	John & Dale	LA
Burge	Brent	LA	McManmon	Terry & Liz	IL
Chesnut	Gary and Norma	TX	McNay	Art & Glorie	CA
Como	Brady & Patricia	LA	Melebeck	Keith & Beth	LA
Cox	Gary & Elizabeth	LA	Mickey	Tim & Gale	IN
Credo	Mark & Maria	LA	Money	Richard & Debbie	FL
Demmel	Bob & Sherri	TX	Moresi	Patrick & Monica	LA
Dennies	Jerry & Jeanette	LA	Mulder	Larry & Sharon	LA
Diermann	Tom & Vicki	LA	Mulhern	John and Evie (Ivelis)	PA
Dogali	Paul & Cheatta	LA	Murphy	Tom & Mary Ann	TX
Ezell	Phil & Terri	LA	O'Haire	John	LA
Falenski	Stan	PA	Peters	Jeffrey	MO
Famularo	Felix & Mary	LA	Rachel	Peter	LA
Fiedler	Larry & Kim	TX	Reed	Richard J & Diane	MS
Ferenczy	William J & Linda	LA	Reinauer	Bill & Tenna	TX
Folse	Bill & Huahui	LA	Ridge	Eddie	LA
Fowlkes	Bret	MS	Rivero	Alton and Kim	LA
Fox	James and Deborah	LA	Rogers	Jon and Clara	LA
Gegenheimer	Buddy	LA	Ruschak	John	NJ
Gibbs	Randy	LA	Sagamang	Dennis	RI
Giordano	Vic & Faith	LA	Salter	Tony	AR
Gristina	Nick & Brenda	LA	Sams	Mike & Toni	GA
Gulley	David & Mary	AK	Sansoni	Craig & Lisa	LA
Guthrie	Richard	GA	Shkolny	Mike and Darlene	Canada
Hamilton	Carl B & Hope	MS	Sleeper	Ken & Ginger	IN
Heale	Wayne	NZ	Smith	Mark & Susie	LA
Hebert	Randy & Susan	FL	Stoute	Norris & Judy	LA
Hebert Sr	Richard & Betty	LA	Suber	Darrell & Deanna	MS
Hill	Darrell and Mary	MS	Swindler	David & Mary Beth	LA
Hiltunen	Gary and Linda	CA	Tulley	Mark	NY
Huffstutler	Lael B	AL	Walley	Ken	MS
Hunt MD	Alvaro & Mary Lee	LA	Wilhoft	Gordon & Carol	LA
Ingham	Mike and Sharyl	CA	Youens	James & Barbara	LA
Jordan	Andy & Jessica	GA	Zimmerman	Robert and Sharon	NJ