

CROSSED FLAGS

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



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2011 Meeting Calendar

Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

- **July 18-23:** NCRS National Convention and National Road Tour
- **August 21:** General Meeting
- **Sept 18:** General Meeting
- **Oct 27 – 30:** Lone Star Regional
- **Nov 20:** Fall Judging Meet and 2012 election of officers at Darrell Suber's garage in Long Beach, Mississippi

Editor's Note:

Please email any articles, event photos, and
so forth to Carl Hamilton

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Mike Leeds In His Element

Chairman's Message

By: Jim Boudreaux

I hope all are having a great start to the summer after an even greater spring. We held our annual crawfish boil along with a silent auction to benefit our selected charity, Children's Hospital of New Orleans. We raised \$2,200 and we added to it our matching contribution from National to make a total donation of \$2,700. We presented this check at the Children's Hospital annual telethon along with Crescent City Corvette Club which presented their own check. The corvette community sure stands out as a benefactor for the New Orleans Children's Hospital. Thanks are due all who helped with special thanks to Ralph and Ann Adams who let us use their home for the event (and did a LOT of work to make this happen) and Felix Famularo who ran the silent auction.

As I have had shoulder surgery, I have been out of pocket for a while but expect to be back fully engaged by August. We are looking forward to several meetings as well as a fall judging meet. Stay tuned for announcements of our plans. Hope all of you had a happy Fourth of July and hope to see you soon at a chapter event.

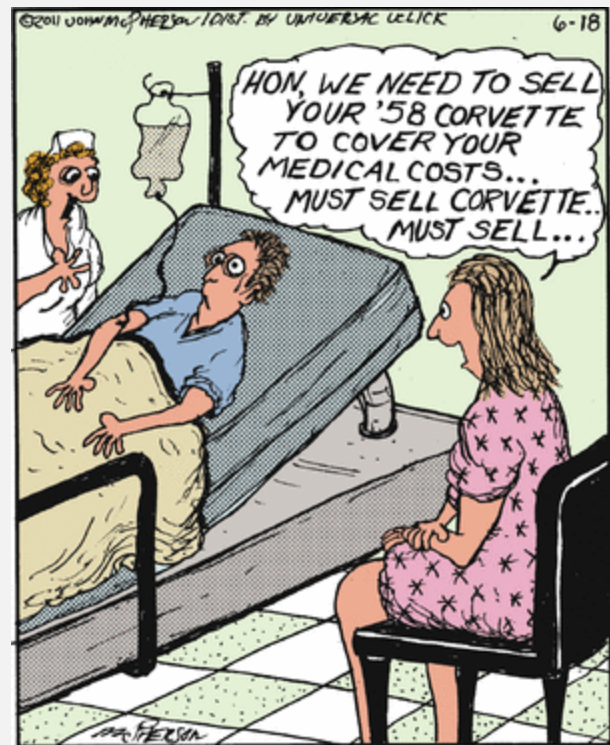
Jim Boudreaux
Chairman
Membership Chairman



So They Really Do Exist!!



Check out our website
<http://www.ncrs-louisiana.com/>
for copies of our old and current newsletters and
our schedule for 2011.



Gary suddenly emerges from his
57-day coma.

Judging Chairmen's Message

Wow the heat is upon us. The judging tasks will be brutal at the national convention. I can't help but to think how fortunate we were during my recent trip to the Bloomington Gold that it was very cool and a little rainy. The folks in Michigan will hopefully not have to suffer with the sweltering heat as they try to enjoy their judging assignments.

After Bloomington I have a lot of respect for how much we learn about the Corvettes in the NCRS judging process. For those of our members that have never actually judged, there is a huge part of the fun that you miss out on.

Our last judging meet held at John Maggiore's home in Hammond included two beautiful candidates, a 1958 Cascade Green and a 1996 Grand Sport. Both Corvettes received Top Flight and we look forward to seeing them in the regional and national spotlight.



We encourage everyone to be active in our judging events. We have a judging event coming later this Fall. Remember that the number of Corvettes we will accept for judging depends on how much participation we get for members to judge these beauties.

Bill Folse & Darrell Suber



Designer Vette



Beauty on the Bayou



Look But Don't Touch!

Looks like they are too happy to be judges!!



How'd you get your finger in *there*?



Time to go for a ride

Chapter Crawfish Boil and Charity Auction

May 15, 2011

The Crawfish Boil and Charity Silent Auction were held at Ralph and Ann Adams' home in Slidell. Approximately 35 people attended, which included chapter members, spouses, and friends.

The event was a huge success and everyone had a great time. The weather was beautiful, with temperatures in the low 70's, plenty of sun, and low humidity. This helped to bring out the Corvettes, and we had many of our members driving their cars to the event. Ralph did an **outstanding** job on the boiling, which exceeded even the high standards normally expected from South Louisiana chefs. There was crawfish, sausage, corn, potatoes, onions, and a variety of other boiled veggies, plenty of liquid refreshment, and desserts that would make a French Quarter chef proud. A special thanks to Ralph and Ann for the great food and the hospitality!

Most folks began arriving around 12:30 PM. The hot crawfish were served up at around 1 o'clock. We finished up around 4 PM. Ralph had borrowed a large carnival/event tent from Michael Leeds and had it setup in the back yard for the event. It provided just the right amount of shade and added to the festive feeling.

Felix Famularo led our charity silent auction for the New Orleans Children's Hospital. Just about everyone brought something to sell in the auction. The auction opened around 1 PM and lasted until 3 PM. Every item that was donated was sold.....and when the final money was counted at the end of the day, we had raised \$1942 for the children. This is over fifty percent more than what was generated by last year's auction. This continues to demonstrate the charity and the generosity of the Louisiana Chapter members. In addition, the chapter also added monies which were given to us earlier in the year for performing a car inspection for an out-of-state member. This makes the final amount **of** this year's chapter donation to Children's Hospital of \$2200. A special thanks to Felix for leading this effort for this year, and for doing such an outstanding job. The money collected from the auction will be donated to Children's Hospital during the upcoming National Telethon in June.

In addition, the NCRS National has recently sent us a check for \$500.00 as part of the charity match program for last year. **This means that the total amount we will give to Children's Hospital this year is \$2700. This is simply outstanding.**

Before everyone went home, Michael Leeds and Ralph Adams led a short meeting on upcoming chapter activities and events. Ralph announced that our chapter has recently been awarded a Regional Judging Meet in September 2013; and he and Michael talked some about the various activities and planning needed to support this event. We will need every chapter member's help to make this Regional Meet a success. More information will be communicated in the coming months.

Larry provided a brief update on the Chapter Award Program, and what is left to do this year to get a TOP FLIGHT Award. The two biggest things that remain are to develop and present a technical seminar, and to follow-thru with the planned late November Chapter Judging Meet.

We are still looking for a volunteer to lead the technical seminar. Please contact Larry if you have something that you feel will be of interest to the group. If no-one volunteers, we will probably develop a technical seminar around what is involved in PV Judging and what is needed to successfully pass this test on the first attempt.

John Maggiore led a similar seminar four to five years ago using one of Gary Cox's 1967 cars, and it was well received. We may try it again this year, with a different seminar leader/presenter and a different car.

Again, special thanks to Ralph and Ann for their hospitality, and special thanks to Felix for his leadership on this year's charity auction.

Larry Mulder
Louisiana Chapter Secretary
NCRS # 20401 - 122



2011 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 Four 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 Set Up NCRS Display at a Non-NCRS Car Event. • 8V 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 Arland Dower.

Our Chapter Score: The table below shows our progress toward achieving a **Chapter Award** for 2011.

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	Comments	Activity/Status	Comments
1R	IP	1V	IP
2R	IP	2V	IP
3R	XX	3V	XX
4R	XX	4V	XX
5R	XX	5V	XX
6R	XX	6V	XX
7R	XX	7V	XX
8R	XX	8V	XX

Curiosity Satisfied: Bloomington Gold Certification

This past June, Mike Leeds, Bob Huffman (Baton Rouge CC) and I traveled to St. Charles, Illinois to participate in the Bloomington Gold event. My 1991 ZR-1 was registered for Bloomington Gold Certification, as well as Survivor and Benchmark.

Sharing the driving time, three of us left New Orleans and drove straight through to St. Charles. It was hot and rainy on leaving here, but it was cool and overcast when we arrived at our destination. As



accommodations were very expensive and hard to find, we opted to stay in Aurora, Illinois, about 15 miles from the event.

The event was held on the Pheasant Run Golf Course. The venue was beautiful and spacious. Many vendors



were located in the parking area as well as inside the air conditioned buildings.

Inside the resort meeting rooms, the "Great Hall" was open for all attendees. There were some pretty spectacular Corvettes on display, including a ZL-1 and some of Zora Duntov's race cars. Also, there was an awards ceremony area where I watched as our good friend Gary Mortimer was inducted into the "Hall of Fame"

There were many, many NCRS folks at the event. I was surprised when several recognized Psycho (the yellow ZR-1) and came by later to say hello.



Corvettes everywhere! I could only think of when I was a kid driving my old police car on the golf course at Audubon Park, but that was not pretty.

This numbs your brain!

The Grand Sport Registry and the ZR-1 Net Registry were there. I actually saw a ZR-1 painted like a Grand Sport. It was beautiful but bizarre. I always wondered about doing that. (OK, never mind, not to my ZR-1). The Mecum auction had an incredible lineup of vintage Corvettes including a collection of all black Corvettes from 1954 to 1969, all high performance optioned cars!!

We were all in the perfect environment!! We even had a chance to detail the Callaway next to my ZR-1. It's on my list, I traded labor for first dibs to buy.



The ZR-1 was awarded Gold Certification as well as the Survivor and Benchmark awards. It was a little different to drive up to the podium to get the award, kind of like McDonald's. It was quite a site to see all of the Corvettes lined up for their drive (no donuts allowed!!)

It was a lot of fun and so much more meaningful with the insight I have about the Corvette as a result of my NCRS membership.

After the awards, the 7 Corvettes that received Benchmark were displayed on the golf course. Then it was time to go load up and return to the rest of the world.

Bill Folse
Mike Leeds



2011 Bloomington Gold Benchmark Show Field



**Black glass finish on my Z06 courtesy of Darrell Suber, Bill Folse, Mike Leeds
and of course the Brothers Zaino**



National Corvette Restorers Society

LOUISIANA CHAPTER
Membership Application



Louisiana Chapter 2011 DUES: \$30.00*

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
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		
Quantity Ordered			Your Corvette's nickname		

Note that prices are subject to change, so check with Mike before you send a check!



Check out www.toptiergas.com for the list of fuel refiners that sell gas that is recommended by GM for the Corvette and other vehicles. Evidently it is not all the same. Thanks to Darrell Suber for this tidbit.