

NEXT MEETING MARCH 16, 2008 – 8:30 AM

# CROSSED FLAGS

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



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## CHECK IT OUT!....

La. Chapter members at the 2008 Winter Regional

January chapter meet in Baton Rouge takes members through the Performance verification process on mid-years

And a look at some 2008 events attended by La. Chapter members!



## 2008 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Mike Leeds**  
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LSU FANS MAKING THEIR APPEARANCE  
AT WINTER MEET IN ORLANDO



RALPH ADAMS AND GARY COX  
RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR WORK WITH LA  
CHAPTER

## 2008 Meeting Calendar

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

### Next Meeting: March 16, 2008

- Meeting starts at 8:30 AM
- Hammond – John Maggiore's shop
- **THIS IS A CHAPTER JUDGING MEET!!**

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

#### **March 16**

- 8:30 AM
- Hammond – John Maggiore's shop – see his article on page 2 for directions
- Mini Judging Meet will be conducted
- Registration limited – see forms provided in newsletter

#### **May 18**

- 1:30 PM
- Location TBA

#### **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

## A "Self Introduction": Jim Boudreaux

### LA Chapter Vice Chairman

In the way of an introduction for those of you who do not know me, I am originally from Louisiana and was raised in Mobile, Alabama. I went to college at LSU and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. My wife, Jacki and I have three sons and two granddaughters.

I went to work for General Dynamics, Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut right after College and spent 32 Years there obtaining a Master of Science degree, and retiring in 2000 as Director of Engineering. I then spent almost 4 years as Vice President and CIO for Litton Industries at the Avondale Shipyard in New Orleans, retiring again. I had the good fortune to work in a highly technical environment designing, building and testing (at sea) nuclear submarines. The high tech world of defense related electronics, computers, computer software and nuclear power was challenging to say the least. Being an engineer for a company like General Dynamics also let me contribute to the design and test of fighter aircraft such as the F-16 and F-111 as well as the M1A1 Abrams tanks used in Kuwait and Iraq.

This enabled me to buy my first corvette in 1968, a British Green Convertible which I have been able to keep all these years, as well as retire back to Louisiana with two additional corvettes. I have been in the NCRS family for the last four years and I should obtain Master Judge status this year. I am still working on restoring the 68 (very slowly) and hope to bring it to a judging event in the future. The LA chapter of NCRS has a great future and I ask that you support the chapter by participating in the events and attending as many NCRS regional and National events as possible.

### Save the Wave!



Sorry folks, this is the last time I saw Jim!

## Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

It's hard to believe that it's already March, 2008. As always, there are plenty of NCRS events planned for 2008, leading up to the National Meet in St. Charles, Missouri, in July.

Most recently, a large number of LA NCRS members attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Winter Meet, in Kissimmee. Once again the event was held in Old Town. There was a good turn out of cars, vendors, and familiar faces. The weather was great and the cars were outstanding. I was impressed by the large turnout of C-4 Corvettes, especially '92s and '93s. Congratulations to those members that received *Flight* awards and successfully past *P.V.* I have already heard that some members that just missed passing *P.V.* are planning to go to the Chattanooga Regional in April. Good luck to all of you.

On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, our Chapter will be hosting a mini meet at my shop in Hammond. We presently have four (4) cars signed up for *Flight Judging*. A '67, '69, '70, and an '82. There will be two (2) *Bowtie* displays, a '67 and an '82. Also, there will be a '91 *McClellan* display. Presently, we have five (5) cars entered for *Sportsman*. All *Flight* cars must be in place by 8:00 am. Judging school will commence at 8:30 am, with *Flight* judging immediately following. There are still a lot of members that have not registered for this event. Your participation is essential for the meet to be successful. There is a meet registration form included with this newsletter. Forward your registration to me A.S.A.P., so that I can get an idea as to how many judges to expect.

Directions to my shop are: From wherever you are, get to I-12 toward Hammond. Take exit 42, Airport Road, turn north, and proceed approx. 2 miles to Hwy 190. At Hwy 190, turn left (west) and proceed approx. 1.5 miles to Hwy 443, Morris Road, Chevron station is on your right. Turn right (north) and travel 2 mile to Bellwood Drive, which will be on your left. Turn left, drive for ½ mile and turn left onto Monticello Drive. My house about 2/10s of a mile on your left. My shop is at the end of the asphalt road.

Registration forms are out for this year's National Convention. The dates are July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>, in St Charles, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. From the information published in the last *Driveline*, there is plenty for all to see and do. One activity that I strongly recommend is the conventions accompanying Road Tours. If you have never participated in a National Road Tour, you are missing out on the time of your life. Those of you that have, know what I am talking about. This year there are a total of ten (10) tours departing from all over the country. The tours closest to us in Louisiana are the Texas and the Southeast tours. Check out the latest *Driveline*, or go to the NCRS website for more details, and to sign up.

**See everyone on March 16<sup>th</sup>!**

## An Enjoyable '08 Winter Regional

*By: Bill Fols*

Well, another Winter Regional is behind us. It was a great trip, lots of friends, lots of cars, new parts, decent weather. We were not disappointed.

After rounding up at the Mississippi Welcome Center, our group pulled out for Kissimmee, Florida. Jim Boudreaux took the point for a while, but the Z06 lured him to stretch its legs on the open road. Shortly after leaving the Welcome Center, we saw the last of Jim and Jonathan until we arrived at the hotel.

Several La. Chapter Members brought their Corvettes for judging or display:



Bob Leeds – 1993  
Performance Verification



Bob & Sharon Zimmerman – 1990  
Flight Judging



Carl & Hope Hamilton – 1959  
Flight Judging



Larry Murphy – 1993 ZR-1 – Flight Judging



Alton Rivera – 1982  
Flight Judging



Richard Hebert – 1958  
Performance Verification



Bill Fols – 1991 – McLellan Display  
Advanced Judging School Reference Vehicle  
(pictured with Dave McLellan)

## La Chapter's January Meeting Features Discussion On Performance Verification Process

John Maggiore and Jim Boudreaux address the members during John's presentation about the Performance Verification process at the chapter's January meeting



The La Chapter NCRS conducted its January meeting at Gary Cox's facility in Baton Rouge.

Following the standard meeting protocols and reports, a discussion about the rewards of member mentorships indicated that our group has a lot of interest and knowledge that they are ready and willing to share with others that have a common interest in the Corvette.

At the conclusion of the discussion, John Maggiore led the group through a great presentation about Performance Verifications. John's presentation was not only very informative, but it was also an opportunity for experienced members to share their learnings about campaigning their Corvettes for Performance Verification (otherwise known as the nerve shattering PV)

The presentation included hands on demonstration on...you guessed it...another Mid-year Big Block car!

Seriously, Gary Cox was generous enough to share one of his Corvettes (guaranteed genuine Big Block beauties) with us in order that we could experience some of the excitement of the unexpected behavior of these beautiful machines.



The meeting was especially timely as several of our members are pursuing, or have recently completed, a Performance Verification Flight ribbon.

We appreciate John Maggiore's time and effort to prepare this presentation and thank Gary Cox for his hospitality in hosting the meeting.



## NCRS Announces an upgrade to the NCRS Technical Discussion Board

Fellow NCRS Members:

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, the NCRS Technical Discussion will be upgraded to new software with a different look and feel. New options will include uploading pictures to our service.

The upgrade to the NCRS Technical Discussion Board is the first step of the NCRS Board of Directors Information Technology plan announced during the summer Board meeting in Boston.

The upgraded NCRS Technical Discussion Board will be for "Members Only" posting. Non-members will have limited time access. Non-members will be able to view only and not allowed to post.

Expect more to come in 2008 from upgrading the NCRS website.

Sincerely,

Vito Cimillucca  
NCRS President

The following steps must be completed to access the upgraded NCRS Technical Discussion Board (TDB):

1. Complete the initial Forum Account/Password Retrieval form
  - a. Copy and paste this link into your browser to access the form  
<http://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/initiate.php>
  - b. Your **valid NCRS Membership #** and **ZIP code as printed on your Restorer or Driveline Mailing Label** must be entered on this form
2. Complete the Forum Account Activation Form in full; select new passwords, include your birth day, phone number and e-mail address and select the Chapters you are affiliated with (if applicable)

**Note:** Record your name and membership number as it appears. Your TDB login User Name requires an **exact match to this spelling**, including UPPER/lower case characters

3. After successful completion of the Forum Account Activation Form, your browser will be redirected to the upgraded NCRS Technical Discussion Board link: <http://www.ncrs.org/forums/>
4. Complete the login using the following format:  
User Name: John Doe (55555)  
Password: enter the password that was entered on the Forum Account Activation Form

**Note:** Your **User Name** followed by your **NCRS number** in parenthesis must be entered exactly as it was shown on the Forum Account Activation Form

*(message forwarded by Jim Boudreaux)*

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Louisiana Chapter**  
**Judging Meet**  
**Hammond, Louisiana**  
**March 16, 2008**

The Louisiana Chapter of the NCRS event in Hammond, Louisiana on shop. Cars for flight judging should commencing shortly thereafter. This judging event will be limited to 4 cars, and judging applications must be in by March 1<sup>st</sup> to have your car considered. It will be on a first come basis, so get your application to John Maggiore as soon as possible to be accepted for judging. Registration for Sportsman class should also be in no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. The event judging should finish by 4:00 PM with awards following after tabulation. All attendees should register and expect to be involved in the judging, please note preference below.

will be having a Chapter Judging March 16, 2008, at John Maggiore's be in place by 8:00 am with judging

**REGISTRATION and JUDGING INFORMATION:** Corvettes to be judged should be pre-registered, with applications being faxed no later than March 1, 2008 to John Maggiore at 504-469-5533 and mailed with fees to John Maggiore at the address below. (NOTE: You must be a current National NCRS member.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adult Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Guest \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC

Address \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGING

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Judging Entry \$ 30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sportsman Award Entry \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Display \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NC

NCRS No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify type of Display) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to judge in class: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe/Roadster \_\_\_\_\_ Engine \_\_\_\_\_

Complete VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Judging Level \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information call:**  
**John Maggiore, Jr., Judging Chairman 985-340-3036**  
**jfmagcpa@earthlink.net**

Make checks payable to: Louisiana Chapter NCRS

**Mail to:**  
**John Maggiore**  
**PO Box 2024**  
**Kenner, LA 70063**

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I agree to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I agree to assume risk of any and all damages of injury, and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, it's officers, directors, agents, employees and chapters for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property, or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of, this meet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (Note: Proof of insurance showing VIN must be presented with this registration.

Insurance Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Chairman's Message

***The year is still young and we started out running!*** In January our chapter was well represented at the Florida Regional in Kissimmee...I would like to congratulate all our LA Chapter members that entered their Corvettes: *Richard Hebert* (1958–PV), *Brady Como* (1958–PV), *Patrick Moresi* (1970 –PV), *Bob and Jimmie Leeds* (1993-PV), *Carl and Hope Hamilton* (1959-Top Flight), *Alton Rivera* (1982-Top Flight), *Bob and Sharon Zimmerman* (1990-Top Flight), *Larry Murphy* (1993 ZR1-Top Flight), and *Bill Folsie* (1991 ZR1 McLellan Display).

My Brother and I got a firsthand experience with when Bob brought his '93 40th Anniversary convertible for **Performance Verification (PV)**. As many of you know this is one of the most challenging tasks for our Corvettes! All systems and equipment MUST function as delivered with only *Pass or Fail*. The C4s have more judged items on the dash than the entire number of judged PV items on a Straight Axle or a Midyear Corvette. The '93 C4's radio alone on has **15** functions. To make it a little interesting, Bob's car is the *first* 1993 presented for Performance Verification.

All started well but ended with a bang when the passenger seat's Lumbar Air Bladder blew out! However, Tom Barr (C4 Team Leader) and Bob completed the PV of all remaining items. All the rest went well and the seat has since been repaired and tested...Soon we are off to Chattanooga in April to try again!

Our next event was a little closer to home – it was our first chapter judging school for this year. It was held at Gary Cox's shop in Baton Rouge. Ironically, the topic was Performance Verification! Our judging Chairman, John Maggiore, did a fantastic job as always. If you missed this event you missed out on a lot of information, but rest assured that we will do another before year end. Thanks to all that attended and all that made this event happen.

In February, a group of LA Chapter members traveled to Dallas to attend the NCRS National Judging Retreat. ***Talk about intense...***Saturday was a full day of classroom study from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm, and Sunday was a full day of hands on judging from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm. Three of our chapter cars were used for mock judging: *John Maggiore's* 1962, *Randy Hebert's* 1982 Collector's Edition and *Carl Hamilton's* 1991 ZR-1. In addition to having the largest Chapter percentage of participating cars, I think our chapter was also very well represented. Way to go!!

**Our next event is the LA. Chapter Spring Judging Meet.** The event will be held at John Maggiore's shop. Please refer to John's article in this newsletter for details. **We need member participation to help judge.** There is a registration form and directions to the event included in this news letter

**Remember this is your Chapter - get out, join in, and enjoy the Spring weather with your LA. Chapter friends!**

**Michael E Leeds**

Chairman

NCRS #31462 La Chapter #46

**1957 SEBRING CORVETTE**



1957 SEBRING CORVETTE  
The 1957 Sebring Corvette is a true racing machine. It was built for speed and performance, and it has a long and illustrious racing history. The car was designed by Harley Earl and built by Chevrolet. It was the first Corvette to be built with a steel body, and it was the first to have a four-cylinder engine. The 1957 Sebring Corvette is a true classic, and it is a car that every Corvette enthusiast should own.

**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 [B3folve@aol.com](mailto:B3folve@aol.com)**

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

**NCRS National Convention**

July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>  
St Charles, Missouri  
(Registration forms are in the *Driveline*)

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