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Coming soon



Felix and Mary have coffee and beignets with the Kiwis. See the article on page 5

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Presidents Signals

Time is passing quickly but not soon enough. I am ready for the summer to be over so I do not dread going to the mailbox and seeing the Entergy bill and to start driving my convertible with the top down and the wind blowing through the few grey hair I have left.

Earlier I forwarded a message regarding the fundraiser for Devin Funck on September 6th and I will also be sending out the registration form and flier. If you can, please participate and also bring 50/50 items or volunteer for judging, parking or other tasks to help make this fundraiser a success. We will be caravanning from the Household of Faith Church between Crowder and Read at 8:30.

Some of our members recently went to the NCRS Nationals in St. Louis and came home with some impressive awards:

Bob Leeds – The Dave Hill Mark of Excellence.

This is the first in the country

John Maggiore – Presidents Award and a Refounders Award

Bill Folsie – Four Star Cross Flags Award

Jim Boudreaux – Sportsman Award

Congratulations to all for their achievements

Last months General Meeting was a lot of fun. I enjoyed meeting the Kiwis and asking questions about the Corvettes in New Zealand. I was wondering why they were in this country for three months before putting their cars in a container for shipment home. I might take three or four weeks to travel around, but then I would want to return home and show off the new cars to my friends at home. Russ explained that there is a law in New Zealand that if you buy a car overseas and bring it back home you must convert it to right hand drive, except if you remain out of the country for three months. It is actually cheaper to take a three month holiday than it is to convert to right hand drive. These folks are some serious Corvette enthusiasts I must say. I would like to thank Felix for writing the article that appears later in the newsletter.

Another recent activity was the Calendar Photo Shoot with the Southern Misses in Hattiesburg. Some pictures and an article are on page 3.

I will be forwarding the final updated roster for 2008 before the end of the month. If you have any changes in email or cars please send me a note so I can make the change before it goes out.

Well, I hope to see you at the meeting on Friday and in the mean time Save the Wave

Richard

Membership Report

Regular Memberships	63
Auxiliary Memberships	3
Honorary Memberships	10



August Birthdays

William	Gieseler	8/5
Terry	Gilbert	8/17
David	Swindler	8/29
Ronald	Trosclair	8/2
Gordon	Willhoft	8/1
Phyllis	Brossette	8/9
Gerry	Gieseler	8/13
Juanita	Gilbert	8/10
Sandra	Klein	8/17
Cheryl	Sherman	8/3
RollyAnn	Smith	8/19
Carolyn	Willhoft	8/29
Barbara	Zitzmann	8/11
Deanna	Suber	8/17

July Birthdays

Jackie, Richard, Faith and Kathy. The ladies did not tell but it was Richard's 21st anniversary of his 39th birthday



to be Morris Bart and handing out business cards in order to represent all the victims of the accident.

I received this thank you note from Jennifer:
To the Crescent City Corvette Club:

On behalf of the Southern Misses dance team, thank you for your support on our first calendar shoot. We hope you had as much fun as we did, I hope you enjoyed the company and food. With this being our first year to do the calendar, thanks for the confidence! We look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks Again,

Jennifer Centola, Head Coach and the Southern Misses

I enjoyed the afternoon although it was a little warm and it rained on the way home. For the last four times I have taken the car out it has either rained on the way or stopped just before leaving the house with the streets still wet. Anyway, I think everyone had a great time and I am looking forward to seeing the calendar.

Richard

Southern Misses Photo Shoot

On July 27th we traveled to Hattiesburg for a calendar shoot for the Southern Misses. We were greeted in the parking lot by Jennifer Centola who is the Head Coach of the Southern Misses dance team. We had lunch in the Bottling Company and when finished the photographer arranged the cars to resemble a rather large wreck in front of the young ladies. There were forty five cars from the Mississippi and Louisiana clubs and as you can see from the pictures we filled up the street in front of the restaurant. Photographers are funny because he was directing us to park at odd angles and rather close together. So close in fact that it was difficult to get some of us untangled when it was time to leave. Also, when it was my turn to park he directed me to park across the road and said, "Great, yellow that is really going to pop". Neither the condition of the car, a convertible, the chrome rims, the silver haired driver or anything else mattered but the color would make the picture "pop".

When it was time to line up for the picture, Buddy Gegenheimer made me laugh by pretending



Edna, Ken and Jennifer



The scene of the accident



Getting ready



Note the bare feet on the hot pavement, as Jennifer told them, "Sometimes being beautiful in painful"



Da lawyer



Thank you from Jennifer and the Southern Misses

What a BLAST!

Visiting with Corvette owners from “Kiwi Country”, otherwise known as New Zealand was a weekend to remember.

I hope they forgive us as their arrival in New Orleans began with a 2 hour delay, with not one, but two accidents on the Spillway and another just past the Bonnabel overpass. I dropped them off at their hotel for a few minutes of “freshen up” before escorting them to our monthly meeting where Richard presented them with Crescent City polo shirts that matched their corvettes, a Crescent City Travel bag and Lifetime Honorary Memberships.

After just a few minutes with our new members, you could tell they fit right in, talking and laughing, exchanging “stories” about adventures on both sides of the world. They are a “fun lovin’” bunch. They told us about Corvetting in their country. There is one main highway and sometimes it’s even 4 lanes. The rest of the time it’s fun to drive.

We treated them to the usual “après meeting” get together at Café du Monde. They fell in love with our favorite “donut”. Had to explain to them that it is really a “beignet”.

Let me introduce our new members: Russ and Jude Wadsworth, 2004 Le Mans Blue Commemorative ZO6, Toni and Deb Elston, 2006 Velocity Yellow Coupe, Clive and Christine Newman, 2001 Bowling Green Roadster. Their home club is Capital Corvette (CCC) Club in Wellington, New Zealand.

Their flight to the USA landed in Tulsa, OK, where they picked up their corvettes and began their cross country tour of the United States in their new corvettes. Their travel plans included New Orleans and their itinerary had them here on the weekend of our General Membership meeting.

On Saturday, I picked them up and we began our day with a streetcar ride down St. Charles Ave. They were amazed at the size and elegance of the homes. Lots of pictures were taken along the route. Lunch was at Central Grocery where to their amazement, ½ of the famous mufuletta is a lot of sandwich. We spent the afternoon strolling the French Quarter, girls shopping, men complaining. What else is new? The Cabildo – Russ presiding over the table where the Louisiana Purchase was signed, Jackson Square and a wedding at St. Louis Cathedral were the high points of the tour. Russ, Jude and Christine had the unique treat of “beatin’ their feet in the Mississippi mud!”

A short breather at the hotel and it was off to dinner and dancing at one of our best Cajun restaurant, Michaul’s on St. Charles Ave. where Mary joined the party. I don’t think any media coverage of Bourbon St. can prepare someone for their first visit. Although the sights were nothing like our typical Mardi Gras, it didn’t take long for them to know what to do for, and with those “useless” beads.... A “Huge Ass Beer” got Clive’s attention. No one saw what Deb did to get those beads she was suddenly sporting. She said she found them on the ground.... Yeah! Right! On the ground....

No trip to the French Quarter would be complete without a “hurricane” from Pat O’Brian’s. Walking out of Pat O’s on the Bourbon St. side, they encountered one of our “local talents” in a transparent body suit and a couple of skimpy pieces of cloth. The guys seemed interested. Disbelief changed to “you gotta be kidding” when they realized that “she” had an Adam’s apple.... Oh My! Guess we need to DELETE those pictures the boys took with “her/him”.....

As the evening headed to morning, they asked me where they could get some more of those “beignets”. Amazing as it was, we were currently walking in front of the Lower Pontalba building and looking down the block, we were almost there. What better way to close the day and their brief visit to the Crescent City.

Sunday morning, I guided them onto I-10 headed toward Slidell and their next stop, Orlando, FL. We gave each other the world famous “Corvette Wave” and they were on their way.

The Kiwi’s reaffirmed my opinion that all Corvette enthusiasts are great people, no matter where they are from or under what circumstances you meet them. In just a few short hours, I made six more friends for life.

Felix



Russ and Jude Wadsworth



Toni and Deb Elston (note their excellent choice of color)



Clive and Christine Newman



Lunch at Central Grocery



Getting their feet wet



Hurricanes at Pat O'Brian's



Only in New Orleans



Where else to finish a great evening but Café Du Monde

I have Issues – or a picture is not worth a thousand words

In June Nancy and I went to Austin to see the kids. I had pictures already in the camera and I took some additional pictures there. One day I was telling my tale of woe to my son about how I could not transfer the pictures to my computer and he said he could do it and would make a CD for me. Sure enough the next day I had a CD with all the pictures on a CD so I asked him how he did the magic. “I just put the card in my printer and they transferred to my computer”. Well Chad has a Mac but he said it would work on a Windows machine as well and sure enough when I got home I plugged in the card to the printer and up popped a box on my computer asking me what folder did I wish to save the picture in, oh happy days. I had tried several times in the past but could not get the pictures to transfer using the USB cable to my computer so this new method was foolproof. Well, when the Kiwis came to our July meeting I took several pictures, but unfortunately when I was pushing some buttons I managed to turn off the flash so they did not come out so good. Not to worry, I saw Felix taking pictures so I would just ask for a copy of his.

Then I went to Hattiesburg and took a bunch of pictures of the calendar shoot, fully expecting that on my return I would just put the card in the printer and bag boom I would have pictures for the newsletter. Well, before I did that I upgraded my antivirus software and then when I tried to transfer all I managed was a “Card Reader Error”, so no joy. I tried this and that over a couple weeks but nothing. I tried again with the computer and the UBS cable but the directions showed that I should use a DC power supply when transferring so I dug through all my stuff that came with the camera

only to find out it was an optional accessory. Why sell a camera that you had to have another accessory to transfer the pictures was my question?

So back to the printer last night. More frustration, so I said I will just uninstall the printer then reinstall because it did work at one time. After uninstalling and rebooting I put the HP installation disk in the CD-ROM and waited for it to start but nothing happened. Some clicking and then trying the DVD drive but no action. I went to Explorer and into the hardware configuration and discovered that somehow the drivers for the drives had been “lost”. Not having a CD-ROM drive means I cannot install the printer software which really means I cannot print anything until I find those drivers. So now I am in a pickle, pictures in the camera but no way to get them to the computer, at least not through the printer. At that point it was getting late and I decided to leave it for the morrow.

Today I decided to try again with the computer and if that did not work I would take Nancy’s computer and bring it downstairs to install the printer. So I get the owners manual and turn to the page with the directions for picture transfer. The pictures in the manual were simple, you plug this in here and that in there and push a button and that is it, simple really. Well this time it did not work either and I was getting frustrated until I noticed a little sentence after the pictures. Strange, there was no picture showing to turn the camera off before plugging it into the computer. So I read the directions in great detail for the first time and “Bob’s your uncle” it transferred all 67 pictures. Damn, so I learned a lesson... pictures sometimes lie and don’t tell you everything.

Richard

