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Announcements

CCCC General Membership Meeting – March 18 at Morial Convention Center, Hall J

Corvette Events:

March 26 – CCCC Legends Car Show at BoomTown Casino

April 9 – BRCC St. Jude Car Show

Newsletter Notice:

Be sure to renew your membership for 2011 if you have not done so already. Also if you have not registered for the car show come to the show and register there. Remember our sponsor Children's Hospital needs and appreciates our support

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor

BANNER



CHEVROLET

"Where Customers Send Their Friends"

PRESIDENT'S SIGNAL MARCH 2011

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Mardi Gras.

This is a big month for our club with our Annual Legends Car Show scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at Boomtown Casino in Harvey. This is our annual fund raiser for our charity, Children's Hospital of New Orleans. This show has to be a team effort and we are looking for help from all our members. I would like to ask each member to bring one door prize for the 50/50 or one item for the "Silent Auction". So far, we have quite a few nice items for the auction. Please bring them the morning of the show or to the March meeting. The gates for participants open at 8:00 a.m. so we are asking members to be at the show by 7:00 a.m. We currently have 75 pre-registered vehicles, 39 Sponsor Awards, 5 Best in Class Awards, 5 Best of Awards and 3 vendors. Our vendors are Designs by Venus, Jewelry, Production Products and Vacari Auction Company, L.L.C. We will also have the valve cover races this year.

This months meeting will be in the Morial Convention Center, Hall J, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18. Our Honorary Member, Craig Epling, Regional Communications Director for GM will be our guest speaker for the meeting. Again this year we will have a display in the New Orleans Auto Show which is going on March 18 – 20th at the Morial Convention Center. Our display this year will feature Corvette's High Performance Sports Cars, including the ZR1 and stock and modified Z06's. Join us for dinner at Mulate's Cajun Restaurant, 201 Julia Street at 6:00 p.m.

British Motoring Club of New Orleans is holding their 21st Annual British Car Day, Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the Delgado Community College, City Park Campus. Although we can not be a participant in this show we plan to visit their show and encourage their club to support our Legends Car Show on March 26. And of course we will have to go out and have lunch after.

The Tri-Club Annual Crawfish Boil is scheduled for April 30th. More information will be coming out on this activity.

If you haven't renewed please bring your renewal to the meeting Friday night or mail it to me. We would like to get a new directory out and want to make sure we have everyone included.

Mary

Save the Wave

March Birthdays



Linda Dillard	3/2
Joe Jones	3/3
Bernie Couevas	3/7
Jim Boudreaux	3/10
Elisha Darcey	3/10
Nancy Buckheister	3/16
Joan Leeds	3/18
Mary Beth Swindler	3/22
Norma Evans	3/23
Bob Leeds	3/24
Bobby Andrews	3/28
Howard Walker	3/31

Membership Report

Remember to renew your membership so we can get a figure for 2011 next month

Please welcome these new members:

Blair and Roxana Billiot – 2010 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe

Peter Rachel – 2007 Atomic Orange Coupe

Kenneth Latour – 1991 Purple Coupe

Valentine Cruise

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon of February 13, Corvette Clubs from the southern region met at Catfish Charlie's in Hammond, to celebrate our annual Valentine Cruise. After so many days of freezing temperatures and rain, this day was a pleasant mix of bright sun, and warm temperatures. Malcolm and Barbara Graff, the President and First Lady of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club greeted the attendees at the door of Catfish Charlie's and handed the ladies a tasty chocolate covered pretzel, adorned with a red ribbon.

The food and friendship were boundless and we had a good time visiting with each other as we waited for our food. The dining entrees included such delicious offerings as fried shrimp and other seafood, thin and full cut fried catfish, steaks, salads, hush puppies, and home made biscuits and strawberry jam. Harold Corkern, the owner, walked around and greeted us as we dined and always displays great hospitality and concern for his guests' pleasant dining experience.

Following the wonderful meal, many of us gathered in the parking lot to chat and check out the Corvettes and new accessories added to embellish them.

I want to thank the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club for organizing this happy event each year. We appreciate your efforts and planning. We also want to thank Harold Corkern for allowing such a large group of Corvette enthusiasts to dine there every year for our annual cruise.

Happy Spring!

Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter

News from our Sister Club in New Zealand that Felix has shared. Please keep them and the victims from the earthquake in Japan in your prayers.

Hi Felix,

None of our group we traveled with in 2008 has been involved in the earthquake. We have no reports of our wider Corvette friends being affected.

The event happened about 300 miles from our city (Wellington). Because our country is so small population wise news of people we know or friends of people we know are involved, I just heard tonight that a son of a work colleague is missing and has not been heard from.

This event has been a major disaster for our country and it will take a long time to recover from it.

The Corvette Nationals were due to be held this weekend in Christchurch and they have been postponed for a couple of months.

Thank you all for your thoughts and kind words we are all grateful to have you guys thinking of us at this time

Will keep you posted of any news we hear.

Regards Russ & Jude

Board Meeting Minutes

March 2011

There was no Board Meeting this month because of the Mardi Gras season. We did, however, have a Legends Car Show meeting at Gordon and Carol's.

The new show layout was reviewed and it was determined that we needed some additional help parking cars. The usual committees: Parking, Registration, Door Prizes, 50/50 Ticket Sales, Sponsor Awards, Judging, and Scoring were also discussed. Some areas still need help, so if you can, please arrive early. Setup will begin at 7:00 am.

This year we will also have a “Silent Auction”. So if you have an item or two that would be appropriate for the silent auction vs. a door prize, please let me know ffamularo@aol.com so we can be prepared.

Everything is in place. All we need is for the weather to cooperate and we should have one of our biggest and best shows ever.

Felix



For reference, in previous years we were in the lot to the left of the building labeled “Judging and Scoring”. Please bring a 50-50 or silent auction gift to help make this show as successful for Children’s Hospital as possible.

This is Felix working off the roast beef po boy on the treadmill but somehow I don’t think it will work. Many thanks to Gordon and Caroline for hosting the meeting and providing the good food.

Members Corner

How Important Are The Air Filters In Your Central Heating System **by** **Felix Famularo**

One of the major reasons for heating system failures is a dirty filter. When a filter is not changed regularly, the foreign matter that is caught by it decreases the air flow through the furnace.

In a gas furnace, this causes the heat to rise higher than the high temperature limit, a very serious safety switch, to open. While there is nothing wrong with the operation of the furnace, a service call to your heater repair man is usually necessary to reset the high temperature limit and to verify that there isn't something else wrong with your furnace. If it was only the fault of the dirty filter, you could have saved the expense of a service call by changing your filter regularly.

Electric furnaces have the additional issue of overheating the elements. This severely shortens their life and replacement is usually much more expensive than a few filters.

I change my filters monthly. My reminder is the bill from the power company. It also reminds me that the more efficiently my furnace operates, the lower my cost to operate it will be.

Editors Note: My apologies to Felix. Last month he sent this to with the expectation that it would be included in this section of the newsletter but I thought he sent it to me for information because I had recently experienced a malfunction of my home heater. So we should not need to worry about heating anymore but good advice for future reference next year.

When Was the Last Time You Cleaned Your Fender Wells?

So I was beginning to clean my Z06 for the car show this weekend in the Morial Convention Center when I decided I had to take the wheels off and clean the rims and the fender well. Years ago when I was a grasshopper I parked next to Joe Jones at a car show and was very unhappy with the overall appearance of my Yellow Coupe. Joe came over and offered to give me some pointers so I was willing to listen and learn. He was telling me to do this and then that and that all made sense and then he said to take my wheels off, clean and polish the rims inside and out and use ArmorAll on the wheel wells. When he said that I had a flash back. Now I hate the theater but my ex wife made me go to two, one was one where all the actresses and actors were nude and the only thing I really remember is our seats were too far back. The other was the Best Little Whore House in Texas at the Sanger and Joe's suggestion brought to memory a quote from that play: "Boys, I got myself a pretty good bullshit detector, and I can tell when somebody's peeing on my boots and telling me it's a rainstorm." So I was thinking Joe was pulling my leg but Joe looked honest and dependable and looking at his Black C5 Coupe I knew he was telling me the truth. It never entered my mind to do that but then again this was my first Corvette and I was only a grasshopper and Joe was obviously a master.

So with all that background on Sunday I took off my wheels and immediately discovered I needed new tires more than I had thought. They are the originals and on August 31 they will be 10 years old and 25k miles but I was hoping to go another year with them. I have been postponing the day to replace them since I was afraid I would take a rather large

hit on my credit card. So tonight I ordered them and had them shipped to Charlie's for mounting and balancing. Now my dilemma is to get a set chrome rims while I am in the neighborhood, so to speak, or put the tires on the original rims.

So while you have your car in the air and are waiting for the wax on the rims to harden and the ArmourAll to cure check your radiator. You would be amazed at what gets stuck up there.

In closing and related to car shows, check out this video from one of our members, Paul Hager. His car is beautiful.
<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c5-general/2786901-blue-dragon-presents-car-show-mania-video.html>

Richard

Crescent City Corvette Club

SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Order Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Polo” Shirts

Colors: Kelly Green, Dark Green, Tan, Maroon, Red, Light Blue, Royal Blue,
Navy Blue, Charcoal, Black, White

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of “Polo” shirts ordered: _____ X \$36.00/shirt: _____

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of “Polo” shirts ordered: _____ X \$36.00/shirt: _____

“Dress” Shirts (Long Sleeve)

Colors: Green, Kaki, Burgundy, Red, Light Blue, Cobalt Blue,
Navy Blue, Slate, Chamois, Black, White

Male: S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of “Dress” shirts (L/S) ordered: _____ X \$47.00/shirt: _____

Colors: Green, Kaki, Burgundy, Red, Cobalt Blue, Chamois, Black, White

Female: S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of “Dress” shirts (L/S) ordered: _____ X \$47.00/shirt: _____

“Dress” Shirts (Short Sleeve)

Colors: Green, Kaki, Burgundy, Red, Light Blue, Cobalt Blue,
Navy Blue, Slate, Chamois, Black, White

Male: S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of “Dress” shirts (S/S) ordered: _____ X \$45.00/shirt: _____

Colors: Green, Kaki, Burgundy, Red, Cobalt Blue, Chamois, Black, White

Female: S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Color: _____ Name: _____ Logo: Club: _____ 45th: _____
Total number of "Dress" shirts (S/S) ordered: _____ X \$45.00/shirt: _____

Grand Total (shipping included): _____

Make checks payable to: Felix Famularo.

Send to: Felix Famularo
7229 Zimpel St.
New Orleans, LA 70118



Membership Application

New

Renewal

Name: _____, _____, _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Bus. Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Pager: (____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ / _____
Month Day

Please check off the phone numbers that you would like CCCC to contact you with.

Spouse / Associate: _____, _____, _____
Last First Middle

Bus. Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday: _____ / _____
Month Day

Please check off the phone numbers that you would like CCCC to contact you with.

Corvette Information

Year: _____ Color: _____ Coupe: Roadster: Hardtop:

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Membership Classification

Member - \$55.00 per year
• (Includes one Associate Member)

Auxiliary Member - \$15.00 per year
• Club Affiliation _____
• (Receives Bulletin; but must pay to attend all CCCC functions)

Junior Member - \$5.00 per year

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