

# FIBERGLASS BULLETIN

The Newsletter of the  
Crescent City Corvette Club  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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President Emeritus: **Terry Gilbert**

Webmaster: **Wayne Latour**  
Membership Director: **Richard Plauche**  
Newsletter Editor: **Richard Buckheister**

## Announcements

CCCC General Membership Meeting – location and date TBD

### Corvette Events:

Check for upcoming events on the Confederation Calendar:  
<http://www.localendar.com/public/confederation>

### Newsletter Notice:

The officers and Board Members for 2012 have been finalized, see page 5.

At this time of year there are one or sometimes multiple Corvette activities for each day of the weekend. Felix has published departure times for the events so let's go as a group and have some fun.

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor

**BANNER**



**CHEVROLET**

*"Where Customers Send Their Friends"*

## **PRESIDENT'S SIGNAL OCTOBER 2011**

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is starting to enjoy our fall weather. It has been great to get into the car and drive.

We have had some fun times recently with the club, starting with the October "Traveling Meeting". We started out with lunch at Rocky & Carlo's. Great food! We had a brief meeting and then headed to Gulfport to visit the "Busted Wrench Garage". I can truly say I saw cars that I didn't even know existed. But it was fun. We then headed to the Corvette Rendezvous in Biloxi hosted by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club and Preston Hood Chevrolet. They had a great turnout and the weather was beautiful.

This past weekend a group of us met and caravanned to the GNOCC "Extravetteganza" Car Show in Slidell. They had a very good turn out and I wish to thank those members from Crescent City for supporting our sister club's activity. On Sunday Felix and I met a group and travelled to Café du Monde in Covington for the Cars and Coffee 2. There were Corvettes, Ferrari's, Audi's, Lamborghini's, a Rolls Royce, British Cars, Ford GT's, Pontiac Trans Am's and many, many more. Felix led a group on a run through the country winding up at a restaurant in Franklinton for lunch. Then everyone headed home.

We will be getting information out soon on the November meeting, so be sure to check your E-mail for information.

We need to begin working on the details for the car show. I will be appointing a car show committee to handle the items we discussed at the October meeting, We are going to need help from all our members to have a successful show. We need to begin selling Sponsor Awards, Best in Class Awards, Best of Awards and Best of Show awards. We also need to begin collecting items for door prizes and Silent Auction prizes.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the November meeting.

Mary

## **Save the Wave**

# October Birthdays



Cynthia	Stempel	2-Oct
Joe	Mesa	4-Oct
Thomas	Longo	4-Oct
John	Maggiore	5-Oct
Charles	Horton	13-Oct
Lilly	Rivera	15-Oct
Robert	Huffman	17-Oct
Verginia	Huffman	17-Oct
Robin	Chimento	18-Oct
Thomas	Flick	19-Oct
Candy	Folse	22-Oct
Linda	Kenney	27-Oct
Jane	Wilkinson	28-Oct

## Correction:

Last month I mistakenly made the following entry about our new members Pat and Garnet Branch *Pat and Garnet Branch, 2008 Crystal Red Coupe and 1976 Classic White Coupe and a 1990 Black Couple*

Felix received this from Pat a short time later:

"Felix,

*Garnet and I joined CCCC to support your club and we really enjoyed the recent CCCC newsletter!!!*

*Although, Garnet cornered me and demanded to know where the 1990 was that was shown in the newsletter write up about us. We really just have a 04, 08, and 76 right now, really, really, I promise (with both fingers crossed!)."*

Sorry Pat, I must have been a little too careless with a cut and paste but I think Garnet will be watching you closely for a while.

## A Little Humor for October

### DISCUSSION TECHNIQUE

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

### PARACHUTE JUMPING

On the first day of training for parachute jumping, a blonde listened intently to the instructor. He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet.

The blonde asked, "How am I supposed to know when I'm at 300 feet?"

"That's a good question. When you get to 300 feet, you can recognize the faces of people on the ground."

After pondering his answer, she asked, "What happens if there's no one there I know?"

## Membership Report

Regular – 57

Auxiliary – 7

Honorary – 11

Richie Plauche will be sending out notifications for 2013 membership dues soon so please take time to verify your vehicle list and email addresses. I wish I could say I had a new C6 Z06 or even a 1990 Black Couple but I do have two email address changes.

## October Traveling Meeting

Because of calendar conflicts this month (too much to do), the president decided to combine the Board meeting with the General Membership Meeting.

This gave the membership an idea of how the Board works for the club and how decisions are made. The discussions were lively with many members participating. The budget was set for the Legends Car Show awards at \$3500.00 and the motion to reduce the number of awards vs. the cost of each award was referred to the Car Show Committee for further discussion.

We also discussed how to encourage younger people to bring their cars to the show. Shawn Couevas (drives a twin turbo Nissan – still trying to keep up with his dad) offered to investigate some of his generation to see what they may be interested in to give the show another aspect – maybe an award for the best sound system – but not played during the show. Handle it like a “loudest exhaust” contest???

Our participation in the upcoming car shows was discussed and an e-mail will be forthcoming with the departure locations and times. Let Felix, [ffamularo@aol.com](mailto:ffamularo@aol.com), know if you are going and would be willing to hand out fliers for our show

After a splendid lunch at Rocky and Carlo’s we cruised over to the Busted Wrench Garage via old Hwy 90 (nice ride) to check out some neat cars and a couple of old restored wooden Chris Craft speed hulls. We sent a appreciation package to John Hans, the owner. From there we went on to the Corvette Rendezvous, sponsored by MSGCCC where we handed out fliers

for and talked up our Legends Car Show. The pizza was great and the music by “Rhythm and Rain” was great as always. We need to go see them at the Tropical Isle on Bourbon Street some time. Another fun “Traveling Meeting”.

Felix



**Crescent City Corvette Club  
2012 Election Results**

**Congratulations to our 2012 Officers and Board**

<b>Mary Berkowitz</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>
<b>Bob Leeds</b>	<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>
<b>Felix Famularo</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
<b>Elisha Darcey</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>
<b>Richard Buckheister</b>	<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b>
<b>Terry Gilbert</b>	<b>PRESIDENT EMERITIS</b>

**BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>Jim Boudreaux</b>	<b>Ken Kline</b>
<b>Bob Darcey</b>	<b>Mike Leeds</b>
<b>Bill Folse</b>	<b>Joe Mesa</b>
<b>Bill Gieseler</b>	<b>Richie Plauche</b>
<b>Charlie Horton</b>	



9/6/2011

Crescent City Corvette Club  
7229 Zimpel St  
New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Crescent City Corvette Club:

This acknowledges the receipt of \$ 300.00 gift from Crescent City Corvette Club as a charitable contribution in 2011 to Wreaths Across America.

The charitable deduction can be counted to the full extent of the law allowed. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

Please retain this document for your records. Thank you again for your caring tribute to America's fallen heroes.

Sincerely,

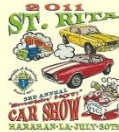
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**Knights of Columbus**

ST. RITA COUNCIL, No. 3854  
375 Oak Avenue  
Harahan, Louisiana 70123  
September 10, 2011



Crescent City Corvette Club  
ATTN: Felix Famularo

Dear Felix:

On behalf of the St. Rita Knights of Columbus Council 3854, we would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank you for your Best of Class (Corvette) sponsorship of our Third Annual KC Open Car Show recently held on Saturday July 30, 2011.

This support of our car show will allow the Knights to continue in its traditions of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Gene Hickey*

Gene Hickey, Grand Knight  
St. Rita Knights of Columbus 3854

*Tommy Flick*

Tommy Flick, Chairman  
St Rita KC Car Show Committee



**Knights of Columbus**

Council 3854



**Crescent City Corvette Club**

**Best of Class Sponsor**

**Third Annual  
St. Rita Knights of Columbus Open Car Show  
July 30, 2011**

Grand Knight

*Gene Hickey*

Show Chairman

*Tommy Flick*

**Off Topic: The Internet**

The Internet is an amazing place. Some weeks ago I was working in Mississippi and Nancy called to say the dryer made a loud noise and then quit working. She has been pestering me for years to get a new one because ours was "old". When I got home I turned the dial and the motor turned and then the tub turned by hand, a very good sign. No problem, I will go to Auto Zone and get a new belt I thought. After taking the inspection plate off the back I learned that that thought was folly. The belt, I learned, was actually 100 inches long and it wraps around the tub. So Nancy finds the part on the Internet and orders it and then starts looking for a "how to" video. After a couple sites we find one for our model and I became an accredited Matag repair man on the spot. When the part arrived it was a simple matter to review the video and become a hero. I dodged buying a new dryer or an expensive repair bill.

On another occasion I was returning from Mississippi and heard a song on the radio. So I Google "We Could Have Had It All" and I discover the singer is Adele. A couple clicks later and I am watching the video. Then not understanding all the words I Google for "Adel lyrics". At this point I discover the actual title of the song is "Rolling in the Deep". Not understanding the meaning of the title I go to the Urban Dictionary and now the words make sense. The Internet is truly an amazing place.

## ExtraVETTEganza

On October 15 the CCCC was represented at the ExtraVETTEganza car show in Slidell. The weather was great, if a little warm in the afternoon, and there were 183 Corvettes in the show. There were ten cars from Missouri and they won the longest distance travelled cash award but they graciously donated the award to the GNOCC's charity.

Some of us travelled as a group to the show so when we arrived we parked on the grass together. The ground was hard since we have not had any rain in quite some time and it was a little cooler there than parking on the concrete. I was next to Michael as we started wiping and cleaning I noticed there were a couple hundred bugs crawling on my car and none on Michael's. So apparently all the bugs in the field agree with me that yellow is a better color than orange. There were a couple yellow C2's and a C3 with side pipes in the show that really impressed me.

It was a great show as always and I was particularly impressed with the trophies that Jim Richoux and his team made. There were fourteen entries in the valve cover race and some of them ran straight and true while others need a front end alignment.



## Cars and Coffee 2

Here are some pictures from the event and more may be found at the following link:

<http://s212.photobucket.com/home/renegead44/recentuploads?view=slideshow&mid=50792>



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## Dodged a Bullet

Nancy and I will be going on the Arkansas trip this weekend so a couple Sunday's ago I decided to clean the Z06 and after I take it out of the garage I started wondering when the last time the oil was changed. Looking at my records it had been 13 months and around 3,000 miles, so time to take care of that. After jacking the car off the ground I was looking at the rear and noticed a film of oil on the car and license plate. The last time I had the car out was to go to the club BBQ and I had washed it before leaving so I knew the problem was a recent event. This is probably not good was my immediate thought. Under the car the suspension parts were coated with oil and after some investigation the leak was coming from the half shaft on the driver's side as it goes into the rear end. I checked the oil level and it was down a little bit but still within 3/8 inch of the plug.

So Monday I call Charlie and arrange to get it over to the Corvette clinic for repair. I turns out there is a service bulletin on those seals which I guess is Generous Motor's way of saying there is a design or manufacturing problem. Anyway, I picked up the car a couple days later and now all is well. I am really lucky because I usually just get in the car and drive but in this case I would not have gotten far before the rear end burned up and left me somewhere along the road to Arkansas. There are only 26,000 miles on the car and I still think of it as new but it is now 9 years old and I need to be more diligent in monitoring and preventative maintenance.

While I was talking to Charlie he told me he was looking at a new ZR1. At the ExtraVETTEganza I learned he had bought one and was taking delivery this week. Congratulation Charlie and Melody!

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of “Polo” shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$36.00/shirt: \_\_\_\_\_

S: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_ L: \_\_\_\_\_ XL: \_\_\_\_\_ XXL: \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo: Club: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo: Club: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe:  Roadster:  Hardtop:

### 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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