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Crescent City Corvette Club  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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## Announcements

The April General Membership Meeting will be Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Squeal BBQ, 8400 Oak St., New Orleans

### Corvette Events:

May 24<sup>th</sup> – CCCC May General Membership Meeting at Charlie and Melody's house in Diamondhead, MS.

Tri-Club Crawfish Boil - April 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – NCRS LA Chapter Crawfish Boil  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – CCCC hosts "A Day at the D-DAY and WWII Museum"

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**CHEVROLET**

*"Where Customers Send Their Friends"*

## **PRESIDENT'S SIGNALS, April 2010**

Spring is here and I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather.

For April and May we are going to change our meeting venue from Piccadilly Cafeteria. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will hold our monthly membership meeting at Squeal Bar-B-Q in New Orleans. Our Vice President and Postmaster for Crescent City Corvette Club, Joe Mesa, sent out the notice to all members on e-mail and I've mailed information to those members that do not have e-mail access. As mentioned in the minutes of the board meeting, this will be the first meeting held in New Orleans for many of the current membership.

Our May meeting will be a barbecue at the home of Charlie and Melody Horton in Diamondhead, MS. The barbecue will be held on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. More details about this function will follow.

Please mark the above dates on your calendar and join us for a fun time.

The Baton Rouge Corvette Club and City of Plaquemines Labor of Love Show, supporting St. Jude's Hospital, is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. This is a fun show. Crescent City members attending would be supporting one of our sister clubs in the State. Baton Rouge Corvette Club always bring a good contingent of members to our annual Legends Car Show.

Look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, the Tri-Club Crawfish Boil on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, and at the St. Jude Car Show on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

Remember, you need to RSVP for the Crawfish Boil by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. No exceptions.

Save the Wave!

Mary

### **Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2010 Squeal's Bar-B-Que**

Meeting convened at 7:30pm.

Susan gave us a great Treasurer's report that included the preliminary income and expenses on the Legends Car show. Once all of the expenses are disbursed, we will be able to determine the amount of our donation to Children's Hospital.

We have a total of 63 members.

Several new ideas were discussed for next year's show. As the car show committee studies them, recommendations will be made to the board to make our show even better next year. Our President and the car show co-chairmen will meet on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to agree upon a date for next years show.

We also discussed our Newsletter advertizing. It was decided that the following rates would be charged:

Full page: Members: \$145.00 Non-members - \$200.00

Half page: Members: \$95.00 Non-members - \$150.00

Quarter page: Members: \$45.00 Non-members: \$100.00

The ad will run for 12 months and must be in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat. Other formats will be accepted so long as we possess the software to convert it to a usable format.

Richie Plauche is working on the new Roster. It should be out before the April general membership meeting.

We still have a few club baseball caps and I will have them at the April GMM.

The board approved ordering new Crescent City window decals and 2 dozen gray "T" shirts with the club logo screen printed on the front to be given to new members as they join the club. Herman Smith, member of the club, will be contacted to do them for us.

A review of the Tri club Crawfish Boil division of expenses was presented. Due to some financial difficulties currently being experienced by NSCC, the board voted to allow the current formula for the division of expenses, that being divided equally among the three clubs, to hold through this event, but a meeting will be convened as soon as all the expensed have been tabulated to discuss a new formula to be used for future multi club events.

We received a "Thank You" note from the chairman of the New Orleans International Auto Show for our outstanding display. I think more people were interested in our Corvettes than the new cars and trucks on display. One exception was the Jaguar's presented by our own Karl Schroeder, Sales Manager of Paretto Jaguar.. Karl helped us get situated in our display area. Thanks Karl.

**Date Change for the APRIL GMM: April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

The April GMM will be at Squeal's Bar-B-Que, 8400 Oak St. It was pointed out that this will be Crescent Cities first meeting in New Orleans that anyone could remember. Squeal's is on Oak St., between Carrollton Ave. and the River. The parking lot is on Cambronne St. (1/4 block from the corner of Oak).

The Tri-Club Crawfish Boil will be on Saturday, April 24. RSVP is a must!

**Date Change for the MAY GMM: May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

The May GMM will be at the home of Charlie and Melody Horton in Diamondhead, MS. This is a Sunday social event and meeting. Particulars will follow.

The Crescent City sponsored visit to the WWII and D-Day museum will be on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and will include a tour of the museum, the IMAX movie, and a dinner show. More information will follow.

Don't forget to check the web site for up to date info on what your club is doing.

After everyone finished licking their fingers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Felix J. Famularo  
Secretary

## April Birthdays



Carmel	Graci	2-Apr
Dale	Maggiore	2-Apr
Richard	Zitzmann	5-Apr
Ken	Klein	7-Apr
Robert	Darcey	11-Apr
Collette	Weaver	11-Apr
Karl	Guidroz	13-Apr
Gary	Charles	18-Apr

## Membership Report

Regular	51 (96 members and associates)
Auxiliary	4
Honorary	10

Please welcome new members:

Karl and Debbie Guidroz  
1976 Red Coupe

Bernie and Maria Couevas Jr.  
2009 Red Z06

Charles Tanner  
1990 Black Roadster

## Smitty's Supply, Car Display and BBQ

On April 10<sup>th</sup> ten cars from the club made a road trip to Richland, LA. for a display and, of course, free food. Thanks to Charlie Horton we were invited to participate in the event, see the other cars on display, to take a tour of the plant and have a free lunch. I had never heard of Smitty's before but it is quite an operation. Just inside the warehouse I see cases of STP gas treatment, Havoline, Shell, Mobile 1 and other name brand motor oils. So if you thought like I did that Exxon-Mobile makes their own stuff then we are wrong. So apparently they receive the oil in bulk and add the "secret" ingredients, put it in a bottle or bucket, add a label and ship it out to domestic or foreign customers.

Smitty's also packages antifreeze and makes all their own plastic containers. There are eight machines that make the quart and 5 gallon containers and they run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our guide Steve, said this is necessary to keep up with the plant's output. There were several other rather large machines that make the 5 gallon buckets and they were making yellow ones while we were there. During the trip I saw 55 gallon drums with black, green or yellow dye and could not imagine what you would need so much dye for when you are just putting oil in a bottle or bucket. Transmission oil is pink but all the other oils just have that "oil" color. Later when we went in the bottle making room I realized the dye was for the plastic containers. So after they make the containers they stack them on pallets from the floor to the ceiling. Felix was felling a bit left out with all the black, grey, yellow, white and green until he finally found a small section where they were storing some red buckets. Steve said they ship out 28 tractor trailers of products a day and employ around 300 people so it is a much bigger operation than I had thought.

Once the tour was complete we went back to the parking lot to see the cars and to eat some lunch. The jambalaya was excellent I must say and they even had cake for dessert. The cars on display were from the owner's collection and some of the employees displayed their cars as well. One of the managers was talking to us and said the owners have a building a half mile from the plant where they display the cars. The most valuable is a 1957 Chevrolet with four miles on the odometer that he said were from putting it on and off the trailer. They also have three new ZR1's and he said that one of those will never be driven as well.

Which leads me to believe the oil packaging business must be very profitable indeed.

When we drove up to the show, there was construction on the Interstate north of Hammond so Nancy and I decided to take the country roads to the Causeway. It was a beautiful spring day with mild temperatures and plenty of sunshine.

Riding in my convertible with the top down and my Honey by my side... Priceless!!

The sunburn on my face when I got home.... Painful!!

Richard



# BRCC St. Jude Car Show April 17<sup>th</sup>

It was a beautiful day for the show and there were many cars, trucks and motorcycles supporting the event. There was some fog on the way up and the lady in the dash was determined to send me the long way around to get there but we finally made it. I need to remember that Rand McNally is my friend and that the lady in the dash sometimes cannot determine the best way to get somewhere.

The BRCC enlisted two Hooter girls to sell raffle tickets this year and I believe they sold quite a few. I think Felix went back multiple times, all to support the charity that is.

What follows is a true story that I observed around noon while walking up to get something to drink:

As I was looking at a very nice Ford Street Rod pickup, a Blonde was on the other side of the vehicle. Now the clues:

- It was painted red
- The doors were shaved
- The roof was chopped
- The bed had alternating inlays of wood and metal
- The Mag wheels and radial tires

The Blonde to the lady sitting in the shade, "Is this your truck?"

The owner, "Yes it is"

The Blonde, "How do you open the door?"

The owner, "You reach inside... or you use the remote"

The Blonde, "Did it come that way from the factory"

The owner laughing, "No, not in 1932"

Richard



Keeping Cool in the Shade



Felix and Joe Share the Spotlight



Felix and the Hooter's Girls



Mary Presents CCCC Award



The Following Submitted by Ken Centola

### A GOOD THING TO KNOW:

New Law: If a patrol car is pulled over to the side of the road, you must change to the next lane (away from the stopped vehicle) or slow down by 20 mph. Every state except Hawaii and Maryland and D.C. has adopted this law now.

In New Jersey, the "Move-over" law became operative in 2009, fine up to \$500.  
<http://www.moveoveramerica.com/>

A friend's son got a ticket for this recently. A police car (turned out it was 2 police cars) was on the side of the road giving a ticket to someone else. He slowed down to pass but did not move into the other lane. The second police car immediately pulled him over and gave him a ticket. He had never heard of the law. It is a fairly new law that states if any emergency vehicle is on the side of the road, if you are able, you are to move into the far lane. The cost of the ticket was \$754, with 3 points on your license and a mandatory court appearance.

Please tell everyone you know about this new law.

Submitted by Buddy Gegenheimer

## Corvette owners visit Columbia

By Mark Rogers  
Managing Editor

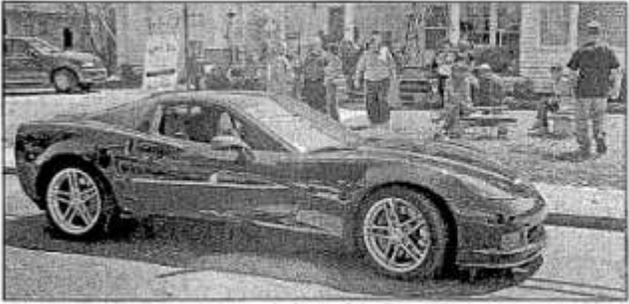
More than 40 Corvette owners, members of the Confederation of Corvette Clubs of Louisiana made their way to Columbia Sunday for lunch at the Round Table.

The Crescent City, North Shore, Greater New Orleans, and Gulf Coast Clubs drove up from Metairie and wound their way around the area on back roads before ending up in Columbia.

Drivers headed back on a different route. The group came to Columbia last year, and now hopes to make the trip an annual event. Drivers described the trip as a "spirited drive through the countryside." ■



Ken Klein, of Pisayune, opens his car up.



The crowd gathers with their cars in front of the Round Table.

photos by Mark Rogers

### Corvette Related Links

<http://corvettemuseum.com/>

I use this link to download the monthly calendar as my desktop background.

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/pictures/calendar.shtml>

<http://corvetteforum.com/>

<http://digitalcorvettes.com/>

Our sister club:

<http://www.capitalcorvette.org.nz/>

Submitted By Michael Leeds

Hi all  
A Little News Letter Info  
From The MissIssippi Gulf Coast Club  
Thanks  
Michael

You may want to put this out to club members and other local clubs who may be planning a trip. Last week we went up to do The Tail of the Dragon and it is closed due to a rock slide. They have let a 1.9 million dollar contract to a British Columbia Co. to remove a 28 ton boulder which they fear will come down. The rest of the rocks have been removed from the road but they will not allow any traffic on the road. The projected date to reopen Hwy 129 is August, however I understand that the company has a monetary incentive to get it opened sooner. We talked to the people at Deals Gap and they don't know if they can remain open. In addition, there are other rock slides and uprooted trees on other roads that have traffic delays of 15 to 30 minutes. They say this is due to about 5 years with very little rain and then an over abundance of it this year. Also, Cades Cove is closed for resurfacing which was badly needed.

There is a new Harley Davidson shop opened at the end of The Cherahala Parkway in Tellico, Tenn. And they will open another one later this year on Hwy 129 (more dragon stuff). The photographers were set up on the Cherahala since 129 was closed.  
Sharon and Warren

Additional pictures from Smitty's



Black 5 Gallon Bottles Waiting to Be Filled



The White Plastic Container on the Pallet Contains the Oil Used to Fill the Containers





# *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>: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Logo: Club: \_\_\_\_\_ 45<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Day*

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Spouse / Associate: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

Bus. Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Day*

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

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**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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