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Announcements

The August General Membership Meeting will be Friday, August 21st

Raffle tickets are available at the General Membership Meeting, see Felix or Mary

Cypress Corvette Club show Sept. 5th

GNOCC ExtraVETTEganza show Sept. 26th

Bayou State Corvette Bennigans Corvette Show Oct. 17th (but it is not Bennigans any more)

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor

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Presidents Signals

There has been a lot of Corvette activity since the last newsletter and more to come in the next couple months. Unfortunately for the last year I have not been able to do very many Corvette activities due to work but that should change in the next month. I can hardly wait to go back to the Tail of the Dragon in October and drive through the mountains with the top down. Speaking of top down, please consider supporting the event Ralph is organizing. Here is a copy of the request he forwarded.

Last year 5 of our local Corvette Members with convertibles drove in the 1st Veterans Day parade held in Slidell, LA. We had WWII veterans as passengers. You can only imagine their excitement and appreciation.

This year they have given me plenty of notice and I am asking for you help to provide 30 - 35 corvette convertibles to ride WWII & Korean War Veterans. Below are the details as I know now. I have added this to the Confederation calendar in attempt to hold that day.

I request that you please send to your club membership roster.

Parade Hanger Party - Cars not required but if you are available bring it.

Party Date - October 18th

Place - Slidell Airport Hanger

Time - 1pm -4pm

Free food, DJ, meet some of the veterans, park your car for them to view and talk about.

More information to come.

It is not required for you to attend this event if you still plan to drive in the parade.

Parade Date - November 8th

Place - Slidell LA (staging to be determined) Time - 11am for staging, parade starts at 1pm. You should be done by 5pm.

Riders will be given some beads to throw; some can not physically do, so you will have to throw for them. There will be floats throwing beads etc. This is a hand wave and solute event for them. You will be met at the end with someone to assist the veteran. You will also have an emergency phone number for use during the parade.

Cars will be side by side or single file between floats depending on how many veterans and floats.

If you willing to commit please email Ralph Adams at postmasterCCCL@ccc-la.com <<mailto:postmasterCCCL@ccc-la.com>>

Help me make this happen.

Thanks

Ralph Adams

On the weekends Nancy and I go the local McDonald's for coffee and to read the paper. One recent weekend I noticed an older gentleman with a WWII Veterans hat and his daughter looking for a booth so he could sit comfortably while she went to order breakfast. We were getting ready to go so I asked them to take our place and they expressed their gratitude but it is we who should be grateful for our veteran's service and sacrifice. Ralph had 24 cars the last time we communicated so if you have not contacted him please do so we can get the 30-35 cars he is requesting.

The GNOCC ExtraVETTEganza is coming on September 26th and I encourage all members to participate. They won the club participation award at our show and donated the \$100 prize to our charity and I would like to return the favor. Also, the Cypress Corvette club sent several cars to our show in March and we will be organizing a caravan so watch for further details.

Many thanks to Kathy, Bill and Felix for their articles this month. It makes a much better newsletter when others share their thoughts, pictures and experiences.

On August 3rd the Board meeting was held at Children's Hospital. Prior to the meeting Staci Arceneaux gave us a tour of the hospital. Last year they treated children from 39 states and 4 foreign countries. She also told us about evacuating most of the children before Hurricane Katrina and then how they had to evacuate to remaining children after the storm. She kept speaking about the new and the old portions of the hospital and how the new was much better but when we toured the older portion the equipment was obviously older but the colors were bright, the facilities and rooms were in top condition. It is obvious the staff takes great pride in their work and the children receive the best treatment possible. During the tour, we went to the

fifth floor where different portions of the facility have a different color scheme so naturally Mary took the following picture and then we had to listen to Felix about the color for the rest of the evening. After the meeting we went to Frankie and Johnnie's just down the road and had a great time.



With the cooler part of the year just a couple months away and the activities getting back into high gear, be sure to send in your registrations and make your reservations early.

I hope to see you at the meeting and in the mean time Save the Wave

Richard

Membership Report

Regular	57
Auxiliary	4
Honorary	11

July-August Birthdays

Sharon	Moore	7/9
Denise	Mesa	7/20
Richard	Buckheister	7/21
Wayne	Latour	7/24
Felix	Sherman	7/31
Gordon	Willhoft	8/1
Cheryl	Sherman	8/3
William	Gieseler	8/5
Juanita	Gilbert	8/10
Barbara	Zitzmann	8/11

Gerry	Gieseler	8/13
Terry	Gilbert	8/17
Sandra	Klein	8/17
Deanna	Suber	8/17
RollyAnn	Smith	8/19
Miller	Pamela	8/27
David	Swindler	8/29
Carolyn	Willhoft	8/29

Craig Epling, General Motors Executive, Guest Speaker

On Friday, June 19, the Crescent City Corvette Club had a very special guest speaker at the monthly meeting. Craig Epling, the Regional Manager for Communications and Public Relations for General Motors, spoke to our members several months ago and was in town again to visit friends and family. Craig made a very informative presentation regarding the future and changes on tap for General Motors. He told us that the new Camaro is a very strong contender in the sports car market and how proud he is to drive one. He told us that people are constantly taking pictures of the car when they see it on the roadways. He also informed us that the Chevrolet line of products is the strength of General Motors and that the Cadillac and Corvette vehicles will continue to be produced and sold. That gave us some reassurance that our cherished modes of transportation and entertainment will continue to make history. He feels that the General Motors Company will be segmented into two parts, the traditional sector and innovative part. He also mentioned that part of General Motors could be out of debt within several months. Following his presentation, there was a question and answer session, where many pertinent things were discussed, such as hybrid vehicles and the racing future of General Motors sports cars. The question of parts availability was also a viable one for the upkeep and repair of our current vehicles.

Richard Buckheister, our President, presented Craig with an Honorary Membership plaque and a lovely acrylic plaque celebrating the 45 years of existence of the Crescent City Corvette Club.

Following the fun and informative meeting, many of us went to Café Du Monde to enjoy beignets and beverages and to enjoy each other's friendship and company. What a great way to start the Father's Day weekend!

Kathy Culbertson

The Corvette Reporter

Capital Corvette Club

I have transcribed the letter we received from our sister club in New Zealand and wish to thank them for their thoughts and generosity.

On behalf of the Capital Corvette Club of New Zealand we wish to donate to the Crescent City Corvette Club two tee shirts and one of our club travel bags. We are aware that you raise funds for a deserving cause/s and we hope that these items may assist in raising funds for a deserving cause/s and we hope that these items may assist in raising funds for that/those causes.

We appreciate the monthly newsletters we receive from the New Orleans Club and we continue to work towards supporting each other albeit from the opposite side of the world.

I feel that there will be continued, if not increased interaction between clubs through members travelling to and from our respective countries, such is the enjoyment we get from the common bond we share – Corvettes.

Wishing you and the members of Crescent City Corvette Club a safe and prosperous year.

Happy motoring and best wishes,

Peter Milne
Secretary
Capital Corvette Club Inc.

New Zealand

Space Camp

On Father's Day weekend in June, I volunteered to drive my grandson, Drew, to his six day Space Camp in Huntsville, AL at the Space Center. My "mission" was accomplished driving our Z06.

Mission parameters were based on a Father's Day departure for the drive to Huntsville, registration activities on arrival, and orientation meeting prior to his camp. This was to be accomplished by 5pm that Sunday.

Drew and I departed my house in Destrehan at 7am that morning, and with two stops for fuel and food breaks, we arrived in style at the Space Center at 2:30pm well ahead of the mission schedule.

The Z06 is a joy on such a trip as there was little Sunday traffic. We made the Destrehan to I59 link in about 40 minutes with the remainder of the trip a straight shot up I59 to I65 and the to the Space Center.

Cruising speeds were held to a comfortable range between 70 and 120 and we accumulated a following of BMWs, Lexi (plural for Lexus?) and a Porsche. No one seemed to want to challenge us for the lead, so we bulled ahead.

The drive took a shade over 7 hours including the two stops. Comfort in the car was excellent and the Sirius radio and NAV system proved faultless. Including the high speed runs, gas mileage was 24 mpg. For this type of extended day trip the Corvette was a joy. My grandson announced that he had no worries about making the schedule because the Corvette is such a good race car."

By Bill Gieseler

Space Shot Mission

A Success

As The Confederation of Corvette Clubs of Louisiana departed the Mississippi Welcome Center, the skies cleared and the further north we “flew”, accompanied by the themes from the original “Star Trek”, “2001, A Space Odyssey”, “Star Wars”, “The Twilight Zone”, and don’t forget “Ground Control to Major Tom”, the cooler it became. Jackie G. made a new friend north of Birmingham. A safe landing in Huntsville, a quick rest and we were off to dinner.

The Old Greenbrier offered bar-b-que and seafood. As we were to be the guests of the local Corvette club bar-b-que on Sunday, most of us chose the seafood. A little nervous at first – seafood in Madison, AL? The surprise was ours. It tasted like “home made”. Great fried shrimp, oysters, and fish, but no beer. We were in a dry county. Oh well. It was good anyway. Jackie B. liked the boiled shrimp.

The next morning, temperature in the mid 60’s greeted the Corvette Display Crew, a truly multi-club group. John & Toni Miller in their ’63 split window, represented North Mississippi Corvette Club, Colin Normand and his son in their ’65 convertible, represented NSCC, Mary and I, in REDRULS, represented CCCC, Jim Boudreaux, in his velocity yellow Z06, represented LA-NCRS, and David and Julie Lofso, in their red C6, represented GNOCC. We displayed our Corvettes proudly in front of the giant Saturn V rocket. As always when we display our corvettes, people flock to see them and have their pictures taken with them. That day was no exception. The rest of the corvettes were parked in a special parking place under “The Flag” of this great country in front of the Davidson Center for Space Exploration.

The new Davidson Center for Space Exploration is beyond belief. The exhibit is dominated by a Saturn V Rocket lying on its side with the chronology of U. S. space exploration around the perimeter of the main hall. From Mercury to Aries, they are all there. I heard someone in the group say, “I don’t have big enough “kah____s” to sit on top of that thing while someone else in a concrete building hits the “fire” button”.

The IMAX movie, Magnificent Desolation, aptly named, documented the 6 moon landings where men from the USA, walked on the moon. Never forget how great and benevolent we are as a nation.

After the movie, we “enjoyed” lunch. The same lunch that the space camp kids would eat. Never have I had a green salad, green beans, pizza (cold), and a banana that obviously had made it to space and back, and 1% milk all at the same meal. Poor kids. You dropped off our tray where “Godzilla” wanted to know why you didn’t eat your veggies. Brandy distracted him while Wanda dumped both trays. Sneaky, but effective.

With that wonderful lunch in our tummies – hoped it stayed there, for a while at least – the old museum with some old stuff and some new stuff was the afternoon mission. After all, we had to walk off that lunch. Some of the texts and notes (in German) that Werner Von Braun and his team used, along with drawings of some of the components he designed were on display. Then there were the simulators. Definitely designed for the younger corvette crowd. One simulator, The Launch, was not going to happen for me. You were blasted about 500 ft into the air and let down on a cushion of air. The launch pad would definitely need to be “serviced” if I went on that one.

A trip to a museum would not be complete without visiting the gift shop. Just to make sure you didn’t skip this step, there were three of them. No chance to sneak out without the “co-pilot” dragging you into at least one. Some did all three....

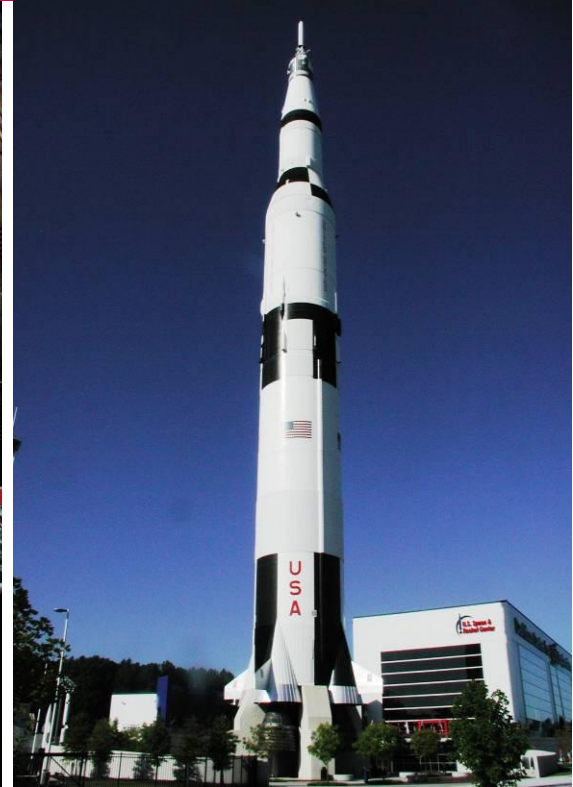
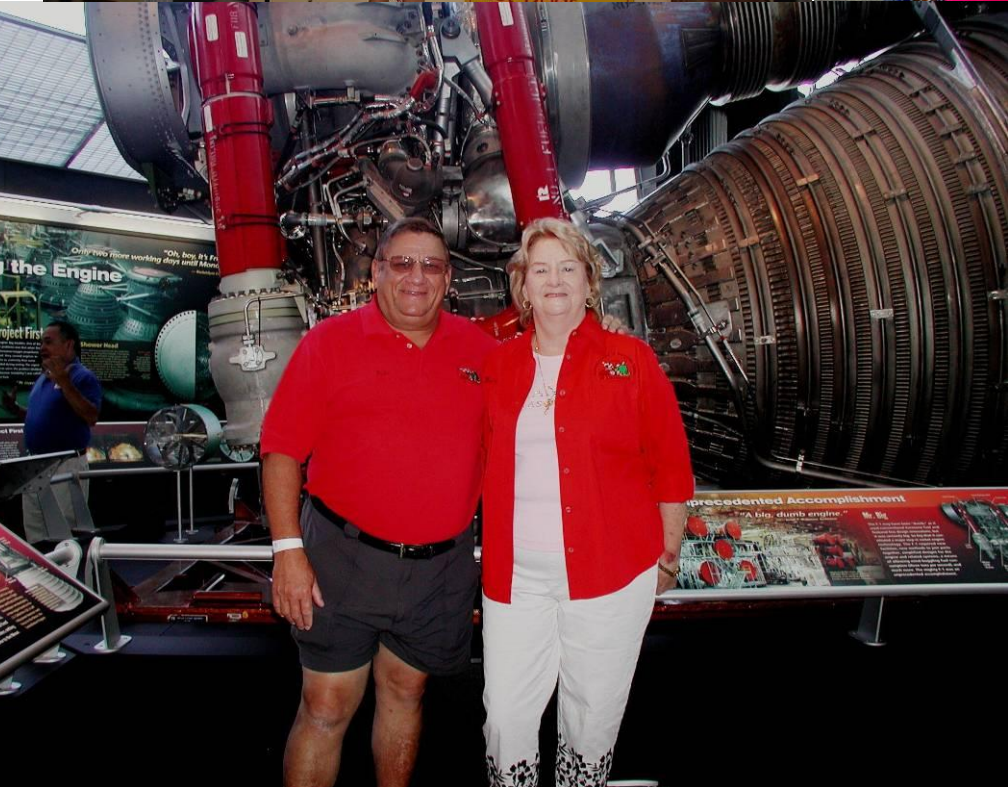
The now infamous “Orange Slush” party preceded dinner. I had a little difficulty thawing out the slush, but the hot tub and the microwave did just fine. I heard, “It’s not as good as Carol’s”, but they ate it all anyway. Must be the brand of orange juice I used. Gotta drink healthy, you know. Dinner at Connor’s was fabulous. Great steak, but oh the Bananas Foster. I promise, Charlie made me do it! Then Mary had to have one to go....

Sunday we usually just depart for home on our own, but this Sunday was special. We accepted the invitation from Vets With Vettes and Other Corvette Owners Corvette Club, VWVOCOCC – say that fast three times - for a delicious pulled pork bar-b-que. Accepted. Yeah, like there was ever a time we declined food.... These guys and gals are the greatest. Pulled pork, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, pasta salad, and bean dip to name a few items on the menu. That was before desert. Not too shabby. Those guys and gals can cook too.... The luncheon was held in Perry’s garage – car museum is more like it. See the pictures for some really neat stuff. See how many things you can identify with on the ceiling and walls. Personally, I like the blond in front of the soda shop.

Like all corvette events, it’s the people, not the cars that make the difference. The members of VWVOCOCC were fun and great people to visit with. Like the corvette people in Tupelo - four came on this trip - we met new friends and made them members of the Confederation of Corvette Clubs of Louisiana. Several of us joined their club in support of our Veterans. – “RED ALERT”! “RED ALERT”! I liked the food.

By Felix Famularo





Blonde Joke Corner

Thanks to Ken Centola for this one. He sent another one that was very funny but definitely not for the family channel.

A Burning Blonde

A blonde with two red ears went to her doctor. The doctor asked her what had happened to her ears. She answered, "I was ironing a shirt and the phone rang, but instead of picking up the phone, I accidentally picked up the iron and stuck it to my ear."

"Oh dear!" the doctor exclaimed in disbelief. "But what happened to the other ear?"

"The son of a bitch called back!"

From the when you don't know the answer baffle them with Bull Sh*t department

HELL EXPLAINED BY CHEMISTRY STUDENT

The following is an actual question given on University of Washington chemistry mid term. The answer by one student was so 'profound' that the professor shared it with colleagues, via the Internet, which is, of course, is why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well:

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today.

Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over. So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over! The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct.....leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'

THIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+

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/>



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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: (_____) _____ - _____

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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