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

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## Announcements

CCCC General Membership Meeting – February 18 at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Metairie

### Corvette Events:

March 12 - CAJUN CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB - OPEN CAR SHOW in Baton Rouge

March 26 – CCCC Legends Car Show at BoomTown  
April 9 – BRCC St. Jude Car Show

### Newsletter Notice:

Be sure to renew your membership for 2011 if you have not done so already and also register for the car show. Remember to sign up for a sponsor award, give early and give often for Children's Hospital

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PRESIDENT'S SIGNAL  
FEBRUARY 2011

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

The Valentine's Day Cruise to Catfish Charlie's was a lot of fun. There was a great turnout. Thanks to Malcolm Graff and GNOCC for putting on the event.

The General Membership Meeting will be this Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Piccadilly Cafeteria. Hope to see all of you there.

We are still planning on attending several activities in March as a Club. They are:  
The Cajun Classic Chevy Car Club Show, March 12, 2011, at Gerry Lane Cadillac, 10954 Reiger Road in Baton Rouge. Fliers have gone out on this show. Please help us support their worthy cause to Dreams Come True Foundation.

Crescent City Corvette Club has been invited again this year to put a display in the Morial Convention Center during the New Orleans Auto Show. The auto show is March 18-20<sup>th</sup> and Felix will coordinate the cars that will be on display.

British Motoring Club of New Orleans is holding their 21<sup>st</sup> 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 it would be fun 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. More information will follow on this.

The Tri-Club Annual Crawfish Boil is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Last but not least we have our Annual Legends Car Show coming up on March 26, 2011 at Boomtown Casino. This show needs support and participation by all members to conduct a successful show. Please plan to support your club by registering for the show, selling sponsor awards, and working on the day of the show. It's a lot of work but it goes for a worthy cause. Don't forget that Children's Hospital will benefit from all of our hard work.

Mary

**Save the Wave**

## February Birthdays



Buddy	Gegenheimer	2/5
Bob	Decker	2/7
Darlene	Glawson	2/11
Heidi	Hager	2/14
Mona	Walker	2/14
Stanley	Kenney	2/18
Darrell	Suber	2/19
Harriette	Charles	2/25
Dennis	Krystek	2/26
Michael	Leeds	2/28

## Membership Report

Regular	62
Auxiliary	5
Honorary	10

Remember to send in your renewal so Rickie can publish the 2011 Member Directory

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From: "The Capital Letter", the official publication of our sister club, Capital Corvette Club, New Zealand  
[www.capitalcorvette.org.nz](http://www.capitalcorvette.org.nz)

### **Letting the cat out of the bag**

When the Lexus was originally launched in the US it caused considerable concern amongst the local car industry. Here was a luxury car with European build quality at a price that competed against locally manufactured Cadillacs & the like. Even the most diehard fan of US assembled vehicles would have to admit that build quality hasn't always been at the top of the priority list.

Cadillac decided to send a couple of their top quality controllers to Japan to visit the Lexus factory. The Japanese engineers admitted that the key to the quietness of the cabin was a focus on panel fit. They went through the various checks & procedures undertaken during the vehicle assembly but the final test left the American visitors stunned. It appears that when the vehicle rolled off the assembly line the engineers locked a cat in the car, closed the ventilation system, & left for the night. If the cat was still alive the following morning the test was declared a failure and the car returned to the assembly line for remedial work.

Whilst it seemed a little cruel the Americans had to admit the test was effective and decided to find out how the top of the line Cadillac measured up when they returned home. A stray moggy was duly appropriated from a nearby street and deposited in a newly built Cadillac. The car was locked and they left for the evening.

When they returned the next morning the cat was gone.

Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2011

Sarrano's Mexican Restaurant

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm.

On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Cajun Classic Chevy Club in Baton Rouge is holding its Open Car Show at Gerry Lane Cadillac. We will be caravanning from Café du Monde (Vettes) at 7:30 am. We hope all that are able to join us will do so to show support for their show and to encourage their attendees to come to our Legends Car show.

Our Legends Open Car Show is upon us. All members are asked to register if you haven't done so already. Also needed are sponsor awards. Remember our beneficiary "Children's Hospital". Please get them in by March 15<sup>th</sup> so the sponsor's name can be on the award. This year our sponsor award will be fleece blankets with the Car Show Logo and the name of the sponsor embroidered on the blanket. Don't forget to offer the "Best of" sponsor awards also. The sponsor's name will be on the award. All forms for the car show are on the web site. [www.crescentcitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.crescentcitycorvetteclub.com)

Gordon went over the individual responsibilities and will be contacting the committee chairmen to make sure they have everything they need for the show.

A discussion was held concerning the tri-club events meeting of the presidents. The distribution of cost will be as originally planned, based on the number of RSVP's and those who attend without RSVP'ing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm



## Jerry Rachel

Member from May 10, 1970 through November 1975 and Honorary Member 2010.

He brought us back to the early '70's, a time of younger members and more racing. Crescent City even sponsored his son, Pete, in the Soap Box Derby down the Wisner Overpass. His race car had Crescent City Corvette Club painted on the side. He won!

## **Where's the Check... or How I Almost Became an Overnight Guest of Orleans Parish**

Our January meeting was at Squeal BBQ on Oak Street which was a welcome change in venue. There were quite a few members attending and we had a lot of good food and conversation, so much so it was sometimes hard to hear Mary. This is good since it can only mean everyone was enjoying themselves. When it was time to leave I started talking to several people on the way out and went over to congratulate Carroll for winning the 50-50. No need to congratulate Gordon... After some time Nancy and I left and drove home without incident.

When I got home I was emptying my pockets on the counter and I took out my money clip and that started me remembering. I did not pay cash so I must have charged the bill but did not remember doing that either. So then it hit me, I had walked out of the restaurant without paying the bill. My first thought was it was the restaurant's fault for not giving me a bill to pay but then I thought that would be a pretty feeble argument in front of the judge.

Then I thought, I would become a guest of Orleans Parish in one of their tents and have my fingerprints taken again. When I enlisted in the Navy 40 years ago my application needed to have my fingerprints, so I went to the Gretna police station one night and spoke to the sergeant at the desk. After giving me a long stare he said, "Ok follow me". While my fingerprints were being taken the policeman told me this was a little odd since all his usual customers were not there voluntarily. So I was imagining having my picture taken and fingerprints taken for real in the tent when I thought there must be some other way to resolve this situation peacefully in my favor.

Then I remembered that Felix and Mary might still be at the restaurant packing their equipment. When I reached Felix I explained my tail of woe and he laughed and said he would see what could be done. About five minutes later he returns my call to tell me the warrant has been rescinded and that all is well. I thanked him several times and then he said, "A good article for the Newsletter" and laughed again. A big relief I must say. So now I owe Felix and Mary a dinner in repayment and my thanks for saving me from having my picture taken and sleeping on a cot.

But as interesting as my situation was, at least I did not go to Piccadilly for the meeting as someone else I know did.

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

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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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