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Crescent City Corvette Club
New Orleans, Louisiana



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Announcements

Congratulations to Carolyn Willhoft –
2008 Member of the Year



The 2009 General Membership Meeting schedule is now posted on the Website

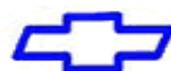
A warm welcome to our Sister club –
Capitol Corvette Club

The Crescent City Corvette Club 45th Anniversary will be in March.

Wayne Latour is our new Webmaster

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor

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Presidents Signals

Another new year is upon us and I am really looking forward to it. The Christmas Party was great fun and I wish to thank Terry and Juanita for being great hosts and arranging such a great party. The Santa Steal was a lot of fun especially when the box of boxes Juanita had wrapped got mixed in with the gifts.

In December some of the club members participated in a Parade organized by the Downtown Development Group. I always wanted a convertible so I could ride Beauty Queens through the city streets and this was a lot of fun. I was surprised to see so many people in the crowd and especially the families with children. So I guess if you hold a parade they will come. Pictures are included later in the newsletter and thanks to those members that participated and made the day special for the young ladies.

As you know there are some new Officers and Board Members for 2009. I already know I will have issues with the Secretary but that is nothing new and not likely to change. Seriously, please lend any support you can to them and to the club in the coming year so we can make 2009 better than any year before. Speaking of years, this year is our 45th Anniversary. It does not seem so long ago that we had the 40th party but it is true. At our Board meeting last night we discussed some options to celebrate the event, Felix was talking about two different shades of red and naturally that started some boisterous discussion.

I continue to receive Blond Jokes from the members and some of them are really good and some, not to mention names, from Felix were a little off color so to speak and cannot be printed here. Anyway, I cannot print them all but I do appreciate receiving them and I will try to print a couple each issue.

Our car show is coming in March and again this year our charity is Children's Hospital. Please be sure to attend and consider the purchase a sponsor trophy. Last year we contributed \$5000 to this worthy cause so let's try to improve on that.

Well, I hope to see you at the meeting on Friday and in the mean time Save the Wave

Richard

Congratulations to Earl and Marilyn Mendoza

Late last year Earl won the Corvette Museum raffle for a new Corvette and they will be taking delivery Thursday January 15 at noon. You can watch Earl and Marilyn take delivery at <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/webcam/> at the Delivery #1 location. I can't wait to see it.

Membership Report

Regular Memberships	67
Auxiliary Memberships	3
Honorary Memberships	10

Please welcome new Members:
Ronnie Loupe and Victoria Nguyen
They have a 2004 Red Convertible and a 1974 Brown T-Top

I emailed the membership renewal this year so please take a moment and make any updates to your information and return to me.

January Birthdays



Charles	Coe	1/14
Kathy	Culbertson	1/24
Robert	Eichhorn	1/7
Felix	Famularo	1/9
Jimmie	Leeds	1/20
Genie	Matthews	1/28
Victoria	Nguyen	1/1
Robert	Pugh	1/1
Rick	Weaver	1/9

News from Our New Zealand Friends

I received this from Russ and Judy recently and certainly wish to thank Felix for all he did to make their visit enjoyable.

Giddy guys, I wanted to send you a note before the Christmas rush overtakes me and I run out of time. All of the people who came on the trip to the US this year wish to thank you for your wonderful hospitality and the care and attention you and your club showed us during our stay earlier this year. I would particularly appreciate it Richard if you would publicly thank Felix on our behalf at a meeting some time. I don't believe he would take a bow on his own.

If any of your members are ever in this neck of the woods we would sure appreciate the opportunity to repay some of the hospitality that was shown to us. Please keep in contact as we love to hear from you.

We would love to pursue the Sister club thing with you guys when you get a chance as our club is enthusiastic to keep you up with what we are up to.

Once again thanks for every thing you did for us. We will lift a glass and think of you all during our celebrations this year.

Russ & Judy Wadsworth and the team from New Zealand

Crescent City Corvette Club Christmas Party

The Crescent City Corvette Club held its annual Christmas party at the beautiful home of Juanita and Terry Gilbert on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Their home was decorated so beautifully and the food and friendship were endless. Carol Willhoff made her fabulous and delicious desserts, drinks, and entrees. They included meatballs, gumbo, baked ham, the most delicious mandarin cake and slushies you have ever tasted. On the dining room table, there were such tempting foods as mozzarella sticks with jalapeno peppers, tuna sandwiches on buns, deviled eggs, cheese and vegetables, cream cheese dips and crackers, sandwich rolls and chocolate covered pretzels and cookies.

Richard Buckheister awarded plaques and brass plates to Board members and Carol Willhoff won the coveted title of Member of the Year, which she so richly deserves. Carol is always gracious about giving wonderful parties to plan the Legends Car Show and the appreciation party following the event. Her gourmet delights always offer the best of her fantastic cooking talents. Congratulations, Carol and Gordon!!

Following the Award presentation, the Santa Steal was a hit of the party. So many funny gifts and Christmas items were opened and "stolen" and the laughter and joy were widespread.

I especially want to thank Juanita and Terry for allowing us to have this great party at their lovely house, and to thank Juanita for showing us her precious little "rescues". She took in 4 little black kittens who were "abandoned" by the Mama cat and many of us had a chance to hold the little angels and, hopefully, to help Juanita to find homes for 3 of them. She and Terry are keeping one of them and calling it Tipitina. It was most tempting for me to adopt one of them, but my home is now the sanctuary for 6 precious cats and Bryan's house has 4 loving and mischievous cats, too. I truly have to say that Tiffany Marie Corvette, my white Manx cat, adopted on the Hot Springs Corvette trip, is my heart in my chest. Maybe someone else in the Corvette Club could open their heart and home to one of these precious kitties.

Thank you, Carol, for making the most delicious fare and gourmet delights for this wonderful party. There were even take out boxes provided for us to bring home some delicious treats to enjoy the next day. This was a happy and fun-filled year for the Crescent City Corvette Club and I want to thank our President and First Lady, Richard and Nancy Buckheister, and the hard working Board members for their leadership and tenacity. 2009 looks to be another great year for us with the upcoming Legends Car Show and other fun-filled events.

I wish happy and safe holidays to all of our friends and families and a wonderful and healthy 2009, too!

Kathy Culbertson
Corvette Reporter

Southern Corvette Club

I received the following note late last year. If anyone has any information that Talmage is requesting please contact me.

*Richard,
My name is Talmage Johnson; I lived in New Orleans in the late 60's and early 70's and was a member of Southern Corvette Club...
I look your site from time to time to see if I see any names I remember from our club or Crescent City...I haven't remembered any to date but old age could cause that... If you don't mind ask at the one of your meetings if anyone was in the old club... I lived in Slidell and worked at Michoud... I drove a Daytona blue 64 F/B coupe, (still have it but its red now)... I am glad to see your club survived and doing well...
Thanks for your time,
Tal*

Cardi Gras 2008

The Knights of Sparta, under the very able direction of Dr. Dave Mulnick, finally got a chance to hold their annual Cardi Gras on November 8, after having to reschedule it for the third time due to inclement weather. The show had a display of 60 beautiful new and vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, and immaculate Corvettes in the parking lot of St. Clement of Rome Church in Metairie.

This was a lovely opportunity for us to display our cars and visit with friends. The door prizes were very nice and during the Award Ceremony, Dave even raffled off a "kitchen sink", of stainless steel, to one lucky winner! Many of the members of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Crescent City Corvette Club, and Northshore Corvette Club won awards in the Top 50 category for their beautiful Corvettes. Dave also awarded the Club Participation Award to the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club. This honor was given to Alton Rivero, the President of the G N O C C, to display at the next Corvette Club meeting. Congratulations to G N O C C for this participation honor to help in the fight against cystic fibrosis.

Following the car show, many of us went to Sonic on Veterans to display our Vettes and to enjoy a snack with our dear friends. Although the evening was cold and crisp, the friendship warm, as always. I want to thank Dave and his staff for putting on

such a worthwhile and entertaining car show. After so many re-schedules, it finally came to be and it was fun, indeed. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this car show a success and for giving a generous donation to cystic fibrosis.

Kathy Culbertson
The Corvette Reporter

Crescent City Corvette Club August 15th General Membership Meeting

Richard welcomed everyone to the August, General Membership Meeting along with Kevin Chimento and his yellow 65 Convertible and white 80 Coupe. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Richard said we would have a post meeting at Café Du Monde. Richard said we had a great July Membership Meeting with the Kiwis.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made.

The Treasurers Report was given by Juanita Gilbert. A motion to accept was made.

Richard gave the Membership report. 63 or 118 members and associates/spouses, 3 Auxiliary Memberships, 10 Honorary.

Merchandise and Web-Jim Boudreaux Jim posted our newsletter on the website.

Newsletter report by Richard Buckheister. He sent out a notice about the September 6th fundraiser being held by the Mustang Club for the boy who was attacked by the alligator. If you are not able to attend and want to make a donation, let Richard know. Richard asked for articles and pictures by the Monday or Tuesday before the General Meeting. He also thanked Felix for the Kiwis article.

Felix gave the Confederation report. The Dairy Queen Cruise has 30 registered cars. Eureka Springs dates are posted on the calendar. November 29th there is a cruise to Mexico. \$350.00 per person, leaving New Orleans on "The Carnival Fantasy". Go to vacationtogo.com. 6-7 couples are going and it is posted on the Confederation web site. John Glassen was welcomed back.

Interclub Activities Report was given by Michael Leeds as follows:

8-23 8-23 Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis
9/5-6 River City Corvette Show, Shreveport
9-6 9-6 Fundraiser, Mustang Club
9-20 Northeast Monroe
9-27 GNO Extravetteganza, Bayou Country
10/5-12 Cruzin the Coast
10-18 10-18 Bayou State
11/22-25 NCRS Waco
11-08 Thibodaux

No Old Business

New Business, Board and Officers, Secretary's position is still available

Faith Giordano won the 50/50

Motion to adjourn

Crescent City Corvette Club October 17th 2008 General Membership Meeting at Piccadilly Cafeteria

The meeting was brought to order by our President, Richard Buckheister. He led us in a moment of silence for our troops and we proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bayou State's car show is Saturday and we will be leaving Café Du Monde at 7:30AM. The Seafood Bash is on Sunday for those who registered with Ralph. Richard said the weather is to be nice so bring your Vette. There is plenty of parking available. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and it carried. Juanita was out of town so Richard gave the Treasure's report. A motion was made to accept. The newsletter is on the website. 66 memberships, 124 members and associates, 3 Auxiliary Memberships and 10 Honorary Memberships. We have two new members, Kevin Chimento and Den and Diane Lee. Richard thanked Kathy Culbertson for the ExtraVetteganza article. Richard asks for articles and said they would be appreciated. Next came some 50/50 drawings and the singing of Happy Birthday to our members with birthdays. Bill Folse said the ExtraVetteganza was nice, not having to deal with rain, and thanked everyone for the sponsor trophies. He felt everyone had a good time. Old Business, Bill talked about the 50th celebration at the Bell Chase Naval Air Station. New Business, Our Christmas Party will be December 13th at Terry and Juanita Gilbert's house. We will do the Santa Swap. Felix discussed the Boat Cruise for \$209.00

a person that 10 couples have signed up for. It is Sat-Thursday and leaves from New Orleans. If you are interested, make sure you call Felix or Buddy first. Michael Leeds discussed the Intra-Club Activities. Bayou State in Lafayette at Bennigan's, Sunday, Seafood Bash, 200 people have registered, 11-8 Thibodaux Fall Festival, leaving Café Du Monde at 8:00 and Exxon on Highway 90 in Luling at 8:30. Cypress Corvette Club in Morgan City on 11-15-and finally the 2009 National Corvette Caravan has 120 rooms blocked. Call Michael Leeds for information. Jimmie Leeds won the money.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Crescent City Corvette Club's Board Meeting Minutes at Cathay Inn, November 3, 2008

Attendees: Bob and Jimmie Leeds
Gordon Willhoft
Bill Folse
Jim Boudreaux
Richard and Nancy Buckheister
Buddy and Sue Gegenheimer
Felix Famularo
Mary Berkowitz

The Board Meeting was brought to order by our President, Richard Buckheister. He welcomed everyone for coming. He then gave the Treasurer's Report in Juanita's absence. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and it carried. Richard gave the membership report and we have 66 Memberships, 10 Honorary, and 3 Auxiliary Members. Membership renewals will be sent out this week. Jim Boudreaux said all is current on our Website and discussed the Sponsor Awards for our 2009 Car Show. Richard then discussed that he would be working on our newsletter and thanked Kathy Culbertson for her article. He asks for the minutes so they could be in the newsletter. Next came the Confederation report from Felix Famularo. He said 2009 would be a banner year. Four trips are in the planning stages, Huntsville, Alabama, Fredericksburg, Texas, Dickens on the Strand, and Tail of the Dragon. In Michael's absence, Felix gave the Intra-Club Activities report and said we would caravan to Thibodaux, Saturday, 11-7, and Morgan City, 11-15 to support their car show. He said 12 couples are going on the cruise after Thanksgiving. He said the Calendar Meeting should be sometime in January,

2009, and our car show date is March 7th. Old Business: Our Christmas party will be at Terry's and Juanita's house, with the same budget as last year. New Business, We will be attending the Cypress City Corvette Club's car show in Morgan City on I-15. Departure from Café Dumonde at 7:30AM and the Exxon Station at 8:00AM. Felix discussed a Downtown Parade on December 6th and has 5 or the 6 Convertibles needed. Buddy Gegenheimer discussed the Gretna Concert that will be November 14th if anyone is interested. Vettes with Vettes. He also said he is planning a Spring Run in March or April. Richard Buckheister then asks for suggestions for our meeting place for the general meeting. It was unanimous that we stay with Piccadilly.

Motion to adjourn.

Valentines Cruise to Catfish Charlie's

It is almost that time of year again so if you plan to attend this event please be sure to RSVP to Malcolm before February 7th



YALL COME EVENT

Treat your sweetheart to a wonderful lunch for Valentine's Day.

Southshore caravan leaves Café DuMonde (4700 Veteran's Blvd) at 10:15 a.m. sharp!
Please RSVP by Saturday Feb. 7th

macnbarb@bellsouth.net

Blond Joke Corner:

#1:

A blonde calls her boyfriend and says, 'Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started.'

Her boyfriend asks, 'What is it supposed to be when it's finished?' The blonde says, 'According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster.' Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, 'First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster.'

He takes her hand and says, 'Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then ..' he said with a deep sigh,

'Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box.'



#2

A blind man walks into a bar...

By mistake, a blind man wanders into an all girls biker bar. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders some coffee. After sitting there for awhile, he yells to the bartender, 'Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?'

The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, 'before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is only fair -- given that you are blind -- that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat.
 2. The bouncer is a blonde girl.
 - ~~3. I'm a 6 foot tall, 205 lb. Blonde woman with a black belt in karate.~~
 4. The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weightlifter.
 5. The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler.
- Now, think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?'

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and mutters, 'No.... Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times.'

Downtown Development Group Parade

Felix



Richard



Wayne and his daughter



Richard



Gordon – Sorry but I do not know how to rotate the picture



Buddy





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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