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Announcements

The November General Membership Meeting will be November 21 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in the Clearview Palms shopping center. Meet us for dinner starting at 6:30 and the meeting will follow at 7:30.

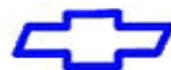
CCCC 2008 Christmas Party – Our Christmas party will be December 13. See additional details on page 4

News from our friends in New Zealand, see details on page 3

The Blond Joke Corner is back, this time with graphics, see page 4

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor

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CHEVROLET

"Where Customers Send Their Friends"

Presidents Signals

Well, the holiday season is upon us. I noticed some stores had started decorating for Christmas before Halloween and now you hear Christmas carols when you are shopping for the turkey. Who knows, next year they may start the Christmas season after Labor Day.

We had a good time at the Bayou State show in Lafayette. Ms. Nancy sent the day shopping at the near-by stores and made an appearance when it was time for lunch. There was some construction on I-10 so a group of us returned home on US-90 which was very nice. We had motored down the road for a ways when Bill Folsie pulled into a gas station. I had plenty of gas and had planned to fill up at a Chevron station by my house so we were just sitting in the car while Alton filled up his C3. After a few minutes Michael, who was riding with Bill, got out to visit with the others and a couple minutes later Bill got out. So Nancy and I were just sitting there, as usual she was talking and I was listening, when I noticed Bill's car start to roll. We were parked on a gentle down slope perpendicular to the highway. My window was down so I yelled for Bill. When I got no response I yelled again but no one apparently was listening since Bill had gone into the station. Now the car was getting a little further away and starting to pick up a little speed. Now I yelled a little louder and started to take my seat belt off but was experiencing difficulties due to my Blackberry that was tangled up in the belt. As I am resolving this belt problem my mind is trying to decide if I take the time to put my shoes on or run on the concrete in my bare feet. For some strange reason I have gotten into the habit of driving barefoot when I wear my Crocks or loafers. The decision was bare feet and as I am about to reach to open the door when Michael runs to the car and arrests its motion. I had visions of not being able to stop it and the car rolling into the US 90 traffic. So the lesson learned is to not trust the emergency brake.

For those that could not attend the Seafood Bash you missed some very good food. Many thanks to all the cooks and everyone that helped. I saw Felix and Hank shucking oysters so I volunteered to help. Since I had not done this particular activity before, Felix gave me instructions and a glove and a knife. Well I was going along fine, if a little slowly, when Felix opened one and offered it to me. "Nay, nay" said I, oysters are evil.

I have never wanted to eat anything raw and most particularly oysters. Many years ago I went to Japan on a business trip and we were taken by our hosts to a restaurant where they offered some appetizers which were raw. I had never tried raw fish before and not wanting to offend I tried something. I managed to get it down but my stomach and head said "No more, or there will be unintended consequences", so I politely refused their request to try something different. Not wishing to venture into any further into uncharted territory I asked for a fork when the meal arrived. Anyway we had a great time and the attendance was 201 hungry Corvette enthusiasts.

Many thanks to Kathy Culbertson for the great articles. This month's Blonde Joke Corner is courtesy of Jane and Felix. Someone at work sent me a buxomly Blonde video, Where's My Chips (French Fries to us) which is 3MB but quite funny so if you wish to see it just send me an email and it will be on its way.

Be sure to join us for the November meeting on the 21st. The newsletter will take a holiday in December and return in 2009.

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

Richard

Membership Report

Regular Memberships	66
Auxiliary Memberships	3
Honorary Memberships	10

Watch for the renewal form for 2009 which will be going out shortly.

November Birthdays



David	DeSalvo	11/29
Marilyn	Mendoza	11/20
Claudette	Mitchell	11/21
Richard	Plauche	11/18
Melissa	Quebodeaux	11/12
Donald	Rodrique	11/29

Since we will not have a regular meeting or newsletter in December here are the December birthdays:

Mary	Berkowitz	12/15
Monica	Flick	12/29
Jacqueline	Goldberg	12/10
Sandy	Graci	12/20
Barbara	Graff	12/21
Sal	Marino	12/6
Edward	Nunenmacher	12/11
Robert	Oehlke	12/14
Robert	Palmisano	12/16
Karl	Schroeder	12/23
Norris	Stoute	12/25

News from Our New Zealand Friends

Hi Felix,

Firstly, my apologies for not writing sooner. It was difficult to write and express our thanks while we were travelling for all the effort that you went to in order to make our stay in your city memorable. Our stay was one of the high lights of our trip and we all feel richer for having spent time in your company.

Also we wish to thank the members of your club for the fantastic gesture in welcoming us into your club. We wear your club logo on our cars and shirts with pride.

Our club, Capital Corvettes, would like to formally ask your club if you would be interested in becoming a sister club to us. At our first meeting since our return we described the way in which you and your club hosted us and it was the unanimous decision of our membership that we ask you and your club to become a sister club to us. We would love to foster the relationship that was begun in July. Can you please ask your governors and membership if they are interested?

We had a fantastic time on our journeys throughout your country and ended up in LA having covered nearly 13,000 miles driving in a total of 23 states. We saw many different things and are still relating many of our stories to our friends. If you are interested I wrote a weekly diary of our travels and

significant events as we travelled and would be happy to send them on to you for the pleasure of you and your club mates.

Our cars are at this time about a third of the way across the Pacific Ocean on the last leg of their journey home and we are all looking forward to getting them onto our roads.

Cant think of much else to tell you about so will sign off now. Look forward to hearing from you

Best regards

Russ and Jude Wadsworth.

We will discuss this proposal at the meeting on Friday.

Richard

Cruisin' the Coast Weekend

It was a beautiful weekend for car enthusiasts to enjoy the many sights and sounds of the culmination of Cruising the Coast week on the Gulf Coast. Many of the Corvette owners ventured over to the Hollywood Casino on October 11 to display their cherished vettes and to visit with other Corvette hobbyists. Many different Corvette Clubs participated in the Hollywood Casino display of their cherished vehicles. Among them were the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Crescent City Corvette Club, Northshore Corvette Club, Baton Rouge Corvette Club, Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club, and many other Corvette Clubs from other regions. Another perk of this lovely car show was the goody bags which held 2 millennium yellow t-shirts with 3 Corvettes displayed on them and 2 buffet coupons. The weather was warm and dry, so the vettes and their owners could enjoy a lot of outdoor time. After the car show, many of the Corvette enthusiasts went over to the Rice Pavilion to take in some shopping, while others went to the Biloxi Coliseum to check out the many car related offerings to sell.

That evening many of us went to the Corvette Rendezvous, held at Preston Hood Chevrolet, on the Gulf Coast. There were many beautiful Corvettes on display there, as well as other vintage cars which depicted the essence of the 50's era. It was a cool, dry evening and the show had over 100 lovely cars on display. There was music and door

prizes to keep the car owners entertained throughout the evening. It gave many of us a chance to visit with old friends and make new ones who enjoyed our passion for the original American sports car, born in the U S A...the CORVETTE.

We look forward to another entertaining and fun-filled cruising weekend next year, too!

Kathy Culbertson

SEAFOOD BASH

On Sunday, October 19, the three Corvette clubs of this southern region held their annual Seafood Bash at the beautiful home of Al and Barbara Maxwell in Rigolets Estates. Ralph and Ann Adams planned this wonderful event and it was a total success. The weather was warm, dry, and sunny and it made for a perfect day to enjoy each other's friendship, as well as take in the many food items to savor. Among the great dishes were raw oysters, boiled crabs, fried catfish, boiled shrimp, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, spinach dip, barbequed beans and more desserts than you could imagine. There were ample tables and chairs to accommodate over 200 Corvette owners and enthusiasts.

Another wonderful aspect of this Seafood Fest was the display of Corvettes on the lawn and driveway of the Maxwell's home. It provided quite a show for us and for the neighbors and fireman who came by to see the display.

I want to thank Ralph and Ann Adams for planning this wonderful event and also thank the Maxwells for allowing us to stage the Seafood Bash at their lovely home. We had beautiful weather, great food, and wonderful friends to share on this lovely day. We look forward to another successful Sea Food Bash again next year!

Kathy Culbertson

Blonde Joke Corner – Best Blonde Joke

Two blonde girls were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind her and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one girl digging a hole,

the other girl filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped her brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the girl who plants the trees called in sick."



CCCC Christmas Party

This year the Christmas Party will be at Terry and Juanita Gilbert's house:

29 Oak Tree Drive
Slidell, LA.

The party will be Saturday, December 13th starting at 6:30. We will continue the tradition of "Santa Steal or Dirty Santa" so each person wishing to participate should bring a \$10 (maximum) gift. We have some very creative members with their gift selection and always a broken heart or two when that special gift gets stolen away.

Anyway it is all in good fun so mark you calendar.

**Crescent City Corvette Club's September 19,
2008 General Membership Meeting at Piccadilly
Cafeteria**

Richard Buckheister brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. We then said the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Richard then opened the floor for nominations. Next a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Juanita gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made. Richard gave the Membership report 64 Regular Memberships, 10 Honorary Memberships and 3 Auxiliary Memberships. Charlie announced that he had a 2009 Z06, Velocity Yellow. He shared his experience with the navigation system. Jim Boudreaux gave the Web report. The newsletter will be on our website. Richard thanked Kathy for her article and said he had received the do's and do not's of newsletter editing. He said he hoped everyone enjoyed the blond joke. Michael Leeds is in traffic and will not make the meeting. Richard gave the Intra-Club Activities. Fund Raiser for Devin, Extravetteganza, NCRS Meet in Lafayette, Extravetteganza Friday Night Party, Pensacola, Bayou State and Thibodaux Car Fair. Felix said he had to cancel the Trail of the Pig. He just does not have the time to get it together. He said we would find something else to do. The Dairy Queen Tour was a great success. Edna gave Felix a Red Dairy Queen Shirt. Bill Gieseler invited our club to his retirement party at Ormond Country Club on Oct. 4th from 7-10.PM. Nominations were closed for the 2009 Officers and Board Members.

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 Culberson 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 Thibodeaux 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 Willhoff
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.

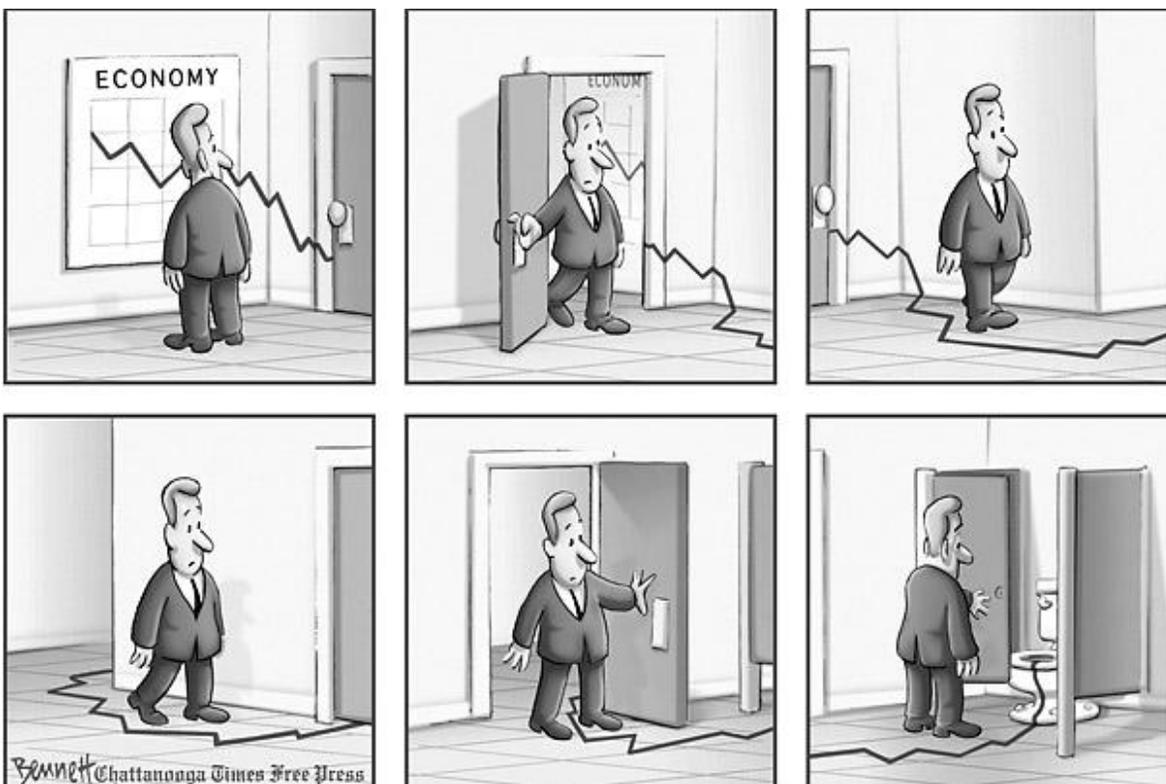
Old Business: Our Christmas party will be at Terry's and Juanita's house, with the same budget as last year.

New Business, We will be attending the Cypress City Corvette Club's car show in Morgan City on 11-15.

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.

If you substitute 401K for economy in the cartoon it is very much how I feel today.





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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