

FIBERGLASS BULLETIN

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



Our Website: crescentcitycorvetteclub.com

Volume 1 Issue 2

July 2008

Page 1

2008 Officers

President: **Richard Buckheister**
Vice President: **Mary Berkowitz**
Secretary: **Jimmie Leeds**
Treasurer: **Juanita Gilbert**

rbuckheister@cox.net
maryberk@aol.com
jlleeds@bellsouth.net
tgilbert57@bellsouth.net

2008 Board of Directors

Felix Famularo
James Boudreaux
Michael Leeds
Bill Folse
Vic Giordano
Robert Leeds
Robert Pugh
Brian Giroir
Joe Mesa

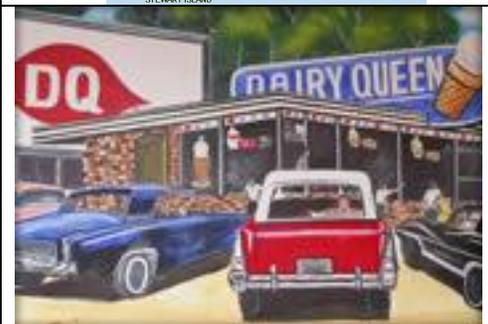
ffamularo@aol.com
jboudreaux@aol.com
laorange@bellsouth.net
b3folse@aol.com
fgiordano@yahoo.com
rleeds@whitneybank.com
red-vette@cox.net
bgiroir@yahoo.com
corvette-z06@cox.net

Immediate Past President: **Gordon Willhoft**

President Emeritus: **Terry Gilbert**

Webmaster: **James Boudreaux**
Membership Director: **Richard Buckheister**
Newsletter Editor: **Richard Buckheister**

Come to the General Membership Meeting and welcome our visitors from New Zealand



Register for the Dairy Queen Tour
– see page 3

To see the USA in a Chevrolet, contact our Sponsor



Presidents Signals

Well I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July. It has been very hot lately and I am looking forward to the fall when it starts cooling off. However, we still have some hot weather activities in store. Felix has managed to get tangled up with some young ladies for a calendar shoot on July 27th and then there is the Diary Queen trip in August.

This month we are honored to have three couples from New Zealand that have traveled to the US of A to purchase Corvettes and tour our country. They will be spending a couple days in New Orleans so they contacted Jim Boudreaux and asked to attend our General meeting. So to welcome them please come to the General Membership Meeting on this Friday, July 18th. Bring your Corvette so we can show our cars to some fellow Corvette enthusiast. Bob Leeds suggested that we park on the East side of the shopping center, near the Whitney Bank.



I am looking forward to meeting the Kiwis and hearing about Corvettes in New Zealand. Also please wear your club shirt and nametag.

We had two new members join us at our June meeting and enjoyed a great time. I believe Claudette won four or five 50-50 prizes. She sat at the table with Dee and Sam and they won prizes as well. It was the lucky table of the night. Juanita was watching all the winning at their table so she scooted over to join the fun and the next number called was her number!

I want to thank our other new member Wayne for suggesting a change in my email setting. As some of you are painfully aware not everyone can read my message attachments. I thought it was just an AOL thing but when I made the change Wayne suggested, Jim and Felix were able to open a sample attachment without any problem. You learn something new every day.

We also did something last month that we have not done as a group in a long time. After the meeting five or six couples went to the Café Du Monde for some refreshments and conversation. Nancy and I had a good time and this month I will try to remember to wear some light colored pants so when I spill the sugar it will not be as obvious.

The year is certainly passing quickly and soon it will be time to nominate and then elect Officers and Board members for 2009. See the article later in the newsletter for additional details. I request that you consider running for the Board and help to make this an even greater club. Also, the monthly Board meetings are open to all members. They are held on the first Monday of the month in various locations around the city. If you wish to attend send me a note a couple weeks in advance so I can reserve a place with adequate capacity.

Jimmie Leeds has been experiencing computer and Bellsouth problems of late but this month she is caught up with the meeting minutes.

I had planned to introduce a new feature to the newsletter, something I call "I Have Issues" but I got sidetracked this month with "The Devil Made Me Do It". This will just be my chance to rant about anything that happens to be giving me grief at the moment but in preparing the article I had one of those moments that I had to share. If I come to the meeting with a black eye or a lump on my head you will know that someone was not amused.

Thanks to Kathy Culbertson once again for the articles this month. If you go to any club or other function and wish to share your experiences

please send some pictures and a brief article. I know the other members will enjoy hearing about your experiences.

Thanks to Felix for sending the correct image of the club logo. If you need an electronic copy just send Felix or I an email and we will forward it on. As I mentioned in an earlier message some vendors do not have the correct colors, which makes for an unhappy situation after it has been sewn on.

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

Richard

Membership Report

Regular Memberships	62	
Auxiliary Memberships	3	
Honorary Memberships	10	

Please welcome new regular members:

Claudette Mitchell 1972 Black Roadster
Wayne Latour 2003 Spiral Grey Roadster

Please welcome new honorary members:

Russ and Jude Wadsworth
2004 Commemorative Z06 (Le Mans Blue)
Clive and Christine Newman
2001 Bowling Green Roadster
Toni and Deb Elston
2006 Velocity Yellow Coupe

June and July Birthdays



Last month Kathy was out of town so this month we will celebrate June and July with cake. Kathy makes good cake, I must say.

Pete Barbazon	7/27
Wade Barbazon	7/14
Patty Bloecher	7/6
Bill Bloecher	6/28
Jacki Boudreaux	6/10
Bertha Brock	7/19
Victor Brossette	7/26
Richard Buckheister	7/21
Norma Lee Geautreux	6/16
Faith Giordano	7/2
Jill Guastella	6/12
Gary Kaplan	6/19
Wayne Latour	7/24
Denise Mesa	7/20
Sharon Moore	7/9
Kathy Reeves	6/13
Lewis Rivarde	6/24
Felix Sherman	7/31
Ancil Wilkinson	6/26

April Birthdays:

Maria, Richard and Ken



May Birthdays:

Edna, Mark and Ashley



Giddy Up Dairy Queen Tour



AKA 'Cruisin' for Calories' - Come join us for a "5 Star" Dairy Queen tour. That's right. We will hit 5 Dairy Queens in 2 days. Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch, & Dessert. Sunday – Breakfast & Lunch (you can have Dessert with lunch).

Contact Felix for your reservations

Southern Misses Photo Shoot



We have been invited to participate in a 2009 Calendar photo shoot on Sunday, July 27th with the "Southern Misses", the dance team of the University of Southern Mississippi Basketball team. The photo shoot will be in Hattiesburg, MS. Lunch is planned for now. Please contact Felix, and check the club Website for additional info.

I really don't know how Felix does it but this sounds like a lot of fun. Just in case, Mary and Nancy are going to make sure we behave.

Vettes By The Shore

On June 13, 14, and 15, the annual Vettes By The Shore Car Show was held in the Biloxi Coliseum. Ken and Sandra Klein and the great Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club did an excellent job of coordinating this fantastic show.

As you entered the Coliseum, a photographer was stationed near the Vettes By The Shore banner to take a picture of you and your car. After parking your Corvette, there were many things to keep you entertained all day while cleaning and displaying your beautiful car. There were many vendors, including the National Corvette Museum, Loup's Car Gifts, Bob's Vette Shop, a fudge vendor, and several other vendors, including one who took a picture of your car and placed it on wall pictures, etc.

One of the highlights of the car show was a wonderful musical presentation performed by Shane Tucker, an Elvis tribute artist, from Foley, Alabama. He did a wonderful show and also entertained us with stories of his wife and children and of his "other" job, as that of an Assistant Principal at Foley High School in Alabama. As he sang our favorite Elvis songs, he gave out signed scarves, teddy bears and lei's to his "adoring fans"! He also took many pictures with us and our cars in his black leather suit and renowned white jeweled jumpsuit, fashioned after that of Elvis in his "Aloha From Hawaii" satellite special. It was very entertaining Saturday afternoon and the car show ended temporarily until Sunday morning, happily and without flaws. Many of the Corvette owners went out to dinner that evening in the many great restaurants or buffets in the Biloxi area.

On Sunday morning we went back to the Coliseum to visit with friends, take more pictures of beautiful Corvettes and Mustangs, and to check out the vendor's offerings again. At 3:00 p.m the Award Ceremony started with

Felix Famularo acting as our ever enthusiastic Emcee. Awards were given out to "Best Of" in every class of Corvette, ranging from C-1 through C-6. Another special part of this car show are the plaques given out to each participant, with a die-cast model of a Corvette on each one. It is always fun to check out the different models and colors as you choose your plaque. The Greater New Orleans Corvette Club is to be congratulated for winning the Best Participant Award and other awards were given out to the one who traveled the farthest and the one who had a hard time with unfortunate events happening on the way to the show. The Sponsor plaques were also very nice and Ken Klein made sure that each participant had a chance to receive one for their patronage to this wonderful car show.

I truly want to thank and commend the car show planners and workers for a fantastic, smoothly run event. I also want to mention that the Vettes By The Shore shirts were really nice and the goody bags were generously filled with great items and even a can of Café Du Monde coffee donated by Joe Mesa. The exit from the Coliseum was smooth and efficient. It was an entertaining, fun-filled weekend, indeed.

See you there next year!

Kathy Culbertson

Children's Hospital Telethon

On Sunday, June 1, several members of the Crescent City Corvette Club went to the W D S U television studio to work on the Children's Hospital Telethon and to donate a generous historic as ever in Jackson Square. I truly know "what it means to miss New Orleans"!!

It was a great day and we look forward to helping out with the Telethon again next year.

check of \$5000 to the hospital. Among the members attending this worthwhile event were Felix Famularo and Mary Berkowitz, Buddy and Sue Geggenheimer, Ken and Edna Centola, Bob and Jimmie Leeds, Bill Folse, Jackie Goldberg, Bill Matthews Gordon and Carol Wilhoft, and Bryan Giroir and Kathy Culbertson.

It was a very rewarding time and we manned the phones from 2:00 until 3:45 p.m, as people pledged money to help out the many children and young adults who utilize the services of Children's Hospital on Henry Clay Avenue in New Orleans. The television celebrities who emceed the Telethon were enthusiastic and full of energy, too. They included Margaret Orr, Camille Wentworth, Dan Milham and Heath Allen. They spoke to us as we received pledges and contributions and asked us to challenge our friends and co-workers in the community to donate funds to the telethon. The Crescent City Corvette Club donated a "large" check to Children's Hospital in the amount of \$5000. The funds were generated by our Boomtown Car Show held earlier this year. Felix Famularo and Bob Leeds did a great job of presenting the check and telling the viewers about the Club and its fundraiser.

After our time to man the phones was over, many of us ate a snack provided by the generous contributors to the Telethon and some of us ventured to Mulates and Café Du Monde to partake in a great meal, and beignets and coffee. The sights in the French Quarter were entertaining and the St. Louis Cathedral and Pontalba buildings were as beautiful and historic as ever in Jackson Square. I truly know "what it means to miss New Orleans"!!

It was a great day and we look forward to helping out with the Telethon again next year.

Kathy Culbertson

The Devil Made Me Do It

I do a lot of driving on the road and I originally started to describe some of the issues I have with that but as I was thinking of what to write my mind started to wander. I was going to do something about the radio and how one of the cars has a mute button on the steering wheel. I also like to listen to the comedy channels on XM and as I was thinking I remember one of Flip Wilson's sketches about Geraldine, the dress in the window and the Devil.



Well if you have ever had a dream where several unrelated things come together into one thought or experience then I had one right there on the road and it goes like this.

In the 90's we used to live in Mandeville and would carpool since Nancy worked in Metairie and I worked at Avondale. One day when I picked up my passenger we did not make it out of first gear before I discovered that I had done something I should not have and the particular transgression was being brought to my attention and some others I did not remember as well. This continued down Causeway Boulevard and on to the Causeway. About three miles onto the lake I looked to see if there was a passenger mute button on the steering wheel but alas there was not. As I pondered the situation I heard someone in my ear. You know, I can make that stop. "Leave me alone, Devil", I said.

"No really, I can make that stop", he said. Well the Devil and I debated for another mile and meanwhile in the passenger seat issue was building in intensity. I tried to listen to the radio but could not concentrate with the Devil and my passenger talking at the same time. Then the Devil said,

"Just trust me and do what I say and I promise it will be quiet".

So I did. I reached for the volume on the radio and turned it up full blast. Well there was a couple seconds from the shock and then a second later the radio was off and the volume from the passenger seat was quite intense. After couple more miles of a heated one way discussion it became quiet. As I slowed down to exit the Causeway I heard the Devil say, "Who's your Daddy"?

Richard

May 1st 2008 Crescent City Corvette Club's Board Meeting at Serranos Restaurant

Richard Buckheister opened the meeting Good Evening to all and thanked all for coming. Low attendance from CCCC for the crawfish boil Richard and Nancy to become grandparents and their son passed the bar.

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and Richard gave the Treasurer's Report in Juanita's absence. Richard gave Membership Report, new member, David DeSalvo. 60 Members, 115 memberships and associates/spouses, 3 Auxiliary Memberships, 7 Honorary Memberships.

Jim Boudreaux gave Merchandise and Web report. He said he is getting a series of correspondence from the Porsche Club. Details and Schedules on our website. Let Jim know if interested.

Nancy is working on the newsletter.

Confederation Report, Felix said 3 trips planned, Trip to Plantation, Dairy Queen Tour, and 4 day trip to AK, Trail of the Pig.

Old Business, Charity Presentation, if interested in volunteering, let Felix know. He will let us know if they need us.

New Business, Thank you Card for Sponsorship Trophies.

Nancy motioned to adjourn and Mary seconded.

Crescent City Corvette General Meeting at Piccadilly Cafeteria May 16, 2008

Richard Buckheister brought the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Juanita gave the Treasurer's Report and Richard gave the Membership Report. 60 Regular Memberships 115 members and associates/spouses, 3 Auxiliary Memberships, 7 Honorary Memberships. Jim Boudreaux spoke about the Porsche Club information on our website. Felix gave the Confederation Report, West Bank Plantation Trip, Dairy Queen Trip, and Eureka Springs, AK. Trip, Children's Hospital Telethon, 63 Split Window Corvette Raffle, \$100.00 chance, drawing 4th weekend in October.

Interclub Activities, Ken Kline came by to invite us to Vetts by the Shore, June 13-15, 2008, Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum, Sponsor Trophy, Felix Judging Chairman, Sat. Entertainment by Shane Tucker, Looks Like Elvis and in concert, Quality Inn is the host hotel. Sept. 5-6, River City Corvette Club Shreveport, GNOCC Poker Run May 24th, Children's Hospital Telethon, Sunday June 1st 1:00 -3:30 PM.

Felix motioned to adjourn, Bob seconded.

Crescent City Corvette Club's June 5, 2008 Board Meeting at Empress of China

Attendees: Bob and Jimmie Leeds

Myrtle Bazzell

Richard and Nancy Buckheister

Terry and Juanita Gilbert

Vic and Faith Giordano

Felix Famularo

Gordon Willhoft

Richard Buckheister brought our meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming. We then said the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of science for our troops. Felix discussed the success of the presentation of the check to our charity. Richard ask for sponsors names so we can send a thank you letter. Also discussed was sending a collage of cars with a copy of the check in the middle of the plaque. Richard spoke of the Plantation Trip and what a great time the group had. Special thanks to Buddy and Susan Gegenheimer.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed. Juanita Gilbert gave the Treasurer's Report and motion to accept.

Richard gave membership report and said no change from last month. 60 Regular Memberships, 115 members and associates/spouses, 3 Auxiliary Memberships, 7 Honorary Memberships. Richard said the newsletter should be emailed this month.

Confederation Report by Felix Famularo, 5 Dairy Queens will be on the Tour August 15-16, Eureka Springs, AK. Oct. 29-30, Nov. 1-2. Buddy and Jodi put together great tours to the Plantations and Avery Island. Juanita is planning a trip to a Casino July 26th. Time to Follow. Hollywood Casino, leave at 10:00 am, Juanita to get room rate.

Old Business, the Crawfish Boil was paid in full.

New Business, Be on the lookout for a place to have Board Meetings.

Motion to adjourn.

June 20th General Meeting at Piccadilly Cafeteria of the Crescent City Corvette Club

The June General Meeting was called to order by our president, Richard Buckheister. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of science for our troops. He welcomed Sharon and Connie Moore, Claudette with her 72 Corvette and new member Wayne Latour with his 2003 Grey Corvette Convertible. He then discussed the May 31st presentation of our donation to Children's Hospital and how some of our members manned the phones at the telethon. Also, the bulletin was emailed to the members and was aware a few of the members are still not receiving the email. He is working on getting it corrected. He also stated the meeting dates are posted on our website.

Next the reading of the minutes was dispensed and Juanita gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Bob and Felix seconded. Richard gave the membership report of 62 memberships, 117 members and associates/spouses, 3 Auxiliary Memberships and 7 Honorary Memberships. Our Merchandise and Web report was given by Jim Boudreaux. Jim said to go to the website for orders and also would appreciate pictures for our website.

Richard said our newsletter was emailed to the membership and he hoped all had seen it. He thanked Bill Folse for helping him arrange the bulletin. He also thanked Nancy for her help. He is open to suggestions for our bulletin. Also, articles would be appreciated. Nancy is thinking about having a recipe section.

Rose Marie said that St. Jude Dream Home tickets are for sale for \$100.00 per chance. On the website you look up with 70737.

Felix spoke of the Vettes by the Shore Show. 10 of our cars participated. Bob Leeds won Best of Show in the Wash & Show category, and the show

was a great success. Elvis showed up. Felix encouraged all members to go next year. Next he gave the Confederation Report. The Dairy Queen Tour will entail going to 5 Dairy Queens. The fall trip is to Eureka Springs, Arkansas and we will travel on the Trail of the Pig that is the weekend of Oct. 30-31-Nov. 1-2; details are on the Confederation Website. River Cities, Shreveport, Sept. 5-6, Oct. 18 Bayou State, NCRS is July 20-24 in Charlestown, Mo., Cruse Night, Biloxi Area,

We will celebrate June Birthday's next month. Cathy Reeves is out of town.

Old Business, discussed Vettes by the Shore

New Business, Juanita called Hollywood Casino, not available, she is now talking to The Silver Slipper, and hopefully they will furnish us 50/50 Buffet July 26th.

Plans for a Labor Day Weekend are underway for a trip to Bowling Green in 2009.

Robert Pugh won the 50/50 money.

2009 Officers and Board

The time for the nomination of the 2009 Officers and Board of the Crescent City Corvette Club will be upon us soon. The Club by-laws are located on the Website at the following link: <http://www.crescentcitycorvetteclub.com/Bylaws/CCC%20Bylaws.pdf>. Article VI describes the nominating process so please review this section. Anyone interested in running for Officer or Board member please contact Gordon Willhoft.

Final Note

I am still learning and as you will see there are no page numbers and there are a few formatting issues but I hope you have enjoyed reading this.

