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Chairman's Message

By: Michael Leeds

Hi All,

With the beautiful weather comes an increase in all Corvette related activities. The calendar year started off with the Florida Winter Regional in Orlando. We had almost 30% of our entire chapter membership in attendance. Terrific showing and a great time for all! Several of our members entered cars for PV, Sportsman, Bowtie Display, and Flight Judging. Since the last issue, I attended the Confederation of Corvette Clubs Calendar Meeting at the Comfort Suites Motel in Natchez, Mississippi. We mapped out the majority of all car club activities for the coming year to avoid as many conflicts as possible. Several members attended the Dallas Judging Retreat in February. As in the past, it was extremely well organized and very informative. I had registered for the event, but unfortunately, I ended up in the hospital as soon as we returned from Orlando. Thanks to all of you for your thoughts, calls, and prayers.

Several of our chapter members attended the Crescent City Corvette Club annual Legends show at the Boomtown Casino. The weather was absolutely gorgeous with about 171 cars and several vendors. The chapter participated through a sponsorship award that was presented to Jude Ducote for his beautiful 1970 gray convertible. The next two events this month will be the annual Corvette Fun Display at Keith Dorr's Automotive and Speed Shop in Slidell on March 18, and the Corvette & Mo-

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LA. CHAPTER NCRS MEETING DATES 2006

March 19, 2006 Logan's, Baton Rouge, LA
May 21, 2006
July 16, 2006
September 17, 2006

October 15, 2006

December 17, 2006

* Board meeting dates which will begin at 2:00PM

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Sunday, March 19, 2006, General 2:30 PM, Logan's, Baton Rouge, LA

Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

The past couple of months have been very active ones for many of our members.

In January the Florida Chapter NCRS hosted the 28th Winter Regional Meet at Old Town, in Kissimmee, Florida. As is usually the case, the weather was great and the collection of cars was even better. Once again, our Chapter was well represented. (See the group photo elsewhere in this newsletter.) Flight awards were earned as follows: Gary Cox, 1963 Coupe, Top Flight; Bill Folse, 1991 ZR1, Top Flight; Richard Hebert, 1958, Top Flight; Ken Klein, 1978, Top Flight; and Bob Leeds, 1966 Coupe, Second Flight. Performance Verification Awards were earned by: Randy Hebert, 1982; Thad LeJeune, 1970 Convertible; and James Youens, 1973 Convertible. Sportsman Award was once again presented to Jim Boudreaux. Gary Cox displayed his 1967 Bowtie convertible, and Dennis Sagramang displayed his 1961 Duntov Award winner. Congratulations to all of our award winners!!!!

Once again in February, the NCRS Judges Training Retreat was held in Dallas. The event was attended by over 170 participants, (many from the Louisiana Chapter) and over 90 Master Judges. The event expanded this year to 3 full days of classroom lectures and hands-on judging. If you were an attendee, you know what I mean when I saw WOW! Once again Roy Sinor and the NCRS Board managed to present what can only be called a great experience. You cannot attend any other NCRS event and gain the knowledge and judging experience as you can at the Judges Training Retreat. If you have not attended a judge retreat yet, try to attend in the future. You will not be disappointed.

In May, the Chapter has agreed to attend the

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FOR SALE / WANTED

For Sale: C5 Garage Sale - Stock exhaust (mufflers, pipes, tips) and stock air box cover - Free. 2.73 rear end, 6000 miles - \$100. Tuesday, January 24, 2006 8:41 AM. Contact Bob Himes at 985-785-2842.

For Sale: Set of four original 1963 Corvette wheel covers in great condition: \$200, Contact Paul at (225) 638-3381 or bddabadie@hotmail.com Wednesday, February 01, 2006 9:47 PM

For Sale: C5 Hurricane Cold Air Induction. Complete with optional oversize air bridge. \$250.00 C5 Privacy luggage compartment cover. \$75.00. C5 Lloyd's floor mats (gray coupe) \$40.00, C5 Colgan bra and mirror covers (black). \$50.00, C5 Stock floor mats (black). Come get'em. C5 Stock exhaust system w/chrome tips. Come get it. C5 Stock front rotors (rusted). Come get'em. Pictures @ <http://gnocc.com/ForSale> Contact Buddy Cook 504-888-8262 Email buddyc@deco-crete.com 3-1-06

Wanted: I am looking to purchase a pre 1968 corvette. This can either be a basket project or completed car that needs work. All cars will be considered. Please send any information and/or pictures if you know of such a car available.

Mike McCombs lmccombs@cox.net 3-5-06

Wanted: I'm looking for someone interested in restoring my 65 coupe that was flooded by Katrina. Can you help me? Tommy tommy_g@bellsouth.net Sunday, March 05, 2006 8:04 AM

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par Club Challenge better known as Vettes vs Vipers at the No Problem Raceway in Donaldsonville on March 26. It is important to support the traditional corvette clubs to garner their support for our chapter activities. Hope to see all of you at our next meeting at Logan's on the 19th.

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Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club's, Vettes by the Shore, annual Corvette show. In the past the event was held indoors at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. Due to Hurricane Katrina, this year's show will be held at the Edgewater Mall. The show will be May 20th. The Chapter has decided to make a "Road Tour" to the show. Michael Leeds will be providing the details at a later date. Check your E-mail. All should try and attend. It should be a lot of fun.

Don't forget that we will be hosting another NCRS Regional in November. Try and attend the March meeting, as we will be getting into the details of this meet.

See you in Baton Rouge, for our March Chapter meeting.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Youens
Membership Chairman

LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS—Gary Cox

Logan's in Baton Rouge, January 15, 2006

Sign in sheet was recorded.

New officers installed: Chairman – Michael Leeds, V. Chair – Bob Leeds, Treasurer – Ralph Adams, Secretary – Gary Cox

The board unanimously reelected John Maggiore as Judging Chairman, Barbara Youens as Membership Chairperson and James Youens as editor/web master.

New Business was discussed. M. Leeds gave Florida regional travel plans and numerous members planned to attend this meet..

Chapter will have a display at Vettes By the Shore, May 20. Perhaps a road tour can be planned to the event.

Chapter will plan for a spring social at John Maggiore's new home in Hammond for April or May.

A fall regional is planned and dates considered and discussed were Nov 9-11 or Oct 26-28. David Lefeaux will take to dates to National while in Florida.

The board nominated B. Roch and G. Cox for leather jackets in recognition of service as per the by laws.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

The treasury reported \$9942.90.

Judging report included a review of past activities and in general it was a good year with in-

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creased turnout. The recent mini-meet was less than some prior events and reasons were tossed about (storm), to no real conclusion.

Members were encouraged to attend the Dallas retreat if possible.

Michael Leeds has local club activities calendar for anyone with questions. He does

FLORIDA WINTER MEET

Betty and I attended the Winter Regional, January 26th – 28th, in Old Town, Kissimmee, Florida, with my 1958 290 FI Corvette entered for flight judging. Having Top Flighted in Waco, Texas, I quickly learned that everything is not in the Corvette Technical Information Manual, which I had read and followed to the letter "T". I soon repaired all the discrepancies from the Waco judging and was ready for Florida. We left Thibodaux @ 4:30 am on the 25th in our Chevy truck and a 20ft car trailer, stopping for \$50 gas fill-ups and pit stops every 150 miles. One noticeable thing along the way, was that many of the beautiful orange orchards we had seen along the highway between Ocala and Orlando have been replaced with large golf communities, which meant a lot more traffic and traffic lights that added at least another hour to the total driving time. We finally arrived in Kissimmee @ 9:00 pm.

My car was judged Friday starting promptly @ 8:00 am. If you haven't been to an NCRS Regional Meet, they are well organized and the people are always very accommodating. First up was operations and don't you know it, the fan motor didn't work, a minus 20 points. After a 5 hour barrage of judging, the car did Top Flight by the end of the day. The knowledge gained really is more important than points. At first it was hard to hear a judge explain everything that was wrong with

the car (my baby), but then I realized he was trying to help me have the best car it could be by NCRS standards.

We had a great time, meeting Corvette enthusiasts from all over the region. Louisiana was well represented with a large turn out from our local chapter. These trips have turned out to be mini vacations and we are looking forward to the St. Louis Regional in June and the NCRS National in San Antonio, in August.

Keep Waving, Richard Hebert

Top Flight Judging – From Judge to Judged

Bill Folsie

Initially, my participation in the NCRS chapter came out of curiosity and as an attraction to the Corvette. I later found that curiosity taking me head on to a place where I could see these cars at their purest level. This was the level that I just wanted to experience; I never expected to do more than admire and be an amateur judge, maybe hold the score sheets or something like that.

Judging – More Than Just Another Corvette

I attended lots of workshops and scoured the NCRS literature (which never mentioned the knee & butt pain from judging interiors). I grew up around shark cars and lots of other GM models, so I learned my way around the shark car as a teenager. I felt well prepared about the car for my first assignment on a judging team, but I still had not learned to appreciate one thing that was frequently mentioned at the workshops: the owner.

I really enjoyed judging the cars – but I enjoyed interacting with the owners even more. During the judging activities, each owner brought a huge flavor to his/her car, especially when the conversations turned back the clock to the days when these babies roamed in large numbers and ruled the planet. The experience of revisiting these

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creations as they were created is an opportunity that is shared between a small number of us, and the experience of sharing someone's prized possession in great detail is equally as unique.

The Other Side of the Coin Is A Winner Too

I have always shrugged off Flight Judging as something for someone else's old Corvette. Well, it finally hit home when it was announced that my ZR1 was eligible for flight judging. You know, it's just human nature how we don't think we're (me and my Corvette) are getting that old. After all, we still go out and eat a couple of Mustangs once in a while.

Just the same, I started thinking in terms of Flight Judging a while back and started getting ready for my first attempt at our Chapter judging meet in Baton Rouge.

Now we (me and my Corvette) are used to going to these events and the car waiting outside in the parking lot for a Sportsman ribbon or something. Never have we ever both been invited into the judging area at the same time.

Going into a judging arena, and surrounded by the cars we dream about, we felt pretty humbled. We reassured ourselves that we aren't really getting that old, are we? Well, from the ride over to the meet, at least I knew we were healthy and brave.

I knew that judging the ZR1 would be a huge undertaking for the judging team. That thing must have at least a million more parts than a shark car – I know because I cleaned every one of them.

With all the systems on this car, I knew that there would be some things that did not get by, but I never expected it to be the cigarette lighter. It was the classic problem of the one thing I didn't check. As you could imagine, the cigarette lighter worked perfectly on the way home.

Being Judged Needs Flavor Too

Just the same, getting the car through a fine tooth comb didn't turn out to be the real experience. I actually wound up on the floor with everyone else looking at things, finding numbers, and saying "I never noticed that before". I guess we (me included) kind of judged the ZR1 together. I watched John Maggiore get under the car all the way to the differential. I never saw anyone do that before.

It was a great to receive the Top Flight ribbon and the certificate. Being surrounded by the other beautiful cars in Gary's shop made it very significant, kind of historic, and very exclusive.

I consider the Chapter ribbon to be more significant than any others because it is the true symbol of being judged by a group of your



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