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Chairman's Message

By: Michael Leeds

Hi ALL! The last weeks have been filled with many fabulous Corvette activities, starting with Cruising The Coast the first week of October. The post Katrina turnout was a little low, about 4,000 of some of the most beautiful cars, trucks, and street rods from all over the US. However, the sharp contrast of the devastation and all the beautiful rolling pieces of automotive art gave a feeling of hope for total recovery. The next activity was the Bayou State, all Corvette show; there were about 100 Vettes from the Gulf South. Our Bayou State friends made us feel at home as always, A BIG thank you to all our friends from Cajun Country. The next few events I unfortunately missed due to an emergency admission to the hospital. They were as follows; The Tail of the Dragon, this was a Confederation event. The reports I received were as glowing as the fall foliage. There were in excess of 78 Vettes in attendance, this must have been one of the largest Confederation events ever. A BIG thank you to Felix and Mary for all their hard work planning a trip of this magnitude, I am sure they will tell us all the details at the next meeting. If you have not attended one of these Confederation events, you are really missing a very special time. The next event was a first for one of our fellow clubs, Contraband Corvette Club out of Lake Charles. They had their first all Corvettes show which many of our Louisiana Chapter members attended and from what I heard all had a blast and took home some serious hardware to boot. By the way, who said an NCRS car cannot compete in a show and shine show. The last car club event unfortunately fell on the same weekend as our Cajun Regional, the Cajun Corvette Club's Thibodauxville Car Show. The problem was due to us taking over the Regional from Texas after they took over the National Convention due to Katrina.

The next and last event was our very own Cajun Regional. First let me say, a HUGE thank you to all our members that worked so very hard to make this one of the best ever. Also, thank you to all our sponsors that paid for the judge's meals and last but definitely not least our guests that traveled from all over to have fun with us.

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LA. CHAPTER NCRS MEETING DATES 2006

December 17, 2006

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

REMINDER: NOMINATIONS FOR NEW

OFFICERS WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Sunday December 17, 2006, Logan's Roadhouse, Baton Rouge, LA 2:30 PM

Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

It's hard to believe, but two years ago our Chapter was making plans to host the 2006 NCRS National Convention. Mother Nature washed away those plans, but things have a way of working out. We all know that the Texas Chapter stepped up and hosted the 2006 Convention. Because of that, LA NCRS was asked to host a Regional to close out 2006. That honor usually goes to Texas and the Waco Regional Meet. Shorthanded, our membership elected to take the challenge. I must say, what a good choice we made.

The 8th Annual Louisiana Chapter NCRS Cajun Meet was a huge success and for those who missed out on all the fun, shame on you. Wednesday night, instead of the usual boiled crawfish, (out of season) our Meet Chairman, David Lefeaux did a *coushoun de lait* with all the sides. Did I spell that correctly? Roasted pig is easier to spell. I heard no complaints from the thirty plus early arrivals.

Before noon of Thursday, proud car owners began arriving for their Ops judging. Once this phase of the judging was completed, the cars were moved into the 4-H building and placed on the judging field. By afternoon's end, twenty-two (22) Corvettes, ranging from 1957 to 1982 were poised for Friday's and Saturday's *Flight* judging. Additionally, nine (9) owners were registered for *Performance Verification* judging. Once the judging was completed on Saturday, sixteen (16) *Top Flight* and six (6) *Second Flight* awards were earned. Additionally, two (2) owners passed the rigorous *Performance Verification* judging. Congratulations to all.

Displays, we had plenty of those. There were five (5) *Bowtie* cars, five (5) *Duntov* cars, one (1) *McLellan* car, seventeen (17) *Sportsman* cars, two (2) *Founder* cars, and one (1) '86 Pace Car, go-cart.

Longest distance tailored was 1,100 miles. The same driver and car driven 695 miles won longest distance driven for the third time.

Judging school, we had those also. Thursday's judging "101" was attended by over forty (40) members. While Friday's and Saturday's advanced judging school, conducted by Terry McManmon, was attended by over twenty (20) members.

Actual event results can be viewed on our Chapter web site.

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FOR SALE / WANTED

For Sale: 1979 Corvette Coupe, AC, AM/FM Stereo, Automatic Trans, CD Player, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt /Telescopic. This is a L82 Corvette Coupe with a high performance engine (3 speed, Turbo-Hydromatic). This car has an Edelbrock manifold and 4 bbl carburetor with duel exhaust and flowmaster mufflers. The interior has new upholstered seats and door panels. On the right front plastic bumper there is a paint blister about the size of a nickel. The tires are nearly new, they have about 90% wear still left on them. The car has 131,000 miles but the motor has less than 8,000 miles on it. It is a good car all in all and it does drive well. This is a sporty, fun car to drive and with a little TLC will even make it better. Black /Black and Grey interior.

Car is located in Bossier City, Louisiana--NW corner of the state. \$9000.00

Any questions... please call...Victor or Sandra Kunce, 318-742-4593 or 318-564-9991, sandra1956@cox.net, Monday, November 13, 2006 1:15 PM

For Sale: 1980 I had it painted Magnetic Red with ghost flames. I also had the factory wheels, and rocker panel chromed. I added a electric fan to make the AC work better. The extras that go with it are; car cover with bag, floor and cargo mats, cup holder, arm rest, detail bag with 1980 Corvette embroidered on it, books manuals etc. It has the original drive train with the 350 engine, auto trans, p/w, p/l, p/s, tilt & tele steering. The selling price is \$14,500.00 and all *reasonable* offers will be considered.

Markel Andrepont, Lake Charles. La., H-337-625-4908, C-337-526-7633, mhandrepont@peoplepc.com

For Sale: I have a chrome cover for distributor etc for 1962 and the fiberglass panel underneath the passenger side dashboard for a 1962, if anyone wants them let me know. Cheap, real cheap. 1962 went down in Katrina so I have no need for them.

Tim C Holleman, tim@boyceholleman.com, November 14, 2006 2:08:09 PM CST

For Sale: 1978 Vette that I cannot keep up. I've owned it since 1994 and it has never been flooded or wrecked. It runs well, but needs a good bit of work including an electrical problem that's draining the battery. I just had a baby and it's not practical for me to keep anymore. Do you know anyone who might be interested in buying it?

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You can contact me at 504-908-5318 or my husband Hector at 504-914-5318. Michelle Laines, michelle_laines@yahoo.com, Wed, 15 Nov 2006 11:14:47

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Barbara Youens

At the present time the LA Chapter consist of 93 paid members. It is coming to the close of the year and time to renew your membership, please be on the watch for your renewal form or go to the Website and download the membership application form and update your information. Please fill out the form completely and mail with your dues, this is to make sure the current records are correct. The chapter gained 8 new members at our Regional meet, they are as follows: Ted Gloppe / Natchez, MS; Tom & Alisa Green / Rolla, MO; Bill King / Kilgore, TX; Kirk Legendre / Lafayette, LA; Jim Loughlin / Mendham, NJ; Jack Mann, JR. / Carthage, MS; Larry & Susan Murphy / Dover, OH & Darrell & Deanna Suber / Long Beach, MS – WELCOME ONE AND ALL. I have served 2 terms as Membership Chairman and have enjoyed it but it is time for me to pass the hat, so if anyone of you would like to take this position please contact Michael Leeds, the position will need to be taken over at the next meeting due to renewal membership forms going out in December. I will have all of the information with me at the next meeting. Thanks to all of you for your help and support.

Barbara Youens
Membership Chairman

Simple Logistics, My Dear

By Carl Hamilton

When Hope overheard me tell Mike Leeds that I would bring three cars to the meet in Gonzales because the turnout was looking a little slim, she said “how on earth are you going to get three corvettes over there? Are you nuts?” I said “well, I don’t know exactly how I am going to do it, but I will figure it out”.

It turned out to be fairly simple since I was already planning to stay in my motor home on the Lamar-Dixon property. I towed the red 91 ZR-1 behind the motor home on an open trailer, an employee drove my pickup with the enclosed trailer carrying the ZO6. Another employee followed with a car to take that driver back to the coast. I then unloaded the ZO6, left it parked at Lamar-Dixon and drove to Lafayette with the enclosed trailer to pick up the 59 which had been at Mark Kinler’s shop for a while.

I figured Sunday would be the complicated day since I would then have all three cars and a motor home to deal with. Somehow it will all fall into place I said to everyone who asked. To further gum up the works, the ZO6 came out of the trailer with a flat tire! The chief architect of this logistical nightmare had carelessly let an axle strap crush the valve stem/pressure gauge on the right rear tire. Mike was able to pick up a new valve stem on his way out of New Orleans and luckily, there was a tire dealer in Gonzales that had the equipment to install the new stem.

Sunday, Mike drove my truck with the 59 to his house in River Ridge, Deanna Suber drove my ZO6 to her house in Long Beach, and I drove the motor home towing the 91 to Ocean Springs. On Monday, Mike and Joan delivered the 59 back to Lafayette to Mark’s shop for a little more touch up. So you see, “just simple logistics, my dear!”

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Tom "Mr. C5" Diermann takes a spin in a 1986 Pace Car and yes that is a real tattoo.



Terry McManmon does his usual fine job with the Advanced Judging School. He's right at home with the C3's.



Ken Smith's 1969 shines as usual



The judging



Lael Huffstutler takes a spin



Only in LA

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I would like to thank all of our members and friends that worked so hard to make the Meet a success. I would also like to thank Roy Sinor, all the National Team Leaders, judges, and tabulators for their hard work. With out them, there can be no Meet.

Everyone that worked so hard to make this year's meet a success has a lot to be proud of. By far this was our biggest and best meet and those who missed the meet, believe me, you missed out on what should have been the best Corvette weekend of your life. Everyone worked hard, but it was worth it. All that attended the awards banquet were rewarded with what was, by far; our best and most unusual banquet meal ever. The compliments heard from our guests, made all the hard work worthwhile.

See you at the next meeting.

Terry Borne 2 nd
Bill Moore 2 nd

68 - 69

Bob Coons Top
Ken Smith Top

70 - 72

Ed Bedore Top
David King Top
Patrick Moresi Top
Tony Woodard Top
Dennis Mowers 2 nd

78 - 82

Ben Lane Top
Ken Sleeper Top

PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION

Sidney Echols PASS
Thomas Murphy PASS

SPORTSMAN

Ralph Adams 2001	Marshall Barber 1989
Robert Binder 1986	Jim Boudreaux 2002
Roland Boudreaux 2002	Bruce Clark 1973
Sherri Demmel 2003	Tom Diermann 1999
Bill Folse 1991	Carl Hamilton 2006
Bob Leeds 1993	John Luther 1957
Beverly McCutcheon 1969	John O'Haire 1972
Roy Sinor 2007	Darrell Suber 1995

DISPLAY

Bowtie Display:

Randy Hebert	1982	CP
Keith Melebeck	1967	R
Phillip Pitalo	1978	CP

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NCRS JUDGING EVENT RESULTS

Cajun Meet, Gonzales, LA, November 9-11,

2006

FLIGHT JUDGING

56 - 57

Terry Gilbert 2 nd

58 - 60

Brad Kasten 2 nd

61 - 62

David Thomas Top

Hank Rossi 2 nd

65 - 66

Sidney Echols Top

Tim & Carla Ehlers Top

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Gary Cox Top

Phillip Ezell Top

Mike Hicks Top

Patrick Sullivan Top

Julius Wright Top

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John Thibodeaux 1963 CP

Tony Woodard 1971 CP

Duntov Display:

Bob Reeves 1965 R

John Thibodeaux 1971 R

Donna Woods 1971 R

James Youens 1960 R

James Youens 1973 R

McLellan Display:

Carl Hamilton 1991 CP

Founders Display:

Michael Leeds 1972 R

John Maggiore 1962 R

Longest Distance Trailered

Ken Sleeper 1,100 miles Garrett, Indiana

Longest Distance Driven

John Luther 695 miles Palm Coast, Florida

Body: (list 1963 & up): **CP**=Coupe **R**= Convertible

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The event started Wednesday evening with a Coushon de lait "Pig Roast". This was enjoyed by all our members that were setting up and guests who arrived early. A HUGE thank you to David Lefeaux, our chapter chef.

Thursday was a very busy day; all NCRS show cars had to be on the show field by 3:00 PM. Before that could happen, all registration paper work had to be checked first. BIG thank you to Vicki Diermann, registration chairperson and also to Jodie LeJeune for our beautiful nametags. The next stop was to have their VIN and proof of insurance verified to match with the judging sheets. This job falls on our own Judging Chairman John Maggiore. But before that, many hours were spent filling out paper work, picking judging

teams and forming the schedule for the cars to be judged, Thank You John.

The next step, all judged cars needed to be operation checked. This can be very time consuming and it never fails to amaze me that a car can be checked before it leaves home and everything works 100%, but the strange thing is, it will not work when it arrives. I guess not enough homage to the Corvette Gods or maybe just Murphy's Law.

Thursday evening was the bus trip to the French Quarter. This was the first time I had a chance to join our guests on this trip and "It won't be the last". We had a great time visiting with new and old friends. We arrived in the French Quarter to meet Felix and Mary and then the group headed off to dinner. A few went for oysters at Acme House and the rest of us went to Ralph and Kacoo's. We meet up after dinner for a walk up and down Bourbon Street then finished the night with coffee and beignets at **Café du Monde**; then it was back on the bus. Even the bus trip home was fun. Thanks to Barbara Youens and Felix and Mary for planning the evening.

Early Friday morning was the Judge's breakfast at 7:00 am. Thanks to Brenda Lefeaux for setting up such a good meal. Owners meeting at 8:00 am and then it was time for Judging, 8:15 am to 4:00 pm; 1953-55, 1958-60, 1963-64, 1965-67, 1968-69, 1978-82, and 1984-86, a very busy day.

Saturday early morning was Judge's breakfast at 7:00 am, then it was time for Judging, 8:15 am to 4:00 pm; 1956-57, 1961-62, 1966, 1970-72, 1973-77, and 1987-91.

As a very nice treat, we were chosen to test judge one of the first 1993 40th anniversary Cars; this was done to test the new manuals. These cars will be judged starting in November 2007, if all goes well. Thanks to Tom Barr, team leader and Bob Leeds our Vice Chairman for bringing his beautiful 1993, 40th ruby car.

The other activities going on Saturday were, a Swap Meet and our Open Car Show.

The show attendance was low due to the Thibodauxville Car Show. But there were still some drop dead beautiful cars to see. A BIG thank you to Jim Boudreaux for all his work putting this part of the event together.

Saturday night at the awards banquet the food in a word was, WOW!!

A 10 item dinner that was a real '10', once again, Thank you Brenda.

In closing, this event seemed to me it was over in a

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flash, what a great time. But how could you go wrong with the team we had. We are a small group but VERY HARD WORKING. We may have an occasional speed bump but we always work it out. We all strive for a common goal, to share a good time with our friends.

This is a very special group that I feel honored to be a part of.

All I can say is, **THANK YOU ALL FOR A FANTASTIC JOB.**

If I missed anyone, I am sorry.

See you at the next meeting 12/17/2006

PS. Thank you to a special friend that brought out his beautiful 1957 for all of us to enjoy, it mint a lot to many of us.

Michael E Leeds
 2006 La Chapter Chairman
 NCRS 31462
 La Charter member # 46



Stan Falenski has corrected the editor about the color. The previous article should have read, SALMON. Forgive me, ED



Roy's Ride



More C2 judging, member Fenwick Binder checks it out

Thanks to the following for contributing pictures, Jodie LeJeune, Vicki Diermann, David King DVM and Jim Bienvenu. ED

MENTOR PROGRAM

Start thinking how we should handle the mentor program. This program would assign an experienced NCRS member to help the new guys understand the organization, especially the judging, award categories and the goals of National and Chapter in helping everyone enjoy the hobby.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TEXAS CHAPTER FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE MEET WITH

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