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### Chairman's Message

By: Michael Leeds

Hi All! The National Convention and Road Tour for 2006 was a booming success and is now history. There were upwards of 168 registered cars and some of the nicest in the country. The chapter was extremely well represented with over 49% of our total membership in attendance with 29% receiving either Flight, Founders, Duntov, Sportsman, Bowtie, McClellan, PV awards or multiple awards. We ate at the Texas Land & Cattle Company and the Casa Rios Restaurant as a group which were arranged by Felix Famarulo who did a magnificent job as usual. If you never have been to the Nationals, it is an opportunity to visit and see the best of the best.

The National Road Tour this year was my third and compared very favorably to previous tours. John and Dale Maggiore, Bill Folve my nephew and I met up with the tour in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The next morning we traveled to Longview, Texas to the "Automotive & Memorabilia Museum of Doyle. Highlights included a 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck on a 96 Silverado chassis with a LS-1 power plant, a new Ford GT 40, and many muscle cars and vettes from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. The next day we arrived at The Speedway Club where we dined at the Speedway Club, at The Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. We did "Hot Laps" on the track and traveled to Cleburne, Texas to car barn of a fellow NCRS member who owns seven plus L-88's and many beautiful Big Block mid-years. We finally met up with the balance of the road tours in Fredericksburg, Texas for a welcome reception and dinner. The next morning we traveled as a group to San Antonio where the cars were staged by year and paraded to the Convention Center led by a group of 1956 corvettes which were the featured cars for this year.

We would also like to thank Gary Cox again for the use of his gorgeous garage for our August meeting that was very well attended, and included several new members. The next meeting will be at Logan's Roadhouse on September 17 at 2:30. This is a very important meeting with our Regional Meet fast approaching on November 9. I hope to see all of you at this meeting.

### LA. CHAPTER NCRS MEETING DATES 2006

September 17, 2006, 2:30 PM Logan's Roadhouse  
October 15, 2006  
November 9-11, 2006 Regional @ Gonzales, LA  
December 17, 2006

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

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

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

## Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggiore

The 2006 NCRS Nation Convention is history. Almost half of our Chapter members attended the San Antonio National and walked away with numerous awards. Members were awarded; 5 Dunton Awards, 2 McLellan Awards, 2 Bowtie Awards, 1 Three Star Award, 1 Cross Flag Award, 1 Performance Verification Award, 4 Top Flight Awards, 6 Founder Awards, and 2 Sportsman Awards. Additionally, 2 members reached the Master Judging Level, and 1 member reached the 200 Level. I dare to say it was a very successful meet for our members. Detailed results can be viewed on our web site.

Getting to a National meet is always half the fun. Once again this year I joined the National Road Tour, this year accompanied by my wife, Dale. Along with Michael Leeds and his nephew Miguel, and Bill Folse, we joined the Florida group, headed by Ron and Lauren Ramsey, in Hattiesburg, MS. From there we traveled to Longview, TX where Tom Ames arranged a tour of the garage of *Mr. Whataburger*. Jammed full of cars and memorabilia, it was sight to behold. The next day it was off to Dallas, where we were joined by the other legs of the road tour. We all had dinner at the Texas Motor Speedway Club, followed the next day by laps around the track. Need I say more! Sorry if you missed this one. After the laps it was off to Chris Piscitello's shop and collection for lunch. From there, participants were on their own to Fredericksburg. On the way Michael and I made a side stop at a salvage yard full of pre '70's cars and trucks. It was like a step back in time. The next day it was off to San Antonio. If you have never seen seventy plus Corvettes winding through the countryside, believe me, it is awesome. If you ever have a chance to participate in the National Road Tour, do it. You won't regret it.

Registration of cars for our Regional meet is slowly shaping up. Presently we have 3 *Flight*

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## FOR SALE / WANTED

**For Sale:** 1986 Greenwood Edition, 85,000 original miles, 350, 4 speed with , COLD A/C, everything works, new top last year. Please call me for additional information. Dean Hall, GNOCC, 504.628.8008

**For Sale:** '05 Corvette and buying a new Z06. The '05 is loaded with the performance package (vented brakes, etc.), 6 speed, navigation system, removable hardtop, power everything, new rear tires. It has 25,000 miles (all highway from my Lafayette to Dallas commute) and I am asking \$38,500. The color is Victory Red. Monday, July 17, 2006 1:57 PM, HAL POMMIER, Office- 337.984.1627, Cell- 337.380.8554

**For Sale:** 1997 Corvette, automatic transmission ,maroon color, both tops, the tinted clear one and the solid one, spare cat back standard Corvette exhaust system, spare set of slightly used rear brake drums (about 1200 miles on them), a front and rear wheel that are slightly bent from hitting a pot hole on I-10, (these are fixable for about \$150 each.), New ones are about \$1300 for the two, car cover, Helm shop manual, and copy of the original build sheet for the car. 33,700 actual miles, \$20,000 for all. Monday, July 17, 2006 7:46 AM, Mickey Christensen, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-275-9516 (home), 225-273-4972 (work), 225-205-7559 (cell), [tqmiso@eatel.net](mailto:tqmiso@eatel.net)

**For Sale:** 1954, RED, Corvette project car for sale in Atlanta, \$32K. It's all there except the trans, has a manual trans, still has the blue flame with all the carbs. He wants \$32K for the car. His contact email is [clesel6809@aol.com](mailto:clesel6809@aol.com) Thursday, August 10, 2006 7:42 PM, I do not know Corvettes so contact him not me. Paul Chichester, 770 457-7860

**For Sale:** C6 2005 Black Coupe, Black Interior, 8000 miles, Automatic, 6 disc changer, Heated seats, Heads Up, Mint Condition, Never wrecked, \$39,500.00. Eddie can be reached at 985-969-8383, Mandeville Louisiana, Monday, August 14, 2006 3:27 PM

**For Sale:** 2004 Commemorative Edition Z06, Garage kept, less than 1,000 miles, Only mod is slotted rotors, Take over notes, balance is 31,500.00 firm. Contact Ralph Adams for additional information. Wednesday, August 16, 2006 7:15 AM, Ralph, [postmaster@gnocc.com](mailto:postmaster@gnocc.com)

**For Sale:** 1966 Corvette, white convertible with a black top, Perfect condition, 4 speed, Hurst Shifter. 350 chromed out motor, black interior (original). All gauges work except the clock, PS, dual exhaust Aluminized, Mako Shark Front. Have a pretty good set of mtce. records. Paint is in

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very good condition. 4 new tires. Very Clean and runs perfectly. The car is located in Slaughter, La about 15 miles north of Baton Rouge. Asking \$33,500 without the air and 34,500 with air. OBO. call me 225-654-2763 or 225-202-0078 (C), George Remmetter, [Remmetter00@aol.com](mailto:Remmetter00@aol.com) August 21, 2006 6:28 AM

**For Sale:** 2000 Corvette Convertible, 23,000 miles garage kept, loaded, Black exterior Torch Red interior ,automatic, excellent condition asking \$29,000. Call Emitt Mc Adams, home 261-8578, work 261-4166, 8-28-06

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER OF THE NCRS

Baton Rouge - Saturday, August 19, 2006

Introductions were made.

Ralph Adams reported the Treasury has a balance of \$6023 on July 24.

Barbara reported a new member from New Zealand. Welcome.

James Youens reported the web site has been updated. 49% of the chapter members were present at the recent National Convention.

A brief discussion was held regarding reporting data for the chapter awards program. Mike Leeds solicited volunteers for this because the secretary is lacking here.

Mike Leeds reported a hotel block has been secured for the Florida Regional.

Remaining discussion centered on planning for the Fall Regional (FR).

Jim Boudreaux provided a handout (included) and

led discussion re the open car show. James will supply mailing list to Jim.

Vicki reported 15 registrations. A bus tour to NO is planned for Thursday pm.

Help is needed with marketing and advertising. Bob Reeves will contact Jerry Lane re major sponsorship.

A motion to not have a Friday pm cruise in event carried overwhelmingly.

A feast is planned for wed evening for all workers. James will ensure success.

Gary Mortimer is being considered as a guest speaker.

Felix is taking care of t-shirts.

Ralph will assist Jim with parking planning.

Fenwick Binder volunteered to head up the Gate duties.

Jodi will take care of the name tags for the 7<sup>th</sup> year.

TNT, i.e. Thad and Jodi, Bayou Fabricated Products, i.e. David and Brenda, Gary Cox MD, and Phil Ezell each pledged \$500 towards judges meals.

John O'Haire suggested a possible mentor program and tech sessions.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Barbara Youens

Current membership stands at 83 with the addition of our newest members: Gram & Veronica McDonald of New Zealand. A big **AaaaYieeee** to ya!!

Anytime anyone wants to pay in advance for their membership, you are welcome to do so at \$20.00 per year for as many years as you like.

See you at the Regional in Gonzales.

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**RICKY, BOBBY GOES TO CONVENTION**

I'm a 4 year member of NCRS Louisiana Chapter. My wife said, "Ricky, if you can get a co-driver to the convention, then I'll stay home and watch the house & the horses".

So Ricky got Bobby to make the drive. Ricky thought he could make a few last minute repairs to the car and Murphy's Law wouldn't bite him! The car needed a starter brace and shield, which were missing from the car.

Ricky dove under the car to look things over, "I only moved that one big black wire".

Ricky went to start the car to put it in his trailer to take it to Bobby's house so repairs could be made. The engine started but an awful sound also joined in, it was the starter still grinding away. Ricky tried to shut the car off; he even took the keys out of the ignition, but the car still kept running. Finally Ricky reached behind the seat and disconnected the battery cable. "Murphy, take a hike please"! Every time the cable was reattached the starter would grind away. Ricky called his mini-mentor James Y. who said the wires are arcing. Ricky realigned the wires on the solenoid (3 times) and finally the cable could be connected without any grinding.

The next day, Saturday (2 days before road trip) Ricky took his car to Bobby's house. We had planned on fixing the windshield washer that wouldn't pump any water. Well, when Ricky started the car at Bobby's house the car lost all its vacuum. After studying the assembly manual till we were blue in the face, Ricky removed the trim panel below the steering column and saw the vacuum line had fallen off its fitting. "Houston, this is Ricky & Bobby, we have vacuum"! We never could get that washer to work.

We left for San Antonio that Monday morning. The plan was to drive the corvette at least 200 miles towards the flight judging score. Ricky stopped near Beaumont at a truck stop not realizing the 6" drop in the pavement. The tire carrier got a nice bump.

We ate lunch at I-Hop and went next door to Office Depot to buy our letters for the back of the trailer. We needed our names Ricky & Bobby on the trailer.

It was synchronicity that *Talladega Nights* grand premier was to be opening on Friday the week of convention; this is the same day, Friday, that Ricky's car would be flight judged. Ricky and Bobby arrived in San Antonio Monday night, parked the trailer at Ricky's cousin's house and went to eat at Hooter's (Get 'R Done).

Tuesday morning the car was washed and we went to put our name (letters) on the trailer. Now Bobby thought the names were to honor some past NASCAR famous drivers. Ricky said, "No Bobby it's the name of the driver Ricky Bobby", like in the new movie. Bobby was still shaking his head.

We drove to downtown, got lost 3 times and arrived for operation check and parking. We knew the washer was a 25 point hit, but when the judge said, "It's a quartz clock", Ricky went into panic mode. "25 points- you got to be kidding me". Now a friend of Ricky's had recently given him a correct lighter element (63 Casio), which Ricky had stuck in the car a few weeks before. Ricky pushed in the lighter and it immediately jumped back out. Tried it three times. The judge started to do that 25-point deal when Ricky said, "Give me a moment". Ricky put the lighter on the pavement and adjusted it's housing with his foot. After 2 or 3 tweaks, the lighter stayed seated. It finally popped up glowing a minute later!! YES!!

Well when they finally reviewed the operation list, Ricky's total was 25 points for the clock. In all the confusion or it was a sympathy calculation that they missed the washer points!!

The car parked next to Ricky's, the whole convention week, was a 1972 gray big block convertible. When Ricky first met the owner on Tuesday her name was Melissa Neiman. Ricky asked, "So you brought the car out for you and your husband"? She replied, "Why would you say that"? Ricky's quick mind said, "It's the middle of the week and I thought your husband couldn't get off work to bring the car". (Ricky sticks accelerator pedal in mouth) Melissa replied, "It's my car. Owned it the last 5 years, do most of the work on it".

Ricky found out later that morning that Melissa's profession is a Neurosurgeon. Melissa's car got 70 points off, 25 for clock etc. on ops check. We all moved indoors on Wednesday. Now Ricky didn't read his registration agenda so Ricky and Bobby missed the Tuesday night reception.

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Bobby's registration had to be done at the convention cause Ricky sent it in post-marked 2 days late. Bobby tried to pay the \$100, but they couldn't verify Bobby's NCRS # 1972. Ricky's car is a 1972. After back and forth with registration, Ricky was told to pay only \$30 and let Bobby be a guest. (Whatever)

#### LET THE FLIGHT JUDGING BEGIN

Melissa's gray metal flake had too big of flakes. She took a 120-point hit on paint. On our way home towards Houston later that week, we tried to give her a radio handle. We liked "Old Gray Mare". She vetoed that one and selected "Big Flakes" as her handle.

Melissa stood tall on minimal points off. Ricky did pretty well. He especially liked the 400-point judge, a nice woman (retired NY cop, now a real estate agent in Arizona), when she said, "Starter, shield & brace all look good"! Ricky said to himself, "Thank you Mr. Murphy". Saturday's banquet was very nice. Both Ricky & Melissa got Top Flight, a lot of smiles all around. Big Flakes wanted to leave the banquet 20 minutes early but Ricky said "If you bail out now, we wouldn't caravan with her to Houston in the morning". She stayed to the end. Each table had a hand made table centerpiece, which was awarded to the person whose birthday was the month of January, you guessed it, and Big Flakes won the centerpiece. She told Ricky, "I owe you one".

Convention was a blast. Ricky wants to thank the mentors that helped him along the way. Ricky learned many interesting things about NCRS and it's convention activities, tech classes and it's many wonderful members.

Ricky (alias John O'Haire), Bobby (alias Jerry Dennies)

P.S. We all lost a well-known outstanding NCRS member named John Woods. 1971 Mille Miglia Red car (see Corvette Restorer #32, Spring 2006). Ricky kept reading that issue the past few weeks. Ricky put John Woods' name on Ricky's trailer that week. Synchronicity! It reads: DRIVE ON JOHN WOODS

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cars, 1 P.V., 1 *Sportsman*, and 4 display cars. If you are planning on attending, which I know you are, please send in your registration now so that I can get a count of cars, and judges. The longer you wait to register, the harder it is to plan for the judging. So get those registrations in now!

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

#### LOUISIANA CHAPTER MEMBERS SWEEP NATIONAL CONVENTION EVENT

The first ever National Convention Pinewood Derby Championship was held in San Antonio recently as part of the children's program. Ms. Joan Burnett and her team of volunteers does an excellent job of providing a rich and rewarding program for our younger members. This years highlight was a pine-wood derby competition held on Wednesday afternoon.

Aaron Melebeck, son of Beth and Keith Melebeck

of Abbeville scored top flight in the boys division while Caroline Cox took second flight and Catherine Cox took third flight in the girls competition. Catherine also took home the trophy for the "Most Creative Design" for her prototype blue "lightening dog" racecar. Caroline and Catherine are the daughters of Elizabeth and Gary Cox of Baton Rouge.

Congratulations to all the Louisiana Champions.



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## LOUISIANA CHAPTER NATIONAL AWARDS

San Antonio, Texas August 1-5, 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Car</u>	<u>Awards</u>
Jim Bienvenu	1965	Founders
Roland Boudreaux	2002	Sportsman
Brady Como	1954	Bowtie Display
Sherri Demmel	2003	Sportsman
Bob Demmel	1971	Founders
Felix Famularo	2000	Sportsman
Bill Folse	1991	Performance Verification
Carl Hamilton	1991	McLellan
Randy Hebert	1982	Bowtie McLellan 200 Judging Level
Michael Leeds	1972	Founders
Thad & Jodie LeJeune	1970	Duntov
David King	1967	Duntov
Teresa King	982	Top Flight
John Maggiore	1962	Founders
Art McNay	1964	Founders
Glorie McNay	1976	Founders
Tim Mickey	1965	Duntov
Keith Melebeck	1967	Bowtie Display
Tom Murphy	1990	Top Flight
John O'Haire	1972	Top Flight
Dennis Sagamang	1961	Duntov Display Founders
	Longest Distance Driven	3,959 Miles Top Flight Sam Folse Award
Gilbert Scrivner	1956	Duntov Display
	1984	Year of '56 Participant McLellan Display Cross Flag Award
Roy Sinor	1965	Bowtie Duntov

Toby Taylor	Master Judging Level
John Thibodeaux	1971 NCRS 3 Star Duntov
James & Barbara Youens	1973 Duntov

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU  
FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUCCESS**

**Ed**



From the Road Tour: Bill Folse meets Mr. Whataburger



From the Road Tour: John Maggiore and Michael Leeds check out an interesting graveyard.



Road Warrior at Convention

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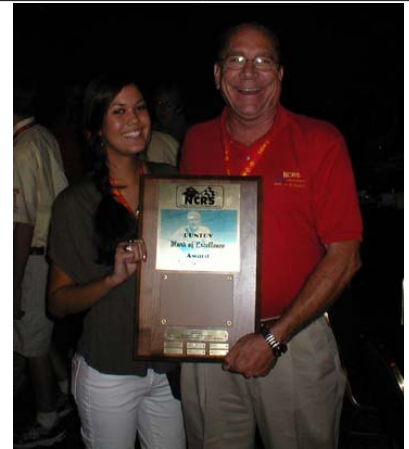
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Teresa & David King



Thad & Jodi LeJeune



Krista Quiroga & Tim Mickey



Dennis Sagamang



Some members had more fun than others, Stan Falenski comes out in pink ???



Randy & Susan Hebert



Carl Hamilton



Bill Folsie



Big Flake & John O'Haire

# THE AWARDS

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Guess the car's owner



Lexy



Pumpkin



File'



Five Star Bowtie



Red Rules



Carl's Z & Psycho



Silver Phoenix



Lucky



No Name

THE



Did they make any 1967 Small Block cars?

CARS



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