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President's Column

Hello everyone and welcome to summer.....Just a short note to bring you up to date. Our Fifth birthday party was a huge success. Our

thanks to everyone that helped out in preparing the food and to those that brought all the delicious desserts. It's hard to believe that the club is already 5 years in the making. It seems like yesterday we were just getting started. My thanks to all that have supported the club over the past 5 years. Let's make the next 5 years just as good.

Several activities have taken place since our last newsletter. You can read all about them in this issue. And stay tuned to your club website and the calendar of events for all the upcoming activities in the area.

Still no word yet on when Hood Chevrolet will be relocating to their new store. But, when they do, we plan to make their grand opening a big gala event. Hopefully, we can fill their front lot with Corvettes. I will keep everyone posted as to the progress of their move.

Don't forget to check the website often, as new information is posted regularly to keep everyone informed. There are a lot of upcoming events. Check the website calendar for a complete list of activities.

I will make this one short, so, until we seen you out and about, keep the shiny side up and the wheels moving forward.

See ya soon,
Sal



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Mark & Rose Aucoin

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2005 Red Vette

David & Tina McGinnis

Slidell, LA

2000 Yellow Convertible

Bill & Karen Noonan

Abita Springs, LA

2006 Black Convertible

Sal & Lisa Stabile

Hammond, LA

2003 Silver Z06

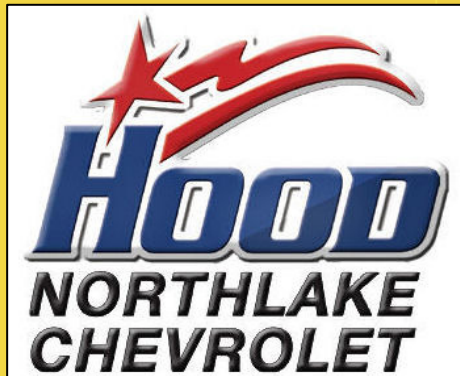
JULY'S MEETING

Phil's Marina Café

Thursday,
July 17, 2008
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5:30 P.M. Dinner
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St. Jude Labor of Love Car Show

On a chilly day of April 5, 2008, the Baton Rouge Corvette Club held its annual St. Jude Labor of Love Car Show in Plaquemine, Louisiana. The wonderful car show had over 140 cars, trucks and antique vehicles participating in the event. They were attractively displayed along the grassy areas of the Plaquemine Locks.

At the end of the show, awards were given out in many categories such as Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior and several other categories. The BEST OF SHOW coveted award went to Michael Leeds for his NCRS, beautiful Ontario Orange C-3 convertible. Congratulations, Michael, for winning this high honor!! Another special perk from this car show was the beautiful wooden plaques, with a picture of each owner's car in it. They are always very tastefully done and a fine memento of participation in this car show.

The proceeds of this very worthwhile Car Show go to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The Corvette Clubs from all over the state often pool their donations to present large amounts to the hospital each and every year.

Following the car show, several members of the Greater New Orleans Corvette Club, Crescent City Corvette Club, and Northshore Corvette Club caravanned to Donaldsonville to dine at the Grapevine Restaurant. The food and friendship were very good.

It was a lovely way to spend time with friends, display our beautiful vehicles, and contribute to a very worthwhile cause. Looking forward to next year!

Kathy Culbertson

BOOMTOWN LEGENDS CAR SHOW

On a beautiful Saturday of March 8, 2008, the Crescent City Corvette Club held its annual Legends Open Car show. Although the day started out very COLD, the weather warmed up and the sun shone brightly on the highly polished cars, trucks and one motorcycle. There were about 144 vehicles in the show and the Corvettes were judged separately from the other cars and trucks. There were 22 Car Clubs represented in this well organized and fun-filled open car show.

The show not only had beautiful cars, trucks and motorcycles on display, but there were several nice vendors and quality goody bags. Among the great items in the goody bags were ceramic cups, coffee, and beignet mix, generously donated by Joe Mesa of Café Du Monde fame. There were also wonderful items on display for the 50/50 ticket draw and money draw at the Award Ceremony at the end of the show. Another really nice perk were the buffet coupons for a Buy One and Get One Free buffet.

At the end of the show many beautiful acrylic plaques were given to deserving vehicle enthusiasts. There was also a "Travelled the Farthest" cash award given to Dan and Janet Gallineau, who drove down from Pineville. The one motorcycle participant received a beautiful trophy with an eagle on it. Numerous awards were presented to Corvettes and other vehicles for Best Engine, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best In Class, and Best In Show. The Greater New Orleans Corvette Club won the award for most participants in the car show. Among one of the best ideas for the show were plaques with a picture of the owners by their vehicles. Bill Folse did a wonderful job of staging the vehicles and taking the pictures, too.

This Legends Car Show was a most enjoyable and fun event. There was always something exciting to see or do and the prizes and vehicles displayed were very entertaining. I want to commend the President of the Crescent City Corvette Club, Richard Buckheister and the First Lady, Nancy, for organizing this wonderful show. The Crescent City Board of Directors and members, under the able leadership of Gordon Wilhoft, did a professional job of coordinating every aspect of the show to make it perfect. Congratulations, Gordon!!!

We look forward to another great annual Legends Car Show next year in March.

Kathy Culbertson

NSCC Members Make Generous Contribution to Vettes by the Shore Car Show Charity

I would like to mention that at the Vettes by the Shore car show, Chad and Jill Barnett received the "Hard Luck" Award. To make a long story short, they entered both of their Vettes in the show. One of the Vettes was in the paint shop and the painter promised that it would be ready by show time; but it wasn't. They placed a picture and a die cast model in the car's spot and told their story. They did not want their registration fee returned, so the picture and model took the car's place. Since there were no other issues from other participants, Chad and Jill were awarded \$100 cash as the "Hard Luck" prize. Upon acceptance of the cash, Chad immediately donated the cash to the show's charity. This was very thoughtful and generous on their part and I would like to thank Chad and Jim for their generosity.

Sal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

Kim Avery	6/1
Diedra Oliver	6/1
Bell Moore	6/1
Bob Stiles	6/1
Stan Rabalais	6/2
Robin Matteson	6/5
Jennifer Simmons	6/6
Michael Gagliardi	6/7
Randy Saacks	6/8
Jackie Boudreaux	6/10
Pat Krystek	6/10
Lori LaFrance	6/10
Genie Gibbs	6/11
Robert Hancock	6/11
Ruth Ann Rhodes	6/13
Kathy Reeves	6/13
Sharon Simpson	6/17
Kenneth Lee	6/18
Melissa Jacob	6/19
Gary Kaplan	6/19
Robert Brannon	6/20
Jerry Henson	6/20
Vince Roubique	6/21
JoAnne Loner	6/23
Leah Wooten	6/23
Carolyn Giannobile	6/24
Nadinna Schaeffer	6/26
Russ Gilardi	6/26
Ancil Wilkinson	6/26
Rita Murray	6/27
Bill Bloecher	6/28
Leo Marino	6/28
Wendy Gallineau	6/28
Mike Chauppette	6/29
Lynn Graffagnino	6/29
Lou Thomas	6/30

July Birthdays

Faith Giordano	7/2
Janet Gallineau	7/3
Leslie Kiger	7/5
Patty Bloecher	7/6
Donna Mollere	7/6
Stephen LaFrance	7/6
Barbara Maxwell	7/7
Mandy Gagliardi	7/8
Daniel Gallineau	7/9
Randy Guillory	7/9
Patsy Bonneau	7/12
Charles King	7/14
Joe Sergi	7/16
John Mollere	7/16
Sharon Pertuit	7/18
Denise Mesa	7/20
Eddie Zuercher	7/20
Richard Buckheister	7/21
Teresa Jacobsen	7/24
Ronnie Landry	7/25
Victor Brossette	7/26
Marian Askegren	7/28
Sandra Mayo	7/29
Charles Porter	7/29
Lee Hohlbein	7/30
Lonnie Garrett	7/31

August Birthdays

Donald Owens	8/02
Raymond Pertuit	8/03
Rudy Soileau	8/06
Terri Dominick	8/06
Mike Croll	8/07
Alix Prete	8/08
John Serou	8/08
Phyllis Brossette	8/09
Dollie Soileau	8/09
David Franks	8/11
Joselyn Williams	8/11
Cheryl Thomas	8/12
Melody Clifford	8/16
Jon Rogers	8/16
Sandra Klein	8/17
Michael Wood	8/17
Seleta Berlin	8/18
Rolly Ann Smith	8/19
Susan Triche	8/21
Dusty Portie	8/23
Monica Sonnier	8/24
Jan Crause	8/25
Brenda Gristina	8/25
Bobby Warner	8/26
Keith Triche	8/27
Cindy Serou	8/29
Keith Pitre	8/29
David Swindler	8/29
Cindy Rabalais	8/30

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

Northshore Birthday Party and Picnic

On Saturday, June 7, the Northshore Corvette Club held its annual Birthday Party and picnic in the Bedico Center. It was a fun-filled event and the food and friendship were great, as always. Among the many delicious foods available were barbequed beef, smoked sausage, barbequed chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, barbequed beans and delicious desserts. This is always a fun event, since the food offerings are generous and we all have lots of time to visit with friends and catch up on the happenings in our lives.

I want to thank Sal and Norma and the Board of Directors of the Northshore Corvette Club for planning such a fun event each year. The Bedico Center is a great place to hold this party, since it is so spacious and has lots of parking, too. See you next year!

Kathy Culbertson

Central Arkansas Corvette Club

2008 Corvette Weekend

Several Northshore Corvette Club members braved the bad weather forecast and headed out to Hot Springs on April 17th. Forecasts seem to say we would get wet but the corvette gods made sure that most of the weekend would be beautiful. Dan and Janet Gallineau led the way and the following Northshore members were in tow: Ralph & Ann Adams, Bobby Warner, Rose Marie & Bob Palmisano, Danny & Wendy Gallineau, and Dallas Pebbles.

The show started on Thursday with early bird registration and party. As usual, we made the best of the moments, got our packets, then the eating and drinking began. Once the weather cleared up on Friday morning (the only bad weather at all) we all participated in the poker run, spent money at all of the shops on the run, and ate lunch at Rod's pizza. Really wish we had a Rod's here , some of the best fast food pizza we have ever had. Once back at the room the guys headed out to shine the corvettes and the ladies headed out for the scavenger hunt, or should I say went shopping and it happen to be the same stores as the scavenger hunt. Rose Marie was not only a good shopper but the winner of a prize of \$85.00 for her correct answers to the hunt. Way to go Rose Marie.

On Saturday morning, thanks to our leader Dan Gallineau, we got to the cars at 5am to get prime parking spots. It must have been worth it because Northshore Corvette Club members stood out and the following won class awards: Bobby Warner

C5 convertible, Danny & Wendy Gallineau C5 convertible, and Dallas Pebbles C6 Convertible. After a little bit of concern by all of us as to how Dan & Janet did not place we were all delightfully pleased to find that out of 342 Corvettes that they had won Best of Show for their 2002 Electron Blue Coupe. This is Dan & Janet's fifth best of show, their biggest was in 2006 at The Lone Star Corvette Club show that usually sees around 500 or more Corvettes. We are honored by your skills and strive to be like you, good job. We had a great time, some really good food and drink, and look forward to next year.

Till the wheels are up again,

Bobby Warner

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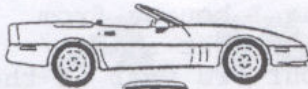
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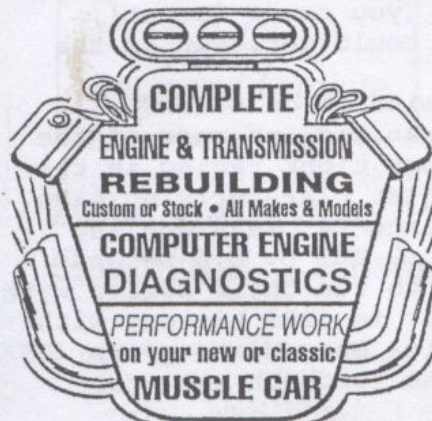
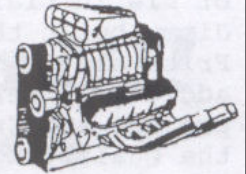
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