

CROSSED FLAGS

The Official Newsletter of the
Louisiana Chapter of the
National Corvette Restorers Society



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2012 Chapter Officers

Chairman: **Michael Leeds**

Vice Chairman: **Bill Folse**

Secretary: **Larry Mulder**

Treasurer: **Ralph Adams**

Judging Chairman: **Darrell Suber**

Asst Judging Chair: **Richard Reed**

Asst Membership Chair: **Alton Rivero**

Webmaster: **Jim Boudreaux**

Crossed Flags Editor: **Carl Hamilton**

Crossed Flags Asst Editor: **Jim Fox**

Editor's Note:

Please email any articles, event photos, and
so forth to Carl Hamilton

Hamil66@cableone.net

Also: Tech Articles Needed! If you have a
Corvette project underway, we'd love to
have you share it with us. Contact Mike
Leeds, Larry Mulder, or Bill Folse if you are
interested.

2012 Meeting Calendar

Upcoming Chapter Meetings/Events

- **July 15:** Judging meet, location to be determined.
- **August 19:** General meeting and tech seminar, location TBD.
- **September 16:** Fall Judging Meet, Long Beach, MS
- **November 4:** General Meeting and election of officers. Location TBD.

Chairman's Message

The year is off and flying and so is our La NCRS Chapter. We started with big group at the Florida Regional. It's always a great time and a great starting event of the NCRS year. I met up with Chapter members from all over the U.S at our annual meeting and dinner. This has been a tradition for us at the Florida Regional for several years. It's fun to see everyone and make new friends.

Our first 2012 membership meeting was at TJ Ribs in Baton Rouge. We had a BIG turnout! I had the privilege to present some much deserved awards.

We also discussed the upcoming Regional Meet (September 2013) in Kenner at the Pontchartrain Center. Ralph Adams has graciously served as the event coordinator. Please contact Ralph to see what needs he has for volunteers as this event will require help from all of the membership if we want show our guests a great time!

I would like to thank Darrell Suber, our Judging Chairman, for his efforts to make our first 2012 judging meet a great success. Thanks also to Gerald and Kim Avery, and Ralph and Ann Adams for their efforts to provide a great venue and good food. This was Darrel's first meet as Judging Chair, and I look forward to many more.

In April we held our Crawfish Boil and Charity Auction at Ralph & Ann Adams' home. About 50 members attended. Many brought fabulous deserts (not like we had room after Ralph's "Secret Recipe Crawfish" hit the tables).

If you didn't get enough to eat it was your fault. If you missed the event don't forget to come next year.

I want to thank Felix Famularo for handling the auction (proceeds will be announced in the next news letter).

We're having FUN! A BIG "Thanks" to all that make things happen in our Chapter!!

Mike Leeds



Check out our website

<http://www.ncrs-louisiana.com/>

for copies of our old and current newsletters and our schedule for 2012.

2012 LA Chapter NCRS Member Recognition

Many years back the Board of Directors and Chapter Officers put together a program to recognize members that go above and beyond for our Chapter.

The program requires that the member:

1. Be very active in the Chapter (attend meetings and most events)
2. Chair multiple events (Car Show Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman etc.)
3. Serve as an Officer or Board Member for multiple years (does not have to be done simultaneously).

The Chapter rewards these members a Leather Jacket with the La NCRS logo on the back and the positions held on the right sleeve.

This year I presented the following members with a jacket for their service to the LA Chapter:

- **Jim Boudreaux** - Chapter Chairman 3 years; Vice Chapter Chairman 3 years; Board Member, Open Car Show Chairman.
- **Bill Folse** - Chapter Vice Chairman; Board Member; Chapter Judging Chairman 3 years; Chapter Editor 2 years; and Regional swap meet chairman.
- **Larry Mulder** - Chapter Secretary 3 years; Board Member; Chapter Top Flight Program Administrator 3 years; Regional Meet Security Chairman.

Mike Leeds

Judging Chairman's Message

Our first judging meet of the year was March 25 and the weather was perfect. We had 30 people in attendance.

Three cars were presented for flight judging and eight sportsman cars were there along with several guests that I hope will become members of our chapter in the future. I want to thank Gerald and Kim Avery for hosting this event. They went way beyond the call of duty to make this one of the best chapter meets I have ever attended.

We started out the day with a judging school and then moved on to flight judging.

Of the three Corvettes we judged, two achieved top flight:

- James Youens - 1961 Silver roadster
- Herman Smith - 1996 Grand Sport coupe

One Corvette achieved Second Flight:

- Tony Frohnhoefer - 1961 Roman Red roadster

Thanks to all of the judges, team leaders, chapter members, and owners for making this meet a great success!

Darrell Suber



Carl's "Eye Candy" Store



One of our chapter members snapped a few photos of this new Corvette prototype during their recent visit to NOLA Motorsports in Avondale, LA.

February 19 Meeting Minutes General Business Meeting

The meeting was held at TJ Ribs Restaurant in Baton Rouge. Nineteen chapter members attended the meeting. A sign-in sheet was circulated for signatures.

Michael Leeds welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an agenda. The meeting started at approximately 1:30 PM.

The first item on the agenda was a special THANK YOU to Jim Boudreaux for his leadership and service as Chapter President for the last three years (2009-2011). Michael also thanked Bill Folse for his leadership and service as Chapter Judging Chairman for this same 2009-2011 year period. Everyone agreed, and offered a round of applause for Jim and Bill.

Michael then introduced the 2012 Louisiana Chapter officers and key chapter leadership positions/appointments for this year. These are:

- Michael Leeds – Chapter President (new)
- Bill Folse – Vice President (new)
- Ralph Adams – Treasurer (continuing)
- Larry Mulder – Secretary (continuing)
- Darrell Suber – Judging Chairman (new)
- Richard Reed – Asst Judging Chairman (new)
- Felix Famularo – Social Activities Coordinator (new)
- Jim Boudreaux – Webmaster (continuing)
- Carl Hamilton – Newsletter Editor (continuing)
- Jim Fox – Asst Newsletter Editor (new)
- Alton Rivero – Membership Chairman (new)

Ralph Adams provided the Treasury Report. We currently have \$15,139 in the bank at this time. Member dues for this year have been increased from \$20 to \$30 to help cover expenses for the upcoming September 2013 Regional Judging Event at the Pontchartrain Center. We are planning for a large number of cars and a large NCRS attendance. This will be a super event for our chapter, and for everyone who attends.

Larry reported that the Louisiana Chapter received a TOP FLIGHT Chapter Award again for last year (2011). This makes three years in a row that our chapter has gotten this award. We hope to continue this again for 2012. Larry also reported that Bill Braun will replace Arland Dower as National Program Coordinator.

Darrell Suber reported that our first Chapter Judging Meet will be held on March 25 in Slidell, Louisiana. He is expecting to have three cars for judging. The meet will be held at Gerald Avery's Garage. Starting time is 8 am. On-line (electronic) registration is encouraged, although the chapter is also accepting paper registration. Online registration can be accessed from either the Louisiana Chapter Website or from the NCRS National website.

Michael requested that everyone send photos and interesting articles to Carl Hamilton for our next newsletter. Carl has been having some difficulty getting all of the software programs for the newsletter up and running, but he plans to get with Bill Folse in the near future to work this out. He hopes to have the newsletter out soon. Jim Fox said that he is available to assist in writing or editing articles for the newsletter. You can contact Jim if writing or layout help is needed.

Alton Rivero reported on our chapter membership. We currently have 88 paid members for this year, with approximately 20% of the renewals being done electronically with Paypal. At the end of last year we had 79 paid members. Michael and Alton are contacting chapter members from past years that have not yet renewed, in hopes of getting additional members. This is especially important with the 2013 Regional coming up next year. Alton reported that our chapter membership has generally been around 80 to 100 members for the last six years.....with Year 2010 being the highest at 107 members.

Felix Famularo discussed the Chapter Road Tour that he is putting together for the weekend of May 19-20. It is being called The EAST MEETS WEST Road Tour and it is centered around getting our older Corvettes out of the garage and back on the road. The final destination is Vidalia, Louisiana, but Felix has a lot of fun planned between here and there, as well as when the group finally arrives in Vidalia. There will also be a General Chapter Meeting and a Judging School. The Road Tour is sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter, but will be open to everyone who loves to drive their Corvette. Contact Felix or check the Corvette Confederation Calendar for additional information. The web address is <http://www.localendar.com/public/Confederation>.

Felix has also put together a dynamite, proposed calendar of social events for the upcoming 2013 Regional. He reviewed some of his ideas and plans with the group. Everyone was impressed. You will be hearing a lot more about this as we get closer to the Regional date and opening up the on-line registration for the event.

Michael and Ralph passed around caps, shirts, and jackets that have been developed for the Louisiana Chapter and for promoting the upcoming 2013 Regional Judging Meet. Members were asked for their comments. These items are for sale to help generate money for the chapter and to generate enthusiasm for the Regional Meet. Additional items are planned. Costs are:

- Caps - \$20
- Tee shirts - \$10
- Cloth Jackets - \$170

Contact Michael or Ralph for purchase. There is an excellent selection of styles and colors to fit just about everyone's tastes.

Michael then presented Jim Boudreaux, Bill Folse, and Larry Mulder with leather jackets with Louisiana Chapter logos as a special "thank you" for their many years of chapter leadership and service. This has been a tradition within our chapter, and has been done for other officers and chapter leaders in the past. Michael congratulated Jim, Bill, and Larry, and again thanked them for their service.

Ralph Adams discussed preparations for the 2013 Regional. Ralph has been appointed the Official Event Coordinator (Show Chairman) for our chapter for this event. He has done a tremendous amount of pre-work already, which is clearly evident to everyone.

Ralph, Mike Leeds, Felix Famularo, Alton Rivero, and Larry Mulder recently toured the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner to check out the facilities and to discuss costs, rental contract, questions, etc. The group also met with four Kenner area hotels to review their facilities, and establish block room rates. We will soon be setting up the official committees needed to work the event. However, Felix is already working on social activities, Larry is coordinating vendors/vendor space, and Ralph has already developed the judging field layout inside the building. Ralph is also actively working the on-line registration database for the event. It should be available and on-line within the next 30-60 days.

Hotel room rates for the Regional are expected to be at or below \$100 per night, with minimal or no parking charges. This includes the host hotel. Low cost parking will be available at the Pontchartrain Center for RV vehicles and car trailers. Full time security will be provided. A *Louisiana-style Shrimp Boil* is being planned for everyone to kick off the event on Thursday night before the Regional.

The Chapter calendar for the remainder of the year is shown below. Check the chapter website for additional details and information.

March 25 – Spring Judging Meet in Slidell, Louisiana

April 22 – Crawfish Boil and Charity Auction in Slidell, Louisiana

May 19-20 – Chapter Road Tour, General Meeting, and Judging School. Vidalia Louisiana.

July 15 – Additional Judging Meet. Location to be determined.

August 19 – General Meeting and Technical Seminar. Location to be determined.

September 16 – Fall Judging Meet in Long Beach, Mississippi

November 4 – General Meeting and election of officers. Location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm. Everyone had a good time, and the food (BBQ ribs) was outstanding. TJ Ribs is a Baton Rouge and LSU campus tradition.... And they lived up to their reputation.

Larry Mulder
Louisiana Chapter Secretary
NCRS #20401 – 122

2012 NCRS Chapter Award Program

By Larry Mulder, #20401-122

The **NCRS Chapter Award Program** was developed to promote involvement and participation by members in their chapter events while encouraging the sharing of knowledge in the restoration and preservation of the Corvette. The program measures the performance of each chapter against standard award criteria similar to the principal used in NCRS judging. Each chapter is eligible to receive an award every year after submitting the required quarterly reports and fulfilling the required criteria

The Award Program is based on the calendar year January 1 to December 31. Recognition Certificates are issued in February, and the award is presented to the chapter at the National Convention



TOP FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT	THIRD FLIGHT
Complete all eight required activities and six or more variable activities	Complete seven required activities and five variable activities	Complete six required activities and four variable activities

Required Activities for the year	Variable Activities for the year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1R Host a Chapter Judging Meet • 2R Conduct a Chapter Technical Seminar • 3R Conduct a Chapter Judging School • 4R Conduct a Chapter Membership Meeting • 5R Conduct a Chapter Charitable Event (does not have to be Corvette related) • 6R Conduct a Chapter Road Tour • 7R Have a Chapter Social Event • 8R Maintain a Chapter Website linked to www.ncrs.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1V Judging Meet must include cars registered for Flight Judging from at least 5% of the chapter membership • 2V Six technical articles must be published in the Chapter Newsletter • 3V A total of 15% or more of the chapter members and/or family members must judge or tabulate at the Judging Meet(s). Each person can only be counted once during the year. • 4V At least 15% of Chapter members must drive their Corvette(s) to a Chapter Meeting or Chapter Event during the year. The Chapter Road Tour is not included. Each person can only be counted once during the year. • 5V Chapter Road Tour must include at least 5% of the members cars. • 6V At least 20% of the chapter members must attend one or more Chapter Meetings or Events. • 7V Set Up NCRS Display at a Non-NCRS Car Event. • 8V A charitable donation of \$100 or more is donated to a 501-3C qualified charity

Quarterly Reporting: Quarterly reports are due April 10, July 10, October 10, and January 10. Reports received after the deadline will result in all activities during that quarter being disallowed. Supporting documentation including Chapter Newsletters and Chapter Meeting Sign-in Sheets must accompany each quarterly report. The reports are to be sent to Arland Dower.

Our Chapter Score: The table below shows our progress toward achieving a **Chapter Award** for 2012. An "XX" indicates that we have completed the requirement, and an "IP" indicates that work is planned or in progress to complete the requirement. ***We will need to develop plans for those activities that are currently shown blank.***

Activity/Status	Comments	Activity/Status	Comments
1R	IP	1V	IP
	Planned for March & Sept.		Need 5 cars judged
2R	IP	2V	
	Planned for August or Nov.		Need 6 Tech Articles
3R	IP	3V	IP
	Completed		Need 14 judges
4R	XX	4V	IP
	Completed		Need 14 Corvettes driven
5R	IP	5V	IP
	Planned for April		Need 5 Corvettes driven
6R	IP	6V	XX
	Planned for May		Completed
7R	IP	7V	
	Planned for April		NCRS Display @ Event
8R	XX	8V	XX
	Completed		Need \$100 or more donation



National Corvette Restorers Society

LOUISIANA CHAPTER
Membership Application



Louisiana Chapter 2012 DUES: \$30.00*

JOIN OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN CORVETTES

LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS, A PART OF AND SANCTIONED BY NCRS NATIONAL, THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORVETTE CLUB!

Name:		Spouse:	
Address			
City, State, ZIP:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		FAX:	
E-Mail Address:			

NCRS National Membership Number (required):	
	Note: National NCRS Membership is required. (If you do not know your number, enter "yes" but submit the number as soon as available to complete application)

CORVETTES YOU OWN			
Year	Body Style & Special Options	Color	Engine & Transmission

NCRS LA CHAPTER APPLICATION DATE:	
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MAIL THIS FORM WITH DUES ENCLOSED TO:

LOUISIANA CHAPTER NCRS
 Ralph Adams
 168 Woodruff Drive
 Slidell, LA 70461

Order Your Chapter Shirts Here!

Mike Leeds is presently taking orders for chapter shirts. Shirts cost \$55.00 each plus shipping. This cost includes your name and your car's name embroidered on the shirt.

(Completed order sheets should be forwarded to Mike Leeds with payment)

Your Name			Year of Corvette	
Shipping Address			Body Style (Circle One)	Coupe Convertible Hardtop
Phone	Home:		Special Options (Circle)	LT1 ZR1 427 L88
	Cell:			
Email Address			VIN Number	
Name you want on this shirt			Exterior Color	
Circle Appropriate Info	S M L XL XXL	Men's Ladies	Interior Color	
Quantity Ordered			Your Corvette's nickname	

Note that prices are subject to change, so check with Mike before you send a check!