



Chairman's Column

Our final meeting of this term will be the May dinner, on Tuesday, May 21 at Andrea's. As in the past, this event is open to spouses and guests. The chef has promised a selection of gourmet items and our speaker will be local food and restaurant guru, **Tom Fitzmorris**, who has been the expert in this area for many years.

Last month's meeting to address the chapter's future operation, met with some success, but did not resolve all issues. We did get some new volunteers: **Roy Walther** will take over as treasurer, **David Broadbridge** will handle the newsletter and continue as webmaster and **Scott Wainwright** will chair the membership committee. In addition, **Mike Fogarty** has indicated he will be willing to serve as our National Director and **Ken Huffman** has offered to head up a committee to handle the 2014 convention here in New Orleans. One member has indicated he would serve as Vice Chairman, but we need to verify it with him before making it official. **Art Johnson** will continue as our Secretary.

Louis E. Lemarié
Chairman

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May Dinner

Tom Fitzmorris

Read more about Tom inside this issue



Tuesday Evening

May 21st

Andrea's - Metairie

Social - 6:30 pm

Seating - 7:15 pm

Reservations and guests:

Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

About Tom Fitzmorris



Tom Fitzmorris has a one-track mind. He's written and broadcast more about New Orleans food than any other journalist: weekly restaurant reviews since 1972, a daily radio show about food since 1975, seventeen restaurant guide-books, four cookbooks, and hundreds of articles about eating in New Orleans.

He was born here on Mardi Gras in 1951, and had never left town for more than three weeks at a time until Hurricane Katrina. That storm moved him to write his most comprehensive cookbook, *Tom Fitzmorris' New Orleans Food*, while he was still in evacuation after the storm. A national publisher picked it up, and after one year it is already in its fourth printing. Tom donates fifty percent of the royalties from the book to the recovery efforts of Habitat For Humanity in New Orleans.

Tom is best known, though, for his unique daily radio gig, **The Food Show**. For three hours a day, six days a week, avid diners and cooks call Tom on the air and compare notes about restaurants, cooking, wine, and food. You can call Tom for New Orleans dining info from wherever you are at 504-260-9762 between 4 and 7 p.m. Central Time. The show is aired on 1350 AM

In 1977, Tom began publishing *The New Orleans MENU*, a newsletter of dining and cooking. It evolved over the years into a web-based daily newsletter, available at nomenue.com. It includes restaurant reviews, top-ten lists, recipes, a daily food almanac, and other features.

In 1986, Tom achieved the distinction of Certified Culinary Professional from the International Association of Culinary Pro-

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fessionals, a national association of food writers and cooking instructors. He is one of only two CCPs in the state of Louisiana.

In addition to his food writing, Tom was the editor of the weekly newspaper *Figaro* and the monthly *New Orleans Magazine* in the 1970s and 1980s, before he launched his own publication. He has written for national magazines on subjects as diverse as real estate, railroading, astronomy, and home reconstruction.

He doesn't just write about cooking. He does a lot of it in the own kitchen. Several times a year he offers his services as a chef to bidders at charity auctions. Typically, these dinners for eight bring in donations deep into four figures.

Tom is married to a former radio talk show host, **Mary Ann Connell Fitzmorris**. They have a son, **Jude**, and a daughter, **Mary Leigh**. They live on the Northshore. Some terrific, meaty bolete mushrooms grow there.

Tom Fitzmorris' Books

- *200 New Orleans restaurants: A selective guide to dining out* (1981)
- *The ten greatest New Orleans recipes: & a hundred more* (1984)
- *La Cucina Di Andrea's New Orleans Extra-virgin Recipes* (Editor) (1989)
- *The New Orleans eat book* (1991)
- *The Eclectic Gourmet Guide to New Orleans* (2001)
- *Tom Fitzmorris's New Orleans Food: More Than 225 of the City's Best Recipes to Cook at Home* (2006)
- *The Unofficial Guide to New Orleans* (with Eve Zibart & Will Coviello) (2007)
- *Tom Fitzmorris's Hungry Town: A Culinary History of New Orleans, the City Where Food Is Almost Everything* (2010)



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- 25,314 cubic feet of natural gas

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- 7.46 bbls of domestic crude oil
- 6.99 bbls of foreign crude oil

Mississippi cuts horizontal severance, EOR taxes

Mississippi has reduced the severance tax on hydrocarbons produced from horizontal wells and the sales tax paid on electricity for oil and gas produced via carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery. Starting July 1 until June 30, 2018, the severance tax on output from qualifying horizontal wells is reduced to 1.3% from 6% for 30 months or until payout of the well. [*O&G Journal*]

GOM News

ExxonMobil Corp. will develop Julia field with nearly 6 billion bbl of resource in place more than 30,000 ft below the sea floor in more than 7,000 ft of water in the Gulf of Mexico.

Restricted oil production tests at the St. Malo PS003 well in the Gulf of Mexico's Lower Tertiary trend exceeded 13,000 B/D. The target sands are in the Walker Ridge Block 678, 6096 m below the sea floor. St. Malo is being jointly developed with the nearby Jack field.

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February 19 - Carlo Christina
March 19 - tba
April 16 - tba
May 21 - evening dinner
June 17-20 - Santa Fe SIPES

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