Nolagisms, Part II

Last week I provided my readers with a number of Nolagisms, which are neologisms with a New Orleans flavor. These newly minted words or phrases can be either a “semantic extension” (i.e., a totally new usage of an existing word) or a newly created word or phrase by replacing or dropping a letter. Other imaginative creations can be *portmanteau* words, those formed by linking or blending two different words into one.

I requested your own very special Nolagisms, from you my clever and witty readers, and received some great ones. But first, here are a few more I came up with since contriving the first batch:

**CHALMETRIC SYSTEM**: How to measure the distance between Meraux and Violet.

**WHERE Y’AT**: A GPS device used in Arabi, Louisiana.

**METRY-SEXUAL**: A person who carries a man-purse into Lakeside Shopping Center.

**DUFROSSAT**: Plummin’ fixtuah, Dawlin’.

**AIRLINE**: The tell-tale sign of a balding Brit.

**MARENGO**: Dance that’s a cross between the Méringue and the Tango.

**MUFFALOTTAS**: Oversized fur hand warmers.

**TOUSSAINT**: Mother Cabrini and Katharine Drexel, or Drew Brees and Marcus Colston.

**ITALIANATE ON ST. CHARLES**: Somebody leaving Vincent’s on the Avenue.
PRE-TANYA: What you put on before the Coppertone.

LAFITTE PROJECT: What a podiatrist is usually up to.

WASHINGTON AND BROAD: George stepping out on Martha.

PARASOLS: Two guys from Temple Sinai.

ABSINTHE: Not present - due to drinking too many Sazeracs.

And now those from you, the readers (with special thanks to John Edward McAuliffe, Jr. and III, both Esq.):

RUE ROYALE: The metaphysical perfection of Gumbo.

POYDRAS: Black and gold patchwork plaid shorts.

BANQUETTE: A wee Whitney.

GYNECHIATRIST: “Since Katrina,” reports a local gynecologist, what “I have often been referred to by my patients”.


MARIGNADE: Drag queens marching down Frenchmen Street.

TUCKS: Monk’s formalwear consisting of a tropical worsted brown robe with silk rope-belt.

REX: A situation in which you wait three hours for the police to respond.

WHO-DATE: New Orleans term for a blind date.

HOUSE YO MAMA: Checking Mom into Lambeth House.

GALA-TROIS: A Carnival evening with three krewes parading.

NEW-TRAL GROUND: Fresh coffee.

IRISH CHANEL: A lady wearing Coco’s fragrance at Mass at St. Patrick's.

MOMMA’N’EM: A delicious candy-coated piece of chocolate that loves you no matter what.
Thanks so much for your humorous contributions, and I look forward to any others you may send my way.

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