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A Note from the Crew Chief

By Arlene Johnson

And the winner is.....

June 30th was the 52nd anniversary of the first production Corvette rolling off the assembly line at Chevrolet Plant Number 35, near Flint, Michigan (sticker price: just over **\$3,000**). During 2003, the year of the 50th anniversary of Corvette, a world record price for a production Corvette was paid for a red 1967 L88 coupe: **\$640,000**. So I suggest you keep those cars looking and running good – you never know when your car will be worth more than the sticker price of this year's model...personally, I'm looking forward to that day!!!

Summer greetings to all MACC members. If you've been listening to or reading about any automobile news lately, you've heard that Corvettes are receiving plenty of attention. The **2006** Corvette Z06 was announced as the fastest Corvette ever – the 505-horsepower will achieve 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds while still in first gear (starting sticker price **\$65,800**) ... and ... the Corvette racing team made history on June 18th scoring its fourth 1-2 finish in the GT1 class in five years with the new Corvette C6.R (making history – **priceless**).

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A Note from the Crew Chief




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Closer to home, members of our club deserve special recognition for their cars and their hard work whether that be turning wrenches or the polishing cloth. Here are show and event winners from January to June (if I've missed any winners, I apologize – sometimes you just have to toot your own horn!!!)

February 13 th	World of Wheels	Jim Lewis – Best of Class & Outstanding Sports
April 17 th	Clear Branch Open Car Show	Hoke Graham – 1 st Place in Class & Tie for Sound-Off Jim Lewis – Best of Show MACC – Club Participation Award
May 14 th	MACC Exhibition at Costco	Hoke Graham – 1 st Place Beth Carter – 2 nd Place
June 2-11 th	Hot Rod Power Tour Long Hauler Award	Fred Atkins, David Johnson, Jim Willis
June 10-12 th	Mississippi Corvette Show, Biloxi	
June 26 th	Peachstate Corvettes, Atlanta Varsity	MACC–Club Participation Award & All Participants Top 50 Jim Willis – Best Interior

Congratulations to all!!!!

And the winner is..........Corvette.

Club Car Information (as of 6/15/05) – during our club picnic in July, we're going to have a Corvette trivia game – some questions may be about club member's cars and historical knowledge of all models....so study up!

Class	Years of Production	# of Club Cars
C1	1953 – 1962	1
C2	1963 – 1967	6
C3	1968 – 1982	20
C4	1984 – 1996	11
C5	1997 – 2004	32
C6	2005 +	1

Annual Car Show Questionnaire

by Arlene Johnson

Please take some time to fill out the enclosed/attached car show questionnaire and return to me. This year was the first time in 23 years MACC didn't have an invitational car show and many members and folks from other car clubs were rightfully disappointed. I'd like to take stock of club member's opinions about next year's events – please participate, your opinion does matter. Return your responses no later than August 30th, please. ThanX.

Editor's Note: by Beth Carter

I know I'm starting to sound like an old broken record; but, June was **another** fun filled month. Many fun memories were made beginning with the Hot Rod Tour and ending with the scenic tour of the Cleburne County back roads on the caravan up to Atlanta. Thanks to the Peachstate Corvette Club for their hospitality and fun show. Even the rain didn't dampen our fun! There is so much to do in our club and many more memories to be made. I encourage you all to look at the upcoming events and join in the fun!!!

The directions for the next meeting are usually posted at the end of the newsletter. We will be sending out directions to the Crapet's lake house prior to the picnic.

If anyone has suggestions, articles, or anything corvette related for the newsletter please let me know.

Minutes of the June Meeting by Cathy Crapet

The June 18, 2005, meeting of the Mid Alabama Corvette Club was held at Golden Coral in Hoover. The meeting was called to order by Arlene Johnson, president. There were 26 members and 3 guests present. Guests included Jim Dittman and Joyce Smith of the Tuscaloosa club and Jack Taylor.

Cathy Crapet, Secretary, asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the last newsletter. Jim Willis made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. David Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In the absence of the treasurer, Arlene gave the report. Cathy Crapet made a motion to present \$6,000.00 from our treasury to Magic Moments. Jim Willis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David and Beth Carter played a major roll in the collection of monies to contribute to Magic Moments. Arlene had a plaque designed to present to the Carters for their outstanding efforts in this project. Due to the absence of the Carters, the plaque will be presented at the next meeting.

The purchase of a sound system was discussed by Rob Conrad. He researched systems and presented results. Jim Willis made a motion to purchase the sound system at a cost of \$366.32, including shipping and handling. Sara Boehme seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Arlene informed the club that we are looking into the purchase of trailer to store all club assets. Ronnie Jones is in the process of researching this purchase.

Jim Willis spoke about the club's annual dues to the National Corvette Museum. The cost is \$150.00 per year. Jim made a motion to pay the dues, with Rob Conrad seconding. The motion passed unanimously. Jim also discussed the Panama Canal cruise sponsored by the National Corvette Museum, the 24 Hours of La Mans, and the Petit La Mans in Georgia.

Jim Willis and Fred Atkins gave a report on the Power Tour. David Johnson also made the long haul from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Kissimmee, Florida. The three logged 3,957 miles each. Several other members joined the group on various legs of the tour.

Upcoming events which included the Trussville Cruise-in and the Varsity trip to Atlanta were discussed. Cathy will e-mail all members about going to Atlanta on Saturday for the Sunday show. Cathy will also e-mail members about the upcoming July meeting and picnic at Logan Martin Lake. Members were reminded about the upcoming shows in Sandestin and Gatlinburg. For information on the show in Sandestin, contact David or Beth Carter. Suzan Touchton has information about the Gatlinburg show.

Other business included the announcement of the birth of Zoe Mullins, born May 24, 2005. Arlene wants to send out a questionnaire to all members about next year's car show. Chuck Lewis is chairing the 2006 World of Wheels for the club. He presented ideas about options for a display. Hoke Graham passed out information about ordering Corvette shirts.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Membership News by Sharon Mathews

WE HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

Melvin D. Williams
Lillian E. Williams
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Birmingham, Alabama 35217
Retired
e-mail: billydzzz@aol.com
296-2538

Rodney D. Fultz
Sharon Fultz
13000 Alpine Circle
McCalla, Alabama 35111
Employer: Jim Walter Resources
email: sherryrodney86@yahoo.com
477-5232

1993 Ruby Red Coupe

1977 Black Coupe

If you know of others who may enjoy our club meetings and events, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Member Photos on Website

Is your photo and the photo of your car on our website? If not, please e-mail me one at mathewssharon@yahoo.com
Also, we try to have a camera at all meetings. Just ask that we snap our photo at the next meeting or cruise-in.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Have you submitted your birth dates and anniversary dates to add to our list of member information? If not, please e-mail them to me at mathewssharon@yahoo.com Any other information or miles stones (like new Grandchildren, job changes, retirements) that you would like to share are always welcome.

Member Occupations and Businesses

We are still compiling a list of member occupations and businesses, which may be useful to others in our club. If you would like to be on a list of this type, please e-mail me some pertinent information such as the name and nature of your business along with the address and phone number.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS by Suzan Touchton

WOW! We've been busy! MACC was well represented at the Power Tour both the Long and Short of it. Next we took off for The Varsity and the Peach State Corvette Association Show. Several trophies were awarded and we also received the Club Participation trophy. Conrad Whitten won the 50/50 drawing. Many thanks to Cathy Crapet for organizing this event.

Remember the Cruise-Ins at Pelham and Trussville. Chuck or Wayne will send us a reminder the week before.

The next outing will be the annual picnic at the Crapet's lake house. Cathy and Anthony will be letting us know what to bring. I know we are all looking forward to a day of sun and fun.

Cathedral of the Cross will be hosting their Meet Me at the Cross Show July23rd. You can email paulandvickie@charter.net for additional info.

August 6th will be the Classic Glass/Day's Chevrolet Show in Acworth. For more info go to www.cgcorvetteclub.com.

Speaking of sun and fun! August 13th is the date for the Baytown Wharf Show in SanDestin. What a great location for a show! Five minutes from Silver Sand Outlets and of course all of those Corvettes. Call 800-277-0800 for a special show rate. We will caravan down on Friday morning. If you want more info please contact David and Beth.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations for the Gatlinburg show at 865-436-9211. That trip will be the weekend of September 23rd. If you have any ideas for our costumes or need any additional info just give me a call.

Coming up in the fall will be Vettes for Pets, Drive-in Movies and Car cleaning parties along with just driving our cars. If you have any ideas for day trips or overnights please call me.

MACC CRUISERS by Chuck Lewis

If you haven't been to one of the Cruise-ins at Pelham or Trussville you are missing a great time! We talk cars with hundreds of other car owners (new & old) and set in our chairs socializing as a group. If this sounds interesting show up at 4.30 to 5.30pm, bring a chair & cooler and hang out with your Corvette Club. The Pelham cruise-in is always on the 1st Saturday of each month in Wal-Mart's parking lot. This location may change when Wal-Mart closes. The Trussville Cruise-in is always on the 3rd Saturday of each month in K- Mart's parking lot. Both cruise-ins continue all summer and into fall ending around October. Wayne Allen is your contact for Trussville and me for Pelham. If you need additional information please give us a call!!

First Thursday Night Cruise In by Bill Ringler

The first of the month Thursday night cruise for July is cancelled. We will resume next month, Thursday, August 4th, at the Pizza Hut in Vestavia. This is another fun event to talk cars, socialize, and enjoy great pizza.

Hot Rod Power Tour by Jim Willis

Fred Atkins, driving his '73 vert; David Johnson, driving his '72 coupe; and me, driving my '65 vert, spent 10 days in June and drove nearly 4,000 miles as "Long Haulers" in the Hot Rod Power Tour.

The event started in Milwaukee on June 4 and ended in Kissimmee, FL, on June 11 and included nearly 5,000 cars on various legs of the tour. There were 1,700 cars that qualified as Long Haulers. Other MACC members participated on either the Nashville to Birmingham or Birmingham to Tallahassee legs of the event.

There were a variety of giveaways and prize drawings each night of the event, but I think all agreed the best prize was the fun of cruising along the highway – passing or being passed by an eclectic and fascinating collecting of old cars, hot rods, muscle cars and trucks.

If you didn't have the opportunity to make the tour this year, I'd highly recommend it for 2006. Here's the detail if you want to start your planning:

June 3, Saturday - at Kissimmee, FL
June 4, Sunday - to Gainesville, FL (129 miles)
June 5, Monday - to Perry, GA (230 miles)
June 6, Tuesday - to Columbia, SC (218 miles)
June 7, Wednesday - to Roanoke, VA (277 miles)
June 8, Thursday - to Harrisburg, PA (298 miles)
June 9, Friday - to Englishtown, NJ (153 miles) (total 1305)
June 10, Saturday - Englishtown; Long Hauler Award and Photo



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

By Jim Willis

NCM Membership Drive

The National Corvette Museum is in the midst of its annual campaign to recruit new members of the Museum.

Part of the deal is to offer a free NCM T-shirt for those who sign up as NCM members during the campaign period. As you may know, the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club is a club member of the NCM. Because of that, MACC members who sign up as NCM members will get a 25 percent discount on the enrollment fee.

For an individual membership, the cost would be \$37.50 rather than \$50. Call Jim Willis, 956-6428, or e-mail him at jdwillis@bellsouth.net if you are interested or have any questions regarding NCM membership.

Labor Day Update

The NCM has 249 registrants so far for the Corvette Celebration Labor Day weekend. 189 of those registrants are Lifetime members. Last year, the event became recognized as a "members only" event. Each non-member that registered for the event received a one-year Individual membership to the Museum. The NCM will continue in the same tradition this year with the "members-only" theme and award non-members the member benefit with their paid event registration.

They will be entitled to all member benefits as soon as their registration is processed, including discounts in the Corvette Store, discount registration on other NCM Events, and will be contacted on how to renew their membership benefits at the end of the one-year period.

You Could Be the "Honorary Pit Crew Member" at Petit LeMans

Chevrolet, in conjunction with the National Corvette Museum, IMSA and Corvette Racing, has arranged for a unique ALMS opportunity to be an "honorary pit crew member" at Petit Le Mans!

Registration is open for the online drawing that will let the winner go behind the scenes and be a part of Corvette Racing's quest to win the 1,000-mile/10-hour event at Road Atlanta! This special activity is being offered "Free" with no purchase obligation – but you must register before September 1. The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 4 as part of the Museum's 11 th Anniversary Corvette Celebration grand finale activities. Find out more about this exciting drawing and register to be included: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/racing/roadatlanta/crew.shtml>

Help Roast Corvette Assembly Plant Manager – Wil Cooksey

On July 14th, the W.R.O.T.E Foundation is hosting as a fundraiser -"Chuckling on Wil's Behalf".

The W.R.O.T.E foundation is a non-profit organization in Bowling Green that develops projects and programs focusing on intellectual, emotional and social development of at-risk youth the in South Central Kentucky area. After school and summer programs, youth employment services and sports programs are just a part of the important goals the foundation focuses on. Over \$85,000 is needed at this time and many children are being turned away as a result of the lack of space at the centers. GM's Corvette Assembly Plant Manager, Wil Cooksey takes an active role in the community and currently serves on several boards. He is this year's "honoree" for the W.R.O.T.E foundation and proceeds from the "Roast and Toast" will benefit the foundation and the many programs it supports on behalf of children. Donations to the fundraiser can be made by contacting Lynn Herron at the GM Corvette Assembly Plant at: lynn.herron@gm.com or you may mail donations to Lynn at: GM Corvette Assembly Plant – 600 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Time Is Running Out to Be a Part Of the Lime Rock Corvette Corral

June 29 is the final day to order Corvette Corral race package tickets and have them ready for you to pick up at the "will-call" window at Lime Rock Park.

The corral is co-hosted by the NCM and the ZR-1 Net Registry. The Corvette Corral package includes: Corvette Corral parking each day for Corvettes only, cold beverages courtesy of Chevrolet, Saturday's Celebrity Choice Car Show, seminars and presentations, Celebrity "meet & greet," access to Corvette Corral hospitality tent, dash plaques for the first 150 Corvettes and a chance to take a parade lap (first-come-first-serve, first 50 Corvettes) on Monday. For corral tickets, contact Lime Rock Park [1-800-RACE-LRP] and specifically request the Corvette Corral and Sunday Hospitality ticket package.

Corvette Racing Wins 24 Hours of Le Mans C6.R Scores Historic 1-2 Finish

Corvette Racing made history at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, scoring its fourth 1-2 finish in the GT1 class in five years with the new Corvette C6.R.

The team celebrated Corvette's 45th anniversary at Le Mans in style, finishing fifth and sixth overall. Corvette Racing turned back the challenge of the Aston Martin team in a hard-fought battle that often saw all four cars on the same lap. In scorching heat, the twin yellow Corvettes completed 349 and 347 laps respectively, scoring the 38th win for Corvette Racing in international road racing and the team's 25th 1-2 finish. "This was a great moment for Chevrolet in an epic race," noted Brent Dewar, GM North America vice president of marketing and advertising. "Chevrolet's racing DNA comes directly from its founder, Louis Chevrolet. With Corvette as the lead product for the global Chevrolet brand, winning Le Mans is huge for us. Corvette is competitive against the best sports car in the world. It's not just about speed; it's about technology and durability and endurance. I think Louis Chevrolet and Zora Arkus-Duntov would be proud today." For the complete release click here: www.corvetteracing.com

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Club events/meetings are noted in bold print)

- July 4th** **2nd Annual Cruise to the Fireworks with the Ghost**
Contact Chris Touchton
- July 17th** **MACC Meeting & Annual Picnic at the Crapet's Lake House**
1:00 pm
- July 17th- 23rd 2005 NCR's Convention, Park City, Utah
More info at <http://www.ncrs.org/parkcity/> , Contact Fred Atkins
- July 29th-31st Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series/Barber's
(Contact Arlene for details regarding ticket prices & car corral)
- August 4th** **Thursday Night Cruise In**
Pizza Hut, Vestavia Hills
- August TBA** **MACC Meeting**
- August 6th Day's Chevrolet Show/Acworth GA / www.cgcorvetteclub.com
- August 13th** **Vettes at the Village/Sandestin**
Reservations at 1-800-277-0800 for \$109
(Contact Beth or David Carter for more info)
www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com
- August 13th 5th Annual Capital City Corvette Club Open Show/
Columbia, South Carolina (more info when we get it)
- September 16th** **Vettes for Pets/Argo Drive-In/**
MACC Meeting/Tailgate party & movies
- September 22nd-
25th **27th Vette Fest/East Tennessee Corvette Club**
Gatlinburg, TN/Park Vista Hotel call 865-436-9211 for reservations
- September 29th- Chevy presents Petit Le Mans/Road Atlanta
- October 8th** **Corvettes against Breast Cancer, Atlanta Motor Speedway**
(Contact Fred & Rox Mudge)
- October 16th** **MACC Dinner Meeting at Tac Room Restaurant in Leeds at 5:30 then to**
Haunted House at 7:00
- November TBA** **MACC Meeting**
- December TBA** **Christmas Party**

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

**Next MACC Monthly Meeting
& Annual Club Picnic**

**Sunday, July 17, 2005
1:00 pm
Crapet's Lake House**

(Directions will be sent out prior to the picnic)