



**Mid Alabama  
Corvette Club**



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## MACC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER April 2006

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### President's Comments

*By David Carter*

*Spring is finally here and we have many events planned for the upcoming months. Please come out and support your club and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship.*

*Our March meeting was held at Sarris Restaurant in Pelham, followed by a trip to the new Dairy Queen. The buffet was great and the meeting was very interesting. Our monthly trip to the DQ was delightful. We continue to have very large turnouts for our events and meetings and I hope we can continue the momentum.*

*March included a joint exhibition with the Tuscaloosa club at the new Tuscaloosa Chevrolet. We had eleven cars make the trip that started at the Waffle House on Morgan Road and ended with a great meal at the Olive Garden. A great time was had by all.*

*Hope to see you at an upcoming club event.*

## **Car Show Update by David Carter**

The April show was postponed due to sunshine and is rescheduled for May 20, 2006. Due to the overwhelming response and controversy this will be a rain or shine event. As we all know the weather can change on a moments notice. Let's hope for safe weather on the 20<sup>th</sup>, as we do not want to put any of our club members or Corvette friends at risk in the event of severe thunderstorms. Making Magic with a Ride II has been taken off the MACC calendar. Due to the car show rain date being the same day as the ride this will not be a MACC event.

## **Minutes of the March Meeting by Cathy Crapet**

The Mid Alabama Corvette Club met on March 12, 2006, at Sarris' Restaurant in Pelham. There were 54 members and guests present. David Carter, President, called the meeting to order.

Cathy Crapet, Secretary, reminded members that the minutes were distributed to all members through the monthly newsletter. Jim Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. David Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Ringler, Treasurer, gave his report. He informed us that the taxes had been filed and no monies were due. He discussed the funds that have been set aside for the upcoming April 8 car show.

Sara Boehme, Membership Chair, welcomed new members. She has sent out an updated membership list to all members via e-mail.

Jim Maddox, Social Chair, gave his report. He reminded us of the upcoming May trip to Bowling Green. He also expressed that he would like for members to make a short caravan trip after the April meeting.

There was no report from the NCRS and the National Corvette Museum chairs. David did encourage all MACC members to join the museum.

Under unfinished business, Bill Ringler discussed the estimated 2006 budget. The board met prior to the meeting and approved the budget. Bill sent out the proposed budget to all members via e-mail.

Hoke Graham, Vice president, discussed the upcoming April 8 MACC car show at Costco at the Riverchase Galleria from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. He encouraged all members to bring their Corvettes to the show. MACC members' cars will not be a part of the show, but would be displayed. Hoke went over the various committees for the show. He also discussed the show T-shirts which were designed by Terry Mathews. He had members place their orders. T-shirts will sell for \$15.00.

The World of Wheels was discussed. Terry Mathews rescinded his motion that we include the WOW in the 2006 budget. Jim Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A WOW committee will be established later in the year to discuss interest and display needs for the 2007 show.

David discussed the upcoming by-laws presentation. He reviewed the rules to follow during the presentation. Arlene Johnson, By-Laws Committee Chairman, informed the membership that the original by-laws were adopted in 2002. The first by-laws committee that had been established in late 2005 never met. In January, 2006, Arlene was asked to chair the committee. She established a new committee which consists of members who had made suggestions for possible changes. In addition to Arlene, the committee includes Jane Mantoath, Nick Klosowsky, and Chip Yarbrough. Arlene went over each proposed addition and deletion to the current by-laws. A vote on the changes will take place at the April meeting.

David went over the "3 C's" as he outlined in his acceptance speech: courtesy, communication, and consideration. He encouraged all members to keep these in mind and work for the good of the club. If problems occur, he stressed the importance of contacting a board member to get help to resolve an issue.

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

## **Membership News by Sara Boehme**

*Once again, we have added several new members to our group.*

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WELCOME, Joe, John & Katie. We look forward to seeing you at all our events!

## **Social News by Cindy and Jim Maddox**

First of all, a reminder that following our next meeting in Trussville, those that are interested are invited to go on the 'Jim and Sherrye Willis Memorial Covered Bridge Tour'. Jim and Sherrye always did such a good job of that tour that we would like to pay tribute to their efforts, and hope they can join us that afternoon. Following the ride to the bridge just outside Oneonta, a loop through Palisades Park, and possibly a stop for ice cream, our day should be complete. (Remember, the days are longer with Daylight Savings time.) Hope all can join us!

The second item is a suggestion, to check interest.

As most of us know by now, a big Club event is planned for Bowling Green, Kentucky the weekend of May 25th through May 28th. (This is also Memorial Day weekend) For those of us coming back from Kentucky on Sunday May 28th that may be interested in a 'stop' halfway home, we are suggesting a stop over in the quaint town of Lynchburg, Tennessee. (This may also work for those that cannot get away to go to Kentucky that weekend, but perhaps could get away and come up to Lynchburg, Tennessee for the remainder of the Memorial Day weekend. Lynchburg is only about fifty miles north of Huntsville, Alabama. Jim and I 'scouted out' the town this past weekend. We discovered a new motel/lodge that promised us a special rate for the Club of \$61.88 including tax! (We stayed there, and by the evening, two Corvettes from Georgia pulled in!) The motel/lodge is about one fourth mile from the town square of Lynchburg and about the same distance from the Jack Daniels Distillery. (Tours at the Distillery are free) Following the distillery tour, they allow you all the Lemonade you care to drink. The town square has many shops, restaurants, and an old 1800's Courthouse. The Corvettes would look great parked around the town square! Needless to say, people were sitting around the courthouse eating ice cream, shopping and just enjoying the 'laid back' feeling that the town evokes. (There were many motorcycle groups there on Saturday, really enjoying the 'ride' and the town)

We would like to check the 'interest' in this idea, and if we get a good response, I will call the motel and have the lady hold the rooms for us. You may view the motel by looking up Lynchburg Country Inn, Lynchburg, Tennessee. The rooms all have a common front porch, there are large parking spaces, rooms were quiet, comfortable, close to the town, and there was a pool! There is a web site for Lynchburg, Tennessee, which all can view to 'see' the little town. We plan to stop back by on Sunday May 28th and spend one night, and enjoy most of Monday (Memorial Day) there. Let us hear from those that might be interested, and I will work out the details and arrange the 'special rate' for rooms for the group.

## [The MACC By-Laws & You](#)

By Arlene Johnson, 2006 By-Law Chairperson

Bylaws exist for a non-profit organization as internal governing guidelines. Many members may never read their club's bylaws and may be surprised to learn they contain information about holding meetings, voting issues, membership rules, and responsibilities of officers. It is typically the job of the President to make sure bylaws are followed and taken seriously when conducting club business.

The current set of MACC bylaws was prepared in 2002. Since that time proposed changes have been submitted verbally or in writing to the club's 2005 and 2006 President or Bylaw chairperson and were reviewed and approved by the Board Of Directors in their March 2006 Executive Meeting.

The following list highlights the amendments discussed at the March meeting. Prior to April's club meeting, each current MACC member will receive an email of the proposed changes. Please take the time to review them so your vote is meaningful and thought out.

*Article I - clarify the statement and location of club business  
- add expectations of conduct during meetings*

*Article II - move ½ dues owed from September 1 to June 1*

*Article III - clarify voting rules (also clarified in Articles IV and VI)*

*Article IV - add information about resignations of chair people*

*Article V - change duties of Vice President from Show Chairman to Event Chair person  
- remove committee descriptions for Social Chairperson & Assistant Show Chairperson (duties & committees fall under Vice President Description)  
- add duty to Treasurer for filing taxes  
- add new section for term limitations*

*Article VI - change fiscal year to match calendar year*

A ballot vote will be presented at the April meeting at which time you can agree or disagree with individual amendments. If you have any questions about the proposed changes, feel free to call on Arlene Johnson at 533-5566. Thanks are due to Nick Klosowosky, Jane Mantooh, Chip Yarbrough, Sharon Mathews, Bill Ringler, Jim Maddox, and David Carter for input and comment into these bylaw changes.

## [Secret Solutions Pros Use](#)

By Arlene Johnson

Secrets are sometimes very hard to keep especially when they are of the quality of products made by Stoner located in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. In March of 2004 David Johnson, Bob Moreno, and Dale Zimlich took one last out of town cruise before Dale went to work on an embassy in Mali, Africa for a two year assignment. The fellows cruised to a Volunteer Fire Department's annual car show in Mississippi – nothing big, nothing special, but plenty of awards for entrants and a very nice goody bag containing full-size bottles of Stoner Products. We are now living testaments to their products like More Shine/Less Time, Tarminator, and Invisible Glass. And, Stoner Products became a sponsor to the 2005 and now 2006 MACC car show by sending samples of their products, brochures, and auction items.

The Stoner story is a good one to know – here goes. Paul Stoner was born in 1914 as an only child on a small farm in Lancaster County, PA. He lost his mom at eight and dad at age twelve. Through

the support of family friends and relatives and a very important mentor and local business man, Paul excelled in science and mathematics. He applied to Franklin & Marshal College and received a degree in chemistry in 1938. Paul started a business specializing in printing inks, but through a part-time job at a local tire retread plant he developed release agent lubricants for rubber and other molded materials. By the mid-1960s automotive and electronic companies were pursuing his innovations and using his products – some of the original formulations are still in use today. The first aerosol shine dressing was produced in the 1970s and today the company manufactures more than 500 cleaning, lubricating, and coating solutions for 6,000 manufactures, service businesses, government agencies and universities throughout the world.

The company is run today by Paul Stoner's grandson who in 1992 led the transformation to a team based culture, customer excellence, innovative technology, and flexible manufacturing. In 2003 Stoner was the smallest business ever to win the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Stone products offer same day shipping, free delivery, a no risk guarantee, and volume discounts. Use the brochure and coupon handed out at the March meeting and order the Complete Car Care Kit – you will get all you need for auto detailing at a very low cost. Their web-site is [www.moreshine.com](http://www.moreshine.com). You will not be disappointed – I guarantee it!!!!

## Goodbyes.....

Thank you to those who visited Dr. Osbourne in his temporary resting place after the accident and signing the guest book at Rev. Honeycutt's place of business. Here is the on-line guest book for Dr. Harry Osbourne, aka GRNGBLN – in case people wanted to share some parting words.

### *Dr. Harry "Grngbln" Osborne*

OSBORNE, DR. HARRY "GRNGBLN", age 34, of Leeds, passed away February 1, 2006, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by parents, David and Arlene Johnson. A private memorial service is planned. Rev. Chet Honeycutt officiating. Abanks Mortuary & Crematory, Birmingham. Published in The Birmingham News on 2/15/2006.

<http://www.legacy.com/birmingham/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=16738699>

We appreciate all the inquiries to David's recovery, concerns, and interest in Harry's parts, but Harry was beat up enough – we didn't want to violate him any more!!!. The Green Goblin will remain in our hearts and memories.....may he find joy in the drag strip of afterlife!!!

David & Arlene

# 2006 Calendar of Events

**(Club Events are noted in red)**

## April

20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Cruise In, Tip Top Café, Bluff Park, Contact Bill Ringler  
23<sup>rd</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville,  
2:00 Lunch, 3:00 Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> C5/C6 Bash Bowling Green, KY  
[www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

## May

4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Circle City Corvette Beach Caravan, Dothan, AL  
[www.circlecitycorvettes.com](http://www.circlecitycorvettes.com)  
20<sup>th</sup> Rain Date – Mid Alabama Corvette Show  
21<sup>st</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville  
2:00 Lunch, 3:00 Meeting,  
25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Corvette Forum Cruise In, Bowling Green KY, Contact Jim  
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## June

11<sup>th</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting & Club Picnic, Details to follow  
TBA Morgan Creek Vineyards & Winery Tour, Harpersville, AL

## July

TBA MACC Road Rally  
18<sup>th</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Cruise to Chattanooga, (info to follow)

## August

5<sup>th</sup> Super Vette Saturday, Acworth, GA, [www.cgcorvetteclub.com](http://www.cgcorvetteclub.com)  
11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Vettes at the Village 06, Sandestin, FL,  
[www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com](http://www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com)  
20<sup>th</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA  
24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle PA, (info to follow)

## September

17<sup>th</sup> MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA

TBA	Vettes for Pets, Contact Arlene Johnson
29 <sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Vette Fest at Gatlinburg, TN, <a href="http://www.etcorvette.com">www.etcorvette.com</a>
October	
15 <sup>th</sup>	MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cruise to Mentone, AL (info to follow)
November	
TBA	Cruise to Guntersville, Dinner at Top of the River
19 <sup>th</sup>	MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
December	
TBA	Local Parades
8 <sup>th</sup>	MACC Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party, location TBA

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