



# MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Chris Touchton

March madness was another busy month for MACC members. A club outing and meeting at Barber's Museum, St. Paddy's Day Parade, weekend cruise to Orange Beach with 17 corvettes, tour and dinner at the Vinzini Winery.

Congrats to Debbie Porter on her five mile walk to raise money for the Kidney Foundation. I would love to see MACC sponsor Debbie next year. Money raised in Alabama stays in Alabama.

April is here! Spring has sprung! The azaleas and dogwoods are in full bloom with Easter just around the corner. April is a special month for our family, our youngest son Scott was born on the 7<sup>th</sup>. What you probably don't know is that on Easter Sunday morning, April 17<sup>th</sup> (just a few years ago). Mr. & Mrs. Frank Touchton celebrated the birth of their first son

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## Message From The President

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in Jacksonville, Florida. Yup, I'm an Easter Bunny. No, I do not have a pink nose or fuzzy tail and do not eat green eggs and ham!

So, bouncing right along, will April take a back seat to March? I don't think so!

Joe Neel has put together a day trip to Talladega on the 14<sup>th</sup>. MACC's monthly meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> at Neighborhood Grill in Trussville with lunch at one o'clock and meeting at two o'clock. This is the club's show meeting. Show t-shirts will be passed out and money collected. Please make every effort to attend.

Saturday night cruise-ins are back in full swing. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, MACC will be going to Springville along with 500 other cars.

Jeff Williams is herding a group to Bowling Green for the C5/C6 Bash on the 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be more to come!

As you review the calendar you will notice that there are dates available. Feel free to plan an event. Day trips are in high demand and the easiest to plan. I know we have a lot of members who have some really neat places to go. These trips do not need vote approval, just do not schedule something that conflicts with the club calendar. So call or e-mail Suzan, our Events Chair, and get in there and plan something. You will be glad you did.

I hope you enjoy this issue of MACC Tracks. Check the club's web site, MACC Forum and e-mails for weekly cruise updates.

Next month I will share information on the "POWER" of an afternoon nap. Don't want to sleep through this one!

From behind the wheel,

PS: Want to win a five-night, six-day vacation for two in beautiful St. Lucia? Me too!

## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Ronnie Jones

Mark you calendars, set aside the date and round up auction items for:

**MACC's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show**

May 5, 2007 9 to 3 Rain or Shine

Costco's behind Riverchase Galleria

Details and club member assignments will be discussed at the April 15<sup>th</sup> monthly MACC meeting. Please plan to attend to do your part in making our annual show successful.

## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Jane Lewis

Minutes from the monthly meetings will NOT be published in the club newsletter, but will be available in the "Members Only" section on the MACC web site.

## NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

by Sharon Mathews

It really amazes me each month to see how our numbers are continuing to increase! Seeing larger and larger numbers of people at our events and cruise-ins is exciting! I know it is sometimes difficult to remember names and faces with our family of members expanding so rapidly; however, PLEASE make an effort to introduce yourselves to someone you don't know, sit with someone new at meetings and cruise-ins, and even call someone you've just met and invite them to join you for dinner some night. We want everyone to feel welcome and wanted as a part of our group!

A special thanks to Martha and Jim Foster for their heartfelt letter sent out in a MACC-All last week. I am PROUD to know that their membership in our club is enriching their "Corvette" experience.

### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED MACC IN THE PAST MONTH

#### **Kevin Pearson**

Birmingham, Alabama  
2004 White Convertible  
[kpearson35@bellsouth.net](mailto:kpearson35@bellsouth.net)

#### **Eric Cohen**

Mountain Brook, Alabama  
2000 Torch Red Coupe  
[ecohen3424@charter.net](mailto:ecohen3424@charter.net)

#### **Justin Zemo**

Rainbow City, Alabama  
2002 Speedway White Coupe  
[jrzemo@comcast.net](mailto:jrzemo@comcast.net)

#### **Basil Sloan**

Warrior, Alabama  
2006 Victory Red Coupe  
[fraumorton@earthlink.net](mailto:fraumorton@earthlink.net)

*Note: We are also happy to announce the engagement of Basil Sloan and Jo Morton. A wedding date has not yet been set; however, we eagerly await this important day. Congratulations!!!*

### Member Photos On Website

We continue to add pictures of our members and their cars to our website, but are still missing many of you. Please take a look at our website. If you don't find your picture there, e-mail a picture of yourself, and a separate one of your car, to [pboehme8464@yahoo.com](mailto:pboehme8464@yahoo.com). If you don't have a photo readily available and would like one taken, please ask Paul, Chris, or me to take your pictures at a meeting or event. We would like to see everyone posted on our site.

### Member Concerns

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

- Billy Porter: Billy's dad struggles with several serious health problems, including Alzheimer's Disease
- Karen Cauble: Karen's mom continues in her struggle with medical problems.
- Terry Mathews: Terry's dad passed away in March; and Terry continues to recover from Achilles tendon surgery, and is now trying to walk in real shoes again!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on this month's list and is not, please e-mail me your dates so we can congratulate you too.

### Happy "April" Birthdays To The Following

Michael Walsh	April 8	Jo Morton	April 19
Leila Sparks	April 8	Karen Cauble	April 21
Sharon Mathews	April 13	Conrad Whitten	April 26
Chris Touchton	April 17	Sheryl Folds	April 29
Bob Stewart	April 17		

**Congratulations To The Following Members On Their April Wedding Anniversaries:**

Larry & Sheila Thomas  
Bob & Carol Yarbro

April 7  
April 16

If you know of someone who you think would enjoy and benefit from our club, please invite them to one of our meetings or functions. A membership application can be mailed to them, or one can be downloaded from our website.

**NEWS ABOUT THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE IN TN**

by Jim Maddox

Just a reminder of the July 3rd events and July 4th parade in Tennessee. All information has been sent out as a MACC-ALL e-mail. MACC has a special room rate at the Lynchburg Country Inn, lunch at Miss Mary Bo-Bo's on July 3rd, concert in the Huntland City Park the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The July 4th parade is in nearby Huntland, Tennessee, on the morning of July 4th. This will be a busy week, so I encourage everyone to make their motel reservations as soon as possible. Thanks! Any questions call Jim or Cindy Maddox.

**NEWS FROM THE WEB SITE CHAIR**

By Paul Boehme

The Web Site appearance has been changed again. This completes the updates we had planned except for adding sound. There will be a little reorganizing the pages, but the basic look should stay the same. Let us know if you have some other improvement ideas.

The Forum use is increasing (slowly). It is intended for an open communication tool that will help reduce our MACC-ALL traffic. It is an open forum to trouble shoot car problems, throw out new ideas, discuss upcoming events or sell various things. If you need help getting started, please call Paul, Terry or Thom. We are watching the numbers and it seems most people are viewing the forum which is OK, but we want to encourage everyone to participate.

The MACC-ALL use is working fine. We all (including Chris) need to remember to limit picture sending through the Luckie server. Jane would like to keep her job a little while longer. If you do have pictures to share please send them to as many people as you want to, but through your personal email. If you have a special picture that would benefit the web site please send it to Thom.



**NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS**

by Fred Atkins

The National Corvette Museum has announced the three inductees to be recognized as part of the 10th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2007. World Class Corvette racer, Doug

Hooper, Corvette C4 Consultant and Specialist, Gordon Killebrew, and GM Designer and stylist Carl Renner will be recognized with the highest honor by the Museum for their contributions in preserving the past, present and future of Corvettes. The ceremony and banquet will be held on August 31, 2007. Registration for the 2009 National Corvette Caravan will be opening in the spring, and you can sign on now to be a part of the Caravan chat at <http://www.corvettecaravan.com>.

CORVETTE CHRONOLOGY (last month's answer): Question #1: What year was the first ZR1 optional factory installed package offered? Answer: 1970. Question #2: In what year was the first 4-wheel disc brake and 396 big block offered? Answer: 1965.

CORVETTE CHRONOLOGY (for this month). Question #1: What year does the convertible model return after a 10 -year absence? Question #2: What model year Corvette is not offered in years 1977, 1981, and 1983?

### **2008 Model Year Unveiling Planned At The C5/C6 April 26<sup>th</sup> Bash**

Tom Wallace, Tadge Juechter, John Spencer, Tom Hill and Wil Cooksey will be presenting the 2008 Corvette at the Bash. Several 2008 models will be onsite as they do an exciting walk around and introduce the new and exciting changes for the new model. The 2008 will have the most enhancements to the C6 generation since its introduction in 2004. Register for the Bash Event at the Museum web site.:

### **MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS**

Fred Atkins	Paul & Sara Boehme	Tony & Cathy Crapet
Chris Gilliland	Hoke Graham	Steve & Susie Hawk
David & Arlene Johnson	Ronnie & Kathie Jones	Chuck Lewis
Jane & Jocko Lewis	Terry & Sharon Mathews	Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon
Billy & Debbie Porter	Bill Ringle	Bob Stewart
Chris Touchton	Jeff & Evelyn Williams	Jim & Sherrye Willis
Dale Zimlich		

## **NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR**

by Babs Lucas

Well, God has blessed us with nine birthdays and five anniversary's this month. One get well card was sent to Lillian Jones, Joe Neel's friend. One heartfelt sympathy card and a basket of flowers were sent to Terry Mathews in the passing of his father, Jim Mathews.

After one of our new members, Frank Crews, received a birthday card from our club, he sent us a card in return saying we gave him the "red carpet treatment". That was so very thoughtful, thanks to Frank.

Try not to miss a trip or event or meeting...each one gets better! Have a GREAT sun shinnny day.

## **MACC EVENTS**

by Susan Touchton

A busy March is over and April promises to be another fun month for MACC. A day trip to Talladega organized by Joe Neel should be a perfect time to drive and spend time with good friends.

Don't forget the April meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Neighborhood Grill. Jeff Williams is leading a group to Bowling Green for the C5-C6 Bash.

We are talking with some out of town clubs to arrange some joint outings. A trip down part of the Natchez Trace has been mention to the Tupelo club. If you know members from others clubs and would like to help put something together please let me know and we'll get the ball rolling. The more corvettes the better!

Bill Ringler will be announcing one of his great weeknight cruises in the near future. We always look forward to those evenings.

The Saturday night cruise-ins are starting back this month. Hope you can join us sometime. All you need to bring is your folding chair.

Keep an eye on the website and MACC forum for other activities. We would love to hear your ideas and input about day and overnight trips. Please feel free to call me.

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## ROCKY'S STORY (Part III)

by Jeff Williams

Well, here I am again, against my better judgment, spilling my guts about my addictions. Now that I have most all the parts I need, I have curbed (no pun intended) my eBay activities. This month, I only bought a new dash cover, the fender vent grilles, new door hinge springs, and the rest of the emblems for the car. Terry Truett gave me his "crossfire injection" emblems. He will not need them since he has a carburetor (Ewww!).

Just like every project I start, I had to have some new tools. I think it is an unwritten man law. "One must always buy new tools when starting a new project". I love buying tools almost as much as cars and car parts! I scoured the shelves of Harbor Freight for hours, and picked up some great stuff (all you Snap-On and MAC tool guys, stop cringing). I got a nice roll-around stool, some bigger jack stands, a bench vise, some brushes, a lot of sand paper, and a few hand tools I couldn't live without.

This month, I got the car on jack stands, removed the wheels, and started working on the brakes. Terry Truett came over and we bled the rear brakes. Now I have some pedal feel, but in order to be completely safe, a full system flush is in order. Before I get on the road, I will rebuild all the brake calipers, have the rotors trued, then clean and re-pack the wheel bearings. Of course, everything I take off gets cleaned, inspected, repaired or replaced, painted, and reinstalled. The front end is seriously out of alignment (probably from the collision), and will require some work. It appears to be just a steering arm, which will get replaced.

I drained the oil, and replaced the filter. The engine now is full of Mobil 1 Full Synthetic oil, just like my other Vette. The motor starts and runs fine, so no immediate work is necessary there. I just had to top off the coolant, and power steering fluid. Amazingly, the steering system is not leaking. I thought all C3's had to leak power steering fluid as a rule!

Terry Truett came over again, and we dropped the transmission pan, to see if we could find out why it won't go in reverse. When we dropped the pan, we discovered it was full of motor oil! **Now, why would someone do that?** I can't determine if someone just didn't know better, or thought it might help the car, but whatever the reason, the transmission is toast. We flushed it twice and replaced the filter, but the car still wouldn't go in reverse. I posted several questions on Corvette Forum and the Crossfire Injection Vault, but all the answers pointed to a new transmission. The new transmission will be built to a much higher standard, since A lot of changes have been done to this

model over the years. I plan to take advantage of all of them. The transmission should no longer be the weak link in the drive train.

I cleaned up the rally wheels and repainted them a nice dark graphite metallic. They look great, and the color is perfect with the black car paint and the chrome/stainless steel beauty rings and center caps. I got the tires mounted and ready to go back on the car.

The only other work I did this month was to clean up the original seats and re-install them, so I can test drive the car without having to sit on a gas can or milk crate. I also re-wired the factory speakers, and listened to the race while I worked on the car, last Sunday. It was kinda cool.

If you or anybody you know is good with fiberglass Corvette bodies, give me a shout. I need someone to bond the nose of the car to the chassis. I really don't think I can handle that myself.

There is not a lot of room in the newsletter for pictures, so I will post them on the MACC forum. If you want to see the progress on the car, check out the thread in the forum under club member project cars. I should have some pictures up soon.

See you next month. Until then, happy motoring!

## **2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **April:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Cruise to "April in Talladega" (contact Joe Neel)
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00 PM**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cruise-in at Tip Top Grill on Shades Crest Road from 5:30 until 7:30 (contact Bill Ringler)
- 26<sup>th</sup> C5 & C6 Bash, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green (contact Jeff Williams)

### **May:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> **MACC Annual Car Show at Costco in Hoover (contact Ronnie Jones) & MACC monthly meeting**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dothan to Panama City Corvette Caravan sponsored by the Circle City Corvette Club
- 24<sup>th</sup> Corvette Forum Cruise-In at the National Corvette Museum
- 26<sup>th</sup> Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show, Maggie Valley, NC

### **June:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hot Rod Magazine, Hot Rod Power Tour (contact Chuck Lewis)
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Monthly MACC meeting, location TBA**

**Next MACC Monthly meeting  
Neighborhood Sports Grill in Trussville  
Sunday - April 15th  
Meeting: 2:00 PM**

