



MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jeff Williams

What a crazy month! We had sun, rain, fog, sleet, snow, hail, wind, and tornados. Man, this global warming is really messing with my cruising schedule! Anyway, we have another “winter” month behind us and spring is in full bloom, (pollen and all!). Just in case you were wondering, all Corvettes are really Yellow! I put down the top the other day, to run to the store, and forgot to put it back up. When I returned to the car a few hours later, my interior was no longer black, but cashmere!

I have to say that I am very proud of our club’s commitment at the car show this month. I was very happy to see almost everyone show up to work, and bring their Corvette. I look back at the pictures, and it is hard to recognize some people because we all look like a bunch of Eskimos (Tony was downright scary with his orange face mask). I know it is dangerous because I will surely leave someone out, but I want to thank a few people that made a big difference at the show for me. I was not everywhere at the show to see each person’s efforts, but everywhere I looked, it made me proud to be a part of this club because of the way people were having a good time. From Kathy and Arlene who met me at the first gate, to Nick directing traffic at the top of the hill, to Toby, Sara, and her crew at the registration

area to Wayne and his crew parking cars, we did a fabulous job on the show. I know there were issues, but not nearly as many as there could have been without good people pitching in. I am especially proud of Terry Truett, who spent hundreds of hours planning and orchestrating the event. Paul Boehme was a super help with the planning meetings, and worked tirelessly to set-up, transport, and tear down the show stuff the day before and the day of the show. Cathy Crapet and her social team did a bang-up job on the meet & greet at the Hampton. There was enough food for 200 people! We all ate well at the show from the leftovers. Jim Maddox did a great job raising money for the show, and he and Cindy kept everybody filled with hot coffee the day of the show. Tony Crapet brought out his Mule, and we used it to run warm water back and forth to all the participants so they could wash the mud off their cars and trucks. There was a great bunch at the main trailer that kept the door prizes, t-shirt sales and auction items moving. There were too many people to count working this area. Maybe it was because the heater was in the trailer, too. Hoke Graham did a great job on the microphone duties. Terry Garrett came out of retirement to help Jocko Lewis and his crew delve out the trophies. I think every participant went home with a trophy. I would like to thank Rob Conrad and

Brian Peters for helping with the awards and announcements. I want to especially thank Valerie and Katye from Magic Moments who came out and shared with us what great things they do. Pam did a great job on Thursday morning with JJ. I know for a fact that Paul Duke had a fun time riding on the track. I want to thank Doyal Marks for taking time out of his track day to show us the line around the track. Everyone that came off the track had a huge grin on their faces. I want to thank the sponsors that gave their time and money to support the event and Magic Moments. I was supposed to sell 50/50 tickets, but I didn't even touch the tickets, until my dad gave me the ones he bought when he left. I know that Frank Crews and Angela Watson picked up my slack in that department. This show was a lot of work, but I think all that were involved had a great time. I hope we can continue next year, what we started next year.

April is shaping up to be a fun month. I will have to give you guys a full report on my Z06 Ride and Drive experience in Bowling Green next month. I found out today that GM will have a ZR-1 on display at the C5/C6 Birthday Bash. For some, this may be the only chance to get your hands on one of these cars. Maybe I will be the one that gets to drive it on the Kentucky back roads.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Terry Truett

To quote the Bible: "..... "It is finished." John 19:28-30 i.e. The WOW and Car show are done, PTL!

Thanks to all you incredible club members that braved the snow covered tundra to support the 2008 Car Show. As anticipated, having the show at Barber not only allowed us the opportunity to have a really big event, if it were not for snow, but also opened up several doors for future possibilities. The ultimate goal is to have more and do less, this is where we are headed with upcoming events. Much more later.

I am looking forward to spending much more time focused on cruising, trips and having fun with you guys.

Thanks again to everyone for a very successful show!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Sara Boehme for Jack Kempf

We need to welcome several new members to our Corvette family:

Terry & Shari Bailey Leeds, AL 1981 Blue/Silver Coupe	Michael Chaney Adgr, AL 2003 Red Convertible	J R Mahaffey Hueytown, AL 1977 Black Coupe 1980 White Coupe
Benny & Nancy Scott Trussville, AL 1973 Red Coupe	Daryl Wilhite Irondale, AL 1982 White Coupe	Glenn & Allison Peters Birmingham, AL 2006 White Coupe

Please greet them when you see them at our meetings or other events.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

There are thousands of Corvette enthusiasts across the U. S. and abroad—all with a love for an automobile that is as true as its legacy. Our mission at the national corvette museum is to be the central hub that honors and preserves Corvettes heritage.

Over 28,000 passionate Corvette owners are members of the NCM. Many have never visited us, and some attend events at various times each year. So why would someone want to be a member of a Museum that is hundreds, or perhaps even thousands, of miles away? It is simple....because our mission of education, preservation and celebration reaches out a lot further than inside these walls.

Corvette History

MARCH:

Question #1: What year was the tuned-port injection on the 5.7L V8 offered:1980, 1983, 1985?

Answer #1: 1985

Question #2: What was its horse power rating: 327, 190, or 230?

Answer #2: 230

APRIL:

Question #1: What year and month did the Corvette finally get its own assembly plant as production moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky?

Question #2: In 1990_____ was the introduction of the _____ Corvette

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

(please let us know if your name needs to be added or deleted)

Fred Atkins

Tony & Cathy Crapet

Hoke Graham

Ronnie & Kathie Jones

Doyal Marks

Billy & Debbie Porter

Bob Stewart

Conrad Whitten

Dale Zimlich

Wade & Jennifer Banks

Ronnie & Cheryl Folds

Steve & Susie Hawk

Chuck Lewis

Terry & Sharon Mathews

Bill Ringler

Chris Touchton

Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Paul & Sara Boehme

Chris Gilliland

David & Arlene Johnson

Jane & Jocko Lewis

Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon

Basil Sloan

Terry & Toby Truett

Jim & Sherrye Willis

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR

by Cathy Crapet

April Meeting

Sunday, April 20th

Bonedaddy's Restaurant

Lee Branch off Highway 280

Lunch 2:00

Meeting 3:00

May Meeting

Sunday, May 18th

The May meeting may be changed due to the Panama City Beach Caravan

Location to be announced

Dothan/Panama City Beach Caravan

May 15th – 18th

If you have not signed up for this great trip, it is not too late.

We already have 9 couples who have signed up for this trip.

Contact Cathy if you need more information.

You can also get information at www.circlecitycorvettes.com.

June Meeting

Saturday, June 7th
Picnic at the Crapet's
Logan Martin Lake
11:00

NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

by Babs Lucas

For the windy month of March, there were nine members who received Happy Birthday wishes and there were four receiving Happy Anniversary cards. I sent "Get Well Wishes" to four members: Sally Davenport, Faye Williamson, Donna Allen, and Dennis Hopkins. Please do remember them as they are still recovering!! Give them a land line hello!

As most of you know, Claudia Bruce lost her sister in February. We received a Thank You note from Claudia which reads: " To all of our MACC friends, Thank you for every thought and prayer during our time of loss. The basket of plants was beautiful and lifted me up the morning they arrived. I cherish our friendship, With much love, Claudia

We all know the feeling that goes with losing someone precious to us. Some of these special notes I have read in our meetings and others I've been given included in this newsletter. I surely hope that I have not missed letting you know of each and every one that has been received.

There was little sunshine for the trip to Sevierville, TN, but we seemed to be able to make our own SUNSHINE! Great trip and GREAT FUN being with each other. How 'bout the dancing in the diner? J & J and J & M

NEWS FROM THE CORVETTE FORUM

by Jim Willis

The Corvetteforum.com's ninth annual Cruise-In to Bowling Green, KY, is set for May 22nd-24th. The event includes drag racing, autocrossing, dyno pulls, scenic cruises, a car show and displays at the National Corvette Museum. Forum member "Roscoe" once again will be preparing meals for participants on his BBQ trailer at the Hampton Inn, exit 22. This year's event will include a blood drive with donors becoming eligible for one of two prizes: a \$150 gift certificate at the NCM store and a \$100 gift certificate at the NCM store.

Here's a link where you can review the events schedule and register through the National Corvette Museum: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml>

Roscoe's BBQ requires a separate registration. Details on the menus and prices can be found at this link: <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/showthread.php?t=1919666>

The Willises will be driving to Bowling Green for Cruise-In IX on Wednesday, May 21st, but we'd love to see some of our MACC friends any time during the event, which ends with the NCM banquet Saturday night, May 24th. If you have questions, just let us know, jwillis@comcast.net.

NEWS FROM THE EX-PRES

(PARTS FOR SALE)

by Chris Touchton

As most of you know, a group of us from the club went to the Corvette Expo in Sevierville this past weekend.

This show is known for its used parts vendors. Since buying the old 73 I have an on going parts list.

Knowing that both Tony Crapet & Ronnie Jones (both corvette parts experts) were going on this trip, well this would be a no brainer for purchasing the parts I needed.

Now every used parts buyer knows that the best deals go early in these two day shows. So like kids on Christmas day the three of us were there when the doors opened Friday morning.

Cash in my pocket, the best deals I was informed go for cash. Two experts at my side, I was ready to shop.

Now it's not like I was going to buy enough parts to rebuild the 73. I needed a 73 jack handle, the center chrome trim T for the T-tops, a C3 key ring and maybe an event t-shirt.

Knowing how excited I was, RJ pulled me aside and said, "Don't buy anything without contacting me first". I agreed and we were off. Tony and I searching for parts while RJ looked for a new Corvette.

After comparing notes, Tony spots the t-shirt guy. One 3X & one large, no problem. No need to call RJ.

Next we spot the food vendor, again no problem. No need to call RJ. Then out of the blue, Tony spots it, like a diamond lying on the ground, a C3 jack handle. Surrounded by a thousand rusty, dirty corvette parts but it was there all right. Should we call RJ? Nah!

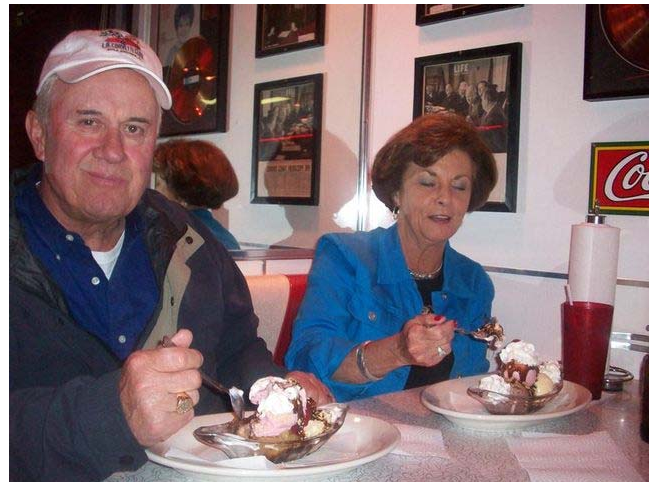
The next lesson for me was that Mr. Crapet never ever pays asking price for anything. First he asked for our club discount, then what was the price if we paid cash. Once the price was agreed on the C3 lug wrench was mine. Talk about luck, we did it, oh baby.

Bet you guys know where this going.

Man did the air go out of our sails. After showing RJ the lug wrench we purchased we were informed that the lug wrench was for a C4 not aC3. Dang, should have called RJ.

After that RJ found the correct C3 key ring for me, bet Tony could have got the price down.

If anyone needs a like new C4 lug wrench, I know where you can get a deal. But call RJ first! Both cash and club discount apply.



ROCKY'S STORY - PART XI

(Am I building a car, or just buying parts?)

By Jeff Williams

Update: The hood finally showed up a week after the show. Fred shipped it via Greyhound Bus line. (Yes, there is still a Greyhound Bus Line, and you can ship freight on it). He did a wonderful job wrapping the hood in bubble wrap then surrounding it with shipping peanuts and putting it in a big box, that said, "Do Not Lay Flat". It could literally have said, "Kick Me" on it and it would have not shown up in any worse condition!

When the package handler dragged (literally dragged) the box out of the warehouse, it was leaking shipping peanuts and looked like the bus had dragged it for the final 30 miles of the trip. But, the hood was cozy and safe in it's protective bubble wrap. The Montgomery bus station is about 7 miles from my office, and I looked like a WW2 ticker tape parade float all the way to the office. If I stayed at 35 or below, the peanuts would just swirl around like lotto balls. Once I hit about 40, they would start to stream out the back. At 50, it looked like I had a wood chipper in the back of the truck bed. I shot up to 70 once, just to see what would happen, and the peanuts were so thick, I looked like I blew the motor up going down the back stretch at Daytona International Speedway. I slowed down to 30 after that. I didn't want to draw any more attention to myself. After my 20 minutes of littering, I was able to unload the hood and toss the remaining peanuts in the dumpster.

Today, the hood is on the car, but really just "on" the car, not "ON" the car. I have the L88 hood for Raquel on top of the white L83 Hood on top of the original black L83 hood that has some cracks in it. At least that hood is bolted to the car! I added them up, and I own 6 hoods for the 3 Corvettes I have. I think I will stop now. If you need a 1973 hood, or a 1980-81 hood, or a slightly cracked 1982 hood, give me a call.

In case you didn't know it, my "tent" that I had in the back yard came down in the wind storm we had a few weeks ago, and the galvanized pipe that made up the frame beat poor Rocky and Raquel all night long. Raquel's hood, front fender, roof panels, passenger door, rear deck, and rear quarter are beat up pretty bad. More than just a touch-up. The tarp rubbed on the top of the cars back and forth, grinding the dust that was on them into the paint so it looks like I took 2,000 grit sandpaper to the tops of both cars. Rocky fared much better than Raquel. He did not sustain any real damage. Now I get to paint Raquel when I get Rocky painted. Should I go back with the original color of Metallic Yellow, or stick with the Millie Miglia Red that is currently on it? Red would be much easier, at this point.

I am not in search of a new house, with a 5-car garage, so I don't have to worry about weather when I want to work on the cars.

This month, I spent some time helping Terry put Goldie back together, and you all will love the way she looks. I didn't spend any time working on Rocky. Maybe next month when Goldie is on the streets again, I can get Rocky in the shop.

Be safe!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April – 2008:

- 7th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 14th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 20th **MACC monthly meeting at Bonedaddy's Restaurant at Lee Branch on Hwy 280**
- 24th C5/C6 Bash at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green (contact Jeff Williams)

May – 2008:

- 15th Circle City Corvette Club annual caravan to Panama City Beach: coordinator John Hickman at 334-347-5908 or website www.circlecitycorvettes.com (contact Cathy Crapet)
- 18th **MACC monthly meeting**
- 22nd Corvette Forum's IX Annual Cruise-In at Bowling Green NCM (contact Jim Willis)
- 24th "Vettes in the Valley", Maggie Valley, NC (website www.smokyevents.com)

June – 2008:

- 6th Corvettes at Myrtle Beach (website www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com)
- 7th **MACC monthly meeting & picnic at Crapet's lake house on Logan Martin lake**
- 21st 6th Annual Palmetto Car Show, Spartanburg, SC. Contact Dan Patton at www.crossflagcorvetteclub.com.
- 27th Annual "Drive Your Corvette To Work" day

April 20th MACC Monthly Meeting
Bonedaddy's Restaurant on Highway 280
Lee Branch Shopping Center
2:00 lunch
3:00 meeting

