



# MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Babs Lucas**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Mathews

Here it is the first of April..... This means two things at MACC.... 1. Vette Weather is here !!!! and....2. The MACC Show “VETTES & VIBRATIONS” is just one month away. That’s right, Our big MACC Show is May 2 at the Verizon Music Center in Pelham. It is beginning to come together nicely. We are getting new entries daily now from all over the southeast.....People are getting excited because everyone knows that the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club Show is always a great show and party.

This year however, things are a little tough and we need all our members to help out. Because of this economy, we have been unable to secure a major sponsor for the show. Therefore, we are underwriting it our self and it will be a huge success. We need every member unit (husband & wife = 1 unit) to bring to the next club meeting a door prize or raffle item. We would like for the value to be around \$20. If you can get someone to donate the item, that’s great, we’ll be sure to give them credit for the donation. If no one will donate, just stop by some place and purchase a nice item we can use.

WE WILL NEED PEOPLE TO HELP ALSO !!!!! Don’t be shy !!!!! to put on a show of this size, takes as lot of people. If you have not signed up to help yet.... call or e-mail Paul or me. For those of you that have not experienced one of these ALL CORVETTE shows before, you’re in for a treat. The cars are beautiful, and so are the people. IT IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE !!!!! We are working hard on the advertising for the show, but everyone needs to be handing out show flyers everywhere you go. We need people through the gate.

Also, let’s not forget the VIBRATIONS part of the show. We are very proud to have the Johnny Click Band performing all afternoon. This is great !

AND LASTLY – BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT – WE’RE DOING THIS FOR THE KIDS – OUR PROCEEDS GO TO MAGIC MOMENTS !

Let’s not forget the next meeting.....TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009, LLOYDS REST ON 280. MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM, so get there a little early to eat.

Until then.....Save the Wave !!!!!

Terry Mathews, President

# VETTES & VIBRATIONS

Paul Boehme

The show committee is finishing up on last minute show details. One addition to the show you may not be aware of is that we will be setting up our 'generation' display out front. Club members that have agreed to display their C1 thru C6 cars are Mickey – C1, Ronnie J. – C2, Chris – C3, Jim F. - C4, Ronnie F. – C5 and Chuck – C6. Also, a friend of my son said he will be bringing his new ZR1 to the show.

The biggest thing we *all* need to do now is to get the word out. Everyone can help with this. This is *extremely* important to the success of the show. Please print several copies of the current flyer off the web site. (It should say the band is Johnny Click and the registration is \$25). Keep these with you at all times in your car. Simply put a flyer on every bulletin board you see every day...grocery store, work, Walmart, etc. If you see a Corvette in a parking lot, pull over and put a flyer on their windshield. Please make a special effort to put out at least one per day somewhere.

## Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

This is April and we are having our showers!!!! No complaints. The flowers are opening and are just beautiful.

April Birthdays: Toby Truett      Jack Herlong      Jimmy Messina      Kevin Pearson  
Chris Touchton      Bob Stewart      Jo Sloan      Conrad Whitten  
Sheryl Folds      Gloria Williams      Sharon Mathews

April Anniversaries: Bob & Carol Yarbro      Jimmy & Angie Messina      Larry & Sheila Thomas  
Thom & Faye Williamson      Wade & Jennifer Banks

A sympathy card was sent to Paul & Sarah Boehme in the loss of Paul's Aunt. We are thankful that Austin Boehme, Paul & Sarah's son, is doing well after being hospitalized twice recently.

Conrad Whitten is going to therapy, after his heart surgery. Continue to remember him and Sandi during this time.

Take care of your self folks!  
Enjoy the trips coming up!!

Babs Lucas  
Sunshine chair

## **Special Thank You From Sandi and Conrad Whitten**

CONRAD AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VETTE CLUB FOR THEIR PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS AND CARDS. SPECIAL THANKS TO TONY & CATHY FOR BEING AT THE HOSPITAL WITH ME ON THE DAY OF CONRAD'S SURGERY. WE THANK OUR VETTE FRIENDS, SO MUCH FOR BEING BY OUR SIDE DURING CONRAD'S OPEN HEART SURGERY.

CONRAD'S CARDIOLOGIST SAYS, HE IS DOING REMARKABLY WELL AND WANTS HIM TO START CARDIO REHAB NEXT WEEK. KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS QUICKLY!! I HAVE LET HIM OUT OF QUARANTINE!(LOL) WILL SEE YOU SOON.

YOUR CORVETTE FRIENDS,  
CONRAD & SANDI

## **Social News**

**Cathy Crapet**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **April 11-12**

DeSoto State Park Bed & Breakfast Special  
Contact Jim or Cindy Maddox

#### **April 14 (Tuesday)**

MACC meeting  
Lloyd's Restaurant 280  
Meeting starts at 7:00  
(Bring a \$20 door / raffle prize for the car show)  
Come early to eat

#### **April 17-29**

Pensacola Car Show  
Watch for details in an upcoming email

#### **May 14-17**

Dothan/Panama City Beach Caravan  
Thursday - Caravan to Dothan  
Friday night and Saturday night at Bay Point Marriott in Panama City  
Watch for details in an upcoming e-mail

JUST LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED BY NOT BOWLING 🎳 A PARTY EVERY MONDAY NIGHT!!



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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Terry & Toby Truett

### **Membership Notes:**

What's up fellow Vette friends. We are looking forward to another great year with all of you guys! Please feel free to contact us anytime with new information or corrections concerning your membership. If you would like to be spotlighted as a member of the month just let me know. If you want your picture updated or added to the web site just let Paul know.

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Please welcome these new members and be sure to say hello at our next meeting:

David and Donna Chmielarski

Clyde and Linda Roberts

Randall and Rebecca McMichen

Larry and Sharon Howard

It was so good to see a lot of folks at the last meeting that we have not seen in a while, thank you for coming and supporting your club! If you have not made it to a meeting in a while, WE MISS YOU! Come join in all the fun and fellowship.

If Toby or I can ever be of assistance to you or your family whether club or personal please do not hesitate to call on us.

God Bless!  
Terry and Toby Truett



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## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS**

**Fred Atkins**

Everything is on target for our final completion in time for the Corvette celebration over Labor Day Weekend. The CORVETTE MUSEUM's 47,000 square foot expansion is taking shape and coming to life. The building campaign stands at over \$3.2 million in pledges and donations. The addition is made possible through donations, pledges and bank financing. The estimated final cost is approximately \$10 million. More information on the Museum's expansion and the many ways you can help are available via our website at:

[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

Frederick Atkins

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

Fred Atkins  
Tony & Cathy Crapet  
Hoke Graham  
Ronnie & Kathie Jones  
Doyal Marks  
Bill Ringler  
Bob Stewart  
Conrad Whitten  
Dennis & Joy Hopkins

Wade & Jennifer Banks  
Ronnie & Cheryl Folds  
Steve & Susie Hawk  
Chuck Lewis  
Terry & Sharon Mathews  
Basil Sloan  
Chris Touchton  
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Paul & Sara Boehme  
Chris Gilliland  
David & Arlene Johnson  
Jane & Jocko Lewis  
Billy & Debbie Porter  
Terry & Toby Truett  
Jim & Sherrye Willis  
Dale Zimlich

# Corvette Trivia

Thom Williamson

## 1973 Corvette Production

Safety improvements for the 1973 model year included, redesigned front bumpers to meet 5-mph federal crash standards, and interior beams were added to the doors for increased side-impact protection.

A new coolant recovery system that consisted of a holding tank which received high temperature overflow coolant for cooling where it would then return to the radiator.

Increased sound insulation was added to the 1973 model and the lifting windshield door panel at the base of the windshield was eliminated. A new cold air induction hood was introduced.

1973 marks the first year that radial tires were used on a Corvette.

According to the "Corvette Black Book" by Mike Antonick, "4,000 serial numbers were never built. The last 1973 Corvette's serial number ends with 34,464, but production totaled 30,464. The unused VIN numbers were 24,001 through 28,000."

Although officially no black cars were produced, it has been reported that 30 cars were painted black at the St. Louis assembly plant.

### Links of Interest:

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com>

