

# MACC

## The Mid Alabama Corvette Club



# MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April – 2011

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## *Message from the President:*

### 2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Fred Atkins**

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**Paul Boehme & Thom Williamson**

**Social Co-Chairs:**

**Donna Allen & Sara Boehme**

**Sunshine Chair:**

**Babs Lucas**

**Goodwill Ambassador**

**Terry Mathews**

MACC is moving into prime Corvette driving weather. Thanks to Donna and Wayne for coming up with an impromptu Sunday afternoon ride to Noccolula Falls. 6 couples showed up for the outing which started off with lunch at the Steele meat and three and desert. The support vehicle this time was a Camaro. Anytime your Corvette is down and out feel free to drive what ya got.

Our annual picnic is April 16 at Oak Mtn State Park, Dogwood Pavilion. This is not the same pavilion as last year. We are hoping at this point for warm weather. It has normally been held in the middle of summer when the heat has been unbearable so we will see how spring works out.

There has been a suggestion made for the club to go to the original railroad park in Calera for the train ride. This is a short and easy trip and will be a lot of fun. There is a winery there also.

Anytime you have an idea for an outing please let Donna or Sara know so they can check on it and see if it can be worked into the schedule.

Always Wave

Paul Boehme

# Sunshine News

**Babs Lucas**

by: Sharon Mathews, Asst. Sunshine

To my knowledge, most everyone is doing well as of this writing.

I would ask for you to remember Bob Borland and Angie Messina in your prayers as they are dealing with some ongoing health issues. I am sure cards would be appreciated. Also, cards are always welcomed by Bob Stewart and John Promer as they both struggle with ALS.

Bob Borland	301 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW	Birmingham, AL 35215
Angie Messina	2620 Oakleaf Cir	Helena, AL 35022
Bob Stewart	325 Cherokee Rd	Cropwell, AL 35054
John Promer	1228 Lake Point Dr	Hoover, AL 35244

Let our members know you are thinking of them.

## Happy Birthday to:

Toby Truett Jimmy Messina  
Bob Stewart  
Donnie Hulsey  
Frank Roncadori  
Joan Hydrick



Kevin Pearson Sharon Mathews  
Jo Morton Sloan  
Catherine Morton  
Sheryl Folds Gloria Williams

## Happy Anniversary to:

Terry & Shari Bailey  
Bob & Carol Yarbro  
Larry & Sheila Thomas



Dwain & Tricia Lawrence  
Wade & Jennifer Banks  
Thom & Faye Williamson

Please contact Sharon Mathews at 205-305-6308 or by e-mail at [mathewssharon@yahoo.com](mailto:mathewssharon@yahoo.com) with any member related needs or concerns until Babs reassumes her Sunshine position.

# Social News

Donna Allen & Sara Boehme

## Upcoming Events

### MACC APRIL MEETING

Picnic at Dogwood pavilion/Oak Mtn Park. **Saturday, April 16.** This will be our meeting for the month. Club will furnish hot dogs, buns, paper goods, soft drinks and tea. **Please let Sara know if you plan to come and what you would like to bring.**

Donna & Wayne Allen  
Shari & Terry Bailey  
Paul & Sara Boehme  
Cathy & Tony Crapet  
Judy & Mickey Gordon  
Hoke & Charlotte Graham  
Mike & Ira Jones  
Ronnie & Kathie Jones  
Larry Kilgord  
Jane & Jocko Lewis  
Billy & Babs Lucas  
Sharon & Terry Mathews  
David & Phyllis Overton  
John & Jeanne Promer  
Peg & Joe Planson  
Bill & Evelyn Ringler  
Toby & Terry Truett  
Jimmy & Jackie Walker  
Tom & Faye Williamson  
Paul & Janice Woodard

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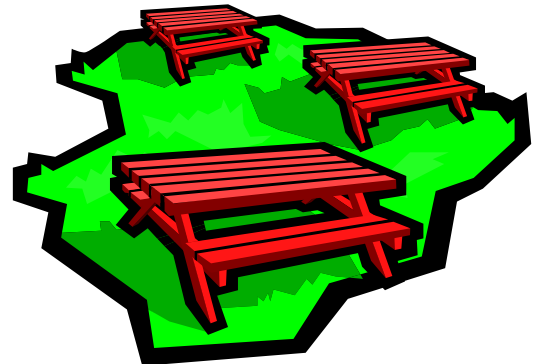
Cheese ball/crackers

Chip & dip  
Potato Salad  
Chips

Dessert  
Slaw  
Dessert

3 Bean salad  
Dessert

Dessert



**Saturday, May 14 MACC Car Show.** This will be at the Shops of Grand River, the new outlet mall in Leeds. Please contact Hoke to volunteer. We will have a short meeting after the show at a restaurant to be announced later.

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**Circle City Corvettes(Dothan) to Panama City May 19-21.**

Jim Strite & Marcy Asher

Bob & Kaye Blakney

Ann & Doyal Marks

Dennis & Dane Hopkins

Ronnie & Kathie Jones?????

Please get with the others going and see if you can drive down together.

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**Vettes in the Valley May 28-29.**

David & Phyllis Overton

Dwain & Tricia Lawrence

Bettie & Merv Torme?????????

Please get with the others going and see if you can drive up together.

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**Sunday, June 12 MACC meeting at White House Restaurant.**

Eat at 2:00, meeting at 3:00. (The manager said it is too crowded to come at 1:00 and 2:00 but he can handle the 2:00 and 3:00 combination.) Address is 9830 HWY 31 N, Warrior, AL. Directions: Going north on I-65 at exit 280, exit right to highway 31 and take a left toward Warrior. In about a mile, restaurant will be on left. We could take a road trip through North Jefferson, West Blount, South Cullman and maybe East Walker counties and end up at Jo and Basil Sloan's house for ice cream (not home made) and cards if anyone is interested. There is a one lane road under a railroad track north of Hayden we could see as well as a lot of rural Alabama.

**Sunday Afternoon Scenic Cruise – 2-3:30PM/Bama Bell in Tuscaloosa**  
**Sunday, June 26.**

1 ½ hour cruise along the Black Warrior. Enjoy a nice lazy Sunday afternoon with us. Adults \$15 Seniors \$14.

Go to Cyprus Inn for dinner after the cruise. Please sign up if you are interested.

Donna & Wayne Allen  
Terry & Shari Bailey  
Paul & Sara Boehme  
Cathy & Tony Crapet  
Ronnie & Sheryl Folds  
Judy & Mickey Gordon  
Hoke & Charlotte Graham  
Jim & Joann Harris  
Donnie & Jilda Hulsey  
Mike & Ira Jones  
Jack & Connie Kempf  
Dwain & Tricia Lawrence  
Jane & Jocko Lewis  
Ann & Doyal Marks  
Sharon & Terry Mathews  
David & Phyllis Overton  
Joe & Peg Planson  
John & Jeanne Promer  
Bettie and Merv Torme  
Toby & Terry Truett (maybe only for dinner)  
Thom & Faye Williamson  
Paul & Jancie Woodard

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**You can email or call Donna Allen (915-8062) or Sara Boehme (305-8721) with questions about any of these events.**

**MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE CLUB**  
**Proudly Presents Its**  
**29th ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW**

*VETTES AT GRAND RIVER*

Our 29th annual all corvette show is shaping up nicely for May 14th. The Shops Of Grand River personnel are getting excited about the show. We will be located on the south end of the parking lot and will have enough space for about 100 show cars ( thinking big ) and all of our club members corvettes. I hope everyone will bring their car and show it off although it will not be judged in the show. We have added a " Poker Run " in the stores for the ladies and the best hand will receive a nice prize from the shops. Please" talk it up " with your friends and take some fliers to the cruise ins and other car shows. We still need some Quality silent auction items for the show. This is one way we can make some money for Magic Moments. Mark your calendar for May 14th and we will have a fun day with our club and guest. Will give updates on MACC All in the coming weeks.  
Thank you - Hoke.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Dwain and Tricia Lawrence**

We have two new couples to join our club this month. We are very excited to have you in our club and hope you will take advantage of our many activities. Welcome!

Jim Strite and Marcy Asher  
Moody, Alabama  
1972 Blue Coupe

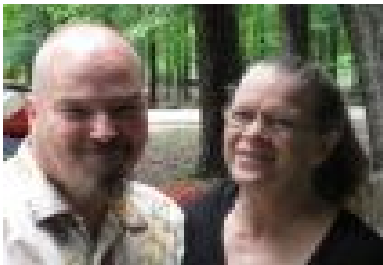
Mark and Catherine Morton  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
2004 White Convertible

## DID YOU KNOW?



### Mark and Ann Davis

- Mark and Ann live in the Hoover area.
- They are newlyweds (well 7 years ago). They met at church, but got to know each other through cajun and zydeco dancing.
- Ann grew up in Double Springs.
- Ann is currently employed with Mortgage America and has been in the mortgage / finance business over 30 years.
- Ann owned her own Real Estate Company for four years in Northwest Alabama.
- Mark grew up in Montgomery and will celebrate his 40 year class reunion at Sidney Lanier this year.
- Mark is a Vietnam "Era" Veteran. US Navy 73 – 79.
- He has worked for Alabama Power and Southern Company as their chief inspector for the nuclear power plants.
- He currently trains inspectors to do nondestructive testing on petroleum chemical and nuclear power plants around the world.
- Mark has a training center in Hoover called The University of Ultrasonics.
- Mark is an inventor and an author. He invented the Eggsercizer which is a hand exerciser in the shape of an egg.
- He was in People Magazine in 1988 as an inventor.
- He was also featured in two PBS shows on inventing.
- Mark has written a book on inventing called "From Mind to Market".
- He broke the world record in 2002 for the Fastest Habitat for Humanity House (3 hours, 26 minutes and 34 seconds).
- He conducted the inspections on the Vulcan Statue and told the city engineers to close Vulcan Park.
- Mark founded Vettes for Vets.
- Mark and Ann bought their first sports car at a Christmas party in 2008. It was a 1988 C4 convertible. Funny story.
- They got the bug. They sold the '88 last year and bought a 2005 C6 Metallic Silver with a black top.
- Mark and Ann's hobbies include ballroom and cajun dancing, gardening, golfing, wood working, traveling and cruzin in the C6.



### Jerry and Myra Downs

- Jerry is retired from Amtrak after 33 years of service.
- He is currently supervising construction / renovation on a home built in the early 1900's that they bought in December.
- Jerry's hobbies are hunting, fishing, shooting, antique cars and tooling in his red convertible Corvette. He is also

working on his 1955 Chevrolet.

- Myra has worked in several different jobs over the years including two census.
- She is currently supervising Jerry.
- Myra's hobbies are antique shopping, enjoying times with grandchildren, traveling and tooling in the Corvette.
- Jerry and Myra hope to have their home in Goodwater finished soon. Everyone is invited after the Hackneyville car show or maybe sooner.

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

**Fred Atkins**

### **Feature Your Club**



Your club has the opportunity to have one member's car on display inside the front turn display at the NCM to represent your club! This is a special opportunity for your club to shine at the NCM and showcase your club's support.

If your club is a business/club member and is interested in participating and has not already been a feature club this year, please submit your club information, including a point of contact - no later than April 14th for the next drawing. You may email this information to me at: [Stephanie@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:Stephanie@corvettemuseum.org).

Here are a few of the guidelines for this display promotion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks again for your support.

- Club display will remain for three months.
- The Corvette Club Display will be featured in the front turn table of the NCM.
- It is the responsibility of each club to select which member's car will be displayed. You must submit a letter of approval from the president of the club.
- Clubs can include a small display of club items along with the car. These items are subject to room and NCM approval.
- This display will begin July 1 and will end on September 30.
- After the initial drawing, we will need the name, information of the owner and photo of the car drawn as the first display feature no later than April 28 for NCM approval.
- There are no fees to participate.

- Shipping/Transportation will be the sole responsibility of the car owner.

Stephanie Morrill

Membership/Guest Services Manager

National Corvette Museum

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## **CORVETTE TRIVIA**

**Thom Williamson**

### **1977 Corvette**

1977 was a confusing year for Corvette enthusiasts. The 1977 Corvette was no longer badged with the "Sting Ray" script. The tried and true orange engine color was changed to blue between August and September of 1976. Some early production 1977 Corvettes were still built with the orange painted engines but most have the new blue engines. Early cars had no fender badges, later production cars had crossed flag badges on the fenders. Leather seats were standard but cloth seat inserts were optional. A voltmeter replaced the previous ammeter in the gauge cluster. The "Door Ajar" and "Headlamp Up" warning lights were removed. The manual shift lever grew an inch but with shorter travel. Power steering and brakes were standard for the first time. The steering wheel was wrapped in leather to match the interior and the steering column was shortened. Also, if you didn't order the tilt/telescoping wheel, you got the steering column and wheel from 1976. (Which was by the way off a Chevrolet Vega!) You will find many differences in the interior of early and late production models, including the addition of a working "Low Fuel" warning light. Also, many of the interior trim pieces were one year only. The padded sun shades could be swiveled to cover the side windows now. A new crossed flags badge adorned the front of the hood between the headlights as well as on the fuel filler door. L82 engines were not available in California because of stricter emission standards. The glass roof panels that were announced this year were never delivered on a production car. A new T-Top carrier rack was available as an option from the factory for 1977 only, freeing up the cargo space inside the car. The 500,000 Corvette rolled off the line this year.



***Drive your Corvette, to work at least one day each week!***

