



AUGUST, 2006



FROM THE PREZ !.....WOW!!!! \$1,300. raised in just two days. That's money straight from our club members hearts and pockets! As most of you know, this and hopefully other money raised this month (August) will be going to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN. Our club, along with other Corvette enthusiast in the Corvette Forum will present a check on Monday, October 9th, for the children in St. Judes. This has been an annual event but it is the first time our club has participated. Thanks to Chris Touchton for heading this up. This will be a meaningful and fun event. Don't miss it! More details to follow.

Our annual Club picnic was a great success. Thanks to Tony and Cathy for sharing their lakehouse for this event. Good food (especially the deserts and ice cream), fun, fellowship, a whopper of a rain/thunderstorms, made for an exciting day.

On Saturday, July 29th, several club members went to Gadsden for the boat drag races. This was an awesome event. The facility was very nice with plenty of viewing area and shade trees. I hope we can make this one of our club events next year. The top fuel boat ran 232 MPH in less than 5 seconds in 1/4 mile. Everyone had a great time.

On the way to the races, Merrill Malone, was telling me about some neat things he had found on the internet that are not published in the Corvette Owners Manual. We got the idea that some other club members might like to know this information and might also have information they would like to share. So.....we will have a "Hints and Tips" Section each month beginning in this months newsletter. Please send anything you may have that will make our Corvettes perform better, get better gas mileage, look better, or any information on preventive maintenance. Please send these items to Terry Mathews before the first of each month.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on August 19th at the Bright Star in Bessemer.

Thanks,

Hoke "THE HOKSTER"

The AUGUST MACC meeting will be at The Bright Star Restaurant in downtown Bessemer on **Saturday August 19th at 1 pm**. The restaurant is located on 19th Street. There is parking on the street or, in the Bright Star's lot behind the restaurant between 18th and 19th Street and 4th Avenue (behind the old library) . The restaurant is 99 years old and is known for great food. They will have our Club in a private dining room.

MACC ATTACK TEAMS WITH CORVETTE FORUM

For the past several years Corvette Forum has raised money (over \$38,000 in 05) for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This year Macc is teaming with CF to help reach their goal of \$40,000! MACC's initial goal is \$1,000.00. Let's knock this out by August 1 then start on the next goal, our cut off date is September 23, 2006.

This years forum fundraiser is in honor of Tyler who lost his battle with cancer. The attached photo is Tyler with Jim's (Iceburg) vette at his home while under hospice care.

We all know the amazing story of Danny Thomas and St. Jude, for more information you can go to www.stjude.org

On Saturday October 7, MACC will cruise to Memphis. Jim & Sherrye Wills are helping with our plans to join other CF members for a trip to Mud Island, Beal Street, The Peabody & yes to see Elvis ! Put the date on your calendar, more details as they are finalized.

On Monday October 9, forum members from all over the country will cruise to St. Jude's to present a check to the children. How rewarding for MACC members to be a part of this.

As always, we are going to fun with the fundraiser. Maybe a one day show, poker run or road rally, who knows what else! What I need now is for you to e-mail me your pledge & get your check in the mail. Make your check out to MACC with a notation for St. Jude's then mail to me at 326 Palace Drive, Trussville, Alabama 35173.

Every dime raised by MACC and Corvette Forum will go directly to St. Jude's.

May God Bless You

Vice Pres, Chris Touchton

Some of the 'boys' attended the Boat Races in Gadsden this past Saturday. Thanks to Jocko and Chris for setting this up. I am told I was the best looking MACC female member at the Boat Races Saturday! (I was the ONLY female with the guys!) It was fun, and I learned to scratch and spit with the best of 'em! In case you hear any rumors...it is true, Hoke and I fell asleep in the folding chairs mid afternoon. We enjoyed the boat races, ate snow cones, ice cream, corn dogs, hamburgers, and got to meet Jocko's boat racing friend. He was very informative and made the races even more interesting and educational. We were lucky, as the bad weather stayed away from us all day. The rain was just beginning as we scurried to our cars at the end of the event. Thanks for a great day guy's!

Cindy Maddox – Social Chair

NEW NEW NEW SECTION TO NEWSLETTER

Everyone has little “tricks of the trade” that we have learned along the way with our cars. It may be in cleaning, or repairing, or maintaining.....whatever, This new section will help us pass on information that can be useful of helpful to other members. Thanks to Merrel and Hoke for these first tips.....

C5 Tricks

Trip Miles since last ignition feature

You can display the number of miles you have driven since you last started your engine if you press and hold the reset button for two seconds while one of your trip odometers is showing. This can be useful if you start a trip and forget to set your trip odometer.

Want to deactivate the active handling system and the light on your dash?

Hold down the active handling button and your car will shift into Competitive Driving Mode. This removes the instrument light on your dash and the traction control will not operate.

Don't have your key fob with you and want to open your trunk?

Insert your door key and turn it three times to the left. Your trunk will pop open.

Too much rock and roll music when you were young? Can't hear?

The turn signal chime will turn on to remind you to turn Off your turn signal if you leave it on and drive more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. If you need to leave the turn signal on for more than $\frac{3}{4}$ pf a mile, turn it off and back on to stop chime.

"Beware of battery acid"

On C5 Corvettes the battery drains acid behind the right front fender well. It will damage the frame, wires, and computer behind the fender well access panel. Remove access panel then remove battery acid with a mixture of baking soda and water. Clean and repaint as necessary.

IF YOU HAVE A TIP, PLEASE e-mail to me at mathewsgroup@bellsouth.net.

Thanks, Terry

Membership News by SARA BOEHME

Here we grow again.

George Hargrove
Odenville, Al 35120
2001 Yellow Coupe

Danny & Julia Thomason
Birmingham, Al 35242
1976 White Coupe

Welcome George, Danny & Julia to our group.

Member Photos on Website

We have added lots of new pictures to our website. If yours is not on there yet, please either e-mail a picture of you and a separate one of your car to pboehme8464@yahoo.com or ask Paul or Chris to take your pictures at a meeting or event. Let's try to get everyone posted as soon as possible.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We will resume posting important dates this month. If you should be on this month's list and are not, please e-mail me your dates so you will be included next time sara8464@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

8 Bill Ringler
13 Sandi Whitten
14 Billy Lucas
16 Babs Lucas
23 Donna Klosowsky
23 Evelyn Ringler
24 Alan Renfroe
31 Kathie Jones

CONGRATULATION ON AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

6 JoAnn & Jim Harris-congratulations on 30 years together
14 Sandi & Conrad Whitten
25 Suzan & Chris Touchton
26 Donna & Wayne Allen

OUR WEBSITE – midalcorvette.com IS CHANGING.....Thanks to a lot of time and hard work by Paul Boehme and Chris Touchton, and Wayne Allen and Jane Mantooth Lewis, and a host of others, we now have control of our website. Visit it often and see the changes and improvements that are occurring almost daily.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES ARE COMING.... In conjunction with the website updating, we have learned that the monthly newsletter being sent via e-mail was "KILLING" our host computer with the volume. So this month, the MACC VETTE GAZETTE is being toned down (No fancy pics or cartoons. Etc). Next month, working with the website team, we plan to be back in full force with the "Best Newsletter Money Can Buy" . Paul is working on a new distribution system that will allow us to really show off our club thru the MACC VETTE GAZETTE. This is OUR Newsletter to our members and to the world...We need input from everyone of you to make this the greatest !!!! Send your ideas to me at mathewsgroup@bellsouth.net.

Thanks, Terry Mathews – MACC VETTE GAZETTE Editor

2006 Calendar of Events

NOTE: EVENTS IN RED Have NEW UPDATED INFORMATION

August

5th

Super Vette Saturday, Acworth, GA,

www.cgcorvetteclub.com

11th – 13th

Vettes at the Village 06, Sandestin, FL,

www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com

19th

MACC Monthly Meeting, Bright Star Rest. Bessemer

24th – 27th

Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle PA, (info to follow)

September

17th

MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA

TBA

Vettes for Pets, Contact Arlene Johnson

22 – 24

Vette Fest at Gatlinburg, TN, www.etcorvette.com

October

7th

St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN

15th

MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA

21st – 22nd

Cruise to Mentone, AL (info to follow)

November

TBA

Cruise to Guntersville, Dinner at Top of the River

19th

MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA

26th

Really Big Cruise on really Big Boat !

December

TBA

Local Parades

8th

MACC Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party, The Club