



Mid Alabama Corvette Club



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A Note from the Crew Chief

By Arlene Johnson

Making 2005 Memories

Seeing new faces, going new places and **making** new friends while enjoying vintage cars, touring covered bridges, participating in Corvette cruises or local car shows, attending picnics, eating ice cream – and of course going to new restaurants, watching a drive-in movie, raising money for charity, and parading are all my favorite things of **2005** with MACC. May each of you too find a special MACC memory? I am honored to have served as the Club President the past 12 months and look forward to the many new **memories** and events in 2006.

Here's a re-cap of the people recognized with the President's Awards this year.

1 st Quarter	Sharon Mathews (work as Membership chairperson)
2 nd Quarter	David & Beth Carter (fundraising)
3 rd Quarter	Jane Mantooth & Ronnie Jones (great MACC ideas & long-term support)
4 th Quarter	David Carter (Outstanding MACC Member 2005)

The club will be in very capable hands with David at the steering wheel, Hoke at the shifter, Bill at the dials, and Cathy in the passenger seat (or is it the back seat). The keys are hereby handed over to our new driver – **let it rip** (under 100mph please)!!!

The Club Store

Club Afghans

Beautiful white/black/red Afghans with the MACC name and logo are for sale for a reasonable price of **\$35**. A picture is attached. About 20 afghans are available for pick-up by calling Arlene (533-5566). Cash or check (to MACC) are accepted.



Calendars

Two Corvette Calendars were presented for ordering at the last meeting. Those who placed orders can arrange for pick-up by calling Arlene at 977-0391 (work # between 7am and 4pm) – they arrived in the mail on 12/14. We will have a few extra of both the 6 generations version and the custom vette version in case you didn't get your orders in by last weekend.

Christmas Party at the Inverness Country Club

The MACC annual Christmas Party and December gathering/meeting was held Friday night, December 2nd at the Inverness Country Club. A big thanks to Bob Moreno for once again arranging this event with the club management and staff and for making our dinner a welcoming event. There were 41 members and 5 guests in attendance. We all enjoyed the cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner. Around desert time, Arlene presented a few awards as follows: to Dennis Lyons of Impatient Creations as our 2005 Guest Editor and to Alan Jones of Luckie & Company as our 2005 Web-Site manager. David Carter was also presented with the 2005 Member of the Year award for his phenomenal work this year on behalf of MACC. Members brought unwrapped gifts for the Magic 96 Make A Wish program. Rob Conrad thanked the group for their annual and generous support. Arlene also asked all board members and chair people for 2005 to be stand and be recognized and provided each with a MACC blanket as a thank you for a job well done. After a sing-along led by Terry Matthews and music by Arlene Johnson and Claudia (Cindy's aunt), everyone went home full, happy, and to get sleep for the three parades the next day.



The Three Parades: Alabaster, Argo, and Springville

Early on the rainy, chilly morning of December 3rd, MACC members met behind the Captain Ds on Hwy 31 in Alabaster to decorate their cars and await the line-up – we were #56 in the at least 100 entries. A rain drop here and a rain drop there did not keep the cars from rolling!!! This parade takes a few hours to complete and is the largest of the crowds we experience. Lots of candy must be judiciously distributed as the crowds beg for more!!! But Santa arrived in Alabaster about 12:30pm on the fire truck as the last entry.



By then, MACC members were either on their way to the Argo parade, to lunch to eat, or home to rest. Those members who went on to Argo met at the Drive-In and as you can see had a great time with the clowns and their dogs!!!

And, for one last event of the evening, folks met in the dark at the Springville Middle School. The entry immediately behind us was the horse drawn carriage and horse riders....glad they were behind us!! We followed the beauty queens and like them waived and waived. We weren't able to throw candy at this event, but there were sure some nice people in Springville, lovely homes (one of which is our own member's the Maddox family), and a beautiful down town area. This parade ended the day of parades very nicely with a gathering at the Maddox antebellum home. What a beautiful job Jim and Cindy are doing restoring this home. We appreciated their generous spirit and open arms and great end to our 2005 MACC activities.



New Beginnings by David Carter

First and foremost I want to begin by saying THANK YOU to Arlene, the officers, board members, and the entire club for a great 2005. The 'New Year' is fast approaching and with it will come many promises and resolutions to lose weight , save money, work harder and other "life altering" promises. A resolution I hope we can all make and achieve will be to have fun making new friends and memories driving our Corvettes.

The 2006 team is ready and excited to begin the New Year. We are working on many fun filled events for next year and will have the calendar ready for the January newsletter. So get ready to fasten your seat belts and begin the New Year in the fast lane.

Merry Christmas to all and see you next year!!

Membership News by Sara Bohme

We had no new members in December. We do have a couple of people interested in joining, so if you see someone new, please make them feel welcome.

Members, don't forget to give a call to someone you haven't seen in a while. Let them know we miss them.

Dues for 2006

Don't forget dues for 2006 are now due to MACC. Family amount is \$50, single is \$25. Please make your check payable to MACC and mail to Sara Boehme, 208 East Linwood Dr, Homewood, AL 35209

Member Photos on Website

We are still updating photos on the website. We have many new cars and members in the club that we don't have pictures on our website. Please help us get you and your car's photo on our website. If you have a picture please e-mail it to me at sara8464@yahoo.com. If you don't have a current picture available, just ask at the next meeting or cruise in, we will have a camera there and will get you a great photo.

Birthdates and Anniversaries

If you have not given us your birthday or anniversary, please send your information so your special dates can be acknowledged. Just e-mail your dates to me at sara8464@yahoo.com.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Carol Yarbrow 6	Hoke & Charlotte Graham 26
Cheryl Sadio 13	
Charlene Kurttis 16	
Evie Williams 22	
Wayne Allen 25	
Jerry Strong 25	

Upcoming Social Events by *Jim & Cindy Maddox*

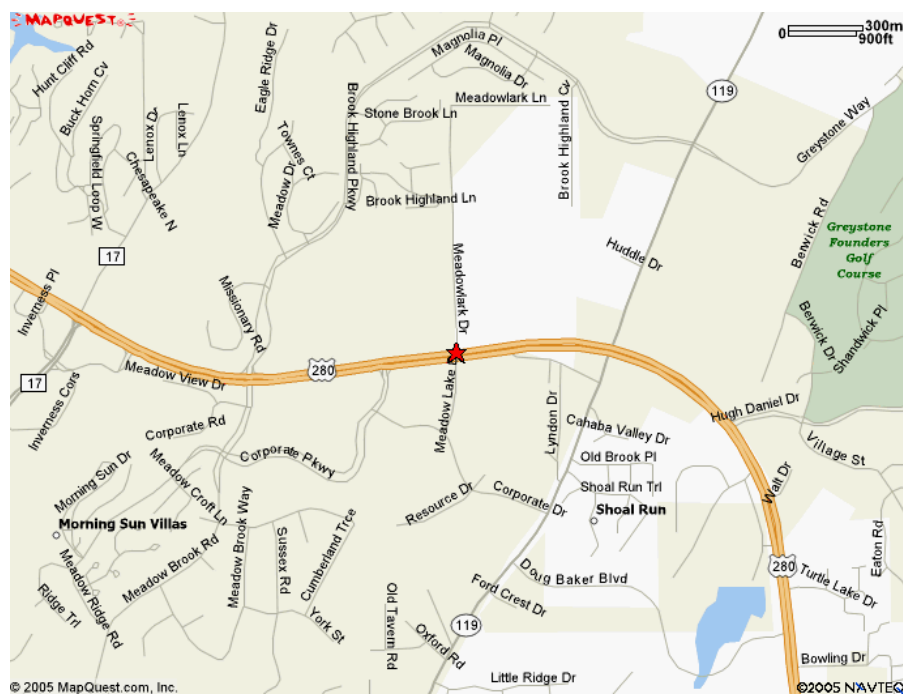
Going forward we would like to have everyone suggest events for the Club. Maybe someone has a favorite restaurant or drive. We would like for everyone to plan an 'event' be it large or small. Please let us know your preferences, favorite places to drive or eat and let's incorporate them into an 'activity'. Looking back, we enjoyed the events that were planned this past year. To name a few, the Covered Bridge Tour arranged by Jim Willis, the Corvette plant tour, the car shows, the Fall cookout at the Allen's, Hoke inviting us to the National Guard Armory, the cookout at the Crapet's lake house, the various drives and events organized by Arlene and others. We also thank those that worked 'behind the scenes', helping with donations, arrangements, and various jobs. We enjoyed getting together for breakfast or ice cream. Let's all get involved in 2006 and work together to make 2006 the best year yet!

Editor's Note by *Beth Carter*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! It has been a pleasure serving as your newsletter editor this past year and I'm looking forward to 2006. Articles and ideas are always welcome from the membership, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to contribute commentaries on our events, news concerning Corvettes, or any subject you feel would be of interest for MACC. Our officers are asked to provide articles every month describing the status of matters dealing with various functions. We appreciate the extra hours of personal time and energy they invest in keeping the club running smoothly. The 2006 Calendar of events is in the planning stages and will be published in the January edition of the newsletter.

January MACC Meeting

The next MACC meeting is tentatively planned for **Sunday, January 15th, 2:00 – 4:00** at **Lloyds Restaurant** located at **5301 Highway 280**.



Warmest wishes to all for a safe

and

Merry Christmas.

