



**Mid Alabama
Corvette Club**



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A Note from the Crew Chief

By Arlene Johnson

I was reminded recently what fortune we have to live in the South – for me it's been a 20 year adventure. In the five days spent in Northern New Jersey the end of January visiting my sister and family almost two feet of snow fell. Although beauty was found in a winter landscape of white, the roads were caked with salt, sand and slush, and the temperatures day and night were bitterly cold – a climate definitely **NOT** meant for a cruise or road rally. Actually, during the visit I didn't see a motorcycle, Corvette, or vintage car. So, let's count our blessings and ride, ride, ride!!!!

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A Note from the Crew Chief

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January's cruise and tour at Impatient Creations was one of the most well-attended club events in the six years I've been with the club. Congratulations to Rob who put it together and Dennis for hosting the event. I will be working with Dennis to host another event later in the year aimed at giving a half day lesson on Mechanics 101 – mostly for non-mechanics who just want to learn a little bit more about their cars. I'd like to hear from folks about what they envision for such an event – ladies too, please!!!

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Horses

This month's special topic is *Hot Rods*. With the **2005 Hot Rod Power Tour** rolling right through Birmingham on June 8th, I was wondering what official characteristic qualified a vehicle as a 'hot rod'. According to the on-line automotive experts....the definition of hot rod is:

***A production auto that has been modified
by the owner for outstanding speed and acceleration through
extensive changes to the engine, chassis, and body.***

In general it is a result of the human *need for speed*. The hot rod started as a simple idea to take a cheap vehicle, remove weight, lower the chassis, customize or soup-up the engine to increase horsepower, open up the exhaust, and add a wild paint job.....the result was a vehicle that performed better and looked cool.

GM's version of the 'hot-rod' came about in 1953. They have fiddled with horsepower all through the 52 production years of the Corvette. Check out the article on the following web-site for more details:
<http://www.edmunds.com/reviews/generations/articles/100444/article.html>.

Some of the highlights are: the 1956 Corvette was reworked from the 265-cubic-inch V8 with 210 horsepower to competition at Daytona's speed week for a total of 255 horsepower – back then....not bad for a V8 small block!!! Horsepower crept up in the 50s to 275 and 315 and in the 60s using dual-quad, four-barrels knocked out 340 to 360. The L78 396 only lasted one year with horsepower of 425 superseded by the 426-cubic-inch version for the big-block V8 in 1966. There's a big block sitting in our garage....every time we start up Dale's '69 we are ***humbled by its rumble!!!!*** A true hot-rod machine!!!!

The mid-70s to mid-80s were times for Corvette popularity, but not as much horsepower with emissions controls. But, with the advent of the C4s and the L98, ZR-1, LT1 or LT5 models, by 1993 horsepower was boosted up to 405. And for the first time since 1968, the Corvette engine of 350 cubic inches is not offered under the hood for 2005. The C6, 6.0 liter LS2 V8 puts out 400hp and 400 lb-ft of torque providing performance on par with the world's best from Italy and Germany.

Of all our Corvettes – C1s through C6s – with whatever horsepower you can muster – we ought to be proud and meet with the thousands who come into Birmingham in June from all across the country. It will be a site and sound unmatched by the thundering hooves at the Birmingham racetrack....instead the horses will be under the hood.

WELCOME TO NEW MACC MEMBERS

By Sharon Mathews

We continue to have a lot of interest from prospective new members. Word is traveling fast that we have a great group of members who enjoy having fun in their beautiful Corvettes.

I introduced three new members at the January meeting, and have added another yesterday. These new members are as follows:

Bob & Carol Yarbro (retired)
5205 Meadow Garden Lane
Birmingham, AL 35242
991-6845, 960-5924
RY61Vette@aol.com
1961 Dark Garnite Metallic Convertible

Joel & Lenore Tate (President – Walker Baptist Medical Center)
3706 Turkey Run
Jasper, Alabama 35504
205-384-1434, 205-300-3406, 205-387-4000
alatates@bellsouth.net
1970 Maroon 454 Convertible, 1997 Torch Red Coupe

Barry Shaw, MD (Anesthesiologist – UAB)
2637 Vesclub Circle
Birmingham, AL 35216
823-5467, 936-8877, 934-4699
dbshaw@bellsouth.net
1982 Red Coupe

Merrill Malone (District Manager – Petco)
1037 Barkley Drive
Birmingham, AL 35242
995-9227, 910-4095
merrillmalone@aol.com
2002 Red Convertible

The membership application is available for downloading on the website. We have had some difficulty with people downloading it; so, if you like, just send an e-mail to me at smathews13@bellsouth.net. I will be glad to get one to you or your prospective member.

This is the last month to pay your 2005 membership dues to keep from being eliminated from the membership roll. Please forward your check to Bill Ringler, MACC Treasurer, 2816 Ashley Wood Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. We have approximately 40 paid members as of today. That is roughly half of you that have not yet remitted your check.

Family/Couple dues will remain \$50.00 per year. A motion was made and passed by the membership at the January meeting to reduce single membership dues to \$25.00 annually. I will be e-mailing an updated list of members to each of you at the end of February.

I still need a few of you to volunteer to help with the "shepherding" of our members. This consists of calling our members:

- if they are missing meetings,
- to be sure they know of special events,
- or if you know of needs that they might have than we can assist with.

It is a good feeling to know that you are needed and wanted in an organization such as ours, and to know that we can serve and be served by each other while having a terrific time enjoying our cars.

Please don't hesitate to call on me if I can help you at any time, or if you know of a prospective member I need to contact.

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

By Cathy Crapet

The January 13, 2005, meeting of the Mid Alabama Corvette Club was held at Buster's in Hoover. The meeting followed an outing to Impatient Creations which was planned by Rob Conrad.

Arlene Johnson, President, called the meeting to order. Forty-six members were present at the meeting. The following new members were introduced: Joel and Lenore Tate, Bob and Carol Yarbrow, and Barry Shaw.

Jane Mantooh gave the treasurer's report for Bill Ringler. The dues for 2005 were discussed. Arlene presented the recommendation of the Board to change the dues for membership in 2005. Sharon Mathews made a motion to set the dues at \$50.00 for a family membership and \$25.00 for a single membership. Jane Mantooh seconded. The motion passed unanimously. All dues for 2005 are due by the end of January. Members who do not pay dues by set time will be removed from the membership list

Sharon Mathews, Membership Chairman, discussed having a program to assist new members who join the club. She has several volunteers to help her in this area, but needs more. Members interested in helping should contact Sharon.

Jim Willis gave a Corvette Museum report. He discussed the raffle, museum membership, and races for winter and spring. Anyone interested in museum activities should contact Jim.

Arlene and Justine Atkins gave the NCRS/Hot Rod Power Tour/NHRA report. For further information on upcoming activities, contact Fred and Justine Atkins.

Fred Turner, Show Chairman, updated the members on plans for the 2005 show. He discussed having an outdoor show in mid-May, possibly at the parking lot of Costco at the Riverchase Galleria. Rob Conrad, Assistant Show Chairman, spoke about the possibility of donating some of the

proceeds from the car show to Magic Moments. Fred Turner made a motion to do so with Jim Willis seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Suzan Touchton, Social Chairperson, gave a report on upcoming events which include:

January 22	Jane and Jocko's Party
February 5	Cruise and Shoot
Feb. 11-13	World of Wheels
February 14	Valentine's Day Dinner
April 21-23	C5/C6 Bash

Suzan will send out additional information on each event to all members.

Open Discussion was held. Jim Willis gave Barber racing information. Nick Klosowsky asked for members to volunteer to help with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on March 19 in Trussville. Contact Nick for further information.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

By Suzan Touchton

Hope you have made your plans to attend the Valentine's dinner. If you have decided you'd like to join us please call me quickly. It's not too late!

If you know of any events you think MACC members would like to do please let me know so they can go on the club calendar. Be sure to look at upcoming events. There are lots of great events coming up. There's something for everyone!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

By Jim Willis

MACC owners of the NCM

As I'm sure you know, the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club is a "Club Member" of the National Corvette Museum. It's just another of the ways we show our support for the NCM and their efforts to preserve the history and tradition of the Corvette for current and future enthusiasts.

The NCM isn't owned by Chevrolet or General Motors. The Corvette Museum belongs to its members. And here is a list of some of the owners whose names you'll recognize as being MACC members, too:

Fred & Justine Atkins	Family
Tony & Cathy Crapet	Family
Jack Cunningham	Individual
Randy & Becky Fuller	Family
Dan & Christine Glore	Family
Sean Hussey	Individual

David & Arlene Johnson	Family
Chuck Lewis	Individual
Jim Lewis & Jane Mantooth	Family
Jerry & Vivian Liveoak	Family
Terry Mathews	Inactive
Jimmy & Beverly McCutchen	Lifetime
Bobby McDonald	Inactive
Bob Moreno	Individual
Tom & Peggy Podolec	Family
Steven Pope	Trial
Bill Ringler	Individual
Robert Seay	Individual
Rick Stacey	Individual
Chris Touchton	Individual
Jim & Sherrye Willis	Lifetime
Chip Yarbrough	Inactive
Dale Zimlich & Chris	Family

Because MACC is a club member of the NCM, our club members are eligible for the current reduced price cost of joining the museum.

The levels of membership and the cost involved is as follows:

New Generation Membership (ages 16 and under) -- \$10.
 Individual Membership - - \$50.
 Family Membership -- \$100
 Lifetime Membership -- \$1,500 (payment plan available)

You can get the details on the privileges on each level of membership by checking the NCM's website: <http://members.corvettemuseum.com/registration/membership.html>

The discount available to MACC members on the above-listed prices is 25 percent off.

Support YOUR Museum. Contact Jim Willis for a membership application.

2005 Corvette Show Schedule

The NCM has sent out the dates and locations of Corvette shows it is aware of at this time:

- March 18-20 – Corvettes of Bakersfield 13th Annual Gambler's Classic, Primm Nevada
www.corvettesofbakersfield.com or gerrygeri@cox.net
- April 1-3 – Mid Missouri 11th Annual Corvette Cup, Columbus, Missouri Plue-r@socket.net
- April 24 – York County Corvette Club "Funshow" at Thornton Chevrolet, Manchester, Pennsylvania BWL184@suscom.net
- May 7 – 9th Annual Corvettes on the Circle 2005, St Armand's Circle, Longboat Key, Florida
www.skywaycorvetteclub.org or jantzen@gte.net
- May 19-22 – Circle City Corvette Beach Caravan, Panama City Beach, Florida
www.circlecitycorvettes.com or jhickman@ala.net

- May 22 – Central New Jersey Chapter NCRS, Atlantic City, New Jersey
www.centralnewjerseyncrs.org
- May 20-22 – Lone Star Corvette Classic, Texas Motor Speedway
www.lonestarcorvette.com
- June 5 – Corvette Club of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland mark.croson@filetek.com
- June 5 – Fonddevettes/Valley Vettes Annual Trip Around Lake Winnebago, Begins at Forest Mall in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin foyttoy@charter.net
- June 10-12 – Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club Annual Show, Biloxi, Mississippi
Vette8400@cableone.net
- June 11-12 – Rochester Corvette Club 32nd Annual Classic Glass Car Show, Victory, New York
www.rochestercorvetteclub.org or dwrigh10@rochester.rr.com
- June 24-25 – Mt. Hood Corvettes BBQ at Russ Chevrolet, Tigard, Oregon
mthoodcorvettes@comcast.net
- July 4 – Leatherstocking Corvette Club of New York, 2nd Annual show/cruise-in, Oneonta, New York
www.leatherstockingcorvetteclub.com
- July 9 – York County Corvette's Corvette Concours – York Expo Center, York County, Pennsylvania BWL184@suscom.net
- July 16 – Corvette Club of Columbus Hot Summer Days, Columbus, OH
www.columbuscorvette.com or doug.roberts2@comcast.net
- August 6 - New Jersey Corvette Express Show, Englishtown Raceway Park, Old Bridge, New Jersey Vetnut03@aol.com
- August 6-7 – 14th Annual Classical Glass Corvette Club 5 Star Classic at Friendly Chevrolet, Puyallup, WA www.classicalglasscorvetteclub.com or mwjohn4@comcast.net
- August 6 – Classic Glass Corvette Club of Marietta, Georgia “Supervette Saturday” at Day's Chevrolet, Acworth, Georgia www.cgcorvetteclub.com
- August 12-15 – 8th Annual Rose City Corvette Classic – four days of fun activities starting at Suburban Chevrolet in Sandy, Oregon. gsvette@321@aol.com or ann2077@aol.com
- August 27 – York County Corvette Club, Corvette Concours at Corvettes at Carlisle
BWL184@suscom.net
- September 16-17 – Wichita County Corvette Association's 24th Annual Texas Corvette Round-up, Herb Easley Chevrolet – Wichita Falls, Texas ttaylor@sw.rr.com
- September 16-17 – The Grand Run, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee www.corvetteexpo.com
- September 18 – Corvette Express Show - Pine Belt Chevrolet, Lakewood, New Jersey
Vetnut03@aol.com
- September 25- York County Corvette Club's Corvette Fun Show – Hoss's Steakhouse, York, PA BWL184@suscom.net
- October 9 – Woodbridge Corvette Club's Annual Corvette Classic Car Show – Route 18 Market, East Brunswick, New Jersey Seym98@aol.com
- October 14-16 – Corvette Expo – Chilhowee Park Fairgrounds, Knoxville, Tennessee
www.corvetteexpo.com
- October 29 – York County Corvette Club's Corvette Fun Show – American Antique Car Museum, Hershey, Pennsylvania BWL184@suscom.net
- November 4-6 – The Christmas Fair – Chilhowee Park Fairgrounds, Knoxville, Tennessee
www.corvetteexpo.com

C5/C6 Bash Event Update

The NCM has received confirmation that GM Powertrain's Base Engine Design System Engineer, Mark Damico will be presenting a seminar at the C5/C6 Bash on the Gen3/Gen4 small block engines, particularly the new LS7 offered in the new Z06 Corvette. Mark's expertise in this area will offer an insight that is guaranteed to be informative. Register online for the C5/C6 Bash and view the agenda by visiting the NCM website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml Pre-registration ends April 6. More than 400 have registered so far.

Machine Silver Corvette Coupe Raffle Update

The 500-ticket Machine Silver Corvette raffle has climbed over the halfway mark with more than 275 tickets sold! The name of the winner will be draw on Friday, April 22 as part of the C5/C6 Bash event festivities in Bowling Green. The winner does not need to be present to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$250 each! Order your tickets online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call the NCM at: (800) 53-VETTE.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Magic City Kiwanis Clubs Pancake Day by Nick Klosowsky

This is the one major fundraiser we have each year. It will be held on March 19th at Trussville High School from 7am till approximately 11am. We will need anyone to help cook, serve, run a silent auction etc. I can come up with other duties as needed.

The sole purpose of the Kiwanis is to assist needy children both locally and around the world. Some examples of what we do are:

1. Support Reading is Fun programs with \$\$ and reading to children.
2. Success by Six, which provides programs for this age group to learn reading and other skills for children in underprivileged areas. We have numerous other initiatives going on.

I also thought if several people helped it may be nice to show their cars. This may be an opportunity to advertise for the club. You never know someone may have a Corvette in their garage.

Thank you, if you need more info please call me at 410-6942

Nick Klosowsky

MACC LOGOS by Merv Torme

MACC logos for t-shirts, golf shirts, hats and jackets can be applied by:

Mr. Ed Smith, Manager
Municipal and Commercial Uniforms
2208 3rd Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Telephone: 324-6011

2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Club events/meetings are noted in bold print)

February:

- 5th** Cruise & Shoot Scavenger Hunt (CANCELLED)
- 11th – 13th World of Wheels/Not a Club Event
Friday 5:00 – 10:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Sunday Noon – 7:00 PM
(Contact Jane Lewis)
Sonny McLean to register with WOW
www.customautoshow.com
- 14th** **Valentine Dinner at the Gulf Seafood Restaurant in Springville/ MACC Meeting / 7:00 PM (contact suzant@bellsouth.net immediately)**

March:

- 13th** **MACC Meeting /Location TBA**
- 16th – 19th Sebring International Raceway, Florida
- 19th** **Trip to Talladega Museum with Peach State Corvettes and Pontiac Club (Contact Arlene or Jim)
10:00 am at Talladega Museum/Museum & track tour/Possible opportunity to do laps on track/lunch to follow!**

April:

- 1st-3rd Corvette Spring Expo/Knoxville, TN
www.corvetteexpo.com
- 15th – 17th Atlanta Grand Prix/Road Atlanta
- 21st** **MACC Meeting /Location TBA**
- 21st – 23rd** **C5/C6 Birthday Bash in Bowling Green, KY (Contact Suzan Touchton)
Registration open now at www.corvettemuseum.com**
- 22nd – 24th AMA Superbike Championship Series/Barber's
- 30th** **Jim & Sherrye's Annual Covered Bridge Tour**

May:

- TBA** **MACC Meeting**
- 19th -22nd** **Beach Caravan to Panama City with Circle City Corvette Club (Contact Chris & Suzan Touchton)**

June:

11th Club picnic at Crapet's Lake House

4th -11th 2005 Power Tour /Milwaukee to Kissimmee-St Cloud with a stop in Birmingham on June 8th (contact Jim Willis or Fred Adkins for long haul & Chris Touchton for Nashville to Birmingham short haul)

17th – 19th National Hot Rod Reunion, Bowling Green, KY (contact David Johnson)
More info at www.nhra.com under Museums, then Reunions, then 2005 NHRR

July:

TBA Black Hills Cruise in South Dakota

4th 2nd Annual Cruise to the fireworks with The Ghost (contact Chris Touchton)

TBA MACC Meeting

28th Vettes by the Shore/Biloxi

29th-31st Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series/Barber's

August:

TBA MACC Meeting

13th 5th Annual Capital City Corvette Club Open Show/Columbia, South Carolina
(more info when we get it)

TBA Acworth GA Show/ www.cgcorvetteclub.com

September:

**16th Vettes For Pets/Argo Drive-In/
MACC Meeting/Tailgate party & movies**

27th Vette Fest/East Tennessee Corvette Club

29th Chevy present Petit Le Mans/Road Atlanta

October:

16th Haunted House/MACC Meeting at Tac Room Restaurant in Leeds

TBA Corvettes Against Cancer/Atlanta
(Contact Fred & Rox Mudge)

November:

TBA MACC Meeting

December:

TBA Christmas Party/Inverness Country Club

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

**Next MACC Monthly meeting
Gulf Seafood Restaurant in Springville
February 14th – 7:00 PM**