



**Mid Alabama
Corvette Club**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Chris Touchton

Good Bye January

Einstein is credited for saying, "The faster you go, the slower you age."

I hope he knew what he was talking about because January is just a blur. Many nights I came home in time to pat the dog (Lucy) on the head and kiss Suzan goodnight or was it pat Suzan on the head and kiss the dog.

The club's books were audited and as always Bill did a great job. Thanks Bill. We

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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held committee and board meeting and I attended two of the WOW work days for the club's display. Several of us watched as Hokes bad-to-the-bone Corvette was dynoed at 9:30 PM one Friday night. Stay tuned for a club dyno day that is in the works.

Next up was a Saturday afternoon cruise to Gadsden with 16 Corvettes and one green caddy for dinner at The Top of The River.

The third Sunday rolled around with rain, cold and just a plain nasty day for the club's first meeting of 2007. No big deal for the MACC Attack. One hundred Corvettes in the parking lot and standing room only (Suzan has always said I see things a little different than most folks).

As January came to an end Terry Truett invited me to watch the birthing of Frankenvette's new engine. Team Truett

including Jeff Williams and Billy Porter did a super job with the engine cranking on the first try. I helped push her out of the garage using all my supervisory skills.

If Einstein were alive, I'm sure he would be driving a Corvette with us today.

Hello February

February means two things for the MACC Attack, World of Wheels (WOW) and Valentine's.

First up is the World of Wheels, February 9th thru the 11th at the BJCC and the debut of the club's new generation display.

The club's Valentine's party is the 14th at Cobbs Lane. Please contact Cathy Crapet as soon as possible.

The next club meeting will on the 18th at Neighborhood Grill in Trussville with lunch at 1PM and the meeting at 2PM.

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Ronnie Jones

Mark you calendars, set aside the date and round up auction items for:

MACC's 25th Annual Corvette Show

May 5, 2007 9 to 3 Rain or Shine

Costco's behind Riverchase Galleria

Everything is moving along on schedule for our 25th Annual MACC Car Show on May 5th. Please remember since this is our Silver Anniversary (25th) show, the Silver Anniversary Corvettes will be showcased and receive special recognition. All Corvettes are welcome and encouraged to attend, we just want to play up the connection with the 25th anniversary cars. Please invite and encourage anyone you know to bring their Corvettes of any year, size, shape, or color out for the show. The Show Committee is depending on you, our members, to step forward and volunteer to work at the show. If you have a specific area you would like to help with, let me know. Remember those who don't volunteer may be "drafted".

We also need you to be collecting door prizes, goodie bag items, nice auction items, etc. Working together, we can put on a great show and have a fun-filled day. Mark your calendars for May 5th. We are counting on you!

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Jane Lewis

Minutes from the monthly meetings will not be published in the club newsletter, but will be available in the "Members Only" section on the MACC web site.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

by Sharon Mathews

IS THIS YOUR LAST MACC NEWSLETTER? We have received membership renewals from 75% of our 2006 members. But, if you aren't one of these and we haven't received your dues payment, this will be your last MACC newsletter. Why miss out on all the fun? Our dues of \$50.00 per year are a real bargain. For less than 14 cents each day you can avail yourself of all our membership benefits:

- Incomparable friends,
- Lots of ice cream (that being one of our favorite destinations),
- Being surrounded by beautiful cars,
- Learning the true art and artistry of "U" turns,
- Drives to far away places, just to eat lunch,
- And last, but not least, more incomparable friends.

If you haven't sent in your dues, it's not too late. Drop them in the mail today to:

Sharon Mathews
6513 Quail Run Drive
Pelham, Alabama 35124

Please Welcome The Following Members Who Have Recently Joined Our Corvette Club

Larry & Sheila Thomas
Birmingham, Alabama
2000 Navy Blue Convertible
larryethomas@bellsouth.net

Mike & Leila Sparks
Gardendale, Alabama
2006 Red Coupe
mike.sparks1@usarmy.mil

Frank Crews
Birmingham, Alabama
2002 Black Coupe
fcrews@westernexp.com

Member Photos on Website

We continue to add pictures of our members and their cars to our website, but are still missing many of you. Please take a look at our website. If you don't find your picture there, e-mail a picture of yourself, and a separate one of your car, to pboehme8464@yahoo.com. If you don't have a photo readily available and would like one taken, please ask Paul, Chris, or me to take your pictures at a meeting or event. We would like to see everyone posted on our site.

Member Concerns

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

- Karen Cauble – Karen's mom is experiencing some health problems.
- Terry Mathews – Terry continues to recover from Achilles tendon surgery.
- Donna Allen – Donna continues to recover from foot surgery.
- Faye Williamson - Faye's mother is a patient at UAB with multiple health problems.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on this month's list and is not, please e-mail me your dates so we can congratulate you too.

Happy Birthday to the following February babies:

Danny Thomason	February 1 st
Suzan Touchton	February 7 th
Rex Henderson	February 7 th
Merrill Malone	February 9 th
Debbie Merck	February 16 th
Kim Coleman	February 21 st

Congratulations to the following members on their February wedding anniversaries:

Chuck & Kelli Lewis	February 12 th
Jim & Kim Coleman	February 23 rd

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

by Cathy Crapet



Valentine's Day Dinner

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 PM

Cobb Lane Restaurant

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, February 7th

Contact Cathy Crapet

Tel. 988-0291

cathycrapet@aol.com

The Mid Alabama Corvette Club invites you and your special sweetheart to the annual Valentine's Day Dinner on Wednesday, February 14th, at Cobb Lane Restaurant at 7:00 PM. It is the oldest restaurant in the city and a very unique place to eat. If you have not had Cobb Lane's "she-crab" soup or chocolate roulage, you will be in for a real treat.

We will be ordering individually from the menu with each person/couple paying separately. Gratuity will be included in each check.

The only thing I need to know is the number attending. Please e-mail or call me to let me know if you plan to attend. My home number is 988-0291, and my cell is 283-1685. I will need to know by Wednesday, February 7th, which is the deadline set by the restaurant.

We hope everyone plans to attend and that this will again be a big event for our club members. What better way to celebrate the most romantic evening of the year than with your special "Valentine" and good friends!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

Bricks from the original Corvette plant in Flint, Michigan are available through the Museum and can be personalized with your name or club name. The Flint Brick Wall will be display in the Assembly Plant area of the Museum.

Corvette CHRONOLOGY questions:--What is the first year there were two Corvette body styles? What year was fuel injection and optional 4-speed manual transmission offered?

Only 500 tickets are being sold at \$250.00 each, on a chance to win a new 2007 Atomic Orange Corvette Coupe!. This exciting raffle car is decorated with the stunning atomic orange



color, and features cashmere interior, the 3LT package, polished aluminum wheels and automatic transmission. The winner will be drawn on Thursday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. CT in the Museum's Skydome. Find out more and get your tickets at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/index.shtml> .

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred Atkins

Hoke Graham

Jane & Jocko Lewis

Billy & Debbie Porter

Chris Touchton

Tony & Cathy Crapet

Ronnie & Kathie Jones

Terry & Sharon Mathews

Bill Ringler

Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Chris Gilliland

Chuck Lewis

Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon

Bob Stewart

Jim & Sherrye Willis

NEWS FROM THE CORVETTE FORUM

by Jim Willis

Corvetteforum.com's Cruise-In VIII is set for May 24th-26th, Memorial Day weekend, at Bowling Green. Registration for the event is being handled by the National Corvette Museum and will include drag racing, auto-crossing, scenic tours, seminars and a Saturday night banquet at Bowling Green's Sloan Convention Center.

You can get the schedule and register at this link:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml>

If you've participated in a Forum Cruise-In before, you know that one of the highlights of the event is hanging around in the parking lot at the Baymont and Hampton Inn at Exit. 22 and eating Roscoe's BBQ. That's a separate fee and details are available at this link:

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/showthread.php?t=1596183>

Hope to see some of you there!

NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

by Babs Lucas

On behalf of all our MACC friends, birthday cards were sent to five "oldies" and two anniversary cards were sent to "lovey doves," all for the month of January. Get Well wishes were sent to three of our members: Ronnie Jones, Donna Allen, and Terry Matthews. We are thankful they are doing well and continuing to improve.

Please let me know as soon as possible of any sickness, surgery or a death of your immediate family, so I can send someone a card to let them know that we all care!

When it is cloudy---we need to make our own sunshine!

Have a "sunshiney" day!

MACC EVENTS

by Susan Touchton

If January is any measure of our year ahead it's going to be a busy one.

The first overnight road trip for the year will be the Lower Alabama Fun in the Sun! Dates are March 23rd & 24th. The host hotel is the Courtyard Marriott at Craft Farms. They have blocked 30 rooms at a rate of \$119.00 a night. You must call by February 23rd to get this deal. The telephone number is (251) 968-1113. Registration is \$20.00 which includes a free t-shirt if registration is received before February 23rd. I have the registration forms. Call or e-mail me and I will fax one to you. Sounds like they have a great weekend planned. Hope you will plan to join us (please go to the MACC calendar to download the registration form).

Jeff Williams is doing a super job coordinating the C5-C6 Bash trip to Bowling Green. If you have any question about this trip please contact Jeff.

Looking ahead to May, we have the Dothan Circle City trip to Panama City and the Maggie Valley North Carolina trip over Memorial Day Weekend. Please go to our calendar on the club website and click on the links for the details.

Some day trips are in the planning stages. Will let you know what we have planned.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!



NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF WHEELS CHAIR

by Terry Mathews

DON'T MISS.....

The History Of Corvettes

Celebrating Over 50 Years As America's Sports Car

Presented By

MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE CLUB

At The

WORLD OF WHEELS

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex

FEB 9th, 10th & 11th

The WOW Committee has put together a great display that our club will be proud of. If you have volunteered to help us, a schedule will be out soon. If you have not yet volunteered, that's OK too. Just come to the show. We can always use the help talking with the people about Corvettes. This is OUR Display! The more, the merrier. Come be a part of the excitement! We promise a great and fun time. See Ya There !!!!!!!!!!!!!

PS: We can always use help moving in and setting up the display. We move in at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, Feb 8th, through Loading Dock #4 on 11th Avenue. We'll be there all afternoon. If you can help, come on !!!!!!!

WEB SITE UPDATE

by Paul Boehme

Has anyone checked the web site lately? If not, you need to. We have a new front page thanks to Terry Truett. It is powerful to say the least. Many other projects are underway to keep the new look going. We now have a great looking professional grade calendar thanks to Thom Williamson. He is currently making the links work for the items listed on the calendar. A chat forum is also in the making. You will be able to find anything from technical advice to idle chit chat there.

I know by now everyone has the passwords memorized for the Members Only section but as our membership roster is changing in February, so are the passwords. Be on the lookout for the new ones shortly. As a suggestion, when you type them in there is usually a box below that asks if you want the computer to remember them for you. I usually check this box because I am at that age where I do better at checking boxes.

Note: there were 2,611 visits to the MACC web site in January.

ROCKY'S STORY (part 1)

by Jeff Williams

I blame Terry Truett for this. I was a happy Corvette owner, minding my own business, enjoying life. Then, Terry gets this wild hair to buy a C3. Images and stories of his plans sparked an old flame in me. A flame I thought had long been out. First, I need to give you a little background on my long-time love of the C3 Corvette.

In 1982, I turned 16 years old, and wanted a Corvette like nothing else. All my friends were getting cars for their birthdays. The Collector's edition came out, and I was in love. The last of the C3. The final Shark body. The end of an era. The first fuel injected Corvette in 15 years. Everything about the car was cool. With \$300 to my name, it was obvious to me that a Corvette was not going to be in my driveway any time soon. Several of my friends had Corvettes, but I never thought I would ever be a Vette owner myself. I came very close several occasions to owning a C3. A white '71 LT1 with a wide body kit, a red '69 coupe with the pop-out rear window, a wrecked '78 pace car, and many others.

Fast forward to 1988. I was working at Genuine Auto Parts while studying Engineering at UAB. My boss, Chris Cantrell bought a car as an investment from a friend. I was blown away, when I saw it. A 1982 Collector's Edition Corvette. I just had to drive it! He let me drive it around Birmingham, and I knew I had to have one.

Well, life gets busy, and I forgot about my dream to own a Corvette, until Evie and I decided to buy Taz, our 2000 Corvette Convertible. Of course everyone knows, you can't just own one Corvette. From the first day I drove Taz, I started thinking about what my next Corvette would be. Would it be a mid-year? Would it be a Z06? Would it be a big block car? Would it be a Collector's Edition?

Present Day 2006. As soon as I started looking at Terry's car, and what he was in the process of doing, I decided I could afford to get a C3. So, I go to my trusty used car buying place, eBay, and started looking for a good deal. I wanted to find a rough car, or a project that someone else abandoned. When I saw Rocky, I knew it was a perfect project car for me. The car had been run in a ditch, back in 1992. The owner didn't want to patch the fiberglass, so he bought all new pieces. Bumper, nose, bumper support, grilles, lights, parking lights, turn signals, and inner fenders. Somewhere along there, he lost interest and sold the car. The next owner prepped the inner fenders, did some hideous customizing on the engine wiring harness and hoses (he must own a Honda). He even painted the alternator red! He didn't finish the project. He met Eric, the guy I got the car from in a block party. When he found out Eric was restoring 2 C3's of his own, he offered the car to him at a great price. Eric bought the car and parked it in his garage. His 1970 big block restoration was way over budget, and his wife was 7 months pregnant, so he decided to get rid of the '82. Enter me. I contacted Eric, and started collecting information about the car. He sent me a list of the parts, and took several pictures of the car for me. The car was exactly what I was looking for, at a price I could live with. The only drawback was the distance the car was from me. The car was in Chicago - not exactly across town. I struck the deal and scheduled the trip to get the car.



Rocky is a 1982 Corvette Coup. Black exterior and black interior. Rally wheels, manual seats, with a Quartz clock. It was built in the last few weeks of production, as it's VIN is a very high number.

I left Alabaster at 4:30 AM, January 1st, 2007. I met a friend, David, who has a truck and trailer at his farm in north Shelby County. David wanted to bring his 10-year-old son, Bailey

along. Bailey loves Corvettes and trucks. Driving a truck 1,500 miles to carry a Corvette home was a dream come true for him. We loaded up and left his house for Chicago about 8:00 AM (he had a problem with one of his dogs and a chicken. Bailey had never been away from his mother, and she had a tough time letting him go). I had my trusty GPS navigation software on my laptop and a whole bunch of Ben Franklins in my pocket. I wanted to make the trip fun and informative, so we headed to Nashville, home of country music, then to Clarksville, where one of Trane's manufacturing facilities is. From there, we went to St Louis and stopped to see the Arch.

Then, we were off to Chicago. We had to stop and re-wire the trailer, but other than that the trip was uneventful. We got to Chicago about 9:30 PM and loaded the car on the trailer. Wanting to avoid traffic, we headed out from there. We headed east to Indianapolis, then south to Louisville. We wanted to miss morning traffic, so we drove through Louisville and stopped on the southern side to sleep. We checked in at 4:30 AM, and I left a wake-up call for 9:30 AM. What I didn't realize, was Louisville was on Eastern Standard Time. It was really 5:30 AM when we checked in! When we got up, I called the GM plant, to see when the tours were. There was one at 12:30, so we had to get on the road fairly quickly. We made it to the plant, and were able to take Bailey on the tour.

After that, we went to the museum, and spent a couple hours looking at all the Corvettes. There, I caught a photo of what Rocky was to look like soon.

We got back to Alabaster at 5:30 PM and unloaded the car. We had traveled through Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana in 2 days.

Next month, I will go through the car and itemize the missing parts and evaluate the condition of the parts that are there. I will have lots of pictures of the car as it is. Follow along over the next few months, as I restore Rocky to its original condition.

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February:

- 9th World of Wheels (contact Terry Mathews)
- 14th **MACC Valentine's Day dinner party at Cobb Lane Restaurant at 7:00 PM (contact Cathy Crapet)**
- 18th **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00PM**

March:

- 18th **Monthly MACC meeting, Barber Motorsports Park, 2:00PM**
- 24th L. A. Corvette Club "Fun in the Sun Show", Gulf shores (contact Suzan Touchton)

April:

- 15th **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00 PM**
- 26th C5 & C6 Bash, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green (contact Jeff Williams)

May:

- 5th **MACC Annual Car Show at Costco in Hoover (contact Ronnie Jones) & MACC monthly meeting**
- 17th Dothan to Panama City Corvette Caravan sponsored by the Circle City Corvette Club
- 24th Corvette Forum Cruise-In at the National Corvette Museum
- 26th Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show, Maggie Valley, NC

June:

2nd Hot Rod Magazine, Hot Rod Power Tour (contact Chuck Lewis)
17th Monthly MACC meeting, location TBA

**Next MACC Monthly meeting
Neighborhood Sports Grill - Trussville
February 18th
Lunch: 1:00
Meeting: 2:00 PM**

Corvettes At Carlisle - 2006

