



MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Mathews

Here we are Winter is almost gone and Spring is just around the corner (depending on which ground hog you watch).

January was a great month for MACC...We saw lots of great cars at Ron Moore's collection and had loads of fun doing laps at 'Dega'. As we turn our attention to February, we have the World of Wheels on the 6th, 7th, and 8th at BJCC. If you have not experienced the WOW from a club standpoint, you have really missed a treat. It is exciting to see the other cars in the show, but our "Vettes" always draw a crowd. We need as many people as possible to be there to tell people about our wonderful cars and about our great club. Don't be shy, come to the WOW and enjoy! Also, don't forget the MACC Valentine's party on the 14th. Babs and Billy have put together a real treat for us in Childersburg and we will have a very special surprise guest you won't want to miss! We also have our winter bowling league going on at Vestavia Lanes on Monday nights at 6pm. It's a night of fun and fellowship. There are always several members there that do not bowl and just want to see and talk to everyone. Come join us !

Looking into the future.....Our calendar is filling up with big events; from Gulf Shores to Vettes in the Valley to Joplin, Mo. to Bowling Green to the East Coast Lighthouse Run. Who knows what will show up on our calendar, but one thing is for sure....We'll have FUN ! The BIGGEST one for us is OUR own Annual MACC ATTACK CORVETTE Show. This year it will be at the Verizon Music Center on Hwy 119 at I-65. Paul and his team are working hard on the planning. Please contact Paul and tell him you will help.....We are always looking for new ideas for things to do at the show. People will be bringing their Vettes from all over the southeast just to participate in our show, and we don't want them to go home disappointed! We're MACC....We're the BEST !

Well, I could ramble on for hours about our great Club and the things we do enjoying America's Sports Car, but for the sake of time and saving paper, I'll sign off for now ! Remember to "SAVE THE WAVE"

Terry Mathews

World of Wheels

Paul Boehme

World of Wheels Reminder

Thanks to all who have agreed to help with either setting up the display or talking about the cars and MACC during the show. If you have a question about your time please call Hoke.

MACC Car Show

Our annual car show is set for May 2 at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater (old Oak Mountain Amphitheater). We have use of the Charter Stage and the adjoining pavilion and of course the parking lot. Aramark has a contract to supply food for any event that is scheduled there. Several people have suggested their favorite bands for entertainment. If you have a suggestion please let me know their name and a contact number. I am also trying to bring Elvis back. Keep your fingers crossed this works out ok.

Talladega January 31, 2009

Jeff Williams



It was a cool morning Saturday. Twin Turbo Terry and I left Alabaster at 6:00 AM with a full tank of high test, a little extra pressure in the tires, and a few butterflies in our stomachs. We hooked up with Jack Kempf near Liberty Park on Highway 459. We rolled into cracker Barrel right at 6:45 AM. There we met Bill Andrus waiting for us. We had a great breakfast and shared some great stories (mostly true ones). We rolled out at 8:15 right on time. After a blistering road trip to the track, where I exceeded 68 miles per hour two or three times! Leading a group of 20 Corvettes is a lot of responsibility. It was a good thing I had some real veterans like Paul, Hoke, and Wayne there to help me out, and keep everyone together. We pulled into the track main entrance and lined up behind the Capitol City Corvette Club. Also at the track were a muscle car club and a group of restored 30's sedans.

After a brief driver's meeting, where obviously, many drivers were not involved in, the track crew led out the first group of cars. Bill was in the first group with the Montgomery club. There were basically 2 rules:

1. Don't go in the outside lane
2. Don't pass

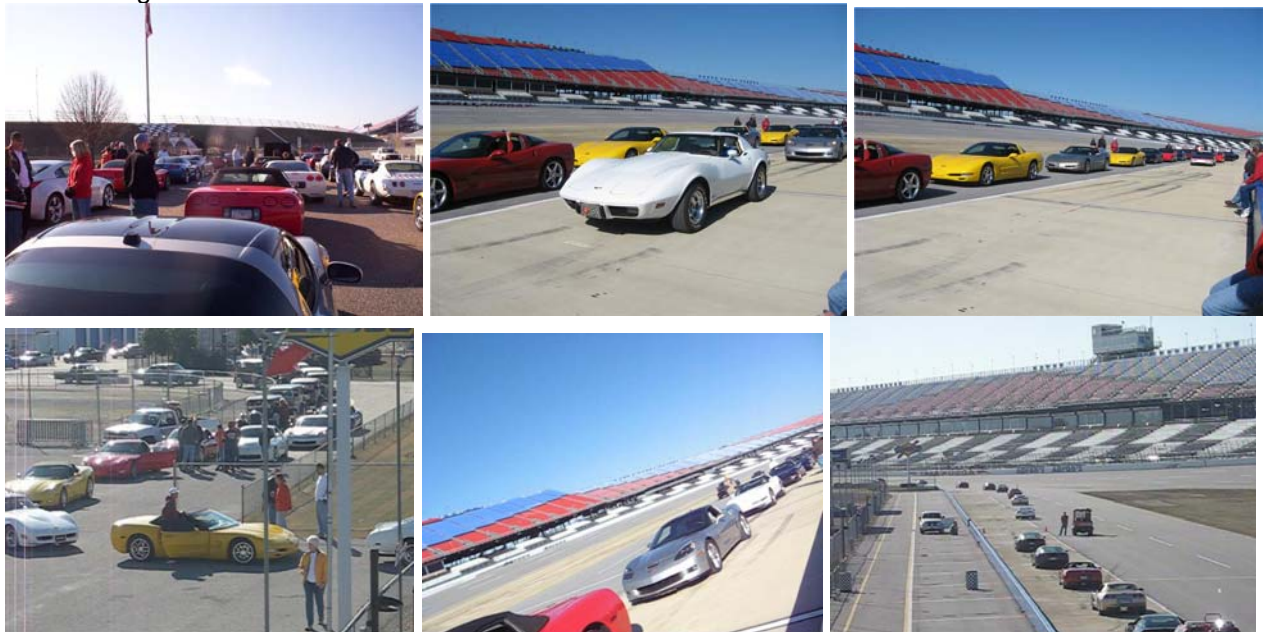
After the first 2 laps, the officials brought in the group and had a little talk with everyone and sent them back out. After the second few laps they parked 2 Corvettes and a Hemi Dodge truck. During the second set of laps, Bill was running strong down the back stretch, when a cannon went off. It really wasn't a cannon, but it was the right rear tire letting go. Since it was the third right rear tire to go flat on his car in the last 100 miles, he knew what it was. He let off the gas, and watched as the air pressure dropped from 35 PSIG to zero. The flat tire alarm started going off, and he was able to get the car to the infield. His hot laps were over for the day. The great thing about run flats, is he made it home with the car.

Now it was our turn. I was not going to do anything that would get me in trouble, so I played good (that surprises a bunch of you, doesn't it?). I was the first car, so I never got over 90 miles per hour during the first five laps. Some of the guys behind me got up to 140 during their run. The track was great, the officials were great and they let us do as many runs as we wanted. Some of us got to do 3 or 4 sessions.

After some photos in victory lane, I went back out for another run. Everyone was a lot more relaxed, and my group had only 6 cars in it. I thought it would be fun to run with the top down. I had heard a lot of people say they got to 120 or 130 or 140 miles per hour. My mission was to top 140. The first try, I got to 121 before I caught up with Mike Chaney. On my second lap, I had a good run on him, and when I caught up with Mike, I still had a lot of backstretch left, so I opted to drop to the inside and break rule #2. I passed Mike at 134 miles per hour. I went into turn 3 VERY hot! The next lap, I got a good run out of 2 and this time I floored it and didn't let up all the way down the back stretch. With the top down, the car just ran out of steam at 143 miles per hour. That was good enough for me.

After a few more pictures, we started talking about food (we are MACC, aren't we?). It was decided to take the drive to Anniston for some oysters at Damn Yankees. But, once we got there, it was obvious they were closed, and we had to go with plan "B". We ended up at a little restaurant in Riverside called The Ark.

I thought the whole event was a huge blast, and I especially want to thank Patrick Barfield for putting the package together for us. As most of you know, he offered a package deal on the October race for the club. A few of us took advantage of the deal, and we had a great time at the race. I was able to get a few extra people on the list for the run. Patrick asked that everyone that got to run on the track, but didn't buy the package deal go through the museum. I will put together a trip to Talladega to visit the museum this summer. Maybe we can stop by Selwood Farms and shoot some sporting clays and then maybe stop by the Motor Sports Racing Club and drive some racing karts.



Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

WOW (not world of wheels) ! January has gone by like a March wind!

We do not have an updated member list for our New year, 2009; I know it will be updated soon. Therefore, if your birthday or anniversary is missed, I surely trust your special day was fun and exciting and we will catch you next time.

Special birthdays for February are:

Danny Thomason
Karen Hill
Dennis Hopkins
Suzan Touchton
Rex Henderson
Merrill Malone
Larry Whitehead (on the 14th)
Jimmy Walker
Kim Coleman
Denise Cardin
Terry Truett

February Anniversaries include:

Tom & Suzette Fisher 9th
Chuck & Kelli Lewis 12th
Jim & Kim Coleman 23rd

Members scheduled to attend the February 14th Valentine's Dinner, in Childersburg, at the City Limits Restaurant and visit Morgan Creek Winery are:

Sweetheart's

Hoke and Charlotte	Thom and Faye
Judi and Allen	Mickey and Judy
Jack and Connie	Bill and Martha
Merv and Betty	Jo Ann and Jim
Terry and Sharon	Billy and Babs
Donna and Wayne	Sheri and Terry
Cindy and Jim	and possibly: Jocko and Jane
Fred and Justin2	Paul and Sarah

Have a great time where ever you may be on the 14th!!!
Sunshine chair
Babs Lucas

Special Thanks

I know Jim kept everyone updated and 'thanked' during my recent surgery, but I also wanted to 'thank' everyone for being at the hospital (early) to be with Jim during the actual surgery, visiting us in the hospital following surgery, the calls, cards, food, flowers, balloons, and visits to our home. All acts of kindness are appreciated. The MACC-family really 'steps up to the plate' during times such as this. An update, I have 'chunked' the walker, (no cup-holder!) and am now 'walking without a net'.

'Thanks' to everyone!
Cindy Maddox

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Terry & Toby Truett

Membership Notes:

What's up fellow Vette friends. We are looking forward to another great year with all of you guys! Please feel free to contact us anytime with new information or corrections concerning your membership. If you would like to be spotlighted as a member of the month just let me know. If you want your picture updated or added to the web site just let Paul know.

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It was so good to see a lot of folks at the last meeting that we have not seen in a while, thank you for coming and supporting your club! If you have not made it to a meeting in a while, WE MISS YOU! Come join in all the fun and fellowship.

If Toby or I can ever be of assistance to you or your family whether club or personal please do not hesitate to call on us.

God Bless!
Terry and Toby Truett



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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

Fred Atkins

C5/C6 BASH The 12th C5/C6 Bash Being Held From April 23-25 AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ! This is the first event of the 2009 season, and just like past bashes, this is the place to be if you have a love for these cars. Whether you have one or you are thinking about getting one, this is going to be about the closest thing to heaven you'll get to on earth.

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred Atkins
Tony & Cathy Crapet
Hoke Graham
Ronnie & Kathie Jones
Doyal Marks
Bill Ringler
Bob Stewart
Conrad Whitten
Dennis & Joy Hopkins

Wade & Jennifer Banks
Ronnie & Cheryl Folds
Steve & Susie Hawk
Chuck Lewis
Terry & Sharon Mathews
Basil Sloan
Chris Touchton
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Paul & Sara Boehme
Chris Gilliland
David & Arlene Johnson
Jane & Jocko Lewis
Billy & Debbie Porter
Terry & Toby Truett
Jim & Sherrye Willis
Dale Zimlich

Route 66 Corvette Trivia

Thom Williamson

Current maps do not include old Route 66. The last stretch of the "Mother Road" disappeared from official road maps in 1984, when it was officially decommissioned as a federal highway. Route 66 was commissioned in 1926, using as many existing roads as possible. At that time only 800 of the 2448 mile long highway was paved. It would be another 11 years, in 1937, until it would be paved end to end.

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