



**Mid Alabama  
Corvette Club**



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### A Note from the Crew Chief

By Arlene Johnson

Happy Holidays and Joyous New Year to all MACC members and their families. As mentioned in my nomination speech, it is now time to be a part of the view from the inside looking out. First, I'd like to recognize the officers and chair people from 2004 for all their hard work in keeping this club together and making it an enjoyable experience. Wayne, Rob, Fred, Jane, Suzan, Cathy, Bill, and Marti, Thank You!!!

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# A Note from the Crew Chief

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We all agreed to move monthly meetings around to different locations and hold a few in connection with a social event or planned club event. A few meetings will be held on a week night; others times on a Saturday or Sunday. Typically, the monthly meetings will be planned the third week/end of the month – keep an eye on the calendar of events for the next function. I'll see you next on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for a bit of restoration education and then meeting and lunch. Hope you can make it.

Every month in this newsletter, I'd like to pass along a unique topic or tidbit about Corvettes – this month it's about '**Greetings**' – and I'm not talking about Season's Greetings – although those are wished to you as well.

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**Greetings to fellow corvette drivers!!!!** Driving a Corvette, as I'm sure you all realize, is a social experience. After all, we belong to a select group of individuals who have excellent taste in automobiles, and we want to acknowledge others who do as well. The greeting etiquette is known as "**The Wave**" and has been around since Corvette 00001 met Corvette 00002.....or so it is reported in a 1969 article from Corvette News found in the following web-site:

<http://www.vettenet.org/vettewav.txt> . I'm going to keep my eyes open for club members actually using the various waves mentioned: the gaping "yoo hoo", the two-finger flip, the four-finger pop-up, the eight-point spread, the pointer, the wiping swipe, the topper-tipper, the right-handed "Hi-G'Bye", the near-futile head jerk, and the last-minute left elbow grope....and other personal styles that may exist among our club members. I'll be looking for incorrect uses of 'hand signals' as well so everyone out there be good. **Save the Wave!!!!**

## WELCOME TO NEW MACC MEMBERS

By Sharon Mathews

We have had several inquiries into membership recently, and applications have been mailed to these prospects. Hopefully I will have some new members to introduce to you at our January meeting.

The membership application has undergone some minor changes and 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](mailto:smathews13@bellsouth.net) . I will be glad to get one to you or your prospective member.

Your 2005 membership dues are payable now, and should be forwarded to Bill Ringler, MACC Treasurer, 2816 Ashley Wood Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216.

Family/Couple dues will remain \$50.00 per year. A recommendation to reduce single membership dues to \$25.00 annually will be presented to the membership for a vote at the January meeting.

In an effort to stay in touch with our members, I would like to begin a “shepherding” type of campaign. I need 8 to 10 of you to volunteer to assist me. We will divide the membership roster and take groups of approx. 8 –10 members each to call and check on from time to time for several purposes:

- 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’s hard to break into a new group, find your “nitch” and feel welcome. I want to be sure that all our members, new and old alike, to feel like they have found a special place where both “Corvettes” and “Friends” are special and should be handled with care. For many of us, the friends that we have in this club are like family. We love and look after one another. I would hate to know that we have members who are experiencing sickness, hardship, or some other need that we are not aware of. It is a good feeling to know that we can serve and be served by each other while having a terrific time enjoying our cars.

I am happy to be serving as Membership Chairperson for 2005. Please don’t hesitate to call on me if I can help you at any time.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2005**

By Bill Ringler

It is that time of year again to renew your membership in the Mid Alabama Corvette Club. The MACC Board of Directors has adjusted the annual dues for 2005 as follows:

\$50.00 per family (same as last year)

\$25.00 for singles (new for 2005)

\$25.00 for out of state members (can not vote or hold office - same as last year)

Please mail your check to the Treasurer before the end of February. Those who have not renewed by February 28th will be dropped from the membership rolls.

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING**

By Suzan Touchton

The Christmas party served as our December meeting and there was no official business discussed. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Bob and Sue Moreno for hosting this event!

## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

By Suzan Touchton

I hope you are all ready for a busy MACC year! Plans are to have events for everyone with every interest. There are shows, cruise-ins as well as just finding excuses to drive our cars! Fast Freddie and Corvette Chris will be planning more spur-of-the-moment week night runs and show dates will be added as 2005 dates become available.

I have asked Wayne Allen to coordinate the Trussville Saturday Night Cruise-Ins and Chuck Lewis to handle the Pelham Saturday Night Cruise-Ins. This will be a ball to do as a group. Please let these guys know if you are able to help them block off spaces. I know MACC did this in the past and many have expressed interest in doing it again.

I need some help with the shows! If you have an interest in a particular show would you volunteer to be the contact? You'll just need to get all the details about the show and pass them on to the club. Give me a call if I can count on you to help.

There are plenty of other events in the works that will be added to the calendar in the future. If you have any event you would like to coordinate or add to the calendar please contact me.



## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS**

By Jim Willis

### **Corvette Nominated For Spike TV Awards Show - Vote Now**

Corvette is nominated in several categories as part of the upcoming "AutoRox" awards show to be featured on Spike TV on January 25, 2005 at 9:00 p.m. "The Ride of 05" and "Maximum G Sports Car 2005" are just a few of the categories Corvette will be featured in. AutoRox is the first ever nationally televised Auto Awards Show where the cars are the stars. The 90-minute show will air on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 on Spike TV. (Check local listings for your area) AutoRox will celebrate the automobile as an icon and what it represents in this country -- freedom, style, speed, music, luxury and personality. Place your votes by visiting the Spike TV site at:

<http://www.spiketv.com/shows/series/index.jhtml?seriesID=12815&refID=autorox>

### **1997 Corvette Launch Kit**

A limited number of 1997 Corvette Launch Kits are available for a \$100 donation to the National Corvette Museum's Building Campaign. These Limited Edition Launch Kits were created to promote the 1997 Corvette and include a hard-bound copy of the 1997 Winter Issue of Corvette Quarterly in a 120-page expanded version, a 1997 Corvette Brochure and a letter from Chevrolet's John Middlebrook explaining the importance of the launch materials. These limited edition materials were provided to media who helped to support Chevrolet's 1997 Corvette launch efforts. A limited number of the kits were donated to the Museum to be used as a fundraiser. Make your donation online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/project8.shtml> and receive a 1997 Corvette Launch Kit while they are available or call (800) 53-VETTE. Kits are available on a first come-first served basis.

### **Mako Shark Returns to the NCM**

The Mako Shark I. on loan from the GM Design Center, is on display in the Museum's Design Area for the next four months. XP-755, or Mako Shark was designed by Larry Shinoda, who started with elements of the not-yet-introduced 1963 Corvette design and added touches from the previous XP-700 show car. Much of the car's appearance was inspired by a Mako Shark that Mitchell had caught off the coast of Florida. Mitchell wanted the car to be painted to look just like the fish, which he had mounted in his office. After several failed attempts, his staff quietly borrowed the mounted fish and repainted it to match the car. Over time, the car went through several engine changes, finally winding up with a ZL-1 style all-aluminum 427 big block.

### **ZR-1/C4 Gathering Event Registration Open**

You can now register online for the ZR-1/C4 Gathering at:

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

The 15th Anniversary of the production of the ZR-1 Corvette and recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the end of production is one of the key focuses for this year's Gathering event scheduled for May

12-14, 2005. A special reunion of LT5 Project Team Members of "Mercruiser" are slated guests at the event and will present historical seminars and tech sessions. Drag racing, autocross, banquet and auction, roads tours and much more are planned. All pre-registered guests will receive an event dash plaque and personalized commemorative event badge. All Corvette enthusiasts are invited to attend!

### **"Building the 4th Generation Corvette" Video Available**

The NCM has a limited number of "Building the 4th Generation Corvette" videos still available for a \$50 donation to the Building Campaign. This 1983 film introduces the 1984 Corvette and follows Motor Trend Magazine's editors while they perform extensive testing of the car's handling, acceleration and braking. In this 33-minute film, Chevrolet executives and engineers explain the many revolutionary design and performance options that are introduced. The program also features vehicle assembly footage shot at the Corvette Assembly Plant. Make your donation online at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/project9.shtml>

### **Dale Jr. Visits the Corvette Assembly Plant**

NASCAR favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr., accompanied by GM Racing Group Marketing Manager, Gary Claudio and DEI team members, visited the Corvette Assembly Plant in early December. Dale expressed his love for Corvette and shared his enthusiasm about being part of the Corvette Race Team experience. "It is an honor to drive a Corvette - there is nothing like it," Dale stated. "It was a real experience getting to work with the Corvette race team and I look forward to driving the C6-R model." A Corvette owner himself, Dale talked about the features that made the Corvette so special to him, and after a quick Q&A with employees and media, he signed autographs and was given a tour of the plant. View photos of Dale's visit by clicking here:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/dale/>

## **GENERAL CLUB NEWS**

### **NEWSLETTER NEWS** by Beth Carter

I'm looking forward to being your editor for the 2005 newsletter. Articles 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. I know we have a lot of roving reporters out there and we'd love to hear from you!!! 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. Best wishes to all for a happy and safe 2005!!!

### **IMPATIENT CREATIONS TOUR** by Rob Conrad

The tour of Impatient Creations is Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This is a first class restoration and paint facility. Dennis Lyons, owner, will give the tour. There usually are several corvettes undergoing restoration at the shop, along with all kinds of cars from hot rods to collectible cars. It should be an educational two hours for everyone. Directions: Take I-65 south to the Alabaster Saginaw ext 238. Cross over the expressway, drive to the first paved road (Highway 26) and turn right. Go 2 blocks and turn left over the railroad tracks. Impatient Creations is the second building on the left, 1960 Fulton Springs Road. Please contact me if you need more information. Telephone 664-1447, Cell Phone – 515-0280. See you there!!!

## **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

## **NAME TAGS LOOKING FOR A HOME** by Sharon Mathews

I have MACC name badges for the following members:

Teresa & Bobby Conrad	Glen & Barbara Badham
Calvin Fleming	Sharon & Lee Hardegree
Becky & Randy Fuller	Marshall & Pat Eddy
Amos & Bobbie Mitchum	Deanne & Robert Johnson
Paula & Frank Lowery	Bob & Ginger Hensley
Charlene Kurtts	Carl Smith

You can pick up your name badges at the MACC meetings.

## **2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Club events/meetings are noted in bold print)

### **January:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:30 Attend retirement party for Vincent Melton-Jeff. Cty. Supervisor  
(Contact Arlene Johnson)
- 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Impatient Creations in Pelham (contact Rob Conrad)  
11:30 – 1:30 MACC Meeting, Lunch at Busters/Hoover/  
Meeting begins at 12:00

### **February:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Cruise & Shoot Scavenger Hunt (contact Chris Touchton)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> World of Wheels (NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE)  
[www.customautoshow.com](http://www.customautoshow.com)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Dinner at The Gulf Seafood Restaurant in Springville/ MACC  
Meeting (contact [suzant@bellsouth.net](mailto:suzant@bellsouth.net) for reservations by January 31<sup>st</sup>)

### **March:**

- 13<sup>th</sup> MACC Meeting /Location TBA
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tentative trip to Talladega Museum with Peach State Corvettes and Pontiac Club

### **April:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Corvette Spring Expo/Knoxville, TN  
[www.corvetteexpo.com](http://www.corvetteexpo.com)
- 21<sup>st</sup> MACC Meeting /Location TBA
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> C5/C6 Birthday Bash in Bowling Green, KY  
Registration open now at [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)  
(More info about block hotel rooms to follow)

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup> AMA Superbike Championship Series/Barber's  
Jim & Sherrye's Annual Covered Bridge Tour

**May:**

TBA **MACC Meeting**  
19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Beach Caravan to Panama City with Circle City Corvette Club

**June:**

11<sup>th</sup> **Club picnic at Crapet's Lake House**  
4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2005 Power Tour /Milwaukee to Kissimmee-St Cloud with a stop in Birmingham  
on June 8<sup>th</sup> (contact Fred Adkins)  
17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> National Hot Rod Reunion, Bowling Green, KY (contact David Johnson)  
More info at [www.nhra.com](http://www.nhra.com) under Museums, then Reunions, then 2005 NHRR

**July:**

TBA Black Hills Cruise in South Dakota  
4<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise to the fireworks with The Ghost (contact Chris Touchton)**  
TBA **MACC Meeting**  
28<sup>th</sup> Vettes by the Shore/Biloxi  
29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series/Barber's

**August:**

TBA **MACC Meeting**  
TBA Acworth GA Show/ [www.cgcorvetteclub.com](http://www.cgcorvetteclub.com)

**September:**

16<sup>th</sup> **Vettes For Pets/Argo Drive-In/**  
**MACC Meeting/Tailgate party & movies**  
TBA 27<sup>th</sup> Vette Fest/East Tennessee Corvette Club

**October:**

16<sup>th</sup> **Haunted House/MACC Meeting at Tac Room Restaurant in Leeds**  
TBA Corvettes Against Cancer/Atlanta

**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**  
**Buster's Restaurant, Hwy 31 in Hoover**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 AM**