

MACC

The Mid Alabama Corvette Club



MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January – 2011

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Donna Allen & Sara Boehme

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Babs Lucas

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Terry Mathews

MACC finished up another great year with wonderful Christmas party at the Grayson Valley Country Club. After a delicious meal Hoke directed us on a scavenger hunt. I am still not sure why Merv had a bobbie pin in his pocket. It was amazing to see just how much stuff some of us carry around. Table 5 won a box of chocolate covered cherries. Thanks Hoke, they were delicious. Then Terry entertained us with some beautiful Christmas music. The group joined in for a song also. Hoke was kind of lucky. He found a gift certificate under his chair and then immediately lost it when Charlotte saw it. Thanks to Donna for organizing another great event for us to enjoy.



With the new year comes new adventures. One of the next trips coming up is a train ride to New Orleans. This should be a relaxing trip while we leave the driving to Amtrak.

Don't forget to check your email on Sunday's to see if an impromptu outing has come up. Of course you are welcome to send your trip out to MACC also. We are working on getting some Thursday night suppers lined up again this year at restaurants that cannot handle our meetings. Meeting location ideas and trip ideas are always welcome.

Always Wave
Paul Boehme

Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

by: Sharon Mathews, Asst. Sunshine

Our sympathy is extended to Jim "Jocko" and Jane Lewis upon the loss of Jocko's father. Flowers were sent from MACC in remembrance of Mr. Lewis.

The Lucas family continues to recover from their tragic house fire. Until further notice, their new, but temporary address is: Billy and Babs Lucas, 3028 Madison Lane, Chelsea, AL 35043

Please remember these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday to:



Bob Borland
Sue Leiser
Billy Porter
David Boutwell
Doug Dean

Lisa Smith
Todd Pope
Jim Lewis
Allen Wright

Bonny Smith
James Beretta
Jane Lewis
Judy Lewis
Charlotte Graham

Happy Anniversary to:



Jack & Connie Kempf

Jocko & Jane Lewis

Please contact Sharon Mathews at 205-305-6308 or by e-mail at mathewssharon@yahoo.com with any member related needs or concerns until Babs reassumes her Sunshine position.

Social News

Donna Allen & Sara Boehme

Upcoming Events

Dues for 2011 need to be paid by the end of the year. \$50 if married, \$25 if single. Write check to MACC and mail to Jim Harris 1203 Gary Alan Trace, Moody, Al 35004. If you haven't paid, please do so ASAP so you don't miss out on any of the fun.

MACC JANUARY MEETING

SUNDAY, January 16

Jim 'n Nick's BBQ

220 Oxmoor Road

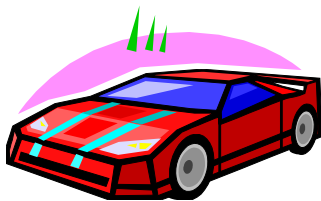
Homewood, AL 35209

EAT 1:00pm

MEET 2:00pm

Let's start the year off right with a good attendance at the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE OTHER UPCOMING DATES



Sunday, January 9 Day trip to Atlanta to view and drive the "TESLA" 0-60 MPH IN 3.7 seconds sports roadster. Contact Merv Torme for more information merv1400@gmail.com and watch for e-mails from him about time to leave and more plans.

Friday, January 28-30 **Train trip to New Orleans.** The train pulls out of the Birmingham Station on Friday at 12:03pm and returns on Sunday at 2:32 pm. We will arrive in New Orleans at 7:38 pm and take a taxi to the Hilton Riverside for a 2 night stay. You will need to make your own room reservations. Hilton phone number is 504-561-0500. The trolley to the French Market and Jackson Square runs right next to



the Hilton. They do serve food on the train, but you can take your own food and drinks if you want. We will probably eat supper in the dining car on the train, so we will have time to do some fun stuff when we get to New Orleans. This should be a really great trip

You can call Donna Allen (915-8062) or Sara Boehme (305-8721) with questions about any of these events.

FORGET THE VETTE.....

WE'RE TAKING THE TRAIN !!!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dwain and Tricia Lawrence

No new members to report this month, but.....

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EDITOR'S NOTE.....Don't miss a single issue of the MACC TRACKS Newsletter, A FULL YEAR'S subscription (12 exciting issues) is yours ABSOLUTLY FREE, with paid membership!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bob and Carolyn Borland

Bob and Carolyn were married on Valentine's Day in 1970. They have two children, Cindy and Jeffrey. Their daughter's family, James and Cindy Allen and grandson, Justin, recently moved back from Atlanta to Highland Park. They are expecting another baby boy in February. Justin calls their Corvette "Granddad and Grandmama's Racecar".

Carolyn worked at UAB as a secretary and a nurse. Later she went to work at the Post Office as an automated postal clerk and retired last year due to a severe illness with complications. Her hobbies are shopping, watching television, spoiling grandsons and playing with the cat. She really loves joining in MACC activities that enable her enjoy the Corvette.

Bob completed the auto mechanics trade school course in 1962. He joined the Navy in 1964 and attended AD(J) Aviation Jet school. He worked at Ft. Rucker in fixed wing maintenance and crash repair. He moved to Birmingham in 1972 to work on helicopters at the AASF#2 Support Facility until retirement in 1995. He completed his FAA A&P license while there. He worked with Hoke Graham and Mike Sparks. Bob's hobbies are cars (currently a red 2007 Corvette), computer gaming and helping to spoil grandsons and the cat.

Duane and Tina Corder



Duane grew up in Huntsville. He spent many Saturdays working with his father on their 100 acre cattle farm in Fayetteville Tennessee. His family owned a swimming pool business. By installing pools, Duane was fortunate enough to be able to put himself through Jacksonville State University where he graduated in 1993 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Forensic Investigations. He knew digging ditches (pools) was not what he wanted to do. He started to work for the Bessemer Police

Department in 1996 and transferred to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in 2001. He works as a School Resource Officer at the present time. Duane bought his 2001 yellow C5 in May, 2003. He met Tina in April of 2005 and did not tell her about his Vette for about a month. He wanted to make sure she liked him for his charming personality and not his ride. They married in November, 2006. As many of you know, they spent their honeymoon on a cruise ship with MACC...a time they will never forget and enjoyed so much.

Tina grew up in Albany GA. She worked at CRC Insurance Services as a broker assistant. She enjoys reading, exercising, and from time to time being lazy. She met Duane while she was standing in the middle of Highway 78. The day she met Duane she had just told her sister that she would never get married again, but Duane swooped her off her feet. Soon after they married, she was talking with the

lady about their car insurance. She asked Tina if she was going to make Duane cell his Corvette. She responded "Why would I want to do that? I like the car."

Larry Kilgore

After four years in the Air Force, Larry attended Auburn and graduated in 1961 in electrical engineering. He bought his 1959 Corvette in 1963 while working in South Carolina. The next year, he meet and married his sweet wife, Martha, and returned to Alabama. They raised raised two fine daughters. In the early years, the Corvette served as their family car and Larry drove it to work daily for many years. In 1989, he accepted an offer of early retirement from Southern Company Services. His Corvette was restored in 2005 through 2007. Martha passed away in July, 2009.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS



Fred Atkins

NCM Turntable Display -Back by popular demand the Museum is now featuring Corvette Clubs in our coveted " turntable display. The first club selected for feature is the Original Corvette Club of ST. Louis, and the club selected Shirley and Rick Berving's 1965 convertible to represent them. Founded in 1979, the club is one of the largest in Missouri. They are active in civic and charitable causes, and enjoy participating in Corvette events across the country. The display changes quarterly. Contact Stephanie for consideration at 270-467-8837.

CORVETTE TRIVIA

Thom Williamson

1961 Corvette Trivia

Minimal exterior redesigns were accomplished in 1961 with 10,939 convertibles produced. Most changes were in the form of modernization of major components including aluminum valve covers on optional engines, aluminum transmission case for 4-speed units, crossflow aluminum radiator and new aluminum parts in the convertible top. Some of the notable exterior changes include moving the exhaust to exit under the car rather than through the bumper or rear fascia, elimination of the “Shark Teeth” in the front grill and most notable, the restyling of the rear to include four taillights, now a Corvette tradition. Other milestones for 1961... the last year for the 283 ci engine and the last year for contrasting cove colors.



Corvette Cruisers League Bowling Will Start Jan. 17th

We have openings for two regular bowlers. No experience necessary. Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining the fun. We will bowl on Monday nights at 6:00 starting Jan. 17th and running

for 10 weeks or so. Paul

CORVETTE WINS AGAIN!!!! *(But We Already Knew That!)*



Autos

10 BEST CARS OF THE PAST DECADE

Sports Car

CHEVROLET CORVETTE

Sticker price: \$49,900 (2011)

Resale value (3 yrs./5 yrs.): 55%/38%

Horsepower: 430

MPG (city/highway): 16/26

Sticker price, 2001 model: \$40,475

Horsepower for 2001: 350

MPG (city/highway) for 2001: 17/26 (revised)



In the past decade, Corvette has won a Kiplinger's Best award in the sports car category six times. Why? Beastly power, a tame price and considerable cargo room, where the back seat would otherwise be. The Vette was introduced in 1953, and it has aged along with the baby boomers -- getting more powerful and faster with the years. The sixth generation Vette is shorter and narrower than its predecessor -- more like the European sports cars -- and the fastest yet: It clocks zero to 60 in 4 seconds flat. You can also get the Corvette in a convertible. And if 430 horses aren't enough, consider the Z06 (505 hp) or the ZR1 (638 hp). Both have top speeds of around 200 miles per hour.



IT'S COMING..... Watch your E-Mail for Discount Tickets, Special Parking

Details coming soon



February 11 – 13, 2011 BJCC Birmingham, AL

Drive your Corvette, to work at least one day each week!

