



JULY, 2006



FROM THE PREZ.....

They say "Time flies when you are having fun" and this month is going by fast.

Many of our club members had a great time during the Bowling Green/Lynchburg trip. Thanks to Jim and Cindy Maddox for making reservations and handling the many details in Bowling Green, Lynchburg and the Jack Daniels Distillery tour. Our tour guide at the distillery was a real "hoot". He was funny as well as informative about the whiskey making process. Sunday night in Lynchburg brought about an impromptu poker game at the motel with Tony Crapet winning most of the "beans".

Our cruise-in on June 15th to Ross Bridge was "first class" thanks to Bill Ringler. The grounds and resort were beautiful (especially with all the Corvettes lined up in the parking lot). The food was excellent!

Some of our members went to Branson, MO, for a car show and entertainment. They had a great time except Conrad got a bad case of food poisoning and Sandy fell and had a mild concussion. Let's keep them both in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

On Father's Day we caravanned to Tuscaloosa and boarded the Bama Belle for a fun riverboat cruise. After the riverboat cruise we enjoyed a great meal at the Cypress Inn. Since it was Father's Day we had family members and friends to participate. We had 13 Corvettes in our caravan along with additional vehicles with family members and friends. Every Corvette at the Bama Belle and Cypress Inn was clean and polished as if going to a car show. This shows the "pride of ownership" our members have in their Corvettes.

Hats off to Jim, Cindy and Bill for their planning of all the "fun stuff" during the month of June!!!!!!

We are looking forward to good food, fun, and fellowship at the Crapet's lakehouse on July 15th. We will have a short monthly meeting at that time.

Be sure to see Susan Touchton or Donna Allen for information on the big seven day cruise they are planning to the Western Caribbean in November. It will be lots of fun!

At our June meeting, I asked for someone to volunteer to be our Club Chaplain. Terry Truitt said he would be glad to take that position in the Club. Thanks so much, Terry!!!

There are so many good people and so many good things that I love about our Club. All of you make my job so easy.

Thanks,

Hoke "THE HOKSTER"

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MAAC CRUISE-IN PLANNED ON JULY 13TH

We are planning to return to one of our favorite sites, the Tip Top Grill, on Thursday, July 13th. Tip Top is noted for their delicious hot dogs and hamburgers in addition to the great view of the Wildwood valley.

Plan to arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 to enjoy the beautiful sunset. Tip Top is located on top of the mountain at 588 Shades Crest Road overlooking the Wildwood shopping area. Directions will be sent out via e-mail a few days in advance. Rain will cancel this event. Call Bill Ringler if you have any questions.

WE MET – HERE'S WHAT WE DID !

Minutes From Meeting MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE CLUB JUNE 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Hoke Graham. Hoke introduced Pam (?), our guest from Magic Moments. Pam shared with us the work done by Magic Moments and told how much our support has been appreciated over the years. The Club presented a check in the amount of \$2000.00 from the car show.

New members, Sheryl and Ronnie Folds and Doyal Marks were welcomed to the club.

Bill Ringler gave the Treasurer's report and announced our final profit figure from the show.

Secretary Cathy Crapet was not present but members were informed that the minutes were posted on the website.

Terry Mathews was thanked for his great job on our new newsletter "The Vette Gazette".

Hoke announced that the club has added two new positions to the club. Jeff Williams and David Johnson will now serve as Co-Sargeants-at-Arms. They will be available at meetings and club outings. Thanks guys.

The club would also like to add the position of Chaplain. We need someone to volunteer for this office. If you are interested please contact Hoke.

Vice-President Chris Touchton gave an update on our website and MACC-all e-mail. Paul Boehme, Wayne Allen and Chris Touchton have been working to “lock-down” our club e-mail. Members are encouraged to use MACC-all for any Corvette related items, events, cars for sale, etc. It is not to be used for anything political, religious or jokes.

The website is making great strides. Many members’ new pictures have been posted and there are more great things to come. The “Members Only” section is up and running.

Wayne Allen asked that if any members have any ideas and suggestions for our site to please let the committee know. Also, if a member has not been getting e-mail from the club they should call Paul or Wayne.

Museum Ambassador Fred Atkins told about the latest news from the museum. There is a new expansion which will include a theater, restaurant and more things to see. There is also a membership drive and a raffle to win a new Corvette to be given away September 3, 2006. Anyone wanting to join the museum or buy raffle tickets should contact Fred.

Bill Ringler suggested that museum member in our club should be listed on our website.

Jim Maddox gave a report on the fun trip to Bowling Green and then on to Lynchburg. A good time was had by all. Father’s Day will be our trip to Tuscaloosa. There will be a trip down the river on the Bama Belle and then dinner at the Cypress Inn. Please let Jim & Cindy know if able to attend.

After the meeting there was a full evening planned with a cruise to the country, church to hear Hoke sing and then on the drive-in to see Cars.

If anyone has any ideas for club outings please contact Jim and Cindy.

Hoke asked for volunteers to be on the Christmas party committee.

Bill Ringler gave details about our dinner out at Ross Bridge. He is looking for a great crowd and hopefully NO RAIN!

Jocko Lewis suggested the membership list be updated.

Cindy Maddox thanked the Ringler’s and the Truett’s for donating their tickets they had purchased for events at Bowling Green and were unable to use.

Suzan Touchton told the members about the upcoming cruise on the Norwegian Sun out of New Orleans. We had a great trip planned with a very good rate for a seven day trip. If you would like more details please contact Suzan or Donna Allen.

Next was the highly anticipated 50/50 drawing! Toby Truett was the big winner of \$82.00! Door prizes were won by Charlotte Graham, Merrill Malone, Doyal Marks and Jim Maddox. It pays to buy those tickets.

Doyal Marks shared some little known info about parking at the Bowling Green plant.

President Hoke shared a joke with us and then the meeting was adjourned.

Membership News by *SARA BOEHME*

Once again our numbers have grown. We are happy to welcome some new members to our group.

Ronnie & Sheryl Folds
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1999 Arctic White Coupe "The Ghost"

Johnny & Michelle Dunn
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Irondale, Al 35210
956-3419
253-0451
michelleaumom@aol.com
1999 Blue Convertible

We are all looking forward to seeing you at our next event.

Member Photos on Website

Help us get your and your car's photo on our website. If you have a picture of your car and a separate one of yourself, please e-mail them to me at sara8464@yahoo.com. If not we will have a camera at the next event and will get you a great photo if the weather is pretty on that day. We have added lots of new pictures lately and don't want anyone left out.

Birthday and Anniversary dates: Please send these dates to me if you have not already done so. We will start posting all the current month celebrations in the newsletter next month.



IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

MACC Picnic

Saturday, July 15

11:00 until ?

Anthony and I would like to invite each of you to Logan Martin Lake for a picnic and day of fun in the sun. All you have to do is bring your bathing suit (if you like), **chairs**, and a **dessert or dish** to share. You may even want to bring your fishing pole and do a little fishing. We will be playing volleyball and horseshoes, so be sure to "get in shape" for the "competition."

The club is providing hot dogs and all the trimmings, along with soft drinks. If you want any other beverage, you are on your own.

I would like to get an idea of attendance, so I would appreciate if you would let me know by Tuesday, July 11.

I hope you plan to join us. I have included the directions below. Some of you may want to get together to caravan. Have a safe drive!

Cathy

Directions to the Crapet house on Logan Martin Lake

From Birmingham. take I-20 towards Atlanta to the Pell City exit (#158). At the exit, go to the right on to Highway 231 South. Go approximately 3.3 miles. Turn left on to Highway 34. Stay on 34. (It is curvy.) When you come to a new bank, turn left. You will still be on 34. Go approximately 2.4 miles, passing the civic center, Shield's Grocery, and Rita's Restaurant. Turn right at the fenced-in, wooden building (Crafts by the Parson) on to Funderburg Bend Road. This turn is right after mile marker 3. Go about 2 miles until it ends. Turn left on Ranch

Marina Road. Our house is approximately 9/10 mile. It is on the right and has a swimming pool at the end of the driveway. The first gate will be marked and open for parking.

If you are coming from Highway 280, turn at Jack's in Harpersville on to Highway 231. I do not know the miles to Pell City, maybe 20-25. When you get to Highway 34, you will turn right, then follow the same directions as above.



MACC CRUISE **(WE REALLY MEAN CRUISE - AS IN BOAT !)**

7 sunny funny days in the Western Caribbean. Leaving from New Orleans on November 26, 2006 the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

We have negotiated a great rate of \$767 per person double occupancy on the beautiful Norwegian Sun. Each cabin has its own private balcony! This price includes everything even a \$25 on board credit.

Our agent has blocked a number of rooms for our group but they need to be confirmed right away. Cabins are located on the Viking deck category BC. You can go to NCL.com to read about the ship and the itinerary. Click on Fleet.

Please call Donna or myself for more details. We will give you the toll free number to call to make your deposit by credit card, The deposit is only \$300 per person with final payment not due until September. Cabins will be blocked until July 1st.

This cruise is open to all MACC members, friends and families. The more the merrier!!

Suzan Touchton Donna Allen
Home 655-9372 Home 680-0241
Cell 706-3281 Cell 915-8062



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE CAR YOU LOVE ?

Test Your Knowledge

By Professor Spee D. Miles

1. What was the most popular color for model year 1982?
2. What color was NOT available in 1975?
3. What was the first year that model-year production exceeded 10,000 units ?
4. What was the first year that model-year production exceeded 50,000 units ?
5. What was the first year that the Corvette base price broke the \$20,000 mark ?

Answers on last page – no cheating !



CELEBRATE AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY WITH AMERICA'S SPORTS CAR

The Mid-Alabama Corvette Club has been invited to participate in the annual July 4th Parade in downtown Prattville, Alabama .

I am sending this out to determine if Club members are interested in participating in this event.

Here are the details as far as we know them right now.

The City of Prattville, Alabama has an annual July 4th parade. The Parade begins at 9 am at the Autauga County Courthouse and ends at Pratt Park. Beginning at 10am, there are festivities in the park. The festivities include a Lions Club BBQ, entertainment, a Homemade Ice Cream Contest, the 3rd Annual Cardboard Boat Race at Pratt Pool, Arts and Crafts, and a Fireworks program at 6 pm.

To participate in the parade, we would have to line up at 8 am. We would have to leave the Birmingham area early. We could meet off I 65, have a quick breakfast and caravan down to Prattville. This involves about a two hour ride. I will find out if we can throw candy, etc. Hopefully, we could all stay for lunch, and leave at any time thereafter that we wish. The City of Prattville representative that I spoke with today is very excited about the Corvette being in the Parade. What is more American than a group of Corvettes?

For those of us going to Prattville on Tuesday July 4th for the parade.

Toby and Terry Truett have selected a 'breakfast' location for us. The McDonalds located at the Walmart Exit in Calera. (This McDonalds is open 24 hours) This is Exit number 231 off Hwy 31, which is off Interstate 65.

We should plan on eating early, and leaving the McDonalds by 6:45 am in order to arrive in Prattville by 8:am to line up for the Parade. (We don't want to be behind the livestock in the progression)

I have done a MapQuest to locate the Autauga County Courthouse (the parade starting point) and the address is 134 North Court Street, Prattville, Al. 36067

Best I can determine, Pratt Park, where to parade ends is only about a mile away.

The address of the park is 256 Doster Street, Prattville, Al. 36067

Mapquest directions from Springville, Al to Prattville is 107 miles total.

We have about 7-10 cars right now. It is not too late to make plans to join us. All are welcome.

In the event that you try to reach us after Thursday June 29th, please call us, as we may be at the house without computer access.

By the way, we CAN throw candy! Again, the City of Prattville is very excited about our Club joining the July 4th Parade.

Our telephone numbers are as follows:

Jim's cell 515-7286

Cindy's cell 541-5784

Springville home number 467-7285

McCalla home number 477-7286

Hope to see you all at McDonald's early Tuesday morning! We will try to be there at around 6 am.

Now, on another note.....if your sparklers have'nt been lit yet, I understand from Suzan Touchton today that Chris is (hopefully) still planning the annual 'Ghost tour to the Fireworks' here in Birmingham. (Minus the Ghost) More to come on that part of the day.

2006 Calendar of Events

NOTE: EVENTS IN RED Have NEW UPDATED INFORMATION

July

15th Club Picnic Crapet's Lakehouse
15th MACC Monthly Meeting, @ the Picnic
22nd – 23rd Cruise to Chattanooga, (info to follow)

August

5th Super Vette Saturday, Acworth, GA,
www.cgcorvetteclub.com
11th – 13th Vettes at the Village 06, Sandestin, FL,
www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com
20th MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
24th – 27th Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle PA, (info to follow)

September

17th MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
TBA Vettes for Pets, Contact Arlene Johnson
22 – 24 Vette Fest at Gatlinburg, TN, www.etcorvette.com

October

15th MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
21st – 22nd Cruise to Mentone, AL (info to follow)

November

TBA Cruise to Guntersville, Dinner at Top of the River
19th MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
26th Really Big Cruise on really Big Boat !

December

TBA Local Parades
8th MACC Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party, The Club

Answers to Corvette University Quiz

1. Silver Beige (Collectors Edition) 6,759 Units
2. Corvettes were not available in BLACK on 1970 thru 1976 models.
3. 1960
4. 1979 and again in 1984
5. 1982 – The Collector's Edition listed it's base price as \$22,537.59