

MACC

The Mid Alabama Corvette Club



MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dennis Hopkins

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I remember when we were so cold, not too many months ago, wondering if warm weather will ever arrive. Well, it is here big time, welcome to July. When New York City hits 107 degrees you know it's really summertime. I sure hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July celebration where ever you were. We had members scattered all over the South, from Talladega to Tennessee to the beaches. Yes, some went on south regardless of the stinkin' oil everywhere.

Our annual Picnic is just around the corner, please rsvp with Donna or Shari if you want to come. This year the club is paying for everything except the park fees and that's about 3 dollars per car.

We had some sad news, one of MACC founders passed away June 30th after a long illness. Jimmy McCutcheon, better known as "Mr. Corvette", carried with him more Corvette knowledge that may never be seen again in our lifetime. He knew these cars better than anyone I ever knew. What a loss to the entire Corvette Community. He was a lifetime member of MACC and the NCRS. There is a tribute to him enclosed.

Jeff Williams' Vettes4Vets was a huge success with over 230 Cars participating at Talladega. Jim & Cindy Maddox's Huntland Tennessee Trip was fun according to those that remember the trip, should have been named the booze trip. Very busy July and it's not over!. Kudos to those that put these events together for our members.

Jocko's Road Rally was a success last month; a couple members became hopelessly lost and had to call to find out where they were. All in all, everyone had a great and fun time. Thanks Jocko & Jane!

Fred Atkins (Museum Ambassador) sent out an email concerning a trip to the Corvette Museum and the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Be sure to read the Museum News, in this newsletter, let us know if interested. Come out and support MACC and all its activities. Here's hoping you enjoy your newsletter!

Until next time, continue to save the wave and remember to "keep the shiny side up"
Dennis Hopkins

Member Spotlight

Terry & Sharon Mathews

It all started back in the early 60's.....Sharon moved with her family from the mountains of North Carolina to live in Birmingham. Terry already lived there! Sharon lived only 5 doors down in Roebuck Gardens and began to attend the same church Terry's family. Terry and Sharon became friends, then good friends, then dating friends, then "going steady" friends, all the way through high school. During this time, Terry's dad worked at Ed Mollison Chevrolet. Weekends would find a different "Hot Rod" sitting in the driveway. Terry and Sharon spent a lot of time driving everything from '58 Chevy Convertibles, to Camaros, to Corvettes. They both enjoyed the thrill and excitement of fast cars and hot rods! In fact, Terry taught Sharon how to drive in his 1964 Corvair. Then, for her 16th birthday, Sharon's Mom bought her a new 1967 Camaro! Times change, and things happen (no need to go into details)....Terry went off to college and Sharon went off to work. Suddenly, both are married to other people, and Sharon moved back to North Carolina. This lasted for 20 years, then one day.....it all happened..... Sharon was going through a divorce and moved back to Birmingham, and at the same time, Terry was also getting a divorce. They found each other; and single again, realized it was fate. These two childhood sweethearts have now been happily married for over 18 years.

NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY.....CORVETTES.....We bought our first Corvette in 2000 for Terry's 50th Birthday. It was a Red on Red 1985 Coupe customized with a Calloway Kit (we didn't even know what that meant). We cleaned it up and loved it, and yes, we enjoyed playing in a real "Hot



Rod" again just like the old days! Quickly we learned how sporty cars "open doors". One day we were invited to display our car in Mountain Brook Village with the Birmingham Sports Car Club in a celebration with the symphony orchestra. That was fun, but there had to be more.....we began our search for a Corvette Club. We went to the World Of Wheels hoping to find some Corvette enthusiasts, and perhaps a CORVETTE CLUB. That's where we met MACC members Dale Zimlich, Bob Moreno and Terry Garrett. They invited us to participate in their upcoming show and then join the club. We

did!!!!!!!

In 2004, we sold our Red '85 Coupe to a Corvette Collector in Bowling Green, KY, and the search was on for another car. We both agreed that we were through with "showcars"... we wanted a car that we



could drive (even in the rain), but we still liked having a "rare" car. We did our homework and 6 months later, our search ended in Jasper, AL when we found a 1991, one owner, 6 speed, Turquoise, Convertible. It was fun playing in the car and traveling around with our MACC friends, but we learned quickly that we needed a C5 for the trunk space. It is impossible for a woman to travel with one suitcase. One year later, Sharon found our current car in Knoxville, TN....It was Red on Red (like our 1st Vette) and a 6-speed Convertible (like our 2nd Vette). IT WAS GREAT!!!! So we made the deal, bought the car,

and then sold our 1991 to be a 1st Vette for a gentleman in Maryland.

We love our Vette, but most of all, words cannot explain the wonderful friends we have found in MACC. When people buy a Corvette, the seller doesn't tell you about the one accessory that money can't buy, and that is the friends and now "family" of MACC.

Terry & Sharon



To us, Our Tag says it all.....WWWHEEE

Terry & Sharon Mathews are very active MACC Members
Thanks to them for this great article. Terry is our past president.

Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

No report

Social News

Donna Allen & Shari Bailey

Upcoming Events

MACC PICNIC/JULY MEETING

DATE: Saturday - July 10, 2010

TIME: 10:30 – Until whenever

EAT AT: 11:30

PLACE: OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK – FISHING CENTER PAVILION

PLEASE USE THE HWY 119 ENTRANCE TO THE PARK. This will place you on the back side of the park where our pavilion is located. In addition, you will not have to cross the spillway which is usually around 6 inches of water in your corvette.

COME AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CORVETTE FRIENDS.

IRON BUTT III

Wayne & Donna Allen

43 days and some hours left before we leave (not that i am counting)

make sure you check all this on your cars:

**belts
oil
air pressure
hoses
tire condition
ac workability
2 way radio batteries / operation**

Oh yeah, FULL TANK OF GASOLINE

money or credit cards(we don't supply either, check w/ Merv)

**we will leave from the new Flying J on I - 65 N at 7 AM SHARP (LOL)
and make our way to Hwy 78 / I-22 to St . Louis**

looking forward to meeting you there

Donna / Wayne

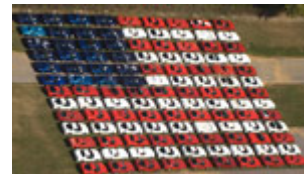
ps - send me your T-shirt sizes and, how many you might want of the IRON BUTT III

Commemorative trip shirts (don't know cost yet, but, it's usually around \$15 +/-)

Corvettes at Carlisle



CORVETTES AT CARLISLE AUGUST 27-29



STAR SPANGLED VETTE - BACK AND FLYING BIGGER

ROLL STRAIGHT INTO CORVETTES AT CARLISLE

Save Time and Money: Details Below

[Pre-register](#) before **July 26th** to get your window sticker early and drive right in when you get to the gate!

When you [pre-register](#), you...:

- **Save time.** Beat the deadline and we will mail your window sticker to your address of record in advance of the event. When you get to the show, enjoy the VIP treatment of driving right through Gate 3. No matter how long the lines of people at Showfield Registration are, you will be rolling right by headed straight to the designated parking area.
- **Save money.** When you pre-register, you save \$10. That's more of your hard-earned money back in your wallet.
- **Join us** for all the fun on the Fun Field, sponsored by [Corvette America](#).

Don't miss the opportunity to have your Corvette be a part of the spectacular patriotic display. The Corvette epitomizes the American Dream in the form of America's Sports Car! This year, at [Corvettes at Carlisle](#), we will once again create an American Flag made entirely of Corvettes as a tribute to both the dream and the sports car. The tribute will be staged on Friday morning. All participants must be registered for the Fun Field sponsored by Corvette America to participate and will receive a special gift. Proceeds benefit [Home For Our Troops](#), which builds specially adapted homes for severely injured soldiers. [Apply now](#) by downloading and submitting the [registration form](#) to be considered for what is sure to be an impressive sight!

2010 Cruise In Schedule

Cruise 1st Friday Down town Gadsden

1st Saturday (YEAR ROUND) - 9am-Noon
Hoover - Krispy Kreme; Hwy 31
MARCH through OCTOBER @ 5pm:

1st Saturday
Alabaster - Dairy Queen; Colonial Promenade, (I-65 Exit 238)
Odenville - Piggly Wiggly

2nd Saturday
Pell City - Jacks; near Hwy 78 and 231
Argo Clearbranch Church
Hueytown WalMart

2nd Sunday
Moody - Bernetti's Ice Cream Parlor - 2731 Moody Parkway

3rd Saturday
Argo - Drive-in theater
Pinson North Park Church on Deerfoot Parkway.

4th Saturday
Bessemer - Wal-Mart
Fultondale Target Exit 267 Ashley Furniture
Sylacauga - Wal-Mart

5th Saturday
Oneonta - Downtown Oneonta

Last Saturday of the month
Hwy 431 Burger King in Roanoke brought to you by the Roanoke Cruisers

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dwain & Tricia Lawrence

We welcome to MACC for the month of July the following new members:

Bob and Kaye Blakney
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
1966 Yellow Convertible

Be sure and give them a great big MACC welcome when you see them!!!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

I wanted to apologize for not being at the last two meetings, I was out on business trips but I do plan on making the August meeting. I wanted to make a suggestion for the NCM tour for Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 10am. I suggest that we leave on a Thursday so we can have the opportunity to tour the plant. The Thursday tour was suggested because it will be available for group tours and the plant is available for tours because they are not guaranteed to work on Fridays.

We are also planning a road tour and we should have a professional tour guide and this tour can start from anywhere in Tennessee or Kentucky. I will get a list of all the places we can tour. We are also planning a tour of the museum on Friday, September 10.

All this information was brought to my attention by Chris at the museum. Please let me know by August club meeting to see if you are interested in participating in this event.

Fred Atkins

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred & Justine Atkins
Ronnie & Cheryl Folds
Hoke Graham
Chuck Lewis
Doyal Marks
Bill Ringler
Terry & Toby Truett
Jim & Sherry Willis

Paul & Sara Boehme
Chris Gilliland
Dennis Hopkins
Jane & Jocko Lewis
Terry & Sharon Mathews
Basil & Jo Sloan
Merv & Bettie Torme
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Tony & Cathy Crapet
Ronnie & Kathie Jones
Dwain & Tricia Lawrence
Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon
Billy & Debbie Porter
Bob Stewart
Chris Touchton
Dale Zimlich

Huntland Tennessee 4th of July Trip Report

Jim & Cindy Maddox

Here is the report on the Lynchburg July 4th trip. Four couples made the excursion. New members, Bob and Kaye Blakney, Sharon and Terry Mathews, Sara and Paul Boehme, and Jim and Cindy Maddox.

The Blakney's and Maddox's toured the George Dickel Distillery on Friday afternoon. Just as we were leaving, the Mathews and Boehme's pulled in. As they took the tour, we waited and all eight of us went to dinner in Tullahoma.

Friday night Terry and Paul conducted 'blind taste test' to determine who had the best brew. We all sampled Jack vs. George. Someone in the group failed the sobriety test by trying to open the gate around the motel pool on the 'hinged side' No more samples for this one!

Saturday brought the 'cheese wagon' (bus ride) up the hill above the Jack Daniels Distillery for Bar B Q On the Hill. The facility is very upscale perched high on the mountain overlooking Lynchburg. The pavilion was spacious, and tastefully decorated. All food and lemonade was included. The live band played a mixture of Country and

Blue Grass music. Jack Daniels employees had games set up, and horseshoes. Terry 'won' several packs of playing cards. Our guys pitched horseshoes. After several hours the bus took us down the mountain and back to the motel for a quick nap. After a quick nap, we decided to go and see another distillery. This was Pritchard's, a small distillery housed in an old 1930's school house in Kelso, Tennessee. This place had 'samples'!! The samples were so good, we all decided to buy a bottle. Too bad! The distillery could not sell it to use due to legal limitations. Mrs. Prichard did tell us where the nearest State Store was, so off we went to the State Store in Fayetteville. We cleaned out the State Store of their stash of Pritchard's

Following the raid on the State Store, off to Huntland. Huntland had changed their set up, so we were placed near the bandstand and only stayed a short time. We did get to see our good friend Mr. Ruben Keller. He was very touched that we returned. He actually got a little misty eyed before we left.

We left Huntland and set out to have dinner at a restaurant on Highway 64 by the name of The Restaurant. It was in a ninety year old general store building back in Kelso, Tennessee. As we arrived who should come out to greet us but Mrs. Pritchard one of the owners of the Pritchard Distillery!

The restaurant was a nice white tablecloth affair and the food was delicious! The owners made us feel welcome, coming to the table to thank us for coming in. We told the Pritchard's how we 'raided the State Store' and bought their products. (The Pritchard's are Corvette owners too. They have a 09 coupe)

Following dinner,....back to Lynchburg.

Sunday morning everyone had their own agenda. Sara and Paul rode to Guntersville, Sharon and Terry headed back to Birmingham. Bob and Kaye toured the Jack Daniels Distillery then homeward bound by way of Athens, Alabama to visit relatives. Jim and I took the back roads to Bowling Green to spend another night and tour the renovated Corvette Museum before returning home on Monday.

Next time we may change the name of this event to the Whiskey Tour. We toured all the distilleries we could find.

All had a great time, but tired I'm sure.



They all look like they were sampling a little “Sour Mash”

A Tribute to a Fallen Member

Dennis Hopkins

Our friend, Jimmy McCutcheon, MACC past president, MACC founder, MACC lifetime member, and a lifetime member of NCRS (National Corvette Restorer’s Society) passed away June 30th 2010 after a long illness.

I received emails, as the Current MACC President; from so many expressing their sorrow and their prayers for the family, just wanted to share some of what I received.

Chris Touchton, MACC past president received an email from Terry Garrett, another past president of MACC, named Jimmy as Mr. Corvette of Alabama. How appropriate, below is the email.

*Chris,
I agree with your efforts! For those that didn't know Jimmy or his lovely wife Beverly - they missed meeting two of Gods finest people.
Jimmy not only helped start the MACC but during the lean years he personally funded the club to keep it going. Until he got so busy with NCRS he put many hours into MACC and never forgot his start. As far as I'm concerned he is Mr. Corvette in Alabama. I hope you get some response for a very deserving man.
Terry*

John & Jeanne Promer, MACC Founders, email: “We will be there for our old friend”

Mr. Jim Willis, Administrator for the Corvette Forum, Past President and Lifetime Member of MACC, wrote a tribute to Jimmy in the C2 and C3 Corvette Threads. “**R.I.P. Jimmy McCutcheon**”

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c1-and-c2-corvettes/2628307-r-i-p-jimmy-mccutcheon.html>

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c3-general/2628308-r-i-p-jimmy-mccutcheon.html>

[Tiffani McCutcheon Dunaway](#) July 8, 2010 at 12:42am

Subject: Jimmy McCutcheon

Thank you again for everything. My email is tiffani.dunaway@yahoo.com I would love any pictures or anything else that might come up. I am not sure if the newsletter is strictly online or in print - if it is in print I would pay for any extra copies you might have. I am so grateful for EVERYTHING.

Jeff Williams, another MACC Past President, was holding the Vettes4Vets at Talladega the same day, made an announcement at the track, his event, was dedicated to Jimmy McCutcheon’s memory. Also he announced, anyone wanting to attend the funeral in Birmingham could attend and pick up their place when they returned. Many left the track and came to say goodbye. There was also an announcement made at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green of Jimmy’s passing. Jimmy was a well respected member of the Corvette Community throughout this country.

Several MACC members and several NCRS members attended Jimmy’s Funeral July 3rd at Valley Chapel in Homewood Alabama. It was a packed house of mourners with standing room only. Had a lot of our members not been out of town for the 4th of July, there would not have been enough room inside or outside the chapel to hold everyone. Terry Mathews, MACC past president worked hard on Jimmy’s casket. He made and placed a C2 Corvette Emblem on it. Jimmy was buried wearing his beloved

Corvette Shirt. There were 35 Corvettes behind the Hearse as it left the Chapel headed to his final resting place in the Acton Cemetery. It was quite a sight to see, all the sparkling Corvettes in the sun that day. Traffic was stopped on hwy 280 to honor this man. Jimmy was very deserving.

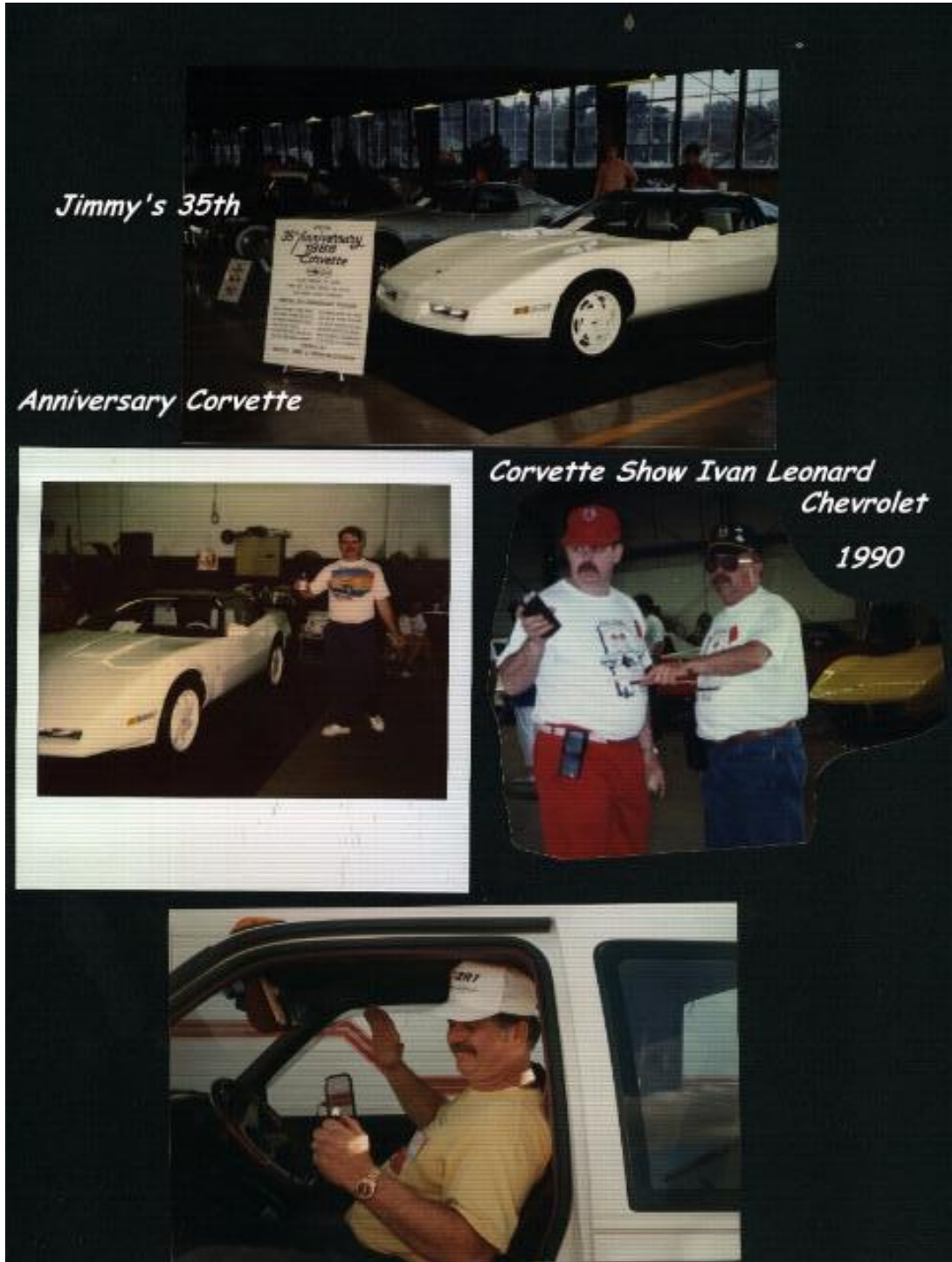
Jimmy McCutcheon, Mr. Corvette of Alabama will be missed.....



Jimmy & Beverly with their new ZR1



Jimmy & Beverly loved their Corvettes



Jimmy's 35th

Anniversary Corvette

*Corvette Show Ivan Leonard
Chevrolet
1990*

Sleep well, my friend

2009 Corvette Trivia:

Thom Williamson

The long awaited 200+mph supercar made its debut as the 2009 ZR1. With 638 supercharged horses on tap, it was the fastest and most powerful production automobile ever sold by GM. 2009 was a truncated year for Corvette production... 8,737 coupe,.... 3,343 convertible,

....3,461 Z06,.... 1,415 ZR1 for a total of 16,956 cars, the lowest Corvette production since 1997. (1997 was low because of production delays, not demand)

The GT1 was not considered a different model but as an option found on only 145 cars. A long list of options and colors were available on Corvettes for 2009, probably the most option codes ever offered on any model year. Also, the first Corvette subject to the government imposed "Gas Guzzler Tax" was the ZR1. It added \$1700 to the price! Any government bureaucrat who thinks 20mpg is a gas guzzler is in need of some serious automobile education.

Just For Fun

Dennis Hopkins



JUST REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY, THERE IS A MR. PELOSI

Jack was sitting on the plane when a guy took the seat beside him. The guy was an emotional wreck, pale, hands shaking, moaning in fear..

"What's the matter?" Jack asked.

"I've been transferred to Detroit, there's crazy people there. They've got lots of shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, poor public schools, and the highest crime rate in the nation.."

Jack replied, "I've lived in Detroit all my life. It's not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a nice private school. It's as safe a place as anywhere in the world."

The guy relaxed and stopped shaking and said, "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death. But if you live there and say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"I'm a tail gunner on a Budweiser truck."



Happy July
That's All Folks!

Links of Interest:

<http://www.corvetteforum.com/>

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2010/07/01/video-chrysler-autoworker-wins-powerball-lottery-buys-a-corvette/>

Drive your Corvette, to work at least one day!

