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From the Prez:

What a wonderful feeling I got Saturday morning when most of our club members "showed up" at the Cosco parking lot with their bright yellow T-shirts and wide smiles. The T-shirts were designed, ordered, and delivered by Terry Mathews and they looked great. Thanks again, Terry, for all your hard work.

Before you could turn around, tents were up, cones in place, pictures and door prizes displayed and everyone asking "What can I do to help?" I think our Club could qualify at the Talladega 500 as the #1 pit crew!

Chris Touchton got "fired" by Donna and Susan in the Pepsi wagon but somehow managed to sneak back in the trailer. Someone said he was a sucker for free refills to all the pretty girls. As most of you know, Chris is our new Vice President and I hope we will all give him our full support. Chris has so much enthusiasm for the cars and the Club until it is contagious. I know he will do a great job and will be easy to work with. Congratulations Chris!!!

The sun was shining and it got hot Saturday but everyone had a great time. When you see Cathy Crapet "dancing in the street" with her
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granddaughter you know she was having a good time. I looked around and saw Donna and Susan in the Pepsi wagon doing "the sprinkler" or some other kind of dance. Justine was in the shade by the Pepsi wagon dancing like a pro that's seen on TV.

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Paul and Terry (known as the "midnight, covert trailer retrievers") stayed out in the sun all day and got a great "free" suntan. Jocko, Terry, Sharon, and Paul did a great job with the judging. I think everyone was well pleased with the trophies (thanks to Jocko) and the results.

I can't say enough good things about our ladies! They are real jewels.

Karen, Jane, Cathy, Arlene, Babs, Donna, Susan, Sara, Charlotte, Linda, Cindy, Sharon, Evelyn and all of our ladies that have worked to help make the show a success I thank each and everyone of you. We could not function as well as we do without you.

So many pretty Corvettes and one beautiful Lamborghini (this car was a little more expensive than our Corvettes... it cost about \$380,000). The person that owned it said the Corvettes were quieter and easier to drive. I think I will stay with the Corvette.

David Johnson did a great job as gate guard and handing out the "year one" windshield information form placed on the windshield of each show car.

Jim Harris and Arlene worked with Ray, the disc jockey, handing out some great door prizes. I thought Ray did an outstanding job with his announcements, good humor, and plugging all our sponsors.

Tom Williamson and some others made a clean sweep of the parking lot after the show. The lot looked better when we left than it did when we arrived.

Wayne, Paul, Mike, Ron, Jim Harris, David, Don, Nick, Merrill, Terry, Joe, Tom, Conrad, Jeff, Marty and Bob-----thanks for all the help setting up, parking, etc.

Thanks to Ronnie Jones for taking care of arranging for the delivery of the Pepsi wagon and for getting the \$1000 donation from Premier Chevrolet.

Thanks to Jeff Williams for the 50/50 drawing prize money. Jeff worked the crowd down to the last second before the drawing. Jim Appleton won the money then turned around and gave most of it back to the Club. What a great guy! Thank you Jim!!!

Our show photographers, Jim and Cindy Maddox, took pictures of every car (over 100) and most Club members at the show. Jim will post these on our website. Great job Jim and Cindy!!

So many good things are happening to our Club-----Terry Mathews has volunteered to be our new Newsletter Editor (Sharon said she will be doing all the work). Chris volunteered to be the new Vice President (Susan said she will keep him straight). Wayne, Chris, Paul, Terry and Arlene will work on moving the website server from Luckie & Company. Jim, Cindy, and Cathy have some fun events planned for the rest of the year.

In my opinion, the car show was a great success. So many people have said good things about the show and our members. If I failed to recognize anyone that worked the show, please forgive me. We had 45 Club members help work the show and 35

members attended our monthly meeting after the show. This was a great show of support for our Club.

With so much talent and so many good people in our Club it makes me proud and humble to be your President for the remainder of the year.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to make this a wonderful year for our Club, please call me. My theme for the rest of the year is "Keep it fun and keep it simple".

Thanks,
Hoke "THE HOKSTER"

2006 MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE Car Show Winners

BEST OF SHOW – Kevin Morton	2003 Anniversary Red Coupe
Costco Manager’s Choice – Paul Martin	1962 Convertible
C1 - Winner Roger McCreless/Glenn Smith Chevrolet - 1960 Convertible	
C2 - Winner Tim Eason, Monroe GA	1965 Milano Maroon Convertible
C2 - Runner-Up Thomas Allison	1964 Daytona Blue Coupe
C2 - Runner-Up Ralph Phillips	1967 Convertible Roadster
C2 - Runner-Up Bonny Smith	1966 Yellow Coupe
C3 - Winner Noel Spencer	1968 Safari Yellow Convertible
C3 - Runner-Up Tim Kincaid	1976 Red Coupe
C3 - Runner-Up Roy & Kathy Poe	1969 Red Convertible
C3 - Runner-Up Jay Williams	1979 Yellow Modified Coupe
C4 - Winner John Burris	1995 Yellow Coupe
C4 - Runner-Up Hillary Davis	1985 Bloomington Gold
C4 - Runner-Up Ralph DeStefano	1988 Red Convertible
C4 - Runner-Up Beverly & Harvel Blair	1986 Copperhead Rose
C5 - Runner-Up O.J. Webster	2003 Anniversary Red Coupe
C5 - Runner-Up Rich Alexander	2004 Blue Z-06
C5 - Runner-Up Ivan Hawkins	2004 Machine Silver Z-06
C5 - Runner-Up Ronnie Folds	1999 Arctic White Coupe
C6 - Winner Joe & Cindy Owens	2005 Daytona Sunset Orange Metallic
C6 - Runner-Up Bobby Miller	2005 Black Coupe
C6 - Runner-Up Doyal Marks	2006 Silver Z-06

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Membership News by SARA BOEHME

We met and talked to a lot of people at our car show at Costco. We have several new members to welcome to our club.

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Member Photos on Website

Help us get your and your car's photo on our website. If you have a picture please e-mail it to me at sara8464@yahoo.com. If not we will have a camera at the next meeting and will get you a great photo if the weather is pretty on the day of the meeting.

Birthday and Anniversary dates : Please send these dates to me if you have not already done so. We will start posting them monthly when we get more of them.

MACC TO VETTE CRUISE TO ROSS BRIDGE RESORT

A Mid-Alabama Corvette Club cruise-in is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 15th, beginning at 6:30 at the new Ross Bridge Golf Resort Grill. For those of you who have been to Jocko's house, the Golf Resort is located approximately a mile in back of his home.

As you cross over the Shannon Road intersection, continue south on the Ross Bridge Parkway and turn right at the sales office/welcome center (first building on right after the intersection). As you make this right hand turn, you will see the Renaissance Hotel in the distance. Proceed to the right hand side of the hotel and to the back off the parking lot. The Grill is located in the back of the main building adjacent to the outdoor swimming pool.

Mr. Pascal Radosta, Restaurant Manager, is looking forward to hosting our event. The food and drink prices are very reasonable in the Grill and the facility is just first class as many of us have already heard. Please send me an e-mail if you will be attending as the Grill Manager would like to have an estimate of our participants.

....AND WE MET AND WE TALKED

Mid-Alabama Corvette Club May 20, 2006 Minutes Cathy Crapet, Secretary

The Mid Alabama Corvette Club met at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant in Hoover on May 20, 2006, immediately following the car show at Costco's. The meeting was called to order by Hoke Graham, Vice President. There were 35 members present.

Hoke welcomed the members and thanked everyone for participating in the car show. Forty-five members participated in helping with the show. He also read the following:

"As many of you know, these past two weeks or so have been a "doozie." Being president of a Corvette club brings on a lot of responsibility and sometimes a lot of pressure. Sometimes things are said that hurt peoples' feelings and make them mad. This has been the case with David Carter and some of the club members.

We met with David as a board of Mid Alabama Corvette Club and discussed all of the issues concerning the members involved. We worked on a solution, apologies were made, and everyone seemed to be okay. Then a vicious e-mail was sent on the MACC-ALL web site causing more turmoil. David and Beth have both resigned from the club.

I hope we can all put this "mess" behind us and have a wonderful year enjoying our cars and each other. You are all my friends."

Hokster (Hoke Graham)

Jim Maddox, Social Chair, reported on the upcoming trip to Bowling Green and Lynchburg. Cathy Crapet is in charge of the Thursday caravan. Jim is responsible for the Friday group. The plant tour is scheduled for 12:00. Members should arrive by 11:30.

Sara Boehme, Membership Chair, gave her report. Four new members joined at the Costco Car Show.

Jim "Jocko" Lewis thanked the members who judged at the car show. The judges included Jocko, Paul Boehme, Sharon Mathews, and Terry Mathews.

Cathy Crapet, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the April meeting were printed in the May newsletter. Suzan Touchton made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Evelyn Ringler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Ringler, Treasurer, gave his report. He gave the current treasury balance. He reported that there are a number of outstanding receipts from the car show. A full report will be given at the June meeting.

Arlene Johnson, Board member, stressed the need for a MACC-ALL e-mail update. She also discussed the need for the board to vote to officially move Hoke Graham into the position of President, and the need to replace the Vice President and Newsletter Editor.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

VETTES TO CRUISE ON THE BAMA BELLE RIVERBOAT

Tired of another tacky tie for Father's Day? We have a Mid-Alabama Corvette Club sporting event in store. Sunday, June 18th we have arranged a riverboat cruise on the Bama Belle docked in Tuscaloosa. The cost is nine dollars per person, a little less for children, and babies under two, are free. Because this is Father's Day, we would like to include Father's, families and friends on this excursion.

The riverboat holds one hundred people. It is first come, first serve. The owner says we need to arrive by 2pm to park, get our tickets and get in line. Lawn chairs, cameras and binoculars are welcome. The first floor is climate controlled. There are rest rooms on board. Beverages can be purchased on board. The river boat ride is from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Following the boat ride, we will check interest in a meal or make an ice cream run!

Here's the plan.... We will meet at 1p.m.at Exit 100 off I-59 South at the Petro Truck Stop. As you exit I-59 take a left across the interstate and the Petro is on the left. Leaving the Petro, we will caravan down to Tuscaloosa to the riverboat dock.

A side note here: The owner of the riverboat is a nice lady named Nicki. She just lost her husband recently, and is trying to make a go of the riverboat business. She loves Corvette's and is very excited about the Club coming down. She has asked me to let her know approximate numbers as soon as possible.

RSVP ASAP please

Jim and Cindy Maddox

June Meeting

Sunday, June 11

Neighborhood Sports Grill

Trussville

2:00 Lunch

3:00 Meeting

Special Guest

Pam Jones, Magic Moments

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2006 Calendar of Events

NOTE: EVENTS IN **RED** Have **NEW UPDATED INFORMATION**

June

- 11th MACC Monthly Meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill
Trussville – 2:00 Lunch, 3:00 Meeting
- 15th MACC To Ross Bridge – 6:30pm (Details in Vette Gazette)
- 18th Bama Belle Father's Day Riverboat Cruise-In
(Details in Vette Gazette)

July

- TBA MACC Road Rally & Club Picnic
- 18th MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA
- 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

December

- TBA Local Parades
- 8th MACC Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party, location TBA