



MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Mathews

It finally got here – SUMMER !!!!! MACC is looking forward to a great summer. There are scheduled trips and I'm sure there will be plenty of unscheduled trips that happen on a whim as well. Our next meeting in June will be our ANNUAL MACC PICNIC on Sunday, June 14 at Oak Mountain State Park in the Dogwood pavilion near the lake. Plenty of “paved parking” with great food and games planned for a fun day of socializing and just being together with our MACC friends. Watch your e-mails for more details as Shari Bailey and her crew of merry makers get things finalized!

Looking ahead to other events of summer..... we always can find a local Cruise-in around town and we now have 2 big events planned for July 4th weekend....Vettes for Vets at Talladega, and there is big party trip being planned to Lynchburg, TN (Jack Daniel's Distillery), lunch date at Miss Bobo's (this is an unreal place to eat and we're lucky to get reservations, even though it is a month away), and then 4th of July as special guests of the Mayor and Town of Huntland, TN., complete with parade, music, entertainment, and fireworks.....It's just a BIG BIG PARTY and they treat us like royalty! This trip is a fantastic way to celebrate the 4th of July! Watch your e-mails as Jim & Cindy Maddox finish the details on this.

Then, of course is the Grand Finale with the NCM (National Corvette Museum) caravan to Bowling Green, KY for the grand opening of the new facilities and party on Labor Day week. Cathy Crapet is heading up this, so again, watch your e-mails.

Also, on a very happy note.....we're all glad that Fred Atkins is home and doing well. Fred – you gave us all a scare!!!!!! We hope to see you and Justine back in circulation real soon !

It's going to be a GREAT SUMMER at MACC! See ya there!

Until next time.....May all your dreams come true, and remember to “Save The Wave”.

Terry Mathews
President, 2009

Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

We can count our blessings every day. Stop! Do it now and say, "Thank you, Lord"!

Well, I guess the hospital staff had Fred long enough and gave him back to Justine! This is great! We know he will be out and about in no time. Take care!

We have 5 birthdays for June: Sara Boehme Jim Harris Donna Chmielarski
Tricia Lawrence Ken Moreland

Happy Anniversary to: Tony & Cathy Crapet Rex & Beth Henderson
Billy & Debby Porter

Tell your mate that you love him / her. It just might get you a whole week of co-operation! You think? You have to make your own sunshine some-times. Come to as many activities as you can, because you are missed when you are not there.

Drive safely,
Babs Lucas

Social News

Cathy Crapet

Upcoming Events

June MACC Meeting

June 14

Annual MACC Picnic

The annual club picnic is scheduled for June 21 (our regular meeting date for June). It is at Oak Mountain State Park in the Dogwood Pavilion (near the beach). There is plenty of paved parking. The pavilion is reserved from 9:00 am until dark. More details later.

Lynchburg / Huntland Tennessee

July 3 – 4

We will leave Birmingham Friday, July 3rd early am in order to reach Lynchburg, Tennessee by 12:30. Lunch will be at Miss Mary Bo-Bo's Boarding House. The price is \$20.91 per person, **must be paid by June 9th**. You may send your payment c/o Jim or Cindy Maddox 13381 Gloria Drive Lakeview, Alabama 35111.

We have a special rate at the Lynchburg Country Inn of \$58.00 per room. When you call, state that you are with the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club. Book for Friday July 3rd. The number for the motel is 1-866-759-5995 (www.lynchburgcountryinn.com). Address: 423 Majors Blvd. Lynchburg, Tennessee.

By early evening (sixish) we caravan over to Huntland for their band, music, entertainment, etc., back to Lynchburg for some ZZZZZZZZZZZZ's, breakfast Saturday morning (July 4th) at the Kettle restaurant on the square in Lynchburg. After breakfast, we caravan over to Huntland again, decorate the vettes, and take part in the July 4th parade (not sure about parade time or candy toss yet.) Following the parade, we're free to do as you please. Any questions contact Jim or Cindy Maddox.

DRIVE TALLADEGA AT VETTES FOR VETS

July 4th



Drive five laps at the Talladega Super Speedway and have your car photographed in the winners circle on July 4th. This charity event is sponsored by the Alabama Gold Star Families as a charity fund raiser. Donation is \$35. Go to: www.Vettes4Vets.com for registration information.



Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green

September 3 – 5

Contact Cathy Crapet for more information (or <http://www.corvettecaravan.com/>)

CRUISE IN SCHEDULE:

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

Trussville (formerly the Springville Cruise In) – Northpark Baptist Church Deerfoot Parkway 4:30

Argo - Drive-in theater

Pinson North Park Church on Deerfoot Parkway.

4th Saturday

Bessemer - Wal-Mart

Fultondale Target Exit 267

Sylacauga - Wal-Mart

5th Saturday

Oneonta - Downtown Oneonta

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Terry & Toby Truett

Membership Notes:

Hi guys, we have another new member that joined this past month. **Pete and Dawn Peters from Heflin, AL ; sporting a 2008 white convertible! Welcome these new folks!**

Please feel free to contact us anytime with new information or corrections concerning your membership. If you would like to be spotlighted as a member of the month just let me know. If you want your picture updated or added to the web site just let Shari Bailey know, srbaile@charter.net

It was so good to see a lot of folks at the last meeting that we have not seen in a while, thank you for coming and supporting your club! If you have not made it to a meeting in a while, WE MISS YOU! Come join in all the fun and fellowship.

***Small note to the old club members.** As in any group, a new member can sometimes find it tough to find a spot to fit in, we may only have one or two meetings to make someone new feel welcome before they give up. PLEASE, get out of your comfort zone, and sit by a new member at the next meeting. They will not bite, hopefully, they have a life story to tell, and they may just become your next BFF. (Best friend forever, for those that do not have teenagers) By the way, they drive a Corvette, nuff said. ☺*

If Toby or I can ever be of assistance to you or your family whether club or personal please do not hesitate to call on us.



God Bless!

Terry and Toby Truett

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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

Fred Atkins

(Fred is recovering at home and we all wish him a full and speedy recovery! For Museum News this month, Dennis Hopkins has provided us with the latest email from the museum.)

Museum link: www.corvettemuseum.org

Tomorrow We Draw Another Corvette Raffle Winner!

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m. CT (June 4) we will draw the winner of the 2010 "Build Your Own" Coupe/Convertible Corvette! We have **approximately 650 tickets left to sell** and will make the winning call regardless of whether this raffle sells out or not. There are 1994 tickets printed to sell at \$100 each.

Following the drawing, the winner will be contacted to select their color and options which includes the chance to build a new 2010 Grand Sport Edition! (Z06 and ZR1 options excluded)

We truly appreciate the support that you give us on our raffle fundraisers. Good luck everyone! Find out more and purchase your tickets online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle/index.shtml> or call us at: (800) 538-3883.

Bobbie Jo Lee
NCM Marketing & Communications Manager

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Fred Atkins
Tony & Cathy Crapet
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Wade & Jennifer Banks
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Chuck Lewis
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Billy & Debbie Porter
Terry & Toby Truett
Jim & Sherrye Willis
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

James and Beverly McCutcheon



Bev and I purchased our first corvette in 1974, it was a 1974 dark brown metallic with medium saddle custom interior with leather trim, 'wow' what a corvette with a whopping 195 horse power. The car was loaded with the following options, power windows, rear window defroster, a/c, turbo hydra-matic transmission, tilt & telescopic steering, power steering, dual horns, am/fm stereo radio, and a map light. Beverly traded the 74 about a year later without me knowing about it to teach me a lesson, ok I will admit it now I was not mechanically inclined in those days to install accessories in our corvette. Back in the 70's when the CB radios were very popular I had to install one in our 74 on the right side under the dash, so I did. Well, I had a chance to use my brand spankin new craftman drill so I proceeded to the passenger side with my drill, template and CB radio bracket and positioned myself to install the bracket, I placed the template with some tape under the dash to where the CB was to be mounted and away I went with my new drill bringing the rpm up and zip my first hole was made so I moved to the right side of the template to drill my second hole and zip "opps" oh no what is leaking and thank god for gum. I reached under the dash and located the hole in the black plastic and plugged it with gum and the leaking had stopped. I finished up the installation of the CB and put the car back in the garage.

Next Day: I had to be at work at 6:30am and Bev worked at First National Bank (AmSouth) and she did not have to be at work until 8:00am, she started to work and something happened. She told me that afternoon that the right side floor had started to fill up with this green sticky stuff and she headed to Ed Mollison Chevrolet. When she arrived at the dealer the car was running hot, and was told that it would be several days for the repair and why, the core was bad (oh yes I was in big trouble now). It cost a new 1975 silver coupe with dark red interior that was sitting on the show room. I did not say a word and denied it for years.

What we find so intriguing about our corvettes is the styling and speeds they are capable of producing.

Bev and I met in 1969 and were married in May of 1970. Our only child, a girl, was born a little over six years later, yes our daughter Tiffani was a Corvette Baby. Our daughter is an graduate at UAB and is married with two beautiful kids ,a girl and a boy with a little over five year difference in age.

I started C&M Painting a commercial painting company back in the mid 70's and incorporated it in Feb. 1979 under the name Southern Painting & Decorating, Inc. , the company does small renovations as well as large commercial painting projects throughout the Southeast. Beverly has been employed at Alagasco for over twenty years and is currently in the Cast Iron Division as an Executives assistant.

Beverly and I joined Mid-Ala back in 1981 and Beverly was the First women President of MACC in 1984-85 and I became the Pres in 1993 .

Corvettes are our hobby. We have traveled all over the US and Europe judging in NCRS (National Corvette Restorer Society) chapter, regional, national events since the late 80's with both achieving high honor's in judging,

and participating in all activities. One of the biggest things I like about the corvette hobby is taking a corvette apart, literally taking every brace , bracket, nut and bolt and the removal of every component off the Corvette, and restoring every piece back to it's original condition and reassemble it to it's correct specs.

Jimmy McCutcheon
NCRS #8876 NCM-Lifetime #1992
C5/C6 Registry #2013 MACC Since 1981

Corvette Trivia

Thom Williamson

Corvette Trivia/ "New GM" News:

There isn't much "solid" to report on for the C7 Vette. Current talk is that the release date for the C7 "might" be 2012 or 2013.

But considering the events of the last few days, big changes may be in store for the line up at the "New GM". And maybe not. It's all very "iffy."

As Phil Berg pointed out in his book, "Corvette C6," development began in earnest in 2000 - a full five model years before the '05 introduction. So, it's very likely that the engine placement and platform are already nailed down. But everything else is most likely in flux.

There's a lot of speculation that the C7 might be based on the Pontiac Solstice / Saturn Sky. Pontiacs are no more, and with Saturn on the auction block this week, I think it is unlikely the C7 will resemble a car that will no longer be owned or produced by the "New GM". The Solstice/Sky are neat little sports cars, but are they Corvette material? I think not.

The "New GM" should also be concerned about the new CAFE mileage ratings, as well as their own bottom line. Without some drastic fuel mileage tweaking of the LS3 and LS7 engines, future Corvettes will be subject to a **"Gas Guzzler Tax"**.

If you recall, the C5 was put off and put off due to GM's financial woes of the early '90s.

I'm speculating here, but if the past is any reflection of possible future Corvette developments, the C7 could be pushed out past 2012.

The C6 has been a success, but the "New GM" is undergoing serious restructuring and cut backs.

Then again, the managers may take a punt position and leave the C6 run out past 2012. Hey, if it isn't broke, so why fix it?

JUST FOR FUN

Dennis Hopkins

Outlandish Expectations

Reaching the end of a job interview, the human resources person asked a young engineer fresh out of MIT, "and what starting salary were you looking for?"

The engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said, "Well, what do you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years - say a red Corvette convertible?"

The engineer sat up straight and said, "Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replied, "Yes I am, but you started it!"

Links of Interest:

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com>

