



# MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Chris Touchton

Truth is in life things change. March brings the promise of sun and warm weather. Hallelujah!

More than just changes in the weather, the club's next meeting will change from Trussville to the beautiful Barber Motorsports Park. I am looking forward to again visiting this wonderful facility. The meeting will be at 2:00 PM.

Changes keep coming from the web site guys. Adding color and design to additional pages and the club's first member only forum are just some of the changes. Next up from this innovation and technology team is video hosting of club events and development of a club corvette driving video game. Yeah Baby, these guys are wired!

Just as Desperate Housewives warm up your Sunday night TV schedule, Ronnie Jones  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

has his group working at fever pitch for the club's upcoming May show.



In March, the MACC-Attack is off to Orange Beach for the Lower Alabama Corvette Club's show on the 24<sup>th</sup> with its coastal climate. Are we there yet?

Don't forget, you still have time to enter your name for the club's valve cover racer. You must enter to win.

What hasn't changed? Hot dogs still come in packs of ten while buns come in packs of eight. There's still work to be done!

Come join in on the fun! Hope you enjoy the newsletter.

## NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Ronnie Jones

Mark you calendars, set aside the date and round up auction items for:

**MACC's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show**

May 5, 2007 9 to 3 Rain or Shine

Costco's behind Riverchase Galleria

Not much new to report on the show. Things are progressing and falling into place. Thanks to Premier Chevrolet for again donating the t-shirts and to Pepsi for their products and the concession wagon.

Mark your calendar to be there on May 5th. I had several members to step up and volunteer at the last meeting and I know many others will show up to work on the day of the show. It helps with the planning when we have workers confirmed. Thanks to those of you who have committed to be there and work. Committees and work assignments will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Right now we need nice door prizes and Corvettes. Pass the word to anyone you know who has a Vette. Working together we can make this another outstanding show.

## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Jane Lewis

Minutes from the monthly meetings will NOT be published in the club newsletter, but will be available in the "Members Only" section on the MACC web site.

# NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

by Sharon Mathews

We now have 64 memberships for 2007, either family or single, representing some 88 total people and 94 gorgeous Vettes of all years and types. Don't worry about committing these numbers to memory though, because it seems like they change every day! If you know of someone who you think would enjoy and benefit from our club, please invite them to one of our meetings or functions. A membership application can be mailed to them, or one can be downloaded from our website.

## PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED MACC

Tom & Suzette Fisher  
Birmingham, Alabama  
2006 LeMans Blue Coupe  
1979 Black Cherry Coupe  
[tfisher@recycleusainc.com](mailto:tfisher@recycleusainc.com)

Jim & Martha Foster  
Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
1991 Black Coupe  
[jim@lrcplan.com](mailto:jim@lrcplan.com)

Steve & Susie Hawk  
Alabaster, Alabama  
2006 Red Z06  
[shawk@loomisfargo.com](mailto:shawk@loomisfargo.com)  
NCM Member

Mark Short  
Bessemer, Alabama  
2001 Black Convertible

Paul & Janice Woodard  
Trussville, Alabama  
2006 Victory Red Convertible  
[pwoodard4896@charter.net](mailto:pwoodard4896@charter.net)

Mickey & Judy Gordon  
Hoover, Alabama  
1962 White Convertible  
[rmg@bucobldg.com](mailto:rmg@bucobldg.com)

## Member Photos on Website

We continue to add pictures of our members and their cars to our website, but are still missing many of you. Please take a look at our website. If you don't find your picture there, e-mail a picture of yourself, and a separate one of your car, to [pboehme8464@yahoo.com](mailto:pboehme8464@yahoo.com). If you don't have a photo readily available and would like one taken, please ask Paul, Chris, or me to take your pictures at a meeting or event. We would like to see everyone posted on our site.

## Member Concerns

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

- Faye Williamson – Fay's mother passed away in February.
- Karen Cauble – Karen's mom continues in her recovery from medical problems.
- Terry Mathews – Terry continues to recover from Achilles tendon surgery, and is now in a walking boot.
- Jeff Williams – Jeff's mom is recovering at home from two broken ankles (She could use help with meals, walking her dog and getting to the doctor. Please call Jeff at 492-2515).
- Wayne Allen – Wayne's mother continues her recovery after hip replacement surgery.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on this month's list and is not, please e-mail me your dates so we can congratulate you too.

### HAPPY "MARCH" BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Frank Crews	March 6	Johnny Dunn	March 11
Mike Cauble	March 17	Cathy White	March 17
Larry Thomas	March 19	Doyal Marks	March 20
Michelle Dunn	March 21	Tony Crapet	March 30
Beth Henderson	March 30		

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob & Carol Stewart	March 2	Merv & Bettie Torme	March 7
Terry & Sharon Mathews	March 7	Fred & Justine Atkins	March 18

# UPCOMING & PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

by Cathy Crapet

Another successful Valentine's Dinner was held on Wednesday, February 14th, at Cobb Lane Restaurant. The tables were decorated with tea lights and red roses. Forty-eight members and guests attended. When the food was finally served, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner.

On this very romantic evening, in a romantic surrounding, among romantic friends (Yes, men. The girls want to think you are romantic at least one evening a year). Kent Spraggins proposed to Nancy Anthony. Congratulations to Kent and Nancy. We all look forward to hearing "wedding bells" in the near future.

The evening was topped off with entertainment provided by Hoke and our, once again, romantic men. They all joined in to sing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart. To say the least, I think all of their "sweethearts" enjoyed the rendition. It was a great Valentine's evening with a wonderful group of friends.



## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

The 13th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum is being held from August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, and will continue as in past Labor Days and remain a "members only" event. Everyone registering for the Anniversary Celebration will be either an existing member or become one as part of the registration process. The Museum will continue the celebration as a member-driven event, which unites friends, family and enthusiasts for a look back on the Museum's history and future. Those registered can enjoy 3 days of displays, road tours, bus tours, special video presentations, raffles, the annual open Board meeting and more during this event in honor of member's help and support. The event will also include the Lifetime/10-year/15-year member dinner.

Corvette Chronology Question from February: What year was a 4-speed manual transmission offered? [Answer 1957]. What was the first year there were two Corvette body styles? [Answer 1963.]

This month's Corvette Chronology Question: What year was the first ZR1 optional factory installed racing package offered? In what year was the first 4-wheel disc brake and 396 big block offered?

### **Atomic Orange Corvette Coupe Raffle Countdown**

We have three weeks before we draw the winner of the 2007 Atomic Orange Corvette Coupe and only 144 tickets are left! This exciting raffle is limited to only 500 tickets to be sold and our winner will be drawn on Thursday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. CT. The winner need not be present to win and you can watch the excitement via our live "skydome" webcam pop-up link at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/webcam/index.shtml>. Good luck to everyone participating and thanks for your support of this raffle fundraiser. Find out more and purchase your tickets at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call us at: (800) 53-VETTE.



### **Ron Fellows Z06 #3 Presentation at Bash Event**

Ron Fellows will be making a special presentation of the VIN#3 Ron Fellows Z06 to the Museum as part of the Bash event.

The #3 Ron Fellows Edition Z06 will be used as a raffle fundraiser, and Ron will be attending the event activities and will be making a special presentation of the car and will be available for photos as part of the presentation. The raffle fundraiser will open in mid-March and tickets will be available at the Bash event. Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$500 each. Additional information will be made available via our website and following the presentation. You will also want to join us at the Corvette Racing Banquet as part of the Bash, when we will pay a special tribute to Ron for all he means to Corvette Racing as he moves forward with his new endeavors. We hope you can join us



and invite you to register for the event online at:

[http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5\\_bash/info.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml)

### **MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS**

Fred Atkins	Tony & Cathy Crapet	Chris Gilliland
Hoke Graham	Steve & Susie Hawk	Ronnie & Kathie Jones
Chuck Lewis	Jane & Jocko Lewis	Terry & Sharon Mathews
Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon	Billy & Debbie Porter	Bill Ringler
Bob Stewart	Chris Touchton	Jeff & Evelyn Williams
Jim & Sherrye Willis		

## **NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR**

by Babs Lucas

February has been a busy month for everyone. Bringing sunshine to our six members celebrating their birthdays and to two couples having an anniversary this month, congratulations!

" Thinking of You" cards were sent to six of our members whose parents have needed our thoughts and prayers to be with them during this time. Please continue to remember them: Karen Cauble, Faye Williamson, Wayne Allen, Terry Matthews, Jeff Williams, and Billy Porter.

In the death of Faye Williamson's mom, Bobbie Jean Hill, flowers were sent from the MACC friends on February. 19, 2007. Please remember Faye and Thom during this time in their life. Our heartfelt sympathy.

Try to make sunshine for someone else - TODAY!

# MACC EVENTS

by Susan Touchton

It is less than a month before we head to Gulf Shores for the Lower Alabama Car Show. It's not too late to join us! The registration form can be downloaded from the website. We will plan to leave from Shelby County Airport on Friday at 9:00 AM headed south. More info to follow.

April 14<sup>th</sup> will be the trip to "April in Talladega". This should be a fun day trip. You can go to [www.talladega.com](http://www.talladega.com) for all the activities going on Friday and Saturday. If you plan to join us or need more info please contact Joe Neel.

Memorial Day weekend will be Vettes in the Valley in North Carolina. This will be a nice long weekend trip for cruising on the Blue Ridge Parkway. There are rooms available at the Best Western by calling (828) 926-3962. Go to [www.smokyevents.com](http://www.smokyevents.com) for all the details.

The MACC Forum is up and running! Check it out to see who's going and where. Watch your e-mails for future outings.

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## MACC SHOWS OFF AT 2007 WORLD OF WHEELS

by Terry Mathews



During February, ten MACC members showed their Corvettes in the three day "World Of Wheels Custom Car Show" at the BJCC. We had six cars in the club's "History of Corvette" display and four other members who displayed their cars in other areas of the show.

For the first time EVER, the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club won a second place trophy and a \$200 cash prize for our club display. **THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF!!!** We also received numerous accolades and comments of praise from other long-time World of Wheels participants and officials.

ALL of our member owned cars won a first or second place in their class. These included:

Bob Yarbro - C1      Nick Klosowsky - C2      Paul Boehme - C3  
Chuck Lewis - C3      Tom Fisher - C3      Chris Gilliland - C4  
Jocko Lewis - C4 (see note below)      Chris Touchton - C5  
Bryan Mullins - C5      Jim Maddox - C6

Everyone except Jocko Lewis, showed their car in the "Gold Star" (Street Driven) Class of the ISCA (*International Show Car Association*). Jocko showed his C4 Custom Vette in the Actual ISCA Show Car competition. For those of you who do not understand, this is the "Big League" of Show Car

competition. Jocko competed against the national touring show cars and won First place in the Semi-Custom Sports Division, and a \$500 prize for Outstanding Sports Class.

Not only did we win all the “hardware”, money, and recognition, MACC ALSO GAINED 5 or 6 NEW MEMBERS because of our participation at WOW.

THIS WAS TRULY AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR OUR CLUB AND IT'S MEMBERS AT THE WORLD OF WHEELS. It took a lot of hard work from a lot of people to make this happen. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL ON YOUR HARD WORK! As ya'll know, I got laid up with foot surgery in early January. A very special thanks goes out to everyone who picked up the project and made it happen, and thanks to every member who came and worked so hard talking with other Vette owners about our cars, our club and it's objectives.

**IT WAS GREAT !**

## **ROCKY'S STORY (part 2)**

by Jeff Williams

Last month I shared the beginning stages of my disease and the saga of retrieving my first project Vette. Since then I have been diligently scouring eBay for needed and wanted parts. Like Corvette fever, eBay fever is a disease, and there should be a support group for it. “Hi, my name is Jeff, and I am an eBay-a-holic.” The anonymity of the internet makes me bold in my auction endeavors. I watch stuff I want to buy and stuff I am considering selling in the future. I keep my eye on the market, and strike when I find an unsuspecting seller who put his item in the wrong category, or the description is not clear. Sometimes I get great deals, sometimes I buy junk. “It is the nature of the beast”, as they say.

Since I bought the car, I have inventoried the miscellaneous parts, and found I am short on a lot of things, expensive things. Of course ALL parts of a Corvette are expensive. I have the headlight assemblies, but am missing the hoses. I have the front bumper and all the grilles, but am missing the nose emblem, the “Crossfire Injection” emblems, and the rear “CORVETTE” emblem. All of these are readily available on eBay. The car did have the gas door emblem, but it is trashed, and needs to be replaced. Interestingly enough, the '82 emblems are a 1-year run only. I am also missing the side vent grilles that are in the front fenders behind the wheels. Once I get all the emblems, I should have all the exterior pieces needed for a complete car.

I bought Terry Truett an '81 hood for his car, so I could have his '82 hood. Mine has a few cracks in it, and his is perfect. The hood purchase is a great story. I found a hood from a seller in Scranton, PA. He said he would not ship the hood in the auction. The opening price with no reserve was \$9.99. I sent him a note and talked him into shipping it to me for \$130 more if I won the auction. I was willing to pay \$200 for the hood, so my max bid on the hood would be around \$50. I bid \$13 on the hood and was high bidder for almost the remained of the auction, but was outbid with a couple days left. I didn't respond, and let him be high bidder the rest of the week. Within the last 40 seconds of the bid, I bid \$59. The other bidder had only bid \$20, hoping to get a deal, but my last second bid shot past him, and I won the bid at \$21! When I called the seller to discuss the shipping, he said the other bidder was pissed that I waited to the last second to beat his bid! Not too bad, huh?

I bought new rocker panels and some chrome exhaust tips (gotta have some bling!) I bought a set of used tires to put on the car during the rebuild. Once I get it done, I will put some new ones on.

Now we move to the interior. Unfortunately, the car was used as a litter box by the previous owner's cat (he left one T-Top out in the garage). The carpet and insulation pad (as you might

imagine) were ruined. Once that was out of the car, the floorboards looked good – no rust or pee stains! The door panels look good – no tears or cracks. The seats looked OK, but smelled bad (I wonder why?), so new ones were ordered (off of eBay, of course), are waiting to go in. I bought a complete mounted leather/vinyl set from Wilcox leather. The eBay pricing was better than the catalog pricing. The dash has a few cracks in it, so I am buying a replacement pad (off of eBay, of course). The console cover looks OK, and the previous owner threw in a reproduction one, so I am good there. I bought a used compartment cover off of eBay to replace the original that was cracked. I also bought a complete carpet set and some window switches off of eBay. I only had one threshold, so I bought a new set. This should be all that I need for now for a complete interior.

I found a sweet deal on weather stripping on eBay. The seller had a complete door kit, the T-top kit, the A-pillar and B-pillar strips, and the hood piece. He started the auction at \$9.99. I bid about \$34 for it and was high bidder for most of the auction. I handled this auction the same way as the hood. I waited until there was about 20 seconds left in the auction, and then bid \$193 for the kit. I had already determined that was my max bid, but I didn't want to give up my intentions to the other bidders. If you jump too soon, you are giving the other bidders time to beat your bid. I ended up getting all the weather stripping for the cost of the door kits from others.

Overall, I have saved anywhere from 20% to 50% off of the needed parts for the car by using eBay. I have bought just about all I need to complete the car. Now I just need to get to work on it.

I haven't gotten to the engine or suspension on the car yet. The car runs and drives, but needs serious work on the brakes and transmission. The rear brake reservoir was dry, and the car won't go into reverse currently. I don't want to drive it until I can back up and stop. You understand, driving a Corvette isn't all about speed. Stopping is kinda important, too. I will cover the drive train next month. Hopefully, I will have done some work on the car by then.

## 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March:

- 18<sup>th</sup> **Monthly MACC meeting, Barber Motorsports Park, Irondale, 2:00 PM**
- 24<sup>th</sup> L. A. Corvette Club "Fun in the Sun Show", Gulf shores (contact Suzan Touchton)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Tour and dinner at Vizzini Winery, 4:30 PM (contact Cathy Crapet)

### April:

- 14<sup>th</sup> Cruise to "April in Talladega" (contact Joe Neel)
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00 PM**
- 26<sup>th</sup> C5 & C6 Bash, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green (contact Jeff Williams)

### May:

- 5<sup>th</sup> **MACC Annual Car Show at Costco in Hoover (contact Ronnie Jones) & MACC monthly meeting**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dothan to Panama City Corvette Caravan sponsored by the Circle City Corvette Club
- 24<sup>th</sup> Corvette Forum Cruise-In at the National Corvette Museum
- 26<sup>th</sup> Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show, Maggie Valley, NC

### June:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hot Rod Magazine, Hot Rod Power Tour (contact Chuck Lewis)

**Next MACC Monthly meeting**  
**Barber Motorsports Park in Irondale**  
**March 18th**  
**Meeting: 2:00 PM**

