



MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jeff Williams

February is the shortest month of the year, and it sure felt like it. It is always an exciting month, because of the Birmingham World of Wheels show. Many of us were busy detailing our cars for the show, while others were planning our club displays. This year, several of the displays at the show had MACC connections, past and present. There were at least 3 past presidents' cars in the show, as well as over a dozen cars on display that were owned by current and past members of the club. All of the cars looked great, and I am glad I didn't have to judge any of them!

In addition to the WOW, we have been busy planning the MACC Attack 2008 car show at Barber Motorsports Park on March 8th. As you read this newsletter, it is probably less than a week away. Hundreds of hours have gone into its planning and execution. It will be a great event for the club and the charities we have pledged our donations to. Speaking of charities, some of you already know, because you were at the February meeting, that Children's hospital has voted to give their share of the donation to Magic Moments this year. They are still supporting the event and will have a table at the show. They have pledged more support for us on future car shows. We will do another event (cruise-in or something) later in the year to show our

support for the hospital. Keep watching the calendar for this event.

The car show season is getting off to a great start this month. The Lower Alabama Corvette Club is having their annual show on the 15th, at Gulf Shores, AL. Volunteer Chevrolet is having The Corvette Expo the

following week in Sevierville, TN. In addition to the car shows, please don't forget to support the MACC bowling teams on Monday nights at the Vestavia Bowling Center.

We have a busy month ahead of us, so get out there, and enjoy those beautiful cars!

NEWS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & SHOW CHAIR

by Terry Truett

Hi gang. All is well, or so they keep telling me, Paul and Wayne have me on life support until we get done with the show. Come out Tuesday evening for some more fun while we stuff goodie bags, tell old car show stories and eat.

The show is almost complete, thanks to everyone for stepping up and helping, your efforts are greatly appreciated! Hang in there! God Bless!

MACC ATTACK ANNUAL CAR SHOW – MARCH 8th

At Barber Motorsports Park

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Sara Boehme for Jack Kempf

We need to welcome several new members to our Corvette family:

Mark & Ann Davis
Birmingham, AL 35216
1988 Red Metallic

J. R. Ray
Birmingham, AL 35235
1980 White Coupe

Bonny & Mary Mell Smith
Clanton, AL 35045
1966 Sunrise Yellow Coupe
1969 Blue Convertible

Doug & Kim Harvel
Alabaster, AL 35007
1973 Burgundy

Please welcome them when you see them at our meetings or other events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Crews, Frank	March 6 th
Dunn, Johnny	March 11 th
Cauble, Mike	March 17 th
Thomas, Larry	March 19 th
Marks, Doyal	March 20 th
Dunn, Michelle	March 21 st

Watson, Angela	March 22 nd
Crapet, Tony	March 30 th
Henderson, Beth	March 30 th

CONGRATULATIONS ON MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

We are pleased to announce that our Building Fund stands at over \$2.9 million in gifts and pledges! We are grateful for the support of members, enthusiasts and friends worldwide. The Museum's mission of continuing education related to the Corvette history and the hobby, along with its celebration and preservation, is our priority and our responsibility as stewards of the National Corvette Museum.

You can see ROUTE 66: Season One, Volume One for the first time, all over again! Now you can own the first 15 episodes of this television classic. Route 66: Season One, Volume One " is coming to DVD for the first time ever on October 23rd from Roxbury Entertainment Group. The running time is approximately 13 hours (15 Episodes/54 Minutes each, Plus Special Features) Suggested Retail Price:\$29.98 Catalog # IEG2017 UPC CODE # 617742201796.

CORVETTE CHRONOLOGY

February:

- Q. When did the National Corvette Museum open?
- A. Labor Day weekend 1994
- Q. Who operates the Museum?
- A. Operated by a nonprofit foundation representing most of the 700 Corvette owner clubs around the world.

March:

- Q. What year was the tuned-port injection on the 5.7-L V 8 offered: 1980,1983, or 1985.?
- Q. And what was its horse power rating: 327,190,230?

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

(please let us know if your name needs to be added or deleted)

Fred Atkins	Wade & Jennifer Banks	Paul & Sara Boehme
Tony & Cathy Crapet	Ronnie & Cheryl Folds	Chris Gilliland
Hoke Graham	Steve & Susie Hawk	David & Arlene Johnson
Ronnie & Kathie Jones	Chuck Lewis	Jane & Jocko Lewis

Doyal Marks
Billy & Debbie Porter
Bob Stewart
Conrad Whitten
Dale Zimlich

Terry & Sharon Mathews
Bill Ringler
Chris Touchton
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon
Basil Sloan
Terry & Toby Truett
Jim & Sherrye Willis



**Bowling Green Assembly
Corvette Club**
Bowling Green, KY

"WE BUILD YOUR DREAM IN BOWLING GREEN"

The Bowling Green Assembly Plant Corvette Club is not limited to just Corvette Plant employees. The club offers an Honorary Membership for people who do not work for General Motors but do own a Corvette. Their home web page is located at: www.bgacorvetteclub.com. Honorary club members receive a T-shirt, unique name tag and a monthly newsletter.

Click on www.bgacorvetteclub.com/downloads/Membership.doc link to receive additional information.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR

by Cathy Crapet

Lower Alabama Corvette Club's "Gulf Coast Fun in the Sun"

March 14th – 16th

The Wharf - Orange Beach

Eleven couples have signed up for this trip.

It is not too late to join in on the fun.

Contact Cathy for more information.

Corvette Expo - Sevierville, Tennessee

March 28th – 30th

This is a big trip. Twenty-two couples are planning to attend.
Contact Cathy for more information if you want to join the group.

Dothan/Panama City Beach Caravan

May 15th – 18th

We already have 9 couples who have signed up for this trip.
Contact Cathy if you need more information.

April Meeting

Sunday, April 20th

Bonedaddy's Restaurant

Lee Branch off Highway 280

Lunch 2:00

Meeting 3:00

May Meeting

Sunday, May 18th
Location to be announced

June Meeting

Saturday, June 21st
Picnic at the Crapet's
Logan Martin Lake
11:00

NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

by Babs Lucas

There were 10 happy birthdays and 3 couples with anniversaries for the month of February. Cards of get well wishes were sent to Jack Kempf, Bettie Torne, Jim Maddox and Larry Davenport. Wishes can come true!

A sympathy card, as well as a garden dish plant was sent to Claudia Bruce in the loss of her sister, Dianne Tillery. Please continue to remember Claudia during this time.

Pray that God's will be done in our lives and give us sunshine on March 8th.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

by Cindy & Jim Maddox

We are being 'brought back by popular demand' to the St Patrick's Day Parade, downtown Birmingham.

Here is the information that I have so far. The parade is Friday, March 14th. Line up begins at 9:30 am. Parade begins at 11:30. The route is a little different from last year. Starting point is near The Mellow Mushroom in the Five Points South area (12th Ave South). The parade will travel (North) down 20th Street and end at Linn Park.(near the courthouse)

Due to the 'time frame' we could go for lunch after the parade. Lunch at Nicki's?

Again wear 'green' and decorate with the St Patrick's Day theme in mind. (Hobby Lobby and Michaels have a lot of decorations)

Just shoot us an e mail to let us know you will be there and I will start a 'car count'

ROCKY'S STORY - PART XI

(Much easier reading than last month)

By Jeff Williams

Winter is the time most people get a lot done on their project cars. For me, the opposite is true. There has been little work done this winter on Rocky. Part of the reason has been the weather.

It is just no fun working in extreme cold weather, and I am working in a tent in the back yard. Some blame can go to the addition of Raquel. She has taken some of my attention this winter. I could cast a little blame on my job as well. I have been working long hours and the weekends are my recharging time. Being president of the club has taken some time away from my project as well. But, mostly, I blame Charter Digital cable for providing my deluxe digital cable package!

This month, I returned to the halls of eBay, in search of priceless Crossfire parts to be had for next to nothing. I found a pristine Crossfire hood for sale (it has the cold air induction system for the crossfire air filters). The seller posted several pictures of the hood and it looked great. I put out a small bid to put me on the bidder list, and then watched the auction for the remaining 5 days, as others outbid me. No worries, I would be there at the end, for sure. The auction ended at 2:30 PM on a Tuesday. I don't typically log in to eBay on my work computer, but this was a special occasion, and I would keep it brief. The final day started out not unlike any other day. I was soon engulfed in voicemail, email, computer selections, submittals, and proposals. I had decided to wait on lunch so I could get a quick sandwich and win this auction.

My plans changed, when I went to lunch with my sales team at 11:30, but I vowed to keep the auction open in the background while I worked, and still spike my bid at about 20 seconds to go. Everything was going well. At 1:00, I got a fax that a job was bidding at 2:00 PM, and I needed to put a price together. No problem, I finished it off at 1:45 and took a short break to re-group. I checked eBay, and the auction had not changed much, but there were about 3 bidders actively bidding that day. At about 2:00, a customer came in, with a set of plans. He needed a price that day on a bowling alley in Georgia. I quickly called the Atlanta office and they sent me their proposal. The customer wanted to change 2 of the units, so I made a few changes, and gave him his price. He thanked me and we parted. It was 2:45. Darn!

I looked at the auction, and it had ended less than for what I was willing to pay. Boy was I disappointed. My last-minute bid plans had lost me the hood. Maybe if I had just bid my maximum at 1:45, I would have won it. Nobody knows what might have happened. A few minutes later I thought if the buyer backed out (it happens a lot), I might still get the hood, if I made an offer to the seller, so I send an email telling him that I had missed the end of the auction, and if the buyer backed out, to give me a call.

About 4 days later, the seller contacted me. The buyer had decided to buy an L-88 hood the seller had instead of the Crossfire hood. The hood was still for sale, if I was interested. Boy was I! We talked about Corvettes for a while. He did not know what he was getting it to when he bought his car, and had ripped out all the injection system and went with a Holley carburetor, Edelbrock intake and heads, Hooker headers, and side pipes. He no longer needed the crossfire parts. We made the deal on the hood. He is also throwing in a MAP sensor and the TPS sensor off his car (now that you know what these are, because I KNOW you read last months article!).

If the hood makes it in before the car show, I will have it on the car.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March - 2008:

- 3rd MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 4th **MACC monthly meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood at 6:30**
- 8th **MACC Attack Annual Car Show at Barbers Motorsports Park (contact Terry Truett)**

- 10th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 14th St. Patrick's Day parade (contact Cindy Maddox)
- 14th Lower Alabama Corvette show at the Wharf in Orange Beach (contact Cathy Crapet)
- 17th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 24th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 28th Sevierville, TN Corvette Expo (contact Cathy Crapet)
- 31st MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl

April – 2008:

- 7th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 14th MACC bowling league at 5:45 - Vestavia Bowl
- 20th **MACC monthly meeting at Bonedaddy's Restaurant at Lee Branch on Hwy 280**
- 24th C5/C6 Bash at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green (contact Jeff Williams)

May – 2008:

- 15th Circle City Corvette Club annual caravan to Panama City Beach: coordinator John Hickman at 334-347-5908 or Website www.circlecitycorvettes.com (contact Cathy Crapet)
- 18th **MACC monthly meeting**

June – 2008:

- 21st **MACC monthly meeting & picnic at Crapet's lake house on Logan Martin lake**
- 27th Annual "Drive Your Corvette To Work" day

**March 4th MACC Monthly Meeting
Trinity United Methodist Church
at 1400 Oxmoor Road in Homewood
6:30 meeting**



