



MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Chris Touchton

IT'S SHOWTIME

This first week in May is like preparing for the opening of a Broadway musical: Invitations sent, flyers passed out, two television spots, radio & newspaper advertisements, trophies built and ready, MACC Club trailer washed & waxed and a pre-show cook out at the Mathews

Now for a little show history. The club's first show was held at Strickland Chevrolet in 1983. A total of 53 corvettes ranging in years from 1958 to 1983 participated.

I encourage you to join us this week for one or both TV spots, the Friday night cook out and then for a great day at Mid Alabama Corvette Club's 25th annual show.

The board held its second meeting of the year in April with all members present. Committee chairs from events, membership and website were invited. The following was

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Message From The President

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approved by the board:

New membership packets
Website sponsor's page
3rd quarter St Jude Fundraiser
4th qtr Salvation Angel Tree Sponsorship
Magic 96 Toys for Christmas

The board has many on going projects for this year, amendments to the by-laws and future fundraisers just to name two. If you have something you would like the board to address, please contact a board member or myself.

May's calendar is a hot list of events ranging from local car shows, cruise ins to the club's trip to Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Want to know more about an event ?

- 1) Check the MACC website calendar
- 2) Check the MACC forum events section
- 3) Email Suzan our event chair

As promised from my last months article - The Power Nap. Don't scoff! The siesta in many countries is a sacred tradition and here in the US sleepiness is the second leading cause of car accidents. Mooning being the first! The power nap or in my case the afternoon nap is where it's at. I usually take mine at or about nap-thirty. Einstein, Churchill, Thomas Edison, Ronald Reagan and Alfred E. Newman were all famous nappers. Just look at the books on napping: The Art of Napping, Profiles in Napping, Napping Strategies, Nap Management and the Future of Napping are just a few. Being awake is highly over rated. Nothing bad has ever happened to me during my afternoon nap. So take it from the PREZ, become a napper. A no cost, no sweat way to a healthier and more productive life.

If you are still awake, I hope you enjoy this month's MACC Tracks. See you at the show!

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 25th Annual Corvette Show

May 5, 2007 9 to 3 Rain or Shine

Costco's behind Riverchase Galleria

May 5th is just a few days away and our 25th Anniversary Show is almost here. Jane Lewis has done an excellent job lining up publicity with the radio and TV stations for us. Hopefully this coverage will bring out many Vettes in Birmingham and surrounding areas. We have show shirts and caps compliments of PREMIER CHEVROLET in Bessemer also Pepsi Products and Concession Wagon compliments of Buffalo Rock. A big thanks to Costco for working with us again this year.

All seems to be on track – WE JUST NEED CORVETTES. Please encourage everyone you know or anyone you see who has a Corvette to come enter it in the show. It will be a wonderful experience and they will meet a great bunch or Corvette enthusiasts. We also need nice (\$20.00 or more value) door prizes.

Come out on May 5th and be a part of this exciting club event. Even if you have not been assigned a specific job, come out Saturday, we will find something for you to do. We have ordered a nice spring day. There will be beautiful cars, fun, and fellowship with others who love America's Sports Car almost as much as we do!

See you all at Costco on May 5th!

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Jane Lewis

To help promote our show, we have a chance to be movie stars on TV. We need Corvettes to make a good showing and help advertise our car show.

On Friday, May 4th, at 10:30 a.m. on WVTM-TV (NBC13), Brooke Smith will be interviewing us at the Vulcan parking lot. We are hoping to have a representative from Magic Moments there also to talk about our charity. Please let me know if you will be able to have your Corvette on TV. You can even TiVo it for lasting memories.

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.

PRE-SHOW BARBEQUE

By Sharon Mathews

Next Friday, May 4th, there will be a pre-show last minute strategy meeting and barbeque at our house, 6513 Quail Run Dr. Pelham, AL 35124. Exit 246 Cahaba Valley Road off I-65 South. Turn left and go approx. 1/2 mile. Turn left just past the Shell Station onto Quail Run Drive. Ours is the 7th house on the right.

Paul Boehme is going to have the MACC trailer at Costco from 5:00 till 6:00 for those of you who have tables, chairs, tents, and signs to put in it. Afterward, just cruise on down. All are welcome...especially all our new members. This will be a great time to make new friends.

If you plan to work the show (and I know all of you are), enter your car in the display only contest (for which Jocko has great trophies), or are just coming to welcome our out of town guests, this barbeque should get us all in the mood for fun.

Remember the following:

1. Bring a side dish to go with barbeque chicken. (if you don't like chicken just bring "whatever" and we will throw it on the grill too.
2. Bring your folding chair. The house isn't big enough to hold us all, but the deck and yard is.
3. Drive your "other car" if you don't want to park your Vette on our residential street.
4. Pray for dry weather.
5. PLEASE RSVP AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING SO I CAN BE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT AND DRINK.

Call me if you have questions.

Sharon Mathews

Membership Chairperson

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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

by Sharon Mathews

Have you attended a meeting lately? What about a cruise-in? Gone with the group for ice cream at a moment's notice? Have you made plans to join one of the weekend trips that are planned? I know that it is sometimes hard to get away from all of the obligations of family and work; but, remember, life is short and we need to take a moment to enjoy fun and friends, escape our responsibilities and drive these beautiful cars we are fortunate enough to own.

I would love to see each and everyone of you at one of our events soon! I can almost guarantee that you will leave with a smile and new friend.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED MACC IN THE PAST MONTH

Dennis Hopkins	Larry & Mischel Whitehead
Birmingham, Alabama	Bessemer, Alabama
2005 Machine Silver Coupe	1990 Red Coupe
1999 Torch Red Convertible	
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MEMBER PHOTOS ON WEBSITE

Is your picture on the website? If not, we can take one of you and your car Saturday at the car show. Just remind Paul or me that we need a pic of you and your shiny Vette.

MEMBER NEWS TO NOTE

Jo Morton's late husband, Lee H. Morton, who passed away in 1998, will be honored posthumously on Sunday, May 6, 2007 when the Fultondale Board of Education will name the Fultondale Elementary School media center in his honor. Lee served as principal there for 18 years prior to his death. Everyone is invited to attend the dedication ceremony of the Lee H. Morton Media Center at Fultondale Elementary School from 2 until 3 p.m. this Sunday. Our sincere congratulations to Jo, her children and grandchildren on this important occasion.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers: Billy Porter – Billy's dad struggles with several serious health problems, including Alzheimer's Disease. Karen Cauble – Karen's mom continues in her struggle with medical problems.

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 "MAY" Birthdays to the following:

Terry Mathews	May 4	Fred Atkins	May 5
Paul Boehme	May 12	Kent Spraggins	May 15
Mickey Gordon	May 22	Carol Stewart	May 24
Justine Atkins	May 28		

Congratulations to the following members on their MAY wedding anniversaries:

Bryan & Delaine Mullins	May 3
David & Arlene Johnson	May 4
Mike & Karen Cauble	May 7
Tom & Cathy White	May 21 (Congratulations on 30 wonderful years together)
Ronnie & Kathie Jones	May 27

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.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR

by Cathy Crapet

Cookout at Logan Martin



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 23rd, for the annual cookout/picnic at the Crapet's home on Logan Martin Lake. Specific details will be included in the June newsletter and through e-mails. Plan to attend for a fun day of great food, volleyball, horseshoes, and swimming. You may want to just plain relax!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Fred Atkins

Congratulations to John Cerpening from Casselberry, FL. He is the proud winner of a 2007 Victory Red Convertible Corvette from our annual National Corvette Museum raffle. But do not fret because we are all winners. Your contributions benefit the National Corvette Museum. Keep playing and maybe you too can zoom off in a Vette.

CORVETTE CHRONOLOGY

LAST MONTH'S ANSWER: Question #1: What year did the convertible model return after a 10-year absence? Answer: 1986. Question #2: What model year was Corvette not offered for sale: 1977, 1981, or 1983? Answer: 1983.

MAY CORVETTE CHRONOLOGY Question #1: What year did the convertible model return after a 10-year absence? Question #2: The first production Corvette was assembled in which city and state?

INVITATION TO VISIT THE CORVETTE MUSEUM

Okay Corvette enthusiasts, it's time to rev up your engines and pack up the 'Vette for a road trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky .. Home of the National Corvette Museum (NCM). True 'Vette lovers won't want to miss all that the NCM has to offer!

The 68,000 sq. ft. building houses more than 50 Corvette models and one-of-a-kind concept cars spanning the history of Corvette. Also on hand are thousands of Corvette related photos, movies and videos, advertisements, scale models and rare memorabilia. Spotlited are the people who have made Corvette an American icon.

Inside, striking full-scale dioramas show classic Corvette models and famous performance Corvette models in period settings. You'll also find the historic one-millionth Corvette, donated to the museum by Chevrolet.

You say you're a true Corvette lover who's never been to the National Corvette Museum? What are you waiting for?!? This site will help you plan your visit, walk you through a [Virtual Tour](#) of the NCM, let you discover the unique opportunity of a [Museum Delivery](#) for your Corvette and showcase the [Assembly Plant](#) located across from the museum.

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred Atkins	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	Terry & Sharon Mathews
Jimmy & Beverly McCutcheon	Billy & Debbie Porter	Bill Ringler
Bob Stewart	Chris Touchton	Conrad Whitten
Jeff & Evelyn Williams	Jim & Sherrye Willis	Dale Zimlich

NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE CHAIR

by Babs Lucas

This gang is getting older by the month. That means we are "goodies" too! There were eleven birthdays this month and three anniversaries. How wonderful is that?!!!

A "Thinking of You " card was sent to Terry & Marty Garrett. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Lift your heads to the sky and pray for rain for Thursday and early Friday, so the sun will shine on the car show for Saturday!

Spread some sunshine for someone else today!

MACC EVENTS

by Susan Touchton

My Mother has always said that the older you get the faster time flies. It seems we were just planning April and now it is over.

May comes in with a bang with our media blitz, cookout and show on Saturday. Hope to see you all there. After the show we will go to Johnny Carino's for our monthly meeting and early dinner.

Hope you plan on joining the crowd for the trip to Maggie Valley the end of the month. There was a great write-up in the Sunday travel section about Maggie Valley. If you need any info about what's going on please give me a call or refer to our events calendar.

Please let me know if you have any ideas of places to go or things to do.
Lessaiz les bon temps rouler!

ROCKY'S STORY (Part IV)

by Jeff Williams

(What have I gotten myself into?)

I have good days, and I have bad days. Today was a bad day. But, before I get to today, I guess I better get you up to speed on my project.

I got the transmission back from the shop and it looked great. Terry and I got it back in the car and it works great. I put the shifter in "R" and the rear wheels spin backwards, I put the shifter in "D" and the rear wheels spin forwards. Everything is fine and dandy. I had to return to the shop for the exhaust bracket which they forgot to give me with the tranny (I should have taken it off in the first place).

The next step in the project was to get the brakes working, so I can drive the car to the frame shop. (This is where the train starts to derail a bit). My intentions were to remove the calipers, clean, sand, remove the rust, prep and paint everything on the suspension, rebuild the brake calipers if necessary, and totally flush the brake system. I started on the fronts, and cleaned off the rust and old paint with a stripper (I suggest always having a stripper close by when working on the car – it makes the time go by quickly). After cleaning and painting the fronts, I worked my way to the rears. The passenger rear was leaking a good bit. After the first coat of paint, I headed to the parts place to get rebuild kits. When I got there, I found out I would have to buy the parts individually, and they were not in stock, but they did have complete rebuilt calipers. I struggled with the decision, but went ahead and bought 4 rebuilt calipers (and more paint!).

I then went home and painted the next 4 calipers, and put the old ones (freshly painted) in the boxes to return to Advance Auto. There was 3 hours wasted!

I got the calipers on, and my trusty friend, Terry came by to help me bleed and flush the brakes (I don't know what happened to that stripper). We flushed the brakes and put the tires on the car. I only had 13 lug nuts, so I had to spread them out evenly. The right front got the extra one.

I fired up the car for its maiden voyage (I don't know why Terry didn't want to ride). I backed (yes, backed) the car down the drive, and out in the street. Being the careful, safe driver that I am, I put the car in drive, made sure Terry was clear, and nailed it (it is a Corvette, isn't it?). The car spun the tires and lurched forward. I slammed on the brakes, and it stopped. The motor even kept running! Not too bad. I put it in reverse, and stabbed the throttle again. Another press of the brake, and I was back to my driveway. I was feeling pretty good. (Here is where the train crashes and

burns). I put it back in drive, and tried another forward jaunt. This time the wheel jerked violently to the right, and I had to get hard on the brakes to stay out of my neighbor's yard.

When I got out and looked at the front wheels, they were pointing in two different directions. "This is not right", I said. I checked over the steering, and the idler arm was bent like a wet noodle. It is supposed to be straight. "That's OK" I said, and backed the car to the tent for the necessary repairs.

Terry had to leave, so I was on my own. I bought a new idler arm, and installed it. While I was under the car, I noticed the kink in the frame, the broken motor mount, and the misaligned lower A-Frame. The repairs just got a little more interesting.

Paul helped me out by hooking me up with a frame guy and a shop that does service on Corvettes. They are both located right by his work, so he came by and picked up the car and trailered it downtown.

On my way to Bowling Green for the C5.C6 Bash, I stopped by the shop and wrote a check for the repairs. When I get the car back, it should be driving straight, and be much safer on the road.

Without the car to play with, all I can do is browse eBay, and dream of a larger budget to work with. When I get it back, I will start on the engine clean-up and tuning. I think the ten-year-old gas needs to go.

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May:

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

June:

- 2nd Hot Rod Magazine, Hot Rod Power Tour (contact Chuck Lewis)
- 8th Vettes by the Shore in Biloxi
- 23rd **MACC summer picnic and monthly meeting, Crapet's lakehouse**

July:

- 4th Parade in Huntland, Tennessee (contact Jim Maddox)
- 14th Cruise to the Old Mill Restaurant in Talladega,(contact Cathy Crapet)
- 15th **MACC monthly meeting**

August:

- 19th **MACC monthly meeting**

**Next MACC Monthly meeting
After the MACC Annual Car Show
Saturday - May 5th
Meeting: 3:00 PM**

