

# MACC

## The Mid Alabama Corvette Club



# MACC "TRACKS" MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May – 2011

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## *Message from the President:*

### 2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Paul Boehme**

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**Hoke Graham**

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**Shari Bailey**

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**Dwain & Tricia Lawrence**

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**Fred Atkins**

**Newsletter:**

**Terry Mathews**

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**Paul Boehme & Thom Williamson**

**Social Co-Chairs:**

**Donna Allen & Sara Boehme**

**Sunshine Chair:**

**Babs Lucas**

**Goodwill Ambassador**

**Terry Mathews**

April finished up with a roar with tornados and storms hitting very close. I have been very busy as a result of the storms. Twin has me working 4 hours a day now. I have been keeping up with the emails concerning members well being and calling folks and it does seem all MACC members came through ok. However, if any of you have any family members that need assistance of any kind please let one of the board know. My C5 caught a limb through the back window and across the roof. It is in the shop so it is good to have free off site storage for awhile.

MACC members enjoyed a picnic at Oak Mtn State Park. Thanks to Terry and Shari for fighting off the grill smoke and turning out some delicious dogs and burgers, to Donna and Sara for organizing the event and to all of you who brought the outstanding food. There was not much interest in playing bingo for some reason but we had fun with horse shoes and scrabble. I thought for a while I had set up the horse shoes too close to a storage building as one of the horse shoes bounced off the roof. Lots of fun and laughs were had by all.

Our biggest event for the year is coming up May 14<sup>th</sup> – our car show. Hoke has really been working hard on this. With every ones help this will be a huge success and we will all have a lot of fun with it.

Always Wave

Paul Boehme

# Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

A sincere appreciation goes to Sharon Mathews for filling in and doing an excellent job for me since November, 2010 until now, May, 2011.

Sharon's work has carried her all the way to Jacksonville, Florida, we hope, for only a short time.

Please let her hear from you from time to time so she will not feel so lonesome. Her address:

6705 St. Augustine Road, #101, Jacksonville, Florida 32217

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!!!!!!!!**



Jerry and Myra Downs

Tom and Cathy White

Ronnie and Kathie Jones

**For those who became another year older/younger :**

**HAPPY HAPPY**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Terry Mathews

Jan Pope

Ricky Allen

Joe Planson

Sam Hawkins



Fred Atkins

Paul Boehme

Mickey Gordon

Justine Atkins

Myra Downs

Many of us will be 'front & center' at the car show on May 14, 2011. Tell every one to attend! We will have a great event! See ya then!

AUCTION items are needed..... Door prizes are needed..... Bring the day of show!!!

We are thankful our club members are okay and doing well, after the tornadoes hit last week. All of you are a very caring group of fine people. Thank each of you for checking on each other.

Count your blessings and Take care

Babs Lucas

Sunshine Chair

# Social News

Donna Allen & Sara Boehme

## Upcoming Events

The membership, birthday, anniversary, and employment lists have all been updated on the website. Please look them over and make sure all your information is correct. If not please send an e-mail to Tricia Lawrence at [plawrence@otelco.net](mailto:plawrence@otelco.net) and give her any corrections or additions. Also go to the member pictures and make sure the cars pictured for you are still the ones you own. If any need to be taken off or if you have a new one, please let Thom Williamson at [thom@cahabaheightshardware.com](mailto:thom@cahabaheightshardware.com) know. If you have a new car and can attach a digital picture of it, that would be a tremendous help. Also, if you would like your personal picture update, just send it to him.

**Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 AM,** Jeh Jeh from WBRC Fox 6 will be promoting our car show. We need as many people and Corvettes there as possible. This is your chance to become a movie star.

**Saturday, May 14 MACC Car Show** at the Shops of Grand River, the new outlet mall in Leeds. Please contact Hoke to volunteer. We will have a short meeting after the show at a Black Jack Restaurant in Leeds.

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**Circle City Corvettes(Dothan) to Panama City** **May 19-21.**

Jim Strite & Marcy Asher

Bob & Kaye Blakney

Ann & Doyal Marks

Dennis & Dane Hopkins

Ronnie & Kathie Jones?????

Please get with the others going and see if you can drive down together.

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**Vettes in the Valley** **May 28-29.**

David & Phyllis Overton

Dwain & Tricia Lawrence

Bettie & Merv Torme????????

Please get with the others going and see if you can drive up together.

**Sunday, June 12** MACC meeting at White House Restaurant.

Eat at 2:00, meeting at 3:00. (The manager said it is too crowded to come at 1:00 and 2:00 but he can handle the 2:00 and 3:00 combination.) Address is [9830 HWY 31 N, Warrior, AL](#).  
Directions: Going north on I-65 at exit 280, exit right to highway 31 and take a left toward Warrior. In about a mile, restaurant will be on left. We could take a road trip through North Jefferson, West Blount, South [Cullman](#) and maybe East Walker counties and end up at Jo and Basil Sloan's house for ice cream (not home made) and cards if anyone is interested. There is a one lane road under a railroad track north of Hayden we could see as well as a lot of rural Alabama.

**Sunday Afternoon Scenic Cruise – 2-3:30PM/Bama Bell in Tuscaloosa**  
**Sunday, June 26.**

1 ½ hour cruise along the Black Warrior. Enjoy a nice lazy Sunday afternoon with us. Adults \$15 Seniors \$14.

Go to Cyprus Inn for dinner after the cruise. Please look over this list. If you are not on it and want to go please let Sara know. Also if you have signed up and now find you cannot go, I need that information. I will be giving them a final count in a couple of weeks.

Donna & Wayne Allen  
Terry & Shari Bailey  
Paul & Sara Boehme  
Cathy & Tony Crapet  
Ronnie & Sheryl Folds  
Judy & Mickey Gordon  
Hoke & Charlotte Graham  
Jim & Joann Harris  
Joan and Randy Hydrick

Donnie & Jilda Hulsey  
Mike & Ira Jones  
Jack & Connie Kempf  
Dwain & Tricia Lawrence  
Jane & Jocko Lewis  
Ann & Doyal Marks  
Sharon & Terry Mathews  
David & Phyllis Overton  
Joe & Peg Planson  
John & Jeanne Promer  
Bettie and Merv Torme  
Toby & Terry Truett (maybe only for dinner)  
Jimmy & Jackie Walker  
Thom & Faye Williamson  
Paul & Jancie Woodard

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**You can email or call Donna Allen [dogsrwild@yahoo.com](mailto:dogsrwild@yahoo.com) (915-8062) or Sara Boehme [sara8464@yahoo.com](mailto:sara8464@yahoo.com) (305-8721) with questions about any of these events.**

## MACC & FRIENDS TOURED MERCEDES PLANT

We had seventeen Macc members and several new friends take the Mercedes plant tour today. Mercedes has a first class facility.

Following the plant tour, some went for a late lunch due to previous engagements. Dennis, Donna, Jim & I went to Tuscaloosa and toured the Bear Bryant Museum while waiting for Nicks in the Sticks to open at five pm.

We arrived at Nicks during a heavy downpour, and although we were early, the owner waved us inside. We had the famous 'Nickodemus' drink while waiting. The meal was great! I think Dennis & Donna enjoyed the Nicks experience as well.

Enclosed a photo of Nicks in the Sticks taken about an hour ago. Great day! Thanks to all that went! Let's get the Vettes together one night and go back to Nicks for dinner.

Cindy Maddox



**MID-ALABAMA CORVETTE CLUB**  
**Proudly Presents Its**  
**29th ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW**

*VETTES AT GRAND RIVER*

Our big 2011 car show at the "Shops Of Grand River" is just around the corner ( Sat. May 14th ) We will start setting up the parking lot perimeter around 6:00 ( that's AM for all you retired folks ) and put up tents, tables, and PA system shortly after that. I have heard through the grape vine that two of our ladies will have on special costumes to help sell 50/50 tickets. We will also try to sell extra door prize tickets to the show participants for \$5.00 each. We need each member or family to try and bring at least one good door prize or a nice silent auction item. So far we have six auction items from the shopping mall and I believe they will have a few more before the show. The poker run for the ladies should be a lot of fun and all the ladies in our club can participate if they want to. The venue parking is very nice as well as the restrooms and stores are very clean and new. We will be positioned on the southern end of the mall parking lot. Coming from Birmingham on I 20 take exit 140 and go back under the interstate. You will then be on old Highway 78 and the mall will be on your right. Turn in the first entrance on the right and bear around to your right and you will see where we will be located. Don't forget about Friday night " Meet and Greet " at the Hampton Inn. It is located on the left before the entrance to Barbers. We have reserved a meeting room for our monthly club meeting after the show at " Black Jack " restaurant in Leeds. They have good food and reasonable prices. We ate there Monday ( 25 Apr. ) for lunch and had " Beer Batter Mushrooms " that were to die for. Everything else was good also. To get to " Black Jacks " go east on I 20 four miles to exit 144 A and go about four blocks and it will be on your right. Lets have fun with this show and make our guest feel welcome. Thanks to everyone that has helped and promoted this show. Hoke.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Dwain and Tricia Lawrence**

We have new members to welcome to our club. They are:

Mark and Catherine Morton  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
2004 White Convertible

We are happy to report that the Mortons escaped the tornado without any damage or injuries. The tornado missed their house by only a mile or so.

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

**Fred Atkins**



WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSEUM ? The Corvette Museum received a portion of the funding for the exhibit from PNC Bank, a bank with a commitment to early childhood education their Grow Up Great program which invests in school readiness. If you have children, grand-children or other special young people in your life-why not bring them out to the exhibit and share your passion for Corvette with them! Last year over 1,100 donors gave over \$584,000. We continue to work on the Motorsports Park, it will be a great addition to our program of services.  
Fred

### CORVETTE TRIVIA

**Thom Williamson**

## **2000 Corvette**

Corvette decided not to do anything crazy going into the new millennium. They stuck with the recently new Hardtop Corvette and made some new improvements to it as well. The Z51 Performance Handling Package was upgraded with the addition of larger front and rear stabilizer bars to help improve Corvette's handling characteristics. This suspension pack was standard on the Hardtop, and optional on the Coupe and Convertible.



There were also a few additions to the exterior and interior design of the Corvette. For example, the 2000 Corvette came standard with new 5-spoked forged aluminum wheels, available with an optional high-polish finish. The two new exterior colors for the Coupe and Convertible were Millennium Yellow and Dark Bowling Green Metallic. As for the interior, Torch Red was a new option.

## 2000 Corvette Retail Prices

- Hardtop
- \$38,900
  
- Coupe
- \$39,475
  
- Convertible
- \$45,900

## 2000 Corvette Production Numbers by Model

- Hardtop
- 2,941
  
- Coupe
- 18,113
  
- Convertible
- 13,479

***CORVETTE IS HERE TO STAY !***

## GM Re-Revs Corvette Plant

### Ted Reed

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DETROIT – GM said it will invest \$131 million to upgrade its Corvette plant.

The plant, in Bowling Green, Ky., has been the exclusive manufacturer of the iconic sports car since 1981. About 400 production workers assemble Corvettes on a one-shift, ten-hour, four-day-a-week schedule. About 50,000 tourists visit the plant annually, with some going home in a new car.

The \$131 million investment will lead to creation of about 250 jobs, GM said.

"This is a significant day for anyone who believes that America should build world-class, high-performance products," said Mark Reuss, GM North America president, in a prepared statement.

"Corvette has no domestic peer for performance and pedigree and stands alongside the world's best supercars with almost 60 years of continuous heritage."

Reuss appeared at the plant with Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to announce the investment. The plant will build the current generation Corvette for at least the next two model years, including the 2012 model year that begins this summer, as it prepares to build the next generation. The current generation is the sixth in the car's 58-year history.

In April, Corvette sales rose 33.5% to 1,454 vehicles. Through April 30, 2011 Corvette sales had risen 22% to 4,293.

We should also mention that last June, Beshear signed a bill designating Corvette as the official sports car of Kentucky.

-- Written by  
Charlotte, N.C.



Ted Reed in

***Drive your Corvette, to work at least one day each week!***

