



**Mid Alabama
Corvette Club**



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

by Rob Conrad

What a great time everyone who participated in the road rally had, beautiful day to drive, great food and company. As I look back at the past year it is the friendships I have developed that make being in the club so much fun. And the friendships are developed at functions like the road rally. I hope we all can participate in as many club functions as possible next year.

As you may know I am asking for your vote for club president at the November meeting. Remember you must be present to vote. I want everyone to know that Arlene Johnson, who is also running, has my deepest respect and should be carefully considered. She is a tireless worker for the club and deserves your thoughtful consideration. I don't think we could go wrong with her as president.

I will elaborate at the meeting my
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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

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my thoughts and the most important issues facing the club.

The first is the show, it seems to be our biggest source of pride and yet an anchor on everyone's time. We need to discuss what the future of the Champagne Show of the South should be.

The second is the day and time for meetings. Is a Thursday night meeting alternated with Sunday afternoon something that would suit the club better?

Next club visibility at shows, like the world of wheels. We need to look like the first class club we are.

Then we need to plan fun events like the Thursday night cruises that can be so much fun.

I think people enjoy our monthly meetings to be no more than an hour long. It's a lot more fun to finish quickly then talk about and drive the cars.

I am really looking forward to a fun 2005 with all of you in the club.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17th MEETING

by Suzan Touchton

The meeting was called to order by Rob Conrad.

Welcome to new member Phillip Agee. Bettie Torme saw Phillip in his beautiful Corvette and invited him to join us.

Secretary Suzan Touchton announced that the minutes from the August meeting were in the MACC Newsletter. They were accepted as posted. Any suggestions to receive donations from MACC should be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the November meeting. These suggestions will be on the election ballot at the next meeting.

Jane Lewis, Treasurer, gave us a report on our treasury. We have \$3000 set aside to donate to selected charities.

Marti Garrett was out of town. There was no membership update and Ronnie Jones volunteered to handle the 50/50 drawing. Marti we missed you – Ronnie is really tight with those tickets. No 6 for \$5 from him.

Jane Lewis has a box of member name tags. If you have not gotten your name tag, please check with Jane to see if she has it.

Ronnie Jones gave us a report from the nominating committee. The slate of officers are as follows:

President:	Arlene Johnson Rob Conrad
Vice President:	Fred Turner
Show Chairman:	
Secretary:	Cathy Crapet Nick Klosowsky
Treasurer:	Bill Ringler

There will be nominations from the floor. Candidates for President and Vice President will be asked to tell us why they would like to be an officer and will take questions from the members.

We will vote by ballot at the beginning of the meeting and winners will be announced before the meeting is adjourned.

The next meeting will be November 21st at the Neighborhood Grill (2:00 PM).

The International Auto Show will be at the BJCC November 11th thru 14th. Cars should be there on the 10th and will be on display for the entire weekend. There will be Corvettes and Mustangs on display.

It was suggested that the club build or buy stanchions for upcoming car shows. Jane Lewis and Steven Pope volunteered to work on this project. We need these for at least 6 cars and should be ready before the World of Wheels.

The J & J Road Rally will be held Saturday October 23rd. Cars and drivers will meet at 12:30 at the Nextel Office in Homewood. If you plan to eat Dreamland ribs be sure to let Jane know. The cost will be \$10 each. Always a good time!! Who will win the DAL trophy this year?

The books were audited by Bill Ringler with the help of Jim Harris, Arlene Johnson and Jane Lewis. As expected the books were in perfect order. Jane Lewis has done a great job as Treasurer.

The officers were presented with two budgets for the upcoming year. One was based on a mini-show and the other was for a large show as we have had the past few years. The decision about the show will be made in the future. There will be \$3000 set aside for a charitable donation next year.

The Auburn/Alabama Party will be held at the lake house of Tony & Cathy Crapet.

Fred Mudge shared some information about an event he and Rox attended in Atlanta. It was a benefit for Breast Cancer. Sounded like a great trip for some of us to go to next year.

The 50/50 winner was Jim Appleton. Jim was pleased with his \$35 winnings. Now he can't say he never wins.

The MACC Christmas Party will be held on December 3rd at Inverness Country Club. There will be details at a later date.

Jane is to check on the Alabaster Christmas Parade. There is also a parade to be held in Roebuck if anyone has details please let us know at the next meeting.

Merv Torme knows someone that can do any MACC monogramming. Rob will check on this and let us know.

Donna and Wayne Allen have invited everyone to their house for a Halloweenie Roast on October 30th. Please let Donna know if you are coming. The Ghost will lead a caravan from K-Mart in Trussville at 5:30 that evening to the Boo Barn in Clay.

Be sure to be present at the November meeting to cast your vote for 2005 officers and charities.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

by Cathy Crapet

Get your shakers ready and your game day shirts out for the Auburn-Alabama Game Day party at the Crapet's lake home on Saturday, November 20th. Be ready to cheer for your favorite team. The time will be announced. Please let me know if you plan to attend and I will, in turn, let you know what to bring. Directions to the lake house will be sent under a special e-mail. We want this to be a big party, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We have also committed to participating in the Eastern area Christmas Parade on November 27th. Details have been sent to me and I'll forward them on to you separately. The parades are great fun to participate in and we hope to have a lot of Vettes sign up. Please let me know if you are interested.

Bob Moreno has sent details for the Christmas Party on December 3rd at Inverness Country Club. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be at 7:00 with dinner served at 7:45. A cash bar will be available. You have a choice of an angus rib eye or a chicken dish. The meal also includes salad,

vegetables, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost is \$25.00 per person which includes tax and tip. MACC is providing the band, "After Hours", for your listening and dancing enjoyment. You will need to bring a gift for a less fortunate child.

Please let Bob know if you plan to attend and your choice of entree. You can make your reservation by calling him at 205-492-3361 or 205-980-4566, or sending him an e-mail at robert.moreno@saralee.com. Checks can be sent to Bob at 5021 Kerry Downs Road, Birmingham, AL 35242, or you can opt to pay the evening of the party. Make checks payable to Inverness Country Club.

We appreciate Bob planning this party and we want all of our members to attend to make it a great success.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

by Jim Willis

I have raffle tickets priced at \$10 for the red C6 coupe to be given away during Labor Day weekend at the Corvette Museum. As a special incentive during the months of November and December, for each raffle ticket purchased, you can get a free original Corvette Sales Brochure from the following model years: 1983, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1998 or 1999. Let me know which brochure you'd like to have and I'll order one for each ticket purchased.

If any MACC members would like to keep up with the NCM through "NCM Central E-News," you can get your name added to the e-mail mailing list. Just go to <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncmcentral/index.shtml> and sign up.

American LeMans Series racing: If you like Corvettes and sports car racing, you should consider going to one of the American LeMans Series races next season. Because Chevrolet sponsors the Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta, there now is a stronger connection between Corvette and IMSA, the sanctioning body for ALMS, than ever before. Because Larry Hayes, formerly the National Corvette Museum's events coordinator, is now working as an official at IMSA, the NCM is going to have a presence at many, if not all, ALMS series races next year.

For several of the ALMS races this year, including the night race at Laguna Seca this weekend and the Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta several weeks ago, Chevrolet and the NCM have sponsored Corvette Corrals for those driving their Corvettes to the race. That means reduced price tickets, free roped off parking in the Corvette Corral, a hospitality tent, opportunities to meet with GM and Corvette Racing officials and drivers, seminars, door prizes and auctions, parade laps on the track and a Corvette celebrity car show.

Rob Conrad and I went to the Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta, where Chevy fed us lunch and dinner on race day in the hospitality tent. Rob and I sat with David Hill, chief Corvette engineer, and his wife at the steak dinner provided on Saturday night. There were about 400 Corvettes in the Corvette Corral and so each car was eligible for the Celebrity Choice car show. I drove my '65 vert over for the event and managed to get a plaque as a winner in the show! The grand prize winner got to lead the opening lap of the race alongside the pace car. It's a fun time if anybody is interested for next year.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

DALE ZIMLICH RETURNING HOME ON NOVEMBER 12TH

Please meet and greet MACC members at Bennett's Friday night, November 12th, to welcome Dale home for a couple of weeks. His plane arrives from Paris at 5:30 PM, at which time he will personally be delivered to the front door of Bennetts Sports Cafe (Cahaba River Road) where he has spent a lot of Friday nights !!! Hope to see you there!

J & J ROAD RALLY by Jane Lewis

Congratulations are in order for the following winners of the J & J Road Rally held on October 23rd finishing at Jane & Jocko's home:

Fast Freddie Turner	1 st Place
Rob Conrad	2 nd Place
Bryan Mullins	3 rd Place

And last, but certainly not least, the winner of the "Dead Ass Last" trophy went to David Woods

We are looking for volunteers to help us next year with a new route for the rally. You have 12 months to be thinking about it, so please let us know if you are interested.

Thank you all for coming and we hope you enjoyed the ribs and banana pudding!

2004 BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, NOVEMBER 11TH-14TH by Jim Willis

Set up is Wednesday, November 10th. VIP Reception for participants, sponsored by the Birmingham Post-Herald and the Birmingham News, will be held on Wednesday evening, November 10th. MACC Participants are as follows:

Steven & Ladona Pope	2004 blue coupe
Jim Lewis & Jane Mantooth	1995 black coupe
Dan & Christine Glore	2003 red convertible
Nick & Donna Klosowsky	1967 blue convertible
Robert Johnson	red C5 coupe
Trudy Phillips	1975 yellow coupe
Russell Bailey	1980 silver coupe
Rob & Fran Conrad	2002 red ZO6
Cheryl & Michael Sadlo	1998 red coupe
David & Beth Carter	2004 black coupe
Ed & Linda Jennings	1967 red coupe
Terry & Sharon Mathews	1991 aqua convertible
Jim & Sherrye Willis	1965 red convertible
Mike Hughes	red C5 convertible

CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER, 3RD AT INVERNESS COUNTRY CLUB by Bob Moreno

Time: 7:00 P.M. for Hors d'oeuvres and Cocktails

Dinner at 7:45 P.M. Cash Bar

Menu: Choice of Angus Rib Eye Steak or Chicken Dish

Includes Salad, Vegetables, Drink (Coffee, Tea etc.) and Desert (Cheese Cake and Bourbon Pecan Pie)

- Cost:** \$ 25.00 per person - this includes tax and tip.
- Band:** M.A.C.C. is providing the band. "After Hours" will be playing Blues, Oldies, and requests. This is a band you will enjoy and can dance to.
- Santa:** *Everyone bring a gift for needy children.*
- Reservations:** I need to know who will attend and choice of entrée Steak or Chicken. Please email me or call me @ 205-492-3361 if you plan to attend. I need a count to arrange for the food.
- Payment:** You may send me a check before the party or you may pay at the door. Make checks payable to Inverness Country Club.
- Info:** **Send checks to Bob Moreno 5021 Kerry Downs Rd. Bham AL 35242**
 Questions? Call me at cell: 205-492-3361 or home: 205-980-4566
Email - robert.moreno@saralee.com
** This is a very good value I hope everyone will attend.*

MACC LOGOS by Merv Torme

MACC logos for t-shirts, golf shirts, hats and jackets can be applied by:
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 Municipal And Commercial Uniforms
 2208 3rd Avenue North
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Telephone: 324-6011

NAME TAGS LOOKING FOR A HOME by Jane Lewis

I have MACC name badges for the following members:

Teresa & Bobby Conrad	Glen & Barbara Badham
Claudia Bruce	Cheryl & Michael Sadlo
Nancy Davis	Becky & Randy Fuller
Marshall & Pat Eddy	Amos & Bobbie Mitchum
Deanne & Robert Johnson	Paul & Frank Lowery
Bryan & Delaine Mullins	Bob & Ginger Hensley
Carl Smith	

You can pick up your name badges at the next meeting.

**MACC CLASSIFIEDS FOR MEMBERS SELLING
 CORVETTES, PARTS & ACCESSORIES**

Hey folks, here is yet another Vette for sale. 1988 35th Anniversary Edition, coupe body style, classic white on white combination (specifically made for the 35th Anniversary - only 2050 made), alarm system, Bose stereo system, automatic transmission. Car has 52,500 miles. I am the 2nd owner. Asking \$13,500.00...obo. Please, feel free to email SZN2000@aol.com or call me at 907-4444, Soraya Nilipour

2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November:

- 11th Birmingham International Auto Show, contact Jim Willis
- 12th Dale Zimlich party at Bennett's - 6:30 PM
- 13th Circle City Peanut Festival Corvette Show, contact John Hickman at 334-347-5908
- 20th MACC Alabama vs. Auburn Tail Gate Party, contact Cathy Crapet
- 21st **Monthly MACC meeting, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville, 2:00 PM**
- 27th Roebuck Christmas Parade, contact Cathy Crapet

December:

- 3rd **MACC Christmas Party, Inverness Country Club, contact Bob Moreno**
- 4th Alabaster Christmas Parade starting at 10:00

Next MACC Monthly meeting
Neighborhood Sports Grill - Trussville
November 21st - 2:00 PM
Election of Officers

