



Mid Alabama Corvette Club



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A Note from the Crew Chief

*By Arlene Johnson
It's Your Choice!!!*

So what benefit is there as a member of the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club? I've heard a few similarly posed questions recently and would like to spend this month's space talking about the purpose of MACC and giving you an idea of why you may have joined in the first place. According to the by-laws we are chartered to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, encourage planned trips, events and social activities for members, provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Corvette owners; encourage careful and skillful driving on public highways; and to provide civic service to the community. In other words, something for everyone – let me explain.....

A planned trip by your lonesome is a whole lot different than following Jim Willis 4,000 miles on the Hot Rod Power Tour or following Chris Touchton on a ghost run or Tony Crapet when evading locals. **It's** your pick – by yourself – or having an adventure!!!

And then you could hold a one-person car show in the local parking lot by surrounding your car with orange cones – you may get the prize for biggest nut on the tree. Or you could learn from the tried and true car show-a-holics: Jocko, Tim, Steve Thomas, Steven P, Hoke, David & Beth, Sharon & Terry, Paul & Sara, and others. You will learn how to spot a smudge or scratch a mile away and how to avoid a rain cloud and resulting offensive puddle. As an extra bonus, you'll have the shiniest and cleanest car in your part of town. **Your Choice!!!**

Oh, how about learning the fine art of driving in a caravan? You start out slow, then finally get up to 90mph and immediately back down to 65mph when all the horses settle down, and it's time for the first pit stop (that's all in the first 15 minutes). And who is going to learn how well you maneuvered the Tail of the Dragon and then brag about it on the other end if you aren't traveling with friends? See – going alone isn't all so great after all???

And, if you didn't come to the monthly meetings or ice cream outings or Boo-Barn blasts, or picnics at the lake, or out-of-town overnight stays with other Corvette clubs you wouldn't know anything about who churns the best ice cream, sings the loudest, drives the fastest, drives the slowest, has the best kept secrets, drinks the most milk, or sleeps the latest – now would you!!!!??? See, you're missing something by not coming out and joining the fun.

And, seriously, each of us most likely is involved in some sort of community project: soccer league, church mission, or chamber of commerce. Our club gets involved as well in community efforts and charitable causes. Anyone who owns a Corvette needs to share its prowess with as many people as possible and show how generous the owners can be. Our club has raised moneys for a host of causes since the mid-80s and is the longest running sponsor for Magic Moments. Our members are committed to community involvement, and we encourage all Corvette owners to join in celebrating America's #1 Sports Car.

Your annual membership fees – which are renewable between November and February every year – help fund the annual picnic, part of the holiday party, club membership in the National Corvette Museum, club banners and other needed materials. Any extra is put in the pot for our annual Magic Moments donation.

I hope each and every one of you will consider rejoining for the 2006 season. President Elect, David Carter and his crew are already thinking and planning of the many ways to make next year enjoyable for the club as a whole and for each member who participates in an event.

Salute to Veterans - Leeds

by Arlene Johnson

MACC has been invited to display their cars at the **Saturday, November 5th Salute to Veterans at the Leeds Historical Park just off of Hwy 119**. The event runs from 9:30am to 3:30pm with presentations and dedications, lots of food, crafts, and fun for children of all ages. Leeds is known as a City of Valor having more Medal of Honor recipients than any other U.S. city. The Emcee will be Senator Hank Irwin with featured speaker – Robert Turner, National Commander of the American Legion.

Anyone who would like to come out and display their car for part of all of the day, please let Arlene (email Arlene.johnson@bellsouth.com or call 533-5566) know so she can reserve your spot. Those attending in the morning need to have their cars at the park by 8:30am – a special area will be reserved just for our club.

Minutes of the October Meeting by Cathy Crapet

The October 16, 2005, meeting of the Mid Alabama Corvette Club was held at Lloyd's Restaurant at 6:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Arlene Johnson, President. There were 44 members and 3 guests present.

Sharon Mathews, Membership Chairman, welcomed the following guests: Jim Allen and Bari and Barry Roseman. She also welcomed David Nix and Dan Glore.

Cathy Crapet, Secretary, discussed the minutes of the September meeting. Nick Klosowsky made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Sara Boehme seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Ringler gave the Treasurer's report. Terry Mathews made a motion to accept the report as presented. David Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Crapet, a member of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2006. The slate included David Carter - President, Holt Graham - Vice president, Bill Ringler - Treasurer (serving second year of a two year term), and Cathy Crapet - Secretary. Arlene asked for nominations from the floor. As there were none, the nominations closed. Ronnie Jones made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Jim Maddox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The purchase of the trailer was discussed. Titles were exchanged and Jim Maddox was presented with payment. Terry Mathews will be responsible for the logo on the trailer.

Chip Yarbrough, By-laws Committee Chairman, was asked to have a report by the November meeting. The committee also consists of Jim Maddox, Sara Boehme, and Nick Klosowsky.

Arlene presented her President's awards to two dedicated members of the club. Presentations were made to Ronnie Jones and Jane Mantooth Lewis.

Holt Graham presented a model of the stanchions he will make to be used at the "World of Wheels" and other car shows. Chuck Lewis discussed the number we might need for the shows. Arlene appointed a committee which consists of Chuck Lewis, Chip Yarbrough, Arlene Johnson, Holt Graham, and Ronnie Jones to work on the "World of Wheels" display. The following members volunteered their cars for the show: Ronnie Jones, Holt Graham, Bob Yarbrough, and Paul Boehme. David Carter (2 cars) and Jim Lewis will enter independently.

Ronnie Jones suggested we get extra members to work the show to discuss MACC memberships. It was also suggested that we get a local dealer to sponsor a C6. It was explained that the Gold Class consists of street-driven cars and underneaths would not be judged. They are award eligible with no monetary prize.

Upcoming events were discussed. Please refer to the newsletter and e-mails for details on future events

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was followed by a visit to the haunted house.

Membership News by Sharon Mathews

Here we grow again!!!

Join me in welcoming the following new members:

Marty & Penny Wolfe
2135 Sprayberry Road
Pell City, Alabama 35125
Employer: Watkins Trucking
e-mail: lobo366@aol.com
Phone: 205-338-0258 home,
205-613-5819 work
1975 Black Coupe

Richard & Leigh Able
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Maylene, Alabama 35114
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Phone: 663-4378 home, 999-3607, 936-1267
1972 War Bonnet Yellow Convertible,
1972 Green Convertible

We welcome each of you and look forward to seeing you at all our events!! Last month I reported incorrect information on new members Jeff and Evie Williams. Jeff's correct email address is jawilliams@trane.com and they have a 2000 triple black convertible. Please add these corrections to your membership list.

We have a very smart new member who has paid dues for 2006. She plans to surprise her husband with this "Membership Gift" by presenting to him their MACC Corvette Club name tags. Can't mention the name yet...don't want to spoil the surprise.

Members, don't forget to give a call to someone you haven't seen in a while. Let them know we miss them.

Member Photos on Website

We have been steadily updating photos on the website; however, I know of many new cars in the club – as well as all you new members who don't have your pictures, or pictures of your cars shown on our site. Please help us get your and your car's photo on our website. If you have a picture please e-mail it to me at mathewssharon@yahoo.com If you don't have a picture available, just ask at the next meeting or cruise in, We will have a camera there and will get you a great photo.

Birthdates and Anniversaries

Many of you are still to advise me of your birth and anniversary dates. Be sure I have your information so your special days can be acknowledged. Just e-mail your dates to me at smathews13@bellsouth.net

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Cathy Crapet 27
Jo Ann Harris 31

Anniversaries

Michael & Cheryl Sadio 21
Bill & Evelyn Ringer 26



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

By Jim Willis

Corvette's Chief Engineer To Retire

General Motors Corp. officially announced Oct. 26 that David Hill, currently GM vehicle chief engineer (VCE) for Corvette and vehicle line executive (VLE) for performance cars, will retire effective Jan. 1, 2006 after more than 41 years of dedicated service.



Tom Wallace will replace Hill as vehicle line executive – performance cars and vehicle chief engineer for the Corvette. Additionally, he will assume responsibilities for compact rear-wheel-drive performance cars including Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky. Wallace currently is VLE for small/midsize trucks.

“David Hill has taken the Corvette to heights that few of us can imagine. In terms of performance, refinement and value, he has truly helped to make Corvette second to none. Dave is a true car guy who will take his rightful place among the legends of Corvette lore,” said Bob Lutz, General Motors vice chairman, global product development. For the complete release visit: www.corvettemuseum.com

American Le Mans Series Honors Champions

The American Le Mans Series saluted its champions as well as its manufacturers and teams on Oct. 23 in Monterey, Calif., on a "Night of Champions" to officially close out its season.

Trophies and awards were handed out, and all reflected on and agreed that the 2005 edition of the American Le Mans Series was the best and most competitive in its seven-year existence. Corvette Racing's Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta received a GT1 Championship award along with Ron Fellows who received the "Most Popular Driver" award. Champion Racing's Brad Kettler and Ray Gongla of Corvette Racing won Mechanic of the Year honors. The 2006 American Le



Mans Series season begins with the 54th annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 18 from Sebring International Raceway. It will kick off a 10-race schedule for the ALMS. For the complete release and additional photos click here: www.corvetteracing.com

Send Corvette Holiday Greetings This Christmas Season

You can send this year's holiday greetings with a touch of Corvette style!

A festive Christmas card is now available through the NCM's Corvette Store and boxed in quantities of 20 with a cheery greeting and holiday wish for your Corvette friends. While you are browsing through the online store, be sure to take a look at the gift ideas for everyone on your list. Newly added items include Corvette crystal ornaments, C6 Corvette Flash Caps, 1953 Corvette mugs and tote bags, and much more! Shop online and save the shipping fees before our "**free shipping**" offer runs out. Shop online at: <http://store.corvettemuseum.com> or call the NCM at: (800) 53-VETTE.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Club events/meetings are noted in bold print)

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| November 20th | MACC Meeting & Nomination of 2006 Officers
2:00 – 4:00 pm, Neighborhood Sports Grill, Trussville |
| December 2nd | Holiday Party, Inverness Country Club (contact Bob Moreno)
See attached flyer for more information. |
| December 3 rd | 8:00 AM Alabaster Christmas Parade
5:00 PM Springville Christmas Parade |

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH OTHER EVENTS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

**Next MACC Meeting
November 20th
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Neighborhood Sports Grill
205-655-1018
1423 Gadsden Hwy (Hwy 11)
Trussville, AL**

