



MACC “TRACKS” MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Mathews

Here we are....entering into a new government for our nation! But more important is that MACC is entering into a new government!!! I'm very pleased and honored to be your Club President for 2009. We have a great group of officers to help run the business of our club. I look forward to working with Paul Boehme as VP, Sara Boehme as Treasurer, Kathy Jones as Secretary, Terry & Toby Truett as Membership Chairs, Cathy Crapet and a host of others as social Chair, Fred Atkins as NCM Ambassador, Babs Lucas as Sunshine Chair, Joy Hopkins as Newsletter Editor, and Jeff Williams as Past President. And Oh Yes !!!! the most important position - the Members-At-Large. We will always be open to your ideas of how to make MACC the Best Club known. Our pledge to you – the members – is to see that our Club has FUN !

The outgoing officers of 2008 did a wonderful job and I hope you all will join me in applauding and thanking them for a job well done.

Enough about politics..... Let's have FUN ! As winter comes upon us, so do the parades and parties of the holidays. Several are already on the books – Please mark your calendars for...NOV 11, 1:30 pm is the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Birmingham, Contact Jim or Cindy Maddox for details. DEC 5 – THE ANNUAL MACC CHRISTMAS PARTY at Grayson Valley Country Club, Cathy Crapet is putting this together – watch your e-mails for details, DEC 13, 1:00 pm is the Argo Christmas Parade, Stacey Allen is working on this one. Also, this sounds like fun.....Ann Mask, Doyal Marks, Dennis and Joy Hopkins are putting together a holiday trip to Callaway Gardens to see the “Fantasy In Lights” display. I'm sure that we'll be getting invitations to more events as the holidays draw nigh.

If you hear of any car shows or events you think the membership would be interested in, don't be shy.....Throw out a e-mail and watch what happens !

Things will be GREAT at MACC and remember to “*Save the Wave !*” Until next time.....Terry Mathews

PS: As many of you know, Sharon is working in Jacksonville, FL for a while. Some of us went down last weekend to see her. She's doing great but getting a little homesick. She told us to send everyone her love and she misses ya'll a bunch! If you get the chance, send her an e-mail at mathewssharon@yahoo.com. She'd love to hear from you.

News from the MACC First Lady

Sharon Mathews

Quite some years ago Marti Garrett coined the phrase "First Lady", for the wife of our sitting MACC president. I'm not sure I can live up to Marti's legacy, or the standards she set, especially from my current work location of Jacksonville, Florida.

Rest assured, I will be back in the saddle before too much longer, and will try to make up for lost time, and be an asset to the club this year during Terry's presidency.

I miss each and every one of you...our friendship, our trips, our cars. Please keep me close to your heart and in your thoughts. Being away from home, and all of my friends and family, for this extended period is trying at best.

On a brighter note, I have rented a 3 bedroom house just a few miles from the beach. Sounds like a good trip for some Vettes, huh? Hint, Hint!

I hope each of you have a safe and happy holiday season, and may I request that you say a little prayer for your long, lost "First Lady".

Sharon Mathews

Sunshine News

Babs Lucas

Well - Well !!! October birthdays have zipped by and with sweet memories for:

Glenn Peters	Jim Maddox
Nick Klosowsky	Eddy Cardin
Thom Williamson	Donna Allen
Sue Fields	David Johnson
Basil Sloan	Mike Lavett

Mickey and Judy Gordon celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in October. This is Great!!

To let you know, there was as oversight for the month of July. Basil and Jo Sloan celebrated their first wedding anniversary. What a great union!

From all of us, cards were sent to Donna & Nick Klosowsky in memory of her dad, thinking of you to Jack Kemp, and get well wishes to Merv Torme.

For the month of November we are celebrating the following birthdays:

Debi Neil
Joe Amos
John Figert
Sara Pennington
Jim Appleton
Jim Coleman
Bob Yarbro
Ronnie Folds
Debby Porter
Cathy Crapet
JoAnn Harris



We are also celebrating the following Anniversaries:

Glenn & Allison Peters
John & Jeanne Promer
Dallas & Tessie Waid
Mark & Ann Davis
Bonny & Mary Mell Smith
Bill & Evelyn Ringler



Yes, this is the time to create those sweet memories!

May God help us to make good choices day by day.

Babs Lucas
Sunshine chair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Terry & Toby Truett

What's up fellow Vette friends. We are looking forward to another great year with all of you guys! Please feel free to contact us anytime with new information or corrections concerning your membership.

Membership Notes:



If you would like to be spotlighted as a member of the month just let me know. Otherwise, since most of you guys are timid, reserved, and shy I'll just pick someone.

If you want your picture updated or added to the web site just let Paul know.
Pboehme8464@yahoo.com

Dues

The 2009 dues are due. Please submit payment at the next meeting or you can mail to Sara Boehme at: 208 East Linwood Drive, Homewood, Al 35209. They are due on Nov 1 and late after Dec 31. \$50 if married and \$25 if single.

Closing Thoughts:

Two old guys where walking around at a car show looking at Corvettes when they bump into each other. The first old guy says "Sorry about that, I was just admiring these cars and looking for my wife, I guess I wasn't paying attention." The second old guy says, "That's ok, what a coincidence, I'm looking for my wife too." The first guy says, "What does she look like, maybe I can help find her." The second old guy says, "She is 27, tall, with blonde hair, blue eyes, long legs, big bust, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?" To which the first old guy says, "Doesn't matter, let's look for yours!"

Just a thought: at the next meeting, sit next to someone new, maybe someone you have seen for years, but don't really know. We have a large group and a lot of interesting people with many interesting stories.

If you have not made it to a meeting in a while, WE MISS YOU! Come join in all the fun and fellowship.

If Toby or I can ever be of an assistance to you or your family whether club or personal please do not hesitate to call on us.

God Bless!

Terry and Toby Truett
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Dennis & Joy Hopkins



Tell about your first Corvette:

Since the introduction of the Corvette, I had always wanted one from the time I was a mere kid in elementary school. In my junior year in High School, after drooling every week watching Buzz & Todd on Route 66 drive their new Corvette, all I could do was dream and picture myself behind that steering wheel. I finally found a 1954 Red Corvette. It had a white hardtop and it was a 6 cylinder with 3 side draft carburetors split exhaust manifolds and a power glide transmission. It would fly for a 6 cylinder, it was so light. I bought it for \$875.00. Never will I forget that car. It was the beginning of a lifelong love affair with an automobile. Since that car, I have owned over 50 Corvettes. C1's, C2's and a ton of C3's, a couple of C4's and several C5's and now a C6.

Presently we have a Widebody 2005 C6 and a '99 C5 Red Convertible with Z06 functional rear brake ducts and C6 polished wheels.



Finally our project car, a 1966 C2 Convertible, "The Crispy Critter", as it has been so appropriately named.



Why the Corvette is so Intriguing:

From the beginning, I always loved the look of these cars from the rear. I especially love the convertible with the radio antenna up and its little short rear end. To me, even today, nothing compares with a C2 Convertible with the top down. A Corvette of any year has always commanded respect where ever you drive it. Respect for what it is, in looks and performance. Doesn't matter the age group, the car will always remain timeless. There is something about being behind the wheel of a Corvette that makes driving a completely different experience.

About Us:

Joy and I met about 3 years ago after both of us had been single for many years. After chasing her for 3 solid years she finally agreed to be my bride. We were married last June.

My career was claims handling for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. After my retirement was secured, I left and started my own adjusting firm, handling primarily, heavy equipment claims, 18 Wheelers, and off Road Machinery. Joy has spent her life teaching school. She also knows my passion is Corvettes and has jumped right in and helped me with fiberglass repair, painting and cleaning. She has actually spread fiberglass resin and helped to align fenders on the "Crispy Critter". The "Crispy Critter" has been a huge undertaking for us. It has also helped to keep us close and we enjoy doing many things together. Someone asked the other day where we went on our honeymoon, we replied, we are still on it. Because a honeymoon is all we've ever had. Between us we have 6 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 schnauzer dogs. If I live to be 80, I sure hope I never lose the passionate love affair I've had through the years of a simple plastic car.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

There are many exciting plans in the works at the Museum. We are excited to announce that we have opened a fundraising campaign to support our plans for a 70-plus acre Educational Motorplex Park located across the interstate from the Museum at exit 28 in Bowling GREEN, KENTUCKY. The park will offer a 1/4-mile drag strip, autocross/skid pad area for competitive use and driver/skill, and a 1.5-mile road course. We invite you to find out more about our plans by visiting our website at www.corvettemuseum.org or by contacting our development office at 1-800 53-VETTE -ext 165.

MACC NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MEMBERS

Fred Atkins
Tony & Cathy Crapet
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Doyal Marks
Bill Ringle
Bob Stewart
Conrad Whitten
Dale Zimlich

Wade & Jennifer Banks
Ronnie & Cheryl Folds
Steve & Susie Hawk
Chuck Lewis
Terry & Sharon Mathews
Basil Sloan
Chris Touchton
Jeff & Evelyn Williams

Paul & Sara Boehme
Chris Gilliland
David & Arlene Johnson
Jane & Jocko Lewis
Billy & Debbie Porter

Terry & Toby Truett
Jim & Sherry Willis

C- 3 Corvette Trivia:

C-3 Corvette Trivia 1968 – 1982: The only outside difference between the 1971 and 1972 Corvette, is the appearance of the amber front turn signals and vertical chrome on the egg-crate side grills of the 1972 model.

Note from the Web Master:

Notice to all members, please be aware when sending a MACC ALL e-mail you should enter only MACC-ALL@MIDALCORVETTE.COM in the (To:) address box. Any other addresses you want to send the mail to should be entered into the (Cc:) or (Bc:) box. Thanks.

Upcoming Social Events

Cathy Crapet

Sunday, November 16

Monthly Meeting
2:00 Lunch
3:00 Meeting
Location to be announced



Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, December 5

Christmas Party
Grayson Valley Country Club
6:30 Social Hour
7:15 Dinner
Further details to follow

Saturday, December 6

Alabaster Christmas Parade
10:00
Details Soon

Saturday, December 13

Argo Christmas Parade

1:00

Call or e-mail Stacey Allen for further details

Parade News

The Club has been invited to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in Birmingham, on Veteran's Day (11/11/08). This is the largest Veteran's Day Parade in the nation, and one of the oldest. I am waiting for the organizers to let me know our 'position' and line up location. We usually eat lunch at Nicki's on Finley Boulevard prior to line up.

The Club will also have the Springville Christmas Parade which is the first Saturday night in December. (This is always an evening parade) Due to the fact that we will have a full day of parades that same day, we usually break somewhere in the day for a meal, and re group here in our front yard in Springville to re-decorate the Corvettes. As we hear more about these parades, we will put out a MACC-all.

Thanks,

Jim & Cindy Maddox

A Message from the Past President

Jeff Williams

This is a letter from Marynell Winslow that she wanted me to share with all MACC members:

MACC:

Thank you all for participating in our first annual Vettes for Vets fundraising event. All families associated with the Alabama Gold Star Families organization are grateful for your display of respect for our family members, and their sacrifice in serving. This is our first attempt at an event of this type, so please communicate your observations and suggestions to Jeff or Mark. We would like to make next year's event better, and know that we can learn from your experience. We hope to make this an annual event, each year for a military related fundraising effort with the beneficiaries to vary each year. Next year it would be great to have all of the money raised to go toward the Family Readiness programs in each of our local reserve centers. These officers support the family who remain home when a service person is deployed.

Again thanks so much, and know that your contributions to our organization and the effort to construct a memorial near the new National Cemetery will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Marynell Winslow

Also, if you don't mind, please use my personal email address for all club communications at macc_curby@yahoo.com Trane is getting more restrictive about non-business communications.

Thanks, guys!

Jeff Williams

Links of Interest:

www.vettegirltv.com

www.digitalcorvettes.com

