



SEPTEMBER, 2006

Editor's Note: This Vette Gazette is rather long, but I hope you enjoy.



FROM THE PREZ

Do you have an old friend or acquaintance that owns and loves Corvettes and would make a good club member? If so, give them a call this week and invite them to Tannehill for a good meal and our monthly club meeting.

We have such a good club with a lot of activity planned that will be so much fun for the remainder of 2006. Remember ----the more you put into something the greater your returns.

Arlene will be sending out an e-mail soon about Vettes For Pets. This will be our 5th year to support the St. Clair County Animal Shelter. In 2007 Arlene will be the Chairperson for the shelter. She has worked many hours for our club in the past two years and I hope we can give her our full support with Vettes For Pets. Arlene puts her heart and soul in any endeavor and she has devoted much of her time to the shelter. Go Arlene!!!!

Everything is shaping up for next years World of Wheels. We have formed a committee to handle the details and make a list of items needed for the display. If you have any ideas to help us raise money (car show, sponsor, etc.) please let me know. We need to start ASAP as February will be here in a flash. The display will feature Corvettes from C-1 through C-6. If you have a nice clean Vette and would like a chance to show it off then contact one of our show committee members. They are as follows: Terry Mathews, Paul Boehme, Nick Klosowsky, Ronnie Jones, Chris Touchton, Bob Yarbrow, Chuck Lewis and Hoke Graham.

We hope all club members will get involved and help work the show. You will see some beautiful automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, entertainment and friends you have not seen since High School. As a bonus you get to talk to people about the Corvettes on display and our club.

Did you know we now have 118 members with 96 Corvettes? WOW!!!

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| We have: | 1 - C1 | 14 - C4 |
| | 5 - C2 | 42 - C5 |
| | 29 - C3 | 5 - C6 |

When you trade Corvettes or buy a new one, tell our Newsletter Editor, Terry Mathews. You could share with us the story about acquiring your new Vette.

Let's have fun, fellowship, good things to eat and enjoy driving our #1 American sports car.

The Hokster

['Vettes For Pets 2006 – Pet Lovers Unite!!!](#)

This will be the fifth year MACC members participate in a small fundraiser called **'Vettes For Pets**. Arlene Johnson, who is also a Board Member and Volunteer for the Animal Shelter for Pell City, Inc. (ASPCI) organized this event in September of 2002. The events have included a poker run/BBQ, a drive-in movie night twice, and a dinner/meal winery tour twice. We're keeping it simple this year knowing everyone is busy and already enjoying the many MACC Corvette events on weekends.

Here's the plan – at the next club meeting (Sunday, September 17th at Tannehill).....please consider bringing a few donations of goods and/or funds to help the homeless animals at the shelter in Pell City. Your cash, checks (made out to ASPCI), and other donations are absolutely voluntary, most welcomed, and acknowledged via a tax deductible letter and thank you note. Plus, you can write off your mileage to the meeting for fundraising for ASPCI.



Here's the wish list from the shelter –

- **Purina** Kitten Chow or Puppy Chow
- Bleach / Pine Sol / Dawn Dish Detergent
- Paper Towels / Toilet Paper
- Used towels, dish cloths, wash cloths, blankets
- Garbage bags - all sizes
- Kitty Litter
- And cash donations are always welcomed!!!

WINGS & WHEELS Air & Car Show Sept 23 - 24

Joe Molina, who is organizing the Wheels show, gave me this info:

Show is at Shelby County Airport off I-65
Displays will be in hangars on south end
\$15 admission which includes 2 -\$12 show tickets
Request that cars remain until end of air show (3:30 ish)

Arrive 10:30 AM
21 Trophies awarded each day
Premier parking

Since MACC has the road rally on Sept. 23, we'll participate as a club only on Sept 24. Please RSVP me, cc: joe@hesco.us, if you plan to attend.

Airplanes and Vettes - Does it get any better? If you admire amazing flying skills, this is the show for you!.....Joe Neel

Membership News by SARA BOEHME

We want to welcome one family who joined our Corvette family in August.

Kent & Kathy Spraggins
Springville, Al
1980 White Coupe

Member Photos on Website

We have added lots of new pictures to our website, but are still missing a few of you. If yours is not on there yet, please either e-mail a picture of you and a separate one of your car to Paul or Chris or have one of them take your picture at a meeting or event.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on this month's list and is not, please e-mail me your dates so you will be included next time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

1 Jeff Williams
10 Hoke Graham
14 Ronnie Jones
17 Arlene Johnson
22 Bari Roseman
24 Chuck Lewis

CONGRATULATION ON SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

1 Paul & Sara Boehme
7 Billy & Babs Lucas
23 John & Katie Parker
23 Jeff & Evie Williams

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

*Sunday 9/17/06 1:00 pm
Furnace Restaurant
Tannehill State Park
McCalla, AL*

Y'all Come !!!!!!

The J & J road rally is a go !

If you have never been to a J & J road rally (Jocko & Jane) here's your chance.

What you need to know:
When: Saturday 9/23/06
Where: Start line, Hwy 280 (TBA)
Time: Drivers meeting 8:30am
First car off at 9am

Quick outline:

Cars will leave every 5 minutes following a map provided at the start.
(co-pilot recommended but not required)
This will take you to a half way point where you will receive another map taking you to the finish line.
Lunch will be provided by Dreamland BBQ.
Reservations are required, \$10.00 per person
Cut-off date 9/20/06

For additional information call Chris or Jocko

**It Was Tuff Duty, but somebody had to do it !!!!
Thanks to Merrill & Apple for representing MACC at the
HOOTER'S CAR SHOW
Congrats to Both for their Winnings.**



Sad News

The thoughts and prayers of our entire MACC Family go out to Rob and Fran Conrad, whose son – Robert Davis – died last month in a tragic accident while climbing Mt. Kenya in Africa. We love y'all.



MACC SUPPORTS St. Jude's with donations of nearly \$2,400.

The check will be presented along with others from the Corvette Forum and other Vette Clubs on Oct 9, 2006. The trip to Memphis will leave B'ham Oct 7. It will be a fun trip for a good cause. Contact Chris Touchton for more details.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM MACC MEMBERS

Vette Polish

There are lots of waxes and polishes on the market. I recently found an excellent polish at a good price. It is called Black Magic (Titanium). It is a synthetic liquid wax that has an exceptional high gloss. This product is easy to use and very reasonably priced. You can purchase it at Walmart or your local auto parts store.....Hoke

Resetting the Oil Life Monitor

After meticulously reading the owners manual 5 times and following the instructions I found out the manual is incorrect (at least for the '98). If you are having trouble resetting the monitor try this:

- 1) Turn the ignition on but do NOT start the engine.
- 2) Press the 'Reset' button to clear any messages showing.
- 3) Press the 'Trip' button until the screen reads 'Oil Life Remaining XX%'
- 4) Press and hold the 'Reset' button until it resets.
- 5) Turn the ignition off.

Hint: Set Trip B odometer to 0 at the same time so you will know how many miles you have been since the change. GM recommends changing between 7,500 and 10,000 miles or at least once a year.....Paul

DILLSBORO, NC will NEVER be the same

MACC LABOR DAY 2006 TRIP

The 2006 MACC-Attack weekend trip to the mountains around Dillsboro, NC was full of fun and adventure. Here are the highlights:

- Great whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River with our “all-wet” Mr. and Mrs. Vice President, Chris and Suzan Touchton.
- Driving the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway up into the clouds at Soco Gap behind our leaders Wayne and Donna Allen.
- Taming the Dragon at Deal’s Gap – Hwy. 129 (318 curves in 11 miles)
- Doing what we could to boost the local economy with a little gambling at Harrah’s Casino in Cherokee
- Jeff “Curby” Williams helping the city remodel curbs & sidewalks in downtown Dillsboro for all the tourists enjoyment
- Taking a scenic ride along the Tuckaseegee River to Bryson City on the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad with Paul and Sara Boehme snapping pictures of all the sights.
- Filling our tummies on terrific mountain trout, Black Angus steak and North Carolina Bar-B-Que.
- A few friendly games of Aggravation (Terry Mathews and Wayne Allen were the big winners)
- Delighting the children who got to pet our mascot, little Maltese “Tippie Torme”, with proud parents Merv and Bettie.
- Entertaining our new friend Rick from Boaz who is a friend of Jim and Cindy Maddox with all our goofy antics and engaging conversation. (Hopefully we didn’t scare him away for good).

It was a very enjoyable and memorable trip. One I’m sure we will try to repeat again in the future. Pictures will be posted soon for your enjoyment (ribbing and cajoling) in the events section of the website.....Sharon Mathews

Jeff Williams' version.....

As some of you may know, and all will hear at the next meeting (I am sure the new business will include a restriction on me not leading any cruises), I made an #*!@ out of myself.

The story starts out like this:

As we were heading out of Dillsboro, NC, to cruise the parkway on our way to give the Cherokee nation charitable donations, Wayne made a U-turn, and brought the Corvettes back through downtown. I was further back in the caravan, so I was able to pull over, and waited on the side of the street, for the leaders to pass, then make my U-turn.

Wayne and Donna passed me, then Terry and Sharon graciously stopped to let me in front of them.

I checked for traffic and pedestrians in both directions, then applied pressure to the accelerator pedal. I had the front tires in the locked position to the left, and was planning to make a quick u-turn. Well, it seems I had accidentally disabled the traction control earlier (that’s my story, and I am sticking to it!), and the rear of the car mysteriously kicked out a bit more than expected.

For some unknown reason, the city’s maintenance department had installed a completely unnecessary curb in front of the sidewalk, that was obviously put there to impair normal motor traffic, and cause damage to innocent, unsuspecting motorists (like myself).

Unfortunately, the aforementioned curb came in contact with the right rear tire and wheel of my car, and stopped what was to be a perfectly executed U-turn mid stride.

The club pulled over in a gravel lot a few blocks up, so I could inspect the damage from the unmerciful attack on my car from the curb. Fortunately, I found the tire to be in perfect condition, just a bit dirty. But for some odd reason, the clear coat and surface of the wheel was not successful in its defense of the unprovoked attack of the rock and tar of the curb. The wheel seemed to be crack-free, and somewhat pointed the correct direction. The alignment was obviously off. Terry inspected the wheel in operation, and saw no wobble. There was no vibration at all safe and legal highway speeds. Even the unsafe and illegal speeds that were only used for testing purposes. (once again, my story, and I'm sticking to it)

With much trepidation, we continued the trek. I fell in behind the rest of the Corvette train, and made my way to the Blue Ridge Parkway. As usual, the group stopped at every eating establishment and public restroom. Each stop brought a renewed level of confidence in the car, and my abilities to avoid future curb attacks. After passing more than a dozen curbs of all sizes, I feel that I can now confidently return to society. A few high-speed jaunts, and many lane-change maneuvers brought confidence in the construction of the car, and its ability to absorb the impact.

By the next day, when we went on the Tail of the Dragon, I was sure that there was no major damage. Every odd noise and vibration brought a small fear of the wheel falling off, and the car spinning out of control, but neither happened.

I delivered the car to the capable hands of Cahaba Tire this morning, and just heard that the only damage sustained was the cosmetic damage to the wheel. The suspension absorbed the impact of the curb, and the misalignment was due to the factory adjustable cams turning in their seat. The technician was able to turn the cam back, and return the rear wheel to factory alignment specs. OH JOY!!!

I guess the lesson learned here, is to always be aware of lurking curbs when performing tricky maneuvers such as U-turns.

Thanks to all who were along, for the support and understanding each and everyone gave. (And thanks for not laughing out loud or clapping when I stopped the car).

Be safe, Jeff



Merv, Bettie & Tippy (the Macc Mascot)

Teresa Boehme Wins Silver Medal In 2006 National Special Olympics

My daughter, Teresa Boehme, recently had the opportunity to participate in the first ever National Special Olympics in Ames, Iowa. The event was held on The University of Iowa campus. Teresa had to qualify at the state level in her home state of South Carolina in order to participate. She was also named "South Carolina Special Athlete of the Year for 2005".

South Carolina took 120 athletes to the Special Olympics Games, where over 3,500 total athletes from all 50 states competed in front of more than 25,000 spectators. Teresa participated in the 100m dash, 400m dash and 400m relay. She received the Silver Medal in the 400m relay and 4th place in the other two events. It was more incredible than can be described in writing to watch the enthusiasm and energy all the athletes exerted in performing their events. All the athletes and all the spectators were winners in my book.

Paul Boehme



WEB SITE UPDATE

The web site committee (Paul, Wayne and Chris) is just about finished with the first phase of changes to the website. We began by updating pictures of members and their cars in the Gallery Member section. We deleted links to our personal e-mail addresses that was found there also. Please let one of us know if any of your information is incorrect, or if you would like to furnish another picture. We are updating the calendar almost daily as events are planned. We have been updating pictures of past events as well in the Gallery Event section. A new password protected section has been created for members only. Please let one of us know if you are having a problem getting in. The most current Membership List and Occupation List are found there. We have also added last month's minutes for your convenience in case you missed the meeting or if you have a question about something that was discussed. We are trying to have these posted within 3 days after the meeting. The minutes will no longer be part of the newsletter as the newsletter will be more member oriented instead of business oriented. The newsletter will be in the non password protected section of the website. The club by-laws are also posted in the member's only section. Basically, we are trying to get away from having so many macc-all e-mails with large files attached every time something changes. We are hoping to make the web site a more useful tool for member's enjoyment and information.

2006 Calendar of Events

NOTE: EVENTS IN RED Have NEW UPDATED INFORMATION

September

17th

MACC Monthly Meeting, 1:00pm @ Tannehill State Park

17th

Vettes for Pets – Donations at the club meeting

23rd

J & J Road Rally

22 – 24

Vette Fest at Gatlinburg, TN, www.etcorvette.com

23 – 24

Wings & Wheels Air / Car Show, Shelby Co. Airport

October

7th – 9th

St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN

15th

MACC Monthly Meeting, Southern Museum Of Flight

21st – 22nd

Cruise to Mentone, AL (info to follow)

November

TBA

Cruise to Guntersville, Dinner at Top of the River

19th

MACC Monthly Meeting, location TBA

26th

Really Big Cruise on really Big Boat !

December

TBA

Local Parades

8th

MACC Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party, The Club