Hello again fellow Mississippi Corvette Club members and Corvette enthusiasts.

The pace picked up just a little this month, even with all the warm sunny weather. Outside of the monthly club meeting the only event we had for June was the trip to Landrum’s Country Village. Even though only five or six cars were in the caravan to Landrum’s Country Village everyone who went said it was a great trip even though it was quite hot. I regret that Mary and I had a commitment that we could not get out of to go, but hope enough liked it to go again when the weather is a little cooler. I have been somewhat out of the loop in Orlando, FL most of this month due to having to facilitate two workshops with my new job. I can tell now just how much I was enjoying being retired but I guess it was me who said yes when I was asked to come back out of retirement. I probably will not do that again if it ever comes up. Allison Neal is still working diligently putting together drives and events for the club, so do not hesitate to pass anything along to her to help set something up. Business picked up a little more in July. Allison Neal scheduled a great event for our 4th of July picnic and many of our members attended. We had a great time and discovered that Brown’s Landing is a well-kept secret. Betty Jo Johnson came to the picnic and told us what a good time she had at Vettes for Vets at the Talladega Motor Speedway. She indicated that she hit 140 mph on the track. Let’s not forget about our Corvette car tag. In the near future, we will be putting a committee together to design the tag so be thinking about what we want it to look like. I cannot wait until we get it approved and sell enough to be able to buy them. Larry Taylor just retired from both the Mississippi National Guard and his full time position with them so maybe we will see him and Wanda at some of our meetings and events now that he has all his weekdays and weekends free. Remember we are always open to any ideas anyone has for a weekend drive. Members are encouraged to give us ideas so we can see more of our great state. Please provide your information to the Allisons so they can begin working the logistics on them. We want to schedule what the members want to do. Don’t forget about our Vettes by the Lake All Corvette Show as it is just a little over two months away. We sure need to get out there and start lining up sponsors now for the event. I know I have talked to several who are working on both sponsors and items for the auction to benefit the Mississippi Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Allison has already gotten some donations of popular books signed by the authors for the auction. If everyone got just one thing just think how much we would have. We need all we can get for the auction. I know Robert Ellis is really working on it as we speak and has already contacted WLBT-TV3 for a spot
on the Mid Day News the week prior to the show. That really gets the word out quick. I will not be at the next meeting, at which Robert will preside, but until then keep on driving and smiling and save the wave.

Freddie Jones

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July

July 13  Cindy Kabelac
July 13  Allen Cothern
July 15  Bill McNease
July 17  Mary Virginia Traweek
July 23  Greg Haselhorst
July 24  Steve Begley

August

August 5  Sue Beth Shsusrtleff
August 12  Kathy Harris
August 16  Al Kabelac
August 24  Breck Cabell
August 28  Caryll Cothern
August 29  Linda Puckett
August 31  Pamela Gerity

- The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. - Lucille ball

- Sing a song of Birthdays
  Full of fun and cheer
  And may you keep on having them
  For many a happy year. - Anonymous
For many customers, a Corvette purchase is much more than just “buying a sports car” – it is a total, unique experience.

If the purchase involves a Z06 or ZR1 model, the customer upon delivery will immediately open the hood and locate the engine builder’s name, recognizing their new Corvette engine was hand assembled by a unique team at the Performance Build Center. In the back of their mind, they probably wish they could be at the center participating in the assembly of their engine. Starting today, they could do just that – participate in the assembly of their Z06 or ZR1 engine at the Performance Build Center.

A new option code PBC (Corvette Engine Build Experience) is available for ordering on all 2011 Z06 and ZR1 models. Selecting this code provides the customer the
opportunity to be directly involved in the assembly of the engine that will be installed in their respective Z06 or ZR1 model.

The MSRP of this option is $5800, and includes one night stay; meals and a driver who will transport the customer from a Detroit area hotel to the Performance Build Center for their engine build experience. Similar to the Corvette Museum option, the customer is responsible for costs associated with travel to and from the Detroit area.

Check out this YouTube video about the experience!

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Vettes for Vets

Submitted by Betty Jo Johnson

Vettes for Vets was an experience that you really have to do to understand the power and thrill of driving the corvette on a race track with the curves at Talladega. The organization of the laps around the track was well planned and the fun of all the people that were there with their corvettes made for a great day. When we were in line of only 15 per group and there was a guy behind me with a ZR1, I thought he believed he would not get to go very fast. When we finished the laps, I got to 140 on the back stretch and he got 162. We had to slow down because the pace car controlled the speed of each group and we could not pass the pace car or each other. There was space between each car. It was as safe as you can be if you are comfortable to drive your vet a high speed. The guy actually wanted to shake my hand and told me, "Lady you know how to drive that vet!"

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Welcome New Members

Rick Holmes

Jolly and Donna Mayfield

Luther and Barbie Haire
This month’s question: What Corvette model full year production had the “terrible distinction” of being the first Corvette to have an 85 mph speedometer (by Federal mandate)?

Enter the contest by answering the question and return your written response with your name, address, phone and email address (if available). Please indicate which prize you would prefer if chosen as a winner. Send to: email info@nationalcorvetteowners.com, (subject line NCOA Trivia), mail to NCOA Trivia, P O Box 215, Merrifield, VA 22116 or fax to (703) 533-1153, (subject NCOA Trivia). All responses must be received at NCOA by August 6th by 5:00 pm EST. Winners will be notified within one week of drawing. All winners will be mentioned in a future issue of For Vettes Only.

Upcoming Events

Mississippi Classic Cruisers (MCC) Open Cruise-In
Saturday, August 14, 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Renaissance @ Colony Park
Ridgeland, MS
Oldies music and lots of family fun!

Mississippi Corvette Club Annual Vettes by the Lake Car Show
September 11, 2010
Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS

MCC’s 7th Annual Scarecrow Cruise and Car Show
October 22-23, 2010
Madison, MS

Regular Club Meeting: August 5, 2010
Begin arriving: 6:30 PM
Meeting begins: 7:15 PM
Annie D’s Restaurant
Brandon, MS
The **1963-67 Corvette Stingray** is a beloved classic. It was actually a re-invention of America's sports car, as the 1953-62 car, though it evolved considerably was still the same old, tired early 1950s platform. The first Stingray offered independent suspension, fuel-injection, lighter weight and a more compact size to match its stunning looks.

1963 Corvette Stingray's split window was controversial then but treasured now.

Corvette offered its first coupe for 1963. Its styling was marked by a controversial split rear window. While the divided window looked cool, drivers complained of reduced visibility. It was dropped the next year.

2013 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Corvette Stingray, a perfect time for Chevrolet to introduce a new generation of the classic. The 2009 debut of a 50th Anniversary concept
Stingray hints at Chevrolet's intentions. Featured in the second Transformers movie, the concept shows serious allegiance to the original Corvette's styling.

Chevrolet has hit an out of the ballpark homerun with its neo classic Camaro that's outselling even the ever-popular Ford Mustang. It makes sense that executives would try this successful approach to the Corvette as well. While the last two gen 'Vettes have been the best engineered, best performing ever, their styling hasn't brought the drama they used to be known for. Based on this concept and the new Camaro, It appears that GM is finally getting it.

Motor Trend has announced that an inside source at GM is leaking Cheyv's plans for a new small block V-8 to power the next Corvette. It is said this engine will be rate at 440 HP from 5.5 liters. A leaner, cleaner, more powerful and efficient engine powering a neo classic Stingray? Bring it on!

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MCC Fourth of July Cookout

Hope everyone had a great 4th and good weekend.

We had a great time at the MS Corvette Club cookout on July 4, 2010, with a total of 26 participants.

When Kirby and I arrived Ralph, Sue Beth, Freddie and Mary were already at the pavilion. Ralph was worried that someone other than a club member was going to claim our “paid for” area, so he was there at 8 o’clock, not really, Sue Beth held him off until noon. Ralph brought his grill, fans and other items so that we could enjoy the cookout. I must say there was a breeze from the water that kept us cool too.

We had hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, corn salad, baked beans, mac and cheese, chips, dips and all the trimmings. Not to forget the desserts; cupcakes, flag cake, pound cake, brownies, cookies, pineapple. And, what would the 4th be without homemade ice cream and watermelon. Chocolate and Vanilla ice cream to be exact.

Some had not eaten lunch, so most of us helped ourselves to the chips/crackers and dip that Larry and Judy Parker brought before the cooking began. It was so good. Thanks for the appetizers.

Most everyone had arrived by 3:30 p.m. and we all enjoyed visiting and discussing past events and upcoming events.

I understand Robert and Shana had a little mishap in their vette, but think that’s going to work out just fine.
You should get Rita to tell you the story about the first time she heard John say a curse word. I’m still laughing about it, Rita. John and Rita supplied the most colorful paper goods in celebration of the 4th.

BJ was excited that she had driven the Talladega race track the day before. What a great experience for her and she had a lot of fun. I think she said she got her Vette to 140 mph on the track. If not, she got close to that. Knowing BJ, that was not fast enough!

Joan McNease brought some great homemade pickles, along with other items and the prettiest cupcakes. Bill McNease made friends with our special guest, MadDog, by feeding him a hot dog. MadDog is the friendly rescue canine of Allison and David Neal.

The cooking began about 4:30 p.m. and everyone was ready to eat by the time the burgers and hot dogs were done. Ralph did a good job on the cooking.

We had entertainment by Linda Henslee’s radio, and she took lots of pics. Linda, do not post those pics until I can critique, you know which one I’m talking about!

Jolly Mayfield joined us for a short while. Mike Bush and a few guests rowed up in his boat about 5:30 p.m. and joined us.

Allison did a great job getting things organized for us. She, David, Charlie and Elliott Marie, who was feeling better, experienced their first 4th celebration with the club. They brought a guest, Jim Bell, and hopefully new member.

It was just wonderful to have everyone together to enjoy the celebration of our countries independence. Let’s look forward to next year, maybe at the same place. Mike, we might make reservations for your boat in 2011.

Thanks to all who participated and all of the food was delicious.

P. S. The trash was picked up on Tuesday!

Article submitted by Janie Wilson
Photos submitted by Linda Henslee and Janie Wilson
Mississippi Corvette Club June, 2010 Treasurer’s Report

Period covering June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Submitted by: Linda Henslee, Treasurer

The cash balance at the beginning of this period: $3,324.06
The income deposits received during this period: $133.00
The cash balance at the end of this period: $2,682.98

Regular operational expenses that will be pending during the upcoming year are:

- Domain name Fee: Paid thru Sept. 2011; 3 year term paid in 2008 ($29.97/3 yrs)
- Hartford Insurance: Due in April /May: $350.00 (amount from last year)
- Fee for Web hosting: Approx. $108 due in Sept. 2010
- Mail Box annual fee: $40.00 due November 30, 2010.
- Other Regular Variable Expenses: Flowers as needed for member hospital stays or funerals,
- Postage, 4th of July party food and Christmas Party Food.

Expenses paid since the May report: $774.08

$600.00 to the Magnolia Speech Home
$43.83 to Monogram Express
$80.25 to Forget Me Not
$50.00 to Reservoir (renting of Brown’s Landing for July Fourth)

Income deposits received since the May, 2010 report: $133.00

We received $53.00 from the May meeting 50/50. We also received $80.00 in new membership dues payments.

The current paid membership totals as of June 30, 2010 are 46 paid memberships and 90 new members (this includes family members).

MCC 2010 Officers

Freddie Jones   President
Robert Ellis    Vice President
Laura Wilson   Secretary
Linda Henslee   Treasurer
Patty Saliba   Newsletter Editor
Beverly Franks   Membership Chairperson
Allison Neal    Activities Chairperson
Nathan Wilson   Webmaster
Monthly Member Profile

Each month we would like to profile different members of our club. This will help our newer members get to know everyone, and we can all learn something new about each other.

Please provide me with the following information and any photos you would like published as we profile our members:

- Name(s)
- City where you reside
- Occupation
- Model of Corvette(s)
- Hobbies/Interests

Please email the above information (as well as anything else you’d like to add) and any photos to me at pat1248@bellsouth.net

Patty