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NOTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

About 76 members and friends attended the club Christmas dinner/dance on Saturday, December 6th. Outgoing President, Sandy Tenney, introduced the club officers for 2003: Rick Hicklin, President, Curt Glover, Vice-President, Butch Beverly, Treasurer, and Jane Combs, Secretary. Rick Hicklin presented Sandy Tenney with a plaque and a gift from the club, in recognition of Sandy's many years of service as President. Rick displayed plaques which will be presented to Kyle and Mick Lemish at a later date, in recognition of their support of the club web site, and to Kyle specifically, for offering temporary meeting space to the club. Linda and Jim Carver were presented a gift of Corvette travel mugs, in recognition of their service to the club in 2002. Linda and Jim were almost always present at club events this year. Linda sold a seemingly endless supply of 50/50 tickets, and Jim grilled hot dogs enough to feed masses of hungry show enthusiasts. Jim was also responsible for many of the door prizes given away this year. The party was a big success – the snow melted enough for everyone to get to the Elks Club, the food was good, the DJ was excellent, and assisted by the electronic wizardry of karaoke, some members revealed various levels of previously hidden musical talent. (There are pictures and videotape of this evening, for our future enjoyment, or possible augmentation of the club treasury)☺ Thanks to Linda Derrer and Jim Carver for the great door prizes, which were given out in drawings throughout the evening.

Russell and Mary Schmidt, and their son, AJ, were expected at the Christmas party, but were unable to attend this year because of AJ's accident the day before, while sledding at Mary Baldwin College. After becoming airborne, AJ landed badly, and broke his femur. Following a long afternoon and evening of exams and ambulance rides, AJ eventually had surgery at UVA, involving an 8-inch plate on his leg, and a chest-to-toes body cast. Russ reports that AJ is doing as well as could be expected, given the restrictions of the body cast on an 11-yr-old boy. AJ will be examined again on Jan. 3rd, to determine what course of treatment will come next. Although there will be an

extended period of follow-up therapy, with possible further surgery, AJ's doctors predict that he will make a full recovery. (Just in time for the next go-cart season ☺)

A big thank-you to everyone who paid their 2003 dues and made reservations for the party. Check-in at this event was so much smoother (and those present noticed that Butch Beverly was first in line at the buffet, with a big smile on his face!) Thanks also to everyone who couldn't come to the party, for whatever reason, but paid their dues anyway. Also thanks to those few members who had made party reservations and had to cancel at the last minute – your phone calls saved the club \$\$\$ which will be used later for other activities.

2003 dues are due, and should be paid before or at the January meeting. Your check for \$30 can be mailed to Butch Beverly at 952 Frays Mountain Rd., Earlysville, VA 22936, or handed directly to Butch at the upcoming meeting on January 13, 2003. Following the January meeting, the 2003 club roster will be printed and distributed to paid members, after the membership list has been adjusted to reflect the actual current membership.

If you intend to participate in the **50th Anniversary events being held in Nashville and Bowling Green in 2003**, it is not too early to reserve your rooms and purchase your tickets to the events. Tickets purchased now for both events will be refundable until May of 2003, in case your plans must be changed. Some members have already registered for these events, and would like to have a list of members attending published in the newsletter. If you are planning to go, please notify Jane Combs at (540) 943-5655, combsl@ntelos.net **(In connection with this event, several members expressed interest in traveling with the Mid-Atlantic Caravan from Dick Myers Chevrolet to Roanoke, and attending the evening activities there. The caravan captains have indicated that BRCC members are welcome to travel with the Caravan to Roanoke and attend the reception/dinner at the Transportation Museum and the outdoor party afterwards and even book a room and stay over for the morning parade if they want to do that too. There will be a fee of \$20/ person. More details about this “Local Option” will be available later)**

Possible restaurants for upcoming club dinners were discussed. Members are encouraged to check out restaurants in their home area for possible club use. Look for adequate seating, preferably with a separate room, and sufficient secure parking with a good entrance. If you know of a good place, bring or send your suggestion to a meeting soon, or speak to a club officer. **Other possible activities** suggested previously, and discussed at the Christmas party included an overnight trip to Peaks of Otter, Lime Kiln Theatre, and Luray Caverns. There is also interest in some type of rally event, which could end at a picnic location, or a restaurant.

2003 EVENT CALENDAR

Jan.13 (Mon) Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Eaver's Classic Car Museum, I-81 Exit 217, Mint Spring, VA

Jan.19 (Sun)

Lunch at The Depot Restaurant in Staunton, 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call Rick Hicklin (540) 248-1748

Jan.31-Feb 1

Car Show at Augusta Expo, Fishersville, featuring dragsters, coupes, roadsters, new car dealers, used cars, trucks, motorcycles
Used speed parts, parts for antique & classic cars
Live bands, karaoke, car auction, trophies, food and drink available
(No time was given on the flyer, and there is a discrepancy in the dates, check this calendar next month for more complete details)

CLUB OFFICERS

Rick Hicklin, President (540) 248-1748 / alanaw@intelos.net
Curt Glover, Vice-President (540) 828-3795 / curt.glover@mcquay.com
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Blue Ridge Corvette Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Eavers' Classic Car Museum, I-81 Exit 217, Mint Spring, VA