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### NOTES FROM MARCH MEETING

**25 members attended the regular club meeting on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** President, Rick Hicklin conducted the meeting. Vice-President, Curt Glover, was present. Butch Beverly, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report, and Jane Combs read the minutes of the February meeting, which were approved.

New members have joined this month:

**Dr. Jeffrey Hodges** – 2003 Red Convertible, 1981 White Coupe  
**Jason Hodges** – 2001 Yellow Coupe  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

**Jim & Donna Cash** – 1982 Silver Green Coupe  
New Hope, VA 24469

Our club has been invited by Star City Corvette Club to attend a **cruise-in at Fast Freddie's in Roanoke**. Further details will be in the May newsletter.

The club will again be attending the **Horton Winery Pig Roast**, in July.

**Members were reminded to bring non-perishable food contributions for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to regular meetings. The donations will be collected and delivered to the food bank.**

Help was requested with initiating and maintaining **announcements of club meetings in the community events sections of newspapers** in our club area. John Bottemiller agreed to be the contact for Waynesboro, B. Martin, Charlottesville, Karen Parmenter, Harrisonburg. Jane Combs will continue to be the Staunton contact.

Various types of **parts discounts** are being offered to club members at some dealerships in Waynesboro, Staunton, and Elkton. It is recommended that members verify the type and amount of the discount, and comparison shop prior to making a purchase.

The **lighted display case for Corvette memorabilia** has been purchased and set up in the Eavers Museum. Be sure to check it out next time you come to the Museum for a meeting or an event. Think about what kinds of things you would like to see in this display, and bring your ideas to a meeting. Sandy Tenney will be coordinating the set-up and rotation of the displays.

If you are interested in ordering **club logo shirts or hats**, contact Elaine Cummins. Elaine suggests that you first consult the company website at [www.queensboro.com](http://www.queensboro.com) to learn about sizes, colors, and styles. If you do not have internet access, you can call Elaine directly and she will help you with your order.(540) 885-3009

Jane Combs reviewed the “local option” for the **2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan**. Jane re-emphasized that if members are planning to go all the way to Nashville with the Caravan, they should be making reservations now, at the [nationalcorvettecaravan.com](http://nationalcorvettecaravan.com) website and also at the [corvette50th.com](http://corvette50th.com) website. Both websites have links to the other, and include important information about events, hotel accommodations, etc. Locally, our meeting place has been changed to Eavers Classic Car Museum (the location of regular meetings) The departure time will be moved up to accommodate an arrival time in Roanoke of about 1:30.

**The Peaks of Otter Cruise** will gather at our regular club meeting place at 12:00 noon on April 12. We expect to leave by 1:00. Those who wish to may purchase a light lunch. Remember that you can also buy gas at Eavers, in case you need to fill up before we leave. Check-In at is at 3:00 p.m., and our dinner reservation is for 6:00 p.m.

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**Since several of our upcoming events involve traveling in a group, particularly the caravan to Roanoke and/or Nashville & Bowling Green, it is probably a good idea to review caravan safety tips and manners. Taken from the Mid-Atlantic Caravan website, and adapted for our club situations, the following are good suggestions for how to have a successful caravan:**

#### **TIPS FOR DRIVING IN A CARAVAN**

- **10:** BE COURTEOUS – people will judge Corvette owners in general, and our club as well, by the way we behave on public roads.
- **9:** A club cruise is not a 'cannonball' race. Obey the laws. The caravan leaders should attempt to do the posted speed limit, NO FASTER / NO SLOWER. The way that you choose to drive your car when you are alone may be entirely different from the way you should drive in a caravan.

- **8:** If someone has a breakdown or other problem, everyone stops. (This is different from the National Caravan guidelines, which recommend that you pair up with a caravan buddy – the National Caravan can only stop at designated caravan destinations)
- **7:** Event Coordinators are not responsible for your actions, so please don't forget to be courteous and follow the rules of the road.
- **6:** When traveling on interstate, please let other cars into the line if they must. Allow other cars to merge into the right lane. This is especially true at exits.
- **5:** You may wish to drive with your DRL or fog lights ON while in the caravan. Caravan Leaders will have theirs on for safety.
- **4:** [FRS](#) radios will be used for announcements by the Leaders while the caravan is mobile. You are encouraged to join in & use [Family Radio Service](#). Be sure to announce the channel and code, if necessary before beginning your cruise.
- **3:** On four-lane highways, i.e. I-81 and I-64, stay in the same lane as the Caravan Leader and use the other to pass only and to let other traffic go by. Remember that truckers are out there on the highway to earn a living - so make sure to leave one lane open at all times.
- **2:** Caravans have a tendency to "rubber band". Sometimes cars in front will go faster or slower and use the brakes more. Cars in the rear will have a difficult time keeping up or have to slam on brakes a lot. Be alert to this phenomenon; leave enough space between cars to avoid a rear-end collision or front-end damage from small rocks or road debris which might be thrown up by the car ahead of you.
- **1:** BE COURTEOUS.

### **FOR SALE**

'92 Coupe, Maroon, both tops, Z-07 package, 6-speed, 53,000 miles  
\$19,000 / Don Stanley (540) 886-6426, Home or 430-1300, Cell

Four 1964 Corvette wheel covers, Amy & Eddie Rycroft, (540) 885-5186

Two K&N air filters for C-5, \$50.00 each, Lynn Combs (540) 943-5655

### **2003 EVENT CALENDAR**

**Apr. 12-13(Sat.,Sun)** Overnight cruise to Peaks of Otter.

**Apr. 14 (Mon)** Regular club meeting, Eavers Classic Car Museum

**May 12 (Mon)** Regular club meeting, Eavers Classic Car Museum

**May 17 (Sat)** Cruise-In at Fast Freddie's in Roanoke with Star City Corvettes  
(Tentative date)

**Jun. 21 (Sat.)** Dick Myers' Corvette Show, Elkton

**Jun. 25-26 (Wed,Th)** Mid-Atlantic Caravan arrives in Mint Spring en route to the Corvette 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Nashville and Bowling Green. Overnight in Roanoke for official caravan kickoff on Thursday.

**July 12 (Sat)** Horton Winery Pig Roast

**July 20 (Sun)** Autocross with Blue Ridge Region of SCCA. Part of the Commonwealth Games athletic competitions hosted by Staunton, VA. (This location is still tentative)

**Aug. 22-24 (Fri-Sun)** Corvettes at Carlisle

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For an extensive listing of car shows, cruise-ins, in and around Virginia, check out: [www.carclubcouncil.com](http://www.carclubcouncil.com) A list is being compiled from this website, and other sources, which will be distributed at upcoming meetings and events.

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**CLUB OFFICERS**

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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**