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### SEPTEMBER, 2003

It's that time of year again, to be thinking about election of club officers. In our club this is not a competitive process. Those who are willing to serve are more than welcome to submit their name for nomination. The current officers have all served multiple years. If you have thought about holding an office in our club, or would be willing to consider doing so, now is the time to offer your name for nomination. Nominations for Officers for the upcoming year will be received and confirmed in September and October. The election of officers will take place at the November meeting, and the new officers will be installed at the December meeting/Christmas party

About a week before Christmas, in December, 2000, I began preparing the first of these newsletters, and teaching myself how to use ACCESS software to prepare a database for our club membership information. Thank you for the help and encouragement given to my efforts, and your patience when I made mistakes. In December, 2003, I will have published our monthly newsletter for three full years, with the additional duties of Secretary added for the last two years. It is time for me to take a break. I will NOT be the nominee for Secretary and Newsletter Editor in 2004. I am making this announcement now, in order to have time to work with my replacement(s) to assure a smooth transition at the end of this year.

Jane Combs

### NOTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

**30 members and guests** attended the regular club meeting on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. **New members** approved at the meeting are: William and Julie Fitzgerald of Stuarts Draft, Art & Kathy Rottenborn of Fishersville, Bob & Dorothy Prince of Palmyra, and Shane & Jennifer Ayers of Staunton.

**All members please check your roster listing** to see if the information is correct. Lots of things can cause your listing to change: 911 renumbering, area code change, trading/adding a Vette. (Sometimes the secretary just gets it wrong :) Don't assume your information is correct. Now is the time to make those corrections. Several members have requested that cell phone #s be added to the roster. If you would like your cell phone number in your roster listing, be sure to tell Jane Combs. **If you want your name and contact information to be included in the 2004 club roster, be sure to pay your dues by December 1, 2003.** The roster will be printed in time for distribution at the Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded to bring non-perishable food contributions for the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank** to regular meetings.

The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt** is still available at Cracker Barrel, for \$14.95, or on the Corvette Museum website for \$16.95 plus shipping.

If you have not purchased one of the **new club nametags**, now is a great time to do that, too. Contact Butch Beverly at home at (434) 973-4279, by email at [Bbeverly@albemarle.org](mailto:Bbeverly@albemarle.org), or by U.S. Mail at 952 Frays Mountain Road, Earlysville, VA 22936. Be sure to include the exact spelling of your name as you wish it to appear on the nametag. The fee is \$5.00 per nametag. These new nametags have the magnetic fasteners that won't pick your clothes.

The **display case** for club memorabilia has been set up in the Museum, and members are invited to bring items to show. Contact Sandy Tenney about adding or removing items.

Regarding **Corvettes at Carlisle, August 22-24**, the club has again rented spaces L53 & 54. There will be a 15% commission to the club for the sale of parts, and a flat fee of \$100 for the sale of a Corvette from the space. Ledford Carpenter and Nancy Fisher will transport the canopy to Carlisle, set it up on Friday morning, and leave it there until they come home on Saturday afternoon. In order to have shade at the club space through Sunday afternoon, someone else will need to agree to take down the canopy on Sunday afternoon and bring it back. If you are willing to transport the canopy home from Carlisle, please contact Rick Hicklin at (540) 949-4924 (wk) or (540) 248-1748 (hm). **Ledford and Nancy will also transport parts you may not be able to get into your Vette. Contact Ledford or Nancy directly to make arrangements. If you will be selling parts at the club space, you will need to have your part listed on a form (one is attached to this newsletter). Fill in your name, a complete description of your part(s), your asking price, and the lowest price you would be willing to take for the part. If you need more than one sheet, make copies. Ledford and Nancy will also have copies of the form. IMPORTANT: Ledford and Nancy are coming home on Saturday. Big parts and the canopy for shade will have to leave with them, unless another member agrees to be responsible for transporting those items on Sunday.**

Thanks to the members who brought **8 Corvettes to Baldwin Park on July 19<sup>th</sup>**. The “show” was lightly attended, but the few residents who did come out seemed to enjoy our presence.

After years of picking up the mail from the club p.o.box in Stuarts Draft, and delivering it to the meetings, or directly to the President, **our favorite “mail man”, Harry Holtz, is “retiring”**. Terry Marshall has agreed to take over the mail pickup job. Thanks Harry for your help, and thanks Terry for taking over an important job.

**A big “Thank You” to Guy & Judy Eavers who have provided the club with a video and photographs of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan.**

**The following events are not scheduled as “club” events, but may be of interest:**

**A Corvette Forum cruise to Biltmore Estate, in Asheville, NC, November 7, 8 & 9.** At that time of year the house will be decorated for the holiday season. The preliminary agenda for the weekend includes: Friday, lunch at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon cruise along the Blue Ridge Parkway, ending the day with dinner together at a local restaurant / Saturday, Breakfast at Biltmore Estate Inn, a brief driving tour of the estate, return to special parking in front of the main house for tours of house and grounds, and lunch, caravan together to dinner / Sunday, breakfast at Biltmore Estate Inn. The phone # for hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn is 1-828-255-9220. Be sure to mention that you want the Corvette Caravan Rate for November. The rate is supposed to be \$69, instead of the usual rate of \$119. If there are problems, ask for Randy. Best Western has been added as another source of rooms, at 1-888-230-1228. Both of these hotels are on Tunnel Road in Asheville. This event has recently expanded to three days, but is apparently intended to be a come- whenever-you-can-get-here kind of event. For Biltmore tickets, call 1-800-543-2961 and be sure to say that you are with the Corvette Caravan coming in November, and that you are supposed to get a year-round pass for \$46. Even if you do not plan to return to Biltmore within a year, this is less expensive than adding a second day to the one-day ticket rate. Check out the various types of tours available at the Biltmore House at [www.Biltmore.com](http://www.Biltmore.com) You can follow the commentary on this event at [www.corvetteforum.com](http://www.corvetteforum.com) under EVENTS / EVENT FORUMS / SOUTHEAST. The catered dinner scheduled for Saturday night, as shown on the menu selection heading, is very expensive (\$40/person!!). It has been suggested that the BRCC members might wish to make their own choice of restaurant and eat dinner together as a group.

**Bedford Cruise-In Nite**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, April – October, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Rt. 460 East of Bedford, beside Wal-Mart, and behind McDonald's. Sponsored by Frank's Pizza & Subs, Bedford Volunteer Fire Department, and Bedford Motors. 50/50 raffle.

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Car Club of America Show at Piedmont Community College, Charlottesville.** September 14. Cars must be on the field for judging by 11:00 a.m. Classes for stock Corvettes are '53-'67 and '68 – '78. This is on the same day as the club trip to Luray Caverns, but may be of special interest to members with older Vettes. For more information about this show, contact Butch Beverly.

**The NCCC Convention in Hagerstown** will take place during the week of August 18 – 22, immediately preceding Corvettes at Carlisle. For more information about this event, check out NCCC.org. The Cummins are members of this organization, and have attended the convention, which they highly recommend.

If you aren't going to Carlisle, you might want to drop by Eavers Classic Car Museum on Saturday evening for "**Small Town Saturday Night**", a repeat of last year's popular event.

### **FOR SALE**

2 tires for an '84, with half tread, 255/50-16  
\$25/each, Dwight Cason, (540) 886-7737



**IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER OR OTHER QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
MAKE SURE AN EVENT IS STILL BEING HELD BEFORE LEAVING HOME. SCHEDULE**

**CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS OF CLUB EVENTS ARE EMAILED TO ALL ON-LINE CLUB MEMBERS AND POSTED ON THE MESSAGE BOARD OF THE CLUB WEBSITE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, USE YOUR CLUB ROSTER TO FIND A MEMBER WHO DOES, AND CALL BEFORE YOU GO.**

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### **2003 EVENT CALENDAR**

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

**Aug. 22 (Fri)** Bar-B-Q Ranch Cruise-In, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Aug. 23 (Sat)** Eavers' "Small Town Saturday Night", music, food, cars,

**Aug. 30 (Sat) Cruise-In at Fast Freddy's with Star City Corvettes** – meet at the Afton Mtn. parking lot at 12:45 p.m., for a leisurely drive down the Blue Ridge Parkway, or at Eavers in Mint Spring at 2:00 to travel on I-81.

**Aug. 31 (Sun) Wright's Cruise-In, Staunton** 5:00 – 7:30 (come earlier for good parking spots)

**Sept. 1 (Mon)** Labor Day

**Sept. 11 (Thurs)** Four-Star Pizza in Waynesboro, Commemorative event, Corvettes invited to show.

**Sept. 8 (Mon) Regular Club Meeting**, Eavers Classic Car Museum, Mint Spring, 7:00 p.m.

**Sept. 14 (Sun) Luray Caverns tour, buffet lunch at Mimslyn Inn** Meet to caravan at Elkton Fire Station at 12:45. Groups of 20 or more have reduced admission at the Caverns (\$10.50 instead of \$17.00) The lunch buffet at the Mimslyn Inn is \$12.95 / person + \$1.00 for your drink + tax & gratuity.

**Sept. 14 (Sun)** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual AACA Antique/ Classic Car Show at Piedmont Community College, special classes for stock Vettes: 53-67 and 68-78. Cars must be on the field by 11:00 for judging. For more information, contact Butch Beverly.

**Sept. 14 (Sun)** Autocross at Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Drivers arrive at 8:30, spectators by about 11:00., For more information, contact Lynn Combs

**Sept. 20 (Sat)** Orange County Cruisers

**Sept. 21 (Sun) Eavers' Cruise-In, 1:00 – 5:00**, Food, music, 50/50, door prizes. Free admission. Co-sponsored by our club. Members will be needed for cooking & food sales, registration, parking, 50/50 drawing and museum security. Our club will also be responsible for obtaining the door prizes. Star City Corvette Club has been invited to this event.

**Sept. 26-28 (Fri-Sun)** Corvettes in the Queen City, City Chevrolet & Queen City Corvette Club, Charlotte, NC, Scenic tours of Charlotte, Behind-the-scene tours at Dale Earnhardt, Inc., & Hendrick Motorsports, Banquet with guest speakers Andy Pilgrim & Jim Perkins Info: (704) 849-2218 / [oneowner6901@carolina.rr.com](mailto:oneowner6901@carolina.rr.com) or [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com)

**For an extensive listing of car shows, cruise-ins, in and around Virginia, check out: [www.carclubcouncil.com](http://www.carclubcouncil.com)**

### **CLUB OFFICERS**

**Rick Hicklin**, President (540) 248-1748

**Curt Glover**, Vice-President (540) 828-3795

**Butch Beverly**, Treasurer (434) 973-4279

**Jane Combs**, Secretary (540) 943-5655 / [combsl@ntelos.net](mailto:combsl@ntelos.net)

**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**

**BLUE RIDGE CORVETTE CLUB**  
**CORVETTES AT CARLISLE**  
**PARTS SALES FORM**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF PART(S):**

**ASKING PRICE:**

**LOWEST ACCEPTABLE PRICE:**