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In the last newsletter, I announced that I would not be a candidate for the Secretary/Newsletter position in the coming year. I have received several eloquent pleas to stay on as Secretary, and six club members have volunteered to lighten the Secretary/Newsletter job by taking on some of the routine duties. I am grateful to those members, and will appreciate their help. I have agreed to stay on for one more year, if necessary. I will not continue to be Secretary or Newsletter Editor beyond 2004. If you read my announcement last month, and were moved to consider the Secretary and/or Newsletter position, please go ahead and submit your name in nomination. I will be more than happy to step down, and I will assist my replacement in getting up to speed with the Secretary/Newsletter duties. The two jobs can be separated, if necessary. If you are interested, but want to know what is involved in these jobs, please call or email me for the details. (540) 943-5655 or combsl@ntelos.net

Jane Combs

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

28 members and guests attended the regular club meeting on Monday, September 8th.

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. **The 2004 club roster will include members who have paid 2004 dues, and changes and updates received by December 1, 2003.**

Members were reminded to bring non-perishable food contributions for the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank** to regular meetings. Dave Cummins took the current stash to deliver to the Food Bank.

Congratulations to Ledford Carpenter, who won a prize package in the Corvette Summer Second Chance Sweepstakes from the Virginia Lottery. Ledford's prizes included a leather jacket, a clock, a pair of polo shirts, a sports watch, and other 50th Anniversary items.

Several club members have agreed to take on part of the clerical work of running our club. Curt Glover will do the database maintenance. B. & Joyce Martin will assemble and mail new member packets and send condolence/congratulation/thank you cards to members. John Bottemiller, Rick Hicklin, Jim & Linda Carver, and Les & Barbara Ramsey will be preparing the newsletters for mailing.

Nominations are still open for **club officers for 2004**. A **three-member nomination committee** is receiving nominations for all offices from any club member in good standing (2003 dues paid). The members of the nomination committee are:

Linda Carver
(540) 946-8255

151 Pheasant Run
Waynesboro, VA 22980

George Hooper
(434) 286-3503

(434) 286-2521 (wk)
Hooper5Inc@hotmail.com

Michael Derrer
(540) 433-3367

lddml350@aol.com

Notice that only one mailing address is included in the above listings. If you wish to make a nomination by U. S. Mail, please send it to Linda Carver. Nominations may be made by phone to any of the three members, (before 9:00 p.m.), or by email to George Hooper or Michael Derrer. **Nominations, in whatever form, must be received by October 1st**. The committee will then contact each person nominated to verify that he or she will be willing to serve if elected. At the October 13th meeting, and in the subsequent newsletter, the nominees will be announced, and a ballot will be distributed. There will be one vote per membership. (Remember that spouses are also members now) Ballots must be returned by mail, to the address on the ballot, or directly at the November 11th meeting. (Make sure to allow sufficient time for mailing-only ballots received by the November 11 meeting will be counted) At the November 11th meeting, the committee will count all the ballots and announce the 2004 club officers. Those officers will be introduced at the Christmas dinner on December 6th.

Volunteers are still needed for the Eavers Cruise-In on the 21st of September. Phone Rick Hicklin at (540) 949-4924 (wk) or 248-1748 (hm) B. Martin and Les Ramsey will be cooking hot dogs. Linda Carver will be selling 50/50 tickets. Jim Carver is collecting door prizes. Mary Faye Cason is working registration. Dwight Cason is helping with parking. Sandy Tenney will be helping with parking and traffic control. If you raised your hand at the meeting, and do not see your name here, then the Secretary missed it – sorry ☹ Please contact Rick and show up at Eavers on the 21st prepared to help. All workers should try to be there by 12:00. This would be a good event for all of us to wear our 50th Anniversary T-shirts, and our nametags, so that everyone can see we're part of the same group.

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. Hampton Inn - 1-828-255-9220 - \$69 Corvette Forum Rate. Best Western - 1-888-230-1228 -\$49 This event has recently expanded to three days, but is apparently intended to be a come-whenever-you-can-get-here kind of event. Biltmore tickets - 1-800-543-2961 - get a year-round pass for \$46, mailed to you at no additional charge. The reason for ordering

passes in advance is to avoid waiting in line at the Biltmore. 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 While you are at the Biltmore website, click on "Request a Visit Planner". The planner is free, has great color pictures, and lots of information to help you make the best use of your time there. There is a website set up specifically for this event at www.biltmorecruise.com - there is an itinerary, details on the Saturday evening dinner party, list of those attending (if you are going, add your name)

Jane Combs brought information about a **Corvette 50th Anniversary Plaque**. If you have internet access, check it out at www.CreativeCarvingsUSA.com . The listed price is \$99.95, but a purchase of ten or more will get us a discount of 10%. If we don't have 10 orders, we can combine the ones we have with Star City Corvette Club to get the discount. If you would like to see this plaque, go to the Eavers Cruise-In on Sept. 21st, and look for Col. Dave Lofgren. Dave is a member of Star City club, will be driving a Nassau Blue Coupe, and has promised to bring his plaque so those interested may see it before they buy.

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

Sept. 20(Sat) Orange County Cruise-In Caravan from the Waynesboro Outlet Mall at 2:45, and the 5th Street entrance ramp to I-64 in Charlottesville at 3:45. Rain cancels this trip. For more information, call Linda Carver at (540) 946-8255

Sept. 21 (Sun)Eavers' Cruise-In, 1:00 – 5:00, Food, music, 50/50, door prizes. People's choice voting. Free admission. Co-sponsored by our club. Star City Corvette Club has been invited to this event. More info on volunteers needed in this newsletter.

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 or www.queencitycorvette.com

Oct. 10(Fri) Homecoming, Buffalo Gap High School For several years, our club has provided convertibles for the Homecoming Court presentation. If you have a convertible or a coupe, and would be willing to transport a member of the Court around the football field at their homecoming celebration, please call Sandy Tenney for details at (540) 886-2433

Oct.11 (Sat) 3rd Annual Nostalgia Drags at Eastside Speedway – big name “old-timers” at this event, plus a chance to run your own car. Admission \$15.00/person includes drag races, pit pass, car show. Extra fee for money class drag races. For more information call (540) 337-1234 or 234-0074 Our members have participated in this event in past years – it’s a fun time for spectators and racers!

Oct. 12 (Sun) Club picnic at Wildwood Park, Bridgewater, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., covered dish, club will supply condiments, utensils, plates, cups, bring your own drinks. Rain or shine. Meet at Morningstar (formerly Shenandoah’s Pride) at traffic light on Rt. 11 in Mt. Crawford, at 1:15 (If you are coming by I-81, get off at Exit 240)

Nov. 7,8,9 (Fri,Sat,Sun) Biltmore cruise

Dec. 6 (Sat) Club Christmas party at Waynesboro Elks Club

For an extensive listing of car shows, cruise-ins, in and around Virginia, check out: 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

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

IMPORTANT

Plans for our annual Christmas Dinner /Dance will be finalized next month. Last year's first-time event at the Elks Club was a success. A commitment has been made to hold this year's party there on December 6, 2003. There will be a DJ, great food, and drawings for various prizes. The party is free for club members. As always, in order to be eligible to attend, your dues for the upcoming year (2004) must be current. This year it will be necessary to have your 2004 dues and RSVP for the party to Butch Beverly, 952 Frays Mountain Road, Earlysville, VA 22936, no later than November 24th. This will ensure that the Elks Club staff will have sufficient food prepared for everyone, and that Butch and Peggy will be able to enjoy the party along with the rest of the club, instead of collecting dues.

Starting this month, a 2004 membership list and party RSVP status will be provided, and will be updated each month. Please check to be sure that your information is correct. We look forward to seeing everyone at the party, and the 2004 events. New members who joined late in 2003, and received blue membership cards that have 2004 listed as the membership year are already qualified to attend the Christmas party. You just need to let Butch know you are coming.

Blue Ridge Corvette Club 2004 Membership

***Denotes members who have made Christmas Party reservations**

Rick & Alana Hicklin*
Butch & Peggy Beverly*
Lynn & Jane Combs*
Bob & Karen Parmenter*
Sandy & Harmony Tenney*
Virgil & Mary Faye Cason
Don & Carol Turner
Shane & Jennifer Ayers
Petie Eavers
J. R. & Julie Fitzgerald
Roger Moran
Robert & Dorothy Prince
Art & Kathy Rottenborn