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IMPORTANT!! We have had reports of corvettes being stolen in the Staunton area. Please be cautious when you are out. The reports are that they are being put up onto a rollback wrecker and taken in that manner. If at all possible park your car where you can see it. Another possible way for a car to be stolen is for the thief to write down your VIN and take it into a dealership and tell them that they have lost their keys. If they manage to get a set of keys to your corvette, (or any vehicle), and they know where you live, work, etc., they could simply drive off with it. A suggestion was made at the meeting to cover up your VIN while out. You could simply place a piece of paper over the number in the window or a piece of black tape.

The club is still *without* a secretary. If you can help in any way please contact Rick Hicklin. His number is at the end of the newsletter.

We are glad Jim Carver is recovering. He and Linda were able to attend the Christmas party and the January meeting. He sends out a thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters, visited and said a prayer.

Members voted on the best picture for the new official club picture at the December meeting. The winning photo was taken by Ledford Carpenter. Copies of the picture will be made and will be available for purchase at the next regular club meeting. The picture will also be placed on the website.

If anyone has any suggestions for things you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact either myself, Lisa McTighe, via e-mail or phone, or Greg McTighe at a club meeting or at any club event.

Phil Kania sends out e-mail notifications to members with internet access about club events. If he learns of a change in times, dates, etc., he will send out notices as soon as possible. If you learn of a change please let him know.

Upcoming Events

The club will have dinner at the Depot Grille in Staunton on January 23 at 2 PM. In case of inclement weather please check the club website for any cancellations or changes. If you don't have internet access please contact Rick Hicklin for the latest information. If the weather is a little bad just come without your corvettes. If the event is cancelled the make-up date will be January 30. The address is 42 Middlebrook Ave.

February 5th will be club video night. It will be held from 5-9 PM at Eavers Museum; the regular meeting place. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to share. You can bring a video to watch or just hang out and have dinner with your fellow club members.

The March issue of Corvette Enthusiasts Magazine was brought to the meeting. Apparently there are some pictures of some club members in it! Pick up a copy and see if you can spot them.

Rick asked members for suggestions regarding possible future events. If you have anything you would like to do as a club please come to the next meeting and let Rick know. One event that was mentioned was a possible New Years Eve club event package that includes dinner, dancing, and a hotel room. Let any club officer know your thoughts! We want to hear from you.

Future Events

February 14- Regular club meeting. 7 PM @ Eavers Museum.

February 27- Dinner at Pano's in Harrisonburg @ 2 PM. The time might be moved up to 1:30. Check the next newsletter for final details.

March 14- Regular Club meeting.

April 17th- Poker run for club members only. Details to follow at next months meeting.

Trivia and Fun Facts

Last month's question asked why December 25th 1909 was an important date for corvette owners. Did anyone come up with the answer? The answer is: That's the date that Zora Arkus-Duntov was born. He is known as the Father of the Corvette.

This month's question: On January 17, 1953, Chevy Chief Engineer Ed Cole gave the corvette its name. How many names did he have to choose from?

Did you know.....All 53 model corvettes came with antennas as standard equipment. They were made of a mesh screen fibreglassed into the inside surface of the trunk lid.

I will be starting a regular column on technical tips and classified ads for corvette related issues only. If you have anything you'd like to put in the newsletter, or any tips for restoration, etc. just contact me, Lisa McTighe, or my husband, Greg McTighe. Contact information at the end of the newsletter.

Monthly Reminders

Blue Ridge Corvette Club meets on the second Monday of each month @ 7PM at Eavers Classic Car Museum, I-81, Exit 217, Mint Spring, VA.

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 online club members and posted on the message board of the club website. If you do not have internet access use your club rosters to find a member who does and call before you go.

Parking Reminder: When attending the club meetings at Eavers, please don't park directly in front of the store on the concrete. There is space for about 4 cars to park in front on the right side, facing the building. You may park along side the building to the right or on the left side. Please keep the area along the retaining wall open. These areas need to be kept open for customers and deliveries.

If you learn of a significant event or situation affecting a club member or immediate family member; i.e.-births, death, serious illness; please notify B. or Joyce Martin so that a card can be sent from our club. 540-832-3540 / bemartin22942@yahoo.com

When contacting prospective club members please be sure you have the current member application to hand out. The current application has Curt Glover as the contact person on it. New members may be brought in at anytime during the year. You may pick up applications at the regular meeting place.

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