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Notice: For anyone who hasn't already done so, please pay your dues for 2005. We have lots of fun and interesting events planned and are adding more all the time. We don't want anyone to miss out on all that we have planned for this year. This will also be the last chance to get your name and information in the club roster. The club roster will be complete in March. Your payment and roster information should be given to Curt Glover. If you won't be renewing your membership this year, this will be the *last* newsletter you will receive.

Upcoming Events

February 27th - We will be having lunch at Pano's in Harrisonburg. **Notice:** The time to meet is at 1:15 PM. Club members attending the Feb. meeting voted to move the time up due to the buffet closing at 2 PM. If you think you might be a little late, that'll be OK, please come on out as soon as you can. The buffet cost will be \$9.95, which will include oysters as well. Please come and enjoy good food and socialize with your fellow club members. The address is 3190 S. Main St. (Highway 11). The exit is 243 off I-81.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the February meeting and video night. Some of the videos and pictures that were shown were of the car show at Eavers Museum and Lynn and Jane Combs provided video of their runs in their corvette. They have a camera mount in their car, which is really interesting to watch. Thanks for sharing those with us.

Future Events

February 27- Lunch at Pano's. 1:15 PM

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

April 11- Regular club meeting. 7 PM @ Eavers Museum.

May 1st Poker Run- Details listed below.

Poker Run: The Club will hold its First Annual Blue Ridge Corvette Club POKER RUN on **Sunday, May 1st**, beginning at **2 PM** at Eavers Museum. The museum is located off I-81, Exit 217 in Mint Spring. There will be *NO* rain date for this event.

Club members will register @ 2 PM and pay the \$10.00 entry fee, draw one playing card, and be given a sheet of directions to each of the next five stops. At each stop members will draw another card. The last stop will be at Art and Kathy Rottenborn's house in Fishersville. Here participants can replace one card for \$2.00 if desired, (that replacement card and all like it will be "wild" in your poker hand.) Then both the best and worst poker hands will be determined; each winning half of the total entry fees collected. Afterwards we'll have a picnic dinner there.

Each club member attending the POKER RUN is asked to bring either a salad or dessert. (meat and drinks will be provided) Please call either Co-Director JR Fitzgerald (540-887-8214), or Art Rottenborn, (540-942-5563) and let them know if you plan to participate. They will also be needing volunteers to work each of the stops, so if you can help out with these let them know this as well.

Our POKER RUN will be a game of chance, not a competitive race or car rally. If you don't know how to play poker that's OK, we'll tell you if you've won or not. We'll all be ready to get our Corvettes back out in the spring to have fun, enjoy the countryside driving, maybe win a couple bucks, and share a meal together. We urge all members to participate.

Wanted to Buy

Art Rottenborn is looking to purchase a 1978, Silver Anniversary Edition 2-tone paint corvette. (NOT a Pace Car) Automatic, air conditioning, and less than 40,000 miles. If you have one you're looking to sell or know where he can get one, please contact him at 540-942-5563.

Events from Other Clubs

Listed below is a Poker Run with Star City Corvette Club. If you find out you like the one we have you can attend this one also. Jane Combs has provided the information for us.

1. May 14 Drivers Meeting at 11:45 AM, arrive early for registration. Assembly location to be announced but it will be near Route 220 and the Blue Ridge Parkway.
2. First car off at 12:00 NOON.
3. 5 card hand. 1 card at start, 3 cards along the route, 1 card at the end of the route. (Peaks Of Otter Lodge)
4. Late Lunch will be served at the Peaks of Otter Restaurant at 1:45 - 2:00 PM
5. Cash prize for winning hand, Door prizes for other lucky winners. Prizes will be awarded at lunch. We will also sell 50/50 tickets at the drivers meeting. Winner announced at lunch.
6. Poker hands are \$10 per person. Additional hands can be purchased at the Poker Run event.
7. We are pre- registering folks. If you want to sign up, please contact Kent Cartner by email <e-source-cartner@cox.net> or by phone at 540-314-8064 to get your name on the list. First 20 folks on the list get a FREE TIDE Racing Team hat OR T-Shirt.
8. Since we need to let the restaurant know how many people will be attending, WE NEED TO HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN MAY 7.
9. Finally, there will be an opportunity to tour and have a wine tasting at Peaks of Otter Winery in Bedford, Va. after our lunch. This is a NON-CLUB sponsored event but will be available for those interested.

This event will run *rain or shine*. It is a POKER RUN to benefit the National Corvette Museum, not a Vette run so you can drive non-Corvette cars. Guests and non Corvette Club people are welcome.

If you know of any event that members may be interested in attending, or of an event you would like our club to do, please let us know at the monthly meetings.

Rick Hicklin wants to remind club members to always check if an event is still being held before leaving or if any details have changed, especially if the weather is questionable. You can always call him, or if you have internet access, check the club website. We will post updates on events in the message board section. Just click on the link and it'll take you to that page.

Trivia and Fun Facts

Last month's question asked how many names did Chevy's Chief Engineer, Ed Cole, have to choose from? He had 1,500 names to pick just one from. Can you imagine narrowing down that many names to just one?

This month's question: February 18, 1961, the Sting Ray Racer debuts as a show car after retiring from racing. What auto show did it debut at?

Did you know.....The 1977 early corvettes were listed as having a glass roof panel available, but were never actually available in 77 due to a dispute between the vendor of the panels and Chevrolet. Those panels were later sold by the vendor in the aftermarket under the trade name, "moon roofs." Chevy later produced their own panels, which were available in 78.

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.

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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