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**July 2005**

***CASS TRIP***

Make your reservations ***NOW*** for the **Cass Railroad Trip**. There are lots of things to see and do in Cass West VA. Train rides, sightseeing, etc. Don't miss out! We will be staying overnight at the Hermitage Motel, Sat. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. They are holding a block of rooms for us. The rooms are ground level with parking at your door. They have an area outside where we can get together for socializing and pickin and grinnin. Room rates are \$63.20 with 2 double beds, and \$54.50 for a single bed. Prices include taxes. All rooms have A/C and TV. Continental breakfast is included Sunday morning. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Blue Ridge Corvette Club when making your reservation. Contact people at the motel are Pam, Rosemary, Renae, or Vinny. Reservations can be made 7:00 AM-10:00 PM any day. Call (304-456-4808) to make your reservations ***NOW***. Check in time is 1:00 PM and check out is 11:00 AM. Cancellations can be made before 6:00 PM Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. You can visit this hotel online at: [www.hermitagemotel.com](http://www.hermitagemotel.com)

We had 16 vettes come to the Hugh Cassell Elementary Car show on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to everyone who came out.

Phil Kania reported on the trip to Mountain Lake Hotel that was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He was happy to report that everything there was excellent. The food and service were very good, the people were extremely courteous, and the place was also very clean. The members who attended this event had a good time and would like to possibly go back, maybe in the fall when the leaves are turning.

At the June meeting, having Club shirts made was again discussed. The members decided they would like to have a shirt to wear that identified us all as being members of the Club. Jim Carver will be checking on this, and will report at next month's meeting.

It was discussed that a possibility for another Club trip would be to go to Hawks Nest State Park in WV. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

The memorial brick for Elaine Cummins has been placed at the Corvette Museum. A picture of the brick was passed around at the June meeting.

The Pennsylvania Corvette Club will be coming through our area on June 25<sup>th</sup> about 6 or 6:30 PM. Al Rupert contacted Rick Hicklin to enquire on a good place to stop and eat. Rick told them about the Elks Lodge in Waynesboro where we have our Christmas dinner, and he asked if anyone would be available to guide them down the mountain. If anyone is interested in possibly helping them out, please contact Rick at (540-949-4924).

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## **Future Club Events**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>- Dick Myers Car Show in Elkton.** This will be held rain or shine from 10 AM- 3 PM. *Volunteers* are needed to help with the setup, etc of this event. **If you can help out, please be at Dick Myers Chevrolet between 8:00-8:30 AM.** Corvettes, Camaros, Firebirds, and Chevelles have been invited to attend this year's show. There is no entry fee; however, members are asked to please bring a donation to give to the Blue Ridge Food Bank. There will be FREE Pony Rides for the little ones, and refreshments provided by B & W Catering. The Club will be going to Pano's for dinner after the show. Please come out and support your Club for this event.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>-Stuarts Draft Parade.** Please meet at Hollister's for the line-up at 5:30 PM. The parade will start promptly at 6: 30 PM. If you would like, you may throw candy from your car; however, please make sure to throw it over to the side of the street so children won't run out too close to the cars. After the parade, the cars will be parked by the Rescue Squad for viewing. There is good food, rides, etc. for everyone to enjoy after the parade if you would like to stay for a while.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>- Regular monthly meeting.**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>- Picnic at Hillandale Park in Harrisonburg.** The time will be either at 1 or 2 PM and will be decided at the July meeting. We will meet at Shelter # 11, which is the very last shelter in the park. Drive into the park and keep straight on the main road, till you come to the end. The shelter is on the left side. Plenty of parking is available. Bring a covered dish to share, and drinks for yourself. The Club will provide paper products. This will probably be the only notice you'll receive about this event, due to it being too close after the next monthly meeting. If you want to go, please contact Lisa McTighe at (540-896-5862), or Eddie Humes at (540-433-8404) for further details, and to see if there have been any changes and for the exact time.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>- Cass RR, WV.** See above for information.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>- Corvettes at Carlisle.** We will again have a booth there for anyone wishing to sell corvette related parts or maybe even a car. If you want to sell at this event, there will be a small fee of 10%, and if you wish to sell your car, it will be \$100.00. You must leave your name, cell phone #, and the asking and lowest price you'll accept for your items. Someone will be at the tent to sell them for you if you can't be there. Bring your chairs, drinks, etc. and enjoy the Club tent as a place to sit and relax for a while.

**September 30- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Neptune Festival in Va. Beach.** Contact Jim Carver for more information on this event. (540-946-8255). You should make your reservations as soon as possible as the hotels are filling up fast. There are many fun events to attend. There will be sand castles, arts, crafts, food, and much more on the boardwalk. The Carvers are staying at the Dolphin Inn; however, they are not sure if anymore rooms are available. You may contact the hotel at (757-491-1420) for more information. Jim strongly suggests that you *DO NOT* take your corvettes.

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## **Other Events**

June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Grottoes Fire Department Carnival. They will be having a parade on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Line-up is at 5:30 PM with the parade starting at 6:30 PM. No candy may be thrown from the cars for this parade.

June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - All GM Nationals at Carlisle.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - Star City Motor Madness in Roanoke. They are having a cruise-in and car show. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6PM-10PM will be the cruise-in. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, they will have a car and motorcycle show from 10AM-2PM. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 which includes a T-shirt, dash plaque, and bonus pack. If you are interested in this, you can find an application online at [www.starcitymotormadness.com](http://www.starcitymotormadness.com).

July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - Lee Hi Truck Plaza swap meet and car show. Visit their website: [www.vacarshows.com](http://www.vacarshows.com). For more information contact Kelly Swink at: (540-461-5359)

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Churchville Fire Department Carnival. The parade is on the 22nd.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fest at Carlisle.

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Crosswalk adventure at First Church of the Nazarene in Harrisonburg, 6-9 PM.

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Car and Truck show at Federated Auto Parts in Staunton on Statler Blvd. Registration is from 10AM-1PM, and judging will be from 1PM-3PM. Awards to be given at 3:30PM. Rain date for this is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$8.00 in advance, and \$10.00 at the gate. You may contact either Cheryl Simmons at (540-490-8500), or Sharon Marshall at (540-337-6980) for more information.

The Orange County cruise-in is on-going on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from April through October.

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## **Trivia and Fun Facts**

Last month's question asked what the last year was that had optional radio packages that included an eight track tape. The answer is 1982.

This month's question: What year had the largest rear window compound glass ever installed in an American car, at the time?

Did you know that manual transmissions weren't available in 1982 year model vettes?

This is an article that Mike Cummins, son of Dave Cummins, sent the online Club members to read. It was published in the Windsor Star newspaper. We thought you might enjoy reading it.

Love-in for Corvette owners

Waterfront show brings special breed to Dieppe Gardens for celebration of 'America's sports car'

Roseann Danese

Windsor Star

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

It's America's sports car.

Corvette owners from far and wide gathered at Dieppe Gardens to showcase their wheels at the Waterfront Corvette Show organized by the Windsor Corvette Club.

Frank Torti brought his 1965 convertible, which won the People's Choice award at last year's show.

He drives the car - in mint condition, with its original engine and only 43,000 miles clocked - no more than 5,000 kilometres a year and "only on nice days ... . You just don't want it to get too dirty."

Indeed, Corvette owners will admit they're a special breed. They avoid driving in the rain, and it will be the rare Corvette that's seen in the light of winter.

"Everybody loves Corvettes," says Michael Cummins, from St. Clair Shores, Mich. "It's something about being a part of American heritage. It's something your dad grew up with. It's always been America's sports car."

Cummins owns a 2003, 50th anniversary coupe, one of only 5,000 produced. "The 50th anniversary came along and I said to myself, 'I don't just want a Corvette. I want something people will remember.'"

Cummins, an engineer at General Motors in Michigan, spent about an hour shining his car Saturday, making sure he included the dust under the hood and tire rims. His fiance, Soly Alvarez, was cleaning crevices with a Q-tip and toothpicks.

"Her name is Scarlet and I call her miles of smiles," Cummins said of his dark red Corvette. "During the winter it sits. I try to drive it pretty much whenever it doesn't rain ... . It's the acid rain, it just eats up the paint."

Many of the Corvette owners who showed off their cars Sunday are members of the Windsor Corvette Club, a group that gets together for "cruising nights" and to exchange information.

Cummins said there are more and more Corvette owners on the roads. "For many years it seemed like a Corvette was out of reach for so many people, but now with the standard of living so much higher, everyone can achieve it if they choose, if it's a dream." © The Windsor Star 2005

## **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](mailto: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.

If you are currently receiving this newsletter by U.S. Mail, and now have internet access and would like to receive it through the club website, please notify the newsletter editor. Members are notified by email when the newsletter has been posted on the website. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it on your computer. To download it simply go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) and get it for free.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food with you to the regular meetings. Our club supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

Please remember to check to see if an event is still being held, or if any changes have been made before leaving especially in inclement weather situations. You can check the club website, or contact Rick Hicklin.

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