



MASON DIXON Blue and Gray
March 2020

- ~Member ~ National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)
- ~ NCRS TOP FLIGHT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ~ Former Winners for Sixteen Consecutive Years
- ~ NCRS & Mason Dixon Activities ~ Judging Events – Rallyes – Drags – Cruisin' Nights – Day Trips - Banquets – Weekend Outings - Annual Atlantic City Bus Tour
- ~ *Charities ~ Support numerous Charities throughout the Great State of Maryland*

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Chairman's Report

Gus Tsamouras

Hello Fellow Mason Dixon Chapter Members!

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and is getting ready for a fabulous Spring. Once again we have a fantastic and exciting schedule of events planned for the year. It was nice seeing many of you at various events over the winter. Our trip to the auto mall, tech session, and various other events,

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new members and encourage them to participate in our many events. We currently have a judging event and a dinner planned for April.

Our Chapter urges everyone to keep safe during these tough times due to this difficult coronavirus situation. We will keep you updated on our scheduling if there are any cancellations or rescheduling of events.

Sincerely,
Gus Tsamouras, Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman's Report

Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Seems as if we, as a Chapter, had another successful year doing our Corvette events!

On a different path we are headed toward Spring Corvette events. We already had our Atlantic City Car Show and auction; "Tech", and Judging sessions at Gus's garage; Morgantown Auto Mall and lunch; and a trip to "Cow Town" auto swap meet in wonderful New Jersey. We would like to see more Chapter Members come out and join us. Steve and Eileen have done an outstanding job of putting these events together for us to do. Spring Carlisle is coming up. Hope to see you soon.

Enjoy your ride and be safe and warm.....Vice Chairman, Jim

On another note, last week I called "Tony's Corvette" shop looking for parts. After speaking with Tony, I gave my condolences about his Dad. This is what I learned about Tony Avedisian's father passing. For those of you that didn't know of the remarkable accomplishments of this man, here is a very brief update. He started and continued so many grants and charities. Mr. Archie Avedisian helped educate complete strangers, by not only financially putting them through college but also kept an ongoing relationship to help them succeed. He racially integrated the Boys and Girls club back in the 1950's when that just was not done. Joined by his wife, Gloria, he had more positive accomplishments in his life time than many of us joined together could even dream of doing. After 48 years of doing all of this, he retired. But wait, he went on to join the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association. Because of his fund raising efforts there, he was able to have over 500 men and women trained to become "Technicians"- Gratis! A totally inspiring man. We can see where Tony got his drive and ambition as truly the "apple doesn't fall far from the tree". Let's all join in by sending our condolences to Tony.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Ranier

The current, adjusted balance, as of 2/29/20, was \$17,672.99 according to the checkbook. Thanks, Ed

Recording Secretary's Report
Eileen Lesser

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Jerry Blumenthal's office
Timonium, Maryland
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Attendance:

G. Tsamouras	J. Buckley	G. Gitschier	R. Aleshire
E. Lesser	J. Blumenthal	E. Ranier	S. Lesser
I. Katz	J. Cella (abs)		

Chairman's Report:

Gus discussed the fact Mason Dixon Chapter is doing well. This is the time of year that the "Member of the Year" award takes place. If anyone would like to nominate someone for "Member of the Year," contact Jerry Blumenthal, Glenn Gitschier or Steve Lesser who the "Member of the Year" committee.

Vice-Chairman's Report:

Jim Buckley announced that our statistics are up-to-date and we achieved another Chapter of the Year award. Jim asked everyone who knows Ron Goralski to visit him at the Genesis HealthCare facility in Severna Park, MD.

Webmaster's Report:

In Jim Cella's absence, Gus announced that apparel will be on our website in the near future. We will be selling our new Mason Dixon hats and Mason Dixon shirts at the dinner meeting at the April dinner meeting. Ira Katz discussed the new hats and shirts tonight.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed gave an update on the Chapter Treasury which has \$16,523.86 in it.

Membership Report:

Glenn gave an update on the number of members in the Chapter (98).

Judging Chairman's Report:

Rick mentioned our Spring Judging Meet will take place on April 19, 2020 at Ron Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace, MD. Rick needs technical articles for the Blue and Gray Newsletter. vWe are considering a Technical Judging in February at Gus' house and will invite Sue Strawmyre, our Regional Representative, to this event.

Secretary's Report:

Eileen Lesser read the "Good and Welfare" to the Chapter and mentioned the names of the new members.

Social Activities Chairman's Report:

The new 2020 calendar is not completed yet, but we are working on it. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend, but please let someone know from the Board.

Good and Welfare:

Eileen announced.....

- Congratulations and best wishes to Juliet and Greg Page on the marriage of their daughter, Alexanna to Eric Bonin; the newlyweds are living in Webster, NY;
- Welcome to new members, Lou and Elyse Gordon; Ron and Beth Magaziner, and Brian and Donna Whitehead;
- Our deepest condolences to Joe LaRicci and his family on the loss of Joe's father;
- Congratulations to Rick Aleshire and Rosemary Ranier on their recent retirements.

Historian:

Jerry Blumenthal will be getting information on:

- Next October, Jerry said we would like to have more Mason-Dixon members attend the Ocean City event on the Boardwalk;
- Howard Fisher and Jerry Blumenthal will be getting information for the 4-day Barrett-Jackson event in Connecticut;
- Ira Katz and Jerry Blumenthal will be getting information for the Car Show at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Lesser

Recording Secretary

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Membership Chairman's Report

Glenn Gitschier

As of 3-5-20, we have 100 members in the Chapter. The newest members are: Gerald Cooper, Skip and Kay Singer, and David and Stacy Stern. Welcome to all.

It is very IMPORTANT that you notify the National and our Chapter if you change your email address. The National NCRS sends out reminder emails several months before the expiration date, so PLEASE don't ignore these reminders. I have also been sending emails and calling members if I see your National NCRS membership is going to expire within one month. Contact me (410-688-7329) if you want to know when your National NCRS membership expires. You must be a current member of National NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Also, if anyone is ever interested in knowing how many judging points you have, well I can now check that for you - just ask. Thanks, Glenn

Judging Chairman's Report

Rick Aleshire

For those who were able to venture to Gus Tsamouras house on March 1, 2020 - we had a great and informative day talking about the proper determination of what constitutes a deduction of point(s) either for ORIGINALITY or CONDITION; also the proper documentation of how the determination was made so the owner clearly could understand and determine how / whether to make the "needed" correction. We also had a very lively opportunity to evaluate Gus' 1971 for originality - very beautiful Corvette, by the way as the following pictures attest.



Mason Dixon @ Social Activities Report Steve Lesser

Mason Dixon had lots of activities in 2019! We plan to continue this busy schedule in 2020.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Tentative dates, especially due to current health concerns)

- EVERY Saturday morning – Hunt Valley Horsepower “Coffee and Cars” – every Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 a.m. before the Mall opens – no charge
- Sun, April 19 – Judging Meet @ Ron Adams Chevrolet, Havre de Grace, MD - RSVP Rick Aleshire mdninja1@hotmail.com for further information at 8:00 a.m.
- Sat, Apr. 25 – Annual Spring Dinner Meeting @ Liberatore’s Ristorante from 6:00-10:00 p.m.; RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net - an Member of the Year Award. (**Easter is April 12 and Passover is April 8-16**)
- Sat, May 16 - “Ask The Technical Experts” – Do you have a question about your Corvette? Is your Corvette not running right? Let the experts look it over. More details to follow and have your questions answered. RSVP to Steve Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net.

- Sat, June 6 – “Garage Technical Session” – Let’s have a Corvette caravan and visit 3 or 4 new garages of our members followed by lunch. Steve will contact several of our members to see if they are interested in showing their garages with our members.
- Weds, June 17 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting @ Jerry Blumenthal’s office - RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net
- Sat, June 27 – Road Tour and Luncheon to Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco, MD; Caravan leaves from “Four Corners” Shopping Center in Jacksonville @ 12:00 noon; RSVP to Eileen Lesser at 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net
- Sat, July 18 – Road Tour and Check donation event @ Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital; visit the in-patients followed by a luncheon and swim party at the Lesser’s home; Meet @ the Lesser’s home - RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net
- Weds, Aug. 12 – 7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting @ Jerry Blumenthal’s office - RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net
- Aug. 27-30 – “Corvettes @ Carlisle” in Carlisle, PA; RSVP to Steve Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net - meet @ the Mason Dixon tent I-30
- Sat, Sept. 5 – Annual Road Tour and Paid-up Membership Luncheon @ Casa Mia on York Road in Parkton, MD. RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net.
- Weds, Oct. 14 – Board Meeting @ Jerry Blumenthal’s office at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net
- Sat, Nov. 21 – Annual Fall Dinner Meeting @ Liberatore’s Ristorante in Timonium. RSVP to Eileen Lesser 410-484-9242 or eileen3304steve@verizon.net.

Historian’s Report

Jerry Blumenthal

Folks, we really do need everyone’s help here! If you have any pictures, stories, etc. to share with us all, please let Jerry or any of the BoD know.

Website Coordinator’s Report

Jim Cella

Folks, as the webmaster, I would like to get any comments, suggestions, etc. on the layout of the website. Again, this is your Chapter website and I will work to provide the information you need / want, but need to know. Thanks, Jim

1971 Alternator Replacement

Gus Tsamouras NCRS #47583

I purchased a very correct and original-looking 1971, and over the winter months I have been doing a lot of "cosmetic" cleaning to determine exactly how original she really is. One area I was unable to properly clean was the alternator. I was able to find a correct dated alternator during a lengthy internet search and the following is a description of removing the old alternator and replacing with the newly purchased one.

1. Using a fender apron whenever you have to do any work under the hood of your Corvette is always a good idea since it protects the fender from belt-buckle scratches and doubles as a mat for resting your tools on, too.
2. Disconnect the positive lead from the battery. You can get a nasty shock when removing your Corvette's alternator if you don't take this precaution first.
3. Use a nut driver or socket to remove the 5/16" nut that secures the black ground wire to the alternator, and pull the wire free of its stud.
4. The harness plug is removed next by depressing its clip and pulling it out. The rubber boot on the red positive lead can then be pulled back and the 7/16" retaining nut taken off so the lead can be removed from your Corvette's alternator. This completes the electrical disconnections.
5. A 1/2" bolt secures the top of the alternator to the upper mounting or adjusting bracket, and this bolt is the next item to be removed. The bracket can then be swung up and out of the way at this point.
6. Push the alternator toward the engine to gain some slack in the belt, then slip the belt over and off the pulley.
7. Pull the alternator toward the inner fender as far as it will go so you can gain easier access to the lower mounting pivot bolt. Use a 9/16" socket with an extension to remove the nut and lock washer from the bolt.
8. Once the nut is removed, the bolt can be removed from the lower mounting bracket. You may have to give it a gentle tap, but it should pull free without too much trouble. With this done, remove the old alternator from the vehicle.
9. Installing the new alternator is a reversal of the steps used to your Corvette's original alternator. Start by positioning the alternator in the lower mounting bracket, then insert the bolt and snug-up the nut with lock washer. Slip the belt over the pulley and insert the 1/2" bolt through the upper mounting bracket and thread it into the alternator. Use a prybar to put tension on the belt by pulling the alternator toward you while you tighten the upper mounting bolt. Tighten the nut on the lower mounting bolt, reconnect the positive lead, the harness plug and the ground lead, then reconnect the positive battery lead and start the car up.
10. Connect the positive and common leads of a multimeter to the corresponding terminals on the alternator, select the 20-volt range and see what kind of voltage the new alternator is putting out; it should be between 12.5 and 14-volts if its working correctly. When it checks out OK, shut the engine off, disconnect the multimeter and slip the rubber boot over the positive terminal on the alternator.

The following are pictures of the old alternator removed from the Corvette; and the new alternator now mounted in the Corvette. Job completed! WELL DONE!



Fixing a Fallen Rear Window 1999 Convertible

James Buckley - NCRS #55336

A number of weeks ago I walked outside to find the back glass window of my 1999 convertible separated from the top.

I've did lots of research (including BMW, Audi and other convertible top postings). The results are that upholstery people usually say the sealing process is high pressure done under heat at the factory and there is no way to duplicate it in the field so you have to replace the top. Estimates for top replacement range from lows in the area of \$500 to \$1000 to a high of \$3000 with the average being \$1000 to \$1500.

Some people report glue attempts with total failures after days or weeks. Others report glue success and the glue holding after much longer times.

Those reporting glue success used a variety of glues including: JB Weld, Black silicone RTV sealant, pure clear silicone sealer, 3M high black weatherstrip adhesive, and urethane windshield glue. One person posted that he used a cyanoacrylate glue that he got at a hobby shop. Super glue and its various other names are cyanoacrylate glues.

I did my own research and settled on Rhino Glue which is a specially formulated cyanoacrylate that is waterproof, weatherproof and completely resistant to heat and cold. See www.rhinoglu.com for more information. These are the pictures I took before attempting to glue the glass back in to the convertible top.

I found that if I unlatched the top and lifted it about a foot that it relieved the stretched fabric enough to manually push it against the glass. I then applied the glue around the glass about 3 to 6 inches at a time. Be careful and test this out before you apply the glue. I made the mistake of starting on the sides and moving toward the middle and was left with a significant bunching at the middle. The glue set up so fast that I actually had to cut the top away from the glass at the corner to smooth out the bunching. At the finish of the job, I was still left with a little bunching at the drivers side. As I'm not a perfectionist and it isn't very noticeable, I haven't tried to correct it.

Job well Done!



2006

C6 Corvette Z06, Only More So



There was no Z06 available for 2005, but it was no secret to Corvette followers that one would be available in 2006. The demand was there; with 20% of Corvette sales devoted to the club racing favorite GM had no choice but to continue the tradition.

The year off was a good thing as when the Z06 became available, it was truly something special. The engine displacement was 427 cu. in. (7.0 liters), a magic number for Corvette fans that recalled fond big block memories not seen since 1969. The 2006 iteration was a different displacement on the Gen IV "small block" engine, not a separate engine family as with the C2 and C3 Corvettes.

The 2006 Z06 motor could honestly be described as a race car engine that was street legal. The specification sheet had a lot in common with what was found in the C5-R racing engine that won the GTS class at Le Mans and the 24 hours of Daytona overall. On the 2006 Corvette Z06 specs list was titanium connecting rods, CNC ported heads with titanium intake valves and sodium filled exhaust valves, an 11.0:1 compression ratio and cast aluminum flat top pistons.

Possibly the most impressive feature of the Z06 motor is visible from the outside by comparing the Z06 motor to any other Corvette motor. There is no oil cap on the engine cover. That's because the Z06 has dry sump lubrication, an advanced and expensive addition that consists of a separate eight quart oil tank (above right, with the oil fill cap, and the oil level dip stick; complete system is to the right) and a pump to feed the engine oil. Not storing the oil in a sump at the bottom of the engine prevents oil starvation, which can occur in competition under sustained high speed cornering. Although common in race cars and high dollar exotics, dry sump lubrication is typically unheard of in cars costing less than \$100,000. The oil tank takes the place of the battery which was moved to the luggage compartment.

Want to have some fun with your motorhead friends? Show them a Corvette C6 Z06 engine bay and ask them to find the oil filler cap. They'll probably look all over the engine, not find it and then give up. You can then point them to the rear right corner where the oil sump tank and the oil filler are located. Inform them of the advantages of dry sump lubrication and they will then have a new appreciation for the Corvette as a serious performance vehicle.

2006 Corvette Options, Prices

RPO	Description	Production	Price
19U	LeMans Blue exterior paint	3,459 (10.17%)	\$300.00
2LT*	Equipment Group - Coupe	1,904 (5.60%)	\$1,495.00
2LZ**	Preferred Equipment Group - Z06	4,854 (14.27%)	\$2,900.00
3LT***	Preferred Equipment Group - Coupe	10,953 (32.19%)	\$4,795.00
3LT***	Preferred Equipment Group - Convertible	9,972 (29.31%)	\$3,395.00
45U	Velocity Yellow exterior paint	4,122 (12.12%)	\$750.00
80U	Monterey Red exterior paint	5,052 (14.85%)	\$750.00
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	3,726 (10.95%)	\$1,400.00
CC3	Removable Roof Panel, transparent (coupe)	3,561 (10.47%)	\$750.00
CM7	Power Convertible Top (3LT required)	8,537 (25.09%)	\$1,995.00
F55	Magnetic Selective Ride Control (coupe and convertible)	5,709 (16.78%)	\$1,695.00
MX0	Six-speed Paddle Shift Automatic Transmission (coupe and convertible)	19,094 (56.12%)	\$1,250.00
Q44	Competition Gray Aluminum Wheels (Z06)	279 (0.82%)	\$295.00
QG7	Polished Aluminum Wheels (coupe and convertible)	16,133 (47.42%)	\$1,295.00
QL9	Polished Z06 Aluminum Wheels	3,449 (10.14%)	\$1,295.00
QX1	Competition Gray Aluminum Wheels (coupe and convertible)	887 (2.61%)	\$295.00
QX3	Chrome Aluminum Wheels (coupe and convertible)	2,803 (8.24%)	\$1,995.00
R8C	Corvette Museum Delivery	1,172 (3.44%)	\$490.00
U3U	AM/FM CD with DVD Navigation XM (\$1,600 with 2LZ)	17,474 (51.36%)	\$3,340.00
UE1	OnStar System (coupe and convertible, 3LT required)	12,869 (37.83%)	\$695.00
US9	AM/FM 6-CD , Bose Speakers, XM Radio	10,690 (31.42%)	\$1,740.00
Z51	Performance Package (coupe and convertible)	10,338 (30.39%)	\$1,695.00

Total Production: 34,021

Coupe: 16,598 (48.79%)

Convertible: 11,151 (32.78%)

Hardtop: 6,272 (18.44%)

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 346 cu. in. 400 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$44,600.00.

Base Corvette Convertible with 346 cu. in. 400 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$52,335.00.

Base Corvette Z06 Coupe with 427 cu. in. 505 hp engine and six speed manual transmission: \$65,800.00.

2006 Packages

RPO	Description	Contains	Production Price
2LT	Equipment Group Coupe	Includes side impact air bags, sports seats, six way power passenger seat, cargo net and luggage shade	1,904 (5.60%) \$1,495
2LZ	Z06 Preferred Equipment Group	Includes side air bags, power telescopic steering column, auto dimming mirrors, heated seats, RPO U2K, cargo net, luggage shade and homelink.	4,854 (14.27%) \$2,900
3LT	Preferred Equipment Group Coupe	Includes 2LT items + heads-up display, power telescopic steering column, auto dimming mirrors, memory package, heated seats, RPO US9 radio, compass and homelink.	10,953 (32.19%) \$4,795
3LT	Preferred Equipment Group Convertible	Includes 2LT items + heads-up display, power telescopic steering column, auto dimming mirrors, memory package, heated seats, RPO US9 radio, compass and homelink.	9,972 (29.31%) \$3,395

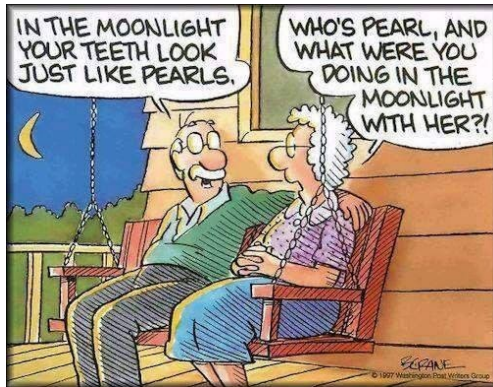
Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Soft Top
10	Arctic White	1,588 (4.67%)	Red / Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
19	LeMans Blue	3,459 (10.17%)	Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
41	Black	7,243 (21.29%)	Red / Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
45	Velocity Yellow	4,122 (12.12%)	Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
67	Machine Silver	4,984 (14.65%)	Red / Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
71	Sunset Orange	1,729 (5.08%)	Ebony / Cashmere	Black / Beige
74	Victory Red	5,844 (17.18%)	Red / Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray
80	Monterey Red	5,052 (14.85%)	Red / Ebony / Cashmere / Titanium Gray	Black / Beige / Storm Gray

Notes: All colors available with Z06 except codes 10 and 80.

KOMEDY CORNER

Hope these provide some smiles for YOUR day!



I could swear he is doing it wrong,
but since I don't own a boat, I'm
going to keep my opinion to myself!
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For those who don't
want Alexa listening in
on your conversations,
they're making a male
version.....it doesn't
listen to anything.

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Marriage Tip #2
When your wife
is mowing the
lawn, that's not
the best time to
ask when dinner
will be ready

Easter Funny

A man is driving along a highway and sees a rabbit jump out across the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid hitting it, but unfortunately the rabbit jumps right in front of the car. The driver, a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulls over and gets out to see what has become of the rabbit. Much to his dismay, the rabbit is the Easter Bunny, and he is DEAD! The driver feels so awful that he begins to cry.

A beautiful blonde woman driving down the highway sees a man crying on the side of the road and pulls over. She steps out of the car and asks the man what's wrong.

"I feel terrible," ! he explains,

"I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny with my car and KILLED HIM."

The blonde says, "Don't worry." She runs to her car and pulls out a spray can. She walks over to the limp, dead Easter Bunny, bends down, and sprays the contents onto him. The Easter Bunny jumps up, waves its paw at the two of them and hops off down the road. Ten feet away he stops, turns around and waves again, he hops down the road another 10 feet, turns and waves, hops another ten feet, turns and waves, and repeats this again and again and again and again, until he hops out of sight.

The man is astonished. He runs over to the woman and demands, "What is in that can? What did you spray on the Easter Bunny?"

The woman turns the can around so that the man can read the label. It says.....(Are you ready for this?) (You know you're gonna be sorry) ... (Last chance) (OK, here it is)

It says, "Hair Spray Restores life to dead hair, and adds permanent wave."

Happy Easter ...!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG:

1. *Try everything twice. On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph: "Tried everything twice. Loved it, both times!"*
2. *Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down to their level. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)*
3. *Keep learning: Learn more about the computer, arts, crafts, gardening, whatever...Never let the brain get idle. An idle mind is the devil's workshop. And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!*
4. *Enjoy the simple things.*
5. *Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots of time with HIM /HER*
6. *The tears happen: Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. LIVE while you are alive.*
7. *Surround yourself with what ever you love: whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever...Your home is your refuge.*
8. *Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.*
9. *Don't take guilt trips..Take a trip to the mall, even to the next city, state, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.*
10. *Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.*
11. *Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.*
12. *Remember! Lost time can never be found.*
13. *Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.*
14. *Finally, Wine does not make you FATit makes you LEANAgainst tables, chairs, floors, walls and ugly people*

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite.)

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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Last, but not least, a great one:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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FIVE UNDENIABLE FACTS

A wise person once said:

1. We all love to spend money buying new clothes but we never realize that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes.
2. Having a cold drink on hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks - PRICELESS!
3. Breaking News: Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore. A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband.
4. Arguing over a girl's bust size is like choosing between Molson, Heineken, Carlsberg, & Budweiser. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available.

AND

5. I haven't verified this on Snopes, but it sounds legit... A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.