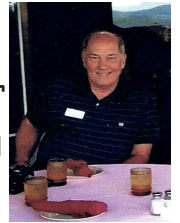


# Coordination Director's Message

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This 'C' Notes is an insight into our new CBA adventure on the Blue Ridge Parkway in 2025. It is going to be a time that is unforgettable. I'm excited already I'll start with the award dinner menu which will give you a choice of five delicious entrees and the chef will prepare it for you without delay. There will be two salad choices and desserts.



Entree choices will be: Grilled Pork Ribeye  
.. Chicken Schnitzel  
... Maple Togarashi Salmon  
. Pan Roasted Vegetable Pasta  
... Local Filet Mignon  
Salad choices: Community Greens Salad  
. Sandy's Caesar



As you can see, Hurricane Helene wrought a disaster to Tennessee, the Blue Ridge Parkway and our plans for the CBA. Alternatives were discussed. Ultimately, to keep as true as possible to our plan to visit the Parkway to enjoy the sights and our time together, I chose a resort on the Parkway and a short, interesting span on that part that is open to travel. Unfortunately, we must miss the wonders of the western half; so, perhaps we can revisit that plan and the Parkway after reconstruction in a few years.

With the new plan, we will relax together at the modern Hampton Inn with free hot breakfasts, indoor pool, fitness center and our hospitality room, next to Shelton Vineyards at the Blue Ridge Parkway. There, at the vineyards we will enjoy its bucolic setting, wine tour and tasting, our MGC show; and, awards dinner and a charming vineyard restaurant, the Harvest Grill. Near thereto and the Parkway are short road trips, together or apart as you may wish, to Pilot Mountain, Mayberry (i.e., Mt. Airy), Galax, Blue Ridge Parkway Music and Visitors' Center and other adventures away. The BRP Directory and Travel Planner that I suggested last issue will be very helpful. [www.bluerigeparkway.org](http://www.bluerigeparkway.org) online and by mail.

The Hampton Inn is a Hilton group hotel. We have a reserved block under the name of "MGC" at (336) 353-9400. Reservations from the block must be made at the front desk through this number. Standard rooms with double queens or a king, plus handicap access rooms on the first floor, are in the block for \$169. However, if available at the time of your reservation, you may upgrade to a king studio suite for \$179, or a large king suite for \$199.

Check-in is 3pm. Hospitality will be open. After you get settled, let us meet there to make supper plans.



*Safety Fast!*

