

MINUTES
EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2008

Regional Exec:	Charles Heretta
Regional Competition Director:	Charles Stephens
Regional Membership Director:	Peggy Stephens
Secretary/Treasurer:	Sue Hamilton

NEXT MEETING AT REGIONAL BANQUET
QUALITY INN & SUITES, RICHFIELD, OHIO
MARCH 7, 2009
9:30 AM

SCHEDULE OF 2009 MEETINGS:

REGIONAL:

March 7, 2009 @ 9:30 at Quality Inn & Suites, Richfield, OH (Banquet)
May 9, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
July 18, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
October 17, 2009 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH
December 5, 2009 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Bidding)

NATIONAL:

February 27, 28 & March 1, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
May 1, 2, 3, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
August 8 – 16, 2009 at Convention in Colorado Springs, CO
September 11, 12, 13, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO
November 13, 14, 15, 2009 in Saint Louis, MO

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PRESENT:

Chuck Heretta, RE, Buckeye Corvette Club
Chuck Stephens, RCD, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Peggy Stephens, RMD, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvette Club
Dan Lundblad, Governor, Blennerhassett Corvette
Mark Thurin, Governor, Canton Corvette Club
Stan Wolfe, Governor, Central West Virginia Corvette Club
Don Burk, Governor, Competition Corvettes
Elaine Heretta, Governor, Corvette Cleveland
Aurel Ouellette, Governor, Fun Center Corvette Club
Bill Wood, Governor, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club
Ric Keller, Governor, Lakeshore Corvette Club
Rich Brooks, Governor, Medina Corvette Club
Ken Rutherford, Governor, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club
Jack Sherman, Governor, Mound City Corvette Club
Ken Jecmen, Governor, Northeast Ohio Vette Club
Terry Sells, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club
Bob Kirsch, Webmaster, Corvette Cleveland
Bob Kutty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland
Bill Quine, Hall of Fame, Tiretown Corvette Club
Bob Miller, Proxy, Mahoning Valley Corvettes
Dee Flagg, Guest, Blennerhassett Corvette
John Myers, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes
Roger Flading, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes
Dennis Arthur, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Bob Thomsen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Warren Obert, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Tim Obert, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Al Etzel, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Carol Etzel, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Darren Sikon, Guest, Corvette Cleveland
Sharon Burk, Guest, Competition Corvettes
Mickey Ouellette, Guest, Fun Center Corvette Club
Dave Companetta, Guest, Lake Shore Corvettes
Robert DiCarlo, Guest, Lake Shore Corvettes
Denny McCoy, Guest, Mahoning Valley Corvettes
Pat Rutherford, Guest, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club
Alan Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club
Gail Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club
Bruce Warnick, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club

REGIONAL EXEC:

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, brought the meeting to order at 9:50 AM. A quorum was met. Fourteen of sixteen clubs were represented. Chuck introduced all present. Scheduled meeting dates were announced.

SECRETARY:

A motion was made by Bob Kutty to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed. Second was made by Aurel Ouellette. Motion passed.

TREASURER:

Treasurer's report for the period of September 30, 2008 through November 30, 2008 was read by Sue Hamilton. There were no questions. Terry Sells made a motion to accept as read. Second was made by Rich Brooks. Motion passed. Year end report was available on table.

The bidding process for sanction dates began with 14 clubs represented. Thirteen sanctions were donated to the East Ohio Region. Four sanctions are left to be scheduled at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP:

The region has gained 105 members since December 31, 2007. We didn't reach our goal of 960 members. Top clubs: Buckeye Corvettes with 1624 members, Corvette Cleveland with 122 members and Tiretown with 90 members. We have eleven clubs with less than 60 members.

As of November 7, 2008, NCCC membership totals 18,625. That is a loss of 450 members from November 10, 2007. There are 277 clubs, which is a loss of 4 clubs since November 10, 2007. There are 480 Members at Large which is an increase of three.

You should receive your Blue Bars the week before Christmas. The winter issue should be out the end of January. Sylvia will continue as the editor of the Blue Bars. Please keep Peggy Stephens apprised of any members who have passed away along with their club and the date of death. Sylvia would like to put a tribute article in the Blue Bars concerning them.

The renewals are being done by the NCCC VP of Membership. He will send out lists to you. Please check over the list. This will be your updated club list.

If you are interested in the NCCC display, with advance notice, Peggy will set it up for you.

Total FCOA members as of September 10, 2008 were 2,675. Midwest Region still leads with 486 members. Corvette Cleveland still leads the East Ohio Region with 56 members. Make sure you use the September 2008 revised FCOA membership application. The date at the bottom of the form shows "09-2008."

Pat Kelly is looking for books that have pictures of a C5 or C6.

Renewals have been sent to Bob Bowen, Vice President of Membership. Peggy thanked everyone for their timely handling. As of now, the East Ohio Region has 794 NCCC members. 32 of these are lifetime members. Each renewal member will receive a 50th Anniversary patch,

membership card and luggage tag in their renewal packets. Lifetime members should hold onto their black cards. The 50th Anniversary card is just a commemorative card. Peggy will pick up the ordered pins in Saint Louis and give them to the Governors for distribution. This will save postage costs for NCCC. There was a motion made at the last governor's meeting to dispense with all perks starting in 2010. The motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

NCCC is planning the 50th Anniversary celebration in the fall of 2009. Joan Thomas has put some information on the website at NCCC50@CORVETTESNCCC.ORG. Peggy is still looking for contact information for Anthony Cotturo, Don Criss and Eileen Timko. Any help would be appreciated. There will be a 50th Anniversary shirt available at the February NCCC meeting. Cost unknown at this time. Sizes will range from Medium to 3 X in men's sizes.

Joan Thomas has asked who received the Don Hoskins' Award in 1987. She also needs to know who the top ten men and women were for 1986 and up.

The RMDs were told to send e-mail addresses to Joan Thomas electronically. If okay with Governors, Peggy will send the information. Joan can send message to the governors to distribute to their club members.

Peggy needs NCCC club information sheets from Buckeye, Blennerhassett, Mound City, Tiretown, Northeast Ohio, Central West Virginia, Corvette Club of West Virginia and Kanawha Valley.

NCCC and the East Ohio Region lost Pioneer Corvette Association this year. The Region now has sixteen NCCC clubs.

Peggy read a card from Ravenna Rebol. She made this herself thanking everyone for their cards while she is in a cast.

CHARITIES:

Elaine Heretta announced that there is enough money for the raffle car. The November 6, 2008 balance is \$148,000. National Kidney Foundation has not yet been paid. Balance of \$36,000 in grants for scholarships. A survey was completed for all clubs' charity donations, not only monetary, but also time donated. The total for 2007 was \$380,569 given and 15,524 hours donated. Eight scholarships were been given at convention. The raffle car is the new gray with the 3LT package. Elaine stated that there are still raffle tickets available.

May 1, 2009 is the deadline for scholarship requests. The date for the Fun Fest in 2009 is not yet known.

Chuck Heretta stated Governor proxy forms are on the table. Each Governor should take five forms. Complete and have witnessed. They do not need to be notarized.

Peggy presented the Mid America Works plaque to Central West Virginia Corvette Club for recruiting the most new members for clubs under 100 members.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 11:15 AM.

MEETING RESUMED AT 12:15 PM.

Gift cards of \$50 each were given to Michael and Michelle for the use of Esber's Restaurant for the Regional Meetings.

WEBMASTER:

Bob Kirsch will be retiring as webmaster. He has been in this position for the past ten years. He will assist the new person. A new webmaster will be needed by the first of the year. Chuck Heretta thanked Bob for his past service. Bob Kutty asked the computer requirements needed. Bob Kirsch responded that nothing special is required as long as you have HTML. He will put the requirements on the web site. Bob Miller from Mahoning Valley is the current webmaster for his club and mentioned that a club webmaster should have all that is needed.

COMPETITION:

Chuck Stephens asked Peggy to pass out information on what you need to do to get the results check list. Please read. Note that your exact name as on NCCC card must be used. If any question if this is the correct name, you should check their card. The results sheets are on the National website at: corvettesNCCC.org. Download the latest form.

Chuck Stephens reported the regional club points with Corvette Cleveland in first place with 6,075 points; Buckeye Corvettes in second place with 4,011 points and Competition Corvettes in third with 2,555 points. On the National level, out of 244 clubs, Corvette Cleveland is 10th, Tiretown is 12th and Buckeye is 14th. National points for women: Peggy Stephens is in 26th place, Elaine Heretta is in 28th place and Deb Murphy is in 32nd place. National points for men: Jeff Gott is in 10th place, Chuck Stephens in 40th place, Dennis Murphy 45th. Regional points: Ted Vannelli is in first place for the men and Elaine Heretta is in first place for the women. The points are on the National website.

Per the minutes from Saint Louis, it is requested that names of RCDs present be put on. The competition meeting in Saint Louis did not have a closed meeting. The meeting was open and all went well. Questions on points should be directed to Chuck Stephens or Jack. Chuck Stephens reported on the event that was moved due to flooding. There were some hard feelings regarding this move.

Points system for FTD was discussed at 11, 10, and 9 overall. Chuck Stephens voiced his opinion that they were trying to bring up other events to bring up to racing. Now they have increased speed points again. Chuck Stephens voted against this; however, it passed. Ken Rutherford's opinion is there should only be one FTD and should get rid of others (second and third place). Chuck Stephens agreed and mentioned this at the meeting.

Clarification if chair person gets chair points or participation points was decided that they must declare at the event which points they want. This went through. Class C4/C5/C6, if part of structure is removed, is RPAF – frame altered. Driver's school was covered earlier. Bill Quine questioned competition awards since the budget has over \$8,000. In the past, \$3,000 was enough. Should sanction fees be reduced? Chuck Stephens is creating a new budget to be presented at next meeting. He will work within the sanction fees. The treasurer needs to reallocate the profits from the regional events. They were put into the Competition Fund and

should be put into the General Fund. The RCD budget for 2009 should be around \$2,800. The region pays sanction fees for donated sanctions from the General Fund.

HALL OF FAME:

Bob Kutty, Bob Kirsch, Bill Quine, Al Etzel. There are two nominees remaining from last year. They need 80% of the vote received by Bob Kutty.

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Chuck Heretta discussed the results of the National meeting. The rule book changes were discussed. The East Ohio Region voted to reject the changes, however, they passed. You can find them on the web site. The National budget was presented. There is a \$90,000 deficit. \$30,000 for the 50th Anniversary party at convention was questioned along with the \$20,000 additional needed for postage. Chuck questioned why the governors couldn't pass out the pins to save postage. Peggy brought hers back and passed out to the governors for distribution. The East Ohio Region voted against the budget, however, it did pass.

Insurance for special events was discussed. The question regarding insurance for a social to a winery was answered that it is included. Chuck Heretta announced the election results. There was a tie for Treasurer and a new vote was needed. Mary Bellemy and Bernyce Molenda were both running. After the new vote, Bernyce Molenda was elected as the new Treasurer. President is Dick Yanko, Larry Morrison is the new Membership Director.

There are no by-laws or standing rules to vote on. There will be no perks in 2010 in the membership packages. Saint Louis was, again, chosen for the National meetings for a three-year period. Chuck Heretta passed out hotel reservation forms to all governors in attendance. Chuck Heretta commented that only five (of sixteen) governors regularly attend the National meetings. Chuck reiterated the Governor's Subsidy of \$150, maximum reimbursement with receipts, available on a one time basis per club. Those that have used this are Ken Rutherford - Mid Ohio; Elaine Heretta - Corvette Cleveland; Chuck Heretta - Buckeye; Chuck Stephens - Kanawha and Terry Sells - Tiretown.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2009 Regional Banquet is at the Quality Inn and Suites in Richfield on March 6, 7 and 8, 2009. Sharon Burk explained the block of rooms reserved overlooking the pool and party area. There is a miniature golf course inside the hotel.

130 people attended the Second Annual Chili Challenge on November 15, 2008. There was ample food for everyone. The Region picked up the cost of the hall and refreshments. Several clubs had this as their social. We will need the larger room next year. This was also a fund raiser for Tom and Laurie Prusnek. Big Tom (Prusnek) thanked Chuck Heretta and everyone for doing this. Over \$1,100 in donations was given to Tom.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chuck Heretta announced that Bob Kirsch is retiring from the Webmaster position and a new Webmaster is needed for 2009. A printed copy of proposals by Bill Wood was passed out and discussed. There is an attachment of these to the Minutes. Bill's intent is to put the entire East

Ohio Region's programs under one umbrella. One proposal is the Development of a Program Director for the East Ohio Region. This position would be handled the same as Champ Series Director. Proposals include an Event Worker's Program, Most Valuable Participant Program and Championship Series Program. Question was asked if these are changing the rules. Bill Wood answered that he will get into this later. Chuck Heretta asked for passage or more discussion. Alan More advised we take this to the clubs to discuss and vote at the next regional meeting. Again, see attachment to minutes. Chuck Heretta asked if governors should take back to clubs. Send questions to Bill and carbon copy all governors with questions and responses. This will be revisited and voted on at the March meeting. Bill Wood advised that his e-mail address is William.L.Wood@wv.gov.

Secretary is to find the By-laws revised 12/03/05 and Standing Rules from 2001. We need Word versions to send to all governors with minutes.

There are no calendar changes.

Chuck Stephens wants to put "Sportsmanship" wording into the Standing Rules and Operating Procedures. Chuck Stephens made the motion and Chuck Heretta seconded the motion. No questions were asked and vote was taken. The motion passed with no one opposed.

Chuck Stephens discussed the issue of using regional equipment at non-sanctioned events. Chuck Stephens asked Tim Obert if he felt his non-sanctioned events were a success. Tim responded yes. In the summer, Chuck Stephens had asked Tim if he could have a date (Tim had scheduled for a non-sanctioned event) to use as a sanctioned event. Tim said, reluctantly, he could have the date. Chuck Stephens started thinking about using equipment at sanctioned vs. non-sanctioned events and any conflict that could occur. What happens if equipment is damaged at a non-sanctioned event when a sanctioned event is immediately following? Chuck Stephens said he has an obligation to have equipment ready for sanctioned events. Tim Obert asked what happens at sanctioned events when there is damage done to equipment. Who is responsible? Is Chuck Stephens responsible for repairs? Bill Quine questioned same regarding timing equipment at sanctioned events. Ken Rutherford answered no to Chuck Stephens being responsible.

Chuck Heretta said the board members responsibility is to promote NCCC in all areas of events. Chuck asked how many people attended the non-sanctioned events (low speeds) and, of those, how many attended sanctioned events later? Probably none. Chuck Heretta feels they (who put on non-sanctioned events) did not accomplish what they set out to do.

Fred Kubiak mentioned that governors consider provisions for clubs in the region, capable of using equipment, to be permitted to schedule these events (and use equipment) as a chance for entrants to get their feet wet and go to sanctioned events the following year. The region could charge a rental fee or pay the same as a sanctioned event as long as the event does not interfere with a sanctioned event. Chuck Stephens just found out that some clubs have their own equipment and asked if they could modify their own equipment to accommodate their event. Bob Thomsen stated that in the seven years he has been involved, whoever hits the lights pay for them. He does have back-up equipment/lights. Could a waiver be used for any club damages?

Pat Rutherford mentioned that she was unaware we were loaning out equipment. She suggested we make a provision to loan the equipment for a cost. If this is done, how does the equipment get to the event? Bob Thomsen said he delivers and runs the equipment if he has an advanced request. Bill Quine stated that since the equipment belongs to the Region, it should be available to all clubs, if it is not being used, either with or without payment. Each club belongs to the Region. Mark Thurin asked how many times this has occurred. The answer was five times in 2008. Bill Quine advised they schedule as a sanctioned event when sanctions are available. Chuck Stephens mentioned that they will need to pay for the lot, Bob Thomsen's expenses, and Port-a-potties. Should Bob Thomsen be a volunteer? Comments were made about Bob being paid for his time at some events. It is at the club's discretion; however, this does not seem appropriate since he is a volunteer. Bill Quine stated they should pay for the use of equipment. Peggy mentioned that she heard there were no rules at non-sanctioned events such as there are at sanctioned events. If so, this violates the requirements for insurance. Tim said that was not true. It was brought up that he had go-carts at the first event which violated the insurance. Tim stated that they are no longer allowed.

Discussion centered on whether non-sanctioned events using regional equipment drew people to sanctioned events increasing revenue for the region.

As for using sanctions if available, Tim Obert said he found a lot in March; however, all events had been bid. He scheduled five open dates that were open dates. He had coverage in the newspaper and 52 entrants were involved. This was his first event and there were not many NCCC people in attendance. Tim stated that the entry fee was \$25 for overall participation not per event. It was profitable. Tim supplied four helmets for the new people who didn't have them. Tim would like to do this again. Chuck Stephens discussed the declining participation in speed events.

Stan Wolf asked if Chuck Stephens had a problem with competition from non-sanctioned events or just with Tim Obert. Chuck stated he did not have a problem with Tim Obert but was concerned for the region and its equipment. Chuck Stephens proposed that a vote be taken on the use of equipment for sanctioned events only. Chuck Heretta seconded this motion. Vote was taken verbally and passed as written with six yes votes and four no votes.

Chuck Heretta discussed the national budget for 2009. Chuck will tweak and mail out.

ROUNDTABLE:

Tiretown - Terry Sells mentioned we should rethink the open forum and propose again.

Fun Center - Aurel Ouellette would like to see everyone at his car shows this year.

Central West Virginia - Stan Wolf was congratulated by Chuck Heretta on the award.

Mahoning Valley – Bob Miller stated that Jack Eakins is not doing well.

Mid-Ohio – Ken Rutherford did not have anything

Competition Corvette – Don Burk asked that everyone sign up for the banquet.

Corvette Canton – Mark Thurin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kanawha Valley – Bill Wood wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Corvette Cleveland – Elaine Heretta mentioned that she has \$10 tickets for Mid Ohio Driving School for one day using their car. Proceeds will go to Tom and Laurie Prusnek.

Buckeye – Chuck Heretta mentioned that Buckeye’s Christmas party is December 20th. He also thanked everyone for participation in the Chili Challenge. Chuck asked that everyone come to the Regional Banquet. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

50/50 collected \$100. Winning ticket belonged to Pat Rutherford who received \$50.00.

Chuck Heretta advised that all sanction requests must be to Chuck Stephens by January 15th.

Meeting closed at 3:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Hamilton

Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region