

# MINUTES

## EAST OHIO REGIONAL MEETING

**DECEMBER 5, 2009**

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**NEXT MEETING @ CASTAWAY BAY HOTEL  
SANDUSKY, OHIO  
MARCH 6, 2010 @ 9:30 AM**

### **SCHEDULE OF 2010 MEETINGS:**

#### **REGIONAL:**

March 6, 2010 @ 9:30 at Castaway Bay Hotel, Regional Banquet  
June 19, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
August 21, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
October 16, 2010 @ 10:00 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH  
December 4, 2010 @ 9:30 at Esber's Restaurant, Canton, OH (Bidding)

#### **NATIONAL:**

February 26 - 27, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO  
April 30, May 1, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO  
July 24 - 30, 2010 at Convention in West Palm Beach, FL  
September 10 - 11, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO  
November 12 - 13, 2010 in Saint Louis, MO

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**PRESENT:**

Chuck Heretta, Regional Executive, Governor, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Chuck Stephens, Regional Competition Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Peggy Stephens, Regional Membership Director, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Sue Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Dan Lundblad, Governor, Blennerhassett Corvette Association  
Stan Wolfe, Governor, Central West Virginia Corvette Club  
Don Burk, Governor, Competition Corvette Association, Inc.  
Mark Thurin, Governor, Corvette Canton, Inc.  
Dennis Arthur, Governor, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Aurel Ouellette, Governor, Fun Center Corvette Club, Inc.  
William Wood, Governor, Kanawha Valley Corvette Club, Inc.  
Ric Keller, Governor, Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc.  
Dan Lyden, Governor, Mahoning Valley Corvettes  
Terry Muich, Proxy, Mid-Ohio Corvette Club, Inc.  
Ken Jecmen, Governor, North East Ohio Vette Club  
Alan Moore, Governor, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Bob Kutty, Hall of Fame, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Bill Quine, Hall of Fame, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Dee Flagg, Guest, Blennerhassett Corvette Association  
Roger Flading, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Bob McKee, Guest, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.  
Bob Rogers, Guest, Central West Virginia Corvette Club  
Sharon Burk, Guest, Competition Corvette Association, Inc.  
Constance Green, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Bob Thomsen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Ted Vannelli, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Lory Arthur, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Fred Kubiak, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Mark Wehagen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Dorothy Wehagen, Guest, Corvette Cleveland, Inc.  
Mickey Ouellette, Guest, Fun Center Corvette Club  
Dave Comparette, Guest, Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc.  
Robert DiCarlo, Guest, Lake Shore Corvettes, Inc.  
Mel Pachuta, Mahoning Valley Corvettes, Inc.  
Peg Quine, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Gail Moore, Guest, Tiretown Corvette Club  
Al Etzel, Guest, Member at Large  
Carol Etzel, Guest, Member at Large  
Elaine Heretta, Guest

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

The meeting was brought to order at 9:47 AM by Chuck Heretta. Chuck determined that a quorum was met. Chuck asked if there have been any deaths in the region to report. None were noted. Introductions were made of all present. Chuck advised there was a special sign-in form for governors only to verify their addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and add their president's name to the form. Chuck also mentioned that at today's meeting, in order to bid events, you must have paid your National dues to Peggy Stephens, and have paid the Regional dues (head tax) of \$2 per member.

**SECRETARY:**

Minutes were available on the table. A motion was made by Mark Thurin to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Second was made by Don Burk. Motion passed with correction on cover page to change National meeting from November 11-12, 2010 to read November 12-13, 2010.

**TREASURER:**

Treasurer's report for the period of October 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009 was read by Sue Hamilton. Don Burk made a motion to accept as read. Second was made by Ric Keller. Motion passed. The annual treasurer's report was available on the table, however, was not read. Chuck Heretta is in the process of selecting two people to audit the books to be done by the March meeting.

**BIDDING:**

The bidding process started and was finalized. The Regional Meetings for 2010 were determined and are reflected on the cover page attached to these minutes. Convention is scheduled for July 24 through August 1, 2010.

Completed sanction forms and fees must be in by January 15, 2010.

**CHARITY:**

Elaine Heretta stated Director of Charities, Patrick Dolan was not present at the November national meeting. Revised applications will be on the NCCC website in January. The 2010 raffle car will be a Grand Sport but color has not been decided. 100% clubs that sold one \$10 ticket for each member of their club will be recognized in 2010. 2009 give-away car was sold to someone in the Carolinas at no additional expense to the charity committee.

The Jeanne Kutty Scholarship was given to someone from Windy City Corvettes in the Mid West Region. This person is majoring in education which is one of the stipulations for this scholarship.

Raffle tickets for the 2010 car are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 6 for \$50. If you use the green sheet in your renewal packet they are 5 for \$25 which is a better deal. Elaine also has tickets.

**WEBMASTER:**

The website has been updated. Bob Kirsch will continue with maintenance per contract. Per Chuck Heretta, the event schedule will not be published at this time due to possible changes. Should you have any questions on the website, please contact Chuck Heretta.

**HALL OF FAME:**

The committee is Al Etzel, Bob Kutty, Bill Quine and Mark Thurin. Bob Kutty mentioned that he has biographies, ballots, etc. for the nominees of 2010. Nominee must get 75% of ballots received in order to be accepted into the Hall of Fame. There is only one nominee, Bob Thomsen.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Peggy Stephens advised that as of December 5, 2009, the East Ohio Region has 16 clubs which is short one club from this time last year. The region has 920 members. The top clubs membership are Buckeye Corvettes with 177, Corvette Cleveland with 120, Central WV Corvette Club with 82, Tiretown with 78, Competition Corvette Club with 77, Lake Shore with 65, and ten clubs with less than 60 members.

NCCC membership totals 18,112, which is a loss of 513 members since last year. We still have 277 clubs which is the same as last year. There are 282 Lifetime members and 461 Members at Large. You will receive your club membership list in your renewal packet. Please verify information. Send any corrections to Peggy. Peggy thanked everyone for getting renewals to her prior to the deadline.

FCOA has a total membership of 2,725 as of November 12, 2009. The region with the highest number is the Midwest Region with 495 members, the West Region has 404, Michigan Region has 301, the East Region has 264, Florida Region has 234, the Southwest Region has 163 and the East Ohio Region has 163. Corvette Cleveland has the largest FCOA club with 55 members.

Peggy advised that Pat Kelly still has the Corvette book you can purchase for \$10. This would make a great stocking stuffer and the profits help run the kids program.

As mentioned before, there will be no perks in your NCCC packets this year. Each governor received an order form for the 2010 pins if the governors want to place an order. Please send your orders to Dennis Patrick as only a limited number will be ordered. Peggy will be happy to pick up your club's pin order at the February meeting in St. Louis. Place her name on the line where it states "Person picking up pins." Otherwise, Dennis will ship the pins to you and charge the shipping cost.

There were membership application forms on the table. This is the last of the four-part forms. At this time, Peggy does not have the new two-part forms. Hopefully, they will be available in February.

The deadline for the winter issue of the Blue Bars was November 30, 2009. Due to the work on renewals, Peggy did not send an article. If you send articles to Sylvia Hoalridge, she will acknowledge your e-mail. If no response, please resend. If you would like to have your club spot-lighted in Blue Bars, or you have a member in your club that has done something outstanding in the community, etc., please send an article to Sylvia so it can be put in Blue Bars. Peggy stated they need to get some exciting articles in this magazine. You may also send along pictures. Sylvia is hoping the periodical rate change is in effect for the winter issue. This will save NCCC several dollars. A committee of four people was chosen to update the RMD

guidelines. They are Barbara Harris, Dick Runyan, Ron Scott and Bob Bowen. They will begin working on the updates after elections.

Please remember to let Peggy know if your club loses one of its NCCC members. She needs to let National know as well as make a note of it in the region's membership records.

The RMDs made some changes to Article III Section 3 Paragraph H of the by-laws. They changed the heading from dependent members to youth members. This area will cover children being lost when they turn 16 years old and are taken off the FCOA records. This change was voted on and it passed.

Regarding the E-mail blast, Joan Thomas said if your club has a website, it can be set-up to receive the blast. If you would like to receive these blasts in this manner, please contact Joan.

The RMDs were asked to tell the clubs to make sure their tax structure is set-up properly with the IRS.

NCCC and the RMDs have been asked to set up a kiosk at four major events this coming year. They are (a) March 2010 and again in March 2011 – Bill Jacobs Corvette show in Joliet, Illinois; (b) June 2010 – Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in Illinois which is a Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday show; (c) September 2010, Fun Fest – Effingham, Illinois and (d) November 2010, Corvette & Muscle Car Nationals in Roseville, Illinois. There is a possibility that they may be able to pull in some new NCCC members from these events.

Broke for lunch at 11:15  
Resumed at 12:10

Chuck Heretta presented Michelle, the waitress at Esber's, with a Christmas gift.

Regarding the pins, Peggy mentioned that some cannot open the order form so she will send to Bob Kirsch to put on the EOR website. Please get it to Dennis Patrick before December 20, 2009.

### **COMPETITION:**

Chuck Stephens announced the list of clubs that have not turned in their sanction forms.

Chuck Stephens had an inquiry about a high speed on the West Coast and how they were handling them. High speeds are getting so expensive that he is finding NCCC, SCCA and others going together to rent tracks. They are putting transponders in a class as per driver skill. Participants are paying \$300 for the weekend and run at least 20 min per day. We are getting about 5 minutes per day for \$300. This was brought up by Fred Kubiak and Chuck gave Fred the number for Joe Orrico. Chuck Stephens is skeptical about doing it here because he is not sure Nelsons is set up for the classing. But Chuck does agree that we need to start thinking outside the box. He thinks this will work at the motor-plex.

There was a clarification in the rule book about an air filter. Summit Racing has an air cleaner type that sits down into the air cleaner especially in the C3 and the lid is inside which allows

more air to go in. According to the rule book, they can do this. Alan Moore clarified that the lid itself is the filtering agent, made by K & N, and this is what they are referring to. If anyone wishes this rule be modified, a Rule book Change Proposal form should be submitted for review. Chuck Stephens still has his file with suggestions to the rule book. The changes were put on hold until next year.

Chuck Stephens has made contact with Jim Curtis at Thompson Raceway. He seems very interested. The cost would be \$2,800 - \$3,500 for a weekend. Chuck is to get a schedule for January. Chuck has also contacted Tom Berry at Northfield Park but has not received a call back. Terry Muich is looking at Schneider Trucking. If anyone finds a facility, please contact Chuck Stephens as he has a folder on safety and would like to talk to them personally. He avoids the words "speed" and "race".

Ken Jecmen said Northfield Park races every Sunday throughout the summer and has approximately 120-150 cars and the cost is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Chuck will be meeting with Stan Wolfe to check out another facility.

Bob Kutty had asked if we are not at bottom of totem pole as far as use of the motor-plex. Chuck called Roc Linkov and the answer was no. A note has been put in Roc's file that we are the only region to express an interest so far. The estimated completion date is two to three years. They are looking for corporate sponsors.

#### Final Standings:

Ladies: Cherie Niznick fifth place, Carol Etzel fourth place, Peggy Stephens third place, Linda Vannelli second place and Elaine Heretta first place.

Men: Robert Niznick fifth place, Al Etzel fourth place, Chuck Stephens third place, Ted Vannelli second place, Chuck Heretta first place.

National points for Clubs, Corvette Cleveland is ninth, Buckeye is fourteenth, Tiretown is nineteenth, Mid Ohio is thirty-first, Kanawha Valley is thirty-eighth, Competition is forty-one and Medina is fiftieth.

Geoffrey Gott is the only man in the top 50. Ladies: Elaine Heretta is thirtieth, Peggy Stephens is thirty-sixth, Linda Vannelli is thirty-seventh and Carol Etzel is forty-first.

During the Economy run, a protest and appeal were filed. Five RCDs were brought in. Rules are to be followed. Other clubs are making mistakes, especially during speed events, where tech is not being done. What happened was Vice President of Competition, Jack Wilson, attended several events and no-one even checked his brake pedal.

Bill Quine questioned if the 16 year olds are to follow our same guidelines. Chuck Stephens answered yes. If parent is competing in concourse or car show, does the dependent get three points. Chuck answered as long as they are under the same address. Alan Moore stated they have the same rights as spouse member except that they cannot hold a National or Regional office. Chuck Stephens said there has been some discussion about the ten events over three weekends. Chuck doesn't feel that all people are qualified for high speed licenses on that criteria.

Chuck feels that the RCD in the region should be aware if there is an individual that just obtained the high speed license, going into a high speed situation. He does not feel that just because they completed all ten events, they may not be qualified for a high speed license.

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Election results were announced at the NCCC meeting. Offices that were contested were: Sergeant-at-Arms and the new person is Ron Rustin from Southwest Region; Business Manager and the new person is Hal Tomlinson who was co-chair of convention 2009 in Colorado Springs.

Both by-laws passed that dealt with youth membership. The proposed trail used to make changes to By-laws and Standard Operating Procedures passed. The 2011 Convention will be in Tinley Park, IL hosted by Windy City in the Midwest Region. The 2010 Convention will be in West Palm Beach, FL. There are cut off dates if you are considering going. Please be aware of these.

As mentioned before, the perks are gone, so don't look for anything in your renewal packages.

Future dates for planning:

2011 National meeting dates: February 25-26; April 29-30; June 18-24; September 9-10;  
November 11-12.

Chuck reported that John Osborne, of the Mid West Region who oversaw the scholarship program, is not doing well. Ray Meesman, from the Michigan Region, had a heart attack in Florida chasing after a National championship. He was taken to the hospital and had stints put in. He developed blood clots and then had another heart attack. He is not healing well and is in an induced coma. He was transferred by Lear jet to Michigan and is still in a coma at Ford Medical Center in Michigan. Ray is in his sixties. Chuck advised everyone to be aware of the symptoms of a heart attack.

National looked at the budget for 2010. The REs had some questions and Bernyce Molenda reviewed it. The budget is now in the black. There are still some problems with the numbers the membership committee gave to Bernyce. As Peggy mentioned, membership is declining and numbers are lower than projected. About 75-80% of revenue is generated from membership dues. They need to take a stronger look at how they generate revenue to operate the organization. As in our region, each club pays a head tax that, in no way, begins to operate this region. We put on regional events to supplement our income and that keeps us in the black. The National budget is in the black and they did it without a dues increase. Dues increases are only stop gap measures. They need to look at the total picture in order to make things work properly.

For next year, Chuck has prepared, for the governors, a packet that includes the regional banquet flyer, information on hotels for the National meetings and five proxy representation forms. These forms need completed by each club if they are not attending the National meeting to give the RE the right to represent your club for voting purposes.

Chuck reviewed the proxy forms with everyone. Have witnessed by club member belonging to NCCC or have notarized. If you complete the proxy form and then decide to attend a meeting, the proxy vote is not used. Send completed forms to Chuck Heretta by January 15, 2010. Please remember that the region has a fund for governors to get to the National meeting. This is a one-

time payment per club.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was an E- Blast regarding the trip to the museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chuck Heretta and Ted Vannelli left on Wednesday and present the check to Wendell. Katie, the marketing person, wrote the article and sent it out by e-mail. Everything went well. Wendell is excited that East Ohio Region stepped up to the plate and hopes that other regions follow suit. The EOR is first in line for use of the facility.

Ken Jecmen said that about one year ago GM rescinded their donations. Chuck Heretta said they have never funded the museum. The monetary donations and donations in-kind have been cut back because of their status. The museum has some very good benefactors that contribute a lot of money. The museum is not in financial trouble. The Motor-plex will be a good reason to visit the museum.

Ted Vannelli reiterated that GM has never contributed any money only in-kind donations and allowing their engineers to attend some of the meetings at their seminars. He also mentioned that the drag strip has been added back in and have shortened the track from the 3 mile and 2.5 mile by eliminating the 3 mile. The 2.5 mile area is still in the plans along with the drag strip which will be NHRA approved.

Mark Thurin asked if they would have bricks for clubs again. Chuck is unsure at this time. However, any money you want to send, they will accept. The ground breaking should happen in late fall or early spring of 2011.

Chuck Heretta made the announcement at the National Meeting that the East Ohio Region made the \$15,000 donation in installments.

Tiretown was one of the winners of a car cover from Mid America Motor Sports for the table decorations at convention. Bill Quine sold 100 tickets at \$5 each. His club matched money received for the Alzheimer charity. 98% of tickets sold were NCCC members and 85% were from the East Ohio Region. Bill thanked everyone for their participation. Bill drew the winning ticket at this time and the winner was James P. Elrod of the Nashville Corvette Club.

Chuck Heretta mentioned that Lake Shore is hosting the regional banquet. Ric Keller is heading this up. There is a flyer in the governor's packet and is available electronically on the regional website. The banquet is on March 5, 6 and 7. The guest speaker, Barry Pennfound, builds custom cars and has worked for GM. They need door prizes. Call Ric if you have anything to donate. His phone number is in the flyer.

Chuck also mentioned we need a club to host the 2011 regional banquet. There are guidelines already set-up which will help you. The club hosting the event is not required to fund the event. Please contact Chuck if interested.

The Most Valuable Participant proposed changes were discussed. Please see the attachment to these minutes. The region needs to make a decision soon. Bill Wood summarized his proposals. The program should be based on all around participation. You would need to attend 60% of the



competition events, work events and put on events. Alan Moore questioned working events and how that would work. Bill suggested the participant needs to decide which award they are pursuing. They can work and still win. Alan said you can't work for points in order to finish on top. Bill suggested that it is still possible.

Elaine Heretta stated that in order to run a speed event, you must also work. Bob Kutty asked if a person need to declare that they are running for MVP. Do they need to let Chuck Stephens or Peggy Stephens know? Bill said it would help. Chuck Heretta stated that this is a self-eliminating program; you decide. Peggy Stephens asked if you had to run the same car. No, that was the Champ series requirement. Alan Moore stated that if you had to run the same car, you could be eliminated different cars being used at high speed events. Chuck Heretta stated that this year we have one economy run, one concourse, fifty-four car shows, seventeen rallyes, one funkhana and thirty-seven low speed events for a total of one hundred twelve events. Chuck has received comments about high speed because not everyone can run those. Bill Wood mentioned that those have been eliminated. Chuck Heretta said you would need 65% of each type event or category. An economy run is a speed event per rule book. In order to work an event, you can chair or co-chair an event. Bill Quine stated this is still points based. Chuck discussed that no bonus points will be counted. Mark Wehagen asked if the MVP is a person or man and lady and was told there would be one man MVP and one lady MVP. Alan Moore made a motion that we use Chuck Heretta's way of 65% of each type. Bill Wood seconded the motion.

Bob Kutty asked who would track the participation. Chuck and Peggy Stephens will track for now. Terry Muich mentioned that some will disagree. A vote was taken of all governors present. There were none opposed, therefore, the motion passed. Please see the wording in the attachment.

#### **ROUNDTABLE:**

Competition – Sharon Burk wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Bill Quine asked Sharon why they didn't select a date for the Halloween rally. Sharon advised there is more money to be made at a speed event and the club decided to go that way. Also there is no participation on their club's part at the rallye.

Mahoning Valley – Dan Lyden had nothing to say.

Tiretown – Alan Moore said to come back to him. Kanawha beat Tiretown this year!

Mid Ohio – Terry Muich will not be doing Boy's Village this year. They will pick a local charity. Good Chili at the Chili Challenge.

Lake Shore – Ric Keller wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Blennerhassett – Dan Lundblad may be changing their event to Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. They donated \$1,000 to WV University.

Central WV - Stan Wolfe wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Corvette Cleveland – Dennis Arthur said thanks and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Fun Center – Aurel Ouellette wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

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

Kanawha Valley – Bill Wood wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Peggy Stephens wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chuck Stephens wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sue Hamilton wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chuck Heretta thanked everyone for eight years as Regional Executive and allowing him to continue for another two years. We have accomplished a lot. EOR is a financially sound region when other regions are struggling.

Buckeye Corvettes – Chuck Heretta stated they had a good year. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party is coming up. Buckeye was founded March 9, 1960 had the same sponsor for 47 years. Chuck wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said to be safe.

The next regional meeting will be on March 6, 2010 at 9:30 AM at Castaway Bay Hotel.

Hall of Fame 50/50 drawing of \$49 was won by Ted Vannelli and \$49 will be deposited into HOF fund.

Meeting closed at 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan M. Hamilton

Secretary/Treasurer East Ohio Region

## **MVP - Most Valuable Participant Award:**

- Eligibility:**
- 1) All NCCC members of the East Ohio Region.
  - 2) Scheduled Season: NCCC Sanctions as stated at the Regional Banquet Meeting.
  - 3) Participant **MUST** enter a minimum of 65% of all types and categories of sanctioned NCCC events scheduled in the East Ohio Region season.  
(Example: Low Speed, Rallye, Concours, People Choice Car Show, Economy Run, Funkhana – High Speed events do not count.)
  - 4) Participant **MUST** be either a Chair or Co-Chair, of a qualifying event, during the scheduled season.
- Scoring:**
- 5) Only “**EARNED POINTS**” ARE USED (No travel or bonus points). See section 8 of the current NCCC Rulebook as a guide.
  - 6) The totals for each type of eligible event will be stated by the East Ohio Region Competition Program Director at the Regional Banquet meeting.
- Awards:**
- 7) There will be one award for the man winner and one award for the lady winner.
- Tie Breaker:**
- 8) Will be the individual who participated in the most sanctioned events.